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Beaver Island ferry dock to relocate to Lake Charlevoix

The City of Charlevoix and the Beaver Island Boat Company (BIBCo) announce an ambitious and transformational plan to redevelop the former Kelsey's Restaurant on Ferry Avenue and move the ferry dock to the western end of Lake Charlevoix; the plan will also see a redevelopment of the current DPW building at the corner of Stover and Ferry and improved public amenities throughout the area.

"We believe this is good for our customers, it's good for Beaver Island, and it will improve the operations of our company going forward," said Bill McDonough, Beaver Island Boat Company CEO.

The Beaver Island Boat Company has secured an

option to purchase the former Kelsey's Restaurant on Ferry Avenue. Under the plan negotiated over the past several months, the City and BIBCo will pursue the construction of a new ferry docking area in the northern portion of the parking lot for the Ferry Avenue Boat Launch and extending into Lake Charlevoix to the north of the launch ramp. Launch activities will be unaffected by this plan aside from the desire to gain funding from the Waterways Commission to rebuild the launch piers and make them permanent. BIBCo will operate from the Kelsey's property including ticketing, offices, crew lodging and waiting areas. They will construct small dock buildings in the dock area to

house equipment and freight.

The current DPW building will be razed and the site redeveloped for parking. A portion of the site would be used for additional Boat Launch parking and the remainder would be used for BIBCo passenger parking. According to Charlevoix City Manager Mark Heydlauff, plans are also in the works to pursue funding from MDOT for a reconstruction of Stover Road to both improve the road, handle more traffic headed to the boat docks, and include space for non-motorized transportation. Under current planning, permitting and construction activities would occupy the next couple of years. Operations may begin in

2021 at the earliest.

The grant proposal to be considered Monday evening by the City Council would, if awarded, cover costs to design and engineer the improvements discussed above. Funds would be granted to the City and administered by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance who is preparing the application on the City's behalf.

Operating between Charlevoix and its home port in St. James Bay on Beaver Island, the Beaver Island Boat Company pilots two vessels to serve the residents, tourists, and businesses of Beaver Island. The move away from downtown Charlevoix will increase the company's dock space and reduce the congestion of maritime traffic

in Round Lake while simultaneously increasing the availability and proximity of customer parking and the ease of accessing the dock facility.

"The Ferry Beach District has a lot of untapped potential," said Charlevoix Mayor Luther Kurtz, "we believe this is a visionary project to link the recreational assets of the area with people who will enjoy another part of our community. I'm excited to see how we can move forward with our partners at BIBCO to create and improve these public spaces."

"This is the next phase in the partnership between the City and BIBCo," said Heydlauff, "and is an excellent example of the public pri-

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Summer opportunities for students to study stringed instruments

When you think of summer music camp, do you imagine students jamming fiddle tunes at a local street festival, playing Eine Kleine Nachtmusik on an Island or performing string quartets in the local library? That was exactly what took place in 2018 and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is bringing back their highly successful summer options for 2019. There are opportunities for students across a wide range of age and experience. Summer residents and tourists are also welcome to participate.

Dr. David Reimer, the director of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, said "students have a lot of options during the school year and a lot of demands on their time. The summer, without the daily school schedule, can be a great opportunity to either start playing an instrument or make substantial progress on one."

Fiddle Camp: In Charlevoix from June 24 to 28. Boundary Water, a local acoustic folk trio featuring Stephanie Cope, Gary Schils and Bill Wil-



The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is bringing back their highly successful summer options for 2019. Courtesy photo

son, will mentor students for the week. Students will conclude the week with a performance at the East Jordan Freedom Festival.

Cummings Chamber Music Camp: The Cummings Quartet, the professional performers in residence with the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, will teach students the art of chamber music on Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Fridays from July 8 through 19. This camp will be held in Charlevoix and students will play in quartets and a chamber orchestra as well as receiving private lessons. The final performance will feature all student ensembles on July 19.

Beaver Island Camp: The Dorothy Gerber Strings

Program collaborates with Baroque on Beaver Island to offer an exciting camp opportunity from July 29 to August 2. Students have the opportunity to study with the musicians of Baroque on Beaver and perform as part of the annual music festival. Students from the mainland

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Minnaar named to Boyne City School Board

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - Members of the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education have appointed a replacement to fill a seat on the board that was vacated recently due to the accidental death of a member.



NATHAN MINNAAR COURTESY PHOTO

At its meeting last week, the board named Nathan Minnaar, 42, of Boyne City, to replace its most newly-elected board member, Christopher J. Marlin, who died earlier this month from injuries he suffered in a snowmobile accident.

Marlin, who was 71 at the time of his death, had secured his seat on the board after winning it in last November's election. He had just started serving as a member in January.

The board voted 6-0 in favor of appointing Minnaar to fill Marlin's seat, after a moment of silence held in Marlin's name.

Minnaar ran as a school board candidate in the last election but failed to win his bid for the seat, as did three others candidates vying in the district's school board race. Marlin and incumbent member Zareena Safdar Koch won the two seats that were open in November.

District Superintendent Patrick Little said according to state law, the board had only 30 days to appoint a replacement for a seat that goes vacant for whatever reason during a member's term.

Little said now that Minnaar has been officially appointed to the seat, he will be a member of the board until the November, 2020 election

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SATURDAY



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snowfall

2016-17	AMT"	CITY	2017-18	AMT"	CITY	2018-19	AMT"	CITY
3/20/17	..55.1	..ATLANTA	3/19/18	..31.9	..ATLANTA	3/18/19	..61.8	..ATLANTA
3/20/17	..111.4	..BOYNE FALLS	3/19/18	..91	..BOYNE FALLS	3/18/19	..117	..BOYNE FALLS
3/20/17	..67.3	..CHARLEVOIX	3/19/18	..86.1	..CHARLEVOIX	3/18/19	..88.2	..CHARLEVOIX
3/20/17	..78	..CHEBOYGAN	3/19/18	..58.7	..CHEBOYGAN	3/18/19	..81.4	..CHEBOYGAN
3/20/17	..117.1	..EAST JORDAN	3/19/18	..127.6	..EAST JORDAN	3/18/19	..131.2	..EAST JORDAN
3/20/17	..177	..GAYLORD	3/19/18	..113.7	..GAYLORD	3/18/19	..151	..GAYLORD
3/20/17	..144	..KALKASKA	3/19/18	..103.3	..KALKASKA	3/18/19	..118.4	..KALKASKA
3/20/17	..60.1	..LEWISTON	3/19/18	..42	..LEWISTON	3/18/19	..68.5	..LEWISTON
3/20/17	..52.4	..MIO	3/19/18	..32.4	..MIO	3/18/19	..66.4	..MIO
3/20/17	..86.5	..ONAWAY	3/19/18	..70.6	..ONAWAY	3/18/19	..88.1	..ONAWAY
3/20/17	..121.1	..PETOSKEY	3/19/18	..107.4	..PETOSKEY	3/18/19	..142.2	..PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	Avg	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 21	.21°	...43°	...11°	(1989)	..58°	(1949)
MAR 22	.22°	...44°	...11°	(1989)	..63°	(1987)
MAR 23	.22°	...44°	...5°	(1960)	..67°	(2000)
MAR 24	.22°	...45°	...0°	(1965)	..70°	(1987)
MAR 25	.23°	...45°	...6°	(1965)	..70°	(1987)
MAR 26	.23°	...46°	...5°	(1951)	..68°	(1998)
MAR 27	.24°	...46°	...8°	(1965)	..71°	(1989)
MAR 28	.24°	...46°	...0°	(1965)	..71°	(1989)
MAR 29	.24°	...47°	...7°	(1970)	..72°	(1986)
MAR 30	.25°	...47°	...4°	(1964)	..71°	(1986)

OBITUARIES

Douglas Wilks, 88

Douglas Dean Wilks of Charlevoix entered eternal life on March 12, 2019 where he was met by his bride, Lillian.



Doug was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Delray and Gladys (Eggers) Wilks. Doug married the love of his life, Lillian (House) on October 21, 1950. The two settled in Charlevoix, Michigan in 1962, where they raised their family. Doug loved holidays and family get-togethers, any chance to spend time with his family was important to him. Doug was known for his warm and welcoming heart, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Doug was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lillian May Wilks; his son, David Allen Wilks; his parents; sister, Betty Lou; and brothers, James, Richard, and Samuel.

He is survived by his sons, Ken (Ruth) Wilks, Duane (Marcia) Wilks, and Kevin (Kathy) Wilks. He is also survived by his 9 grandchildren, Tonya Turner-Bain, Kari (Dave) Henrichs, David (Shena) Wilks, Kristyn (Daniel) Case, Melissa (Nathan) Smith, Jayme Wilks, Kimberly (James) Franklin, Ray Wilks and Kaitlyn Wilks. He is also survived by an abundance of great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, Michigan with Reverend John Naile officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix area hospital. www.munson-healthcare.org/munson-healthcare-foundations/are-as-you-can-support/charlevoix-hospital/charlevoix-hospital-support.

Lillian A (DeRosia) Cikaló, 97

(AUG. 15, 1921 - MARCH 16, 2019)

Lillian DeRosia was born in Charlevoix, MI on August 15, 1921.

She was the second oldest child. Her older brother

was Warren, her two younger sisters were Geraldine and Beverly. Their family members were called by nicknames. Warren was "Sonny." Lillian was "Dodo," a nickname given because her older brother couldn't say her name when he was young. Geraldine's nickname was "Cherry." And Beverly was known as "Bobby." Dodo or Dode, was a name that a lot of people knew her by.

She grew up in Lincoln Park, Michigan, near Detroit, as a young girl, she was active in a group called THE CAMPFIRE GIRLS. Her family was highly involved with the VFW, holding different positions in that organization.

In 1939, she met and later married Peter Cikaló. Their three oldest children; Peter, Lillian, and Daniel, were born in the Detroit area and then they decided to move north, settling in Boyne City. Shortly after that, their last child, Susan, was born.

One of the most epic moments in Lillian's life was when a minister in town told her about the love of God, the sacrifice of Jesus, and the offer of eternal life if she would repent and believe. She gladly received that welcome news, and her life was significantly different past that point.

She spent most of her up north years working at home. She was a good wife and mother. She was a seamstress, a good cook and baker. Wherever she was needed, she was always willing to help others.

Visitation will be held 5:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Boyne City First Baptist Church.

A funeral service will be held 4:00 PM Thursday, at the church with visitation being held from 3:00 PM until the time of service.

Ervin Lee Prevo, 83

(AUG. 7, 1935 - MARCH 16, 2019)

Ervin Lee Prevo of East Jordan died Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on August 7, 1935, in East Jordan, the son of Joseph and Alena (Cross) Prevo. On October 10, 1953 in East Jordan, he married Clara McWatters and they

raised five children.

Ervin was one of the last brakeman who operated Engine #6 of the Southern Railroad. He also had worked at the East Jordan Creamery of the Michigan Milk Association as a driver of a milk truck, Willflows stainless steel tank factory in Charlevoix and Petrie Construction in East Jordan. Most of his life, He was self-employed welder for Erv's Portable Welding.

He enjoyed hunting bear and deer, fishing, camping, playing cards, peeling potatoes at the Snowmobile Club, grooming the snowmobile trails, snowmobiling, flying, and stock car racing. He had owned a plane.

Erv was a member of the East Jordan Sno-mobilers, Inc.

He is survived by his five children, Lloyd (Renee) Prevo of East Jordan, Joe (Sharon) Prevo of Millersburg, Charlie (Cheryl) Prevo of East Jordan, Barb (Brian) Towne of Boyne City and Connie (Don) Massey of East Jordan; his significant other, Patsy Wood of Mancelona; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-one great grandchildren; one great, great grandchild; two brothers, Gene Prevo of Clarkson and Herman Prevo of Pontiac; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Erv was preceded in death by his wife, Clara S. Prevo on April 13, 2011; one son, Richard "Dickie" Prevo in 1960; his parents; four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams will officiate with interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that the donations be directed to the East Jordan Sno-mobilers, Inc.

Joanne A. Duff, 92

(JUNE 17, 1926 - MARCH 5, 2019)

Joanne F. Duff, beloved mother, wife, and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her Bellaire home on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Joanne was a beautiful caring soul, devoted to family and friends, and also someone who relished her solitude and independence. A "true Gemini" (her words) she had twin ties to life in Michigan and in California.

Joanne was born to Hazel Allen Fowler and Forest F. Fowler in Charlevoix, Michigan, on June 17, 1926. Her first home was at Loeb Farms (now Castle Farms), where her father was farm manager. After the farm closed, Joanne's family moved to Benton Harbor, and soon after to Grand Rapids, where she graduated from Ottawa Hills High School, and went to junior college. Although she'd moved away from Charlevoix, Joanne returned frequently to visit her grandparents and many other relatives, and spent her summers at Intermediate Lake where her family rented a cottage, Joanne learning to canoe from her father. She married her high school sweetheart, Russell E. Duff, on June 15, 1947. After honeymooning at Intermediate Lake, Joanne and Russell moved into mar-

ried housing at the University of Michigan where Joanne enrolled and Russ continued studies. Soon, when Joanne became pregnant, she was required to withdraw due to University policy.

Her first child Christine, and two years later, son Russell Jr., were born on campus. With Russell Jr. only two months old, Joanne was diagnosed and admitted to the University Hospital with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, then considered to be always fatal. Miraculously, she was released after over six months, with what her doctors called an inexplicable and unlikely remission. In actual fact, upon her death 70 years later, she had no recurrence of Hodgkin's nor suffered from any other cancer. Her experience of spontaneous healing was the foundation for a lifelong journey to seek and prove the power of prayer.

In 1951, after Russell's graduation with a PhD in physics, Joanne moved with her husband and two children, to Las Alamos, NM, where her husband began a position at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Two more sons, John, and Eric, were born during the 10 years Joanne resided in Las Alamos. In 1961, the family moved briefly to suburban Washington, DC and one year later, relocated to Livermore, CA, after Joanne's youngest son, Kim, was born. Joanne's life in Livermore included responsibility for 5 growing children, construction oversight for a custom home she designed to meet the needs of her family of 7, family ownership of a cow and other hobby farm animals and college course attendance at Cal State Univ at Hayward. Five years later, Joanne moved to the San Diego area, where Russell had co-founded a startup scientific company.

For the next four years Joanne resided in La Jolla, CA, where she again designed and supervised building of a custom home, proving her intuitive gift for real estate investment and property development. During that time, she renewed connection with her close childhood friend, Shirley McVoy, spending a year with her friend in Brooklyn, MI as she and Russell considered formal separation. After divorcing and living independently for a time, Joanne fell in love with the Northern California coast on a road trip with Shirley. In 1976, the two ladies purchased Gualala, California land in partnership, naming their combined parcels "JoLey". There, after dividing the property, each of the ladies designed and built unique custom homes in the redwoods with stunning ocean views.

For the next 20 years Joanne lived primarily in California, returning to Michigan infrequently, but increasing as her father and step-mother, still in Charlevoix, aged. Her California life included independent real estate purchases and partnerships with her son, Russell, and daughter, Christine. Joanne owned and managed The Anchor Bay Store, selling grocery and general merchandise for close to a decade. A spiritual seeker and voracious reader since adolescence, and having attributed her miraculous healing to her mother's and grandmother's prayers, Joanne studied various new

thought doctrines. She enjoyed sharing discussion with others, and was comfortable attending a variety of churches. Her open heart and generous spirit prompted her to host spiritually-oriented group meetings at her home to provide emotional healing and provide respite to others. During this time Joanne lost her mother, with whom she had been in daily contact. She then gradually assumed a role in providing companionship and care for her step-father Ken Buckley, who lived with Joanne from 1987 - 1992.

Not only devoted to her mother and step-father, Joanne remained deeply connected with her father Forrest Fowler, and her step-mother Anne, returning regularly to their Antrim Street, Charlevoix family home. As her father's health deteriorated, Joanne purchased a home on Intermediate Lake, and began spending summers there after he died. Then, when it was needed, she facilitated her step-mother's move from the old Charlevoix home to an assisted living group home in Bellaire. Soon after, she inherited ownership of the old Antrim Street home originally built by her grandfather in 1903, and with the help of her late sister's daughter, niece Tammy Norton, set about improving and modernizing it.

Winters in California with her friend and neighbor, Shirley, and summers in Michigan evolved into a steady pattern in the 90's. Work on the Antrim Street home involved a number of tradespeople, with whom Joanne, now in her 60's, happily and energetically shared construction and destruction tasks, as she had always done in her property development projects.

After the old house was mostly restored, Joanne sold her Intermediate Lake home. But, missing the quieter direct waterfront location, in 1999 she discovered an unbuilt lot in Bellaire with water on 3 sides, and purchased it, without a clear plan for development beyond possible use for herself for canoeing, and her dog, Blue, who was her almost constant companion and soulmate for many years. Two additional properties in Bellaire were acquired, one small home immediately adjacent to the original unbuilt lot in 2000, and in 2002, one waterfront with a charming 3-season cottage on a large parcel. By 2003, she spent summers in the 3 season-cottage in Bellaire, nicknamed Blue Haven, returning less frequently to Charlevoix to enjoy time in her home there, and contemplating making improvements to the little house she called Cozy Cottage next to the un-built parcel only blocks away. Slowly, in the next few summers, again acting as her own designer and contractor, she began to work toward full renovation of Cozy Cottage. She moved in, bringing many of her grandparents' beautiful furnishings after happily selling the Antrim Street home to her granddaughter, Emily Selph, in 2015. Cozy Cottage was completed and Joanne signed off with the Bellaire Building Department in 2016, at age 90.

In 2017, when her friend Shirley sold her California home and relocated to Charlevoix, Joanne followed suit moving to her little

home in Bellaire permanently. During the previous seven years, though she was basically untroubled by health concerns, it had become increasingly difficult for her to make the transition between California and Michigan. Yet, because she loved it, her children helped her make the yearly trip. After her final move to Bellaire, Joanne enjoyed experiencing the ever-changing seasons. During the spring, summer and fall she enjoyed the vibrant and varied colors of the leaves, flowers, sky, and water. She also treasured spending time with her children. She had high hopes of becoming more active within the Bellaire community, and made regular visits to her friend Shirley in Charlevoix. She enjoyed her solitude in winter, never tiring of its beauty, keeping in close touch by phone with family and with Shirley, reading books, and appreciating her daily "quiet time" in meditation. She was seen around town at the grocery store, at the Bellaire library, Nifty-Thrift, the senior garage sale, and sometimes the Bellaire Senior Center.

Joanne was a "gem" among people, ever positive, always focused on others' needs, and endlessly creative with design and ideas. Her smile and sense of humor carried her far with men and women alike, she was accepting of all people, and her ability to listen was extraordinary. Joanne was a unique, deeply spiritual and vital person, with an active mind and contagious energy. She was artistic, revered beauty, and loved the idea of "home" and the natural world, leaving her worldly mark through the properties she created, restored and loved, and through the many, many trees she planted. Although we missed her final exit, her fervent choice to remain independent in her own home was respected and accepted by her devoted family. She was both loved and loving, and she will be tremendously missed.

Joanne was preceded in death by her father Forrest F. Fowler and step-mother Anna Fowler; her mother Hazel Fowler Buckley and her step-father Kenneth Buckley, her sister Barbara Fowler Norton, and her brother Forrest A. Fowler. She is survived by her daughter Christine Duff English (Alex English), sons Russell Duff (Carrie), John Duff, Eric Duff, and Kimeron Duff (Antoine Alexander); the father of her children Russell E. Duff; her grandchildren Philina English, Roanne English, Emily English Selph (Gordon Selph), Meg Duff, and Peter Duff (Teresa); her great-grandchildren Aurelius and Katrina Selph, and her lifelong friend, Shirley McVoy.

A memorial service will be held at First Congregational Church, 101 State Street, Charlevoix on Friday, March 29th from 1-3 p.m. All are invited to come and celebrate Joanne's life. Casual attire, in keeping with Joanne's positive personality, is welcomed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (watershedcouncil.org), Redwood Coast Medical Services, (RCMS), or the charity of your choice.

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vate partnership we have long had with BIBCO, the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and other state and federal entities.”

“Our customer surveys over the years have consistently shown that the difficulty parking and dropping off luggage downtown is a concern for our customers. This will dramatically improve the ease of the boarding process whether customers are traveling for a pleasure or moving cargo to Beaver Island,” said Tim McQueer, president of the Beaver Island Boat Company.

STRINGS

FROM PG. 1A

are welcome to join the camp, whether by arranging to stay on the island for the week or by commuting each day.

The Summer School of Music is an opportunity for students who wish to begin learning a stringed instrument or to refine and develop the skills they have already begun to learn. Private lessons will be offered in Charlevoix and Petoskey by the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program’s professional teachers on a schedule that is conducive for families. Children as young as four years old can begin learning to play in the Suzuki program and older students can study with college-level instructors.

For more information about the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program (sponsored by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts) and its summer opportunities, visit GerberStrings.org or contact Dr. David Reimer at DavidDGStrings@gmail.com.

SCHOOL BOARD

FROM PG. 1A

when voters will decide who should serve the rest of what was Marlin’s six-year term.

Minnaar has lived in the Boyne City Public Schools District 11 years. He has worked at E.J. USA, since 2004 and where he is currently a product development manager. He is the father of two who for years has volunteered as a youth sports coach in the district.

New Wine Bar to open in downtown Boyne City

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE CITY - City officials here have given the green light for an enhanced liquor license that will allow a husband and wife team to take their existing businesses in downtown Boyne City to another level.

Boyne City Commissioners voted unanimously earlier this month in favor of approving an application submitted by Ed and Kristine Brehm to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in order to obtain a Class C liquor license for a “comfortable, sophisticated” new wine bar and cafe they plan to open in downtown Boyne City.

The Brehms explained to

the commission how they have owned and operated Boyne Country Provisions, located at 127 Water Street, for about the past 10 years. They also own and operate the nearby Wine Emporium and Market which is situated just west at 123 Water Street.

They said their intent is to acquire the building in-between at 125 Water Street, now occupied by the Local Flavor Bookstore, which is going out of business, and turn it into a wine bar/cafe.

The couple explained their plans not only to the city commission, but laid out details in a letter to the Boyne City Main Street Program board, which also approved the couple’s application.

They stated how they plan

to expand their current business sites into the Local Flavor building by creating a “pass through” entry between the Local Flavor and Wine Emporium and then closing off the existing passageway between Boyne Country Provisions and the Wine Emporium. Doing so, explained Ed Brehm, will separate the two buildings, and allow them to meet the on-site consumption of alcohol standards required to obtain the Class C liquor license they need to operate their new business.

Brehm went on to explain how once the remodeling of the Local Flavor building is done, the couple plans to open a wine bar type of cafe/lounge where “somme-

lier-selected” wines will be served along with Michigan craft beers and liquors. They will also offer a limited menu of appetizers, spreads and charcuterie boards. Eventually, he said they hope to also introduce a selection of classic coffees and a gelato bar.

Ultimately, Brehm said the idea is to create a business with an overall comfortable but sophisticated environment that will reflect more of a cafe style ambience during day, and become a “casually elegant and relaxed” place to enjoy at night. He said they will also have wine education classes and themed events there.

Brehm noted that while the new business will fea-

ture fine wines and other items to indulge an adult appetite, the new establishment will also welcome families and offer products and activities appealing to children.

Once the Local Flavor building is remodeled and the new business opens, Brehm said he expects the wine bar/lounge/cafe will create about a half dozen new jobs in downtown Boyne City, bringing the total number to 18 employees the couple will have on their payroll at all three downtown businesses.

Emmet County adds critical care paramedics

Emmet County Emergency Medical Services boosted its level of expertise in February after three of the department’s paramedics completed training in University of Maryland, Baltimore County Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Program (CCEMTP). Dave Davis, Michelle Hitner and Mikayla Thorman finished 100 hours of continuing education and passed an exam last month to earn certification in the CCEMTP from UMBC.

Emmet County EMS now has eight paramedics on staff with the critical care certification including Amanda Godin, Jason Granger, Sierra Hilt, Aaron Maltby and Shawn Wachtel. The department not only covers all of Emmet County but Cheboygan County’s Mackinac Township and parts of Hebron Township as well as parts of Charlevoix County’s Chandler Township and Melrose Township.

The recent course completed by Davis, Hitner and Thorman was sponsored by and held at North Central Michigan College with instruction provided by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Department of Emergency Health Services.

“People came from all over the state to take the course,” said Hitner, who has worked in EMS for more than 20 years. “People from the UP, Detroit and other areas downstate traveled here for it, during some terrible weather. We were lucky it was so close.”

The three local paramedics also expressed how fortunate they were that the county paid for them to take the course. Many of the others attending had to pay for the program on their own while also taking time off of their paying jobs.

“We really appreciated that,” said Hitner. “We were able to just focus on what we were learning and could



Mikayla Thorman, Michelle Hitner and Dave Davis hold their certificate of completion in the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Program after attending 100 hours of classroom instruction and passing an exam in February. Courtesy photo

spend the time studying when we weren’t in class.”

The intense instruction trained the paramedics in providing care for patients in critical situations overwhelmingly focused on problems related to the heart and lungs, including training in the utilization of a mechanical ventilator, mechanical cardiac monitor, intra-aortic balloon pump, ventricular assist devices and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Though the three were appreciative of the increased knowledge and how it will help to save lives in the future, they also noted real-world experience is not exactly something they look forward to gaining.

“We’d like to use what we

learned, but that usually means something bad has happened to someone else,” said Davis.

Thorman explained how paramedics certified in the critical care emergency medical transport program are as capable as those in medical helicopters. With eight critical care paramedics, Emmet County EMS can provide transport when flight crews cannot.

“With that same level of care a patient gets in the medical helicopter, we can transport patients from one ICU [intensive care unit] to another,” Thorman said, citing an example of a patient suffering from serious burns needing transferred to a hospital specializing in

treatment for burn patients.

“For a rural EMS to have this capability is amazing,” said Randy Weston, Director of Emergency Medical Services for Emmet County. He said so many of the department’s calls are outside of city limits and, when each minute counts, having eight paramedics on staff trained in critical care could mean the difference between life or death. It was such a big undertaking and I want to congratulate them for their dedication. Not only did they spend 10 hours a day for 10 days in class, but they also spent hours after that studying to pass the certification exam at the end of the course. I’m really proud of them.”

Spring weight restrictions on state roads expanding

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and local agencies are enacting additional annual spring weight restrictions to protect roads. Effective March 18, weight restrictions will be expanded to cover all state trunkline highways for the entire state of Michigan. State routes typically carry M, I, or US designations.

In the restricted areas, the following will apply:

- On routes designated as “all-season” (designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be no reduction in legal axle weights.

- On routes designated as “seasonal” (designated in solid or dashed red on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be a posted weight reduction of 25 percent for rigid (concrete) pavements and 35 percent for flexible (asphalt) pavements.

- All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length on the restricted routes.

County road commissions and city public works departments put in place their own seasonal weight restrictions, which usually, but not always, coincide with state highway weight restrictions. Signs are generally posted to indicate which routes have weight restrictions in effect.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960 or you can access this information on MDOT’s website at www.Michigan.gov/Truckers, under “Restrictions.” All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. You also may sign up to receive e-mail alerts.

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

0109 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

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 21, 5:30-7pm, Pat O'Brien & Associates, 128 Water St. Business people are invited to this festive St. Patrick's Day-themed event. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are complimentary. Food and drink will reflect Boyne's and Pat O'Brien's Irish heritage, and there will be door prizes and giveaways. There is no charge for admission or refreshments. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will go towards a local charity.

CHARLEVOIX

GARAGE SALE AT CASTLE FARMS

March 22, 4-8pm and March 23, 10am-2pm. Castle Farms is hosting a community garage sale open to anyone who is looking to sell of buy items. They have a limited number of tables available for anyone who would like to sell their items- see their website for more details. The Castle will also have a table selling wedding items plus we will be having a big sale in our Gift Shop! Not to mention, tastings of our 1918 Cellars wine will be available. Info at castlefarms.com

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 Orchestra. 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.

ELLSWORTH

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

March 25, 5-7pm, Ellsworth Elementary School. Good Samaritan family services is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from his event will go toward our emergency assistance fund. The need for helping with propane has almost passed. Soon we will be hearing from people who need help avoiding electricity shut offs. Help us help your neighbors by supporting this fundraiser. Please call Pastor Dave at 350-6533 for more information.

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.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE SERIES; A MOSAIC OF FAITHS: EXPLORING NORTHERN INDIA

April 4, Lunch begins at 11:30am, NCMC Library conference room. With its deep history and diverse religious and cultural traditions, India offers a fascinating window into the dynamics of belief and worship—particularly via its many temples and holy sites. Reflecting on travels to a Buddhist monastery, Hindu temples, and Sikh and Christian sites, among others, Dr. Gary Hauck offers a reflection on this rich religious tapes-

try of India, and how it serves as a fine example of cultural pluralism and diversity. This lecture is free and open to the public. No RSVP necessary.

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

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

April 13, 1pm, Veteran's Park. Bring your own Basket or bags provided. Preschool to 5th Grade. Join us for fun in the park. Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-7983 or secretary@fp-boyne.org

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 Rebecca 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

EJ ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

April 17 and 18. Please plan on an hour and a half. Go to <https://www.schoolbookings.net> and enter code kgtrw to make an appointment or call the office at 231-536-7564.

CHARLEVOIX

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 2pm, East Park. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt will include 7500 prize filled eggs. So bring your Easter basket and be ready at 2:00pm sharp so you don't miss out. Other activities from 2-3pm - East Park; Face Painting compliments of Charlevoix State Bank, Hot Cocoa provided by Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Cookies compliments of Subway, Twister Joe sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, A visit from the Easter Bunny compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Plus 7500 prize filled eggs & Easter Egg shaped Bubbles.

EAST JORDAN

99TH ANNUAL ROTARY FATHER AND SON BANQUET

April 20, 6pm, East Jordan High School. Included Father of the Year presentation and a presentation by Wings of Won-

der raptor sanctuary. Adults; \$10, Students; \$5, Preschool; Free. Tickets are available from East Jordan Rotary members, East Jordan Chamber or at the door. For additional information contact Gary Roberts at (231) 675-7859.

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 Lions Club.

EAST JORDAN

13TH ANNUAL EAST JORDAN ROTARY VARIETY SHOW

April 26 & 27, Community Auditorium. Showtime is at 7:00 p.m. each night at the Community Auditorium, and the doors open at 6:00 p.m. Patrons will once again enjoy great music with Bob Bryan and Full Circle, and the great slapstick comedy that is the hallmark of every show. Reserved seats are limited to 100 for each show and are available for \$15 + internet fees at www.mynorthtickets.com. General admission tickets are available for \$10 each and are available from any Rotarian, and at Charlevoix State Bank.

EAST JORDAN

FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

April 27, Civic Center. The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree will take place from noon - 5pm with a dance from 7 - 10pm. The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree is looking for some help with the event. If you would like to help out please contact Ron Fowler at fowron@aol.com

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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Charlevoix County Transit will be close Friday, April 19th in observance of Good Friday; normal service hours will resume on Saturday, April 20th.

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Features gospel music on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 7pm. East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water.

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.

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: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

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

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Blanche Beatrice Breakey



BLANCHE BEATRICE BREAKEY

The Veteran of the Month of March 2019 is Blanche Beatrice Breakey. Born in Port Huron, Michigan on May 3, 1890 to parents John and Helen Carson Breakey. She attended schools in Port Huron, and after graduation, began a life long career in care-giving. She became a nurse, and when WWI began, she enlisted into the United States Army. After the War was over in 1919, she worked as a public health nurse for the city of Birmingham, Michigan, where she remained throughout the Great Depression. When WW2 began, she was recalled to duty, and was placed in charge of the Veterans Hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi. Little did she know that her nephew Pvt. Thomas O. Breakey was attending Aircraft Mechanic school at Keesler Field Army Air Base, on the other side of Back Bay. After WW2 was over, from 1946 to 1948 she was appointed head of the Dearborn Veterans Facility in Dearborn, Michigan, and later assumed duties as head of the Rehabilitation Unit at Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. After more than 50 years of care-giving during WW1, and WW2, the Public

Health Department of Pontiac Michigan and Veterans Hospitals, Blanche retired in 1955. While on a vacation trip to her nephews home in East Jordan, Michigan, Blanche was stricken with a heart attack, and passed away at Charlevoix Area Hospital. On August 28, 1956, Blanche Beatrice Breakey answered the final call and is being honored by her Great Nephew Thomas Breakey Jr., and family. To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

Mackinac Straits “Raptor Fest” starts April 5

Although winter holds sway for now, the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch is gearing up for spring bird migration. Owls will be researched at a study site near Cheboygan, while hawks will be counted in Mackinaw City. The hawk count starts soon, since adult Golden Eagles pass through the Straits in early March on their way to breeding grounds near Hudson Bay and the Maritime Provinces.

Timed for people to see the eagles as well as Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, the major MSRW outreach event, Mackinaw Raptor Fest, runs from April 5 to 7 in Mackinaw City. Its Chair, Kathy Bricker, invites people to attend any or all of it.

“Plenty of space remains,” Bricker said. “Most events occur on Saturday, with entertaining and educational sessions indoors at the Mackinaw City School. Besides these talks, daily field trips will be held, along with free hawk and waterbird watching.”

Saturday April 6 starts with a plenary talk on the conservation of raptors in Michigan, followed by two morning breakout sessions with five choices of programs. They offer something for everyone. Options for talks include Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Snowy Owls, California Condors, photography of raptors in flight, adaptations of raptors for flight, lead in the environment, wind energy’s effect on raptors, animal tracking via the internet, the migratory mindset of MSRW, and identifying hawks and waterbirds in flight.

After lunch, the Keynote presentation will cover Golden Eagles. MSRW helped prove that Golden Eagles migrate through Michigan in greater numbers than believed, regularly recording more of them than any other hawk count east of the Mississippi (374 in 2015).

Rich Couse, executive director of MSRW and a presenter at the Fest, believes that anyone living in northern Michigan, including families with school-age children, would enjoy the Saturday evening offerings held at St. Anthony’s Church.



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There are several informational sessions offered on Saturday during Raptorfest, covering topics such as photography, identification, tracking and more. Courtesy photo

“It’s a wonderful chance for people to gather with others who share their love of raptors, and an opportunity to learn more about these magnificent creatures” stated Couse.

Starting at 4 pm Saturday, Jenny Schroeder of Hawk Hill Raptors near Genesee will bring several of her rehabilitated birds to St. Anthony’s Church to talk about raptor adaptations and the role of falconry in conservation. A pizza and salad buffet and Silent Auction will follow her live raptor program. The evening ends with the annual Wind Under Wings award for the greatest assistance to birds of prey in the area. Stand-alone tick-

ets for Saturday evening, including dinner, cost \$40.

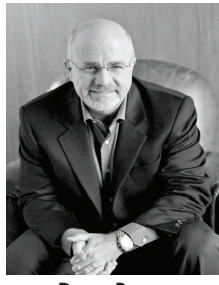
Fest attendees will be treated to an added program on Sunday morning, on learning to identify songbirds by ear. This talk plus the two Owls and Stars and Night Photography field trips will be held at Headlands International Dark Sky Park. The Sunday field trips take people to the Upper Peninsula to search for winter birds.

The full Fest, including dinner on Saturday night, costs \$85. Field trips cost \$20 apiece. Registration via www.mackinawraptorfest.org ends March 22.

Each year the Mackinaw Raptor Fest and the bird research of MSRW attract

hundreds of people to northern Michigan. As families enjoy the birds, they learn that the Straits of Mackinac forms a vital resting and feeding grounds for migratory raptors and waterbirds. In 2019, MSRW hopes to award four \$300 Youth Scholarships to attend the Fest. Tax-deductible donations restricted for these students or for general support may be made at www.mackinacraptorwatch.org. To register for the April 6 Fest, field trips, or evening, visit www.mackinawraptorfest.org.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Time to fix the real problem)

Dear Dave,
I’ve heard you tell people to avoid debt consolidation companies. Why do you think debt consolidation is such a bad thing?
Tom

Dear Tom,
The main reason is that debt consolidation makes you feel like you did something to really change your financial world when you didn’t. That’s part of the catch. Believe it or not, I hear people all the time say things like, “I took out a loan, and paid off all my debt!” No, you didn’t. All you did was move your debt around. It’s still there!
In cases like this, the biggest issue remains because you didn’t do anything to address the real problems—you and your behavior. When you have debt, the number of payments you have left isn’t the problem. The problem isn’t interest rates, either. The problem is the person you look at in the mirror every day.

Until you get mad enough about your financial situation and the real reasons for it—until you fix you and your behavior—you’ll never make any progress toward winning with money!
—Dave

(When can we buy a new car?)

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are following your plan, and we’re in the middle of saving up our emergency fund. When do you recommend buying a new car in the process? Do we have to wait until we’ve finished all the Baby Steps?
Alanna

Dear Alanna,
I never advise buying a brand new car, unless you have a net worth of at least \$1 million. At that point, you’ve got enough assets that you won’t get rocked by the ridiculous depreciation that comes with buying a new vehicle.

Now, you don’t have to drive a beater until you pay off your house or anything like that. I advise people to drive the minimum they can in terms of a car until they complete my first three steps. Baby Step 1 is a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debt except for your home. Baby Step 3 is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses.

After you’ve accomplished these first three steps, then you can move up to a nicer car. Notice that I didn’t say move up to a new car. I want you to save up cash, and get a really nice used car. That’s what the typical millionaire does, and I want you to model your financial behavior after people who are in the position you want to be in some day!
—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 15 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

HEALTH NEWS

March is Colorectal Cancer awareness month

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 140,000 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the United States this year, and over 50,000 will die from the disease. In fact, colorectal cancer is the nation’s third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths for both men and women and the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths when men and women are combined. The good news is that screening can help find and prevent colorectal cancer. It is one of the most successfully treated

cancers if diagnosed early.

“Regular screening is one of the most powerful weapons for preventing colorectal cancer. We recommend that most people begin regular screening at age 50,” stated Luke McCrone, MD, Gastroenterologist at McLaren Northern Michigan. “Those with a family history of colorectal cancer may need to start screening earlier.”

The links between diet, weight, exercise, and colorectal cancer risk are some of the strongest for any type of cancer, accord-

ing to the American Cancer Society. Additional lifestyle risks include smoking and heavy alcohol use.

The most common colorectal cancer checks are stool tests and a colonoscopy. Stool tests are used to look for small amounts of blood or DNA passed in a bowel movement that might indicate a polyp or cancer. These simple tests are performed in the privacy of your home. A colonoscopy is the gold standard for early colorectal cancer diagnosis. Colonoscopies are of-

fered at McLaren Northern Michigan as well as other hospitals and outpatient clinics.

If you haven’t been tested, talk to your primary care physician. If you have been tested, talk to your family and friends. Make sure they know the facts and encourage them to get tested. Together we can help reduce the number of adults who develop and die from colorectal cancer.

March is National Nutrition Month

During National Nutrition Month, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is joining the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to encourage residents to make healthy food choices and to establish healthy habits for physical activity. Good nutrition is an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Combined with physical activity, your choices can help you reach and maintain a healthy weight, reduce your risk of chronic diseases and improve your overall health.

Unhealthy eating habits have contributed to the obesity epidemic in the United States. Approxi-

mately one-third of U.S. adults and 17 percent of children and adolescents aged 2 - 19 years are considered obese; Michigan rates are similar.

Medical Director Josh Meyerson encourages residents to use Harvard’s Nutrition Source Healthy Eating Plate (hsph.harvard.edu/nutrition-source/) and to remember that, “we have tremendous choices in what we eat, and ‘eating healthy’ can mean different things to different people, but everyone can benefit from eating a variety of fruits and vegetables and reducing the amount of processed foods and sugars they consume. A healthy balanced

diet and 30-60 minutes of exercise most every day is the best prescription for health I can give.”

To help boost our healthy communities, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan provides support through programs like Women Infant Children (WIC) to provide food and nutrition support to eligible women, infants and children. The Health Department also provides community programs that teach nutrition and healthy cooking skills, and works with local partners, such as businesses, food pantries, schools, senior meal programs, and grocery stores to make it easier for people to choose

healthy foods.

For more information about providing children with a healthy start, please call 1-800-432-4121 to learn more about the Health Department of Northwest Michigan’s WIC program. The WIC program is open to eligible pregnant women and children until age 5. It provides food, breastfeeding support, nutrition education, immunizations and more. Call today to see if you qualify!

For additional information visit www.nwhealth.org.

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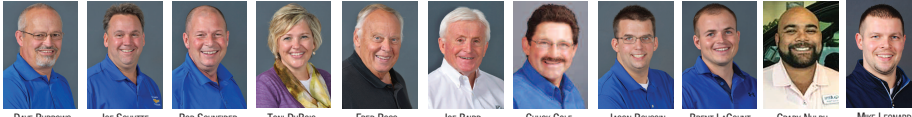
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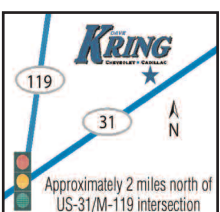
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