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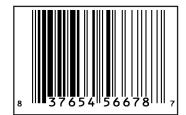
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A mobile chalkboard/map stands at City Hall for citizens to write or draw their ideas about how to grow their city. The chalkboard will be showing up all over the city through July. (COURTESY PHOTO)

City of East Jordan REALLY wants to hear ideas for growth and improvement

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

EAST JORDAN -Whether you live in a big city or a tiny town, it seems evervone has an idea or opinion about how they want to see their community grow or improve. But when city officials in East Jordan say they really want to hear those ideas and opinions from area residents, they really, really mean it.

Really.

They mean it so much. in fact, that this month they launched a project called "Chalk Up the Town" in an effort to get the citizens of East Jordan to literally write down their opinions or sketch their ideas about how they would like to see the city develop on a giant, mobile chalkboard and map.

Those who do so are then encouraged to snap a selfie photo with their written words or sketches and email or text it to program organizers where the data will be collected and considered later this year by city planners.

East Jordan city administrator Tom Cannon said the "Chalk Up the Town" project began this month and will be ongoing at least

through July. During that time, Cannon said the mobile chalkboard and map will travel throughout the city and surrounding area. where it will be set up at varying businesses, restaurants, city spaces, public gathering spots, festivals and similar events.

The chalkboard is currently stationed at East

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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Area Teams claim district titles in Boys Basketball



The Charlevoix Rayders celebrate their first district title in a decade. . PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.

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full hour before going to bed this coming Saturday night, or you might show up late for Sunday. FILE PHOTO

Daylight Saving Time returns this Sunday

BY JIM AKANS

It's the first sign of spring. While it doesn't seem that long ago when we "fell back," get ready to "spring forward" as Daylight Saving Time retuns at 2am this coming Sunday, March 10. If you don't want to be late on Sunday or Monday, don't forget to set coffee maker, wall, alarm (you will find them all eventually) clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

Body clocks, aka circadian rhythms, are a bit more finicky. A rule of thumb noted on the webmd website states that is can take a day or two to readjust to losing that hour of sleep. A BMC Biology study found that some people never completely adjust to the DST time hop.

Reported effects include an increase in workplace and traffic accidents on the Monday following the time change, and even an increase in heart attacks the first three weekdays after DST Sunday. Exposure to bright light after waking, and keeping lights off at night has been shown to help with readjustment. Going to bed an hour earlier isn't a good idea, as the body prefers going to bed and rising at the same time each

If this seems a little early in the year, that may be because the Daylight Saving Time (DST) period now extends from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November, or nearly nine months. Prior to the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October, so the duration was over a month less than it is now.

Daylight Saving Time was an idea hatched by Ben-

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HIGH: 18 LOW: 6



HIGH: 30 LOW: 10

SATURDAY

HIGH: 38 LOW: 26

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Herbert Howard, Jr., 89

(FEB. 14, 1930 - MARCH 2, 2019)

Herbert Howard Jr of Boyne City passed away March 2, 2019 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan where he had resided for twenty months.

Herbert was born to Herbert and Ida (Hadix) Howard Feb. 14, 1930.

On May 5, 1956, he married Linda Lou Erno. Together they made their home in Boyne City and raised five children. He had a passion for music and loved playing his guitars and mandolin. While at Grandvue he blessed others with his singing and music.

He is survived by three sons, Paul (Terry) Howard of Bovne Falls, Elwood (Jayne) Howard, Norman (Hannah) Howard both of Boyne City and two daughters, Mardi (Virgil) Bliss, Patsy (Ronnie) Prichard both of Lenoir, NC; nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, a sister Aubrey Wilson, sister-inlaw Sally (Ray) Askins both of Boyne City and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Linda (2017), six brothers and six sisters.

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

Marie Antoinette Forton, 96

(DEC. 11, 1922 - FEB. 28, 2019)

Marie A. Forton of East Jordan passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019.

A visitation was held Sunday, March 3 at Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

A graveside service will be held in the spring, at Maple Lawn Cemetery, in Boyne City, Michigan.

A full obituary will be posted soon.

Catherine Mathie Britton, 84

(APRIL 17, 1934 - FEB. 27, 2019)



Kay Britton died Wednesday, February 27th surrounded by four generations of loved ones, laughter, tears, food, piano, some gentle wisecracks, songs from 'Softly and Tenderly' to 'Mairzy Doats,' and boundless love. She said "let's go home," and then she went. She is preceded in death by her parents, David and Katherina Jardine. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Charles E. Britton; her sister, Marge Koss; her sister in-law, Joanne Britton; her children, Kathryn (Jonathan) Mays, David (Mona) Britton, Karen (Scott) Golovich, Neil (Kate) Britton, and Charles M. (Michelle) Britton; her grandchildren, Ian (Monica) Mays, Sarah (Amos) Mays,

OBITUARIES Kristin Belfy, Rebekah (David) Moser, David (Maddie) Mays, Jason (Cristy) McMullen, Erik (Nichole) McMullen, Jeffrey (Tiffany) Golovich, Mathew Golovich, Michael Britton, Elizabeth (Josh) Britton, Adam. Lucas; fourteen great grandchildren and one great grandchild, adoring nieces and nephews and a community of love.

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3/6/17 113.9 .EAST JORDAN 3/6/17 172.2 .GAYLORD 3/6/17 138.2 . KALKASKA .60.1 . .LEWISTON

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Born Catherine Mathie Jardine on April, 17th, 1934. she was known throughout her life as Kay, mom. mother, Granny, Great-Granny, and beloved firstgrade teacher Mrs. Britton. She brought the same indomitable spirit, kindness, and humor to her home as in her classroom.

Kay grew up gardening with her dad and always had a vegetable and rose garden. Her grandchildren, children. and husband followed her lead here and in most of the daily routines. She ran the household like a choir director, and it's good for you to know that she loved the marches of John Philip Sousa. Around the house, she hummed these march melodies with frequent percussive outbursts that, during the summer, would often be accompanied by pots and pans to wake up late sleepers for pancake breakfasts.

Music was a gift given to her by her parents, Ina and David, who had met singing in the same choir. Similarly, Kay would sing one day next to her future husband, Charles Britton, who was the high school football cocaptain with incredible waves in his hair. Along with her younger sister, Marjorie, Kay sang hymns with her parents around the piano every weekend. Her parents encouraged Kay to train as a classical pianist, and she performed music during her teenage years before deciding to study elementary education at Wayne State. After marrying and finishing up college, Charles and Kay settled into the life of teachers and parents as they welcomed five children over the span of 13 years and three communities. Moving from the Dearborn area to Livonia and finally to their favorite part of the world: Charlevoix.

Trading life in the suburbs for a 100-year-old farmhouse and no experience farming, the Britton bunch found their way around

rural northern Michigan teaching and falling hard into agriculture. On a mission to educate. Kay indulged her eager children as they begged to save a neighboring cow who was headed to slaughter. "This could be a great learning experience, we can breed the cow, and Chuck, you can milk it, and they can see where a calf comes from. We would have our own butter, milk and ice cream!" And really, if you've met Chuck, you know that ice cream is what sold him. The Britton's became farmers.

The perfect marriage of "I love Lucy" and "Green Acres" the Britton's farm wouldn't have survived without the help of amazing and experienced farming neighbors such as the Wielands. From 20 chickens living in the bathroom off the kitchen in January after a "great deal" purchase without a chicken coop, to the regular neighborly alerts that the cows were on the road again, there was never a dull moment.

As a teacher, Kay took on every challenge with aplomb. During a period of budgetary restraints, the district made the weird decision to save money by cutting electricity in the hallways during school hours. Kay took it up with the administration citing that the 1st graders were scared to walk down the dark corridors. Always the creative and able to make something fun out of any situation, she donned a miners cap and walked the children through the hallway-caves. She carried this positive, take-charge outlook for her whole teaching career, but retirement came earlier than planned.

At the young age of 62, Kay was the first person to name her illness, she knew she had Alzheimer's before her diagnoses - that's not the way things usually go, but Kay was never one to follow a trend. Kay devoted the first ten years to retirement and extensive genealogy about her family history, a gift to all of us. There is nothing fun or lighthearted about this cruel disease, vet Granny found ways to make light of the darkest days. In the early years, she would occasionally pretend to have forgotten that Chuck gave her money for a shopping trip

with her daughters, only to take more cash while giving the girls a wink and a pat on her pocket where all her secret loot was hiding. Only Granny could find humor in this hardship, and let me tell vou, she never lost that, not even at the very end.

Kay was cared for in love first by her devoted husband Charles (Chuck, or on sassy Granny days, "Charlie"). She was loved every second through her life, deeply and entirely through the joys and through the pain. Support from their small groups and bible studies alongside family allowed Chuck to care for Kay with autonomy for many years. The transition from independence to full support was grueling. Live-in family help allowed Kay to stay home for as long as possible safely. Eventually, the need for a care facility arrived, and the call came in that her room was ready at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

A new home. In many ways, another family. Grandvue cared for our Granny for more than 2 1/2 years, but far more than meeting her basic needs, Grandvue cared for our family - particularly our Grandpa as he walked this path with his wife every single day. Granny took her transition from home to home in typical granny stride. That very first day, in moments of lucidity, we saw her panic, we saw her anger. but then we saw her find her footing. We watched as she assessed her new "classroom" and became, once again, the teacher. She passed a woman crying in her wheelchair, and before we knew it, her rush to find the escape door was replaced with her tender hand cupping the cheek of another frightened woman "It's okay, it's okay, it's going to be okay. I love you", and we knew that she was right. It was going to be okay.

It's easy to question why such a remarkable person would be riddled with 22 years of an illness like this, but if you ask her husband he would tell vou that the Lord had work to do through Kay, and if you ask me, I think that she would agree with that. A teacher her life-long, a teacher still.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel. A funeral is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Community Reformed Church, Charlevoix, with visitation starting at 10am and a luncheon to follow. Rev. Jonathan Mays will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Kay's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan, Michigan. Condolences may be sent to www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Grandvue for their loving care of Kay and Chuck.

Marilynn J Finck, 81

(DEC. 3, 1937 - FEB. 27, 2019)



Marilynn J. Finck of Atwood passed away on February 27, 2019 at the Georgia House in Charlevoix.

Marilynn was born on December 3, 1937, in Detroit, the daughter of Bruce and Goldie (Peters) Reinhart.

Marilynn was a long time member of the Charlevoix VFW Ladies Auxiliary and enjoyed bingo, reading, gardening, and cooking.

She is survived by a daughter Lisa L. Finck of East Jordan, and a brother Rich Reinhart of Troy, MI.

She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Finck in September of 2018, many siblings, her parents as well as many other extended family members. No services are planned at

this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS, 66675-8516.

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

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March is National Nutrition Month and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program are joining with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to

developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Good nutrition is an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Combined with physical activity, your diet can help you to reach and maintain a healthy weight, reduce your risk of chronic diseases and im-

prove your overall health.

Unhealthy eating habits

remind Michiganders about

the importance of making

informed food choices and

have contributed to the obesity epidemic in the United States with about one-third of U.S. adults and approximately 17 percent of children and adolescents aged 2 - 19 years being considered obese.

Even for people at a healthy weight, a poor diet is associated with major health risks that can cause illness and even death. These include heart disease, hypertension (high blood pressure), type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and certain types of cancer. By making smart food choices, you can help protect yourself from these health problems.

Michigan residents are urged to follow these

healthy eating tips throughout National Nutrition Month and the rest of the vear:

- Get into a wellness state

Make informed diet choices during National Nutrition Month

of mind. Balance your diet with food from all food groups. Get active every day with enjoyable movement. - Eat right with MyPlate.

Make small changes to make healthier choices you can enjoy. - Make half your plate

fruits and vegetables. They add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals and fiber. Focus on whole fruits. Vary your veggies.

- Make half your grains, whole grains. Vary your protein routine, include seafood, beans and peas, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs and lean meats and poultry.

- Become a smart shopper by reading food labels to find out more about the foods you eat. - Reduce food waste by

transforming leftovers into meals, using the foods already on hand, and practicing good food safetv. Change to low-fat or fat-

free milk or yogurt to cut back on saturated fat. - Drink and eat less

sodium, saturated fat and added sugars. Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

For more information about healthy eating and lifestyle, visit Eatright.org.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

FROM PG. 1A

jamin Franklin, who proposed in a 1784 essay that moving the clock ahead an hour each spring would save candle wax. However, the first Daylight Saving Time wasn't imposed in the

United States until World War I, when it helped to alleviate the effects of wartime coal shortages and nightly air raid blackouts. Congress reinstated the concept from 1942 until 1945 to, once again, save energy during wartime. Some states continued this ritual after World War II, and some did not. When Congress made this seasonal time warp official by the passing of the

Uniform Time Act of 1966, only Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana decided to opt out.

Short story is; don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour this coming Saturday night or Sunday morning. You will get that hour back on November 3 when Daylight Saving Time ends.

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News

Annual Business Expo/Taste of Charlevoix March 20 at Castle Farms

For an excellent opportunity to learn about businesses, organizations, product and services available in the Charlevoix area, be sure to check out the 9th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix event on Wednesday, March 20. Presented by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, this exciting event will take place from 4 to 7pm at Castle Farms. The Expo is one of the largest business and public trade show events in northern Michigan.

This is a once a year chance to peruse a wide array of Chamber businesses and organizations in one convenient location. Representatives will be on hand to build awareness in the community by promoting their products and services to fellow businesses.

residents, and visitors. The 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 is a must attend event for small business owners and executives who want to gain a competitive

advantage, network with other business owners from throughout the area, and develop new business and client contacts.

The Expo is not just for businesses. The public is encouraged to come out and explore the exhibits to identity the latest products and services. If you're looking for a new banking institution, pharmacist, insurance agent or health care

provider, this is it. Don't miss the opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you.

Bring your appetite. This Expo also features the Taste of Charlevoix, with restaurants offering attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. Each will vie for the opportunity to win the title of "2019 Best In Taste." What a great way to taste



fabulous foods and vote for your favorite dining establishment.

Booth Spaces are still available! For additional information and the latest vendor list updates, please visit www.charlevoix.org.

Admission is just \$5 and includes 10 tastes, exciting give-a-ways, a cash bar, networking and more.



PRESENTED BY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

A great place to check out some of the latest products, ideas and technologies to fuel luxury and efficiency in the home is the Northern Michigan Home Show to be held on March 8 and 9 at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey. COURTESY IMAGE

Northern Michigan Home Show at NCMC

BY JIM AKANS

The Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan will be presenting their 43rd an-Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9, at the North Central Michigan College. The show will run from 11am to 7pm on Friday, and from 9am until 5pm on Saturday. This annual event has become a very popular destination for those looking to build, remodel or simply peruse ideas for their home.

This event features approximately 80 exhibitors showcasing home improvement products and services, energy-efficient systems, designers, and the latest ideas in home remodeling. Aligned businesses exhibiting include those in financial services, water conditioning systems, real

estate, dog fencing and others. The Home Show is an excellent opportunity to check out the latest products and services for enhancing the home that are available from area suppliers and contractors...all in

one convenient location.

This is a family-

friendly event with children's activities including a self-paced scavenger hunt, bounce house on Saturday only and a building project by Home Depot. Also on Saturday, 30-minute seminars will be offered covering a wide range of home related topics. These programs are free to attendees and will in-

- 11am - So You Have Decided to Build, Now What?

- 12pm - So you Have Decided to Remodel, Now What?

- 1pm – Home For a Lifetime: Considerations for Aging in Place

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- 2pm - Simple and Effective Energy Saving Tips

With so many vendors in one place rather than driving across Northern Michigan to visit each vendor location, the Home Show event is also an efficient and "green" way for consumers to shop for their new home construction or current home remodeling needs.

Admission is only \$5 for adults and children 17 and under are free. Tickets available in advance Monday to Wed at the HBANM Office at 455 Bay Street, Petoskey, by mail, or call to have your tickets held at the door. Payment by check or cash only. Some tickets will also be available at the door. To reserve tickets: Call the HBANM office at 231.348.9770 or email info@hbanmcom. More info at www.hbanm.com

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East Jordan City Commission Nominating Petitions due April 23

The City of East Jordan is accepting candidate nominating petitions for the upcoming city commission election in November. Four seats on the city commission will be up for election term fulfillment in the November 5 general election. Those seats are currently occupied by Andrew Boyer, Abigail Hawley, Tracey Johnson and Paul Timmons.

To be eligible to run for election, a person must be a regis-

tered voter in the city office a person shall have been a registered and qualified elector of the City for the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of nomination and continuously thereafter. A person shall not be eligible for election who is in default to the City.

Any qualified person wishing to run for one of the seats must submit a nominating petition signed by not less than 30 and no more than 45 registered city

voters. Petitions may be picked up at city hall between 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Petitions must be submitted to city hall by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23.

Terms of office will expire in 2023 for those filling the 4 seats available.

For more information or petitions forms, contact city hall at 231-536-3381.

Counterfeit hundred dollar bills being investigated

Sheriff Chuck Vondra and the Charlevoix Sheriff's Office is investigating cases of counterfeit hundred dollar bills being passed throughout the county.

Charlevoix Munson Hospital received one of the counterfeit bills back in December, another bill was recovered at the Boyne Falls School. The counterfeit one hundred dollar bills have small Chinese symbols on the backside of the bill. The same bills have been passed at nu-

merous locations in Emmet County. The Charlevoix County Shera's Office has developed a suspect and conducted a search warrant in the dissemination of the counterfeit bills and will be requestin charges through the prosecutor's office.

The Sheriff's Office wants to remind businesses to carefully inspect any hundred dollar bills taken as payment to ensure they are legitimate.

Sheriff warns of current telephone scam

Sheriff Chuck Vondra would like to advise citizens of a telephone scam where the caller identifies themselves as the Social Security Administration calling to advise the citizen their social security number has been compromised and citizens are directed to push #1 for

a representative who comes on the phone asking for the citizen's social security number. Please, do not talk to or give out any numbers to any person on the telephone. The Social Security Administration will never call and would not ask you for your number.

Michigan's Move Over Law expanded

Starting February 13, Michigan's Move Over law expanded to require drivers to slow down and move over when passing emergency, maintenance, and utility vehicles on the road.

Drivers now have to slow down to 10 mph below the posted speed limit as well as yield their lane, if possible, when passing police or emergency vehicles, roadside tow trucks, garbage trucks, maintenance, and utility vehicles that have amber lights flashing. Failure to do so could result in a civil offense subject to a \$400 fine.

Learn more about Michigan's Move Over at: www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/Move_Over_bro chure_2019_06_web_646373_7. pdf



Ribbon Cutting at TBC Wellness Center

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce conducted a Ribbon Cutting at TBC Wellness Center on Friday, March 1st, during the Grand Opening of this new business located at 121 Lake Street (in the Lake Street Center) in East Jordan. TBC Wellness Center is owned by Tiffany Barrett and is open seven days a week and offers members 24/7 access with a punch code. The business won second place in the 2018 Green Light East Jordan Business Competition. Barrett invites everyone to visit and learn more about the variety of classes and membership options TBC Wellness Center offers. Phone 231-497-4255 or visit www.tbcwellness.org. The TBC Wellness Center is a member of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Shown here; Tiffany Barrett, owner of TBC Wellness Center cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of TBC Wellness Center at the Lake Street Center in East Jordan. Tiffany was joined for the ribbon cutting by members of the center. COURTESY PHOTO

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, February 11, 2019 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of Silver St

Domestic dispute on 0812 Pine St Welfare check requested on N East St Assist EMS and Sheriff 1036 Dept. at Behling and Jacquay 1230 Found ice fishing poles and skimmer dropped off

at PD Parking violation in 1441 the 300 block of S Park St. 1517 Vehicle unlock on Beardsley St Complaint of dump 2328

trucks speeding on E Main.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

0004 Welfare check on N Park, Assist EMS in the 800 0048 block of S Park St 0155 Driving complaint from E Main,

block of Pleasant Av 1739 Attempt to locate subject on N East St.

Assist EMS in the 1200

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 Cleared vehicle parked on Front St for snow removal 1024 Subject in from E Main St ref the trucks hauling

snow 1031 Motorist Assist in the 500 block of N East

1300 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of S Lake Report of subject trespassing and creating disturbance in the 800 block of

Report of snowmobile driving up the face of Avalanche Report of a shoplifter in the 100 block of E Water St. Assist EMS in the 1200 1619 block of Pleasant Av

Thursday, February 14, 2019 Towed vehicle from downtown for snow removal MDOP to vehicle reported on Spring St. Assist citizen in the

100 block of E Main St.

1418 Report of subject bothering people downtown. Assist EMS in the 900 block of Second St. 1740 Assist at the high school to "check bags" for the

drama group going to NYC. 1811 Found wallet on the sidewalk on East St 1813 Report of lost wallet

had occurred on previous date. Friday, February 15, 2019

from the 400 block of N Lake St

Report of assault that

0058 Vehicle towed from Front St for no plate and no in-

Suspicious situation in

1008 Civil custody dispute from the 500 block of N Lake St 1348 Salvage Inspection 1920 Assisted EMS in the 500 block of Park St 2027 PR at the High School

the 1000 block of Boyne Av

Saturday, February 16, 2019 0202 Motorist assist at Lake and River. 0653

basketball game.

dance

Alarm in the 1300 block of Bovne Av 1030 PR at BC Lanes for BC bowling PR at Middle School 2055

2207 Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St

2241 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Citation issued for speed on W. Michigan near Charlevoix St

1314 Assist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St.

1440 Assist EMS on Behling Rd Parking Violation in

the 800 block of S Lake St. 1855 Citation issued for No Plate in the 1000 block of Pleas-

Civil stand in the 300 2116 block of E Division St





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News Briefs

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, Emmet 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, highspirited 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.

EAST JORDAN

ANNUAL MOTHER-SON MOVIE NIGHT

March 9, 6pm, EJ High School Auditorium. Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and more get ready for an out of this world night with you little explorer. Craft, pictures, ice cream sundaes and a move. Movie choices are; Incredibles 2, Hotel Transylvania 3, Wreck it Ralph 2 and Smallfoot. Cast your vote when you walk in the

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.greatlakescfa.org/eventdetail/vienna-boys-choir/.

BOYNE CITY

MILLENNIAL GENERATION EXPLORED

March 10, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "How the Next Generation Will Change the World: Get ready for the millennial revolution." includes a film featuring millennials sharing how their values will shape our culture as they increasingly grow in power and influence. Admission to the 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

PETOSKEY

PROJECT CONNECT

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.

BOYNE CITY

CELTIC WEEKEND

March 15-17, Boyne River Inn, 209 Water Street. Family fun includes photo station, Irish and Celtic Food Specials, Live Podcasts by "The Fat Irish Nerd" and Friends, Soda Bread Contest, Hidden Valley Irish Band, Celtic Stories, Poems and Music, a Pub Crawl and more. Event updates on Facebook at Celtic Weekend March 15-16-17

CHARLEVOIX

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K AND 1-MILE RUN/WALK

March 16, Charlevoix Elementary, 13513 Division Street. Break out your lucky shoes, wear some green or even your favorite kilt, and start your day with a little jig-jog to benefit the Charlevoix Cross Country program! Proceeds are used to fund running equipment, camp scholarships, and meet travel expenses for students in need of assistance, and build a college scholarship fund for local high school cross country runners. Downtown merchant gift certificates and prizes will replace traditional medals/awards for the top

three overall and age division winners in the 5K and the top ten finishers in the mile, with all participants receiving coveted green beads upon completion. To encourage a wee bit of fun, there will also be a costume contest for participants who come in their best Gaelic garb! Fee; \$25 for 5K and \$25 for 1-Mile. Register by March 11. Registration and information at runsignup.com and search "charlevoix."

BOYNE CITY

ANGEL ENCOUNTERS EXPLORED

March 17, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Angels: Are They Reaching Out to You?" features the filmed story of a man who believes meeting an angel in the Rocky Mountains saved his life during a hunting trip. Participants will consider whether angels exist and, if so, whether angels interact with humans. Participants who believe they've encountered angels will be encouraged to share their stories. Admission to the 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

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 offering 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

ONE-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

March 23, 9am-Noon, First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street. Breakfast and several activities that highlight creativity and imagination as God given gifts to EVERYONE! A perfect opportunity for families not planning to travel over spring break. Open to the community. Suitable for Kindergarten through Grade 5. Parents are welcome to attend with children but not required Donations welcome but no registration fee. Drop-ins are welcome but pre-registration helps us to be fully prepared. Call: 231-582-7983 to register or for more information.

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

RESOLVING FAMILY TURMOIL EXPLORED

March 24, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Familv Do-Over: Is It Ever Too features a screenii the award-winning short film The Ride. Participants will follow the story of a taxi driver whose last passenger on Christmas Eve is deeply troubled by a family conflict, a conflict that feels too painful to resolve. Viewers will discuss the film and consider a question it raises: Is it ever too late for a family to experience healing? 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

SPRING BREAK STAY-CATION

March 26 & 27, 9am-3pm, East Jordan Community Church. If you are in the 1st thru the 6th grade we would love to have you join us for a Spring Break Staycation. We will have some tropical fun without even leaving town. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is requested but you can sign up at the door. pre-register at 231-675-1043

BOYNE CITY SEXUAL ABUSE EXAMINED

March 31, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Potluck at 5:30, bring a dish to share. The program features the filmed story of a woman who suffered childhood sexual abuse. "This brave woman's story puts sexual abuse out on the table for discussion," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "We'll consider why the cycle of abuse in families is so difficult to break-and how those who've suffered childhood sexual abuse can find healing." Cable says this particular Lifetree Café program is not appropriate for young children. 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.

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 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 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.

EAST JORDAN

EASTER FUN & GAMES April 20, 10am, East Jordan

Middle/High School Gymnasium. Join the Easter Bunny for some free fun, games, candy and prizes. There will be 2 bikes and 2 fishing poles given away. Presented by the East Jordan Lion's Club.

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

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 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

NCMC SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED FOR HOME SCHOOL SENIORS

Presidential Scholarships are offered for full tuition (up to 20 contact hours per semester) and mandatory fees for four consecutive semesters (fall and winter only). Field study fees are not included. Scholarship recipients must register for the fall semester immediately following their spring high school graduation. To be considered, a student shall: Complete an online Application for Admission to North Central by April 1 of their graduation year. Have a minimum 3.5 overall high school grade point average. Submit a recommendation letter that addresses their academic potential and leadership qualities. Submit a statement that addresses academic and career goals and how North Central will help to meet those goals. Submit ACT/ SAT scores (ACT score of 18 or above for English and a Reading score of 21 or above; SAT (test prior to April 2016) score of 430 or above in English and a score of 450 or above in Reading); SAT (test starting April 2016) two-digit score of 25 or above in both English and Reading: SAT (test starting April 2016) three-digit score of 500 or above in English/Reading/Writing (ERW). All documentation must be received no later than April 12, 2019. For more information, contact Renee DeYoung, Vice President of Student Affairs, at (231) 348-6618.

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: Cholesterol, Total 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. Walkins only, no appointment re-

- 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 preschoolage 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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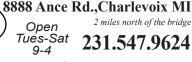
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Charlevoix Hospital receives grants to help patients

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has awarded Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital \$10,000 for two important patient funds. The Patient Needs Fund and Cancer Patient Needs Fund will each receive \$5,000 to help cover the often urgent and expensive needs for patients or other persons involved in their care during a healthrelated crisis.

This is the second year in a row that the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has generously awarded a \$10,000 grant to the hospital for this purpose. Of the \$10,000, a portion has been provided by the Charlevoix Women's Group Cancer Fund at the Community Foundation.

Often when undergoing a health-related crisis, patients are unable to work. They are told to rest and recover, but that can seem impossible when there are bills to pay. In addition, family members and/or caregivers are also called upon to help with expenses, transportation, and child care, adding

additional strain. The Patient Needs Fund and Cancer Patient Needs Fund provide welcome and unexpected relief for patients and their families when they need it most.

Last year almost 30 patients received in excess of \$15.500 in cumulative assistance in a timely, compassionate manner that allowed patients to focus on their health care needs. The hospital was also able to connect patients with other resources when appropriate, like signing up for a Bridge Card, identifying local food banks, and accessing utility assistance programs through other organizations. The hospital also helped patients without insurance enroll in Medicaid, Healthy Michigan, or through the state's insurance marketplace.

The hospital has many stories that demonstrate the impact of these funds. One very practical example was a patient who was referred to our social worker with a "catch-22" dilemma. This young women suffered from

employed part-time and was covered under the Healthy Michigan plan. At one point, she ended up in the emergency room with a severe asthma attack. She had recently been promoted to a full-time position without benefits and the additional income had triggered the loss of her Healthy Michigan coverage. The emergency department couldn't discharge her without providing medication, which she couldn't afford since she was now uninsured.

Luckily the emergency department connected her with the social worker, who authorized payment for the medication so the patient could be discharged, along with helping her complete the hospital financial assistance application and sign up on the state's insurance marketplace, for which she now qualified with the help of subsidies.

Prior to meeting with the social worker, the patient had thought, since her employer didn't offer benefits, her only insurance option was to go back to part-time hours so she could continue to qualify for Healthy Michigan. This was not ideal as she appreciated the additional income security of working full-time. With the help of Charlevoix Hospital's social worker, other viable resources were identified to help the patient not only in that moment, but also in the long term.

Other practical ways in which the hospital is able to provide assistance through these funds might include:

- Gas cards so patients can get to and from medical appointments

- Childcare expenses so parents can be available for their own or another family member's appointment

- Payment for utilities, groceries, and rent/mortgage payments

- Payment for uninsured medical devices related to care

- Other needs as determined by the medical social workers and case managers

These funds are not used to pay for patients' medical bills. Just last year,

off over \$2.1 million in charity care and bad debt, up from the prior year's amount of \$1.6 million. Before the Affordable Care Act, that figure was twice as much.

These very practical ways

These very practical ways of helping all have a common thread – the immediate and tangible relief of significant stress and strain when patients are forced to make decisions between their own health care and taking care of their family and bills. Thanks to the Charlevoix Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Hospital, these funds are making a difference in the lives of patients who so greatly need this help.

"We've long been known as the hospital that believes in 'hometown care' and this generous grant helps us to provide exactly the kind of compassionate, practical help that is sometimes needed," said Joanne Schroeder, president of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. "It allows us to 'go the extra mile'

in making sure that our patients are cared for at those times when making ends meet becomes a hardship."

One of the recipients of help from the funds was a patient who wrote the following sentiment to the hospital after treatment. "The sacrifice and kindness of those who have given to the Patient Needs Fund was a big help to us. Our journey hasn't been an easy one, but because of the kindness of your donors, sometimes the obstacles don't stand quite as tall."

"We are grateful for the extraordinary generosity which the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has continued to show us over the years." said Chelsea Platte, leadership giving officer at the hospital. "We've been the appreciative recipients of their care for our community and their concern for the health and well-being of its members. Their commitment to our hospital has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of many."

Annual Project Connect at Odawa Casino

The annual Project Connect will take place at Odawa Casino's Ovation Hall on Wednesday, March 13, from 11am to 3pm. Project Connect is a day of service for those in need in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. If you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges or health concerns please join us for a day of free services provided by over 65 non-profit agencies and other organizations!

This event will connect individuals with a range of free health and human services provided by over 70local non-profit agencies and other business. 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 receive gifts of household and personal care items.

The idea behind the event is to help individuals and

is to help individuals and families get access to the services they need, all under one roof, on one day. For people who don't understand the complicated social services system, they can be directed to agencies that can assist them in meeting their needs in areas such as Education & Employment, Health & Wellness, Housing

& Finance, and Kids & Parenting. The Veterans Corner will also return for a third year offering local Veterans the opportunity to meet with representatives from Federal, State and County offices

While no pre-registration is required, in order to register for assistance, agencies recommend that you bring certain documents especially if you are looking for tax preparation services. Please note that while those under the age of 19 are welcome they are not allowed on the casino floor during

the event. No large bags are allowed in the casino.

In order to register for assistance programs offered during the event, agencies ask that attendees bring the following information:

- Picture ID
- Social Security number
- If you are a veteran, please bring your discharge papers (DD214)
- Proof of income - Medicaid or private insurance information

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CHALKBOARD

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Jordan City Hall, where Cannon said it will likely remain until a rotation of other sites is determined. He said city officials are angling to make the mobile chalkboard/map a high profile presence, especially during busy summer months when more people are around to enjoy outdoor festivals, farmer's markets and all the city has to offer.

"That's where we expect to get the attention," he said.

Cannon explained the project emerged last year after significant changes occurred in East Jordan, most notably when the city's decades-long manufacturing factory, the former East Jordan Ironworks-now called EJunexpectedly relocated, leaving both the city and Charlevoix County for a new facility built on a site along U.S. 131 in neighbor-

ing Antrim County.

He said that unexpected move, combined with other changes coming to the city, spurred city leaders to re-consider the city's master plan, particularly in terms of re-zoning for anticipated business development and population growth.

East Jordan city commissioners last December approved a measure to pay consulting firm Beckett & Raeder of Petoskey nearly \$60,000 to orchestrate the master plan revision process, including the public input program, with a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation funding about half that amount.

Cannon noted how citizen input regarding the planning process is an important priority for city officials when it comes to moving forward with revising the master plan. But Cannon said officials also realized that gathering citizen input might be difficult, especially since not all citizens are able to or are comfortable with attending city meetings to express their opinions in person.

person.

That noted, the plan was hatched to set up a mobile chalkboard and map for area residents to jot down their ideas as a more laid-back way to invite interaction. "City government meetings aren't always the most fun thing to attend, so we decided we wanted to bring this to restaurants and stores so people can have some fun with it," Cannon said.

Once interested participants write or draw what they would like to see

happen-or go away-or whatever-in the East Jordan community, they're asked to take a selfie photo with the board/map and email it to: ckarner@bria2.com or send a text message to (231) 649-1065. "People will have far-fetched ideas, I'm sure, and that's OK because we're trying to get all the input we can," Cannon said, "There's really no limitation on ideas "

But the mobile chalkboard and map is just one method being used in city officials' input-gathering mission, Cannon added. He said there's a business input session scheduled in May for citizens to gather information and weigh in on how to shape the business community in East Jordan.

Then, June 18-20, the city will host a series of "public charrettes", which Cannon explained is new terminology being used in planning in development circles to describe an "open house style" of informational planning session. Such sessions could last up to five hours-long, but will be an informal "drop in" kind of event where attendees can come and go as they please and have a chance to share their thoughts with local officials, consult with area planners and developers, examine maps and drawings or participate in a focus group.

Cannon said city officials also plan to go to local schools and gather input from elementary through high school age students in terms of their views regarding future development of this community.

For those who want to give their input but aren't inclined to write their thoughts down on a public chalkboard and take a selfie, Cannon said postcards will be going out detailing an online survey.

And for those not inclined to go online, surveys will be available in hard copy at East Jordan City Hall.

City officials plan to col-

lect input through the summer for consideration this fall, he said.

Whether citizens give input by chalking or mapping it out on a board, replying to an online or paper survey, participating in a focus group or speaking out at a city commission meeting, Cannon said it's simply important for people to understand their thoughts really do matter.

"There's no lack of a way for input here" Cannon said, "We're not going to take any excuses for people not having an opportunity to express their opinions."

State Appeals Court asks Circuit Court to consider sentencing again for Charlevoix stabbing case

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - A Charlevoix woman who has been in prison since 2014 for stabbing another woman in the city may have a chance to get resentenced for the crime.

Kaylee Rose Booth, 37, of Charlevoix, has been serving time in prison since she was convicted on a felony charge of assault with intent to commit murder in August, 2014. While the conviction carried a possible sentence of up to life in prison, Charlevoix Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Paj-



aylee Rose Booth. COURTESY PH

tas, who has since retired, instead sentenced Booth to

serve a term of 12-25 years. The charges were leveled against Booth after an incident that occurred September 29, 2013 outside a home at 704 State Street in Charlevoix during which Booth stabbed Justine Murray numerous times. Murray survived the assault.

Booth never denied stabbing Murray, however, she employed an insanity defense and argued to be found guilty instead of the lesser charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, which is a ten year felony offense.

The Michigan Court of Appeals last week issued a ruling last week to send Booth's case back to Charlevoix Circuit Court for reconsideration by Judge Roy C. Hayes, who replaced Pajtas after his retirement. It will be the second time an appellate court has sent Booth's case back to the Charlevoix Court for further consideration, mostly due to changes in current sentencing guidelines and standards that apply to cases heard by a prior judge in a

Pending Hayes' consideration of her sentence, Booth will continue serving her 12-25 year sentence at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti where her earliest release date remains at September, 2025.

Michigan No Fault Insurance reform under consideration

BY SEN. WAYNE SCHMIDT 37TH SENATE DISTRICT

The high cost of auto insurance in Michigan has been a topic of discussion for many years. Residents have made it clear that they want this problem solved. Michiganders pay some of the highest rates in the nation, and it is our duty as legislators to find a solution.

The no-fault system is one of extreme complexity and to understand why our state's rates are so high and what reforms are needed, we must first understand how the system works.

Currently, a driver's own auto insurance company covers all accident-related medical expenses and lost wages regardless of who caused the accident. All motorists in the state are legally required to carry Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage, which pays for medical expenses resulting from injuries sustained

in an auto accident. This means a policyholder's auto insurance, rather than health insurance, would cover these costs.

While rates are the chief complaint of the no-fault system, there are many issues that consumers feel are unreasonable. One of the most common complaints is the widely inconsistent rates for care provided. It is well known that costs for auto-related injuries can be double and even triple the rate of the same procedure covered by an individual's health insurance.

Another issue that directly contributes to the systems skyrocketing rates is uninsured drivers. So many people are priced out of driving and opt to forego purchasing insurance. The problem is when they are in an accident, the hospitals don't simply offer services for free because of their lack of insurance, other drivers are forced to bear those

costs — and with the inflated costs of medical care through no-fault, those financial liabilities add up very quickly.

The other side of the argument surrounds the quality of care that no-fault offers those who are in traumatic car accidents.

Some consider Michigan's no-fault law to be a model for other states because of the extensive lifetime injury coverage for accident victims. A serious auto accident can quickly add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and those who suffer catastrophic injuries such as a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury – may require medical care for the remainder of their life. These costs can quickly spiral out of control and without the coverage nofault provides, users could incur millions of dollars in care over the course of a

When considering this,

lifetime.

and speaking to folks who rely on this coverage, it quickly becomes an emotional issue as well as a financial issue.

Efforts have been introduced in the Senate and lawmakers have taken several hours of testimony from all stakeholders. The Senate Committee on Insurance and Banking will continue taking testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of the current system as lawmakers continue to find an agreeable solution. I look forward to continuing discussions with my colleagues, as well as taking input from folks in my district as to how we should tackle this issue.

Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, represents the 37th state Senate District, which includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac coun-

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