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Chamber to host Business Expo/Taste of Charlevoix

On Wednesday, March 20, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 9th Annual Business Expo & Taste of Charlevoix from 4 to 7pm at Castle Farms. The Expo is one of the biggest networking events in northern Michigan. Now it's in 9th year, the Expo is dedicated to serving our business community, visitors and residents. 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. Join us for one day only and



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nies and organizations can do for you.

The event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, where area restaurants will showcase some of their signature dishes and culinary specialties for the opportunity to win the title of 2019 Best in Taste.

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Irish eyes are smiling on St. Patrick's Day

BY JIM AKANS

"May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far" Irish Saying

St. Patrick's Day is nearly upon us; a joyous day of celebration that brings out a bit of the green, and a lot of smiles, in nearly everyone. This year "St Pat's" falls on Sunday, March 17, though many will be celebrating a day early, on Saturday the 16th.

While a patron saint of Ireland, the hero of St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick himself, was actually born Maewyn Succat, the son of a wealthy landowner in Britain somewhere around 385 AD. He was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland during his impressionable mid-teens, and spent several years in slavery herding sheep.

Maewyn returned to Ireland when he was in his 30's and became a bishop, adopt-

ing the Latin name Patricius, later shortened to Patrick. St. Patrick is said to have used the three-leafed clover, or shamrock, to symbolize the concept of the holy trinity in his ministry. St. Patrick is believed to have passed away on March 17th in the year 461 AD. Thus it is on the occasion of his death that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year.

A few other St. Patrick's Day bits to ponder over a mug of green ale:

- Three-leaf shamrocks from St. Patrick's times has changed to the lucky four-leaf clover variety much sought after today. They are a symbol of good luck and good fortune that according to some estimates can be found only once among 10,000 of the regular three-leaf brand, which choke the grass in many a lawn.

- According to legend, St. Patrick preferred blue as the color of his vestments. Green actually didn't become associated with St. Patrick's Day until the 19th century. Today, green is

everywhere on St. Patrick's Day. We have green beer, green hair, green water in the Chicago River, green clothing worn somewhere to keep from getting pinched, and of course, green shamrocks.

- The image of the precious shamrock was widely popularized to baby boomers in America by "Lucky the Leprechaun," who first appeared on children's cereal boxes back in 1963. Children pursued Lucky who lamented they were "always after me Lucky Charms," a sugar and grain version of his pot o' gold; consisting of "magically delicious" stars, moons, hearts and especially hard to find green clovers, or shamrocks.

So grab some green, put on a big smile, and enjoy the luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day. As one popular Irish toast proclaims:

"May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out."

The wisdom of the Irish:

"A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have."

"There is only one thing worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about." - Oscar Wilde

"May the wind at your back not be the result of the corned beef and cabbage you had for lunch."

"Dance as if no one were watching, Sing as if no one were listening, And live every day as if it were your last."

St. Patrick's Day 2019 is Sunday, March 17

Boyne City woman dies following accident with school bus

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - A 20-year-old Boyne City woman died one week after she was critically injured in a car crash with a Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District bus late last month.



Twenty year-old Rosalie Anna Prince Zarzycki of Boyne City has died from injuries she recently sustained in a crash with a school bus on a Charlevoix County Road.

Charlevoix County Sheriff Chuck Vondra confirmed Rosalie Anna Prince-Zarzycki died at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital where she had been transported for critical injuries she suffered in an accident that occurred around 5 p.m. February 21 in Hudson Township.

Sheriff's investigators reported Prince had been driving her four-door sedan west on Thumb Lake Road at the time of the accident when she lost control of her vehicle about a half mile from the Thumb Lake public boat launch and slid into the path of the oncoming school bus.

She was transported to the Petoskey hospital where she died a week later on February 28 as a result of her injuries.

She was the only person in her vehicle. The bus driver reportedly was not seriously injured in the crash and no students or other riders were on board at the time of the accident.

Prince-Zarzycki had just celebrated her 20th birthday this past December 22. According to her obituary, she was born in Midland, the daughter of Daniel and Laura Zarzycki and Tim Prince. She lived in Sanford, Tawas and most recently in Boyne City.

The obituary noted she

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3/13/17	115.6	EAST JORDAN	3/12/18	127.4	EAST JORDAN	3/11/19	130	EAST JORDAN	MAR 16	20°	41°	8°	(1998)	67° (2003)
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3/13/17	60.1	LEWISTON	3/12/18	42	LEWISTON	3/11/19	68.5	LEWISTON	MAR 19	21°	43°	12°	(1989)	59° (1976)
3/13/17	51.7	MIO	3/12/18	32.4	MIO	3/11/19	66	MIO	MAR 20	21°	43°	7°	(1986)	60° (1976)
3/13/17	84.7	ONAWAY	3/12/18	69.7	ONAWAY	3/11/19	87.3	ONAWAY	MAR 21	21°	43°	11°	(1989)	58° (1949)
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OBITUARIES

John A. Schwartzfisher, 97

(DEC. 13, 1921 - MARCH 8, 2019)



Longtime area resident John A. Schwartzfisher, Jr. passed from this life on March 8, 2019 at his home.

His life will be remembered and celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18th at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City. John's family will begin receiving friends at the church for visitation on Monday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The service will be led by Fr. Dennis Stilwell.

John was born on December 13, 1921 in Petoskey to John A. and Anna (Hass) Schwartzfisher Sr. He attended the Carpenter Country School. During WWII he served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1943.

He married Ida Rea in Detroit. In 1951 he moved his family to Petoskey where he was employed by Petoskey Manufacturing and later McLaughlin's. He was a good dad and grandfather, and was well liked by his friends and neighbors. He loved few things more than being outside and tending his garden. He truly enjoyed sharing whatever he grew with everyone. He will fondly be remembered as a good man.

His surviving family members include his son Steve (Linda) Schwartzfisher of Plantation, Florida and Beverly Swadling of Petoskey, his 5 grandchildren Lisa (Les) Swadling-Hamilton of Drumheller, Alberta, Julie Wandrie of Petoskey, Debbie (Rob) Youngs of Saline, Michigan, Jim Swadling of Petoskey, and Dawn Binkham of Plantation, Florida, 5 great grandchildren, Brandon,

Kyle and Troy Swadling, Mathew Wandrie and Grace Youngs. John is also survived by 5 of his siblings, Joe (Louise) Schwartzfisher of Petoskey, Teresa Biggs of South Bend, Indiana, Catherine Schwartzfisher of Petoskey, Leo Schwartzfisher (Beverly) of Petoskey and Edith (Gordon) Kruskie of Harbor Springs.

John was preceded in death by his wife Ida on December 7, 2000 and by 6 sisters and 3 brothers.

Josephine Rose (Skop) Utley, 92

(DEC. 8, 1926 - MARCH 11, 2019)

Josephine Utley of Boyne Falls passed away March 11, 2019. She was born on December 8, 1926 to Joseph and Olga Skop.

She grew up in Boyne Falls and stayed until she moved to Detroit during the war. She worked in a plant making parts for the B-24 bomber. After the war she met her husband Paul. They lived in Detroit until the 70's when they moved back to Boyne Falls, where they helped raise three of their grandchildren. Josephine was also an active member of her church for many years.

Josephine was preceded in death of her parents and her husband Paul Utley, brothers Steve and Metro, sisters Stella and Helen.

She is survived by a sister Jennie Matthews; sons Charles (Ranae), Paul Michael (Denise Rickabus), William (Liz); grandchildren Tim, Jen, and Adam (Kayla), Billy (Brittany) Utley, Jessica (Brad) Yoder and Jeremiah Utley; great-grandchildren Owen, Landon, Ava Rose Utley and Kayleigh and Colton Yoder.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Saturday, March 16, 2019 at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls with a visitation being held Saturday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of service. A luncheon will be served following the service.

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

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Bingham, 86

(SEPT. 29, 1932 - MARCH 8, 2019)

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Bingham passed away on Friday, March 8, 2019, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.

He was born in Boyne City on September 29, 1932, the son of Merle and Alice (Webster) Bingham.

Jerry enlisted in the United States Army in 1949, and was honorably discharged in 1952.

He married Kathleen Nemecek on September 28, 1957, in Elmira and they raised five children. Jerry was in the well drilling business from 1963, the owner of Bingham Well Drilling. He sold his business to his youngest son, Gerald L. "Jerry" Bingham, II in 1990.

He enjoyed the casino, traveling, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting. He loved his family and the man loved to work.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Kathleen "Kate" Bingham; five children, Tim (Laurie) Bingham, Cindy (Keith Peebles) Bingham, Brett (Preada) Bingham, Jane (Randy) Danforth, Jerry (Kelly) Bingham, II; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and one sister, Caroline Verccryse. He was preceded in death by eight siblings and three grandchildren, Jeremy Bingham, Nicholas Bingham and Emma Hunt.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. Father Peter Wigton will officiate with interment following in the spring at St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County.

A rosary was held Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. at Penzien funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

Karen Marie Woehlert, 61

(MAY 15, 1957 - MARCH 2, 2019)

Karen Marie Woehlert died on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at her home in East

Jordan.

She was born on May 15, 1957, in Mount Clemens, Michigan, the daughter of Roy E. and Kay M. (VanDerworp) Woehlert.

She received her B.A. in Business Administration from Michigan State University.

Karen worked for Michigan State University in the Human Resources Department for 35 years. After retirement, she moved to East Jordan.

She enjoyed kayaking, gardening with vegetables and roses, jigsaw puzzles, reading, her pet fishes and shopping.

Karen is survived by her mother, Kay M. Woehlert of East Jordan; four siblings, Kathy (Albert) Legato, Jr. of East Jordan, Roy D. (Susan Grice) Woehlert of Aquilar, Colorado, Karol (John) Smith of Halstead, Kansas and Rick Woehlert of East Jordan; one uncle, David (Gwen) VanDerworp of Smyrna, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Woehlert on June 28, 1999.

A memorial service was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan, MI. Rev. Craig Pahl of the East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Hospice of Michigan, 830 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Christopher Jess Marlin, 71

(JUNE 18, 1947 - MARCH 6, 2019)

Christopher Jess Marlin of Boyne City, Michigan passed away March 6, 2019.

Chris was born in St. Louis, Missouri the son of Don and Jacqueline (Doogan) Marlin. He grew up in Niles, Michigan and attended Michigan State University. Chris also served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He will be remembered as a caring man who loved his family, his friends and sailing. He had a way of always bringing a smile to your face.

Chris is survived by his wife of thirty-seven years, Judi, his family and an

abundance of friends.

Memorial donations may be directed to any organization of your choosing that makes the world a better place.

A memorial celebration to honor Chris will be held at a later date.

Susan Marie (Parks) Loomis, 75

(NOV. 25, 1943 - FEB. 18, 2019)



Susan M. Loomis died on February 18, 2019 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey.

Susan was born on November 25, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Richard Nelson Parks and Pauline Hughes Murphy. She had one sister, whom she loved dearly, Paula "Penny" Dalrymple, who died in 2015. The two treasured their strong bond that was never diminished by the distance they lived from each other.

Susan grew up in Short Hills, New Jersey and graduated from Millburn High School. Afterward, she graduated from Briarcliff College before attending Katharine Gibbs secretarial school in Boston, Ma.

On October 28, 1967, she married Bill John Loomis. The couple had one son, William Richard (Rick) Loomis who was born while the couple was living in North Carolina. Susan's family soon moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida where she began working as a sales associate for Portside Yacht Club. She and Bill Loomis divorced in 1978.

After her divorce, she briefly re-married but then vowed to remain single. She remained true to her word but, after meeting Russ Mize, began the longest love relationship of her lifetime.

They lived in several homes together after first moving to Charlevoix in the early 1990's.

In Charlevoix, she was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church and worked for many years at Town & Country Cedar Homes in Petoskey. She loved and cherished all of her many friends in Charlevoix and beyond.

Late in 2015, expecting the arrival of her first grandchild, Sue moved to California to be near her son Rick and his wife Elizabeth.

Their son, Casey Aaron Loomis was born on February 10, 2016 and Sue was overjoyed. The entire family left California and moved to New Jersey in 2017 when Susan's daughter-in-law took a job with The New York Times.

They settled in West Orange, New Jersey, a stone's throw from where Susan grew up in Short Hills. In New Jersey, she enjoyed watching her grandson grow up right before her eyes. She felt blessed being able to spend quality time with her son and his wife - making regular outings to restaurants and attending her grandson's various activities like Sunday swim class. She loved warm weather and church on Sundays. She spent her final summer back in Charlevoix with her partner Russ and raved about the opportunity to revisit all of her beloved friends there.

Susan was cremated and will eventually be interred at The Chapels at Short Hills Mausoleum and Saint Stephen's Cemetery in Millburn, New Jersey. An intimate celebration of her life will take place on the day of her interment. Momma Loo touched many lives in positive ways with her kind and gentle soul and will continue to be missed by many who loved her dearly.

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Boyne City School Board member dies in snowmobile accident

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - The newest member seated on the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education lost his life last week due to injuries suffered in a snowmobile accident downstate.

Christopher J. Marlin, 71, of Boyne City, had just taken on his role as a school board member in January, having won his seat in last November's election. He joined incumbent board member Zareena Saffdar Koch in winning votes to secure one of the two open seats in what was a five person race.

Marlin was hospitalized after a snowmobile crash downstate earlier this month and where he died due to his injuries on Wednesday, March 6, according to a media release issued by District Superintendent Patrick Little.



(PHOTO COURTESY BOYNE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

Christopher J. Marlin, a newly-elected trustee on the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education, died last week in a snowmobile crash.

"Chris was a kind man who was very intelligent

and giving of his time. I was looking forward to working with Chris on the board of education," Little stated, "He had a passion for helping people."

According to his obituary, Marlin was born in St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in Niles, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, and attended Michigan State University. He was an executive human resources specialist and business consultant who worked with top companies globally for nearly 40 years. Marlin also served as director of Student Life at Michigan State University and taught at Lansing Community College. He was involved in numerous community organizations and was a well-respected for filling leadership positions on a number of area boards. He was also well-known for his

passion for sailing. Marlin leaves behind, Judi, his wife of 37 years.

Little said the school board could decide to either appoint a replacement for Marlin or schedule a meeting to interview interested candidates for his spot as a trustee. He said the three other candidates who also ran for a seat on the school board last November - Nathan Minaar, Harry Wright and Karen Belch - will be considered if they are still interested in serving on the board.

It would be a two-year appointment that would run as an elected position in November, 2020.

The Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education held its meeting to discuss Marlin's replacement earlier this week but results of that meeting were not available by press time.

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Boyne Falls Schools shine during MDE site visit

Boyne Falls Public School students and staff rolled out the kid-painted, green-and-white school banner to warmly welcome a representative from the Michigan Department of Education on March 4 as part of MDE's mission to visit every public school district throughout the state. The directive came two years ago from Brian Whiston, the late State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as part of his "Top 10 in 10" initiative. Whiston instructed MDE Department Directors to visit at least 10 districts a year of the state's approx. 900 districts, Intermediate School Districts and Public School Academies.

Since Whiston's unexpected passing last year, his initiative has been carried on by his colleagues, including Jan Weckstein, Assistant Director of Special Education, who chose to visit Boyne Falls earlier this week. The visitations are ongoing until each one in the state has had a visit.

"These visitations came about (to help MDE) improve customer service for our local education agencies. That includes highlighting and celebrating the great things happening in our local schools and finding out what the MDE can do for our local districts," Weckstein said.

Weckstein was impressed with what she called many "firsts" at Boyne Falls among her district tours – such as the farm-to-table food program - as she toured with Superintendent and Principal of five years, Cynthia Pineda, and Student Success Advisor, Brooke Fenske. Pineda and Fenske spent several hours with Weckstein, sharing many points of pride that filled the morning and early afternoon.

"What impressed me the most was the dedication and commitment from the superintendent, staff, students, families and community members. I was wowed with the numerous innovative programs and services taking place in all facets of education," Weckstein said. "There is a theme of high expectations for students, data-informed and data-driven practices, building incredible relationships and finding ways to extend opportunities for students and families beyond traditional school hours."

Weckstein also shared her enthusiasm for seeing children throughout the school engaged in classroom activities in a peaceful environment that includes essential oil diffusers, sensory rooms and quiet corners intended to provide students with options for dealing with emotional and social pressures.

"The focus in Boyne Falls is truly on the 'whole child,' and there are numerous, innovative things in place in



Superintendent Cynthia Pineda (center) is pictured with Jan Weckstein, Michigan Department of Education, and Chef Nathan Bates, who has established an enviable farm-to-lunchroom school food program at Boyne Falls Public School. Courtesy photo

"What impressed me the most was the dedication and commitment from the superintendent, staff, students, families and community members. I was wowed with the numerous innovative programs and services taking place in all facets of education." — Jan Weckstein, Michigan Department of Education's Assistant Director of Special Education

the district and every classroom that is making that happen," she said. "There is a family feel in the building, one of 'we are all in this together.'"

From the start of the tour, the family atmosphere is one point that Pineda emphasized in this district of approx. 200 students. All K-12 grades are housed in one building; elementary, middle and high school are located in separate wings. There is a central gym, media center and cafeteria. Teachers have longevity; several have been with the district for more than 30 years, many more for 20+.

"I tell my staff that we are small enough that there is no reason that each of our families shouldn't get our personal attention," Pineda said.

Because of the emphasis MDE staff have placed on learning about the specific needs of districts during these statewide tours, Pineda noted two areas where MDE could provide assistance to Boyne Falls: food program flexibility for families and universal preschool funding for 3-year-olds.

Pineda explained that with the tough winter this year, and the predictability of snow days ahead of time due to better forecasting, Boyne Falls would like the

ability to send food home with students in need the day before they anticipate a school closure. Many families rely on the school for two meals a day for their children; 65 percent of families here qualify for free or reduced lunch. School closures mean some children might go hungry.

Currently, the state requires that children "congregate" and consume food

in communal areas to receive funding, preventing districts like Boyne Falls from packaging meals to send home. "We want to make a plea to the state to let us do this for our families," Pineda said.

This was one of the "first" such request for Weckstein, who was clearly touched by the commitment to families. "Typically I hear about funding, but I have not

heard a request like this before," she told Pineda.

When it comes to state funding of preschool, Pineda said that universal preschool for 3-year-olds would be another wish-list item. When she started in the superintendent role, Pineda and the Board of Education established the district's first preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds, which has continued to

grow as it fills a need in the working-class community. The tuition-based, five-star rated program has helped these youngsters enter kindergarten more prepared, Pineda said. It is also helping the district retain families and attract new ones. A universally funded program for 3-year-olds would assist more families on tight budgets and prepare young ones for their schooling years ahead.

Weckstein was also impressed with the district's food service program, which is handled in-house under the leadership of Chef Nathan Bates. On this particular day, and every day, student meal trays include fresh salads and vegetables prepared using different methods and seasonings.

"We know that we have a lot of kids who have faced food insecurities, and we know that we need to meet their nutritional needs before we ask them to perform in the classroom. They have to trust us and have confidence in us that we will help them," Pineda said.

Under Bates guidance, students also are committed to caring for the environment, by using non-disposable utensils, scraping food waste into compost bins, and using glassware for milk (from a large central milk unit, known as "The Cow") or water. "These are great, real life skills to learn," Weckstein noted.

"Chef Nathan has worked so hard to build relationships with local farmers, and to build our food program into what it has become - and our students directly benefit," Pineda said.

Weckstein said, "From my Boyne Falls visit, I will take back with me that the focus is truly on the whole child, working collaboratively together, making best-practice decisions and finding ways to make something positive happen for kids and improving student achievement. I took many notes and am excited to share some of the awesome programs in place."

"Boyne Falls Public Schools is a warm, inspiring and inviting environment," Weckstein added. "Everyone is working together to keep students on track academically and provide opportunities for the students themselves to be engaged in taking ownership of their own education. Boyne Falls Public Schools should be proud of their focus and the inspiring job they are doing for children and families."



Madison McVannel, 2nd grade, smiles as she gets ready to dig into that fresh salad in the lunch line at Boyne Falls Public School on March 4. Courtesy photo

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, February 25, 2019
 0800 Found purse in the 100 block of S Park St
 1020 Report of large pot-hole on N Lake St
 1247 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of S Park St.
 1537 Motorist assist on North St.
 1703 Assist Animal control Officer on complaint on Hannah St.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
 1209 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St
 1220 Subject at PD to report possible CSC
 1306 Assist motorist at Lake

and Water.
 1322 Vehicle unlock on S. Park near Water St.
 1352 Subject at PD to report attempted fraud
 1402 Subject at PD to report civil dispute.
 1815 Driving violation reported on 75 S coming in from 131. Located the driver
 1945 Assisted Sheriff Dept. on Washburn Rd.
 2033 PR at the High School.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
 0730 Threats complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
 1024 Juvenile complaint on Brockway St
 1057 Truck tire through the

boardwalk
 1210 Abuse complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1815 PR at high school basketball games.

Thursday, February 28, 2019
 0219 Assist MSP at M75 S and Moll
 0642 Car deer crash at Lake and Groveland.
 0823 Civil complaint at the PD
 1059 Civil complaint from the 900 block of S Lake St
 1139 Request for civil standby at unknown location
 1222 2 vehicle crash in the 200 block of S Park St
 1725 Assist Sheriff Dept. on

M75 and Old 75 loop
 1945 Report of suicidal subject in the 500 block of N Lake St
 2131 Dog running at large on M-75 N

Friday, March 1, 2019
 1318 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1805 Assist Sheriff Dept. on M-75 S.
 1827 PR at the High School.
 1842 PR at the High School.
 2101 Unlock in the 800 block of S Park St
 2110 Parking complaint on State St near city limits.
 2115 Assist to Emmet Co Sheriff in the 500 block of Han-

nah St.

Saturday March 2, 2019
 0739 Assist EMS in the 100 block of E Water St.
 1555 Assist Sheriff Dept. on S Shore Dr.
 1621 Health & Safety issue reported in the 100 block of E Water St
 2027 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls
 2112 Motorist assist at State and Call St
 2216 Report of missing person from Forrest Park Ln.
 2355 Assist MSP at Boyne Mountain.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

1019 Fight on W Main St
 1029 Alarm on W Water St
 1218 Private property damage crash in the 800 block of Brockway.
 1245 Found phone on N Lake. Was returned to owner.
 1652 Assist EMS on Poplar St.
 1829 Report a custody/visitation dispute.
 1942 Car deer crash at State and Cozy
 2115 Civil standby in the 300 block of E Division St

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BOYNE CITY

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

March 14, 3-6:30pm, 303 North Street. You're invited to join the Charlevoix Conservation District, along with the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to present our new Community Room. On Thursday, March 14th from 3-6:30 p.m., tasty food catered by Smokin' Joe's BBQ - Jordan Inn and beverages will be on the house for visitors as they tour the district office and new community room. Partner conservation groups from Northern Michigan will be on site with information and activities. Door prizes donated by area businesses will be on display and awarded off at the end of the event. Participants do not need to be present to win.

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

FREE IN-COUNTY BUS SERVICE OFFERED

March 16, 9am-2am. Charlevoix County Transit will offer free in-county service on Saturday, March 16. Pre-scheduling rides is always encouraged but same day calls will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis. Call 231.582-6900 to schedule rides.

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 rungsnp.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 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Cafe 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 "Family Do-Over: Is It Ever Too Late?" features a screening of 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 Cafe is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

GLCO SUNDAY SERIES PRESENTS CUMMINGS STRING QUARTET

March 24, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street. The Cummings String Quartet is a northern Michigan-based ensemble of professionals who perform with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and the Great Lakes Chamber Or-

chestra. Named after the benefactors of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, the quartet also serves as teachers and artistic representatives of the Gerber program. David Reimer is the first violinist and director of the Gerber program. Cheryl Zetterholm is the second violinist, Kim Teachout plays viola and Elizabeth Bert is the cellist. Free concert.

EAST JORDAN

SPRING BREAK STAYCATION

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 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.

EAST JORDAN

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 17, 5-7pm, East Jordan American Legion #227 Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post. Let's play some Bingo ~ Have some snacks ~ Network with others ~ And have some fun. Proudly Co-Sponsored by: American Legion #227 Rebec - Hosler - Sweet Post, EJ Catering and East Jordan Auto Parts, Inc

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

PEOPLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area for the spring grant cycle. Applications should be submitted in person or by mail by 4:30pm on April 15. With the purpose of bettering local communities, the People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members. Those who participate in the program allow their electric cooperative to round their monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar amount. Since 1999, more than \$3.5 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund awarded \$218,770 in grants in 2018. Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at www.gtlakes.com/grant-application-request or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply. Applications are due by April 15. Another grant opportunity will be available in October.

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.

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 registered 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 8am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Petitions must be submitted to city hall by 4pm on Tuesday, April 23. Terms of office will expire in 2023 for those filling the 4 seats available.

ing and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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Public Notice – Marion Township – Public Hearings on Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

The Marion Township Planning Commission will hold five consecutive public hearings on proposed amendments to the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance on Monday, March 25, 2019 starting at 7:00 P.M.. The purpose of the amendments is to comply with recent changes in state and federal laws and court rulings. The topics and order of the public hearings will be as follows: 1.) content-neutral signage; 2.) adult and child care facility regulations; 3.) medical marijuana; 4.) cell towers and antennae; and 5.) small cell wireless facilities.

Contact the Marion Township Clerk, Tim Matchett, at Marion Township, 01362 Matchett Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or (231) 547-2154 to set up a time to view the draft ordinances or to submit comments in writing, preferably at least one week in advance, prior to the meeting. The public hearings will be held in the Marion Township Hall located at 03735 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearings and comment on the Zoning Ordinance amendments.

MDOT reminds motorists to be alert as clocks “spring forward”

As clocks have “spring forward” to daylight saving time, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds motorists to watch out for pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists. Sunrise will occur one hour later, meaning that it will be darker later in the morning.

“Driving through school zones becomes more challenging for motorists during the first week of the time change,” said State Transportation Director Paul C. Ajegba. “Pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists should wear brighter, reflective clothing in order to be seen more easily, and those behind the wheel need to pay close attention and eliminate distractions while driving.”

Motorists are reminded that bicyclists are permitted to ride on most roadways in Michigan. Bicyclists are reminded that, as legal roadway users, they are required to obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals. A person operating a bicycle upon a highway or street at less than the existing speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,977 pedestrians and 783 cyclists died in motor vehicle crashes in 2017. The majority of pedestrian fatalities (74 percent in 2015) occur during dark conditions between 6pm. and 5:59am. (Source: NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts 2015).

MDOT is working with partners statewide on the Toward Zero Deaths safety campaign based on the National Strategy on Highway Safety, which is intended to influence driver behavior and improve safety. For more information on the Toward Zero Deaths campaign, visit www.Michigan.gov/ZeroDeaths.

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was known as a talented artist with a bright smile who loved her family and showed “unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”. She left behind her parents, several grandparents, great-grandparents and nine siblings.

A celebration of Rosalie's life was held at Walloon Lake Community Church.

Local Jobs for Michigan's Graduates Students Attend Legislative Day in Lansing

Two students in the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) program coordinated by Northwest Michigan Works! attended the JMG Legislative Day February 28 in Lansing. Hayley Curnow, a senior from East Jordan, and Gregory Legato, a senior from Pellston, were two of the more than 125 students from across the state to attend the Legislative Day. Curnow and Legato are both students in the Char-Em ISD CTE Welding Program.

During the Legislative Day, Curnow and Legato

got to meet with State Senator Wayne Schmidt and talk about JMG. They also connected with other JMG students from around the state and toured the Capital building.

JMG helps Michigan's young adults graduate and make successful transitions to postsecondary education or meaningful employment. Northwest Michigan Works! coordinates JMG programs at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center, the Wexford-Missaukee Career

Tech Center, and Out of School programs in Kalkaska and Manistee.

As the premier program of Youth Solutions, Inc., JMG equips young people with the skills needed to overcome barriers and ensure Michigan's youth win in education, employment, and in life. Operating across 208 Michigan cities, JMG works with nearly 3,000 young people annually. For more information on Youth Solutions and its Jobs for Michigan's Graduates programming, visit ouryouthsolutions.org.



Gregory Legato (left), Hayley Curnow (3rd from left) and other Jobs for Michigan's Graduates Students met with State Senator Wayne Schmidt at the JMG Legislative Day in Lansing.



COURTESY PHOTO

BC Blaze Robotics team receives District Chairman's award

Boyer City Blaze Robotics team blasted into their first 2019 FRC Robotics competition, Destination: Deep Space, at the Southfield District on February 28 - March 2. For the third year in a row Boyer City Blaze brought home the prestigious District Chairman's Award.

At the end of qualifying matches, the team finished 16th place out of 40 teams, and was selected by the 8th Alliance Captain to play in the Saturday Tournament bracket. Winning the District Chairman's award has given B.C. Blaze a ticket to compete at the State Competition on April 11-13, 2019 at Saginaw Valley State University. Their next competition will be at Lake Superior State University District on April 4-6, 2019. B.C. Blaze hopes to earn enough points to compete at the World Competition in Detroit April 24th-27th.

B.C. Blaze has grown into a team of 38 high school students and three middle school students. 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 tracking, de-

liver 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.

The robotics program enjoys spreading STEAM to the community. Additional information about B.C. Blaze Robotics can be found at www.boynecity-blaze.com

BC Blaze thanks the entire Boyer community for supporting the team during its eight seasons. Special thanks to Blaze and Blue level sponsors, who contributed \$1,000 or more to the team for this year's season:

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- BC Booster Foundation
- Boyer City Public Schools
- City of Boyer City, EDC/LDFA Board
- VanDam Custom Boats
- Bulmann Dock & Lift
- Boyer City Hardware
- Industrial Magnetics Inc

If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring BC Blaze, contact bcblaze@boyne.k12.mi.us.

“Ride Like A Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Runs” results

Courtney Fender, of Twisted Princess Racing and native of East Jordan, hosted TNT's Ride Like A Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run during the 2019 East Jordan Sno-Blast Festival, on February 23rd. The event was held at the East Jordan Sno-Mobiler's Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road in East Jordan. The participants ran their snowmobiles down the race track at speeds of up to 77 miles per hour wearing only a bikini.

The bikini radar run was a fundraiser for breast cancer. Entrants collected monetary donations from family members, friends, co-workers, employers and community members. A combination of the money collected by the riders and several other fundraisers totaled \$3,881. Courtney presented a check to the East Jordan Lioness Club where all funds will be distributed to East Jordan



Courtney Fender (Left) of Twisted Princess Racing presenting a check for \$3881 to Connie Roberts (Right) of the East Jordan Lioness Club. The money raised at the TNT Ride Like A Girl to Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run will remain local to help East Jordan residents going through cancer. Courtesy photo

men and women going through breast cancer treatment to help with the cost of travel to and from appointments.

Courtney organized the bikini run as part of her ambassadorship of TNT Lady Sledgers. Three amazing prize packages were awarded to the riders with

the fastest speed, most money raised and the best decorated sled. A huge thank you goes out to the many businesses and individuals that donated to the prize packages and to everyone that helped to make the event a huge success.



Participants of the TNT Ride Like A Girl to Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run held at the 2019 East Jordan Sno-Blast. photo credit Serenity Photos

Frank Leist inducted into Michigan Auctioneers Hall of Fame

Auctioneer Frank C. Leist, of Boyer City recently received the highest distinction any auctioneer can receive when he was inducted into the Michigan Auctioneer Association's Hall of Fame. The induction occurred on February 1, during the President's Ball to conclude the annual Michigan Auctioneers Association's Annual Conference held this year in Mt. Pleasant.

Current Michigan Auctioneer Association Hall of Fame members vote each year on whether to induct nominated members into their honorable fraternity. Frank's career was recognized as worthy of induction after considering his years in the industry, high standard of professionalism, business integrity and contributions to the industry and auctioneer association. Frank was the lone auctioneer inducted in 2019. Dozens of family and close friends were on hand during the ceremony to watch the induction and celebrate the moment with association members in attendance.

Frank's auction career has spanned five decades selling primarily livestock, estates, farm dispersals and real estate. Frank graduated from the Reich World Wide College of Auctioneering in 1984. Frank re-



Auctioneer Frank C. Leist (shown here with his sons, Ed, Wade and Brandon), of Boyer City recently received the highest distinction any auctioneer can receive when he was inducted into the Michigan Auctioneer Association's Hall of Fame. Courtesy photo

turned after graduation and promptly went to work building a successful auction business on the grounds of integrity and honesty. Frank's career has since seen him sell hundreds of auctions, dozens of farms, and countless estates including some totaling well over a million dollars.

Frank knew early in life that he wanted to be an auctioneer. As early as grade school he shared his talents on the school bus by auctioning off his sister's lunch, a stunt that earned the dismay of his mother, Ruth Leist. After auction school Frank's first auction netted a meager \$100 commission. Frank and his wife, Janet invested their first commission into their

fledgling business by purchasing office equipment.

Commissions became larger with each auction, but Frank's investment into his career remained. Frank invested earnings into not just auction equipment, but into his education by earning designations in the auction industry such as AARE (Accredited Auctioneer of Real Estate), CAI (Certified Auctioneers Institute) as well as becoming a broker of real estate. Frank's investments into his career earned him knowledge and experience that few auctioneers in the state possess.

Though he's conducted auctions in virtually every niche of the industry. Frank's real passion has always been as a livestock

auctioneer. After graduating high school in 1973

Frank learned about livestock auctions by hauling cattle to the Gaylord Stockyard. In 1979 he and his father, Frank Sr. began hauling cattle to the Marion Stockyards where Frank would soon begin working as their auctioneer. Frank quickly and steadily became one of the busiest livestock auctioneers in the state, selling every week at markets in Marion, Clare and Alpena. During this time Frank was recognized by the Livestock Marketing Association as their Region 1 Champion Auctioneer from 1996 - 1999.

In 2000 Frank stopped working at the Marion Stockyards and began managing the stockyard in Gaylord. Frank and Janet would purchase that stockyard two years later and name it Northern Michigan Livestock. Frank continued to sell for his close friends Bud Gernaat in Clare and Gene Hanson in Alpena until both men passed away. Both of those markets were the chief competition to Frank's own market and his strong relationship to their owners is a testament to his character and loyalty. Frank continues to call bids and manage Northern Michigan Livestock during their weekly

livestock auction on Wednesdays.

Frank's legacy in the auction industry extends far beyond his own career. Frank's two eldest sons Ed Leist and Wade Leist are both active in the auction industry as well. Frank has been a mentor to them in the industry and deserves credit for their accomplishments and success.

Frank, his cousin Jerry Schmoltdt, along with Ed and Wade all currently manage dozens of auctions each year as Leist Auctioneers. Their company continues to grow and adapt within the industry to feature traditional live auctions, as well as online and simulcast auctions. Adapting to current trends has helped Leist Auctioneers manage a multitude of asset classes to meet the needs of their clients.

Frank and Janet stay plenty busy outside of the auction industry by managing a large cattle farm in the Boyer City area. Together they have three sons, Ed, Wade and Brandon, along with 6 grandchildren.

For more information about Leist Auctioneers, visit their website at www.MichiganAuction.com, or give them a call at 231-347-1179.

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