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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 MEDJESKY

**This year's festival 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 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

and into the night. Most all activities are centered in downtown 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 throughout the weekend, including both guided and competitive mushroom hunts, mushroom tastings and free informative sessions teaching

all there is to know about the elusive and tasty morel. There will also be open mic 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 vari-

ous area bars and restaurant venues each night, generally from 7pm until midnight.

Some of the musical entertainment slated to play include:

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

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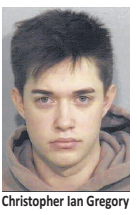


Experts are saying this year's morel mushroom crop looks to be abundant, with bags and baskets quickly being filled, like this one Megan Osier packed with morels she plucked recently at an undisclosed spot in Emmet County. PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

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-painting graffiti 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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# News

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## 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, 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 See Float Your Boat - Page 6A



## 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 Health. The Fun Walk for Autism Awareness was supported by Fox Motors. COURTESY PHOTO

## 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 Jordan Chamber of Com-



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 the Char-Em ISD Ameri-

Corps Director for four years. "As some may be aware, this is the final year for the ISD's AmeriCorps

Literacy Coaching Corps. As we end our service year See AmeriCorps - Page 8A

## 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 Breezeway web site, at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, mailboxes at each end of the Breezeway and local businesses along the Breezeway.

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



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## 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

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.

1. VFW Post 1518, Gaylord: \$5,000 for improvements to the Veterans Community Park entrance.
2. 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.
5. 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](http://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.

## Michigan National Guard Northern Exposure exercise May 18

Charlevoix County Sheriff'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 capabili-

ties. It is our aim to fully prepare our local responders to all levels of emergency response, including multiple local 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.

We now turn to an exami-

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.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



### Brooklynn Bannister

Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup>

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!

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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. 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 Glem, 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 de-

partment 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 school-aged children in foster care receive an education appropriate 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/ChildWelfareAgreement](http://www.michigan.gov/ChildWelfareAgreement).



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

## 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. "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.

- 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, good-hearted, 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-MICKKIDS. To learn more about foster care, visit [www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome](http://www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome).

## "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 one-day 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 T-shirt 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 two-day option. Participants are encouraged to raise more than that from friends and family. To support a kayaker, go to [www.campdaggett.org](http://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 Ryde 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-kayak-cause/>. This event is sponsored by

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### BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

<b>Monday, April 30, 2018</b> 0838 Report of subject staying 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 2214 Family dispute in the 300 block of E Division St	2117 Assist Sheriff Dept. with search. <b>Wednesday, May 2, 2018</b> 0103 Assist Sheriff Dept. with Suspicious in Boyne Falls 0844 Assist citizen with a tree down on Smith St 1103 Assisted Sheriff Dept. in search for missing woman from Springwater Beach. 1201 Report of aggressive dog on Wilson St 1845 Juvenile complaint at the river mouth. 1928 Juvenile complaint in the 200 block of N Lake St 1936 Panic alarm in the Industrial Park 1944 Suspicious vehicle reported in the 500 block of N Lake 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. 1658 Unlock at Rotary Park 1753 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of First St 1852 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls. 1952 Suspicious subject reported in the 300 block of Silver St. Was subject picking up trash.	1129 Fire alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St 1341 Health & Safety complaint on Mae Ln. 1410 Request for No Trespass Order be issued protecting property on Roosevelt St 1427 Citizen assist ref possible fraud complaint 1623 Attempt suicide on 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	on Sidney St 1120 Littering complaint received from Spring St. 1150 Pavement starting to crumble around a storm drain near Main and Front St 1154 Barking dog complaint 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. 2131 Assist EMS at Front and Main 2208 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St 2218 Assist EMS on Shadow Tr.	Tr 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. 1922 Found wallet in the 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. 2311 Juvenile complaint on Trent St
0130 Barking dog on Pleasant av. 0917 Report of a disturbance in the Open Space. Gone on arrival 1524 Report of broken power pole in the 600 block of E Main St. 1525 Report of lines down and pole on fire on Douglas St 1611 Report of cars and school buses speeding in the 800 block of N Lake St	<b>Thursday, May 3 2018</b> 0114 Assist Sheriff Dept. & EMS on Church Rd 1105 Report of possible fraud from Ottawa St	<b>Friday, May 4, 2018</b> 0805 Big portion of Jefferson St washed away in the rain between Clark and North. 0948 Subject at PD to report money stolen electronically from bank account	<b>Saturday, May 4, 2018</b> 0743 MDOP to retaining wall	<b>Sunday, May 6, 2018</b> 0038 Assist MSP on Bettman	

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## 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.

## 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 tick-borne 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 repellent 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.

## Community Foundations nurture local leaders

Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation are pleased to announce 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.

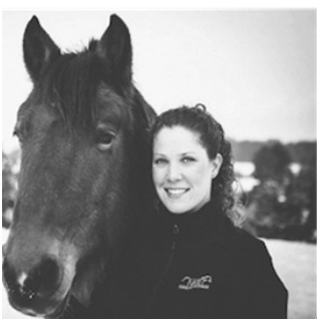
The following individuals will participate in the first year of the Leadership Learning Lab: Amelie Dawson, Harbor Springs Library; Gail DeMeyere, Charlevoix Circle of Arts; Josephine Roberts, Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy/Walloon Lake Association; Denneen Smith, Friendship Centers of Emmet County; 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



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Top Row (l-r): Denneen Smith, Gail DeMeyere, Josephine Roberts, Sarah Ulrich. Bottom Row (l-r): Courtney Sumpter, Judy Zorn, Amelie Dawson, Amy Wieland. 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 region-wide 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.

## FLOAT YOUR BOAT

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accommodate boats up to 60 feet long. 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 offi-

cial 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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.cityofcharlevoix.org/city-departments/marina.html)



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## MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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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](http://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 Outdoor 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

7 a.m.-10 a.m. Morel 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 Schmidt Amusements Open/Veterans Park

Noon-3 p.m.-Taste of Morels

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 Falls

#### SUNDAY, MAY 20

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

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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

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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 AmeriCorps members' passion for service, Mellon said.

"This year will be a very special 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@charemsd.org](mailto:mellona@charemsd.org)

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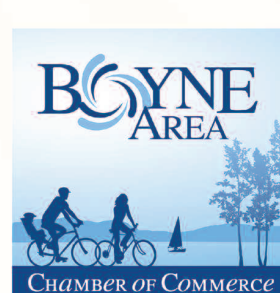


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