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Several road repair projects approved in Boyne City

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - 'Tis the season for summer road projects in northern Michigan to commence and there have certainly been plenty of those cropping up on roadways big and small around the region in recent weeks.

But while city officials in Boyne City know there are a number of road repairs that need to be made while the weather is warm, they will wait to make some of

them until the busy summer traffic season starts to wane.

Boyne City Commissioners voted last week in favor of moving forward with roughly \$213,000 in road repair projects throughout the city, but much of the work won't start until late summer or early fall.

Among the road repair projects the commission approved was funding for a nearly \$204,000 contract with Rieth-Riley Construction to resurface nearly 6,200 feet of city streets.

Boyne City public works superintendent Andy Kovolksi described the method to be used in the resurfacings as a "crush and shape" technique that will crush the current surface so it can be re-used for the new road bed. Curbs will also be remolded and rolled to better channel water run-off.

City streets slated for these improvements include First Street from Ann to Division Streets, Ann Street from Pleasant to Wilson Streets, Trent Street

from Pleasant to Wilson Streets, Wilson Street to the Avalanche Preserve parking lot and Front Street from Division to Lake Park Drive.

The city commission's approved road improvement funding included a \$9,000 contract to Applied Pavement Maintenance for crack sealing along parts of nearly four miles of city streets including Cherry, Lac Vue, East Main, South Lake, Michigan, Silver and Court Streets.

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital doctor receives prestigious award

Dr. Andrea Wendling of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital was recognized by The Michigan Center for Rural Health with the Professional of the Year award at its Michigan Rural Health Conference earlier this month.

Dr. Wendling is a well-respected rural family physician at Boyne Area Health Center (a service of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital) and is director of the Rural Health Curriculum for Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. She has received numerous other awards including the Arnold P. Gold Humanism in Medicine Award in 2015, MSU-CHM's Outstanding Community Volunteer Faculty award in 2012, and the American Academy of Family Physician's Pfizer Teacher Development Award in 2000.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) was established in 1991 and is a crucial link in establishing rural health partnerships among organizations, health departments, hospitals, government and universities.

Dr. Wendling has become a staunch advocate for rural medical education, speaking around the country to other academic institutions who are interested in providing this type of program for their medical students. Dr. Wendling's work with MSU started in 2012 as the Director of Rural Medicine. With her passion for rural health,



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working with MSU was a natural fit.

"I grew up in the small village of Emmett in Michigan's thumb and realized firsthand the challenges that rural areas face when it comes to quality health-care," said Dr. Wendling. "Attracting medical students who are interested in practicing in a rural setting has always been difficult,

especially in Michigan. Rural populations are our largest medically underserved group in the nation. Finding those students interested in rural medicine and giving them opportunities to train in rural settings is the best way to recruit to these areas."

Under Dr. Wendling's leadership, MSU's rural training program has ex-

panded to include students in Northern and Mid-Michigan as well as those on the original campus in the Upper Peninsula. The program's medical students learn about rural medicine over and above their normal medical school training. They spend two years in East Lansing or Grand Rapids and then during their third year, they relocate to rural communities all over Michigan for practical, hands on experience.

"During rural placements, medical students receive clinical hands-on training. Through the program, they also work with our rural communities. They work with the local Chamber of Commerce, attend community events, work in the Public Health Department, conduct research, and design a public advocacy project," said Dr. Wendling. "With less than ten percent of today's medical students expressing an interest in practicing in rural settings, it's important to provide high quality training experiences."

"This program works because we have great hospitals and doctors to partner with. They consistently go over and above what is required and offer great experiences for our students. The rural hospitals often provide housing for the students, the doctors take these students 'under their wings' and give practical experience and clinical skills to meet the health-

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East Jordan Lions Club celebrates 50 years of service

The East Jordan Lion's Club will celebrate its 50 TH anniversary on June 18 with an open house from 5-7pm at the East Jordan Tourist Park.

Since the club's chartering in 1968, its members have worked on a variety of projects in our community. Some of these projects include, the pavilion at the Tourist Park, the playground at the park, disc golf course, fire rings at the park, the Mother/Daughter Banquet, Easter Fun and Games, Jordan River Pick-up, Road Pick-up, The South Arm Classic Car and Boat Show, and contributions to many community events.

According to Club President Lion Joe Krumholz, "We are extremely proud of our club's 50 years of service to the community. The Lions would like to thank everyone who contributes to this important work. You are helping the Lions make a difference in our community."

The East Jordan Lions Club has 30 members and meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. Lions are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work to fulfill those needs. For more information, or to get involved, please contact Bob @ 231-536-7117.

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JUN 2	...46°	...75°	...27°	(1966)	.92°	(1949)
JUN 3	...46°	...75°	...30°	(1977)	.89°	(1948)
JUN 4	...46°	...75°	...27°	(1964)	.89°	(1955)
JUN 5	...46°	...75°	...29°	(1998)	.92°	(1999)
JUN 6	...46°	...76°	...29°	(1958)	.92°	(1999)
JUN 7	...47°	...76°	...35°	(1960)	.91°	(1968)
JUN 8	...47°	...76°	...28°	(1949)	.91°	(1950)
JUN 9	...47°	...76°	...32°	(1977)	.91°	(1959)

Gene Arthur Farley, 81

(DEC. 26, 1936 - MAY 25, 2018)



Gene Arthur Farley A.K.A. Elgenious

Gene Arthur Farley of Boyne City passed away on Friday May 25th, 2018 at McLaren Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Gene was born December 26th, 1936 in Roseville, MI to Dorothy White. He has lived in Boyne for most of his life.

Gene is preceded in death by his mother Dorothy, Grandma Marie, in-laws, Larry and Marge Elzinga, baby Felisha, and many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife Gail, children, Karla (Mike) Michanowicz, Tim (Mary) Farley, Mike Farley, Marsha (Ken) Bramer, John (Amy) Farley, Dan Farley, James (Becky) Farley. And his beloved dog Spanky. Many Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

Gene was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. Beyond those roles he also worked the State Highway

Department, Charlevoix Hospital (where he and Gail met), Charlevoix County Transit, Char Em ISD and a Handyman Extraordinaire. In his spare time he would volunteer for various organizations like the Masons #391 where he was the Past Master multiple times, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, MC for the Grand Northern Opry, and of the Boyne City Memorial Committee. He is known for his wit and sense of humor along with being able to recite poetry and limericks right off the top of his head.

A memorial service was held in Gene's honor Wednesday May 30th at St. Mathews Catholic Church in Boyne City.

Sandra L. Alward, 71

SEPT. 12, 1946 - MAY 28, 2018



Sandra L. Alward of Ellsworth died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, May 28, 2018 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

She was born on September 12, 1946 in Charlevoix to

Harold and Alice (Heeres) Jansen.

On July 2, 1965 she married William "Bill" Alward in Ellsworth where they made their home.

Sandy attended Davenport College of Business in Grand Rapids and took that knowledge on to her work at the Ellsworth branch of the Charlevoix County State Bank. She and Bill owned and operated the Archway Motel in Charlevoix for over ten years. Later, Sandy was employed at Ski & Shore Real Estate in Charlevoix.

She was a member of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church and enjoyed cooking, sewing, serving at the church and being with her grandchildren. She and Bill enjoyed camping together. Sandy's special gift to her church was serving on the building committee for the remodeling addition. Under her leadership the project was successfully completed.

Surviving are her daughter Amy (Kevin) Russell of Ellsworth; daughter-in-law Dulcie Alward of Ellsworth; grandchildren Lexi Lambert, Katy Lambert, Tucker Alward, Layken Alward, and Tara Essenberg; a great-grandson Cooper Alward; father Harold (Eleanor) Jansen of Hudsonville; sister Barbara Gebott of Harrison and brother James (Judy) Jansen of Delton. She was preceded in death by her husband William "Bill" Alward on March 28, 2015 and her son William "Billy" Alward on December 2, 2016.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

The funeral service will be

at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Eugene Drenth officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Banks Township Fire & Rescue, P. O. Box 241, Ellsworth, MI 49729. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Thomas Joseph Scott, 62

(AUG. 10, 1955 - MAY 21, 2018)



Mr. Thomas Joseph Scott of Boyne City passed away Monday evening, May 21 at his home after an eighteen-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 16 years Patricia Ann (Kulikowski) Scott who was by his side at the time of his death.

Tom was born August 10, 1955 in Dearborn, MI. He grew up in Farmington, MI. with his parents Robert and Margaret (Gillian) Scott. He attended North Farmington High School and graduated from Western Michigan University with a business de-

gree. His business career included sales and project management in the automotive industry.

Tom was an aficionado of rock music and classic movies. He was a collector and dealer of slot cars and firearms specializing in Winchester rifles and Colt 45s. He was avid downhill skier, enjoyed golf and loved to ride his Harley around the curvy, hilly country roads of northern Michigan. He was a fighter in every sense of the word, living one year beyond all medical expectations, a true miracle his healthcare professionals would tell him.

His wife Pati, his sister Debbie Yash, two nieces Maggie Yash and Gina Logan and their children, Sebastiano Cherro and Scarlett Logan survived Tom. His parents Robert and Margaret (Gillian) Scott preceded Tom in death.

A celebration of his life will take place this July in Boyne City

Linda Faye Heiermann, 74

(FEB. 23, 1944 - MAY 23, 2018)

Linda Faye Heiermann was born on February 23, 1944 and passed away on May 23, 2018.

Linda was a wonderful woman that was loved, is missed and will always be cherished.

Linda loved to ride on the Harley behind her beloved husband of 35 years, Bill Heiermann (Willie) as she called him. They also shared a joy of camping and fishing.

She loved spending time with her family and was always proud of her children John Hilderbrant, Jane/

Chris Furness, Granddaughters Rhianna Furness, Kayla/Mitch Coates and Great Granddaughters Sophia, and Abigail Coates.

Linda also enjoyed spending time with her step children Todd

Heiermann/Christy, Teri/Ken Looze and Troy/Melissa Heiermann, step Grandchildren Adam, Kenneth, Jacob, Gavin, Stella, Maisy and Henry.

Linda had many friends who she enjoyed and who enjoyed her fun, loving, welcoming personality. She knew how to have fun and made life fun for those who spent time with her, first to come and last to leave, Linda was always the life of the party.

She is preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Faye Irene Jesiek who she adored dearly, her brother Gary, and she leaves behind her loving brother Dennis/Marilyn Jesiek.

Linda will be greatly missed, but I have a secret for you, if you go to the top of Ridge Road to watch the beautiful sunset I guarantee she will be there with you.

A graveside service will be held for friends and family 2:00 PM Thursday, May 31st at Eveline Township Cemetery on Ridge Road followed by a luncheon to Celebrate Linda's Life at the Boyne City Eagles Club.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Linda are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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Jett sentenced to year in jail for falsely accusing man of stabbing him

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

PETOSKEY - An Emmet County man has been sentenced to a year in jail for falsely accusing a former Charlevoix County man of stabbing him in an alley in downtown Petoskey earlier this year.

Emmet County Circuit Court Judge Charles Johnson last week sentenced 33-year-old Benjamin Ray Jett of Petoskey to serve 12 months in jail and to serve 10 months immediately with the remaining two months held in abeyance. He was credited for the 62 days he has served in jail since his arrest in March.

Jett was arrested after falsely reporting to police that he had been stabbed by a man in the alley behind Leo's bar in downtown Petoskey between Mitchell



Benjamin Ray Jett, 33, of Petoskey was sentenced last week to a year in jail for falsely accusing a Charlevoix County man of stabbing him in downtown Petoskey earlier this year.

and Michigan Streets in what was described as "a drug deal gone bad."

Staff from McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital called police on the morning of March 16 to report a man,

later identified as Jett, had shown up in the emergency room seeking treatment for what he claimed were stab wounds he'd suffered in an alleged knife attack in the alley.

According to a police affidavit, Jett said he'd gone to the alley around 10 a.m. that morning to meet with a man to purchase \$100 in marijuana, but the man took his money without giving him the pot.

Jett said when the man turned to leave with his money, he tried to stop him but the man stabbed him and fled. Police noted Jett did appear to have suffered "superficial/non-life-threatening wounds" when he was interviewed.

Later during a police photo line-up, Jett identified Justin Patrick Odle, 28, who was then living in Boyne Falls in Charlevoix County, as his attacker. The Emmet County Prosecutor's office subsequently authorized felony charges of assault with intent to murder against Odle, who had a prior criminal history and could have served up to life in prison as a habitual offender had he been convicted on Jett's charges.

Odle strongly denied any involvement in the stabbing or ever even meeting Jett and claimed he'd been staying at an area motel with friends at the time of the attack. He was nevertheless arrested and held in Emmet County Jail on a \$3 million bond, where he remained for about a week until police investigators, examining surveillance video from the alley and the motel and hearing witness testimony, determined Odle had been falsely accused. He was released from jail and Jett was immediately arrested and charged with two counts of filing a false report of a felony, to which he pleaded guilty in April.

Jett confessed to police that he'd made up the story about the stabbing to conceal from his pregnant girlfriend the fact that he had made an extra \$100 earlier so that he wouldn't have to spend it on her doctor's appointment later that day. He also said his stab wounds had been self-inflicted.

When asked by Judge Johnson why he'd singled out Odle in the police photo line-up, Jett replied, "no particular rhyme or reason". He said he had never seen Odle before the photo line-up.

Jett did, however, also strongly apologize to Odle as well as to all others impacted by his allegations and the ensuing investigation. He also asked forgiveness from his girlfriend, who recently gave birth to their son, noting that seeing the newborn for the first time from behind a glass window was a "pain...worse than being in jail."

Jett also told the court that while there's no excuse for why he falsely accused an innocent man, his chronic heroin addiction had likely contributed to his bad decision-making.

Along with the 10 months in jail he began serving immediately, Jett must also pay some \$2,600 in restitution along with other fines and related court costs and he will furthermore be on probation for 24 months. He could have been sentenced to serve between two and 17 months in jail for his crime, according to Michigan state sentencing guidelines.

Odle, who has since relocated from Boyne Falls to the Levering area, told the Charlevoix County News last month that he is seeking legal counsel and may file charges for being falsely arrested.

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Leadership Charlevoix County 2018 class graduates

Leadership Charlevoix County proudly graduated sixteen individuals at its seventh commencement ceremony at Boyne Mountain Resort. The graduates, their guests and Leadership Charlevoix County Mentors were addressed by keynote speaker, Dr. Craig Boss, MD, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. In his personalized message to each of the graduates, Dr. Boss wove in the importance of each of their personal stories.

Boss stated, "I think of all of your personal stories and how you have all come together over this year. Think of the diversity of each of your life stories. You've realized the importance of teamwork, a group spirit and empowering together not just for the benefit of us as individuals and individual corporations. With patients, I work to achieve success cycles. Like certain disease stages, success is contagious. I encourage each of you going forward to be Petrie dishes of the success contagion! Be contagious, succeed anyway, and desire to inspire yourself, family, colleagues, career, company and community – just like you have inspired me!"

Boss ended his message with a favorite family reading by Sister Mother Teresa followed by a standing ovation.

For commencement, the LCC class elects two of their class members to speak on behalf of the group at their ceremony. David Florenski and Darrell Lawson were the chosen class speakers. In David Florenski's address to this class and attendees, he urged his class members "Don't let what has happened in the past define who you are. Be proud of who you are and ask yourself what is my footprint." Florenski encouraged his classmates to "Be leaders with me, and ask ourselves what footprint will we leave on



Front Row: Jessica Puroll, Brenda Bingham, Alice Drogt, Darrell Lawson, Carly Thompson, Stephanie Butterbrodt, Kelsie King - Duff, Gretchen Bush. **Back Row L to R:** Josh Todd, Andrea Sesse, Syrina Dawson, Dave Florenski, Loir Taylor-Blitz, Robert Crick and Benjamin Way. **Missing from photo:** Ryan Novotny.

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Charlevoix County?"

Darrell Lawson talked to his class and attendees about his thoughts and final decision to apply and be a part of Leadership Charlevoix County. At first he asked himself "Can I really do this, what do I have to offer?" Lawson said "I heard I would meet interesting people and meet a lot of new friends though this program."

He added "I have gotten a lot more out of this experience than I imagined and I have a greater understanding about Charlevoix County." "What most impressed me is our growth as a class." Lawson encouraged his classmates to "continue to help our community." He discussed the Class

Community Service Project Beetle Mania – to help control the invasive species, Purple Loosestripe that they partnered with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council on. He shared how much he enjoyed working on this project with fellow class members.

Each of the class speakers received standing ovations from an appreciative class and audience.

The ceremony also included congratulatory messages from Retreat Sponsor, Pat O'Brien of Pat O'Brien and Associates. Graduation Sponsor – Matt Kerr of Fox Charlevoix and Fox Ford, Ed Grice of Boyne Mountain, Program Coordinators Mary H. Faculak and Alison Hubbard served as emcees and

presented the graduation certificates and LCC Padfolios.

Leadership Charlevoix County's Class of 2018 is the seventh class to graduate from the program. To date the program proudly boasts 108 alumni. Members of the Class of 2018 include:

- Brenda Bingham - The Insurance Shop
- Gretchen Bush - The Spa at Boyne Mountain
- Stephanie Butterboldt - EJ
- Robert Crick - City of East Jordan
- Syrina Dawson - Boyne City Police Department
- Alice Drogt - Landscape Logic
- David Florenski - East Jordan Public Schools
- Kelsie King-Duff - Boyne

- City Main Street
- Darrell Lawson
- Ryan Novotny - Charlevoix County Transit Bank
- Jessica Puroll - Chemical Bank
- Andrea Seese - Grandvue Medical Care Facility
- Lori Taylor - Blitz - Beaver Island Historical Society
- Carly Thompson - Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
- Josh Todd - Charlevoix Screen Masters
- Benjamin Way - EJ

Applications are now available for the next class of Leadership Charlevoix County. The program is limited to a class size of no more than sixteen participants. The deadline for applications is July 3, 2018 and

are available at www.leadershipcharlevoixcounty.com. The program begins in August with an orientation followed by an overnight retreat on Beaver Island in September. The program then continues monthly with a one day-long session per month through next May. For more information on the program e-mail to leadershipcharlevoix-county@gmail.com or contact Program Coordinator Mary Faculak at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce (231-536-7351) or Alison Hubbard at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce (231-547-2101)

Charlevoix Circle of Arts to host inaugural Dragon Boat Festival

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host an inaugural Dragon Boat Festival August 4 at Ferry Beach Park in Charlevoix. The festival is a fundraising initiative to help support their mission to cultivate a more inspired and educated community through the arts. They are seeking community involvement ranging from sponsorship's, creation of teams and volunteers. In the process, participants will experience the beauty and energy of this ancient festival. Dragon Boat Races are a rapidly growing sport combining rich Chinese traditions, competition, community building and a great deal of fun!

Festivals to honor the dragon began around 200 BC in China in which long narrow boats were built representing dragons and races were held in the belief that they would bring prosperity and bounty to the people. A happy dragon would protect the people,

but an angry dragon could wreak havoc. Dragon boat festivals were a way to honor the dragon to assure a harmonious life. Prior to a race, the dragon vessels are "awakened" from a deep sleep by dotting the eyes of the dragon with red paint.

The Charlevoix Dragon Boat Festival will blend many various aspects of the community including non-profits, patrons, businesses, schools and individuals that wish to get involved. There will be practice drills for teams to familiarize them with racing held on the two days prior to the race. The day of the race, August 4th, the awakening ceremony will take place in the morning with honorary Lynn and Mason Rosenthal among those dotting the eyes to awaken the dragons. The Rosenthal's are supporters of many local organizations and in 2012 they received the Margaret Duerr Award in recognition of their support of the community.

The Dragon Boats will be 46' long and feature 20 paddlers, one drummer and one steersman. The job of the drummer is to keep an effective beat to synchronize the paddlers. This person generally dresses in some wild garb to represent their team. The steersman is provided by the Dragon Boat Company as it requires specific training. The Dragon Boat Race will be approximately 250 meters long and each team is guaranteed to race at least two times. For more information, you can read about the festival online at: www.charlevoixdragonfestival.org.

Charlevoix County Dems host Beer Tasting event June 10

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold a beer tasting fundraiser on Sunday June 10 from 4 to 7pm at the Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company. The Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company is located at 111 Bridge Park Drive on scenic Round Lake in Charlevoix. A minimum donation of \$25 will purchase a ticket to buy five beer tastings. The brewery also serves a selection of wine, spirits and soft drinks.

The Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company will serve hors d'oeuvres. Donations from the event will go toward funding the 2018 Elections expenses. Please pay with a personal check made out to the Charlevoix County Democratic Party or by credit card. Cash payments cannot be accepted. Seating is limited. RSVP by June 7 to reserve your seat and purchase tickets. To RSVP or for more information, email democrats.charlevoix@gmail.com or call (231) 753-8411.

Special guests will be Melissa Fruge who is running for the Michigan

House of Representatives in the 105th district, Jim Page who is running for Michigan's 37th District Senate seat and Sam Bagenstos who is a candidate for a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court. Melissa grew up in Boyne City, graduating from Boyne City High School in 1998. She attended Michigan State University, and completed her Bachelor's Degree in journalism from Central Michigan University in 2004. Go to her website www.melissafruge.com for her positions on issues.

Jim Page is a lifelong Michigander and longtime resident of the Sault St. Marie community. After graduating from high school in 1976, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served our country for six years. Following his service to our nation, Jim began a long and fulfilling teaching career. After 25 years of working in Michigan's public education system, Jim retired from Sault Area Public Schools, where he was a math and science teacher. Jim spends his free

time hunting, fishing and generally enjoying the outdoors. He refers to himself as an "avid sportsman," and belongs to Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the Michigan United Conservation Club and the Sierra Club. Visit his website www.jimpageformisenate.com.

Samuel Bagenstos has been a civil rights lawyer for more than 20 years. He is now a professor of law at the University of Michigan. He graduated with highest honors and highest distinction from the University of North Carolina, and was first in his class at the Harvard Law School. Early in his career, Sam was a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. He has argued cases in courts throughout the country, including four civil rights cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. Sam and his wife Margo live with their two teenage children in Ann Arbor. Visit Sam's website www.bagenstosforjustice.com/ for more information.

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June 2, 9am-1pm,

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, May 7, 2018

- 1003 Abandoned vehicle in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
- 1202 Civil complaint in the 600 block of W Court St
- 1332 Property line dispute on Pearl St.
- 1550 CSC referral in the 700 block of Vogel St
- 1755 PR in the 400 block of S Park St
- 1846 Complaint of 2 dogs in an enclosed truck capper downtown.
- 2056 Lodged stray dog at Humane Society
- 2159 Hit and run car deer crash on Boyne Av near Nordic Dr. Deer in Road had to be dispatched.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

- 0825 Subjects at PD to report bullying.
- 0845 Assist Antrim County Sheriff's Department with paper service
- 1141 Vehicle unlock on W

- Water St
- 1540 Suspicious subject and vehicle near Rotary Park
- 2115 MDOP to concrete in the 200 block of N Lake St

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

- 0917 Found ID dropped off at PD
- 1309 Report of possibly suicidal juvenile from Beardsley St
- 2152 Civil dispute on Roosevelt St

Thursday, May 10, 2018

- 0116 Suspicious situation in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 0634 Citation issued for in the 700 block of Front St
- 0753 Report of lost phone.
- 0938 Unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 1425 Child abuse complaint reported from Brockway St
- 1642 Assist EMS on Addis Rd.
- 2052 Driving complaint on Boyne Ave near Pearl.

Friday, May 11, 2018

- 0810 Threats complaint from the 200 block of E Water St
- 1144 Driving complaint ref vehicle failing to stop from private drive and speeding
- 1325 MDOP to signs in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1423 Burn permit issued on Bay St
- 1456 Abandoned bike on W Water St
- 2057 Suspicious in the 300 block of Bailey St.
- 2344 Report of a vehicle downtown that kept stopping in the middle of the road, driver possibly playing Pokémon.

Saturday, May 12, 2018

- 617 Health & safety in the 800 block of N. Lake St.
- 1020 Citation issued for Fail to Yield at stop sign at Lake and Division.
- 1050 Citation issued or

- speed at Boyne City Rd and Court.
- 1215 Reports of lost wallet. Was later found.
- 1402 Driving complaint coming in M-75 N. Located vehicle at S Park and E Main. Arrested subject for DWLS, No Insurance, and improper plate.
- 1545 Stalking complaint in the 300 block of N Lake St.
- 2132 Assist Tribal Police on River Ridge.
- 2225 Domestic dispute in the 300 block of E Division St.

Sunday, May 13, 2018

- 0402 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Dietz Rd W.
- 1111 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of E Water St
- 1933 Report of disturbance at Lincoln and Park after a cyclist flipped over handlebars avoiding a car that was treated into cyclist's path. EMS pulled on scene. No actual collision

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Ellsworth School holds Lancer Leap program

For the eighth consecutive year, Ellsworth Community School students are taking part in the district's award winning Lancer Leap project term. Lancer Leap is a three week long project term program that allows students in grades K-11 to take part in enrichment elective opportunities which are not always possible within the confines of the traditional school curriculum.

This year's middle/high school Lancer Leap classes include; canoe building, forest ecology, riddle making, Quidditch, Zumba, Yoga, mystery literature, theater, LEGO architecture, robotics, STEAM and sports, and many more. While at the elementary school students will be rotating through three one-week classes. Kindergarten and first will be participating in Rockin' into Fun, Creative Science, and Farm to Table. Students in second and third grades will take classes in Trash to Treasure, The Ellsworth Chocolate Company, and

Building Character with the three C's. Finally, fourth and fifth graders will take part in Project Smile, Fun and Games, and Fishing with Mr. Montgomery.

"Lancer Leap gives us the opportunity to expose our students to a vast array of educational offerings that are not always possible during the regular school year," said ECS Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "It's really made possible by the creativity of our teaching staff, and the financial support provided by the Board of Education."

Each winter ECS teachers meet to develop a fresh slate of Lancer Leap courses for the upcoming May term.

"Classes are determined by the interests and skills that our teachers have to share," Gaffney indicated. "Each year it's important to offer students something new and fresh." Past classes have included canoe building, theater, Lego art, historical fiction, ecology, jazz band, stained glass, origami,

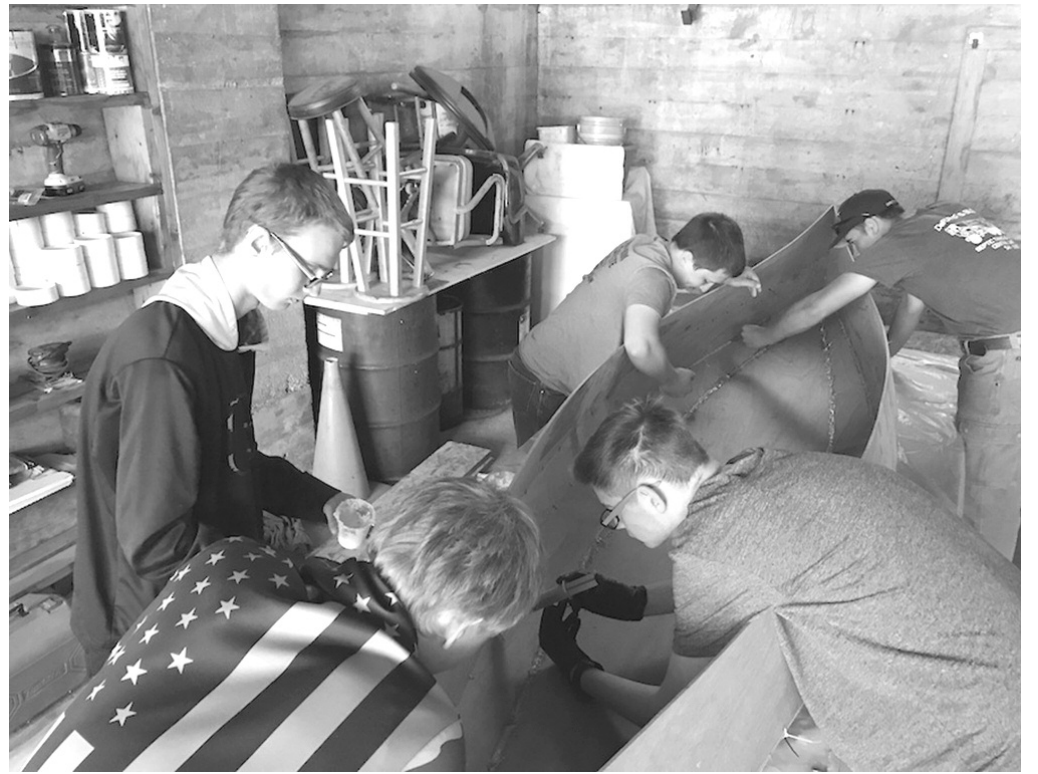
and career explorations.

Students look forward to the Lancer Leap program for a variety of reasons. "It is different because no other school does something like this," said ECS sophomore Robbie Wise. "It is something that everyone looks forward to." Fellow students Maggie Thorman and Emily Kelly agree. "It is just a fun way to do things that you are interested in."

"In order for a program like Lancer Leap to be successful you need to have an eager and willing staff," Gaffney indicated. "It requires teachers to be extremely flexible and willing to take some risks."

Being flexible and taking risks is something that all ECS teachers from preschool through high school have embraced. "Lancer Leap is a way for me to share my passion for learning with students through unique experiences," said ECS high school teacher, Jessica VanderHart.

Each year the Lancer Leap program culminates with a



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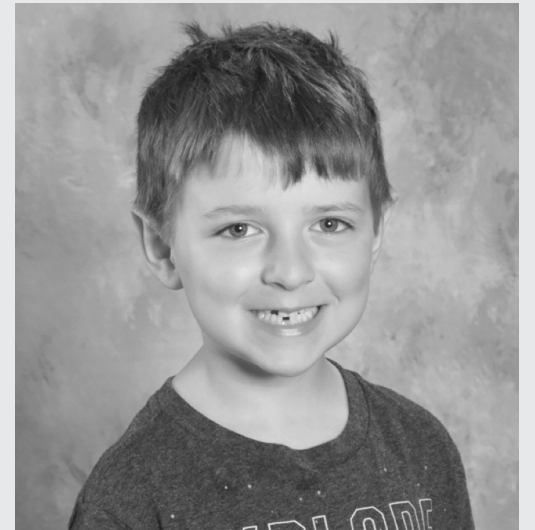
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community event called the "Lancer Leap Showcase." At the showcase class projects are on display as well as live performances. This year's performances will include live theater, a canoe auction, a Zumba performance, and more. The Lancer Leap Showcase is scheduled for the evening of June 7 with doors opening at 5:00 PM and

live performances beginning at 6:00.

For more information on this program or Ellsworth Community School in general please contact Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney at 231.588.2544 or agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us

Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Braylan Blackwell

Student Name: Braylan Blackwell

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Erika and Josh Blackwell

Future Plans: Braylan is unsure of his future plans but is contemplating being a construction worker.

Favorite Book: His favorite book is Benji's Dog House. He thinks it is a good book and he feels he is very good at reading it.

Hobbies and Interests: Braylan loves playing outside. One of his favorite things to do outside is hunt for painted rocks.

School Activities: Although he enjoys learning in school his favorite thing is inside recess. He loves playing with magnetic blocks

Staff Comments: Braylan has worked so hard this year. Although he has missed a lot of school because of health reasons, he works hard at home to make up his work. He never gives up and has amazed his teacher with the amount of growth he has shown this year. She is very proud of his hard work and diligence.

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CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

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

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

Building Trades Open House June 5th

For the 42nd consecutive year, the Boyne City High School's Building Trades program has completed a student constructed home from start to finish, from foundation to the final product. This year's home is located at 1107 Wilson Street in Boyne City steps away from Avalanche Preserve. An Open House is scheduled for June 5th from 4-7 p.m. This year's home has 1850 square feet, 3 spacious bedrooms and 2 tiled bathrooms. The Board of Education will set the price at the June 11th Board meeting and offers will be accepted on June 15th.

This year the house will be featured as one of the 5 homes in the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan Inaugural Parade of Homes June 22-24, 2018. For more information please go to <https://www.hbanm.com/paradeofhomes/>.

The Building Trades program is one of Char-Em ISD's Career and Technical Education programs. Char-Em states, "Construction Technology courses are designed to provide students with theory as well as practical experience in all areas of construction. Students will be involved in the construction of a home from start to finish. Related occupations include architect, engineer, draftsman,

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realtor, interior designer, developer, supplier, and skilled trades such as carpenter, mason, plumber, electrician, cabinetmaker, floor/tire installer and painter."

12th grade Boyne City High School student Lorin Burch shared his experience about participating in Building Trades this year. "Building Trades was quite a cool experience for me. I have always been into working with my hands, whether it be furniture in wood working class to building a house, it has

always intrigued me. I signed up to do Building Trades not because I would build my own house someday, but to gain experience for things that I may want to build in the future. Not only did I learn more in one building trades class than in multiple academic classes, I learned what kind of work it takes to construct that seemed like a huge undertaking. In 9 months, for two hours a day in my class, we went from a hole dug in the ground that our instructor Mr. Todd Shu-

9am-Noon. Hazardous household items including fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, cleaners, oil paint, finishes, thinners, solvents, mercury and more. Also electronic items, appliances and tires. For more info visit www.charlevoix-county.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 operate 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 Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext 3499.

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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 - "Nae-nie" For Chorus and Orchestra. \$25 General Admission and \$50 Reserved Seating. Tickets will be available at area chambers of commerce or online at www.glorchestra.org or contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010.

PETOSKEY

VINES TO WINES EVENT

June 12, 6-8pm, NCMC Iron Horse Cafe. Vines to Wines is a FREE networking opportunity of the Viticulture Series 2018 and hosted by North Central Michigan College and the Straits Area Grape Growers Association (SAGGA). Meet and talk with winemakers and grape growers from northern Michigan. Learn the techniques of establishing a vineyard and growing cold hardy grapes.

Discuss the best practices of transforming the grapes into award winning wines. Then do a tasting evaluation of some of the wines produced here in our region. This event is free, but you must register as space is limited. For more information and/or to register, call Corporate and Community Education at 231.348.6613

CHARLEVOIX

WOMAN CAN/WOMEN DO LUNCHEON

June 13, 11am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. 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. 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 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 Chappdelaine, 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.

ELLSWORTH

38TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND PARADE

June 15 & 16. A summer outdoor community celebration held in Ellsworth. The Ellsworth Pig Roast is a small town celebration of food, family, and fun. The festival features many long-time favorite events like the Grand Parade on the 16th at 11am. Free Kids' Games and inflatables, the famous Pork Roast Dinner, Horse Pull, Raffle and more.

EAST JORDAN

LIONS CLUB 50-YEAR OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

June 18, 5-7pm, Tourist Park.

Since the club's chartering in 1968, its members have worked on a variety of projects in our community. Some of these projects include, the pavilion at the Tourist Park, the playground at the park, disc golf course, fire rings at the park, the Mother/Daughter Banquet, Easter Fun and Games, Jordan River Pick-up, Road Pick-up, The South Arm Classic Car and Boat Show, and contributions to many community events.

BOYNE CITY

MICHIGAN MAIN STREET CELEBRATION

June 22, Noon, Old City Park, 223 River Street. Michigan Main Street will be celebrating their 15th year anniversary in Boyne City and the community is invited.

CHARLEVOIX

19TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SALE

June 23, 10am-5pm, June 24, 1-5pm. For additional information visit charlevoixlibrary.org

EAST JORDAN

SENATOR WAYNE SCHMIDT COFFEE HOUR

June 27, 10-11am, East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street. Senator Schmidt (37th District) will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

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CHARLEVOIX SUMMER OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

June 1, 6pm; Summer Fashion Show at intersection of Lake and Howard Streets. 6-9pm; Drink Tent with live music by The Real Ingredients. 7-8pm; Petoskey Steel Drum Band. 8pm; Ghost Walk (tickets \$15 per person, available online). 9:30pm; Movie in the Park at Dark (Petter Rabbit). Event details and tickets at www.petoskeydowntown.com

EAST JORDAN

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

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BOYNE CITY

IMPACT OF AUTISM DISCUSSED

June 3, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Living with Autism: A Peek into a Hidden World," features a screening of the award-winning short film Guang. The film offers a glimpse into the life of two brothers, one with autism, and the struggles they face together. During the program participants will find a new understanding of autism and will have the opportunity to connect with others who live with autism or who care for people who have autism. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Please use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

June 5, noon-5:45pm, East Jordan Civic Center. Sponsored by Evangelical Lutheran Church. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: EastJordan) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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MICHIGAN AUTHOR FRANK BOLES

June 6, noon, NCMC Library. Frank Boles, author of Sailing into History: Great Lakes Bulk Carriers of the Twentieth Century and the Crews Who Sailed Them, will pay a special visit to the Library on Wednesday, June 6 at noon for an hour of first-rate storytelling, a book signing, question-and-answer time with guests and light refreshments. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to library@ncmich.edu or call 231.439.6315 for information.

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 or online at tinyurl.com/ybnmzdbl. Light meals will be provided.

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New opportunities for the aging community in Charlevoix County



Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department are collaborating their efforts to provide new opportunities and programs for the area aging community. These opportunities, in the form of the "Platinum Golf Club" and the upcoming monthly "Senior Geared" Pickleball, Tennis and Frisbee Golf Introduction Clinics were developed by Amy Wieland, Executive Director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging with support of the City Recreation Director, Kent Knorr.

Knorr said "The Charlevoix Recreation Department is working hard to increase recreational and programming opportunities to everyone in our community. We are excited to expand our direct involvement with

Amy Wieland, Executive Director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, states, "The Charlevoix Recreation Department is working hard to increase recreational and programming opportunities to everyone in our community." COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Seniors in offering expanded opportunities for recreation and wellness. I look forward to offering recreational programs that look, sound, and feel different than what we traditionally think of when we talk about programming for seniors."

She added, "We understand that our aging community is not "old" any longer. They have unique needs, are at diverse levels of community participation and interaction, and many are not only young at heart, they are young in mind, body and spirit" said Wieland. "As the needs of the aging community evolve, we will evolve to make sure we are meeting the "seniors" at all of the needs and service levels."

The Commission on Aging's "Platinum Golf Club" is specifically for out 60 years and older community. We are working in collaboration with the historical City of Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course, one of the oldest courses in the North. We invite our area aging to walk with the legends each

Wednesday, beginning June 6 until the course closes for the season.

To become part of the "Club" is easy, you just need to sign up at the City of Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course. The "Platinum Golf Club" membership will get you 9 holes of golf for \$10 with a tee time between 9am-10am which will qualify you for a free meal at any of the Charlevoix County Senior Centers that day. Though the early tee times qualify members for the free meal, the "Club" members can utilize the course at any time that day but are encouraged to schedule tee times.

Seniors are also encouraged to schedule and utilize the free transportation by Charlevoix County Transit these days. There will be special incentives to sign up for the "Club" on June 6, but you can become a member at any time during the season. There will also be other periodic bonuses and incentives for regular participation. All ages in the community are welcome to golf with our "Club" mem-

bers, but they would not be entitled to the "Club" privileges and incentives.

The first monthly senior geared clinic will be the "Introduction to the game of Pickleball" hosted by the City of Charlevoix at the Elm Street Tennis Courts located at 127 Elm Street, Charlevoix. This is a FREE Clinic open to all but geared towards age 60 and above on Friday, June 8 from 10am-12pm. Pickleball is currently the fastest growing sport/activity in North America, especially with the senior crowd. The demonstration and presentation will be provided by Dave Gallinat from the Little Traverse Bay Area Pickleball Players. All equipment will be provided for your use, free of charge. Please sign up at any of our Senior Centers located in Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City by Wednesday, June 6.

For more information on any of our new recreational programs, please contact Sally Nye at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103 or nyes@charlevoixcounty.org.

"Back to the Bricks" car show in downtown Gaylord June 9

Gaylord has been selected as a host city for the 2018 Back to the Bricks Promo Tour. In partnership with the Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau, this classic car show will cruise into downtown Gaylord on Saturday, June 9th.

The public is invited to stop by and check out the cars downtown from 5-9pm. This free, family friendly event will feature a 1980's theme, live music with local entertainer Doug Thomas and special souvenir Back to the Bricks merchandise, not to mention an outstanding collection of classic automobiles. Approximately 250 cars are currently registered for the Gaylord event.

"Our vibrant downtown is the perfect venue for Back to the Bricks, and their planning committee is excited to share this event with our community," commented

Christy Walcott, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Gaylord Tourism Bureau.

Originating in 2005, Back to the Bricks provides a showcase for classic, custom and collector vehicles of all kinds. This non-profit organization offers a variety of events, all of which promote a time of adventure and camaraderie for hundreds of classic car owners. Their promo tours include excursions to automotive facilities and museums for the participants, and mini car shows in each locale along the way. Routes have included parts of Ohio, Indiana, and a host of cities in Michigan with communities vying to be included.

For more information on Back to the Bricks and their schedule of events, please visit their website at www.backtothebricks.org.

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care needs of rural Michigan," said Dr. Wendling. "Charlevoix Hospital in particular has made an investment in the lives of the students who have participated in the program, and that investment has paid off. We have had several students who gained experience here in Charlevoix return to practice as doctors once they graduated. It's very fulfilling to know the program is working."

The program produces a podcast twice a month called "This Rural Mission" which speaks to issues affecting rural healthcare and helps to keep the students and professors connected.

With 20% of Michigan considered to be rural and

only 5-6% of its medical students coming from rural areas, accessing the pipeline from high schools and smaller colleges is more important than ever. "The program keeps getting stronger," said Dr. Wendling, "but there are real barriers. Attracting students to rural healthcare is challenging, but also rewarding."

When asked what receiving this award meant to her, Dr. Wendling smiled and said that her brother had gotten it exactly right when he told her that there are lots of awards out there, but it is unusual to receive the "right" award – the one you are really passionate about, from the people you're trying to help. She said it was both very humbling and validating at the same time.



Elementary Students with donated books for Great Start FreeCycle Book Project. COURTESY PHOTO

Local schools collect books for the Great Start project

In recent weeks, the Great Start Parent Coalition collaborated with Boyne Falls Public School, and Ottawa and Sheridan Elementary Schools in Petoskey, to host a book drive for the FreeCycle Book Project. Through the generosity of students, families, and staff at these schools, over 4,600 books were collected for our community.

Lynn Sparks, secretary at Boyne Falls Public school, said, "Our students are so happy to donate their gently used books to this cause. They are excited to know that they are sharing their books with other children in the area."

The goal of the FreeCycle Book Bin project is to collect and distribute gently used books to children across Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties, according to Maureen Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director. There are

currently 62 bins within these communities found at locations where families and young children visit. Each colorful bin holds more than 50 books that range from infant board books to advanced chapter books. All books have a sticker on the cover that reads, "This Book is FREE – Great Start FreeCycle."

"The Free Cycle book program is so present in our community that every student understood the drive. 'Oh yeah,' they would say, 'I see those boxes at my doctor's office and the library.' April was seemingly the perfect month for the drive as parents were actively spring cleaning," added Lisa Burris, secretary at Sheridan.

The Great Start Parent Coalition works with parents and the greater community to strengthen families, keep children safe and promote optimal devel-

opment for young children. Students were sent home with a grocery bag donated by Oleson's Food Stores and D&W Fresh Market in Petoskey and a note asking families to use the bag to donate books throughout the week. This year, Ottawa Elementary donated over 2,400 books - a new FreeCycle Book drive record.

Principal Carol Thola said, "We challenged our students to bring in as many books from home as they could to donate to the FreeCycle Book Drive and they overwhelmed us again! With over 60 grocery bags and quite a few boxes, they exceeded our expectations and the FreeCycle program will have many new titles to circulate in the Emmet County area. We are proud of our generous Ottawa team!"

The Great Start FreeCycle Project has collected and distributed over 55,000

books to local children since August 2012. If you are interested in donating your gently used children's books, donation boxes are available in Charlevoix and Emmet counties at the following locations: Boyne and Petoskey District Libraries, the Crooked Tree Libraries in Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake, the Harbor Springs Library, Boyne City Education Center, Department of Human Services in Petoskey, East Jordan Elementary School, Health Department of NW Michigan and Johan's Burger Express in Harbor Springs and Northern Dental Group in Pellston.

For more information about the Great Start Parent Coalition and FreeCycle Books, contact (877) 866-3714 or gspc@greatstartforkids.com

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Senior Project FRESH Program

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Department of Health and Human Services are collaborating their efforts to provide the Senior Project FRESH Program again this year to the area aging community. Senior Project FRESH makes fresh fruits and vegetables available for income-eligible seniors through our local Farmers' Markets. It encourages healthy eating and promotes buying local. The Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH program is aimed at helping older adults eat healthier as they age.

The program provides participants free nutrition counseling and \$20 in coupons that can be exchanged for FRESH fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods sold at local farmers markets and roadside stands. The program runs from May 1 to Oct. 31 each year.

To be eligible for this pro-

gram, you need to be 60 years of age or older, be a resident of Charlevoix County and attend a nutritional education class. The monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines are:

Household size of 1 = \$1,872 or less a month

Household size of 2 = \$2,538 or less a month

Household size of 3 = \$3,204 or less a month.

Senior Project FRESH Coupons will be distributed on a First Come-First Served basis, and there are no appointments this year. The nutritional class scheduled is:

- Charlevoix Senior Center (Dining Room) - Tuesday, June 12, 9:30 am

- Pine River Place (Community Room) - Tuesday, June 12, 1:00 pm

- Boyne Area Senior Center (Dining Room) - Wednesday, June 13, 9:30 am

- Deer Meadows (Upstairs Community Room) - Wednesday, June 13, 1:00 pm

- Litzenburg Place (Community Room) - Wednesday, June 13, 2:30 pm

- East Jordan Senior Center (Dining Room) - Thursday, June 14, 9:30 am

- Lakeview Manor (Community Room) - Thursday, June 14, 1:00 pm

If you are not able to attend yourself, you can send a proxy. A proxy must be 18 years of age or older and dependable. For the coupons to be issued to a proxy, he/she must present identification AND written approval from the participant. Proxies must sign the coupon book and the coupon register to receive the coupons.

For more information on the Senior Project FRESH program, please contact Theresa Graham at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.