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Boyne City opts out of allowing marijuana businesses in the city limits

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - After weeks of consideration, officials in Boyne City have finally fallen in line with most every other community in Charlevoix County and voted to "opt-out" of allowing recreational marijuana-related businesses to open and operate within the city limits.

The Boyne City Commission last week voted 4-1 in favor of an ordinance to prohibit recreational marijuana businesses from opening in the city, at least until state law regulating marijuana usage becomes clearer.

Boyne City commissioner



Boyne City commission members (seated left to right) Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor pro-tem Ron Grunch, (back row, left to right) commissioners Hugh Conklin, Sally Page and Dean Solomon.

Sally Page voted against the measure, likely becoming one of the only area officials to do so in recent weeks as

other municipal entities have moved unanimously to officially "opt-out" of allowing recreational marijuana

businesses to operate in their jurisdictions.

Officials in Charlevoix and East Jordan passed ordinances earlier this year to opt-out of allowing such businesses to open or operate in their cities as well.

But all municipalities, including Boyne City, which passed an opt-out ordinance, did so contingent on state law clarification regarding recreational marijuana businesses and noting the ordinance could be reversed or appropriately amended when the law becomes clearer.

Cities and other entities throughout the state have been struggling with this issue since voters passed Proposal 1 legalizing recre-

ational marijuana last November, and they eventually stand to make thousands in tax revenue annually by allowing recreational marijuana businesses to become established in their communities.

City Manager of Boyne City Michael Cain along with city planning director Scott McPherson and police chief Jeff Gaither all recommended city commissioners vote in favor of opting-out of allowing recreational marijuana businesses to open-at least for the time being. The three agreed the existing state law regulating the issue is currently so

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38th annual "Sno-Blast" festival February 22-24

BY JIM AKANS

There's an exhilarating "Sno-Blast" coming to East Jordan. Starting on Friday, January 22 and continuing on Saturday and Sunday, East Jordan will be hosting its 38th annual Sno-Blast. The winter festival will feature wonderful snow sculptures around town, an always fascinating classic and antique snowmobile show, Snowmobile Safari Ride, Radar Runs, the crowing of the "Belle of the Blizzard" and "Winter Knight," the "Blessing of the Sleds," a Euchre Tournament, an ORV Obstacle Course and more.

Families will enjoy the Grand Story Hour at Books N' Things and a Family



Don't miss the Bean Pot at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club. Courtesy photo



Beautiful snow sculptures around town are a tradition at the East Jordan Sno-Blast. Courtesy photo

Movie, Christopher Robin, at the East Jordan Civic Center on Saturday. At new event at Sno-Blast this year is the TNT "Ride Like a Girl to Save the Girls Bikini Radar Run" also taking place on Saturday.

The Sno-Blast Coloring Contest will return this year, open to kids up to age 11, with prizes being

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Vintage snowmobiles will be on display on Saturday at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, located on Mt. Bliss Rd. Courtesy photo

Seems like a lot of snow, but nowhere near record

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - While it certainly looks and feels like the snowfall totals in Charlevoix County so far this season surely have set some sort of record, the truth is those totals are actually a bit lower than the normal expected seasonal totals by this time of year.

Meteorologist Jeff Lutz, a general forecaster with the National Weather Service in Gaylord, said most all communities in Charlevoix County have seen lower snowfall totals so far this season than expected by this date. As of February 18, the city of Charlevoix has already seen 74.9 inches of snow this season whereas the normal amount the city usually sees by February 19 is 91.1 inches. Record snowfall in Charlevoix stands at 172.5 inches, which occurred during the 1996-97 winter

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weather

THURSDAY



HIGH: 30
LOW: 20

FRIDAY



HIGH: 33
LOW: 22

SATURDAY



HIGH: 39
LOW: 33

snowfall

2016-17	AMT"	CITY	2017-18	AMT"	CITY	2018-19	AMT"	CITY
2/20/17	44.6	ATLANTA	2/19/18	26.2	ATLANTA	2/18/19	50.9	ATLANTA
2/20/17	94.4	BOYNE FALLS	2/19/18	83.5	BOYNE FALLS	2/18/19	88	BOYNE FALLS
2/20/17	50.3	CHARLEVOIX	2/19/18	79.9	CHARLEVOIX	2/18/19	74.9	CHARLEVOIX
2/20/17	59	CHEBOYGAN	2/19/18	53.7	CHEBOYGAN	2/18/19	68.4	CHEBOYGAN
2/20/17	98.1	EAST JORDAN	2/19/18	116.8	EAST JORDAN	2/18/19	109.8	EAST JORDAN
2/20/17	155.2	GAYLORD	2/19/18	97.8	GAYLORD	2/18/19	118.7	GAYLORD
2/20/17	121.2	KALKASKA	2/19/18	86	KALKASKA	2/18/19	89.7	KALKASKA
2/20/17	46.1	LEWISTON	2/19/18	36.5	LEWISTON	2/18/19	56.5	LEWISTON
2/20/17	44.2	MIO	2/19/18	25.4	MIO	2/18/19	51.3	MIO
2/20/17	61.3	ONAWAY	2/19/18	56	ONAWAY	2/18/19	76.2	ONAWAY
2/20/17	100.5	PETOSKEY	2/19/18	99.7	PETOSKEY	2/18/19	121.1	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
FEB 21	12°	33°	20°	(1978)	52°	(1983)
FEB 22	13°	34°	24°	(1963)	57°	(2000)
FEB 23	13°	34°	20°	(1962)	57°	(1984)
FEB 24	13°	34°	24°	(1963)	55°	(2000)
FEB 25	13°	34°	20°	(1962)	57°	(1984)
FEB 26	13°	35°	20°	(1963)	55°	(1976)
FEB 27	14°	35°	16°	(1994)	62°	(2000)
FEB 28	14°	36°	17°	(1963)	55°	(1998)

Reta Mae Skop, 85

(APRIL 10, 1933 - FEB. 16, 2019)



Reta Mae (Urman) Skop of Boyne City passed away February 16, 2019. Reta was born on April 10, 1933 in Boyne City, the daughter of George Sr. and Helen (Hilderbrant) Urman. She grew up in Boyne City and graduated in 1951. On February 11, 1956, Reta married her sweetheart, Raymond Skop. Together they raised their three children. They spent sixty-one wonderful years together before Ray passed away on March 24, 2017.

Reta loved being outside working in the yard and enjoying the sun, traveling, watching her husband, children, and grandchildren play sports, spending time at the beach with her family, and shopping. Later in life Reta enjoyed golfing and walking the sandy beaches of the UP searching for stones.

Reta is survived by her 3 children, Michael (Deanna) Skop of East Jordan, Diane Fiel of Boyne City, and John Skop of East Jordan; 10 grandchildren, Kari Skop,

Ashley Skop, Morgan Skop, Ryan (Sonja) Fiel, Rene Fiel, Roslyn (Alvin) Sitkiewicz, Reggie Fiel, Nathan (Lindsey) Skop, Stefanie Skop, and Jessica (Phil) Peterson; 10 great grandchildren, Kinley, Bristol, Laken, Mylee, Wyatt, Lilyana, Everly, Emmie, Mason and Harper.

Reta was preceded in death by her parents; husband Raymond; sisters Anna Kent, Dorothy Hudson, Jeannette Lockman; brothers Jack, George and Charles Urman; and daughter-in-law Angela Skop.

A funeral Mass will be held at the St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City on Thursday, February 21st at 11:00 am with viewing at 10:00 am. The family will receive friends at the church on Wednesday, February 20th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm with the Rosary being recited at 6:00 pm.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hospice of Northern Michigan.

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

Virginia L. Maltby, 83

(JULY 31, 1935 - FEB. 10, 2019)

Virginia L. Maltby of Boyne Falls passed away Sunday, February 10, 2019 at McLaren Northern Michigan. Born on July 31, 1935 in Kirkville, Mississippi, she was the daughter of Henry and Edna Harrison.

Virginia proudly worked at Greenfield Village as a Historical Interpreter for 15 years. She truly enjoyed her

job and took much pride in it. She enjoyed traveling and visiting friends and family with Larry.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Larry; her son, Ken (Sue) Maltby of Milan; and her brother, Bob (Faye) Harrison of Jackson, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Mark and her sister, Joy Mears.

The family has chosen to remember her privately.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Gloria M. (Shaw) Timmons, 90

(APRIL 12, 1928 - FEB. 18, 2019)



Gloria M. Timmons of East Jordan died Monday, February 18, 2019, at Culver Meadows Adult Foster Care Home in Traverse City.

Gloria was born on April 12, 1928, in East Jordan, the daughter of Darus and Ellen (Nowland) Shaw. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1947.

On October 30, 1947, in Charlevoix, she married Dewey J. Laisure. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1990. She married Donald Timmons on October 16, 1993, in East Jordan. He preceded her in death on April 4, 2007.

Gloria was an Avon Representative in East Jordan for 50 years. She enjoyed gardening and bird watching.

She is survived by two sons, Preston (Mary) Laisure of East Jordan and Donald (Laura) Laisure of Kingsley; four granddaughters, Lucretia, Jasmine, Rose and Daria Laisure; three grandsons, Robert, Johnathan and Darus Laisure; and three great grandchildren, Richard, Martin and Clara.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the Pen-

zian Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. Daniel Swank of the Bethel Baptist Church in East Jordan will officiate. Interment in the spring will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Feb. 21 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzian Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the Bethel Baptist Church, 812 Ontario Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

Susan Gail Sherman, 75

(NOV. 2, 1943 - FEB. 9, 2019)



Born November 2, 1943, passed February 9, 2019 after a five year battle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome.

Susan was born the second of four children to Theo and Anna Jeffery. Growing up in East Jordan spending Saturdays watching Roy Rogers movies, Susan dreamed of marrying a cowboy someday. Little did she know that her dream would come true when she married the love of her life Robert Sherman. Bob and Susan were married 55 years, sharing the hobby of raising and showing Quarter Horses. Their home was filled with the enjoyment of meals with their loved ones, laughter, and storytelling.

Mom loved baking, gardening, picking (aka: thrift shopping) and doting on her grandchildren.

The sorrow of her loss could fill a thousand pages but the love she gave could fill a million more.

She will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother and Aunt.

Susan is survived by her husband Robert, their son Bob (Amy), daughter Laurie (Ralph Kooistra), daughter Jennifer Boyer (Derek), grandchildren Bobby and Julia Sherman, Elizabeth and Christina Kooistra, and Isadora and Griffin Boyer; brother Ted Jeffery (Toni), sister Barbara Rebec (Martin), sister Kim Diller (Calvin), and numerous cherished nieces and

nephews. She was preceded in death by her sweet nephew Teddy Jeffery.

A celebration of her life was held Saturday Feb 16 at the East Jordan Presbyterian Church. Please consider donations to the East Jordan Presbyterian or Methodist Church.

John D. Friedly, 76

(MAY 12, 1942 - FEB. 14, 2019)



On February 14, 2019, John D. Friedly passed away at Munson Medical Center after a short bout with cancer, his two children at his side.

John was born on May 12, 1942, in Pontiac, Michigan, the second child of John and Helen (Workinger) Friedly. John graduated from Waterford High School in 1960 and received his B.S. in Business from Oakland University in 1966.

On February 3, 1967, John married Marilyn K. Friedly of Utica, Michigan. Later that year, John was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a cable splicer for one year, returning in July of 1969, having earned various medals and awards including the Bronze Star.

From 1969 to 1974, John and Marilyn lived in Grand Blanc, Michigan, where John worked for IBM. During this time, they visited and fell in love with the town of Charlevoix, Michigan. In 1974, John and Marilyn moved to Charlevoix, eventually landing their young family in a small home on Belvedere Avenue, which they lovingly restored.

John co-founded the computer consulting company, Systems Management, Inc., where he and a small staff worked to bring hospitals and many Northern Michigan businesses into the computer age with hardware and software installations. John finished his career with his own consulting company, Friedly & Associates.

Over the years, John helped to shape Charlevoix

and preserve its character by serving on the Planning Commission and participating briefly on the board of Northwest Michigan Academy, now Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts. John was particularly active in his local sailing community. He was a long-time member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, serving many years as their treasurer. John cruised the Great Lakes and North Channel with his family and actively sailed in both Harbor Springs and Charlevoix, in countless weekday races and weekend regattas as well as several Chicago and Port Huron to Mackinac races. John was a member of his most recent crew for over 15 years. He was most proud of his time and efforts on behalf of Sail Charlevoix (Lake Charlevoix Mariners, Inc.), an adult and junior learn-to-sail program where he served as a board member and treasurer for many years.

John is preceded in death by both of his parents, his wife of 21 years, Marilyn, in 1988, and his sister, Shirley A. Friedly, in June of this past year. He is survived by his twin brothers, Richard and David Friedly, son (Jonathan) Webster Friedly (Cara Mulder), his daughter Megan (Friedly) Cassada (Josh Cassada), and his four favorite people, his grandchildren, Sydney and Sailor Friedly and Quinn and Graham Cassada, for whom he made countless root beer floats during many visits throughout the year. John was a great friend to many, and he will be greatly missed.

An informal memorial gathering will take place on Saturday, February 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, John and his family would be grateful to have donations directed to the Sail Charlevoix program to support their acquisition of new sailboats that will serve the important purpose of carrying on John's sailing legacy for many years to come. Please use <https://www.sailcharlevoix.org/support-us> and comment "in honor of John Friedly."

Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

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Tips for increasing winter activity

It is cold out, but that doesn't mean we can decrease the amount of exercise we need to stay healthy. Michigan State University Extension suggests following USDA guidelines when starting a physical activity program. Winter presents challenges with cold weather and snow in abundance. What can we do to keep up an exercise program?

If you are an outdoor person, there are many winter sports that can be added to your activity program. Snow provides an exercise program even if you are removing it. There is also downhill and cross country skiing. These are a couple of very active sports, but there are many more. If you walk in the summer most of the time you can walk in the winter. It may take a bit

more effort to dress for the weather, but it can be done without extra cost. Encourage your family to exercise with you, like building a snowman, ice skating or sledding as a fun activity.

Winter is not a time to stay sedentary. It may be harder to be active outside, but it is still important to stay active in some way. It is not always about burning calories, but physical activity, or exercise of some sort, keeps your joints moving, increases oxygen flow and gives you more energy.

Here are some ideas for indoor exercise just to stay moving in the winter: ride a stationary bike, zumba, dance, walking in place or use a walking video. If you're watching TV, exercise during commercials, they are four minutes each. House hold work can also

count vacuuming, stand when folding clothes and mopping the floor. Whatever your activity may be, stay on track and set goals to increase activity.

You can also check with your doctor to make sure you are able to add heavy lifting or breathing in cold air when outside in the winter. Becoming physically active is good for you, but make sure your body can handle the extra strain that outdoor winter activity can create.

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Pre-St. Patrick's event supports vital community services

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) is hosting a pre-St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser to offer a break from the long winter with Irish-themed merriment, live and silent auctions, as well as an array of appetizers and desserts. The event raises needed dollars for WRCNM services and will take place at the Inn at Bay Harbor's Sagamore Room from 5:30 to 9pm, Thursday, March 14.

The silent and live auctions feature a variety of unique items donated by area businesses and community members with the silent auction beginning at 5:30pm,

and the live auction beginning at 7pm. A few of the auction items include a tandem skydive from Skydive Harbor Springs/Charlevoix, a 5-course dinner with wine and your choice French, Italian or Korean cuisine, a Little Traverse Bay sail for four on "Brilliant" an Ensign sailboat with Captain Jan Mancinelli, and a 'sip and carve' for four with Chef Rafina Grove to design a take-home appetizer platter.

Raffle tickets will be available at the fundraiser for a custom paddle board handcrafted of 60-year-old mahogany by Little Bay Boards and Petoskey High School Building Trades students.

Raffle tickets are \$100 with a limit of 100 tickets available; the value of the one-of-a-kind paddle board is \$4,000. The drawing for the paddle board will take place at 1pm, May 23.

WRCNM Executive Director, Gail Kloss explained that dollars raised from both the event and the paddle board raffle are essential to the organization and help support children's educational programming and scholarships, the 24-hour crisis and information line, heat and electricity at the domestic abuse Safe Home and counseling provided at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

"We are lucky to live in such a supportive and generous community," said Kloss. "People come to the St. Patrick's Day event wearing green and ready to celebrate the holiday, welcome spring, revisit with friends and raise dollars so many community members rely on; it's a fun and friendly event and the food is terrific."

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. The Sagamore Room is located in the Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor. Purchase event tickets by calling the WRCNM main office, at (231) 347-0067 or online at www.wrcnm.org.



Raffle tickets for a custom paddle board handcrafted by Little Bay Boards and Petoskey High School Building Trades students will be available at the pre-St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser. Jason Thelen of Little Bay Boards (second from left) is pictured working on the board with a few of the students from the Building Trades class. Courtesy photo

SNO-BLAST

FROM PG. 1A

awarded for the top three participants. A coloring page is available at the Chamber of Commerce or online at www.ejchamber.org.

Downtown businesses will also be holding indoor sidewalk sales on both Friday and Saturday. For more information about Sno-Blast, contact the East Jordan Chamber at 231-536-7351 or visit www.ejchamber.org or check out EastJordanSnoBlast on Facebook.

38th Annual Sno-Blast Schedule of Events

Note: some events are dependent on weather conditions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)
 4:30 - 8 PM; ORV Club Taco Dinner - Enjoy 2 tacos, chips, dessert & beverage. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors & children (10 & under, 1 taco, chips, dessert & drink) Proceeds to benefit ORV safety class.
 5:30 PM; Crowning of Winter Knight & Belle of the Blizzard (@ ORV Taco Supper- Sno- Mobile Club) 2019 Candidates:
 Belle of the Blizzard - Luanne Reed, Misti Fowler and Beth Peterson
 Winter Knight - Tom Reid Jr., Tom "Tinker" Breakey and David Schweer
 6PM; Snowmobile Safari Ride - Leave the Snowmobile Club House and ride thru the Jordan Valley and back for a hot dog roast.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

(East Jordan Sno-Mobil-



Who will be this year's Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight (2018 winners, Lisa Dunson-Richter and Conrad Loucks shown here)? Find out at the crowning event on Friday evening. Courtesy photo

ers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)
 9 AM - 1 PM; Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show
 9 AM - 9:45 AM; ORV Obstacle Course Registration
 10 AM; Blessing of the Sleds & ORV's
 10:30 AM; ORV Obstacle Course - Timed FUN course \$5 per run, door prize drawings. (18 years old and up)
 12 PM; TNT Ride Like A Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run
 (Must be pre-registered - message twisted-princess15@gmail.com)
 10 AM - 3 PM; Concessions and Bean Pot at the Club House
 1 PM - 3 PM; Snowmobile Radar Runs. Pay \$10 and run your sled as many times as you want against the radar machine. Challenge your friends to see who can get the best time. Everyone registered will be entered to win cash prize drawings throughout the event. Riders must be 18 years of age or older.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

(Locations around town)
 11 AM; Grand Story Hour - Family Story Time with Luanne Reed, Refreshments. Location & Sponsor & Location: Books N' Things
 6 PM; Family Movie: Christopher Robin, Rated PG - Free Admission. At the East Jordan Civic Center, Sponsored by City of East Jordan Park & Recreation
 6:30 PM; Sno-Blast Eucyre Tournament - Location: Blue Smoke upper level. Presented by: 2018 Senior Class Parents. \$20 per person, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes. 21 years of age and over. Pre-Registration & info: Claudette Brooks - 231-350-1773 or claudette@michiganofficeways.com. Registration forms also at E.J. Chamber Office

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd)
 7AM - Noon; Sno-Lovers Breakfast "The Works" Pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and Eggs: \$7 Adults, \$5 Kids 10 & under

CONTESTS

- Sno-Sculpture Contest - This year's theme "Wild & Scenic Michigan". Entry is \$5; deadline Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Cash prizes awarded. Get your application at the Chamber Office or at www.ejchamber.org. Sponsored by South Arm Cafe.
 - Vote For Your Favorite Belle & Winter Knight Candidate - Look for the donation cans around town to vote for your favorite Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight with your spare change. Proceeds help to fund the Sno-Blast Festival!
 - Kids Coloring Contest - Kids ages 0 - 11 are welcome to compete in a Sno-Blast Coloring Contest. Sponsored by East Jordan BC Pizza. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. Entries will be displayed at the Sno-Mobilers Club House during Sno-Blast so you can vote on your favorite. Coloring page available at Chamber Office or on line at www.ejchamber.org
 - South Arm ORV Club Raffle - Ticket Price \$20.00 each, Prizes: 1st - 2019 Yamaha Kodiak 450 ATV, 2nd - \$500 Cash, 3rd - \$100 Marathon Gas Card. Tickets available at E.J. Area Chamber of Commerce, T & R Yamaha or from any ORV Club Member. (Only 500 tickets to be sold. Will revert to 50/50 raffle if 400 tickets not sold) Drawing held: February, 24, 2019 at Noon - E.J. Sno-mobilers Clubhouse. License # R50771

BC OPTS OUT

FROM PG. 1A

fuzzy it would be a nearly impossible for city officials to craft a truly comprehensive and effective ordinance governing such businesses. Commissioner Page, however, bucked the trend of city officials voting unanimously to opt-out and cast the single vote against the Boyne City proposal last week. She noted the lack of clarity in state law regulating recreational marijuana businesses and said she had been "struggling" with her decision to vote against opting-out.
 "After much consideration, here is my bottom line:" Page read to her fellow commissioners from a prepared statement, "Mari-

juana is here to stay. It can no more become illegal again than alcohol could have after Prohibition. So how do we accept and deal with that reality?"
 Page added, "I believe too much time is being spent on what has already been decided and I think our time can be better spent preparing for what will be, not what is now. There are far more pressing problems than marijuana. I would place alcohol and opioids at the top of the scale of potentially harmful drugs and marijuana near the bottom. Once retail marijuana becomes a reality, it is almost certain that it will appear as close to town as it can get and we cannot regulate or tax it unless we allow it within the city limits."

SNOWFALL

FROM PG. 1A

season.
 Boyne Falls so far has weathered 88 inches of snow this season, with an average 92.5 inches usually having fallen there by this date. A record-setting 181.8 inches of snow was recorded in Boyne Falls during the 1970-71 winter season.
 East Jordan so far has had 110 inches of snowfall. That is only 10 inches off the highest on record since 2014 as of February 19th.
 But there's a polarizing difference in neighboring Emmet County, where snowfall so far this season is fast accumulating toward record-breaking numbers. Lutz said the amount of snow that has already fallen this winter in Petoskey, for example, has already hit 121.1 inches, an amount recorded at the city's North Central Michigan College. The expected average in Petoskey by this date is 101.3 inches with its seasonal average being 122.8 inches. The city had recorded 98.5 inches of snow by this date last year.
 Petoskey's record snow-

fall hit 207.8 inches during the 2013-14 winter season, an amount recorded at the city's wastewater treatment plant. However, the amount registered during that same season at the college stood markedly lower at 184.8 inches.
 Having such widely varied snowfall amounts recorded within a short distance is not an unusual occurrence in northern Michigan, Lutz noted, adding that all the amounts will undoubtedly be added onto in coming weeks-and even months-and that Petoskey may actually set another snowfall record this season.
 It's not unusual for snow to fall in this area even into May, he added, or blizzards to occur in mid-April, like last year's storm that dropped some 15 inches or more on the area.
 "Anything is possible," he said.
 National Weather Service forecasters are predicting up to 6" of snow could fall due to a system moving into the area Wednesday, February 20-21 and another possible storm bringing freezing rain and more snow this weekend, February 23-24.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, January 28, 2019
 0102 Noise complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
 0600 Assist EMS in the 300 block of Vogel St.
 0817 Disturbance reported in the 200 block of N Lake St
 1132 Assist EMS with attempted OD in the 300 block of E Division St
 1325 Private property hit and run in parking lot off Park St overnight
 1411 911 hang up from the 200 block of Water St.
 1503 Property damage crash on M75 S.
 2146 Found truck in ditch on Lexamar Dr.
 2318 Report of cars in the road on Groveland St. Gone upon arrival

Tuesday, January 29, 2019
 1121 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Lake St.
 1132 Subject fell at Pleasant and Front.
 1239 Private property hit and run in the 300 block of Water St
 1721 Vehicle in the ditch on Front near Division.
 2107 Vehicle parked in the road on Marshall near LacVue.
 2246 Report of a semi in the ditch on Boyne Ave. Gone on arrival.
 2246 Assist motorist at Lake and Groveland.

Wednesday, January 30, 2019
 0120 Suspicious vehicle parked in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
 0623 Report of a vehicle

fire in the 400 block of E Pine.
 0753 Property damage crash at Park and Vogel
 0857 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of E Main St
 0959 Assist EMS in the 800 block of E Main
 0958 Driving complaint on Boyne Av from Fall Park Rd.
 1347 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of N Park St
 1459 Vehicle into snowbank on Pleasant Av near Elm.
 1515 Snow plowing complaint on Bailey St.
 1602 Report of missing cat from N East St.

Thursday, January 31, 2019
 0703 Vehicle in ditch on Addis Rd.
 1203 Vehicle in snowbank at State and Lake. Gone on ar-

rival
 1209 Vehicle in snowbank at Vogel and Lake.
 1212 Vehicle in snowbank at Front and Lake Park Dr.
 1345 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of W. Ann St.
 1736 Assist EMS in the 300 block of Front St.
 1801 Assist EMS in the Industrial Park
 1946 Individual suffering a severe psychiatric episode on Adams St.

Friday, February 1, 2019
 0117 Arrested subject for OWI high BAC and 4 counts of resisting and obstructing on River St
 0942 Assist EMS in the 800 block of E Main St.
 0816 Vehicle unlock in the

600 block of N. East St.
 1412 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of River St
 1759 At the high school on PR for basketball.
 1825 Threats/civil complaint in the 300 block of E Division St. Complaint originated in Emmet County.
 2147 Arrested subject on earlier Emmet Co complaint.

Saturday, February 2, 2019
 0740 Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St
 1026 At the high school on PR for the District Wrestling tournament
 2033 PR at High School.
 2200 PR at High School.
 2302 PR at High School.
 2357 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.

Sunday, February 3, 2019
 0402 Snow removal tow from Water and East.
 0417 Snow removal tow from Lake and Main.
 0435 Snow removal tow from Front and Main.
 0445 Snow removal tow Park and Ray
 1052 Flagged down by subjects to report a friend had sent suicidal message on Facebook. Was located at hospital.
 1556 Assist EMS in the 600 block of E. Main St.
 1900 Assisted Sheriff Dept. on Behling Rd.
 2259 Driving complaint coming in from M-75 N.
 2330 Alarm in the 300 block of Water St

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CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY POOL MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

February 21, 6:30pm, Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Complimentary movie screening, donations accepted. Three donors are matching all donations. Doors open 5:45pm. Movie starts at 6:30pm Cash bar and concessions (Cinema donating 40% of proceeds to the Pool) Complimentary appetizers and desserts in the lobby before the show by Bridge Street Tap Room & Grey Gables Restaurant. Prize giveaway at 6:15pm (must be present to win). Limited to 200 seats. Reserve tickets at CACP, call: 231-547-0982 or stop in. Funds raised will go toward CACP General Operations.

WALLOON LAKE

BOYNE CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

February 21, 5:30pm, Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, 4060 M-75, Suite 102. Business After Hours is the Chamber's monthly business networking event, held at member businesses. There is no charge for admission or refreshments.

EAST JORDAN

38TH ANNUAL SNO- BLAST

February 22-24. This annual event includes Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Blessing of the Sleds, Girls Bikini Radar Run fundraiser, the Annual Rotary Chili Supper, Antique Snowmobile Show, Snowmobile Safari Ride, Euchre Party, Family Games, Softball in the Snow, Sno-Lovers Breakfast and much more. Full schedule at www.ejchamber.org

CHARLEVOIX

7TH ANNUAL DOGMAN CHALLENGE

February 23, Noon at top of the bunny hill at Mt. McSauba. Revolution Bike in Charlevoix is proud to host the 7th Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race with the support of Bick-ersteth Brown & Associates, The City of Charlevoix, and Charlevoix Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.8 mile loop through the trails of Mt. McSauba and North Point Nature Preserve. Prizes awarded. Also fire pits, s'mores and more. For more information or to register for the race, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

CHARLEVOIX

TOAST TO LITERACY MARDI GRAS PARTY

February 23, 7-10pm, Castle Farms. Join us for the party of the year! Live music, silent auction, a fun food competition by local caterers, plus tastings with local breweries, vineyards, & meaderies. Registration includes a commemorative glass and a free drink ticket at check-in. Wear your best Mardi Gras outfit and support childhood literacy in Charlevoix & Emmet Counties. For more information, visit charemunited-way.org/toast or call 231.487.1006. Use promo code CHAMBER to receive \$5 off.

ELLSWORTH

EUCHRE FUN

February 23, 7pm, Banks Township Hall. Refreshments and ice provided (BYOB). Prizes, lots of laughs, meet new people (no partner needed). Sponsored by Ellsworth Lioness Club. Cost,

\$10 per person. Profits used for community projects. For info call; Jan Olach (231) 588-2213.

HARBOR SPRINGS

GLCO SUNDAY SERIES; MOZART MEETS BRASS

February 24, 4-6pm, First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs 7940 Cemetery Rd. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music featuring the Clarinet Quintet in A by Mozart and a Brass Ensemble as well. Free Will donations will be taken at the door. For more information, please contact the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office at (231) 487-0010 or visit www.glcorchestra.org.

BOYNE CITY

PERSONAL TRAGEDIES EXPLORED

February 24, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The Lifetree event, titled "Why, God? When Personal Tragedy Doesn't Make Sense," features an original film depicting the true story of Thomas Vander Woude, who found his son struggling for his life after a backyard accident. According to Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable, "When tragedy strikes, many people question how God could allow such suffering. This Lifetree program addresses this question head-on." This is Potluck Sunday. Bring a dish to share at 5:30pm. 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.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE LOOKS AT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

March 1, 11:30am, NCMC Library Conference Center. On December 6, 2018, the recreational use of marijuana became legal in the State of Michigan, the result of a constitutional amendment approved in November. Medical marijuana has been legal in Michigan since 2008. While marijuana may be used legally in the State of Michigan, it remains illegal under Federal law. What does that mean for our community? Emmet County's chief assistant prosecutor, Stuart Fenton, and Sheriff Pete Wallin will explain. Reservations are required. Individuals registered for January 25 will not be automatically re-registered. Call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$12 (cash or check only – at door) and includes lunch.

EAST JORDAN

EJ PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXTRAVAGANZA

March 2, 5:30-11pm, Castle Farms. Dine, shop and dance at this annual fundraiser for the East Jordan Public Schools. Dress is anything from casual to cocktail party attire. Complimentary Happy Hour from 5:30-6:30 compliments of The Landing. Tickets are \$50 and available at the East Jordan Elementary or Middle/High Schools.

PETOSKEY

NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOME SHOW

March 8 & March 9, North Central Michigan College. With the diverse spread of vendors, you will be hard pressed not to find exactly what you need to get the job done. This years show will heavily focus on workshops and demonstrations. Now in its 43rd year, this is the official home show for the building industry in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Em-

met and Otsego Counties and draws attendees from across the state. Show hours are Friday: 11pm-7pm, Saturday: 9am-5pm. Info at www.hbanm.com

BOYNE CITY

FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS THE RAGBIRDS

March 9, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery, 217 South Lake Street. The Ragbirds have developed a well-deserved reputation as one of the most dynamic, high-spirited live bands in roots music. A genre-bending hybrid of indie-pop melodies, global rhythms and songwriting styles influenced from all over the world. Tickets; \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door, call (231) 582-2588 to reserve.

PETOSKEY

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

March 10, 3-5pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts 800 Bay Harbor Drive. The Vienna Boys Choir has charmed audiences around the globe with rapturous harmonies, purity of tone, delightful repertoire, and charming demeanor. "The angelic voices of this most famous vocal group are ageless" (Salt Lake Tribune). The choir has been synonymous with fine choral music for over 500 years and has collaborated with some of the world's greatest composers, including Mozart and Bruckner. Franz Schubert was himself a chorister. An enchanting evening of music for the entire family! www.viennaboyschoir.net. Tickets start at \$32 per person, visit www.greatlakesca.org/event-detail/vienna-boys-choir/.

CHARLEVOIX

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

March 12, 1-2pm, American House, 615 Petoskey Ave. Free Blood Pressure Clinic hosted at American House Charlevoix by Hospice of Michigan.

PETOSKEY

PROJECT CONNECT

March 13, 11am-3pm, Odawa Casino. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. During this one-day event 500 to 1,000 individuals will connect with a range of health and human services provided by around 70 local non-profit agencies and businesses. Free services are available in areas such as: Education & Employment, Food & Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, Kids & Parenting, Veterans Affairs and other Social Services. Guests can also receive gifts of personal care items. The idea behind the event is to help people who may be struggling to make ends meet, to have access to the services they need without the confusion, red tape, and waits that often characterize social services.

CHARLEVOIX

CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

March 20, 4-7pm, Castle Farms. The Expo offers Chamber businesses and organizations a chance to build awareness in the community by promoting their products and services to fellow businesses, residents, and visitors. Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix is one of the largest networking events in Northern Michigan and will feature vendor booths in a wide range of categories, including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and more. This Expo features the Taste of Charlevoix, with restaurants of-

fering attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to taste and vote for your favorite dining establishment. Free Will donations will be taken at the door.

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 21, 5:30-7pm, Pat O'Brien & Associates, 128 Water St. Business After Hours is the Chamber's monthly business networking event, held at member businesses. There is no charge for admission or refreshments. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will go towards a local charity.

BOYNE CITY

GLCO PRESENTS CUMMINGS STRING QUARTET

March 24, 4-6pm, First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City 401 S Park St. Please join us for an afternoon of great music featuring the Cummings String Quartet: David Reimer (Violin), Cheryl Zetterholm (Violin), Kim Teachout (Viola), and Elizabeth Bert (Cello).

BOYNE CITY

4TH ANNUAL BOYNE BEE

April 3, 7pm, Pine Lake Lodge (upstairs at Boyne City Tap Room). This adults-only spelling bee will involve teams of two vying for bragging rights to be the biggest Queen (or King) BEE in Boyne City. You won't want to miss this hilarious event. Grab your favorite spelling partner and enter the competition or show up to cheer on (or jeer) your favorite team. Signing up is easy. You can register online at boynecitymainstreet.com. The entry fee is \$25 in advance for a team of two, or \$30 on the day of the event.

This event is a fundraiser for The 5th Annual Walkabout Sculpture Show, a partnership between artists, the Boyne City Main Street Program, volunteers and sponsors who believe art is a way of life.

BOYNE CITY

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

April 11, 11:30am-2pm, Talcott Event Center, 4127 M-75, Walloon Lake. Featuring updates from Boyne City Manager Michael Cain, Charlevoix County Commissioner Chris Christensen, Boyne City School Superintendent Patrick Little, Main Street Executive Director Kelsie King-Duff, and Boyne Area Chamber Executive Director Kim Akin. Tickets; \$25 per person (includes lunch). Register at boynechamber.com

BOYNE CITY

PAINT THE TOWN RED

April 13, Boyne Mountain Civic Center. It's time to Paint The Town Red! Please join us for the 9th annual Rambler night to benefit the Boyne City Booster Foundation, which provides funding in the Arts, Athletics and Academics for our kids. Featuring a buffet dinner, silent and live auctions, and dancing to the band Jedi Mind Trip. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at Lynda's Real Estate and Mark Patrick's State Farm Insurance offices.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9am – 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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation announces the availability of grant dollars to support the work of area nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities. The deadline to submit a grant proposal is Friday, March 1, 2019. Eligible nonprofit organizations serve residents of Charlevoix County and work to enrich or improve life for local residents. Applications will be reviewed by advisory committees made up of community representatives. The youth advisory committees will review proposals that benefit young people. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the respective Boards of Trustees. To apply for a grant or for more information, call or email your local community foundation. In Charlevoix County call 231.536.2440 to contact Mishelle Shooks for youth grants at mshooks@c3f.org or Maureen Radke for all other grants at maureen@c3f.org.

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 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 WR-CNM'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.wr-cnm.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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Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" at Castle Farms



BY JIM AKANS

Featuring a festive Mardi Gras theme, the annual Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" promises to provide a fun-filled evening while helping to support childhood literacy. This festive event will take place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on Saturday,

February 23, from 7 to 10pm.

This will be the sixth year Char-Em United Way has held "Toast to Literacy," and proceeds will as benefit the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. An initiative sponsored by Char-Em United Way, the program provides books into the hands of over 1,500 local children at no cost to the parents. Launched in 2012, since it's inception 2,046 children have graduated from the program, with nearly 95,000 books distributed.

At the event, attendees can look forward to enjoying an evening of wine and beer tastings, a catering

competition, photo booth, silent auction, and entertainment. It all takes place in a Castle Farms setting transformed to reflect a colorful, festive Mardi Gras décor. Participants in the catering competition this year will include returning area restaurants, Grey Gables and Pigs Eating Ribs,

plus new this year; East Park Tavern and French Quarter. Attendees can sample and vote for their favorites in three categories; Soup, Savory and Sweet dishes, as well as best overall.

Beer and wine for the evening will be offered by 1918 Cellars (Castle Farms),

Mackinaw Trail Winery and Brewery, Resort Pike Cider and Winery, Spare Key Winery and Petoskey Farms.

Auction items will include original photography from Sue Kurtz, artwork by Art Prize participant, Edith Pair, a Pendelton Saddle Blanket from Grandpa Shorter's, a gorgeous neck-

lace from Reusch Jewelers, plus several gift certificates from area businesses.

Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$55 at the door. For tickets, to register or for additional information, call 231-487-1006 or go to <http://www.charemunited-way.org/toast>



At the event, attendees can look forward to enjoying an evening of wine and beer tastings, a catering competition, photo booth, silent auction, and entertainment. Courtesy photo



Char-Em United Way's sixth annual Toast to Literacy fundraising event will take place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on Saturday, February 23, from 7 to 10pm. Courtesy photo



B.C. Blaze has grown into a team of 38 High School Students and three Middle School Students. Courtesy photo

Boyer City Blaze presents FRC Robotics Competition entry

Boyer City Blaze Robotics team is proud to present their robot for the 2019 FRC Robotics competition; All Systems Go for B.C. Blaze to launch into DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE, at the upcoming FRC District Competitions.

This year, BC Blaze will be competing at the Southfield District from February 28th, to March 2nd and at the Lake Superior State University District from April 4th-6th. Based on performance and points earned at Districts, BC Blaze will hopefully advance onto the State Competition for the 4th consecutive year, which will be held at Saginaw Valley State University.

B.C. Blaze has grown into a team of 38 High School Students and three Middle School Students. January 6th Boyer City proudly hosted Kick Off in which 37 area schools attended for the sixth straight year. Since Kick Off, team members and mentors have been working hard, building a robot that will play this year's game.

The challenge presented by FRC's game, DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE, requires teams to create a robot to do the following: navigate through a "sand storm" with vision track-



Boyer City Blaze Robotics team is proud to present their robot for the 2019 FRC Robotics competition. Courtesy Photo

ing, deliver hatches and cargo to a rocket that features three levels and a cargo ship with eight bays, and to end the game the robot must climb onto one of three platforms, and as every year, the robot must maneuver the field swiftly.

BC Blaze would like to thank the entire community of Boyer for supporting the team during its eight sea-

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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the Month of February 2019 is William Perry. Born in Ireland in 1831, he immigrated with his family to Philadelphia, PA. He later married Eliza Hanna on October 1, 1853. Around 1856, he and his wife and 4 children moved to Georgetown Township in Ottawa County Michigan. At the age of 29, on August 18, 1862, Perry enlisted into Company B of the Michigan 5th Cavalry Regiment, under the command of Colonel Russell Alger. The 5th Cavalry joined the 1st, 6th, and 7th Michigan Cavalry's, to form the Michigan Brigade, which fell under the command of Brigadier General George A. Custer. The regiment served in the defenses of the Capitol until June of 1863, then joined the Cavalry Corp of the Army of the Potomac. The Michigan Brigade took part in numerous battles of which the biggest and most famous being the Battle of Gettysburg from July 1 to July 3, 1863.

On May 28 1864, being attached to Union Lt. General Ulysses S. Grants Overland Campaign, and under the command of Brig. General David Gregg, the Brigade Cavalry fought in the Battle of Hawa's Shop, North East of Richmond, Virginia in Hanover County. This seven hour engagement would be one of the bloodiest of the Civil War. During this battle, Perry suffered a gunshot wound to his left ankle. As immediate medical attention to those wounded would take time, it can be assumed that the



WILLIAM PERRY

length of time he had to wait before he had medical attention that his wound became badly infected. Although Perry was eventually transported to the Judiciary Square Hospital in Washington D.C. on June 4, 1864, he succumbed to his wound on June 15, 1864 at the age of 33 years. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. His wife Eliza was notified of his death on June 21, 1864. On June 15, 1864, William Perry answered the final call and is being honored by his Great Grandson John Hess, of Charlevoix, Michigan.

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 Boyer City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

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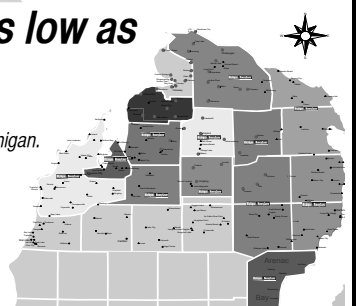
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News

EJ Lion Club member chosen for All State Band



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The East Jordan Lions Club announces that Haylah Buell has been chosen by the Lions of Michigan to be a member of the 2019 Lions of Michigan All State Band. The band is composed of 45-70 high school students from around the state. The band promotes the development of social skills and interaction with band members from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Through extended travel and performances, the students develop self-reliance and a better understanding and appreciation of the world. Haylah will be performing and traveling with the band this summer at the International Lions Convention in Milan, Italy. She is responsible for paying her own fees. If you would like to help Haylah with her trip, checks may be sent to East Jordan Lions Club, PO Box 845, East Jordan MI 49727, Memo Line: All State Band Fund.

Health Department awards grant for Rambler Wellness Center

This week the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded nearly \$98,000 in funding to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan in partnership with Boyne City Public Schools for renovations to the Boyne City Rambler Wellness School-Based Health Center. The \$97,870 HRSA grant will be used to improve existing school-based health center facilities through creating a dedicated health center space that supports integrated service delivery, increasing capacity for mental health services, substance abuse screening, and obesity related services.

"This grant is an exciting opportunity to increase access to care for students in Boyne City Middle and Elementary Schools. School-based health centers play a critical role in preventing,

screening, and treating some of the most common behavioral health issues known to affect student performance, overall health, and personal safety, including depression, anxiety, social conflict, adverse childhood experiences and attention disorders," said Natalie Kasiborski, Director of Community Health Services at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Currently, mental health services are provided in a different part of the school building than the physical health services. Integrating the physical space for service delivery will support fully integrated care, better enabling warm hand-offs and coordinated treatment plans. The larger, newly designed space will also support the school health center's effectiveness and efficiency by improving clinic flow and increasing the number of students seen monthly for primary

care and mental health.

"Having access to school-based health services improves student wellbeing and their ability and readiness to learn. Our new space will create a designated health center where students can access physical and behavioral health services at a central location," said Pat Little, superintendent of Boyne City Public Schools.

The Rambler Wellness School Based Health Center serves children and adolescents from Kindergarten through 8th grade, approximately ages 5-14 years. The Rambler Wellness Center goal is to support student success by achieving the best possible physical, intellectual, and emotional health status by providing services that are high quality, accessible, and acceptable to youth.

March and April food assistance benefits issuing early

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will issue March and April food assistance benefits early to reduce the gap between benefits payments that resulted from the partial federal government shutdown. Food assistance recipients can expect to receive next month's benefits on March 3, 4 or 5. April benefits will be issued from April 3-12 and May payments will be issued as regularly scheduled.

MDHHS made changes to the schedule so that families do not have to go more than 45 days without receiving food assistance. The department issued February benefits early beginning on Jan. 17 at the direction of the federal government, which said there were questions about whether the funds would be available to issue in February because of the government shutdown that has since ended.

In Michigan, food assistance benefits are usually is-

sued to clients according to a numeric schedule over a 21-day period throughout the month. About 1.2 million Michiganders receive food assistance through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered by MDHHS.

"MDHHS wants to make sure that families and individuals can put food on their tables," said Terrence Beurer, MDHHS deputy director of Field Operations Administration. "We were concerned about families having to go 45 to 60 days or more without benefits as a result of the early issuance of February benefits. Gradually returning to the regular schedule cushions the impact of the federal government shutdown."

People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance via the telephone number or website address on the back of their Bridge Card, or by accessing their account at www.michigan.gov/mibridges.

Hestia Women's Giving Circle announces call to grants

Are you part of an organization in Emmet or Charlevoix County seeking funding for a project that will make a positive difference in the lives of local women or girls? The Hestia Women's Giving Circle is welcoming applications for its annual grant cycle. Application deadline is May 1. Grants will be announced in early June and awarded at the Hestia annual reception in mid-June.

The Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Commu-

nity Foundation (c3f), which also assists the Giving Circle in grant making and distribution. Applications are available on the Foundation's website at www.c3f.org. Click on "Grants and Scholarships" and follow the Hestia link. Organizations applying for grants must have 501(c)3 non-profit status, be a school or government agency, or have a fiscal agent with non-profit status.

The Hestia Women's Giving Circle was formed in

2005 with the mission to promote the economic self-sufficiency and well being of women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix counties. The Circle is named for the Greek goddess Hestia, who expresses her love and concern for others through thoughtful acts. The Giving Circle provides an opportunity for women to pool their donations to make a significant impact locally, and to educate themselves about issues facing women and girls in our community.

Since Hestia's founding, grants totaling more than \$386,000 have been awarded to a variety of projects specifically geared to women and girls. Past recipient organizations include the Petoskey Public Schools Robotics Program, the Petoskey Club, Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Petoskey Area Hockey Association, Petoskey Public Schools Debate Program, and First Tee of Northern

Michigan, among many others.

In 2019, the Hestia Giving Circle anticipates awarding \$50,000 in funds. The group is especially interested in supporting projects with creative approaches to existing issues and smaller organizations that may have limited access to other sources of funding.

For more information about grant making or becoming a member of The Hestia Women's Giving Circle, please send an email to INFO@hestiacircle.org.

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