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# Charlevoix says "Not in my Backyard"

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY



CHARLEVOIX - Just days before recreational marijuana becomes officially legal to use for adults over age 21 in the state of Michigan, city officials in Charlevoix are moving forward with taking a "NIMBY" approach when it comes to allowing sales of pot in their city limits.

The Charlevoix City Council at its meeting earlier this week voted in favor of drafting a proposed ordinance that would allow the city to adopt a "NIMBY"-or "not in my backyard" stance when it comes to allowing commercial marijuana businesses to open here-at least for now.

Once drafted, the ordinance will require additional council examination and a public hearing before

it can be proposed for approval and can then go into effect.

Michigan voters approved allowing recreational marijuana use by adults over age 21 after the 2018 mid-term election this past November 6, making it the eleventh state-along with the District of Columbia-to legalize pot to date. The measure came 10 years after medical marijuana was approved in this state.

But while recreational marijuana use will officially be legal in Michigan

starting December 6, what that means to local municipalities remains foggy, which has left many resorting to "opt out" of allowing those kinds of businesses to open and operate in their communities, at least until state regulations become more clear.

The city of East Jordan, also in Charlevoix County, also recently "opted out" of allowing such businesses to open and operate within its limits.

However, those same municipalities that prohibit recreational marijuana establishments simultaneously "opt out" of getting their share of a 10 percent tax that will be imposed on sales of the product.

The state of Michigan expects to collect millions in tax revenue when sales eventually start to roll throughout the state.

Those that have decided to ban recreational marijuana sales for now, though, can also reverse that move at a later date.

As it now stands, the new law will allow adults over age 21 to possess or transport up to 2.5 ounces-or 70.8 grams- of marijuana and to grow up to 12 plants, only not in public view. Users can also give up to 2.5 ounces to another person, however, not for a cost.

Additionally, marijuana can only be used at home or on private property, although landlords and employers can prohibit it. An employer also can still consider marijuana a drug and fire a person for using it.

And it is still illegal to use marijuana while operating a motor vehicle.

Marijuana also cannot be smoked at bars or restaurants or any public place

and it's still forbidden on all school campuses.

Charlevoix City manager Mark Heydlauff said in the wake of November's Proposal 1 vote to legalize recreational marijuana, the city council's vote to move forward with drafting an ordinance clarifying where it stands with recreational marijuana businesses was a matter that warranted discussion.

Heydlauff said in general it seems many people locally have indicated they voted in favor of Proposal 1 more to de-criminalize recreational usage and leave it a personal decision. But how to fit sales of the product into the existing business community is quite another matter, especially since so much is still puzzling.

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The Boyne District Library's new bookmobile has been making its way along area holiday parade routes this season. The bookmobile's design was created by Boyne City artist Jerry Douglas. (Photo by Michelle Medjesky)

## Bookmobile hits the road in Boyne City

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - There's a new truck in town-only it's not another food truck. This truck is indeed serving up food, though-only it's food for thought because it's coming from the new Boyne District Library bookmobile.

Purchased by way of a \$250,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation funded through the Mary Kay Peabody Foundation, the library introduced its new

truck to the community at the Boyne City Harvest Festival earlier this fall.

Library officials learned they would be getting funds to allow them to purchase the truck months ago and at once announced a contest for artists interested in creating designs for how the bookmobile should be painted to best reflect the library's mission and the spirit of the community.

Boyne District Library director Monica Kroondyk said 24 artists submitted entries from as far away as the state of Washington.

In the end, Kroondyk said it was Boyne City artist Jerry Douglas whose design was selected to adorn the new bookmobile-and who also was awarded the \$1,000 first prize.

It won't be long before most everyone in Charlevoix County and surrounding areas will have seen Douglas's brightly painted flying books on the sky-blue bookmobile at some sort of gathering or public event.

Custom built in North Carolina,

See **Boyerne Bookmobile**—Page 3A

## East Jordan Citizen of the Year nominations forms available

It's that time of the year to nominate the people in East Jordan who are making a difference in the community for Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are now available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office or on the Chamber's website [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org).

Nominator's are asked to describe the nominee's outstanding community involvement (both past and present), civic contributions, special community contributions and any other pertinent information. Submit forms by December 14, 2018. A committee comprised of community representatives review the nominations and vote by secret ballot.

The Citizen of the Year is announced annually at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction. The 2018 Annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Castle Farms. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

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THURSDAY



HIGH: 28  
LOW: 18

FRIDAY



HIGH: 23  
LOW: 20

SATURDAY



HIGH: 28  
LOW: 21

SUNDAY



HIGH: 31  
LOW: 21

## snowfall

12/4/17	.....1.7	12/3/18	.....4.4	ATLANTA
12/4/17	.....8	12/3/18	.....12.5	BOYNE FALLS
12/4/17	.....3.2	12/3/18	.....4.8	CHARLEVOIX
12/4/17	.....5.1	12/3/18	.....7	CHEBOYGAN
12/4/17	.....10	12/3/18	.....15.1	EAST JORDAN
12/4/17	.....19.3	12/3/18	.....18.7	GAYLORD
12/4/17	.....14	12/3/18	.....15.5	KALKASKA
12/4/17	.....5.5	12/3/18	.....12	LEWISTON
12/4/17	.....1.8	12/3/18	.....7.3	MIO
12/4/17	.....6.6	12/3/18	.....15.9	ONAWAY
12/4/17	.....13.2	12/3/18	.....19.3	PETOSKEY

## record temps

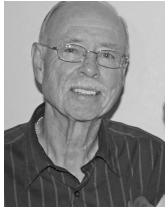
DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 6	.....22°	.....36°	.....14°	(1964)	..64°	(2001)
DEC 7	.....22°	.....36°	.....4°	(1954)	..51°	(1988)
DEC 8	.....22°	.....36°	.....2°	(1977)	..53°	(1990)
DEC 9	.....21°	.....35°	.....3°	(1962)	..52°	(1952)
DEC 10	.....21°	.....35°	.....2°	(1977)	..51°	(1971)
DEC 11	.....21°	.....35°	.....2°	(1995)	..55°	(1971)
DEC 12	.....20°	.....34°	.....13°	(1989)	..56°	(1949)
DEC 13	.....20°	.....34°	.....13°	(1995)	..50°	(1991)
DEC 14	.....20°	.....34°	.....8°	(1954)	..59°	(1975)
DEC 15	.....19°	.....34°	.....7°	(2007)	..51°	(1997)

## OBITUARIES

### Oral Eugene Sutliff, 81

(JAN. 13, 1937 – NOV. 30, 2018)

Lifelong Boyne City resident Oral Eugene Sutliff passed away peacefully at home on November 30, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.



Oral was born on January 13, 1937 to Thurman and Bernice (Paquette) Sutliff, the youngest of seven children. He attended and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1955. He was an eight year member of the Army Reserves following graduation.

Oral was a founding member of the Boyne City Volunteer Fire Department and proudly served as a firefighter for 52 years from 1962-2014.

On August 24, 1963, Oral married the love of his life, Eleanor Myers. Together they made their home in Boyne City raising two children, Sheri and Scott.

Oral spent many years as an accountant for various local businesses. He was also a bus driver for the Boyne City Public Schools for 15 years. He later became the Manager of the Charlevoix County Transit.

Service toward others was integral to Oral. He spent 12 years as a Charlevoix County Commissioner and was a member of the Boyne City School Board during its Twin Valley days. He was a member of the Boyne City First Presbyterian Church where he served on various committees most notably as a Deacon. He was particularly proud of his time spent as a member of the Boyne Valley Lions Club and as Chairman of the Board at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. Oral was proud to help others in a humble way because that was the right thing to do.

Oral was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Elinor (Dick) Dubin, Delores (Wil) Nichols, Jeanne (Steve) McCarry, Leanna (Jim) McCarry, Thurleen (Jim) Eaton and his brother, TJ.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Eleanor, and his children, Sheri (Kevin) Fitzpatrick and Scott (Dan Baer) Sutliff, his grandchildren Brenton (Emily) Fitzpatrick, Kaitlin Fitzpatrick, Madison (Brock) Yenglin, Lauren Fitzpatrick and Brooklyn Fitzpatrick, as well as his latest pride and joy, great grandson, Camden Fitzpatrick. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Carol (TJ) Sutliff, various nieces and nephews, his lifelong friend, Rex Judkins and his beloved dog, Logan.

Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday, December 6th at the Boyne City First Presbyterian Church.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM Friday, December 7th at St. Matthews Church with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Oral's name could kindly direct it toward Grandvue Medical Care Facility or the NW Michigan Hospice, who lovingly cared for Oral for the past six months at home.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Timothy Alan Wandrie, 53

(APRIL 25, 1965 – NOV. 29, 2018)

Lifelong area resident Timothy Alan Wandrie, passed from this life on Thursday,



November 29, 2018 in Petoskey at McLaren Northern Michigan.

Tim was born in Cheboygan on April 25, 1965 to James and Jacqueline (Passeno) Wandrie. Tim's first years were spent growing up in Cheboygan where he attended elementary school. His family eventually moved to Boyne City, where Tim graduated from Boyne City High School, Class of 1983. He worked for several years at the County Star Market in Boyne City, Allied Signal/Bendix, and the Market Basket in Petoskey. Tim went on to work for Bayside Beverage and for the last 15 years for Fabiano Brothers.

On August 6, 1988 Tim married the love of his life, Julie Swadling, together they raised one son, Matthew. Both Julie and Matthew were the center of Tim's universe. He was a wonderful husband and a proud father who loved his family dearly. Including Julie and Matthew, Tim is also survived by his mother, Jackie and by his brothers and sisters, Dan (Darlene) Wandrie of Petoskey, Pam Jordon of Petoskey, Kim Gahn (Kevin Burnell) of Boyne Falls and Dave (Barb) Wandrie of Boyne City; and by his mother-in-law, Bev Swadling, 2 sisters-in-law, Lisa (Les) Hamilton, Debbie (Rob) Youngs and brother-in-law, Jim Swadling, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Tim was preceded in death by his father James and by his father-in-law, Richard Swadling.

Tim's family and friends will fondly remember a great husband, dad, son, brother and friend, who was caring, loving and generous. They will remember his never failing support of his much beloved Red Wings. His fondness for the outdoors, hunting and fishing with family and friends or his competitive side that truly enjoyed a good round of golf or a night of league bowling.

His life was remembered and celebrated during a Funeral Mass that is planned for Wednesday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The Mass will be led by Fr. James Bearss. Interment will take place in Greenwood Cemetery.

Oral was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Elinor (Dick) Dubin, Delores (Wil) Nichols, Jeanne (Steve) McCarry, Leanna (Jim) McCarry, Thurleen (Jim) Eaton and his brother, TJ.

### Della M. (Pettis) Johnson, 92

(AUG. 11, 1926 - NOV. 24, 2018)

Della M. Johnson of Petoskey died November 24, 2018 at the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Della was born on August 11, 1926 in Frederic, MI, the daughter of Rubin and Hazel (Barnard) Pettis and attended Petoskey High School before moving to the Upper Peninsula for a time. In 1940 she returned to Petoskey.

On February 14, 1942, Della married the love of her life, James William Johnson in Boyne City and together they made their home in the Petoskey Area. Della went to work for Schaefer Bakeries and was affectionately known as the "Bread Lady" to her fellow employees and loyal patrons. She retired from the Bakery after 35 years of service in 1987. She regularly attended the Bay Shore Presbyterian Church, now, Jesus is Lord Community Church and lived in the same home in Bay Shore for close to 70 years.

Della was a very generous woman with her time and abilities, especially her cooking abilities. She was always making meals for those in need and likewise, was a

common volunteer at the Manna Food Project, providing food for those in need.

Della's greatest joy was her family and she cherished the time she spent with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She is survived by 2 children, Richard (Lynnet) Johnson and Sheryl Bergmann; 4 grandchildren, Wendy (Steve) Stutzman, Jeffrey (Joanna) Johnson, Richard (Beth) Wurst, and Randy (Debbie) Wurst; 7 great grandchildren, Ariana Johnson, Malena Johnson, Sidney Wurst, Shelby Wurst, Jade Wurst, Haley Wurst, and Austin Wurst; brother, Bert Pettis; and by many nieces and nephews.

Della was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James; son-in-law, Charles M. Bergmann; siblings, Zelpha Pettis, Ethel Ritter, Robert Pettis, Clifford Pettis, Arthur Pettis, and baby brothers, John and Reuben Pettis.

Services celebrating Della's life will be held on Friday, November 30th at 11am at the Stone Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 10am until the time of service.

Those wishing to honor Della's memory are asked to make a donation to the Manna Food Project or to a charity of your choosing.

### James Vardon Chellis, 86

(NOV. 17, 1932 – NOV. 21, 2018)

James Vardon Chellis passed away peacefully at Grandvue Nursing facility on November 21, 2018 and went on to meet his Lord and Savior. He is survived by his two sons-Mark and wife Ruthanna Capelin Chellis of Miller Place, New York and Matthew Chellis of Boulder, Colorado, and a granddaughter, Marissa Chellis, also of Miller Place, New York. Vardon was predeceased by his wife, Arlene, on September 11, 2018.



He was born in 1932 to Katherine and Walter Chellis of Ellsworth, MI. He was the youngest of three siblings, "Bud" Walter Chellis and Jean Chellis Ranney. He attended High School in Ellsworth MI. He and his wife Arlene were married in Horton Bay in 1955 and recently celebrated their sixty third wedding anniversary this past June.

He was a devoted husband, father and friend to all who knew him. Vardon was an active member of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church and retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and after retirement managed the John Deere Work & Play store in Petoskey, MI.

Vardon was a decorated military veteran of the Korean War receiving 16 service awards.

Vardon was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and was an avid hunter. He was a member of the Canada Creek Ranch in Onaway, MI, where he often celebrated his birthday and the opening of deer season with great fanfare, with his best friend and brother-in-law Maurice Crall of Midland, MI. Vardon enjoyed candy and sweets, but Ice Cream was mandatory on a daily basis.

Memorial services will be at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church in Horton Bay, MI, in the spring and interment will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City, MI. In lieu of flowers the family asks that dona-

tions may be made to the Greater Michigan Alzheimer's Association, in his name. ([www.alz.org/gmc](http://www.alz.org/gmc))

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Vardon are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Madlyn J. Heise, 97

(MAY 19, 1921 - DEC. 3, 2018)

Madlyn J. Heise, 97, went home to be with the Lord on December 3, 2018. Madlyn was born in Jackson, MI to Arlow and Irene (Gregory) Crites.



After graduating from Northern High School in Detroit in 1938, Madlyn spent several summers working as a nanny in the Chicago area, and later at the Chicago Club in Charlevoix, MI where she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" C. Heise.

Shortly after meeting Madlyn, Bob enlisted in the United States Army, and was deployed to New Guinea to serve during World War II. The two would continue their courtship through exchange letters, and, upon Bob's return, the two wed in Detroit on March 31, 1945.

Bob and Madlyn were blessed with three children, Paula, Marlo, and Robert T. As her children grew, Madlyn began working in the surgical department at Garden City Hospital, in Garden City, MI. After 17 years, she retired from Garden City Hospital. She and Bob moved back to Charlevoix in 1976. Retirement didn't quite suit Madlyn, as she later went back to work in the surgical department at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She continued to volunteer at the hospital for many years after her final retirement in 1986. Besides her volunteer work, Madlyn was also a lifetime member of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, a member of the American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Stars. She also served as a leader at the Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church.

Madlyn is survived by her daughters, Paula Tinsley and Marlo Stoneham, as well as her six grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bob, son, Robert, grandson, James Stoneham, and granddaughter, Angela Nicole.

Madlyn will always be remembered as a kind and generous Christian, and one who met both challenges and triumphs with grace.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services on Tuesday also at the funeral home. A luncheon in Susan Hall at Greensky Hill, 08484 Green Sky Hill Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, will follow the service.

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

### Herbert L. Boss, 87

(MAY 11, 1931 - DEC. 2, 2018)

On December 2, 2018, Herb Boss passed peacefully out of this world and went home



to Heaven. Herb was born and raised in Charlevoix and except for his time in the army, he never lived more than a few miles from where he was born – and he never wanted to. He was an old-fashioned man, with no interest in modern technology or gadgets, preferring a simple life.

A graduate of Charlevoix High School, Herb entered the army in 1952 and was stationed in Germany. When he returned home, he worked in farming and construction with his father. They specialized in building fieldstone fireplaces, including the fireplace at the Community Reformed Church. He went on to work for Dick Way Construction until his retirement.

In 1955, Herb married Bev Danforth. They moved to his grandfather's farm on South Barnard Road, where they raised six children. Herb loved the outdoors, working in his garden until it was too dark to see. He spent many happy hours in deer blinds and fish shanties. Even though he worked in construction for most of his adult life, Herb always considered himself a farmer. His garden was his pride and joy, providing produce for his family, neighbors, and the many lucky people who drove by when the "free" table was out by the road.

Herb was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Bev, his son Dave, and his parents, Jack and Frances Boss. He is survived by his children Sue (Dave) Mitchell, Dan (Sue) Boss, Lisa (Mark) Vind, Doug Boss, and Barb (Brian) Myers, and grandchildren Emily Boss, Lauren and Ross Mitchell, and Rachel, Sarah and Robby Vind. Herb will also be missed by his brothers Nate (Kathryn) Boss and Ken (Myrna) Boss, and sisters Esther (Garry) Vandenberg and Kathy (Rod) Lindner; in-laws Keith (Marilyn) Danforth and Kathy Danforth; many nieces and nephews; and his long-time friends and neighbors in Barnard.

A service celebrating Herb's life was held on December 5 at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Safe Haven's Random Acts of Bevv fund or McLaren's Hilland Cottage Hospice House.

Arrangements by Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Deborah L. Smalley, 64

(FEB. 24, 1954 - NOV. 28, 2018)

Deborah L. Smalley of Boyne City passed away on November 28, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Deborah was born on February 24, 1954 in Battle Creek, Michigan to the late Erwin E. Smalley and Barbara A. (Reeb) Ledyard. She attended Ironton School, Charlevoix Public School and Petoskey Public School. Deborah was employed at the Bergmann Center from 1981 until 2013 and was a member of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed watching and re-watching the Dukes of Hazzard, The Three Stooges and Mork and Mindy. She loved to joke around and tease the workers at the home where she resided.

Deborah is survived by her step-mom, Patricia Smalley, sister, Linda Sweeney, half-sister, Darlene (John) Harris, step-brother, Jeffrey (Renee) Popenhagen Sr., nieces and nephews, Jasper Sweeney,

Tawnya Bennett, Christine Speer, Jeffrey Popenhagen Jr., Joshua Popenhagen, Brittany Harris, Danyne Lambert and Colleen Harris. She is also survived by many loved aunts, uncles and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Erwin Smalley, mother, Barbara Ledyard, brother, Larry Smalley, nephew Brandon Popenhagen and great niece Penelope.

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with interment at Undine Cemetery following.

Memorial contributions in Deborah's name may be directed to the Bergmann Center, Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene or to the family.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guest-book at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### William J. Clark, 93

(FEB. 22, 1925 - NOV. 23, 2018)

William "Bill" J. Clark of Boyne City passed away at home on November 23, 2018.



Bill was born on February 22, 1925 in East Jordan, MI to the late Frank and Edrie (Meyers) Clark. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a medic. Bill was honorably discharged in 1943 with two bronze stars.

He was a great story teller who enjoyed drinking coffee, sharing fellowship with friends, sitting on the front porch in the sunshine as he was able to enjoy the nature that he loved along with the many wild animals that he watched.

Bill was very involved in the icelebratechurch. He enjoyed being a part of every group and was known for his helping hand whenever possible. Bill really enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School and going into costume for the children.

Bill is survived by his church family and many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene Clark, second wife, Peggy Waffle-Clark, daughter and his parents.

Graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

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## Butterfly memorial service during National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

November was National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, an important time for staff of Hospice of Northwest Michigan. This national observance offers a chance to reflect on the year's work in the community supporting families navigating hospice and grief.

"For me, one of the most meaningful events this year was our special memorial

service held at Perry Farm Village, a Senior Community in Harbor Springs," said Jeanne Marriott, Executive Director for the Hospice of Northwest Michigan. "It was a celebration of life and commemoration, and culminated with a poignant butterfly release ceremony."

According to many cultures and traditions, butterflies can be considered powerful symbols of trans-

formation and are said to represent souls in transition.

The August memorial service recognized that many have experienced the pain of loss and continue to journey through grief. Through prayers, poems, and Pastor Behling's talk, the celebration provided opportunity for the thirty-plus people gathered to remember and honor the lives of 8

residents and 1 beloved pet (Chase the dog) of Perry Farm Village who passed away in the past year. The memorial also included the reading of the loved ones' names, soft music and a message of healing and renewal before the entire group moved outside into Perry Farm Village's beautiful patio and butterfly garden to release butterflies individually.

Those wishing to participate were given small boxes that they opened and then observed their butterfly awaken and rise, stretch their wings and fly off. Pastor Behling spoke of a Native American Legend that suggests that you can whisper your thoughts to a butterfly and it will fly and impart those thoughts to the Great Spirit who will pass on your wishes. As the butterflies took wing, the thoughts and prayers of the people in that garden took wing, too.

"It was a beautiful and touching gathering," said Marriott, "One lovely resident remarked that her heart felt lighter, that the heaviness of a recent loss was lessened thanks to the memorial event."

Many in the crowd expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to commemorate together.

Perry Farm Village is a premiere senior living com-



A butterfly gets ready for lift off during the Butterfly Release Memorial held at Perry Farm Village prior to the Annual Membership Meeting on August 22. Courtesy photo



Residents gather outside in the butterfly garden to celebrate the lives of friends and family lost with a Butterfly Release Memorial service prior to the Annual Membership Meeting at Perry Farm Village on August 22. Hospice of Northwest Michigan provided the butterflies accompanied by a beautiful service for the 30+ people in attendance. Courtesy photo

munity packed with amenities and possibilities that is located at 4241 Village Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan; call 231.526.1500 for a tour or information. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community based hospice, serving Antrim, Charlevoix,

Emmet and Otsego Counties. Call (800) 551-4140 toll-free for more information on hospice services, or to learn more about how you can help.

## The Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy announces a community conservation project

Together, the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) plan to purchase property that will become a Conservancy preserve in the Boyne School Forest corridor. The 40-acre parcel situated directly between Boyne School Forest land and City of Boyne City land plays a vital role in protection of habitat and forest in the Walloon Lake Watershed. It also presents an opportunity to build trail connections from the existing Boyne School Forest trails through to the City of Boyne City property.

A fundraising campaign is underway to assist the Conservancy with the purchase of this 40-acre parcel and for initial trail building start-up costs. Our goal for the campaign is \$150,000. Once the purchase is complete, the Conservancy will enter into an agreement with TOMMBA for trail building and trail maintenance. This partnership has already inspired the creation of a larger plan to create a trail network of nearly 20 miles of multi-use sustainable trails that will connect the Michigan DNR State Forest property all the way

through to City property at Old Horton Bay Road. Increased signage, better parking, and more diverse trails are all possible through the finalization of one property purchase!

TOMMBA and the Conservancy will be holding small events through the winter to publicize and raise funds — please keep your eyes and ears open for these events. Our event schedule will be posted online at [www.walloon.org](http://www.walloon.org) and at <https://www.tommmba.org/>

Everyone wishing to learn more and get involved with the project is invited to the campaign kick-off party on Wednesday, December 12th from 6pm - 8pm at the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy office in the Village of Walloon Lake. The kick-off party promises libations, snacks and a short presentation. . RSVPs to Heather Huffstutler, Director of Conservation Programs at [heather@walloon.org](mailto:heather@walloon.org) are encouraged and appreciated.

For more information about the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy visit [www.walloon.org](http://www.walloon.org) or about TOMMBA visit [www.tommmba.org](http://www.tommmba.org)



December 7th is the date for the 26th annual Holly Daze, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's annual holiday fundraiser, held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Courtesy photo

## 26th annual Holly Daze is December 7

BY JIM AKANS

Friday, December 7th is the date for the 26th annual Holly Daze, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's annual holiday fundraiser, held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Proceeds from

this very special event and Gifts of Love will support the hospital's Innovation Fund for critical upgrades to the pharmacy's chemotherapy compounding room.

This year's auction will boast a number of fantastic items generously donated

by local businesses and community members. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. At 6:30pm "A Tisket, a Tasket, a Holly Daze Basket" event will take place. Dinner and a live auction will begin at 7:30pm.

Kick off the holiday season and get in the spirit of giving. Space is limited. Tickets, \$125 per person, can be orders at [www.munsonhealthcare.org](http://www.munsonhealthcare.org). For questions contact Abbie Robinson at 231-935-7631 or [arobinson7@mhc.net](mailto:arobinson7@mhc.net).

## CHARLEVOIX OPTS OUT FROM PG. 1A

He said councilors felt that pulling together an ordinance to at least clarify where the city stands on the issue at least for now looked to be a good idea.

"This seemed like the most logical option," Heydlauff said, "I think council is being prudent in waiting for the guidelines and regulations to become clearer."

He said a preliminary draft of the ordinance is being prepared by city attorney Scott Howard and that it should be ready for council's consideration at its next meeting December 17.

Heydlauff said a public hearing on the proposed ordinance will then likely be held January 7.

## BOYNE BOOKMOBILE FROM PG. 1A

Kroondyk said the bookmobile arrived in Boyne City this past Labor Day weekend and has the capacity to carry up to 2,000 volumes. Right now what she aptly describes as "the transportable library" has 1,500 volumes on board along with a selection of DVDs and two computer stations. The bookmobile has already trucked many miles on its way to various venues in the area and lately has been part of local holiday parades.

After all, that's the greatest thing about a bookmobile-it can bring books and the joy of reading to people who otherwise are underserved and may not have easy access to any kind of library or its services.

Right now, Kroondyk said the bookmobile is operating five days a week on a rotating schedule divided among

area schools, senior centers and various other places. It makes stops each Wednesday at Eveline, Bay, Evangeline and Wilson Township halls.

She laughed at how she had to explain to some student library patrons what a bookmobile actually was since they had only food trucks to reference. "I had to explain it's like an ice cream truck, only with books!" she laughed. And the kids got it.

And they got excited about it, too, she is quick to note. "Everyone always says, 'Oh, kids these days, all they care about is technology. But no! That's not true! They really get excited when they get a book. This has been an amazing outreach tool."

Regardless if the bookmobile pulls up to an elementary school or a senior center, Kroondyk said it is always a sight that's welcome with much delight. "The most rewarding thing about this has been to see how we've got people thinking about books again and

how excited everyone gets when they get a book, no matter how old they are" Kroondyk said, "People are really diggin' the library!"

She said folks should continue to expect to see the Boyne District Library's new bookmobile at all sorts of places throughout the winter months and to look for expanded programming and even more venue visits as the weather warms. It's not a terribly great expectation, even, to think you might see it parked next to a food truck some place, maybe sometime soon. That would certainly bring a smile to the face of a certain C.S. Lewis, who wrote: "Eating and reading are two pleasures that combine admirably."

The Boyne District Library is located at 201 East Main Street in Boyne City. For more information about the bookmobile or the library's services, go to [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org) or call: (231) 582-7861

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## EAST JORDAN

### HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

December 6, 5-7pm. From 5-7pm enjoy a soup cook-off. An EJ Co-op Nursery School Bake Sale, Snowman Photo Booth at the Community Center, a Make and Take Crafts activity at the EJ Arts Council and open houses at downtown businesses. There will be a lighted parade at 5:30, a Community Tree Lighting at 5:45, and Santa Visit & Cookies at the City Hall from 5:45-7pm. The EJ Freedom Festival Christmas Raffle Drawing and the Rotary Club's "Find Santa Scavenger Hunt" will take place at the Community Center starting at 7pm.

## CHARLEVOIX

### 26TH ANNUAL HOLLY DAZE

December 7, 5:30-10:30pm, Castle Farms. The 26th Annual Holly Daze, benefiting Charlevoix Hospital's Innovation and Patient Needs Funds, will take place on December 7 at Castle Farms. This evening will be filled with cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions, and more - you won't want to miss this event. Tickets are \$125 per person. Info; (231) 935-7631.

## PETOSKEY

### LUNCHEON LECTURE LOOKS AT PROBATE COURT

December 7, NCMC Library Conference Center, unch begins at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The Honorable Valerie K. Snyder has served as judge of 7th Probate District Court since she was appointed by the governor in June 2017. She will give an overview of the services it provides to the residents of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Judge Snyder will highlight the use of guardianships to assist incapacitated individuals and the court's innovative juvenile justice programs, including Lakeview Academy, to address youth substance abuse issues. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmic.h.edu to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$12 (cash or check only - at door) and includes lunch

## CHARLEVOIX

### COOKIE WALK

December 8, 9-11pm, First Congregational Church, 101 State Street. A dazzling array of hundreds of homemade Christmas cookies available for sale for \$7 pound. In addition there are beautiful handmade quilted items such as dolls, doll blankets, assorted gifts and handmade felted mittens for purchase. Proceeds benefit the church and its outreach programs.

## ELLSWORTH

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 8, 9-11am, Banks Township Hall. Indulge in a full breakfast of Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,

Juice, Milk and Coffee. Choose a stuffed toy and take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Compliments of Charlevoix State Bank.

## BOYNE CITY

### "MY SON IS GAY" FILM

December 9, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. This Lifetree event features filmed interviews with a couple who faced various challenges from family, friends, and church after their college-aged son announced his gay lifestyle. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## ELLSWORTH

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 11, 6pm, ECS High School Gym

## ELLSWORTH

### WOODEN SHOE FESTIVAL

December 12, 6pm, Banks Township Hall. Enjoy our 13th annual evening of fune with friends and neighbors. Community Tree Lighting, Caroling, Pizza dinner, Grinch punch and Hot Chocolate bar, Crafts, Twister Joe, Music by Pine Lake Winds.

## ELLSWORTH

### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

December 12, 6pm, ECS High School Gym

## CHARLEVOIX

### NAVIGATING THE ART CONCERT

December 13, 6pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts proudly presents its seventh bi-annual Navigating the Arts Concert. Involving all age levels, from kindergarten to high school, the performance will feature dance, music, and drama. Come one and all to support the arts. Suggested donation of \$5.00. For further information call the school at 231-347-9000.

## BOYNE CITY

### HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 13, 5:30-7:30pm, North Harbor Christie's International Real Estate, 104 S. Lake Street. There is no charge for admission, complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided, as well as door prizes, and the Chamber will host a 50/50 raffle that will benefit the charity of the host's choice.

## EAST JORDAN

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

December 15. Join the East Jordan American Legion and East Jordan Community Resident, Jeff Argetsinger as they honor all veterans on December 15, 2018 for the annual Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be laid at the Knop Cemetery at 10am and at Sunset Cemetery at 12pm.

## CHARLEVOIX

### SHARPS & NEEDLES DROP-OFF

December 15, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Family Medicine, 1404 Bridge Street. Come and drop off your sharps and needles for free. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. Ask about a free needle disposal kit. Free event, info at (800) 248-6777.

## PETOSKEY

### CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER"

December 15, 3 and 7pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Celebrate the holiday season with the dancers of Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of Ballet. With original choreography, this dynamic and beautiful show has become a Northern Michigan tradition. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CTAC Dance Scholarship Fund. www.crookedtree.org. Tickets; \$25 Adult and \$5 Student, call GLCEA box office at (231) 439-2610 or email; tickets@great-lakesca.org.

## BOYNE CITY

### FAMILY TIME FEATURED

December 16, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Come Together: The Healing Power of Friends and Family," features a German film about the heartwarming—albeit unorthodox—efforts of a grandfather to bring his family together during the holidays. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## EAST JORDAN

### PETOSKEY MADRIGAL SINGER PERFORM

December 19, 7pm, East Jordan High/Middle School. The Petoskey Madrigal Singers will perform a Christmas Concert at the East Jordan Community Auditorium at the East Jordan High/Middle School. Admission is free, donations are greatly appreciated. The concert is presented by the Music in the Park Concert Series

## PETOSKEY

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERTS

December 20, 7pm, St. Francis Xavier Church (513 Howard Street) and December 21, 7pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts (800 Bay Harbor Drive). The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus perform Handel's Messiah. Featuring Laura Osgood Brown (Soprano), Christine Amon (Mezzo Soprano), Richard Fracker (Tenor) and Jason Coffey (Baritone). Reserve seating; \$50 or \$35, General Admission; \$25. Ages 18 and under are free. For tickets visit glorchestra.org or call (231) 487-0010.

## EAST JORDAN

### RAVEN HILL WINTER SOLSTICE

December 21, noon-4pm. Indoors, the focus will be on ancient calendars and timepieces with special family activities planned. Guided trips out to Stonehenge in Raven Hill's Ancient World are available on request. Anyone interested in a guided snowshoe or cross-country ski adventure, should call ahead to book a time for a family or group outing. Indoors or out, the entire family will have great fun.

## BOYNE CITY

### TIPS FOR AVOIDING CHARITY SCAMS REVEALED

December 23, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The pro-

gram, titled "How to Sniff Out a Scam: Practical Tips for Giving Wisely," features a recorded interview with a woman who rallied her community to raise money for a friend who lied about needing cash for cancer treatment. Lifetree participants will get tools that will help them tell which charitable appeals are legitimate and feel comfortable giving to worthy causes. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## EAST JORDAN

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, 1-3pm, East Jordan United Methodist Church. We serve a traditional ham and/or turkey dinner with all the trimmings, salads, desserts, and beverages. Enjoy an all you can eat meal and the fellowship of others. Free. 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan. 536-216

## CHARLEVOIX

### A CHILDREN'S WINTER SPECTACULAR

December 27, 4-6pm, Castle Farms. Enjoy a visit and special performance by the well known Snow Queen and Ice Princess. Get creative at the hot cocoa bar and decorate your own sugar cookies. Plus, take the fun home with you with a take-home Olaf Craft. Tickets are \$15 per child and each child includes one adult. Extra adults are \$5. After this exciting event ends, take a drive through our first ever lighted Christmas display! (included with your ticket)

## EAST JORDAN

### RAVEN HILL HOLIDAY GATHERING

December 28. Come play, buy your annual membership or make an annual donation and help us celebrate our 27th holiday season with special treats.

## BOYNE CITY

### THE PAIN OF LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE ADDRESSED

December 30, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Living a Lie: The Perils of a Double Life," features the filmed story of Carol Grever, a woman who discovered after 30 years that her husband had been living a double life. Participants will gain practical insights into coping with the pain of discovering double lives as they follow Grever's journey toward forgiveness, growth, and hope. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## CHARLEVOIX

### BRIDGE DROP

December 31, downtown. Festivities begin at 1pm with fireworks at 9pm and midnight. Horse Drawn Wagon Rides from 1-4, S'mores and Hot Cocoa in East Park from 1-4. Snowman Contest in East Park from 1-4. Free family movie Incredibles 2 at Charlevoix Cinema III at 4:30. Tommy Tropic's One Man Circus show will entertain the crowd a half hour prior to each of the fireworks shows in East Park. Spectacular fireworks will be displayed at 9pm and midnight. This year, the best place to view them will be from East Park. The Memorial Bridge will be dropped at midnight to welcome in 2019.

## EAST JORDAN

### NEW YEAR'S EVE OVERNIGHT

December 31, starting at

6pm to 9am January 1. Raven Hill Discovery Center staff will entertain the kids and keep them safe, while you celebrate here with them or on your own. Registration is limited and cost is \$100 per person, so book soon by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369. Register by December 24, 2018 for this fun-filled December 31st overnight. For more information on any Raven Hill activities, phone 231-536-3369 or email info@miravenhill.org

## BOYNE CITY

### FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9 am - Noon. . The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is 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@boynecity.com

## BOYNE CITY

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PACK CHRISTMAS BOXES

Volunteers are needed to set up and pack Christmas boxes for Boyne Area Community Christmas. Please join us at the Boyne City Early Education Building (old Middle School) gym beginning each day at 10am and working until done. The more volunteers we have the earlier we will be done each day. Wed., Dec. 19 is set up and Thurs., Dec. 20 is packing. (lunch provided to volunteers on Thurs.) No need to RSVP - just be there by 10am if you can help. For more information or questions - 231.459.5588. Thank you!

## 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 recognized for entrepreneurial growth and economic development

The City of Charlevoix is one of four communities across the state of Michigan to have been identified for the strategies they employ to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development, according to the annual eCities study. The study, conducted by iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, identified the cities of Charlevoix, Hillsdale, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie as 2018 eCities Honored Communities for their successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's growth.

"We believe quality of life is critical to the future success of Charlevoix," according to Charlevoix Mayor Luther Kurtz, "ensuring senior citizens are included

in events, improving pedestrian access, and engaging the youth of our community in planning for the future are all ways we build a stronger community. Housing remains a major concern for us but we are pleased to see the employment growth in our community continues. We're on a roll!"

Since 2015, the City has rebuilt more than 18 blocks of streets with new infrastructure at a time when state leaders are unsure how to address infrastructure across the state. Charlevoix's Main Street program has more than a hundred active volunteers helping on various projects and special events in the community.

"Our businesses and vol-

unteers really deserve credit for helping us receive this recognition. We've had our challenges but we've worked cooperatively to keep Charlevoix moving forward," said Lindsey Dotson, Executive Director of Charlevoix Main Street.

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period of 2013-2017, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2 percent per year

by investments such as street and building improvements, technology, and emergency vehicles and equipment.

"The City Council has been focused on five key goal areas over the past few years to help improve the quality of life and business growth in our community," said City Manager Mark Heydlauff, "this award is evidence of the impact this strategy is having on the community."

Heydlauff noted the City's work at expanding public WiFi and creating more recreational opportunities as other significant improvements in the community.

"While accounting for only about 15 percent of the cities and townships in

Michigan, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 70 percent of the population and 85 percent of the state's commercial property," said Tim Davis, director, iLabs. "By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs."

The communities — as well as 181 communities named five- and four-star performers — will be acknowledged Thursday, Nov. 29, during the Executive Speaker Series panel discussion, which will discuss Michigan's economic growth, including key areas

such as capital, infrastructure, industry, and the ecosystem. The panel, moderated by Dr. Brian Patrick Green, Czarnecki Collegiate Professor, UM-Dearborn College of Business, will feature William Adams, Senior International Economist, PNC Financial Services Group; Maureen Miller Brosnan, Executive Director, Michigan Venture Capital Association; Kristina Kolbas, SVP Enterprise Services, Quicken Loans; and Jeff Marston, V.P. of Business Services, Comcast Business, Heartland Region. The event, hosted by WWJ Newsradio 950's Murray Feldman of the Feldman Report, is free, but registration is required.

## Protect yourself from influenza by getting the flu vaccine

As part of National Influenza Vaccination Week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding Michigan residents that it's not too late to get the flu vaccine. National Influenza Vaccination Week, Dec. 2-8, promotes awareness about the importance of the flu vaccine and provides a reminder to get the flu shot for those who have not done so yet this season. Annual flu vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from the flu.

"The flu isn't on anyone's holiday wish list," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "It is important to get vaccinated now to protect yourself and your family. The vaccine is your best defense against the flu and will help reduce the severity of symptoms if you catch the flu despite being vaccinated."

Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by different strains of the influenza virus and can result in mild to severe illness. Despite the fact numerous influenza hospitalizations

and deaths are reported each year, last year only 39.5 percent of Michiganders reported receiving a flu shot, below the national rate of 41.7 percent. Typically, those most severely affected by the flu are children younger than 5 years old, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, pregnant women and those over 65 years old.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), last year's flu season was estimated to be the deadliest since the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. More than

79,000 deaths were attributed to the flu, 185 of which were children. In Michigan, two children died last year due to flu-related complications.

The 2018-2019 flu season is already underway and positive flu cases have been confirmed throughout the central, southeast and southwest regions of Michigan. In addition, influenza-like illnesses are being reported across the state. While flu activity is still minimal, it is important for Michiganders to get their flu vaccine now as it takes about two weeks after the vaccine is adminis-

tered before the body builds up enough immunity to prevent the flu.

The CDC recommends routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older. This year there are many flu vaccine options available, and residents should speak with a healthcare provider about which flu vaccine is best for them.

Flu vaccines are available at many locations throughout Michigan, including doctor's offices, pharmacies and local health departments. To find a location near you, visit

Flushot.healthmap.org. Additionally, there are several programs across the state that will assist with the cost of the vaccine. The Vaccines for Children program provides flu vaccine for free to those who are uninsured. Contact your local health department to learn more about these programs.

Residents with questions about vaccines, including the flu vaccine, can visit IVaccinate.org. For more information about flu activity in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/flu.



Students from Boyne City's Morgan-Shaw School spent the day before their Thanksgiving holiday break volunteering with Manna Food Project in Harbor Springs. Courtesy photo

## Students volunteer for Manna Food Project

Students from Boyne City's Morgan-Shaw School spent the day before their Thanksgiving holiday break volunteering with Manna Food Project in Harbor Springs.

"I didn't know what I was expecting out of the day, but it felt good to help," said student Elycea Shanoski. Student Amanda Leist said, "It felt wonderful to know

that I would be helping someone who might not have the same privileges that I do. I really started to appreciate what Manna does for our local communities."

Students helped label, package, and box about 600 weekend meals alongside other Manna volunteers. The weekend meals will be distributed to area schools

as part of Manna Food Projects "Food for Kids" backpack program.

Morgan-Shaw staff, Jessica Parish said, "It was a good way for our students to get out into the community to see what resources were available and how they could get involved."

Morgan-Shaw School is Boyne City Public Schools' alternative education pro-

gram. Along with providing students a pathway to graduation, they also seek to offer students opportunities to discover what their communities have to offer and how to become involved. If your organization could benefit through Morgan-Shaw's student outreach program, please contact us at 231-439-8140.

## NCMC offers Nursing Success program

North Central Michigan College announced today that the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) Success Program has been created for North Central nursing students. The program consists of a live HURST NCLEX review which will take place on the Petoskey campus in February for second year nursing students.

Time for this review will be built into students' medical/surgical schedule. Attendance is mandatory for the week-long live review. Following the review, there are four required tests which must be taken. Additionally the NCLEX exam fee and licensing fees will also be paid for those students who complete the review package in its entirety and take their board exam by July 15, 2019.

"Those who follow the HURST NCLEX preparation have very high NCLEX pass rates," states Dr. Jamie Pagels, Dean of Nursing, Allied Health and Science at North Central. "This success program will also help our nursing students take the exam sooner. Many times, nursing students must work through the summer to raise the necessary funds to take the

exams." "Currently, North Central's NCLEX pass rates are above 92%," continues Dr. Pagels. "The goal of this program is to reach the 100% pass rate mark, so that every nursing student graduating in 2019 will pass the NCLEX board exams and become registered nurses, entering the workforce sooner. In a rural area like Petoskey, this is critical to improving healthcare outcomes for the entire community."

"The NCLEX Success Program represents both an innovative approach and the strong support provided to nursing students at North Central to assure their success," states Dr. David Roland Finley, president of North Central Michigan College.

NCLEX is a nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses in the United States and Canada. After graduation from a school of nursing, one takes the NCLEX exam to receive his or her nursing license.

For more information about North Central's nursing program, contact Dr. Jamie Pagels at 231-348-6658 or jpagels@ncmich.edu.

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