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Memorial Day events commemorate those who have served

BY JIM AKANS

This coming Monday is Memorial Day, a time Americans have set aside to commemorate those who have passed while serving in our nation's military. It is a tradition that began after the Civil War ended in 1865, as countless gatherings occurred in towns and villages across the country, celebrating the memories of soldiers through sermons, songs and social activities. It was initially known as "Decoration Day," with the first official observance recorded in Waterloo, New York on May 5th, 1866.

The name slowly evolved to "Memorial Day," and Congress made Memorial Day an official national holiday in 1971, moving the holiday's observance from May 30 to the last Monday in May, allowing for a three-day holiday weekend.

Throughout Charlevoix County area this Memorial Day Weekend there will be several commemorative ceremonies honoring the memories of those who have sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedoms...the

most precious gift anyone can offer to their country and their countrymen.

Here is a selection of events and ceremonies that will take place;

Boyne City;

Boyne City American Legion and VFW and the Boyne Area Veterans Memorial Committee will hold memorial services at local cemeteries from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 27. At 11:45 a.m. the veterans Memorial Day Procession will leave the American Legion Post, proceeding north on Lake Street to Veterans Memorial Park for services beginning at 12 noon. The Boyne City High School Band will perform, and all area veterans are invited to participate. Here is the schedule of the cemetery visits:

- 8:00 A.M. - Memorial Park, Boyne Falls
- 8:25 A.M. - Memorial Park, Walloon Lake
- 8:50 A.M. - Evangeline Cemetery, Evangeline Township
- 9:15 A.M. - Dyer Cemetery, Bay Township
- 9:55 A.M. - Lost at Sea, Veterans Memorial Park



Throughout northern Lower Michigan this Memorial Day weekend there will be several commemorative ceremonies honoring the memories of those who have sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedoms. Photo by Jim Akans

- 10:25 A.M. - Advance Cemetery, Eveline Township
- 10:50 A.M. - Wilson Cemetery, Wilson Township
- 11:00 A.M. - Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City

Charlevoix;

Monday, May 27, Charlevoix's Memorial Day observances are planned starting with a service at Brookside Cemetery at 9 am followed by a parade

through downtown. Parade line up at 9:30am at old American Legion Hall. Parade at 10am, East Garfield Ave, Bridge Street, Clinton Street to East Park where there will be a service.

East Jordan;

Memorial Day Parade - On May 27 at 7:15 the American Legion group will leave the hall to visit five area cemeteries (7:30 at Calgary, 8am Pesek, 8:15 Bohemian, 8:35 Dunsmore, 9am at Sunset and 9:15 Grandvue Medical Care Facility), and return for breakfast at the Hall at 9:30am. The Memorial Day Parade will form in GAR Park across from the American Legion Hall at 10am. The parade begins at 10:45am with a program following in Memorial Park. There will be a service at the bridge after the ceremony to honor those lost at sea.

Ellsworth;

At 9am on Monday, there will be a ceremony at Norwood Cemetery followed by a 10am service at Atwood Cemetery and an 11am service at Ellsworth Cemetery.

JRAC Announces scholarship winners

BY KAREN WALKER

Each year as part of their mission, Jordan River Arts Council holds a show of area high school students' artwork and awards scholarships based on their entries.

This year's show was judged by artists Jane Diller and John Stevens, longtime supporters of JRAC. Twenty-two junior and senior high school students entered this year. "You should be proud of your creativity, your skills and your courage to enter," commented show coordinator Cynthia Tschudy to the students gathered for the awards presentation this past Sunday. "No one can take that away from you."

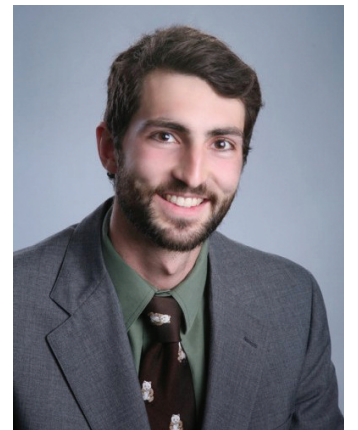
Winner of the \$1,500 Betty Osborne scholarship was Kiley Mann and winner of the \$1,000 Betty Beeby scholarship was Payton Novotny, both from Charlevoix High School. Amber Gibson of East Jordan High School won the \$1,000 John & Rachel Alberts Scholarship, and Anika Manthei of Concord Academy Boyne took home the \$750 JRAC scholarship award. Honorable Mentions



Pictured: (left to right) Kiley Mann, Payton Novotny, Anika Manthei, Tegan Swanson (standing in for her sister Bailey), Riley Smith, Erinn Hinigan.

of \$100 each went to Erinn Hinigan of Concord Boyne, Riley Smith of Charlevoix High School and Gabrielle Snyder and Bailey Swanson of East Jordan High School.

The exhibit is on display through Friday afternoon at the Jordan River Arts Center, 301 Main Street, East Jordan.



Andrew Boyer

28 year old City Commissioner dies unexpectedly

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan City Commissioner and beloved local citizen Andrew Boyer, 28, died unexpectedly May 16th. Andrew was appointed to the East Jordan City Commission in 2014 to replace Tony Cutler who was stepping down. Andrew's talents were quickly recognized as he served the city with dignity and humility. Commenting on his abilities as Commissioner, Tony Cutler says, "He had a passion for serving others, was analytical and knew that questions asked were as valuable as having experience. He didn't need to be an expert but was willing to ask questions and learn."

In spite of being new to city government, Andrew's concern for his community proved to be a valuable asset to the position. Andrew will always be known as a kind, bright young man that cared deeply for his family and community.

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 61
LOW: 55

SATURDAY



HIGH: 70
LOW: 45

SUNDAY



HIGH: 65
LOW: 46

MONDAY



HIGH: 62
LOW: 48

TUESDAY



HIGH: 65
LOW: 51

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 59
LOW: 44

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAY 23	.42°	...72°	...26° (1963)	..87° (1964)
MAY 24	.43°	...72°	...22° (1956)	..89° (1975)
MAY 25	.43°	...73°	...25° (1992)	..88° (2007)
MAY 26	.43°	...73°	...26° (1958)	..86° (1986)
MAY 27	.43°	...73°	...26° (1961)	..87° (1972)
MAY 28	.44°	...74°	...29° (1992)	..90° (1978)
MAY 29	.44°	...74°	...29° (1958)	..93° (2006)
MAY 30	.44°	...74°	...27° (1961)	..93° (2006)
MAY 31	.45°	...74°	...29° (1967)	..90° (2007)
JUN 1	...46°	...74°	...26° (1966)	..90° (1949)

OBITUARIES

Jeffrey Leonard Prell, 64

(MAY 20, 1954 - MAY 13, 2019)

Jeffrey Leonard Prell of Charlevoix passed early morning May 13 in his sleep at his home in Lake Michigan Heights.



Jeffrey was born on May 20, 1954 in Bay City, Michigan, to Leonard and Jeanette Prell. He grew up in Bay City and graduated from Central High School and then Delta College as an R.N. In 1996, he moved to Northern Michigan to be Director of Nursing at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. In 2003, he and his partner John Caron built and operated Autumn Joy Geriatric AFC on Upper Bay Shore Road. They took care of over 40 elderly folks until 2016 when they retired due to his health. He loved all kinds of crafts but especially quilting.

Jeffrey is survived by his partner, John Caron and his family; son, Christopher (Jenae) Prell of Bay City; grandchildren, Myckalee and Jennaca Prell; and sister, Janine (Louis) Moll of Bay City.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Stone Funeral Home. Reverend David Behling officiated.

Andrew James Boyer, 28

(FEB. 24, 1991 - MAY 16, 2019)

Andrew James Boyer unexpectedly passed away on May 16, 2019. Andrew is survived by his best friend and partner (wife to be) Kristen Kovel; his loving parents Jim and Diane Boyer; his dear little sister, Ellen Boyer; his mentor, partner in crime, and grandpa, Dale Manning; his partner in wit, and beloved grandma, Elaine Manning; and countless aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and community members.



Andrew was born February 24, 1991. He was the most adorable, chubby, brown-eyed, spiky-haired baby, and he hit the ground running...verbally at least. He was never afraid of expressing his progressive opinions, and he had many. Andrew never sat still, and because of this, his death is rippling globally. From his modest house in his small hometown of East Jordan, he was on a mission to change just about everything that he felt was unjust. He worked briefly in social work but chose manual labor and city politics instead, expressing his proletarian views loudly and often. He worked tirelessly, as a dedicated leader, to improve humanity and make our country equitable for all people. He worked tirelessly,

period. Andrew did everything for everyone. He was determined to change the world. He did change the world, and in ways that we never expected.

With our hearts full of admiration and awe, and now completely broken, we sit around the table trying to write something to represent Andrew. We cannot do this obituary justice, which would have been better had he written it himself. Because everything was better with Andrew. To quote him, "The water in the photo looked so black and dismal, but the foliage on both sides looked serene and beautiful. I see death as a river that we cross."

On Wednesday, May 22 from 4 to 8 PM, all are welcome to join the family at the Boyer family farm (5018 South Waterman Rd., East Jordan) to celebrate Andrew's life. Please bring a memory or story of Andrew to share at 6 PM, if desired. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, you may donate to the Andrew Boyer Trades Scholarship fund. Please send donations to Andrew Boyer Trades Scholarship, 03835 Centennial Dr, East Jordan, MI 49727, c/o Tammy Jackson.

Marlene Fine, 85

(FEB. 4, 1934 - MAY 14, 2019)

On May 14th, Marlene Louise Fine, aka Granny, went to be with her Lord in Heaven. In the words of her granddaughter, Preslye Jane, "We all loved her and she has loved us, taught us, and looked out for us. She touched and helped so many people over her lifetime. Let us be able to remember the moments we shared with her and forever live in those perfect memories. We pray in His name Jesus."

Preceded in death by Edwin Fortune, her first husband and father of their eleven children. Her son Carl Fortune, parents Lester

and Dorothy Aimesbury. Also, Marlene's sister Pat Giamartin, two brothers Carl and Bill Aimesbury and her sweet nephew Terry Giamartin.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Robert Fine; her ten children and three step children, Mark (Annie) Fortune, Karen Frohlich, Theresa (Bob) Berdan, Raymond Fortune, Margi (John Hackett) Fortune, Beverly (Buck) Duemling, Lori Kay (Tommy) Couture, Edwin (Lorie) Fortune, Edwina (Tim) VanAlstine, and Rhonda (Jimmy) Nocera, Terrie (Donald) Jardot, Steven Fine, and Bambi Vario. She is also survived by her brother Rex (Betty) Aimesbury.

Granny has many deeply loved grandchildren, great grandchildren, sweet nieces, and nephews. She has loyal sister in-laws and many loving and caring friends.

Those who would like to honor her may do so by donating to Grandvue Medical Facility or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Per our mothers request there will be no funeral service.

God Bless

Frank B Aldrich, 94

(JUNE 11, 1924 - MAY 21, 2019)

Frank B. Aldrich of Ellsworth, formerly of Alma, MI, died May 21, 2019 at Eastport Village Care Home.

Born on June 11, 1924 to Mabel (Wiser) and Howard Aldrich, Frank graduated from St. Louis (MI) High School in 1942 and then enlisted in the Army Air Force. He served in World War II as a military police officer and was stationed in Natal, Brazil. After returning from the War, he became a police officer in St. Louis, MI and enjoyed a long career in law enforcement until his retirement.

Frank married Velvia L. Beach of South Charleston,

West Virginia on May 11, 1947. Frank was a devoted husband and father, always working hard to provide a better life for his wife and daughter. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Alma, the Alma VFW and American Legion Post #488 in Ellsworth. After his retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife and driving for local car dealers.

In 1995 Frank lost his beloved wife, Velvia, to cancer. In 2007 Frank moved to Ellsworth to live with his daughter and her husband. He enjoyed road trips with his son-in-law, daily breakfast at the local Front Porch Cafe and church services at Ellsworth Wesleyan Church.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Lynn Aldrich-Spearing, son-in-law, Tom Spearing of Ellsworth and their extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife and nine siblings.

A visitation will be held at the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home in Ellsworth on Thursday, May 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 24, at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Chris Wallace officiating.

For those wishing to make memorial donations the family suggests Front Porch Ministries, P.O. Box 37, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

Olga Camilleri, 89

(JUNE 16, 1929 - MAY 15, 2019)

Olga Camilleri of Charlevoix died Wednesday, May 15, 2019. She was born June 16, 1929 in Detroit the daughter of John and Mary (Yaskow) Michnuk.



On June 25th, 1949 Olga married Francis "Frank" Camilleri in Detroit. They were introduced by mutual friends and were happily married for nearly 53 years - until Frank's death in

2002. Also preceding her in death were her son John Camilleri and brother Julius Michnuk.

Olga and Frank began their married life in Dearborn, Michigan and relocated to Charlevoix, Michigan in 1977. Olga was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church and worked for many years at Barb's Hallmark - where she enjoyed talking with the customers who came into the store.

In her free time Olga loved to bake, cook, and quilt. She had a deep love and appreciation for the natural beauty of Northern Michigan - a place she was proud to call home. She was devoted to her friends and family. She frequently traveled to visit with her children and grandchildren, and spent summers hosting them in her Charlevoix home.

Olga will be remembered for her warm spirit, her deep faith, and her boundless laughter. Surviving Olga are her children

Phillip Camilleri of East Jordan, Beth (Christopher) Cowie of Washington, DC, Patrick (Beth) Camilleri of Minneapolis, MN, Mary Camilleri of Killington, VT, and grandchildren Carol Camilleri, Margaret Cowie, Madeline Camilleri, Colleen Cowie, and Grace Camilleri.

A funeral mass will be held at Noon on Tuesday, May 28 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Memorial donations in Olga's name may be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy (<https://landtrust.org/memorial-or-honorarium/>) or to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (231-237-0103).

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com

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East Jordan Art & Historical Society is rebuilding

BY KAREN WALKER

The East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Society is moving forward to rebuild the struggling organization. At a meeting last Monday, community members met with facilitators from MSU Extension to learn more about the historical society and brainstorm ways to move forward. Participants

agreed the Historical Society is a valuable asset and steps need to be taken for its continuance.

The Society was officially formed in 1975 as a registered non-profit. The original Museum Committee was established through the East Jordan Tournament Bridge group in 1966 by Cygred Riley, Elaine Savory and Jane Jackson. Founding

members established a museum at the City owned Elm Pointe park with a second display space added more recently next to City Hall. The Portside Art Fair has been the major fund raiser for the Society but participation in the Society and art fair has been slowly declining over the years. This year's art fair was cancelled due to lack of volunteers

and low artist attendance.

Anyone interested in helping to rebuild the Historical Society is encouraged to attend the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 30th, 5:30pm at the Community Center, 116 Main St., East Jordan. For more information, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nollie Sherwood

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Coleen Sherwood

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Nollie would like to be a dancer or a singer when she grows up.

Favorite Book: *The Book with No Pictures* is her favorite book because it make parents have to say funny things.

Hobbies and Interests: Nollie likes to play outside and walk her dog. She also likes spending time with her family.

School Activities: She especially likes math because she thinks she is good at it. She likes to challenge herself and her classmates.

Staff Comments: Nollie greets me every morning with a hug and a smile on her face. She is always willing to help her classmates and teacher. She has good manners and sets a good example for other students.

Submitted By: Mrs. Powers



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PHOTOS BY KAREN WALKER



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EAST JORDAN

OVER SHOPPING & OVER SPENDING PRESENTATION

May 23, 6pm, Jordan Valley District Library. Terrence Shulman from Franklin, Michigan will present on how to not over spend on unnecessary items. Facts such as 15% of internet shoppers are compulsive shoppers, men and women shop/spend about equally, and the average credit card debt for a U.S. Citizen is nearly \$10,000. He has been on CNN, Nightline, CNBC, Entertainment Tonight, 48 Hours, Oprah Winfrey Show, etc. His book "Bought out and spent!" is available to check out from the library. This is a free event, but you need to register at 536-7131

CHARLEVOIX

ROUND LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 24-26, 5-8pm, Bridge Park. Free concerts and fun. Featuring the Jelly Roll Blues Band, The Huslers and the Jill Jack Band. Info at livefromcharlevoix.com

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

10TH ANNUAL BREEZEWAY GARAGE SALE

May 24 and 25. Residents, businesses and organizations all along the C-48 "Breezeway," from Atwood to Ellsworth to East Jordan to Boyne Falls are participating in our 10th annual Breezeway Garage Sale. New this year... East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. are participating on Saturday with a Snowmobile/Anything Goes Swap Meet and Yard Sale. Visit www.ridethebreezeway.com for additional information.

EAST JORDAN

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND RIDE

May 25. Presented by the South Arm ORV Club. Leave the DNR Trail head parking lot on M-72 east of Kalkaska at 10am. Travel to Higgins Lake, stop for gas and snacks about halfway through the ride. The ORV Club is providing hotdogs, burgers for a grill out on the trail, please bring a dish to pass. Contact Mary Ann Scott (231) 675-0918 or email scottsej@hotmail.com for info.

CHARLEVOIX

THE MEMORIAL WEEKEND 5K

May 25. The Memorial Weekend 5K is presented by Charlevoix Fitness Center, in collaboration with Stafford's Top of Michigan Festival of Races. All ages Welcome. Race T-Shirt included if you per-register. Stollers welcome. Only \$30. Race supports Top of MI Trails and Charlevoix High School. All runners are invited to enjoy a pre-race spaghetti dinner, drinks and live music at Bridge Park on Friday, May 24th from 5:30-8:30pm. Register at: Active.com "Top of Michigan Marathon", Charlevoix 5K Start and Finish or May 24th at Bridge Park, Charlevoix from 3-9pm

BOYNE CITY

PRIME MINISTER'S "GOD ENCOUNTER" AIRED

May 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Former Ethiopian prime minister Tamrat Layne tells about his controversial "encounter with God" in a filmed interview at Lifetree Café on Potluck Sunday, May 26. Bring a dish to share at 5:30. Program begins at 6:30. After serving as prime minister, Layne was convicted of corruption charges and served 12 years in prison. During his incarceration, Layne claims he experienced a supernatural visit from God. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

5TH ANNUAL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

June 1, 1-6pm, downtown. Featuring Michigan Breweries, Local Food, and Live Music!

This festival brings a great casual culture to downtown Charlevoix during a beautiful season in Northern Michigan! VIP Attendees get : 5 Drink Tickets, Early Entry, Souvenir Glass, and \$2 off pints at Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company After-Party

BOYNE CITY

FRESHWATER CONCERT; JOHN GORKA

June 1, 8pm, Freshwater Gallery, 217 S. Lake Street. John Gorka has 14 critically acclaimed albums, countless national and international tours, collaborations with the likes of Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Ani DiFranco, Lucy Kaplansky, Patty Larkin, and many more. Performing with special guest; Lynn Miles. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, call (231) 582-2588 for tickets.

BOYNE CITY

KEYS TO A LONG LIFE EXPLORED

June 2, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "How to Live to 100: Advice from Those Who've Done It," features a short film in which centenarians (people who have reached the age of 100) share their secrets for reaching the century mark. Lifetree participants will be given the chance to share their opinions of what it means to age well. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

REMOTE WORKERS COLLABORATIVE

June 5, 1-2pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Bringing together people who work remotely or independently. Our goal is to share ideas, resources, and explore a possible remote worker/co-working space at the library. If you'd like to help us design a space and meet with other independent workers, please come to the meetings. Held first Wednesday of each month.

EAST JORDAN

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

June 7, The Mallard Golf Club. Lunch is at noon, shotgun start at 1pm. Nine holes with cart, lunch and snacks, golfer gifts, prizes and games. \$60 per person or \$240 per team. Contact the chamber at (231) 536-7351 for details.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SPRING ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

June 7; 5-8pm and June 8; 9am-1pm. Accepting common hazardous items, electronics, appliances and mattresses. Registration is May 28-June 6th. For location information or to register call 231-547-7221 between 8-4pm or visit charlevoixcounty.org.

BOYNE CITY

HOW DADS SHAPE US DISCUSSED

June 9, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "A Father's Power: How Dads Shape Us—For Better or Worse," includes a filmed interview with former gang member and current father Mark DeEsparza. "I can't recall a time I was really engaged or active with my father," says DeEsparza. "I watched other children spending time with their fathers, fishing or going to games and being engaged. I looked for that growing up and couldn't find it." Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

WOMEN CAN/WOMEN DO LUNCHEON

June 12, 11am, Castle Farms. Dollars raised from the luncheon support Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan programs and services such as domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse/sexual assault, counseling, and educational/employment. Grey Gables will cater the lunch and Diane McMahon will provide dessert. A few seats are available at a minimum donation of \$150 per person. For information on reserving a seat at the event or becoming a table captain or table designer, call the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or email info@wrcnm.org.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 13, 4-8pm, downtown. Specials, refreshments and giveaways at participating stores and restaurants. Side street musicians on Bridge Street from 6-8pm. Visit charlevoix.org for more information.

EAST JORDAN

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 13, 5-7pm, Mallard Golf Club.

ELLSWORTH

ANNUAL ELLSWORTH PIG ROAST

June 14 & 15. Friday evening will include all American Picnic dinner, a Paddle Antrim celebration and cruise, a water slide for children and an ice cream social. Saturday will feature events all day long, beginning at 8am. The pancake breakfast, the 5K run, our hometown parade, crafts, a great meal, lots of games and attractions for children, a benefit motorcycle ride and the annual horse pull plus other attractions await the public. New this year will be a two-day softball tournament.

BOYNE CITY

INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR OF THE SHACK SCREENED

June 16, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Can God Love a Mess Like Me?" features a filmed interview with William Paul Young, author of The Shack and Cross Roads. The Shack has sold over 20 million copies, though Young never intended to publish it. "I wrote it to communicate to my kids about the character of God, to make asking questions about God's kindness and goodness okay." The Shack became a major motion picture released in March 2017 and went on to win the Gospel Music Association Dove Award for Inspirational Film of the Year. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

SHARPS DROP-OFF

June 19, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern MI, 915 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777.

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

CURBSIDE TRASH PICK-UP

June 22. Curbside pickup will be held on Saturday, June 22 this year. Items you would like to have picked up need to be at the curb by the evening of June 21.

BOYNE CITY

THE IMPACT OF CONCUSSIONS EXPLORED

June 23, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Concussions: A Former NFL Player Speaks Out," features a filmed interview with former NFL tight end Ben Utecht, who suffered five confirmed concussions during his career. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to share ideas for reducing the risk of concussions in sports at all levels. 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

EXPOSING ABUSE DISCUSSED

June 30, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Potluck Sunday at 5:30 please bring a dish to share. The program, titled "Blowing the Whistle on Abuse: One Courageous Teenage Girl Tells Her

Story," includes a film of a young woman who was abused by her father for 11 years. Participants will also get a glimpse of the cost of her going public with the abuse she experienced as well as the freedom that came when the abuse ended. 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

FARMERS MARKET

Veterans Park, Wednesdays and Saturday's, 8am - Noon. Shoppers can purchase fresh local produce and unique goodies from the market For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family - Children love to get stickers in our Junior Marketeer program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits. Market patrons get FREE 20 minute parking along the east side of Bridge Street and East Park to make your shopping experience easy as pie.

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FARMERS MARKET

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ELLSWORTH

FARMERS MARKET

There will be a farmers market every Saturday through October 12, 9am to noon, in the Village's Community Square across from the Front Porch Restaurant.

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LEAF & RUBBISH PICKUP

LEAF PICKUP is on Mondays and Fridays from now through June 7, Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in biodegradable paper yard waste bags. City crews will pick up bags as time allows. nBrush will not be picked up curbside, but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site. You may haul your own leaves, either bagged in biodegradable bags or unbagged, to the compost site on Robinson Street, open seven days a week for your convenience. They may NOT be left in traditional plastic trash bags. Yard waste details. RUBBISH PICKUP is for larger items that cannot be disposed of with your household trash such as mattresses, furniture and light construction debris. These pickups will be: Wednesdays: May 22 & 29 and June 5 for areas in-

cluding Main Street and south and Thursdays: May 23 & 30 and June 6 for areas north of Main Street.

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.

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.

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EJ High school junior designs unique bike repair device

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY BETH PIEHL ECKERLE

CHAR-EM ISD COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

Mike Cortright needed a device to help him service mountain bike shocks at his Boyne City business, North Country Cycle Sport. Commercial devices cost upwards of \$1,000 or more, and Cortright was looking for a less-expensive option. He contacted a friend at Classic Instruments, Devin Butterbrodt, knowing the company's engineers and manufacturers are brilliant at developing devices, even those not specific to their classic car business in Boyne City.

With the project in mind, Devin approached fellow Rotary Club member Liz Nachazel with the idea that her son, Aaron, might be able to design the device. Aaron is a junior in the Computer

Aided Design class at East Jordan High School, a Career and Technical Education program offered in 9-12th grades.

Once Liz and Devin started talking, Liz knew Aaron would be perfect for the job of designing a device like Cortright needed, based on the skills he has learned in his class under instructor John Cross. The CAD class has helped Aaron develop his skills over the past three years, and he was excited about taking on a project with real-world application.

"I used 2D and 3D software to create the design for Shock Squash 1.0," said Aaron, 16, who is interested in pursuing an engineering career after graduation next year. "We have the necessary software programs in class, so I was able to use what I learned at school and work on the designs over the summer last year at Classic

Instruments."

After researching existing models and putting together the necessary dimensions for fabrication - about 20 hours of time - Aaron's version was streamlined and therefore, more cost-effective. After the CAD drawings were completed, Classic Instruments used them to fabricate the Shock Squash, which presses a bike shock down with enough force so that it can be properly repaired.

Cortright is thrilled to have such a useful tool in his shop for making repairs. It's not a process that can be done by hand, because of the force required to adequately compress the shock. The Shock Squash allows him to make repairs and retest the shock before putting it back on the mountain bike - saving steps and ensuring the shocks are functioning at their optimum capacity.

"It's really an awesome device. And it's been great to be part of this collaborative effort that involved a student utilizing his skills from the classroom to make a product that is really useful in the real world," said Cortright.

Butterbrodt said Classic Instruments was likewise pleased to work with a student and a local business.

"We knew this would be a perfect high school CAD project," he said. "It involved all sorts of collaboration, and we are glad to play



Aaron Nachazel, a junior at East Jordan High School, pictured in the East Jordan CAD classroom with Devin Butterbrodt of Classic Instruments (left) and instructor John Cross.



Mike Cortright demonstrates how the Shock Squash is used at his Boyne City cycle shop.

a role."

Once it was delivered, Aaron paid a visit to Cortright's shop to see the device in action. "I couldn't believe I designed it," he said. "It looked too professional almost for a 16-year-old to have designed it!"

His teacher, John Cross, however, was not surprised. He describes Aaron as an exceptional student and one interested in learning new skills. "It's few and far between to have a project like this by a student," he said.

"Aaron has outstanding skills and works really well independently and with others. He's a great problem solver with a great work ethic."

"I'm definitely pushing that we need more involvement with the workforce and real-world applications, like this, in our classes," Cross said.

The Shock Squash earned Aaron a second-place award at the annual MITES competition for career tech projects, during the state-wide

event held recently in Belaire. He will next put his skills to work during his senior year, having landed a Career Internship at EJ working with the company's design/engineering department - offering him even more real-world experience in his field of interest.

As for the fun and unique name, Shock Squash? Aaron said he couldn't take full credit for that. "My dad is pretty creative at that kind of thing," he added.

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the month of May, 2019 is Keith Orland Bartlett. Born May 17, 1918 in East Jordan, Michigan to parents Orrin Webster and Edith Maude Smatts Bartlett. He grew up on the family farm, and graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1936. He attended the University of Michigan for 2 years, leaving in 1938 to do research work for the Zoology department in Alaska, returning to Pontiac Michigan where he was employed in the skilled fabrication of metal products. In June of 1941 Bartlett enlisted into the Royal Canadian Air Force, and transferred to the United States Army Air Force 3 July, 1941, where he received his officer commission as 2nd Lieutenant. After flight training in B-17 bomber aircraft, he left the United States in October 1941 for the European Theater of Operations, being assigned to the 360th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, in England. Flying co-pilot on a B-17F bomber named "Ooold Soljer" with Captain Lewis E. Lyle as pilot, the crew was credited with being the first bomber to fly over Germany, and dropping bombs. After flying 11 missions as co-pilot, Bartlett was given a promotion to 1st Lieutenant, and assumed command of "Ooold Soljer". He flew 14 missions as pilot, having the 15th mission aborted due to bad weather. On 31 March, 1943 beginning his 27th mission, the crew was to bomb the shipyards at Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Flying in heavy clouds, their plane collided with another B-17 named "Two Beasts". Of the 20 fly-



KEITH ORLAND BARTLETT

ers, 5 were able to bail out of their aircraft's, but 15 flyers were lost when their planes crashed near the town of Mears Ashby, England. Those killed were buried in Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, England. Bartlett was the first East Jordan serviceman to be killed in WWII, and was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart Medal. A tribute to Keith by Rev. C. W. Sidebotham stated, He had a keen sense of responsibility, he was a youth of integrity, he loved his God and his fellow man, and his East Jordan home.

On 31 March, 1943 1st Lieutenant Keith Orland Bartlett answered the final call and is being honored by his extended 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.

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Kaitlin Schwenke, Devin Sutton, Eric Smith and Katie Burley as recipients of 2019 Chamber Scholarships.

The number of applicants proved our community is full of exceptional students, prompting the Charlevoix Area Chamber Board and businesses to increase sponsorship amounts to award three additional \$500 scholarships as well as the original \$1500 scholarship.

Schwenke will receive a \$1500 scholarship, generously sponsored by the Fox Charlevoix & Fox Charlevoix Ford, Boatworks of Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. She will graduate from Charlevoix High School with plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a general business major and pre-veterinary medicine minor. She is the daughter of Paul and Christine Schwenke. While maintaining a 4.0 GPA and participating in student council, National Honor Society, Junior Main Street and quizbowl, she is also a varsity athlete in cross country and track-

and-field, receiving numerous state awards in both. Outside of extracurriculars, Kaitlin has volunteered her time with Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Red Cross, the Lions Club, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Venetian Festival and the High School Mentor Program. Her passion to be involved came from seeing the impact on others, in her essay stating "being a conduit for others to get their voice heard was uplifting. I learned that being a leader is not only directing, but listening to your peers and carrying genuine conversations."

Sutton, Smith, and Burley will each receive a \$500 scholarship, collaboratively sponsored by Boatworks of Charlevoix, Hoffman McLane CPA Firm, Round Lake Group, LLC, Mark Snyder of Pat O'Brien & Associates, and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sutton, the daughter of Richard and Lynn Sutton, will graduate from Charlevoix High School with plans to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in biomedical science. She hopes to

then attend medical school to become an oncologist. When explaining her career plans in her essay, Sutton said "I will get to help people that are facing one of the hardest things they ever will in their life. I will be able to support them and be there for them every step of the way, so they know they are never alone". In addition to working at Cherry Republic, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA with involvement in Zonta Club, Junior Main Street, S.A.F.E in Northern Michigan, Watershed Academy, National Honor Society, Last Dance Rescue Ranch, the Christmas Project, and many more events and clubs.

Smith, the son of Roger and Caroline Smith, will graduate from Charlevoix High School with plans to attend Michigan Technological University's school of engineering. While maintaining a 3.83 GPA, he has given time to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Junior Main Street, FIRST Robotics team, Student Government, and S.A.F.E in Northern Michigan. He also shares his drive on the varsity soccer, cross country, and track-and-field teams.

When describing his passion for extracurriculars in his essay, Smith said he has "never believed in doing something just to do it, and if you're going to do something, do it right".

Burley, the daughter of Brian and Emily Wilmot, will graduate from Boyne City High School with plans to attend Florida State University to major in nursing. While maintaining a 4.007 GPA, she has been a student athlete on the soccer, cross country, and volleyball teams. She has participated in student government, the National Honors Society, S.A.F.E in Northern Michigan, and the Pride team, among others. In the community, she assisted with the Boyne City Craft Show, Boyne's Got Talent, the Elementary Carnival, Community Christmas project and more.

When describing her leadership and character in her essay, Burley said "I try my hardest to lead by example each day, by exemplifying good morals and ethics. I was taught, from a young age, to be truthful in everything I do, while being true to myself."

Charlevoix State Bank opens in Boyne City

BY KAREN WALKER

Charlevoix State Bank marked the opening of their new full service Boyne City branch with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday. The new office is located at 102 S. Lake St. in the space formerly occupied by Fifth Third Bank.

"Boyne City has been on our radar for a while," said Mike Hinkle, President and CEO. "With all of the recent name changes and bank mergers and yet another bank leaving Boyne City, it seemed like the right time to introduce Boyne City to truly local banking. As a true community bank, we are overseen by a local board of directors that are part of our community," Hinkle said. The bank has operated a loan office in Boyne City for the past three years, managed by John Cool, who will now be in charge of general



Branch manager John Cool cuts the ribbon for the new Boyne City branch office assisted by bank Chairman Rich Hodgson (left) and Mike Hinkle, President and CEO (far right).

operations of the new full service office. Established in 1994, Charlevoix State Bank is the only financial institution headquartered in Charlevoix County. In ad-

dition to Boyne City, the bank has branches in Charlevoix, East Jordan, Beaver Island, and Ellsworth. "Please stop in to see our

beautifully remodeled branch and get to know our capable, friendly staff," said Cool.

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Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway takes place Memorial Day weekend

Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of "Garage Sales Across the Breezeway" on Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 from 9am to 4pm. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, at-

tractions and restaurants.

Organized by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, the weekend not only includes tons of garage sales, but other shopping fun in each community including sidewalk sales in downtown East Jordan. A list of garage sale locations is available on the Ride the Breezeway web site, at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, mailboxes at each end of the Breezeway and local businesses along the Breezeway.

Discover the C-48 Breezeway...26 miles of rural scenic beauty. For additional information visit ejchamber.com or at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.



Find lots of great treasures during the annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway event on May 24 & 25. Courtesy graphic.



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Jack Laucher Remembered for dedication to young people

For twenty years, the Jack Laucher Outdoor Education Fund has provided grants to enable students in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties an opportunity to experience challenges and personal growth through summer camps and other programs. More than 30 young people have had once-in-a-lifetime experiences that would not have been possible without financial support from the fund established in honor of Jack Laucher. This year, the Fund will transition to a Fund for Youth to honor Jack's dedication to young people.

A learning disabilities consultant for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) before his passing in 1998, Jack had a specific goal: to support young people in reaching their potential. The year after his passing, Jack's wife Sandi and sons Adam and Andrew worked with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to establish the Fund in his honor.

"Jack's philosophy was that children's feelings were critically important. The quote from Maya Angelou sums up his goal in working with children - 'people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' I'm so pleased that Jack's Fund has reinforced his commitment to young people over the past twenty years," says Sandi.

Each year since the Fund was established, Sandi has partnered with Char-Em



For twenty years, the Jack Laucher Outdoor Education Fund has provided grants to enable students in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties an opportunity to experience challenges and personal growth through summer camps and other programs. Courtesy photo

ISD to share the impact of the Fund on local students with employees from eleven school districts and to encourage them to support the Fund.

"Our family has continued to support Jack's Fund, but the people of Char-Em ISD who truly care about children in our communities have made this work in Jack's name possible," says Sandi. "I am so grateful to them for their contribution to his legacy."

This year, the Jack Laucher Outdoor Education Fund will make its last awards to help individuals gain a camp experience, but the new Jack Laucher Fund for Youth will continue to

make a difference in the lives of young people through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

"Jack's Fund has been very hands-on since it was established in 1998, with applications submitted by ISD teachers, a review of those applications, communication with families and camps, and also the updates to friends who have supported the Fund at the ISD," explains Sandi.

Beginning this fall, the Jack Laucher Fund for Youth will boost the grant-making from the Youth Fund and other Funds for Youth, achieving more together when allocated by

the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee.

"We know this Fund is so very special to Sandi, her family, and the many donors who have contributed in Jack's honor over twenty years," says Community Foundation President, Chip Hansen. "Jack's legacy will continue through his Fund for Youth, forever."

For more information about making a gift, establishing a fund, or applying for a grant, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

Honoring 30 years of home-based care

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is honoring over 30 years of excellent service in the Home Health and Hospice industry, but even longer as a 'skilled nursing' home care establishment as they prepare to close the Home Health and Hospice division on September 30.

Home Care has always been a part of public health nursing and continues to be. Public health nurses from the Health Department have provided home care to individuals for many years. When home health care became more complex and specialized in the 1980's, the Health Department responded by separating their Family Health and Home Health divisions so that nurses could specialize and provide the most comprehensive, quality care; the same dedicated care that has given this division the 'sterling' reputation within the counties it serves.

As the health care landscape, certifications and regulations change, it has become increasingly difficult to continue to provide these specialized services as a smaller organization. Lisa Peacock, Health Officer at the Health Department acknowledged "We know that, for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Home Health and Hospice has a long-standing tradition of excellence and quality due to

the highly qualified staff who have cared for our patients over many years. Their dedicated service is embedded in the history of our organization."

Peacock also noted, "We recognize that older adults are the fastest growing sector of the population and we remain committed to serving their needs. Adult health will remain a local public health priority and we look forward to exploring, along with our community partners, how to best promote health in the aging population." Hospice of Northwest Michigan (doing business as Northwest Michigan Hospice) is a long-standing partner and non-profit entity which has long provided support for hospice needs in the community, and the Health Department is working closely with their Director and Board to discuss future possibilities.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan will continue to embrace the historic model of home visiting as a means of reaching those who need it most in a variety of programs and services but will always look back with pride on the long history of Home Health and Hospice services.

For additional information about the closing of the Home Health and Hospice Division, call Erin Luckhardt at 989-906-6202 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

Public Act 210 Public Information Meeting in Boyne City

The City of Boyne City has scheduled a Public Information Meeting to share information regarding its consideration of the establishment of a PA 210 district for properties located at the southeast corner of the North Lake and State Street intersection. The Public Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 6pm in the City Commission Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Boyne City Facilities building located at 319 North Lake Street in Boyne City.

Public Act 210 of 2005, also known as the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, is a law created by the State of

Michigan that creates a financial tool that can be considered for re-development projects that freezes the taxes on the properties involved at their pre-improved levels for a period of up to ten years. After that time the tax levels increase to reflect the higher improved value of the property involved. It provides a financial incentive/tool to redevelop properties while not reducing existing tax revenues. While Boyne City has used similar tools to help developments in its downtown and Business Park this is the first time the use of PA 210 has been considered. The request is

associated with the proposed Lofts on Lake Street mixed used redevelopment.

Representatives from Boyne City and the City's consultant on the matter, Otwell Mawby, will be present to review the act, the adoption process, how it works and answer questions members of the public may have.

The Boyne City City Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing to further consider the establishment of the PA 210 District at another public meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm.

Below is a link to back-

ground information provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding PA 210:

<https://www.miplace.org/49958a/globalassets/documents/fact-sheets/commercial-rehabilitation-act-pa-210.pdf>

Persons with questions or comments on this matter are encouraged to attend both of these meetings or contact City Manager Michael Cain at 231.582.0377 or mcain@boynecity.com

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Boyne City High School student receives 2019 Breaking Traditions Award

A Boyne City High School junior is among 91 high school and college students statewide to receive 2019 Breaking Traditions Awards for overcoming obstacles and stereotypes to succeed in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced Thursday.

Erin Smith, a junior at Boyne City High School, has been breaking traditions as the only female member of the new Energy Essentials: Line Worker Emphasis program launched this year at her school, in partnership with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's Career and Technical Education Department and three large Michigan utilities – Great Lakes Energy, Consumers Energy and DTE.

"Building talent is a priority in Michigan, so it's important that we recognize students who overcome perceived barriers and the programs that helped them," Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles said. "These 91 students achieved success in career and technical education programs that are nontraditional to their gender, and therefore are role models for peers who may be considering such a career path."

Awards criteria included: Complete a CTE program nontraditional to their gender;

Enroll in a Michigan high school or career center program during the 2018-19;

Be nominated by a teacher, counselor, administrator, or other staffer employed by the student's school or career center; Have satisfactory academic

standing, acceptable citizenship, and disciplinary history; and

Contribute to awareness of nontraditional careers. Applicants provided two letters of support and wrote a brief narrative explaining career obstacles faced and key accomplishments. Erin received one of several Merit Awards bestowed by the state.

In her application materials, Erin wrote: "I chose this nontraditional program because I wanted to help my community in a way that is not typical for females. I first became interested in this career path freshman year after a visit to Alpena Community College. While there, I observed a climbing arena and I knew right then that I wanted to become a line worker... While registering for classes in the fall of 2018, I was thrilled to see 'Energy Fundamentals: Line Worker Emphasis' on the roster. I registered and was excited to be accepted in the program."

"On the first day of school, I walked into the classroom with a huge smile on my face. I quickly found out that I was the only female in the class, and I told the teachers, 'Just treat me like the guys.' Within a week, we received our gear and headed to the training grounds. I instantly fell in love with the set-up of the yard and the potential it held for my future. Through the school year, I have gained much more information and skills about becoming a line worker and feel more certain than ever that this is the career for me."

Her instructors, Derek Maki and James Rincon, both working linemen for



Erin Smith 2-Erin Smith, a junior at Boyne City High School, is pictured with co-instructor James Rincon during the Breaking Traditions Awards Ceremony on May 16. Courtesy photo

Great Lakes Energy, praised Erin's work ethic and commitment to the program. Great Lakes provided the instructors and the company's Boyne City training grounds for the course.

"From the first day of class in September 2018, she has been eager to learn, ready to participate and prepared for whatever challenges we present to the students on any given day," said Maki. "Erin made an impression on us shortly after the school year began. On the second day of class, she had her climbing boots and work clothes ready to go! We were impressed by that; several other students didn't have their boots even a week later."

"During class, we can

count on Erin to pay attention to the lessons. She is careful about safety, which is paramount in this line of work. She takes the class and our instruction seriously, and has the desire to perform well. When either myself or my co-instructor, James Rincon, ask a question, Erin is usually the first to answer. She has an innate desire to learn and improve, making her conscientious and a student that teachers appreciate."

MDE's Office of CTE oversees high school instructional programs that teach students skills in a specific career cluster. Most programs offer early college credit opportunities to provide a seamless transition to postsecondary education – a

key strategy to help Michigan become a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

"We are so proud of Erin for how she has represented Career Tech education overall and the line worker program itself in this inaugural year," said Jim Rummer, Career and Technical Education Director for Char-Em ISD. "When we partnered with Boyne City in launching this program, we knew it would attract serious students who could benefit from learning the skills of this in-demand field. Having a female of Erin's caliber in the class has added to the program in many ways. Her hard work and dedication will take her far, and we congratulate her on this state-wide recognition."

Karen Jarema, Boyne City High School Principal, said Erin's name came to mind immediately when she was informed about the Breaking Traditions award opportunity.

"Erin Smith is one of the hardest working students that I know," Jarema said. "She excels in the line worker program, the band program, in 4-H; in everything that she does, Erin puts forth 100 percent effort. Erin is poised in her speaking abilities and has impressed many individuals who have come to visit the line worker program. She is a leader and a student who staff can rely on to make responsible choices and encourage others. She is also enjoyable to spend time with."

Brian Pyles, Director of CTE at the Michigan Department of Education, said the Breaking Traditions Awards extend beyond individual students. "These awards also represent the quality of the school culture," he noted. "Clearly, these schools embrace an inclusive student focused instructional environment supported by staff, students and community."

Awards were presented during a formal ceremony in Lansing on May 16, which Erin attended with Jarema, co-instructor James Rincon, her mother Tami Smith and other family members.

"Being the only female in the class has been not only a challenge, but also a positive experience," Erin added. "I feel that I have proven myself capable of competently doing this job, regardless of my gender."

East Jordan Elementary holds Enterprise Day

6th grade students at East Jordan Elementary School completed another successful Enterprise Day Friday, May 17 in the Elementary School gymnasium. Started in 1997, Enterprise Day is a chance for students to be an entrepreneur for a day and sell items they have created to fellow students, school staff, and the general public. Students keep fifty-percent of the profit and donate the other fifty-percent to two local non-profit organizations chosen collectively by the students. Students are still deciding on this year's recipients. Some past recipients include Kiersten's Ride, The Depot teen center, Crossroads Resale Shop, and Charlevoix Area Humane Society just to name a few.

While Enterprise Day businesses were only open for about two hours on Friday, 6th grade students spent the past few weeks taking a business class that led up to Enterprise Day. In this class, students conducted market research, developed a product idea, wrote a mission statement, and filled out paperwork in class as if they were applying for a "doing business as" (DBA) designation to open a business. After learning business fundamentals, students were excited to run their own business for a day.

While students are still tallying sales and calculating their profits, 6th grade teacher Mrs. Noirot said that all businesses made money. This is a fun and educational event that East Jordan's 6th graders will remember forever.



Korbyn Russell and Brenden Aenis sold Butterbeer based on Harry Potter. Courtesy photo



Women Can/Women Do luncheon volunteer table designers and table captains pictured are (front from left) Jessica Marks, Laura Fowler, Nancy Wright, Kim Melching, Caroline Smith, Jane Millar, Cheri Leach, Karen Cole, (back from left) Sarah Sheaffer, CJ Zondervan, Donna Stine, Robin Mauer, Renee Popenhagen, Barb Malpass, Rebekah Moser, Judy Pratt, Marsha Hall, Kim Heider, Ingrid Nedwick, Joyce Herbert, Wally Klein, Peggy Kusina, Toni Felter and Kay Wasilewski. Courtesy photo

Women Can/Women Do luncheon

The 13th annual Women Can/Women Do-Charlevoix County fundraising luncheon will be held at Castle Farms 11am to 1:45pm., Wednesday, June 12. The event has become a popular kick off to summer and is instrumental in raising essential dollars for Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services relied on by area women, children and families.

Volunteers are a vital part of the fundraising event. Committee members help with planning

and the silent auction, table designers create stunning and unique decorations for each table and table captains reach out to friends, family and business associates to fill seats at their table.

More than 30 talented table designers transform Castle Farms' East Garden Room into a spectacular array of flowers and unique displays complete with table favors for the estimated 250 guests in attendance.

This year's table designers include: Beaver Island

Boat Company, Belvedere Golf Club Buddies, Castle Farms, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Charlevoix Cinema III, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Christ Episcopal Church, Elements Gallery, Gold Mine Resale Shops, Graze Catering, Harwood Gold, Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop, Hestia Women's Giving Circle, Irish Boat Shop, L. Burnham and Associates, Maison Designs, MerryMakers, Monarch Garden and Floral Design, Northern Community Mediation, Panache Hair Studio, Petals Custom

Floral Designs, Rafina Grove, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Straddle Books, The Argonne, The Lake House, The Landing Restaurant, The Rainbow Shoppe, True North Interior Design and Antiques, Upsy-Daisy Floral and Van Dam Custom Boats.

Funds raised at Women Can/Women Do help support WRCNM services such as the 24-hour help and information line, the Safe Home utilized by domestic abuse survivors and their children, domestic abuse and sexual assault services,

counseling, educational and employment services and child care/preschool.

Grey Gables will cater the lunch and Diane McMahon will provide dessert. A few seats are available at a minimum donation of \$150 per person. For information on reserving a seat at the event or becoming a table captain or table designer, call the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or email info@wrcnm.org.

MDHHS invites public comment on Title V Block Grant application

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) invites the public to comment on the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant application. Title V of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended, provides funding to states to improve the health of mothers, infants and children, including children with special health care needs.

Per federal requirements, a five-year needs assessment was completed in 2015 and a summary is included

in the application. Based on the needs assessment, the seven priorities for the State of Michigan for fiscal years (FY) 2016-2020 are aimed at improving the health of the MCH population:

- Reduce barriers, improve access and increase the availability of health services for all populations.
- Support coordination and linkage across the perinatal to pediatric continuum of care.
- Invest in prevention and early intervention strategies.

- Increase family and provider support and education for children with special health care needs.
 - Increase access to and utilization of evidence-based oral health practices and services.
 - Foster safer homes, schools, and environments with a focus on prevention.
 - Promote social and emotional well-being through the provision of behavioral health services.
- These priorities are linked to seven national performance measures and four state performance

measures across five federally-identified population domains: women/maternal health, perinatal/infant health, child health, adolescent health and children with special health care needs.

Michigan's Title V application is for services from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020, and also includes a report on activities and services provided in FY 2018.

The Title V draft application and annual report are available online. MDHHS welcomes comments on the application by 5 p.m. on

June 5, 2018. Comments can be submitted to daviss11@michigan.gov.

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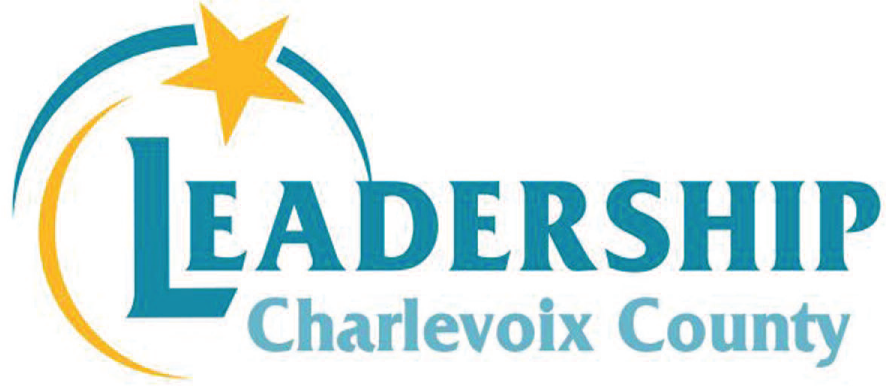
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