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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DEC. 4, 2018

East Jordan at an impasse concerning marijuana facilities

BY KRYSTAL JOHNSON

EAST JORDAN - As of last week, Michigan joined the ranks of nine other states in the nation to legalize the recreational use of marijuana for adults 21 and over.

But what does that look or even smell like?

While the law allows for recreational use of the green plant, it also puts clear stipulations in place. Individuals who wish to partake in the substance must strictly do so inside a private residency — drive-ways and publicly accessible porches and yards are not included. The pungent

aroma should also remain out of nose reach from one's neighbor.

And even though the law outlines the banning of recreational marijuana in public spaces, many municipalities are looking at ordinances to further stipulate marijuana use concerning city properties and owned buildings, just in case there were any discrepancies related to rented facilities. But within the new law, a point of contention for some has been whether to allow or prohibit marijuana businesses within their community, as the law gives municipalities the right to ban or restrict such entities.

East Jordan has been among the most recent local municipality to begin addressing the topic. At the December 4 meeting of the East Jordan City Commissioners, a resolution to amend an ordinance was introduced.

Section 2 of the ordinance seemed to bring a consensus amongst commissioners and reads:

“No person shall consume (including smoking), cultivate, distribute, process, sell, or display marihuana or marihuana accessories in a building owned or operated by the City of East Jordan.

No person shall consume

(including smoking) marihuana in a public place within the boundaries of the City of East Jordan, including but not limited to any street, sidewalk, highway, alley, park, or parking lot located therein, or the City docks, City beaches or Tourist Park Campground area.”

Sections 1 and 3 offered conflicting opinions amongst commissioners last week. Section 1 reads:

“Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to exercise the City of East Jordan's authority to prohibit the establishment or operation of marihuana establishments within the City as such fa-

ilities are defined in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (the “Act”).

Prohibition. Pursuant to the Act, the City prohibits the establishment or operation of any and all categories of marihuana establishments with its boundaries.”

Commissioner Andrew Boyer offered the recommendation that the city should “opt-in” and allow marijuana grow houses only in areas zoned L1, which includes the Air Industrial Park, located off of

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There's still plenty of winter ahead, but at 5:23 pm next Friday, December 21, the earth's axis will begin to tilt back toward the sun, resulting in greater amounts of sunlight here in the north every day until mid June. Photo by Jim Akans

Daylight hours grow after Winter Solstice

BY JIM AKANS

While here in the north we've been a bit chilly for over a month; the Winter Solstice signals the official start to the winter season. It will occur at 5:23 pm next Friday, December 21, as the earth's axis begins to tilt back toward the sun in the Northern Hemisphere. Notably the shortest day (in terms of sunlight) of the year, the “glass half full” perspective is that every

day thereafter will bring greater amounts of sunlight every day until mid June. That's right; despite a full winter ahead we can start looking forward to longer hours of daylight very soon.

Yet, as Newton's Third Law indicates: for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The same Winter Solstice that begins the slow march toward summer in Cleveland also notifies old man win-

ter its time to think about sauntering back to southern hemisphere in places such as Sydney, Australia.

The word “solstice” comes from a Latin phrase that means; “sun stands still.” After months of crossing lower and lower in the sky the sun appears to stop before beginning to arc higher in the sky each day for the next six months. Alas, it takes a few months before the increasingly prevalent sun

actually warms things up, resulting in a period we refer to as “winter” around these parts, but it's comforting to know there will be more and more light at the end of the snowy tunnel.

The winter solstice is also known as Midwinter, the Solar New Year, the Longest Night, Yule, DongZhi, Soyul...and many more tongue-twisting han-

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Funding for Boyne Valley Trailway secured

Bidding process expected to begin in March

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - With the last chunk of funding now in place to pave the way, construction is finally set to roll on a \$2 million project for a 7.2 mile-long non-motorized, recreational trail linking Boyne City to Boyne Falls.

Officials with the Boyne Valley Trailway committee recently announced they have procured the last of the money needed to launch the bidding process for the project hopefully by March, with construction tentatively set to begin in May, 2019.

According to the Boyne Valley Trailway website, the 10-foot-wide recreational trailway design “closely follows the Boyne River and re-traces the route of the Boyne City, Gaylord & Alpena Railroad”, which was a mainline connection between Boyne City and the rest of the country during the lumbering era in the early 1900s.

The trailhead is to be situated near the Boyne City Municipal Airport off 1040 E. Main Street in Boyne City. The trailway will run behind the airport and follow the right-of-way of the BCG&A rail bed to Boyne Falls School property. It will then cross M-75 from the school and enter Boyne Mountain Resort where the trailway will follow the west side of the resort's airport runway and then cross the Boyne River. It will then come to an end at a trailhead near the intersection of U.S. 131 and Cherry Hill Road.

The project will include

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12/12/16	.8.2	.CHARLEVOIX
12/12/16	.9.2	.CHEBOYGAN
12/12/16	.21.9	.EAST JORDAN
12/12/16	.39	.GAYLORD
12/12/16	.46.3	.KALKASKA
12/12/16	.14	.LEWISTON
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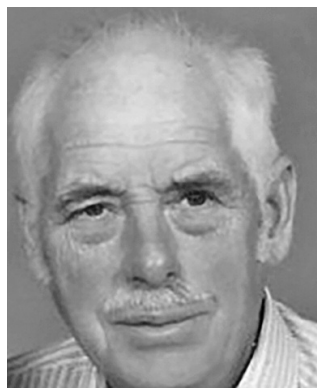
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record temps

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DEC 13	.20°	...34°	...-13°	(1995)	.50°	(1991)
DEC 14	.20°	...34°	...8°	(1954)	.59°	(1975)
DEC 15	.19°	...34°	...-7°	(2007)	.51°	(1997)
DEC 16	.19°	...33°	...-4°	(1961)	.56°	(1984)
DEC 17	.19°	...33°	...-11°	(1973)	.54°	(1984)
DEC 18	.19°	...33°	...-1°	(1973)	.47°	(1949)
DEC 19	.18°	...32°	...-13°	(2004)	.50°	(2002)
DEC 20	.18°	...32°	...-20°	(1983)	.48°	(1988)
DEC 21	.18°	...32°	...-14°	(1975)	.53°	(1967)
DEC 22	.18°	...32°	...0°	(1989)	.55°	(1957)

William Alfred Brooks, 88

(MARCH 20, 1930 - DEC. 03, 2018)



William A. Brooks of East Jordan died Monday, December 3, 2018 at Eastport Village Care Home.

He was born on March 20, 1930 to Alfred and Marion (Gardner) Brooks in Charlevoix.

On July 23, 1955 he married Jacqueline M. Simpson in East Jordan. They lived in Banks Township, moving to East Jordan in 1960. Jackie preceded him in death in 2017.

Bill served as a flight mechanic in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was employed as foreman for W. A. Porter Construction for many years. He enjoyed hunting, woodworking and leather tooling.

He was affiliated with East Jordan United Methodist Church and enjoyed helping with roast beef dinners and other events.

Surviving are his children Fred (Cindy) Brooks of Charlevoix, Sally (Tom Grutsch of East Jordan, and Ginny (Brad) Petrie of East Jordan; grandchildren Seth Grutsch, Shawn Grutsch, Becky Grutsch, Alex Grutsch, Marilee Brooks-

Gillies, Allen Brooks, Rachel Harden, Laura Harden; six great-grandchildren; and a sister Elizabeth Hoffmann of Charlevoix. Besides his wife Jackie, he was preceded in death by twin grandsons George Brooks and Gregory Brooks.

The funeral service was on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Celia M. Hastings officiating. Burial in Antrim City Cemetery in Banks Township.

The family is served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Mary (Wilson) Pair, 77

(NOV. 15, 1941 - DEC. 2, 2018)



Mary Evelyn Pair, age 77, quietly passed away on December 2, 2018 in her residence at Burt Lake, Michigan. Mary was a former resident of Grosse Pointe and Charlevoix, Michigan.

She was a loyal graduate of the University of Michigan and a volunteer and patron of many charitable organizations.

Mary was predeceased by her parents Howard and Helen (nee Percival) Wilson, her husband Ronald Pair,

and her sister Judith Wilson.

She is survived by her daughter Edith Pair (Alex King), her daughter Lillian Graves (Alexander), her son Walter M. Pair (Zoe), grandchildren Paisley and Piper Pair, and her brother Daniel Wilson.

Mary is also survived by her best friend and companion Peter H. Moray.

A celebration of Mary's life was held at Topinabee Community Church on Saturday, December 8th at 11am

Memorial contributions can be made to either the Friends of the Topinabee Library, the Topinabee Community Church, or the Cheboygan County Humane Society.

Kimm Maurice Zamarron, 66

(SEPT. 30, 1952 - DEC. 6, 2018)



Kimm Maurice Zamarron died Thursday, December 6, 2018, at his home in Wilson Township, Charlevoix County, MI.

He was born on September 30, 1952, in Midland, Michigan, the son of Mercedes and Nancy Jane (Stanley) Zamarron.

He married Gail Frances Wolfe on January 27, 2006. Kimm worked as a CAD Designer and Programmer for many years.

Kimm was a lover of the "Word of God", spending numerous hours in study and devotion. He enjoyed woodworking, working on cars, refurbishing books, bookbinding, model airplanes and berry picking.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

He is survived by his wife, Gail F. Zamarron of Wilson Township; three children, Leslie Ann (Elijah "Tate") Corney of St. Pauls, North Carolina, Wayne Allen Wolfe of Pittsboro, Indiana and Martin Lee (Tonya)

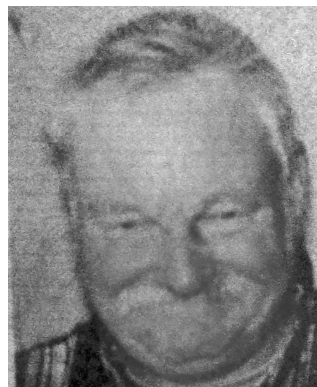
Wolfe of Brownsburg, Indiana; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; his mother, Nancy Jane Bancroft of Kentwood, Michigan; four siblings, Moe Brooks (Karen) Zamarron of Marion, Michigan, Patrick Paul (Jill) Zamarron of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Nannette Patience (Brad) Overbeek of Caledonia, Michigan and Jennifer Jo (Joe) Wozniak of White Cloud, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father, Mercedes Zamarron on August 21, 1975.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Interment followed at Knop Cemetery, Wilson Township, Charlevoix County, MI.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility Activity Department, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Stewart A. Graham, 66

(MAY 23, 1952 - DEC. 4, 2018)



Stewart A. Graham of East Jordan, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

He was born on May 23, 1952, in Traverse City.

Stewart had worked as a supervisor at East Jordan Auto Parts. He enjoyed looking for that rare piece of junk that had value. He also loved to watch television.

He is survived by eight children, Ronnie Runyon, Rebecca Francis, Goldie Stripper, Angelina Ratley, Gail Wingo, Julie Runyon, Archie Graham and Leslie Graham; thirteen grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Stewart was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Stewart Graham, Jr.

There will be a private memorial to be held at a later date.

Norma J. Teague, 96

(AUG. 2, 1922 - DEC. 5, 2018)



Norma J. Teague of Charlevoix passed away on December 5, 2018 at Boulder Park Terrace.

Norma was born on August 2, 1922 in Detroit to the late Ernest and Gladys (Empey) Wolf. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix where she was Senior Warden for many years. Norma worked for Maison & Jardin in Charlevoix for over 10 years where she made many friends and she also spent time as a volunteer at the Rainbow Shoppe. She was passionate about giving blood to the American Red Cross.

Norma enjoyed gardening, reading, playing cards especially solitaire, going antiquing, bird watching and cooking. She loved to go to Port Burwell in Canada as well as Chicago but her greatest passion in life was her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Norma is survived by her children, Brenda Teague of Charlevoix, Laura (Mark) Ziffra of Carpenterville, IL, Scott (Susan) Teague of Petoskey and Keith (Rachel) Teague of East Jordan; grandchildren, Matthew, Heidi, Erin and Jeff; great grandchildren, Brooke, Lauren, Kate, Megan, Graham, Emmett and Isaac; brother, Dick Wolf; sisters, Gloria Stephenson and Marilyn Holmes; goddaughter, Mary Beth Stephenson along with many nieces and nephews.

On June 7, 1946 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak, MI, she married her beloved husband Ralph E. Teague who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Ret Teague and Jeff Teague and her parents.

A memorial service will be held in the near future at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. Interment will be held at Brookside Cemetery in spring 2019. Please check Mortensen Funeral

Homes website for updated service times.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Norma's name may be directed to Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Charles Fredrick Peterson, 56

(MARCH 31, 1962 - DEC. 10, 2018)

Charles "Chuck" F. Peterson of Ellsworth died Monday, December 10, 2018 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born March 31, 1962 in Lansing, MI to Okey and Isabel (Edson) Peterson.

Chuck enjoyed cooking, reading, going to the casino, working with small engines and socializing with his friends.

Surviving are his sister Joni Wieland and significant-other William 'Griz' Patenge; special friend of the family Ruth Cunningham and children Jack and Megan of California; nephew Josh Wieland of Ellsworth and niece Jamie (Ryan) Fischer of Bellaire; great-nieces Brooklyn, Payton and Keely Fischer; aunts Joan Blake of Garden City, Carrie Edson of Boyne City, Catherine Hults of Clermont, Florida, and uncle John Wynsma of Byron Center; and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a half-brother Gary Peterson, brother-in-law Dan Wieland, and nephew Eric Peterson.

A memorial gathering will be held in the springtime.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Good Samaritan Family Services, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

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Senate approves Line 5 utility tunnel legislation

LANSING, Mich. — The state Senate on Wednesday voted to move forward with legislation allowing construction of a utility tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

Senate Bill 1197 would establish the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority (MSCA), which would be responsible for acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and operating the new utility tunnel.

"The pipeline is needed," said state Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City. "This is the best way to keep the Great Lakes safe while

also ensuring residents are able to get the supplies they need. Many residents in my district rely on propane from Line 5 to heat their homes and businesses."

The original version of the bill tasked the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) with responsibility for the tunnel and Schmidt said his constituents, including current and former members of the MBA, were not pleased.

"My office has gotten several calls about this. I have discussed this issue at length with folks in my district. The overall message

was clear that the bill as it stood was not an ideal situation," said Schmidt. "To remedy this, I offered an amendment to the legislation that would instead create a new authority responsible solely for the tunnel's construction, maintenance and operation."

The amended version of the legislation gives the three-member board of the MSCA the responsibility of overseeing the tunnel's construction and daily operation once completed. Members are appointed to six-year terms by the gover-

nor. "Many people that I have spoken with are relieved with the direction that we decided to go with this bill," Schmidt said. "I think this was a tremendous example of our system of government at work. People came out, voiced their opinions, held discussions, and in the end, we were able to listen to folks and reach a compromise that is in the best interest of our state."

SB 1197 will now go to the Michigan House of Representatives for approval.

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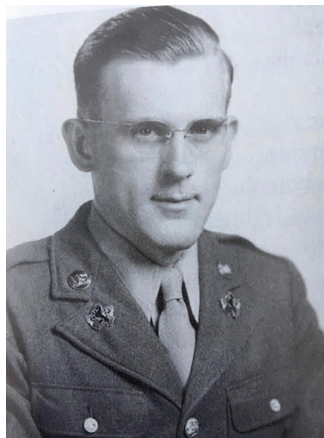
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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



CLARE KEITH ROGERS

The Veteran of the Month of December 2018 is Clare Keith Rogers. Born in East Jordan Michigan December 22, 1922 to parents Samuel E. and Maggie Waggoner Rogers. Keith graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1940. After graduation he enrolled at the University of Detroit in the Engineering program, and began a tool and die apprentice program at a war plant in Warren, Michigan. The Netherlands had fallen to the German Army during World War II. At the age of 20 years Keith was inducted into the Armed Forces joining brothers Rodney who was in the Army Medical Corps, and Forrest who was a machinist Petty Officer in the Navy. Basic and Advanced Training was completed by July of 1944, Rogers was assigned to the 303rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 78th Infantry Division and sent to the European Theater of Operations. The Battle of the Bulge was underway, and the 303rd was to clear land mines laid by the German Army so the American forces could advance. A difficult task as the mines were under heavy snow making their job very hazardous. Only six months into his tour on 12 January, 1945 while clearing mines for the advancement, an explosion claimed Rogers life, along with five fellow comrades. Rogers final resting place became the Netherlands American Cemetery near Margraten in the province of Limburg. His was one of 8,301 graves, and

482 were from Michigan. As a sign of gratitude for being liberated from the Nazis, Dutch families from the area place flowers at adopted grave sites each Memorial Day. Rogers was posthumously awarded the World War II Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal that his parents received. On 12 January, 1945 during the Ardennes Counteroffensive, Battle of the Bulge, Clare Keith Rogers answered the final call and is being honored by his nephew Roger Stokes, niece Carolyn Stokes Ashley and their children.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

'Tis the Season

BY JIM AKANS

The path between Thanksgiving and Christmas seems to move faster every year. Shortly after the turkey coma subsides, the urgency of shopping for gifts takes center stage accompanied by the singsong refrains of "I'm late for a very important date." With just a few weeks to fill that spot under the tree, there's much to be done indeed!

Oh 'Tis the season for making lists, checking them many times, watching bank accounts deflate and credit card balances rise. The National Retail Federation (NRF) predicts 2018 holiday spending will reach over \$720 billion, up nearly five-percent from 2017. That's a consumer average of over \$1,000 in spending.

NRF data finds consumers will spend in three main categories during the holidays - gifts, at \$637.67; non-gift holiday items such as food, decorations, flowers and greeting cards, at \$215.04; and other non-gift purchases that take advantage of the deals and promotions throughout the season, at \$154.53.

Ho, ho...hold the phone. While it certainly 'tis the season to give (and receive), the spirit of Christmas reaches far beyond those beautifully wrapped presents or gift cards that bring joy to faces young and old alike. It is a celebration of the birth Christ and His message of love. A time for reflection, gathering to-



As Santa and Mrs Claus know...the Christmas season is filled with the spirit of love, harmony, generosity and forgiveness (even for those on the "bad list") that brings joy to faces of young and old alike. Photo by Jennifer Akans

gether with friends and loved ones, giving from the heart and reveling in the excitement of seeing others receive. It is about smiles, laughter, long hugs, stories and remembrances, comforting hearts and sharing dreams.

The Christmas spirit can be felt in communities across our great nation. People gather together for parades, tree lighting ceremonies, downtown celebrations, holiday concerts and plays, in churches and can-

dlelight services. The message is clear - love and cherish one another regardless of our faults and differences.

'Tis also the season of community giving. Volunteers ring bells, serve meals, gather and distribute toys to ensure children, families and senior citizens enjoy the blessing of season regardless of their financial position. Hats off to those who administer and give their time and energy to countless programs in local

places across the nation' We all share this earthly real estate and at Christmas we are reminded that we are also bound together by the spirit of love, harmony, generosity and forgiveness. Take heart that this truly 'tis "the happiest season of all."

Have a very Merry Christmas!

MDOT keeping most rest areas open year-round

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will keep nearly all of the state's 77 rest areas open this winter to maintain the convenience and safety they provide to motorists, but will again close five seasonal areas.

Only five rest areas are closed each year for a 20-week period, which will be this winter from Dec. 3 to April 24, 2019. The seasonal closures are due to reduced use during winter months and safety concerns, such as steep entrance and exit drives and potentially slippery conditions on stairways between parking lots and buildings.

The following five rest areas will close Dec. 3 and reopen in April:

- St. Ignace Rest Area on southbound I-75 in Mackinac County
- Ludington Rest Area on northbound US-31 in Mason County
- Topinabee Rest Area on northbound I-75 in Cheboygan County
- Hebron Rest Area on southbound I-75 in Cheboygan County
- Hart Rest Area on southbound US-31 in Oceana County

Closed rest areas are locked and winterized, with exit and entrance ramps barricaded. Designated rest areas will have "Closed Until Spring" signs posted and will have the mileage to the next open rest area listed.

Closed rest areas will be listed on MDOT's website at www.michigan.gov/restareas.



Congratulations to That French Place, the winner of the 2018 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Holiday Merchant Open House. Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest winner announced

Congratulations to That French Place, the winner of the 2018 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest that took place during the Holiday Merchant Open House in downtown Charlevoix on Saturday, December 1st. It was a tight race with Grey Gables Restaurant & Catering taking a close 2nd and Scovie's Gourmet taking 3rd place.

Over 600 votes were cast between the 9 restaurants competing for the Cocoa Championship. The competitors were Cherry Republic, Grey Gables Restaurant & Catering, Harbor View Cafe, Harwood Gold Cafe, Scovie's Gourmet, That French Place, Smoke On The Water, The Cantina, and The Villager Pub.

"We are so excited to have won the cocoa Contest!" said Emily Freund, Owner/Operator of That French Place. "We love seeing the streets of Charlevoix filled with locals and visitors popping into each business and hopefully making holiday purchases. It means the world to us when people choose to use their hard earned money at our shop. We can only have a thriving downtown year round if our locals and off-season visitors come and support

all of those who are here just waiting to service you with a warm heart and a big smile! If anyone missed the event, come down and get a hot cocoa from That French Place and visit all of our downtown neighbors for some holiday cheer!"

The 2018 Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest offered a wonderful variety of delicious homemade cocoa and toppings for all to sample and enjoy. Those that followed the Cocoa Trail were treated to traditional deep rich chocolate, salted caramel, Mexican, chocolate cherry and European hot cocoa, and more.

"Thank you to everyone that shopped local and supported our area businesses during the Holiday Merchant Open House," said Shelly Ferguson, Community Events Coordinator for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. "The community really came together this year to help us offer a great event, and we are looking forward to next year's festivities."

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

IMPASSE FROM PG. 1A

M-32 in South Arm Township.

"This would allow access to tax sharing revenue but not impact the downtown," Boyer said. "We do want the industrial park to grow."

Boyer also referenced a

resolution from Newaygo, where the municipality opted to allow marijuana facilities but prevented dispensaries in the commercial business district. Boyer suggested that this option would give the city control without negatively impacting the community's image.

Commissioner Mark Penzien countered Boyer, saying "It seems a little premature when we just

passed the law...We don't know how it's going to affect the town."

Penzien highlighted the recent upswing in East Jordan and commented that it doesn't take much to lose positive momentum. He described the city as being in an audition stage, as EJ is in the process of relocating their factory, and the city is looking to attract new businesses and people.

Recently appointed commissioner, Abbie Hawley, expressed a different viewpoint.

"When you know how people vote, I feel you should really try to honor that," Hawley said, referencing the 58% vote in favor of passing the legalization of recreational marijuana within the city of East Jordan or 52% vote in favor when including townships.

Hawley also pointed to a concern of safety. She said that when the city opts out of allowing marijuana facilities, they force it back into neighborhoods, as individuals will then grow plants in the home, where it is not regulated and is possibly more accessible to children.

While mayor Russ Peck and commissioner Thomas Reid Jr. and Paul Timmons were less vocal during the

discussion, Commissioner Tracey Johnson made it clear that he wants the city to "opt in" but put control in place.

The ordinance will go to vote at the next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

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CHARLEVOIX

NAVIGATING THE ARTS 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.

CHARLEVOIX

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN MUSIC

December 14, 7pm United Methodist Church, 104 State Street. Come enjoy a medley of Christmas music and inspiration. Featured will be an accomplished cellist, soloist/pianist, small band, choir and inspirational readings from Max Lucado. Called "One Incredible Moment", a Max Lucado Christmas Celebration. This is a free event and open to the public.

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.

BOYNE CITY

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

December 15, 11:45am, Dyer Cemetery. Now in our 5th year, the Bay Township Cemetery Committee has again teamed up with the Horton Bay United Methodist Church to form the Bay Township Area Cemeteries (BTAC) group. We are proud to be an official location for Wreaths Across America, and everyone is invited to attend the ceremony.

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 GLCFA box office at (231) 439-2610 or email; tickets@greatlakesca.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

BOYNE CITY

ADVENT SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING

December 19, pm, Church of the Nativity, 209 E. Main Street. The holidays are not happy for everyone. Perhaps this is the first Christmas after the death of a loved one. Maybe you are hurting because of someone's drug problem, illness, or family breakup. Come join us at Church of the Nativity.

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 program, 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

WILLY PORTER CONCERT AT FRESHWATER GALLERY

December 29, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. His live shows are guitar-driven grit and soul, dynamic silence and muscle—unique and electrifying. He's one of America's finest guitarists. Willy toured as the opener for Tori Amos, Paul Simon, Jethro Tull, Sting and Jeff Beck. Tickets \$30 in advance. Call to reserve 231-582-2588. Remember to bring an item for our food pantry collection box.

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

ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

January 17, Boyne Mountain. This year, the Annual Awards Gala has a red carpet theme. We are hoping everyone will get into the fun and dress up like the local celebrities we know they are! Dust off those fancy duds - suits and dresses, or tuxes and gowns if you really want bonus points - and give them new life at the Annual Awards Gala. New this year, we'll have a plated meal, with your choice of entrée options that you can choose when you register.

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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Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Neanna Ford

Grade: 7th

Parent's Name(s): Heather Mattoon and Tom Pertner

Future Plans: After high school, Neanna would like to become an artist

Favorite Book: Neanna's favorite book series is "Harry Potter" because, she loves the characters and the mystery.

Hobbies and Interests: Neanna's hobbies include sleeping, and walking her puppy, Marley

School Activities: Art Class

Staff Comments: Neanna follows the Logger Agreement as she works as a team, follows rules of safety and speaks up when things are tough. When working with Neanna, she is always willing to help when other students are struggling and speaks up when she needs help. Neanna also treats others with respect and courtesy.

Submitted By: Amber Menara

DNR officer finds missing Cadillac teens

C.O. Hearn noticed vehicle with alleged abductor and teens in Kalkaska County

KALKASKA COUNTY – Two teenage girls reported missing after not returning home from their Cadillac Junior High School Friday were located Saturday night by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Mike Hearn.

Trinity Machowski, 13, and Arrianna Schings, 14, were found with alleged abductor Christopher Wagenschutz, 34, of Cadillac early Saturday evening in Kalkaska County.

After initially being taken to the Cadillac Police Department, the girls have since been returned home to their families.

Police issued a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin Friday for Wagenschutz who was being sought for child abduction in the Cadillac area. It was reported Wagenschutz picked-up the two teens from the Cadillac Junior



Conservation Officer Mike Hearn

High School Friday afternoon.

The bulletin included a description of Wagenschutz, a vehicle license plate number and reported that Wagenschutz was suspected to be driving a red Subaru. The bulletin also reported that the suspect may have a firearm in his possession and was therefore considered dangerous.

Hearn was patrolling the Village of Kalkaska early Saturday evening. He had received the original "Be on the Lookout" information from Kalkaska County Central Dispatch and had also been told there was reason to believe the vehicle and suspect might be in the Kalkaska area.

At around 6:30 p.m. Satur-

day, Hearn saw a vehicle driving into the parking lot of St. Mary in the Woods, located at 438 County Road 612 in Kalkaska. The vehicle matched the description provided in the bulletin. Hearn followed the vehicle in his DNR patrol truck and confirmed the vehicle and license plate information.

With the confirmed identification of the vehicle, Hearn reported the location to Kalkaska County Central Dispatch. He followed the vehicle into the parking lot of the Northland Food Center, located at 2101 U.S. 131 and activated his emergency lights. The vehicle did not stop and continued to drive slowly through the parking lot.

Sgt. Eric Johnson of the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office was patrolling the area nearby and heard the radio communication from Hearn. Johnson went to Hearn's location and was able to help Hearn stop the suspect vehicle.

As Hearn and Johnson exited their patrol vehicles, they ordered the driver to place his hands in the air. The two officers then removed the driver from the car, who was confirmed to be Wagenschutz, and placed

him in custody without incident. Wagenschutz was armed with a firearm.

Johnson took Wagenschutz to the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office. Machowski and Schings were also removed from the vehicle and did not appear to be harmed. Hearn transported the girls to the sheriff's office. All three persons were turned over to the Cadillac Police Department.

"Conservation officers live in the county they serve which helps them to be a stronger part of their communities," said Gary Hagler, chief of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "We are fortunate that CO Hearn was on patrol nearby and was able to quickly resolve this situation without any injuries."

Hearn has served the DNR Law Enforcement Division since 2004 and works in Kalkaska County.

Michigan conservation officers are fully commissioned state peace officers who provide natural resource protection, ensure recreational safety and protect citizens by providing general law enforcement duties and lifesaving operations in the communities they serve.



North Central Michigan College recently installed a small-scale waste-water treatment unit in the residence hall on the Petoskey campus. Courtesy photo

Holiday hours for North Central Michigan College

North Central Michigan College's gym and fitness center at the Petoskey campus will be closed over the holiday break for maintenance and upgrades. The courts will be closed December 17-21 for new LED lighting installation. From December 22-25, the Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday. From December 26 – January 1, new court dividers will be installed. The gym and fitness center/track will reopen on January 2 for regular hours.

Gym and Fitness Center hours for Winter 2019 semester, starting January 2:
Monday – Thursday - 6am. - 9pm.

Friday - 6am. - 7pm.
Saturday – Sunday - 10am. - 5pm.

The walking track is free to all and open on the same days and times as the courts.

The college administrative offices and Student

Services close Friday, December 21 at 5pm. These offices will reopen Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 8:30am.

The College Store will close Thursday, December 21 at 5pm. and reopen on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:30am. It will have limited hours January 3-11, 8:30am. – 5pm. Regular hours will resume on January 14. Regular hours:

Monday – Thursday - 8:30am – 6pm.

Friday - 8:30am. – 5pm.

The College Library will be open Monday-Thursday, December 17-20 from 8:30am. – 5pm. The College Library will be closed December 21 – January 2, reopening on Thursday, January 3 through January 11 from 8:30am. – 5pm. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 14.

Monday – Thursday - 8am. – 7pm.

Friday - 8am. – 5pm.

SOLSTICE FROM PG. 1A

dles that reference the same celestial event in differing cultural perspectives. The universal message, however, is clear; the trail toward

summer is about to be broken in.

Though there is lots of great outdoor fun to come during the beautiful northern Michigan winter ahead, we can take some solace in the solstice as it brings summer seems a little closer.

The world looks a little

NCMC installs wastewater treatment plant

North Central Michigan College recently installed a small-scale waste-water treatment unit in the residence hall on the Petoskey campus. Working in partnership with SludgeHammer Group, Ltd., and the Little Traverse Bay Protection & Restoration Fund of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, this demonstration unit, which uses biological technology to treat wastewater onsite, will reduce North Central's impact on Petoskey's municipal wastewater treatment facility by "pre-cleaning" the sewage discharged from campus. In fact, it's believed that tests will demonstrate that the discharge water from the demonstration unit may ultimately be used for numerous non-potable applications at the college.

In addition, three North Central professors, Dr. Davina Gutierrez, Ben Crockett and Dr. Jeff Lockridge will create water resource awareness and stewardship modules in at least three college science courses, and a portable educational tool for use in K-12 schools.

According to Dr. Gutierrez, the wastewater treatment unit has already enhanced the microbiology

experience for her students as they applied multiple principles learned throughout the semester to the design and workings for the unit during their installation tour. They also discussed the potential benefits of installing a unit in various contaminated sites.

"Access to this demonstration unit will positively impact the quality of future biology courses as students will have the opportunity to culture water samples throughout the treatment process," states Dr. Gutierrez.

"This collaboration at North Central will allow our students to see firsthand how locally-developed science and technology can make our Great Lakes region a leader in water quality, sustainability and innovation. It also demonstrates the commitment our College has made to building an environmentally responsible campus that will inspire our area's citizens and protect our unique ecological heritage," states Ben Crockett, professor of Human Biology.

"The SludgeHammer wastewater treatment unit has the potential to be a game-changer in the industry," states Dr. David

Roland Finley, president of North Central. "The implementation of this demonstration project at North Central provides tremendous opportunity for students and is a great example of community partnerships in bringing this installation to reality. Students will benefit by seeing the very latest in cutting-edge technology in this field, and curricula can be developed related to this project that will provide access to in-demand jobs for the 21st century."

Dr. Finley continues, "Much of the focus around sustainability has been on energy consumption, food production and recycling. Minimizing human impact to the environmental water cycle is an obvious next step in the sustainability push. This area has not received significant focus to date, but it has the potential for tremendous impact."

Dr. Jeffrey Lockridge, professor of Earth Science at North Central, integrated the SludgeHammer tank installation into his water resources module for his Environmental Geology class this semester. He used photos that he took during the tank installation to initiate a discussion in emerging technologies in water

resource conservation.

"I have found that students rarely give consideration to what happens to wastewater once it goes down the drain or the toilet," states Dr. Lockridge. "Given the fact that much of our wastewater treatment technology has been the same for decades, new technologies like SludgeHammer could help reduce the burden on existing wastewater treatment infrastructure as population and population density increase in the future."

"When discussing environmental problems," adds Dr. Lockridge, "the mood can sometimes get to be a bit 'doom and gloom' in the classroom, so it is always exciting and refreshing for my students to see how emerging technologies are helping us to address many of the environmental challenges we face today. They can see that there is always hope for the future and that they can be part of these solutions!"

For more information about this program, contact Dr. Peter Olson, vice president of Academic Affairs and Student Success, at polson@ncmich.edu or 231-348-6660.

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Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



You're a cancer survivor: Now what?

The National Cancer Institute says that in 2016, 15.5 million adult Americans were alive after a diagnosis of cancer. That number will hit 20.3 million by 2026. And a report from the Institutes of Medicine, "From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor: Lost in Transition," found that while 62 percent of cancer survivors had their cancer diagnosed within the previous 10 years, 19 percent of female

cancer survivors were diagnosed 20 or more years ago. Eight percent of male cancer survivors were diagnosed that long ago.

Clearly, there are a lot of folks dealing with the physical and emotional repercussions of cancer diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. If that's you or a loved one, it's vital that the emotional toll it can take is addressed and managed, just like you manage ongoing medical care by getting regular exams/screenings to check for recurrence or another health issue.

You do that, right? Unfortunately, you don't all attend

to the ongoing medical supervision that's so essential to head off any developing problems or recurrence. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center found that one year after surgery for breast cancer, 13 percent of the women had not had a follow-up mammogram. After five years, only 50 percent of the women had had at least one mammogram each year.

What everyone needs to understand is that challenges to your emotional well-being also challenge your physical health. Stress fuels inflammation, immune system problems and heart disease, and may make you reluctant to get those follow-ups.

It's estimated that up to 58 percent of cancer survivors deal with depression and up to 23 percent experience bouts of anxiety. According to a 2014 study by researchers from Wake Forest School of Medicine, "Cancer diagnosis and treatment may be accompanied by profound physical,

emotional, social, occupational and financial stressors, as well as associated increases in anxiety and depressive symptoms."

Many folks also contend with what the Harvard Mental Health Letter calls the "Damocles syndrome": Like a sword hanging over your head, you may worry about recurrence. That makes every checkup scary, and every insignificant skin bump or gurgle in your gut seem like a bad sign of something.

That's why it's important to embrace the following three ways to help you make surviving a time for thriving:

1. Upgrade your lifestyle habits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends you stay away from tobacco (including second- and third-hand smoke); limit alcohol intake, eat lots of fruits and vegetables; maintain a healthy weight; and be physically active.
2. Stay in touch with your docs and get all recommended

follow-up and screening tests.

3. Practice stress-management techniques like meditation, guided imagery or deep breathing, etc., at least once a day. Consider group or individual talk therapy.

There are patient- and counselor-led groups at medical centers, such as the Cleveland Clinic's 4th Angel Mentoring Program, an initiative begun by figure-skating champion and cancer survivor Scott Hamilton, to provide patients with free, confidential, one-on-one advice and support from a trained volunteer. Online, CancerCare.org offers support groups led by oncological social workers, with "Caring for a Loved One Who Is Post-Treatment Support Group"; "Post-Treatment Survivorship Support Group"; and "Young Adult Post-Treatment Survivorship Support Group." Some institutions, such as the Penn State Cancer Center, also recommend creative writing or art classes to

help you express your feelings.

There also are adjunct activities that help ease emotional distress, like a reflection program (many cancer centers have setups) where you can experience reiki, reflexology, oncology massage, plus facials and makeup lessons to help deal with appearance-related side effects of treatments. In addition, some hospitals offer shared medical appointments for patients after breast, prostate and other cancers (these are covered by almost all insurance programs). In six or seven sessions, you'll learn survivorship behaviors.

Programs like this exist all throughout the U.S. and Canada, but you have to ask about them. Take advantage, survivors!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MICHIGAN WELFARE UPDATE

To the Editor,
In-depth brief on economic meltdown, contrasted with feel-good recovery propaganda, reveals dark underside to prosperity v. poverty. Like Barbara Ehrenreich in Nickel and Dimed, going undercover for R&D is advantageous though now internet research is a boon to investigation. The State of Michigan with some ten million residents is reported to be at a poverty rate of 15% though surveys vary greatly depending on focus and locale.

The primary indicator is the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, if accurate records were obtained. They are not accurately available. This is soon substantiated by delving into the process and procedure of that which is labeled MI Bridges with subtitle Helping you every step of the way.

This is a false declaration. A glance at grocery store displays of "Homeless Student" collection boxes of foodstuffs and packaged bags for purchase by beneficiary shoppers tells a quite different tale. Variation in income levels is tantamount to Victorian Era discrepancy, Great Depression statistics, and constantly rearranged Recession economics. Since the mid-70s the inflation index has consistently devalued everything from income to property, cost-of-living to cost-benefit effects whereas wealth and poverty gaps continue to widen until 2018 the division looms as if an Economic Continental Divide. One Atlantic writer reckoned the percentages at top .1%, 9.9%, 90%, elite, well-paid, the rest of us respectively. Within each division there are subdivisions but overall this ratio tends to be borne out in statistical analyses and government programs intending

to alleviate some of the gap.

It doesn't take much insight to realize that fire, flood and wind are wreaking havoc on the world and that stability of all sorts is threatened. The status quo nonetheless stabilizes due to rhetorical nuances of life-as-usual with its Better Homes and Gardens, entertainment quotient distributed as normal fare that all partake of. Most government offices contain bins and stacks of paperwork ostensibly guiding applicants for assistance to various agencies claiming to offer help of various kinds. Research concludes that three-quarters of these are erroneous or effectually nonexistent. Government offices themselves have elected to automate over the course of many decades, now effected mostly by website internet connection, which indeed applicants and recipients are advised to connect to regardless whether these connections are viable. Many of those seeking assistance do not have the ability to maintain more than

the modicum of motivity, living address and phone, vehicle, cell phone, computer being elusive commodities.

Social Security, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, EBT food assistance are mainstays for the percentage of populace thereby covered for living expenses but not covering heating costs, cable, phone, transportation, property taxes, home insurance or the supposed emergency dollars on hand to cover the unforeseen, \$400 being the imaginary amount never materialized. News releases tell of a majority falling short each month on necessities, somewhat verified by the proliferation of "Payday Loans" at convenience stores. That if utilized only subtracts from the monthly intake by interest fees but wouldn't be advertised were there not takers each week.

Into this comes the State Emergency Relief program so-called by the DHHS touting the Helping you... slogan. This is less than a misnomer; this is

an outright lie. Disguised as prevarication, technical problems and inexperienced hirings, this anti-program is but paperwork, telephone recordings and internet communications designed to do nothing but stall, deceive and reroute applicants and recipients to disappointed dead letter exasperation and resignation. True, these programs are offered willingly to those considered needy but without fulfillment are empty, devoid of what is promised, blank responses to poignant requests proffered. State resources must justify official-to-applicant communications by providing proof of active implementation of assistance advertised and duly registered via recordkeeping, no final consummation being sought nor furthered. At present this impasse is unrecorded and unchallenged but plausibly would be an item of agenda if and when higher authorities become aware of the offset in intention with lack of follow through. For the present the

SER as it's known is defunct, not admitted by State workers but acknowledged in non-receipt and in most cases non-reply. Busy signals, technical failures, runaround tactics are the norm, meaning that there is no reasonable summation other than avoidance by State.

Meanwhile, benevolent organizations such as churches take up some of the slack but the more-established agencies like Salvation Army now work with the DHHS to supplement that which is proffered but may or may not be forthcoming, the latter seemingly most likely though further research would be needed to ascertain this. Utility companies do not as a rule offer help but do allow some leeway for winter billing, the old "child in the home" myth being just that. Heat and light will be disconnected for nonpayment regardless children present. This is a brief analysis at best but factual.

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Shoppers looking for a good deal this holiday season should also be aware of increasingly aggressive and creative scams designed by criminals to steal money and personal information. Courtesy image

Study finds drivers are more aggressive during the holidays

It's no surprise that the holiday season is the most stressful time of the year. With the extra errands and traveling the holidays call for, a lot of that jingle-bell stress is transferred to the roads by the way consumers drive. In fact, GasBuddy, the only smartphone app connecting drivers with their Perfect Pit Stop, data shows that consumers driving habits are 175 percent more "aggressive" during the holidays compared to the rest of the year.

GasBuddy examined millions of Drives data in the U.S. during the Thanksgiving holiday week defined as Nov 21 - 25, 2018, noting the frequency of aggressive events while driving: quick accelerating, hard braking, and speeding. Georgia topped the list of the 10 states with the most aggressive holiday drivers, Michigan ranked at number 13. A full list is available at business.gasbuddy.com.

The data also revealed that aggressive driving habits occur most during

the beginning of the season, with more instances happening during the drive to the holiday destination versus the return from. The actual holiday day — in this case, Thanksgiving — is when it is the calmest behind the wheel, followed by Black Friday.

"As we head into December, motorists shouldn't let the stress of the season negatively impact the way they drive. Not only is aggressive driving dangerous but it is the quickest way to lower gas mileage by as much as 40 percent," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analyst at GasBuddy. "The holidays should be the most wonderful time of the year, not the most costly at the pump."

The findings were compiled using data from GasBuddy's Drives feature that provides motorists with an assessment of their driving habits during their trip in an effort to improve fuel efficiency, mapping out when and where a poor driving habit occurred.



2018 HOLIDAY DRIVING HABITS IN THE U.S.



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TRAILWAY FROM PG. 1A

construction of parking areas at both trailheads as well as two other parking areas where the trailway will cross Dam Road and also where it runs through property near Boyne Falls School.

While spearheaded by the Boyne Valley Trailway committee, the \$2 million project has been a collaborative effort among numerous local entities that have been working together to make it a reality for some 20 years in countless ways, from raising funds to gaining easement rights and

more. Funding and other support have been provided by officials at Boyne Valley Township, Boyne Mountain Resort, the Village of Boyne Falls, Boyne Falls Public School and the Top of Michigan Trails Council as well as the City of Boyne City, which is also offering its fiscal administrative services to oversee the grant funding process for the project.

For more information about the soon-to-be-constructed Boyne Valley Trailway, go to: www.boynevalleytrailway.org/boynevalleytrailway.org/Welcome.html

'Tis the Season for Holiday Scams

Shoppers looking for a good deal this holiday season should also be aware of increasingly aggressive and creative scams designed by criminals to steal money and personal information. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) (<https://www.ic3.gov>), Michigan ranked sixteenth in the number of alleged scam victims reported in 2017, with 6400 consumers claiming a total loss of over \$25 million. This year, the FBI Detroit Division wants local shoppers to be extra vigilant of the following schemes and red flags.

Online Shopping Scams: If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Steer clear of unfamiliar sites offering unrealistic discounts on brand name merchandise or gift cards as an incentive to purchase a product, as you may end up paying for an item, giving away personal information, and receive nothing in return except a compromised identity. In addition, do not open any unsolicited e-mails or click on the links provided. Before shopping online, secure all bank and credit accounts with strong and different passwords. The same should be done for airline and rewards accounts, because the emergence of these offerings has led to an increase in the demand for and resale value of stolen information.

Social Media Scams: Beware of posts on social media sites that appear to offer vouchers or gift cards, even if it appears the offer was shared by an online friend. Some may pose as holiday promotions or contests that lead to participation in an online survey designed to steal personal

information. In addition, do not post photos of event tickets on social media sites as fraudsters can use the barcode to recreate tickets for resale.

Smartphone App Scams: Some apps, often disguised as games and offered for free, may be designed to steal personal information from your device. Before downloading an app from an unknown source, look for third-party reviews and be mindful that alternative app marketplaces can potentially include stolen content and compromised. Versions of otherwise trustworthy applications.

Work-From-Home Scams: Beware of postings offering work that can be done from the comfort of home, as these opportunities may have unscrupulous motivations behind them. Take caution when money is required up front for instructions or products, or when a job post claims "no experience necessary." Carefully research individuals or companies before providing them with personal information and never provide personal information when first interacting with a potential employer.

Gift Card Scams: Be careful if someone asks you to purchase gift cards for them. Victims receive either a spoofed email, a spoofed phone call or a spoofed text from a person in authority requesting the victim purchase multiple gift cards for either personal or business reason. The gift cards may be used to facilitate the purchase of goods and services which may or may not be legitimate.

Charity Scams: Fraudulent charity scams, where perpetrators set up false charities and profit from in-

dividuals who believe they are making donations to legitimate charitable organizations, are not just for significant events like natural disasters or man-made tragedies. Charity fraud also increases during the holiday season when individuals seek end-of-year tax deductible gifts or are reminded of those less fortunate and wish to contribute to a good cause. Charity scam solicitations may come in the form of cold calls, e-mail campaigns, crowdfunding platforms – soliciting money from many people usually over the

Protect Yourself: Here are some additional steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud this holiday season:

- Check bank and credit card statements routinely, including immediately after making an online purchase and weeks following the holiday season.
- Only purchase merchandise from a reputable source.
- Don't trust a website to be secure just because it claims to be.
- Beware of purchases or services that require you to pay with a gift card.
- Do not respond to spam e-mails or click on links contained within them.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in e-mails that ask for personal information.
- Be cautious of all e-mail attachments and scan them for viruses before opening.
- Verify requests for personal information from businesses or financial institutions by contacting them using the main contact information on their official website.
- Secure your credit card

and reward accounts with strong passwords. Change passwords and check your account routinely.

- Be cautious when replying to unsolicited e-mails for work-at-home employment.

- Be cautious of exaggerated claims of possible earnings or profits.

- Beware when money is required up front for instructions or products for employment.

- Be cautious when dealing with individuals outside of your own country.

- Only donate to charities you know and trust; legitimate charities do not solicit donations via money transfer services or ask for donations via gift cards.

- Make contributions directly and pay via credit card or check.

- Beware of organizations with copycat names similar to reputable charities; most legitimate charity websites use .org (NOT .com)

- Follow the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) tips for online charity research (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/how-donate-wisely-and-avoid-charity-scams>)

How to report fraud: Consumers who suspect they've been victimized should immediately contact their financial institution and then law enforcement. They are also encouraged to file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (<https://www.ic3.gov>) regional office for more information lost, and provide all relevant information regarding the complaint.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, November 26, 2018

- 1024 Scam phone call reported.
- 1049 Retail fraud complaint from the 100 block of E Water St
- 1355 Assist DPW on Jefferson St.
- 1436 Arrest subject for the retail fraud on E Water St
- 1705 911 hang up from the 700 block of Wenonah St.
- 1736 PR at basketball game.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

- 0803 Found debit card

turned in to PD. Returned to owner.

- 1028 Driving complaint from the 100 block of W Cedar St
- 1341 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of First St
- 1549 Suspicious subject at W. Michigan Av and John St.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

- 1217 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park.
- 1233 Civil issues in the 500

block of N Lake St

- 1413 Report of disabled vehicle partially in road at Lake and Main. Gone on arrival.
- 1434 Request for vehicle unlock in the 400 block of S Park St.
- 1601 Assist Sheriff Department with vehicle pursuit, ended on Addis near Drury Lane.
- 1629 Assist EMS in the 500 block of State St.
- 2343 Alarm activation in the 300 block of E Water St

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- 0243 Report of suspicious situation in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
- 1812 Assist Sheriff Dept. in locating Runaway.
- 2101 Assist Sheriff Dept., Fire and EMS on M 75 N near Jensen Rd
- 2358 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Clarion Rd.

Friday, November 30, 2018

- 0804 Suspicious situation in

the 1200 block of Boyne Av

- 0823 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of Brockway.
- 1655 Salvage vehicle inspection
- 1739 Motorist assist at Water St. and East St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

- 1238 Assist EMS on River Ridge Ln.
- 1502 Suspicious situation reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1707 Found property

turned in PD from E. Pine St.

- 1852 Intoxicated subject at Boyne Ave. and E. Main St.
- 2156 Request for welfare check in the 200 block of S East St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

- 0807 Threats complaint in the 200 block of E Water St.
- 0910 Citation issued for running red light
- 0949 Alarm in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 2355 Domestic Disturbance on Marshall Rd

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Char-Em United Way introduces new CEO

Char-Em United Way has announced that Anora O'Connor will be the agency's new CEO. She will direct United Way's activities in the Charlevoix and Emmet County region.

"We are excited to have Anora on board," says Bruce Herard, President of United Way's Board of Directors. "She brings a new skill set with fresh energy and passion. With her leadership experience and community involvement, we look forward to seeing growth in how the United Way impacts our community."

O'Connor was previously the General Manager at Castle Farms. She has a Bachelor's degree in Management & Organizational Development from Spring Arbor University. Anora served on the United Way board for three years and co-created and chaired the Toast to Literacy event which helps to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Anora started on Wednesday, December 5, replacing Lorraine Manary who has served as CEO since June of 2013. "I am so happy the Board of Directors was able to bring on Anora so quickly. We've worked together on events supporting the Imagination Library and I've always been impressed with her work and dedication. Anora's energy & drive are sure to take Char-Em United Way forward in positive and meaningful ways," said Lorraine when the board told her the CEO position was filled. "I wish her, the Board of Directors and Char-Em United Way all the best."

"I am honored and thrilled to join Char-Em United Way in this capacity," Anora says. "My heart feels so full as I get to live my purpose through an outstanding organization while serving our area. I worked with Lorraine while I was on the board and am proud of the fabulous job she's done! I look forward to expanding on what's she's accomplished. I can't wait to meet our donors and begin creating relation-



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ships within the service community."

Char-Em United Way works to meet the community's needs for effective Education, Income and Health programs by providing funding and other support to many local health and human service agencies. United Way also has taken the lead on initiatives and programs such as the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the Business Resource Network.

United Way donors, funded partners and other supporters are invited to meet Anora and the United Way staff Rebeca, Debi, and Matt, during the traveling meet and greets coming up. Details will be available at www.charemunitedway.org, www.facebook.com/charemunitedway, 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org or anora@charemunitedway.org.



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