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High voter turnout for Mid-Term Election in Charlevoix County

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - Officials in Charlevoix County say voter turnout here for last week's mid-term election easily met or exceeded

record-setting expectations, sustaining a largely "red wave" of Republicans representing area residents.

Charlevoix County Deputy Clerk and Election Coordinator Julia Drost confirmed earlier this week

that this midterm election showed a 61.7 percent voter turnout in the county.

The percentage included 13,895 ballots cast from 22,498 registered voters, compared to 10,712 having been cast during the 2014

midterm elections.

Voter turnout here, in fact, was nothing short of remarkable for a midterm election in Charlevoix County, Drost noted.

"The turnout was really just amazing-probably one

of the most amazing we've ever seen, especially for a midterm," she said.

Drost said it's yet unclear if the number of voters in last week's election rivaled the number that vote in a presidential election, but if not, "then it was darn close," she said.

She speculated the robust number who voted in 2018 might be a good indicator of an even bigger turnout in the 2020 presidential election.

"The current trend seems to be more people taking an interest in what's going on and then voting about it," Drost said.

Some 58 percent of Charlevoix county residents re-elected Republican U.S. Representative Jack Bergman to his second term representing Michigan's 1st Congressional District. Bergman scored 185,752 votes over his Democratic Challenger, Matt Morgan, whose vote tally came in at 144,203.

Two incumbent Republican state law makers will also retain their seats representing residents in Charlevoix County.

State Rep. Triston Cole of Mancelona scored a 64.5 percent win with 29,112 votes to keep his seat in the 105th House District, which will be his third and final two-year term in office due to term limits.

The district includes Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Oscoda and Montmorency counties.

Cole thanked his constituents for their confidence posting through online media:

"I will continue to do my best for everyone in the 105th District and across the state," Cole wrote.

Melissa Fruge of Boyne City, who ran as Cole's Democratic opponent, lost the race with 15,999 votes.

Fruge also posted a statement via her Facebook page thanking her voters for making some 25,000 phone calls and knocking on about 5,000 doors during her campaign:

"I can't thank you enough for everything you've done. I may not be serving in Lansing, but there are other ways to make a difference," Fruge wrote.

Republican State Senator Wayne Schmidt of Traverse City will also retain his seat representing the state's 37th District, which includes Charlevoix, Antrim, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac Counties. This will be Schmidt's

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CELEBRATE TOGETHER IN THE TRADITION OF A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

BY JIM AKANS

Joining around the Thanksgiving dinner table is an American tradition that reaches back nearly four centuries. It is a celebration of family, fellowship and food...oh so much delicious food! While the intimacy of a Thanksgiving gathering at home is a joyful event, celebrating the holiday with community, as those early Americans did, can be a memorable and rewarding experience.

In Boyne City, The Eagles will host their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 2pm on Thanksgiving Day at the Eagles Hall, 106 River St. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries. Anyone interested in volunteering, donating food, transportation or in need of a home delivered meal call (231) 582-6904.

In Charlevoix, the 12th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 22 from noon until 3pm at the Charlevoix

Give Thanks

In all circumstances, Give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

While the intimacy of a Thanksgiving gathering at home is a joyful event, celebrating the holiday with community, as those early Americans did, can be a memorable and rewarding experience. COURTESY IMAGE

Community Reformed Church, located at corner of US 31 and Meech Street. The gathering is open to the public and free of charge and is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. For information, (231) 675-2997.

The Whi-Ski Inn of Boyne Falls is hosting their 3rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22 from 1-4 p.m. They will be preparing a delicious meal with all the fixin's for anyone that would like to stop in and enjoy. The meal will be by donation of your choice or by bringing in non-perishable food items.

All proceeds will benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry.

This is "just a way to show our thanks and to give back to the community," the Whi-Ski Inn owners say. "Take a break from cooking this year and come on down for a traditional holiday dinner, watch a little football and give back to others at the same time."

At the core of each of these Thanksgiving celebrations is the embracing the spirit of community celebration by sharing food and fellowship. These wonderful gatherings are open to the public, free of charge...just bring along a hearty appetite and a heartfelt community spirit.



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Iris Maxine Shaw, 89

(AUG. 18, 1929 – NOV. 06, 2018)



Iris Maxine (Petrie) Shaw was born to Rodney and Doris Petrie on August 18, 1929 in Clawson, Michigan. She grew up in East Jordan, the oldest of seven children. On March 5, 1955, she married William Judson Shaw. They had seven chil-

dren. They were divorced in 1977, and Iris moved back to her hometown in 1988.

Iris was bright and inquisitive her entire life. She read encyclopedias for fun. Naturally astute, with thoughtfully formed opinions, Iris was primarily a good listener and was interested in other peoples' ideas. She always opted for relationship. Iris had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, which she approached with characteristic thoughtfulness and love of learning. While Iris did not feel comfortable evangelizing, she shared her faith easily through the way she lived. She enjoyed her church family at Bethel Baptist in East Jordan.

Iris was very frugal, saving carefully so that she

could continue to explore and learn throughout her life. She traveled to the Philippines, spent several winters in Brazil and Mexico, visited France, England and Scotland, as well as many parts of the United States.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents, sister-in-law Shirley Petrie, and brothers-in-law William Walker and Armand Drapeau.

She is survived by her children: Ann (Garry) Grimm, Bill (Debbi) Shaw, Sarah (Cosme) Sanchez, Jane Shaw, John (Laura) Shaw, Susan (Keith) Lardie, and Ben (Celia) Shaw; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her siblings: Linda Walker, Jim (Jean) Petrie, Elaine (Dale) Manning, Anita Drapeau, Kathy (Tom) Graham, and Norma Petrie, as well as many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Iris' final weeks reflected her life-long values, surrounded by family, simple and very traditional. She will be missed every single day. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Hastings Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

Nancy Kay (Richards) Bowers, 86

(FEB. 7, 1932 – NOV. 12, 2018)



Nancy K. Bowers of East Jordan died Monday, November 12, 2018, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on February 7, 1932, in Elsie, Michigan, the daughter of Charles Kermit and Anna Rhea (Voorhees) Richards.

She married Floyd E. Bowers, Jr. on December 30, 1950, in Boyne City. They made their home in Linden, Michigan. They moved to East Jordan in 1981. He died on January 26, 2014.

During Floyd's military service to his country in the

Korean Conflict, he was awarded the Army's third highest award for gallantry in action, the Silver Star medal. He was also awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds and the Presidential Unit Citation. Nancy was very proud of his service to her country and she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Rebec-Hosler Sweet Post #227 in East Jordan.

She is survived by three children: Floyd Kermit Bowers of Drummond Island, Chontelle (Tracy) Choate of Linden and Scott Bowers of East Jordan; two grandchildren, Tracy Choate and Christopher Bailey; two great grandchildren, Avery and Parker; and special friends, Dan and Melissa Reece. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Rita Loll.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Burial will be in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the East Jordan Ambulance Association.

Martin Charles Weisler, Sr., 81

(MARCH 4, 1937 – NOV. 12, 2018)

Martin Charles Weisler, Sr. died Monday, November 12, 2018, at his home in East Jordan.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Grace I Warner, 99

NOVEMBER 8, 2018



Grace Baumbach Warner, whose 40 year teaching career ranged from country school houses to more than three decades as a highly respected fourth grade teacher in Central Lake Elementary died Thursday, No-

vember 8, 2018. Mrs. Warner, a resident of H & D Farms at Norwood Corners with her son Douglas, was 99 years old.

"She was my 4th grade teacher and I knew her as "Mrs. Warner," said Kari Groll, who works part-time at Central Lake Elementary School. "I remember her, so so well. She was a force to be reckoned with, an amazing woman.

"She was very stern but very fair and loving in her way. She would brook no nonsense. She always read out loud to us. I remember her reading Pippi Longstocking. I really enjoyed that. We all did.

"She also had a Gabby Gertie list, and if you were caught talking out of turn your name went up on the blackboard, and then you had to spend time with her at recess. She was also big on penmanship. She had us do something called 'running ovals.' She would count out loud and you had to stay on the line in your notebook. I had trouble with this and I would erase above and below the line and she would catch me every time.

"She was always spiffy, very well dressed, and this was in the mid-60s. She was stylish but conservative, very trim and in very good shape, very energetic.

"We were a terrible class. In fact the teacher who had us the next year had a nervous breakdown, whereas Grace always had us under control. There was never a doubt in my mind who was in charge. Anybody who had her would remember."

One of those who remember her well was Ron Mortensen, whose firm is handling her services. "I feel blessed to have her with us," he said. "She made such an impact on my young life, it's an honor for me to take care of Grace. I was a pupil for her last year of teaching. She was strict but fair. That's what I remember about her. She had fingernails and she'd give you a tap on the head if you got out of line. I saw her ten years ago and I said, "Times change," and she said she might not have made it in this day and age. "They don't discipline them the way they used to."

In the years before graduating from Central Michi-

gan University in 1958, she began her career via the County Normal system in the 1950s. The program allowed high school graduates with one year of study to teach in country schools such as those in Norwood and the Warner School in Charlevoix County. She herself went through her first eight grades in the Norwood school, where she was to return as a teacher.

Her husband Harrison preceded her in death. Survivors in addition to her son include her granddaughter, Sarah Roy and husband Jason, three great grandchildren, Parker, Temperance and Annabelle along with several nieces and nephews. During Mrs. Warner's last years, she was cared for by Darla Pawson. The family will be forever grateful for her loving care and attention.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 16, at 11 a.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service and also Thursday, November 15, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix. The Grace Warner Memorial fund will be set up thru 4Front Credit Union in Charlevoix. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Refreshments will be served at the Norwood School House south of Charlevoix following the service.

Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensen-funeralhomes.com

James C. Lamonse, 74

(JUNE 1, 1944 – NOV. 3, 2018)

James C. Lamonse of Charlevoix passed away on November 3, 2018 at Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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Char-Em United Way announces change in leadership

Lorraine Manary, the current CEO of Char-Em United Way, shared her resignation with the Board of Directors. In her letter Lorraine stated, "[i]t is with very mixed feelings that I announce my resignation from the position as CEO for Char-Em United Way. During my 5 1/2 years with CEUW I've gotten to know you and the community well and will miss our work. It has been my passion to see change positive in our com-

munities and I hope I've been able to move the organization and community in a positive direction."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Bruce Herard – Board President says "we too will miss Lorraine's leadership, but wish her the best in her new endeavors. Char-Em United Way has established policy around leadership succession including an emergency succession plan. Lorraine shared her regret at not

being able to give us more than a month's notice of her departure. She will be working diligently during the coming weeks to see that the organization will run smoothly until a new director is in place."

The current office staff—Rebeca Otto, Events Manager and Debi Muessig, Administrative Assistant—are both cross trained and will be handling all office processes, taking calls and assuring continuity to our

donors and community partners. If necessary, they will direct you to Bruce Herard or Dan Wollschlager – Vice President, to address your questions or need. The full Board of Directors has great confidence that this transition will be smooth and are excited to bring on a new CEO with great energy to move the organization forward in accomplishing our goals in the community.

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35th Annual Charlevoix County Crop Walk results

Thank you to over 60 walkers and helpers who participated in the walk that was held on Saturday, September 29. This year it was a 5k walk in each of the three communities. It was a beautiful fall day and everyone enjoyed the walk. Charlevoix County raised more than \$20,237.00 for hunger relief agencies at home and around the globe. Over \$5059.25 will come back to the community to

be split with seven local food pantries.

Thank you to Elm Pointe, East Jordan Tourist Park, St. Mary's Church and United Methodist Church in Boyne City. The 36th Charlevoix Crop Walk will be held again next fall. If your church or organization would like to join next year please contact Marge Teske @ 536-3128

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East Jordan recognizes national manufacturing day and appoints new board members

BY KRystal JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - Prior to the regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission last Wednesday, November 7, a public hearing was held in regards to the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The city requested \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds to be used for replacement of existing water and sewer infrastructure, as well as the

reconstruction of impacted streets.

The commission received no public comment concerning the grant application; however, comments can be submitted in writing through December 7.

Commissioners also approved a request from Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) to recognize the first Friday of October and related local days as National Manufacturing Day. NLEA says the day is

part of a national effort to promote manufacturing jobs to high school students, parents, stakeholders, and community members as a post-secondary career path option. This November, students from Charlevoix and Emmet counties had the opportunity to tour local manufacturing businesses in recognition of the national day. East Jordan businesses that participated included East Jordan Plastics and E.J. Commissioners received

the evaluation for the city administrator Wednesday evening as well, with evaluations to be completed and returned to the Mayor by the following commission meeting. The city administrator is evaluated by the commission annually on organizational management, intermediate/long range planning, intergovernmental relations, personal characteristics, and relationship with the public, employees, the mayor, and city commis-

sion.

Owners of Hops N Props, Richard and Rebecca Gotts, also sought approval from the city commission to apply for a redevelopment district license through the state of Michigan. Located at 204 Water Street, commissioners approved the request for the new business that is yet under construction.

The appointments committee also recommended Lynda Chittenden to the

housing commission, Abigail Hawley to fill the vacated city commission seat of John Doebel, and John Doebel to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The commission approved all recommendations.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, October 22, 2018

0933 Found ID on Water St.
1232 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
1313 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St
1548 Call from State St verifying the legality of bow hunting in the city limits.
1601 Driving complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
1735 Harassment/Stalking complaint from the 700 block of Pleasant.

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

0730 Car deer crash at State and Call
0920 Juvenile complaint in the 900 block of Brockway
1042 Parking complaint in the 300 block of S Lake St
1546 Assist EMS in the 2300 block of N Park St
1655 Health and Safety concern on Front St at Pleasant.

Wednesday October 24 2018

0252 Report of suicidal subject in the 300 block of E Division St
0830 Assist FD with alarm on S Lake St
0854 Assist citizen with parking issue on Main St.
1251 Assist EMS in the 300 block of Pleasant Av
1510 Found property turned in from the wooden playground.
1515 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of Brockway.
1617 Assist to Petoskey DPS in the 300 block of Silver St
1704 Attempted vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1830 PR at Early Learners building. Public Safety night

Thursday, October 25, 2018

0218 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St
0927 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Falls schools.
0953 Burn permit issued in the 700 block of Pleasant Av
1008 Request for welfare check in the 1200 block of

Marshall Rd.
1126 Contraband reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1250 Driving complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
1324 Arrested subject for Retail Fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2147 Report of subjects yelling in the vicinity of Pleasant and Division.

Friday, October 26, 2018

0616 Assist FD with vehicle fire on Pleasant Valley Rd
0820 Report of vehicle running red bus lights at Boyne Av and Main.
0942 Burn permit in the 700 block of Pleasant Av
1038 Report of abandoned vehicle at Avalanche.
1319 Citation issued for improper plate at Beardsley and Brockway.
1517 Report of large dog running in traffic at N East and Bailey.
1604 Found wallet dropped off at PD. Owner contacted and later picked up.
1602 Report of hit and run to vehicle. May have happened on Brockway St
2116 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St
2144 Assist Sheriff Dept. on M-75 S

Saturday, October 27, 2018

0057 Assist EMS and Sheriff Dept. on Boyne City- East Jordan Rd.
0955 Report of fraud complaint received via the mail.
1332 Assist to EMS with overdose on Trent St.
2244 Citation issued at N. Lake and Vogel for speed.
2255 Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Line St. and Groveland St.

Sunday, October 28, 2018

0506 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St.
1541 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter from the Bailey Street area.
1945 Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of E. Main St.
2022 Warrant attempt in the 300 block of Silver St.
2048 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake.
2148 Assist Sheriff Dept. in the area of Old State and Addis.



EJ Lions Club present Milestone Achievement awards

The East Jordan Lions Club recently presented three Milestone Achievement Awards. Recognizing 10 years of service to the Club, receiving the awards were; Sherry Pursel, Bob Pursel and Tom Woodburn (not pictured). The East Jordan Lions Club meets the first and third Mondays of the month at the Jordan Inn. Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Chamber announces next President

After an intensive search, the Chamber Area Chamber of Commerce has selected a new President to lead the organization. After meeting with a number of great candidates, the Board of Directors selected Sarah Hagen to be the new leader of the organization.

A well-known member of the Charlevoix community, Sarah brings extensive experience from her past 7 years at Castle Farms where she served as Events Director and most recently as 1918 Cellars Tasting Room Manager. Prior to that, Sarah attended Grand Valley State University, where she graduated with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She has also been an active volunteer and member of the Charlevoix Main Street Promotions Committee, which she has chaired since 2017.

“Sarah brings great energy and enthusiasm, along with demonstrated experience in customer service, special events, vendor and community collaboration, marketing and promotion, business development and more – all of which make her an excellent fit for the role of President,” said Chelsea Platte, Chair of the Chamber’s Board of Directors. “We’re thrilled to have Sarah lead our organization, and know her passion for Charlevoix will serve our members well.”

For her part, Sarah is excited to take on her new leadership role in the community. “I’ve been very happy professionally, but when the Chamber opportunity came along, I knew I couldn’t pass it up. I’ve worked closely with the Chamber during my tenure at Castle Farms, and I’ve always admired the role it

plays in supporting community businesses and working with local partners to keep Charlevoix vibrant and growing. I can’t wait to jump in and continue to build on the great work that Alison and the Board started.”

The Board of Directors has been searching for a candidate since late August, when past Chamber President Alison Hubbard announced that she had taken a new position out of town. The Board received applications from all over the country, and with the help of both a board and a community interview committee, narrowed down the candidates to select the Chamber’s next leader. Sarah will take over the position of President on December 3.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization serving over 440 business

EJ Lions Club Rifle Raffle Winner

The East Jordan Lions Club would like to report that the annual Fall Gun Raffle was a big success. The raffle is an important fund raiser that supports the services the Lions Club provides in East Jordan. We would like to thank the people of East Jordan and the surrounding communities for their support. We would also like to offer special thanks to the following businesses for their support: East Jordan True Value and Family Fare of East Jordan. This year’s winner was Larry Chew winning the Browning White Gold 30.06 with Leupold scope.

Turkey Trot fundraisers on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City & Charlevoix

BY JIM AKANS

A great way to balance caloric intake and expenditure this coming Thanksgiving Day is to participate in a Turkey Trot event. It is a unique opportunity to get some exercise and provide benefit to area non-profit agencies before digging in to America’s favorite gathering at the dinner table.

The 8th Annual Munson Charlevoix Hospital 5k Turkey Trot run/walk begins at 8:30am on Thanksgiving morning. It starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (14700 Lake Shore Drive). This event is for both runners and walkers with strollers and leashed, friendly pets also welcome. Wear your turkey hat, turkey costume, or dress like a pilgrim – costumes are encouraged. There will be a photo booth set up to help capture the fun. Donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries are also encouraged.



RUN. EAT. NAP.
A great way to balance caloric intake and expenditure this coming Thanksgiving Day is to participate in a Turkey Trot event. COURTESY IMAGE

Register online or in person at the Wellness Workshop (411 Bridge Street) or on the day of the event from 7:30-8:30am in the hospital’s lower level. The registra-

tion deadline to guarantee your long-sleeved t-shirt or cozy sweatshirt is November 18. Sweat up your shirt from 5 - 7 pm at the Wellness Workshop on November 21.

Registration is \$15/adult (includes t-shirt) or \$25 with a hooded sweatshirt, and \$10/youth (includes t-shirt) or \$20 with a hooded sweatshirt.

The Wellness Workshop will be open from 8:30am-11am to serve as a “Warming Station” along the Turkey Trot route providing hot chocolate, a warm place to rest, and use of the restroom or baby changing station as needed. Get more information online at MunsonHealthCare.org or by calling the Wellness Workshop at 231-437-3482.

The Kiwanis Boyne City 8th annual 5k race and 1-mile fun run/walk Turkey Trots takes place on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City at 9am, beginning and finishing up at Veterans Park. The individual entry fee is \$25 pre-registration (one t-shirt), or \$30 day of event. Family Entry - \$50 pre-registration (two t-shirts), or \$60 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 15. Extra t-shirts will be available for purchase @ \$10 each while supplies last.

www.runmichigan.com and is available through November 20. Entry forms can be

picked up at Boyne Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins or North Perk Coffee. Packet pick-up is the day before event from 2-6pm at Stiggs Brewery.

All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area. Event organizers also ask everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event, which will be delivered to local food pantries.

Joining a Turkey Trot event is fun, healthy and helps to support terrific community programs. It may even become a family tradition that makes a great excuse for enjoying that second helping at the Thanksgiving dinner table even more.

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BOYNE CITY

BOYNE MEETS BROADWAY

November 16 & 17. Boyne Meets Broadway, the annual dinner theater and musical production by students at Boyne City High School, will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 & 17. Doors open at 5:30pm., dinner is at 6 and the Broadway Revue starting at 7:30, followed by coffee and dessert. Dinner entertainment will be provided by the high school Jazz Band and dinner by the student hospitality program. Tickets are \$25 each. There are only 300 tickets per evening, so get yours before they sell out. To purchase tickets, contact a cast member, call the BCHS office (231-439-8100), visit CREATE Studios in Boyne or come to the auditorium on Saturdays between 9-1 pm.

BOYNE CITY

EARLIER THAN THE BIRD

November 17, 7-11am. Kick off the season with friends and family, coffee and holiday shopping specials - all while in the comfort of your pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available. Merchants will be offering special deals along with refreshments. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of the Earlier Than The Bird coffee mug.

EAST JORDAN

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 18, 7pm. The East Jordan Community Church will be hosting this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. There will be music, a time of prayer for the community and a brief message. Refreshments directly after the service.

BOYNE CITY

THE BIBLE EXPLORED

November 18, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The Lifetree event, titled "The Bible: Real? Relevant? Reliable?" features a filmed interview with Eugene Peterson, author of the best-selling The Message. "The Bible forms the basis of many of our laws and is constantly quoted," says Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable. "Yet many people wonder about its true authority and if it still matters." Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

WALLOON LAKE

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

November 21, 6-8pm

CHARLEVOIX

8TH ANNUAL MUNSON CHARLEVOIX HOSPITAL 5K TURKEY TROT

November 22, 8:30am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's main campus, 14700 Lake Shore Drive. This event is for both runners and walkers with strollers and leashed, friendly pets also welcome. Wear your turkey hat, turkey costume, or dress like a pilgrim - costumes are encouraged! Donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries are also encouraged. Register between now and Sunday,

November 18th to guarantee your long-sleeved t-shirt - or upgrade to a cozy sweatshirt! Early shirt pick-up will be available on Wednesday, November 21st from 5-7pm at the Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Late registration and shirt pick-up begins at 7:30am Thanksgiving morning in the hospital's lower level. Limited extra shirts are available with late registrations on a first served basis.

BOYNE CITY

8TH ANNUAL KIWANIS CLUB TURKEY TROT 5K AND 1-MILE FUN RUN

November 22, 9am, Veterans Park. Packet pick-up will be the day before event from 2-6pm at Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen; enjoy \$2 off a pint! T-shirts are guaranteed if entry form is received by November 15. For further information email boyncitytrot@gmail.com or contact Ruth Skop at 231-881-0945 or Gayle Harbaugh at 231-675-5725. Entrants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to Boyne area food pantries. Register online or pick up a form at the Boyne Area Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, or North Perk Coffee.

CHARLEVOIX

12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22, Noon-3pm, Community Reformed Church, corner of US 31 and Meech Street. The meal is provided at no charge. All are welcome!

BOYNE CITY

SANTA PARADE AND OPEN HOUSE

November 23, 5-9pm. Includes Tree Lighting and live Nativity Scene. The open house begins at 5 p.m. with refreshments at businesses throughout the downtown, and the parade starts at 6 p.m. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree in Old City Park at 5 p.m. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. Santa will arrive on his horse-drawn sleigh in the parade, joined by some of his elves and reindeer from the North Pole. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown. After the parade, children can visit with Santa at the Gazebo in Old City Park.

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & PARADE

November 23, 3-6pm. Downtown. Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration in downtown Charlevoix. Includes Black Friday sales, Holiday Craft Activity, Free Photos with Santa, Cookies and Hot Chocolate in East Park. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for additional information or to get a parade entry form.

EAST JORDAN

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

November 24. Join us in East Jordan for Small Business Saturday. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Mini Kick-Off Breakfast from 8-10am. 1st 50 Shop-

pers will receive "Goodie Bags"

BOYNE CITY OVERCOMING CHILDHOOD PAIN EXPLORED

November 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Overcoming Childhood Pain: Facing Unresolved Family Issues," features a filmed interview with Delisa Mayer, a woman whose family took part in an ill-fated university study during her childhood. The outcome of that study—which introduced a newborn chimpanzee into the family and asked them to raise it as a human child—shaped Mayer's childhood and led to her parents' divorce. During the program participants will discover key steps to help recover from the scars of past experiences. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 26, 5:30-7:30pm, Blue Smoke Restaurant. Entrance by donation - All donations to be divided between Care and Share Food Pantry and Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

EAST JORDAN

BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION

November 27, Great Lakes Center For The Arts. Doors open at 5:30pm. The top three winners of Antrim Pitch Night, Green-Light East Jordan, Invest Cheboygan, and Emmet Entrepreneur Challenge Business Model Competitions will compete for additional startup funds of \$15,000! The public is welcome to witness this fun, finale competition to be held November 27, 2018 at Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while you network and check out this beautiful arts facility! You won't want to miss this fun night. Register at Evenbrite.com

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE; JEROME RAND - AROUND THE WORLD SAILOR

November 27, 11:30am-1:30pm, NCMC Library Conference Center. Mr. Rand will be reprising his successful summer presentation about his 271-day non-stop sail around the world aboard the Westsail 32, "Mighty Sparrow." Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. Reservations are required. Please call 231-348-6600 or email willcall@ncmich.edu to reserve a seat.

EAST JORDAN Dinner & Auction Fundraiser for Doni Vaughn

November 28, 4:30-7:30pm, East Jordan Middle School. Doni Vaughn has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease which has brought on paralysis in her limbs. Doni was a 3rd grade teacher at East Jordan Elementary school. She has 3 awesome kids who are active in the EJ community and schools. The event will include a bake sale, 5050 raffle, silent auction, kids raffle and a card raffle. The goal is to raise \$12,000 to

pay Doni's mortgage and insurance for one year so that she can afford medications, trial medications, medical equipment, a van with a lift and traveling to and from appointments.

EAST JORDAN

SHARPS (NEEDLE) DROP-OFF

November 28, 9am-2pm, McLaren Mill Street Campus, 952 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard, impermeable plastic container. For info call (800) 248-6777. Event is a joint venture between McLaren Northern Michigan and Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

BOYNE CITY

HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

December 1, 9am-3pm, Boyne City High School. 150 arts and crafts vendors. Event benefits the school Booster Foundation.

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA CONTEST

December 1, downtown. Merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, giveaways and more during the Holiday Merchant Open House in downtown Charlevoix. New this year, Charlevoix Cinema III will offer you a choice of 3 full length movies beginning at 2pm. Hot Cocoa Contest from noon to 5pm. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores and restaurants. For more information on this event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org

BOYNE CITY

CALM & BRIGHT

December 1, 9-11:30am, First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street. Hear the Christmas Story through the eyes of the prophets, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men...even the stars. Pancake and sausage breakfast, take home a star craft, star bingo with prizes. Children participate in a drama presentation of the Nativity. Live God's story as you talk and learn together with people at your table. Take home a devotional. Open to everyone but adult must accompany children. Activities suitable for all ages. To reserve your spot, call (231) 582-7983 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will attend.

BOYNE CITY

Lights of Love Tree Lighting Remembrance December 5, 6:30pm, Dilworth Hotel Porch.

BOYNE CITY

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 13, 5:30-7:30pm, Christie's International Real Estate, 104 S. Lake Street.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, 319 Lake Street. Market hours are Saturday's, 9 am - Noon through mid April. The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market will be located in the main lobby

and training room of the City Facilities Building, which is located across the street from the summer market location in Veterans Park. Twenty vendors are confirmed for the indoor market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boyncity.com

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

Through November 20: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St. Thursdays from 3-6pm. The vendors you love will be back for a new season to bring their farm goods to your table. The Charlevoix Farmers Market offers a variety of farmers and specialty vendors.

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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Charlevoix County Transit receives Propane Council Award

Charlevoix County Transit was among four transit fleets received the eighth-annual Top User of Propane Autogas Award from the Propane Education & Research Council during the BusCon Expo in Indianapolis. The award celebrates fleets creating healthier environments for riders and communities by using clean, cost-effective, and domestically-produced propane autogas. The awards were presented during breakfast on Wednesday, October 3, at the Indiana Convention Center.

"These fleets truly represent the top users of propane autogas in transportation in their consideration for the environment as well as the students, patients, residents and communities they service by choosing a clean, cost-effective fuel," said Michael Taylor, director of autogas business development for PERC. "Propane autogas can offer many advantages, including the lowest cost-of-ownership, reduced emissions, and reliable performance, to help both private and public fleets provide better service to taxpayers and clients."

Charlevoix County Transit (CCT) provides county-

wide demand-response service for the community and its large tourist network, providing 100,000 rides annually. Since adopting its first propane autogas vehicle in 2016, 10 of CCT's 15 cutaway shuttle buses have now converted to propane autogas engines. With service along the Lake Michigan coast, CCT decided to upgrade to propane autogas to reduce emissions and protect the fragile environment for its community and tourist populations. In addition to lower emissions, CCT reports no runability issues and is also seeing a cost savings of more than \$4,000 per month. With plans to add three more propane autogas shuttles to the fleet in 2019, CCT is in the process of upgrading its refueling infrastructure to better handle the demand and is encouraging other Michigan transit agencies to tour its facility and test drive one of its vehicles.

Other recipients were Spartanburg Regional Healthcare in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Carteret County Area Transportation System in Morehead City, North Carolina, and Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

18 year old sentenced for Boyne City School Bomb threat

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - A tragic start in life, a loving family and a promising future were all factors in the sentencing of a former Boyne City High School student who was found guilty of making a bomb threat to his school's campus earlier this year.

Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Roy C. Hayes III recently sentenced 18-year-old Joseph Benjamin Baugh of Boyne City to spend a year in the county jail with six months to be served immediately. The remaining six months of his sentence is to be held in abeyance, minus credit for five days served. Baugh will also be on probation for 12 months after he's released from jail.

In a plea agreement he made in September with the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's office, Baugh pleaded guilty to making a false bomb threat, which is a four-year felony, and malicious destruction of property.

The charges came from an incident at the Boyne City Schools campus this past January 24 in which school staff found a rock thrown through an art class room window with a note attached stating a bomb threat existed at all three schools



Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Roy C. Hayes III recently sentenced 18-year-old Joseph Benjamin Baugh of Boyne City to spend a year in the county jail with six months to be served immediately. FILE PHOTO

on the campus, including the high school, middle and elementary schools.

Students and staff were evacuated and classes and activities suspended for the day while local law enforcement made sure the school buildings were safe. School resumed its usual schedule the following day after the campus was given the all clear.

In his sentencing, Judge Hayes agreed to Baugh's request to be considered a candidate for sentencing ac-

ording to the Holmes Youthful Trainee program, which allows charges to be dismissed and no conviction entered on the record of youthful offenders who successfully complete the sentencing terms the judge sets forth. The status will be revoked if Baugh does not comply with those requirements.

Baugh's defense attorney, Michael Bartish of Grand Rapids, appealed to Hayes on his client's behalf, noting how Baugh is a good candidate for the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act and pointing out how he has overcome a rough start in life and since proven himself an overall impressive young man.

Bartish explained how at six months old, Baugh was found abandoned in a basket in a street of his birthplace in Uganda. He was seriously malnourished and taken to an orphanage, where he was abused by staff who didn't realize he was deaf and punished him severely for disobedience.

Baugh was eventually adopted by Russel and Marcia Baugh, who were working as missionaries in Uganda at the time.

The Baugh's didn't realize their newly-adopted son was deaf until he was five years-old because he had learned

so well how to read lips. "Joe and his family are a remarkable family, and this one instance is a complete and utter aberration," Bartish told the court.

He also noted how much support Baugh has received from members of the community and his volunteer work coaching community youth football teams. Baugh was also a standout football player on Boyne City High School's football team before graduating earlier this year.

Baugh also spoke to the court and explained how sorry he is for his actions and that he was "heartbroken" to learn how what he did frightened so many students and staff.

"I am ashamed for what I did to my school and my community on January 24th," he said, "I love my high school. I had many friends there. I liked my teachers. I hate that I did this. I love kids. I love interacting with them. I love coaching them...I hate that I am always going to be remembered for this act. This is not the person I am or the person I was raised to be. I wish there was some way I could take it all back, but I know that is impossible. All I can do now is try to make up for it."

Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Maddison Loper

Grade: 7th

Parent's Name(s): Joe and Barb Loper

Future Plans: To become a Middle School Teacher or a Therapist

Favorite Book: IT by Stephen King

Hobbies and Interests: I love crafting and walking my cat

School Activities: Volleyball

Staff Comments: Maddison has been a great addition to the Boyne Falls School this year. She is a very hard worker who strives for perfection. She has no problem staying on task to complete her work. Maddison is a pleasant young lady who is nice to all the students, I am very fortunate to have her in my classroom this year.

Submitted By: Frank Hamilla



The Northern Michigan Chorale is presenting their holiday concert, "The Gift of Song" at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts on November 17 and 18. COURTESY PHOTO

Northern Michigan Chorale presents "The Gift of Song" November 17 & 18

The Northern Michigan Chorale is presenting their holiday concert; "The Gift of Song." Concert dates for the two performances are Saturday, November 17 at 3pm and 7:30pm, and on Sunday, November 18 at 3pm. All performances will be held at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, located in Bay Harbor, off of highway US 31.

Julie Pierpont directs the Northern Michigan Chorale, with Howard Richards as accompanist. Also, joining the Chorale, for this concert are members of the Little Traverse Youth Choir, under the direction of Kevin Wells, accompanied by Amy Rhudy.

Traditional Christmas Carols will be performed by the Chorale, along with "Some Children See Him," and "I Saw Three Ships,"

joined by members playing hand chimes. Even Santa Claus makes his appearance while the Chorale sings "Down Thro' the Chimney." The women's section has fun while singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." The Little Traverse Youth Choir will perform several songs, including "Carol of the Bells," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer."

Adult tickets are \$15 and \$12 for Senior's 65+ or students, ages 11 -18. Children 10 and younger are free. Please call the Great Lakes Center for the Arts Box Office at 231-439-2610 or e-mail: tickets@greatlakescfa.org. Tickets are also available at the door. For more information, check the web sites of

NMChorale.org, or Little Traverse Youth Choir.org and GreatLakesCFA.org. The Northern Michigan Chorale is celebrating their thirty-sixth season of performances, both spring and fall. It began as sixty voices at the first rehearsal and have now grown to a group of one hundred-plus persons. Our members range

in age from teens to senior citizens. Continuing, as in the beginning, with a no audition base of volunteers, our members represent Petoskey and many of the surrounding towns of northern Michigan. The Chorale awards Vocal Music Scholarships to area residents who want to improve their singing.

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News ELECTION TURNOUT

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second and final four-year term serving in the state Senate, also due to term limits.

This midterm election also left all Republicans sitting on the Charlevoix County Commission.

In District 1, incumbent Republican commissioner George T. Lasater ran opposed, retaining his seat with 1,505 votes.

District 2 incumbent Republican county commissioner Chris Christensen also ran unopposed for his seat and garnered 1,703 votes, including 1,383 in Boyne City and 320 in Evaneline Township.

In District 3, incumbent

Republican Ronald Reinhardt won over his Democratic Challenger Walt Cherry with a total of 1,267 votes over Cherry's 683. Reinhardt scored 381 votes in Boyne Valley Township, 89 in Chandler Township, 208 in Hudson Township and 589 in Wilson Township.

Robert Draves was voted the newest Republican member of the county commission, taking the seat of Commissioner Joel Evans, who is retiring from his post. Draves won with 1,086 votes over his Democratic opponent Ellen Addington, who had 625 votes. Draves's final votes came in at 588 from South Arm Township and 498 from East Jordan.

Incumbent Republican Nancy Ferguson also retained her seat on the commission representing District 5 with 1,713 votes. Ferguson squared off with



PHOTO BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY
Thumb's up! to Charlevoix Mayor Luther Kurtz, who is among many local officials who voters decided should serve another term after last week's mid-term election.

Democrat John Teesdale, who had 887 votes.

Ferguson's votes came in as 88 from St. James Township, 135 from Peaine Township, 614 in Eveline

Township, 604 in Marion Township and 272 in Norwood Township.

Shirley Roloff, yet another Republican incumbent county commissioner, will also retain her seat representing District 6.

Roloff won with 1,322 votes, beating her challenger Democrat Richard Spring, who received 898 votes in last week's midterm election.

Roloff had 540 votes in Charlevoix Township, 305 in Charlevoix Ward 1, 210 in Charlevoix Ward 2 and 267 in Charlevoix Ward 3.

Incumbents kept their seats on Charlevoix's City Council as well this election.

Mayor Luther Kurtz easily took a win to retain his role as the city's leader with 973 votes over his challenger and former mayor

Gabe Campbell, who came in with 383 votes.

Ward 1 incumbent Janet Kalbfell will keep her seat after trumping her opponent Jodi Laurent with 294 votes to Laurent's 170.

Ward 2 incumbent Tom Oleksy also retained his council seat, beating his opponent Greg Stevens 220-156.

Ward 3 incumbent Shane Cole will keep his seat as well, having won 268 votes over his challenger Rick Wertz's 158.

Along with local officials, voters also approved funding for several badly-needed improvements in services offered throughout Charlevoix County.

A \$1.85 million bond proposal was approved by voters in Charlevoix Township by a vote of 616-313 to build a new fire station.

The new township fire

station will be a significant upgrade to the existing fire station, which has long lacked significant amenities, like showers, decontamination facilities and indoor restrooms.

Township officials plan to have the cost for the new fire station paid off in about 15 years with a levy averaging 0.9774 mill, or \$0.9774 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value for each year.

Voters in Charlevoix County also approved a millage request to join with nearby Emmet and Cheboygan Counties to share costs to pay for a \$10.3 million project that will bring state-of-the-art upgrades to the region's emergency radio and dispatch system.

Charlevoix County's portion of the millage to be imposed was for 0.5 mills for four years which voters approved 8,987 to 4,196.

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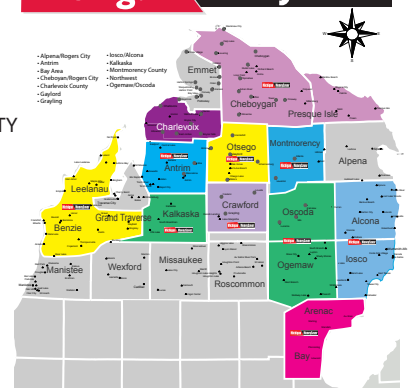
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