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Charlevoix County ranks number eight in the state for top road quality

BY KAREN WALKER



Construction in progress on Marion Center Road. Photo by Karen Walker.

As we enter the summer travel season, motorists will again see an increase in the number of crumbling roads across the state. The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council recently released its annual report rating the quality of Michigan roads. For the year 2018, TAMC found 40.5 percent, over 36,000 miles of paved roads in the state to be in poor condition, compared to 33.9 percent in 2010. This trend reflects the fact that Michigan roads have been allowed to deteriorate for more than 20 years since the road funding increase in 1997. Funding at the state level had not kept up with inflationary costs of construction,

maintenance and repairs. The Northern Michigan region has an even larger percentage of poor road conditions due to the freeze-thaw cycle and longer winters. Charlevoix County however, has

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Right to left: Eliza Wojan, Hannah Lafferty, Hayley Currnow, Kaylee Pinney, Madison Buckholz, Madeline Malpass, Jony Sumner, Lilly Black. Courtesy photo

2019 Miss East Jordan Pageant

Madison Buckholz was crowned Miss E.J. Madeline Malpass was first runner up. Kaylee Pinney was

second runner up.

The pageant was held on April 13th, 2019.

Area Students Receive Top Honors

Boyne Falls • Concord of Boyne
Charlevoix • East Jordan • Ellsworth



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BY JIM AKANS

It is an exciting time for high school seniors throughout Charlevoix County, as graduation celebrates their many years of academic achievement and ushers in the next chapter of their lives. Graduating from high school is a milestone that all graduates and their families can be proud of.

The Charlevoix County News congratulates and commends each of these graduating students and to those achieving the level of academic excellence demonstrated by being named class valedictorian, salutatorian or senior scholar. Attaining this recognition is a reflection of each of these students dedication to their studies, and their steadfast commitment to their goals.

We wish all graduating Class of 2019 students continued success as they pursue their dreams.

Note: Boyne City High School valedictorians and salutatorians will appear in the June 6 edition of the Charlevoix County News.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 28, 2019

Boyne City approves creating rehabilitation district after public input

BY KAREN WALKER

At Tuesday's Boyne City Commission meeting a public hearing was held regarding the establishment of the proposed PA210 Commercial Rehabilitation district. Michigan Community Capital (MCC), developers of the property located at the intersection of North Lake and State Streets known as Lofts on Lake Street have recently requested the City consider assisting this project financially by providing them relief from increased taxes for a period of years as authorized by the State of Michigan under Public Act 210 of 2005, more commonly known as the Commercial Rehabilitation Act. The Act allows property taxes on the project to be frozen at their pre-redevelopment levels for a period of up to ten years.

City Manager Mike Cain said this is not unique to Boyne City. The City has incentivized most of the larger private projects that have occurred in Boyne City, primarily in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) districts. This is similar to the tax relief given to several industrial businesses in the Business Park and

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HIGH: 65 LOW: 38	HIGH: 69 LOW: 50	HIGH: 65 LOW: 43	HIGH: 63 LOW: 43	HIGH: 66 LOW: 59	HIGH: 70 LOW: 52	HIGH: 67 LOW: 50

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAY 30	.44°	...74°	...27°	(1961)	..93°	(2006)
MAY 31	.45°	...74°	...29°	(1967)	..90°	(2007)
JUN 1	...46°	...74°	...26°	(1966)	..90°	(1949)
JUN 2	...46°	...75°	...27°	(1966)	..92°	(1949)
JUN 3	...46°	...75°	...30°	(1977)	..89°	(1948)
JUN 4	...46°	...75°	...27°	(1964)	..89°	(1955)
JUN 5	...46°	...75°	...29°	(1998)	..92°	(1999)
JUN 6	...46°	...76°	...29°	(1958)	..92°	(1999)
JUN 7	...47°	...76°	...35°	(1960)	..91°	(1968)
JUN 8	...47°	...76°	...28°	(1949)	..91°	(1950)

OBITUARIES

William Joseph Roloff, 83

(OCT. 13, 1935 - MAY 24, 2019)



William Joseph Roloff of Charlevoix passed away on May 24, 2019 at his home surrounded by his beloved family.

On October 13, 1935 William Joseph Roloff was born in St Joseph, Michigan, to Joseph and Gladys Roloff.

He joined the Navy in 1955 and was part of the USS Wasp. He was able to see several parts of the world, including England, Japan, and China. He and his wife Shirley reminisced about this recently, as she got her passport to go with him to England and how "grandpa never ended up taking me" as they laughed. He met his wife Shirley Suddreth from Lenoir, North Carolina, in St. Joseph, Michigan at a bowling alley. His future wife didn't think much of him at first, but Bill was persistent and won her over eventually; 60 years later you could hear grandpa say-

ing that he couldn't live without her. They moved around before finally settling in Charlevoix the Beautiful in 1974. He later started his own business Charlevoix Canvas where you could find him sewing the canvas pieces to make loading spouts.

Grandpa Bill liked to tinker with things and enjoyed planting tomatoes and radishes out on his back deck where his grandchildren would often enjoy picking and eating them.

His sense of humor will be missed as he was quick witted and was always making us laugh. In his last few days, the family overheard him say to his wife Shirley "I left you \$700 in the bottom drawer of the dresser to go gambling, you're welcome." As they often enjoyed trips to the casino together.

He left behind his wife Shirley of 60 years, children William Roloff Jr (Chelsea Pischner), Robert (Audrey) Roloff, daughters Beth (Jim) Martin and Rebecca Roloff. Grandchildren Jodie Roloff, Andrea (Jason) Roloff-Doty, William (Samantha) Roloff, Emily Roloff, Jamie Roloff, Robert Roloff Jr, and Sarah Martin. Great-grandchildren Cameron Roloff and Landen Roloff. Sister Nancy (Robert) Cooley, brothers in law Charlie Suddreth, Jerry Muma, Richard Pomeroy, many loving nieces and nephews, and special friend Jane Zeitler. We cannot for-

get his cherished dog Earl.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Gladys (Rickers) Roloff, son Bryan Keith Roloff, sisters and brothers JoAnn Pomeroy, Robert Roloff, Lenore Shafer, and sisters and brothers in law Helen Mahaffey, Clara Coffey, Robert Suddreth, Wilma Vedok, Richard Suddreth, Patty Muma and Gail Hayes.

His life will be celebrated later this summer, and any donations may be made to the Bryan Roloff Memorial Fund at Charlevoix State Bank. Bill and Shirley started this fund 26 years ago to help with the medical needs of the Northern Michigan community in honor of their late son, Bryan.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Rose Ann Denemy, 93

(MAY 10, 1926 - MAY 23, 2019)



Rose A. Denemy of East Jordan passed away on May 23, 2019 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Rose was born on April 10, 1926, the daughter of Alex and Esther (Wasagesic) Cornstalk.

Rose was born on High Island, MI. At age 7, she was removed from her home to attend a boarding school in Harbor Springs. Then at age 14 she got out and moved downstate to raise her family in South Haven, MI. Following her years downstate she moved back up north to the East Jordan area in the mid 80's until her passing.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and watching movies. She was proud of her Native American heritage and was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by a daughter, Darlene Guthrie of East Jordan, 3 sisters, Alvina (Melvin) Napont, Helen Paul, and Irene (Mike) Mitchell all of East Jordan, 6 grandchildren, 13

great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Nelson Denemy, 3 children, John, Larry and Crab Denemy, 4 brothers, Tom, Jr., Harvey, Frank, and a sister Louise as well as one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 28 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor Jonathan Mays officiated.

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Charles T. Jadwin, 63

(SEPT. 25, 1955 - MAY 20, 2019)



Charles T. Jadwin of Charlevoix passed away May 20, 2019, at home.

Charles was born September 25, 1955, in Flint, Michigan, the son of Donald A. and Joan C. (Heise) Jadwin. He was raised in Flint until relocating to Charlevoix in 1997.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's Degree of Business Administration.

Charles was past owner and president of Systems Development Associates in Flint. He was a part of the decommissioning of the Big Rock Nuclear Plant in Charlevoix.

Charles was known to be social and outgoing, with a great sense of humor. He dearly loved his children, wife and family, and was especially close with his brother Steve. He enjoyed reading, hiking and walking, biking, and being outdoors. Being very fond of the water and nature, he cherished his home on Lake Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving Charles are his wife Nona Lee Jadwin, three children, Daniel (Jennifer) Jadwin of Anaheim, California, Elizabeth (Jonathan) Souza of San Francisco, California, and Rebecca Jadwin of Thompsonville, Michigan, one grandchild Weston Jadwin, son of Daniel and

Jennifer, one brother Steven A. (Pamela) Jadwin of Swartz Creek, Michigan, a step-sister Peg (Ed) Dubuc of Fenton, Michigan, and step-mother Dona Jadwin of Goodrich, Michigan.

A memorial service will take place in July. Further details will be added when plans are arranged.

Those wishing to contribute memorial contributions in Charles name can be made to the Alano Club of Charlevoix, 106 Mason St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or to BASES Recovery Center of Charlevoix, 208 W. Lincoln, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Daniel S. "Danny" Puroll, 53

(JUNE 27, 1965 - MAY 19, 2019)



Daniel Sylvester Puroll of Boyne City passed away May 19, 2019 at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, NM after breaking his neck from being thrown from a mule on May 9, 2019.

On June 27, 1965, Danny was born in Boyne City, the son of Walter and Waneta (Curtis) Puroll. In 1983, Danny graduated from Boyne City High School. He obtained his certification in horticulture and his CDL License. For most of his life, Danny worked as a logger where he enjoyed being out in the woods. He drove logging semi-trucks for several years. He was handy and enjoyed tinkering with mechanics, reading, watching western shows and anything outdoors. He loved baking, cooking, enjoying a nice meal, dancing and writing meaningful poems about life. His personality had an adventurous side. He loved his family, and adored his nieces and nephews. He had a nickname for each and every one of them.

He is survived by his siblings, Louie (Devonna) Puroll of Pie Town NM., Randy (Amanda) Puroll of Eaton Rapids, William

Puroll of East Jordan, Mary Goy & Michael Hardy of Boyne City, Cindy (Jamie) Brown of Webster FL., John Puroll of Boyne City, David (Martha) Puroll of Lakeland FL and Jeanne Belford of Vanderbilt; many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will take place in the fall at Hudson Township Cemetery where he will be interred with both of his parents.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Donald F. Hardy, 86

(DEC. 7, 1932 - MAY 21, 2019)

Donald F. Hardy passed away on May 21, 2019 in Colorado Springs, Colorado with his family by his side. He was born on December 7, 1932 in Charlevoix, Michigan and was drafted into the U.S. Army when he was 19.

Don met his beautiful wife Janet in Charlevoix and they were married on July 21, 1951. They celebrate 66 years of marriage together before she passed away on June 5, 2018. He said marrying Janet was the best decision of his life. They had four children together Samuel, Bruce, Donald and Cindy.

Before retiring, Don worked for the United States Postal Service. He enjoyed flipping houses over the years and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He and Janet spent their retirement years in Colorado Springs, CO, Sun City, AZ, and Charlevoix.

Surviving Don is his sister Joyce Hardy Ketchum, his children Samuel and Kym Hardy, Bruce and Anne Hardy, Don Hardy, Cindy and Paul Mead and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and lovely wife Janet. He will be forever in all our hearts and we will miss him dearly.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor Neil Turner will officiate. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until the time of service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mancelona Senior Center c/o Mancelona Township, PO BO X 332, Mancelona, MI 49659.

Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

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Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Gavin Skop-Hibbler

Grade: 3rd

Parent's Name(s): Andrea Skop and Jacob Hibbler

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Gavin would like to go into the Army when he grows up because he want to serve and help our country!

Favorite Book: He really enjoys the graphic novel *Chasing Herobrine!*

Hobbies and Interests: Gavin likes playing dodgeball and football in his spare time.

School Activities: At school, he really loves math. He thinks it's fun to learn about all the different parts of math. He also enjoys playing with his friends.

Staff Comments: It has been such a privilege to watch Gavin grow into an amazing young man this school year! He loves school and learning new things. He has become an amazing mathematician all because he has a positive "I can" attitude. He believes in himself and others. He has become a role model for his classmates. Gavin has taken the Logger Agreement to heart by being safe, speaking up, and being a team player.

Submitted By: Mrs. Meier



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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

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elsewhere. Under such relief, actual taxes are not decreased but rather are not increased based on the new value of the redeveloped property for the approved period of time.

After public input, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve creation of the district known as Lake Street Lofts Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 1. The property owner may now apply for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to the City. A separate hearing will need to be held on any application received. The final site plan for the three story, mixed use building was approved by the Planning Commission at their May 20th meeting.

In other business, Commissioners voted to grant an easement on City property located on Hannah Street to resolve a driveway access issue for a home at 447 State Street. Although the house faces State Street, current access is from the rear across City property from Hannah Street. The easement will provide a formal access to the home.

Boyne District Library director Monica Kroondyk presented an annual update to the commission at Tuesday's meeting. She reported

that adult participation in library programs has doubled as well as record attendance in children's programs. Additionally, circulation numbers are up by fifty percent and meeting room reservations are up as well. The bookmobile has been making regular visits to The Brook, Litzenburger Place, Deer Meadows, and the Schools. This summer the bookmobile will also be at the Farmers Market, Stroll the Streets and some parks.

Commissioners voted to allow the harbor master to work with the city manager to offer discounts to boaters during the slower times of the boating season. Barb Brooks advised the commission that the DNR is amenable to offering discounts to increase boater traffic and generate additional revenue. Two possibilities discussed were a discounted rate for a stay that is 30 consecutive days or longer and one called a "bookend" where boaters pay for two consecutive weekends and stay mid-week for free so they don't have to pull the boat out between weekend stays. The only discount currently offered is to stay one night, get one night free. This discount is available before Memorial weekend and after Labor Day.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



Youth from SAFE in Northern Michigan had the opportunity to visit the Capitol at the end of April. Courtesy photo

SAFE in Northern Michigan youth visit Capitol

Youth from SAFE in Northern Michigan had the opportunity to visit the Capitol, connect with their representatives, and share their concerns about issues facing youth in northern Michigan at the end of April.

When meeting with Representative Triston Cole and Speaker Lee Chatfield, students from Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties shared their concerns about vaping and its

impact on their classmates.

"It was a great experience for the youth to have an opportunity to meet with the representatives, share their concerns, and have a greater sense of how our state government operates," said Susan Pulaski, project coordinator for SAFE in Northern Michigan. "It helped students have some perspective on who their representatives are and see their connections to our communities."

SAFE in Northern Michigan exists to prevent youth substance use, increase community awareness and create change through collaboration, education, prevention initiatives and environmental strategies of tobacco, alcohol, and other substance use in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. For more information visit SAFEinNM.com.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Pub-

lic Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

For additional information about SAFE in Northern Michigan call Erin Luckhardt 989-906-6202 or visit www.nwhealth.org or SAFEinNM.com.



Camp Daggett is offering a true canoeing adventure for youth, ages 13-15, on the Platte, Betsie and Crystal Rivers. Courtesy photo

Camp Daggett is offering a true canoeing adventure for youth, ages 13-15, on the Platte, Betsie and Crystal Rivers, July 21 -27.

On this trip, campers will explore some of the most scenic meandering waterways that Michigan has to offer. After setting up base

camp in the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes State Park, campers will head out for daily adventures on the Platte, Betsie and Crystal Rivers, build their paddling skills as they attempt varying levels of swift water and technical river ways. Expect four days and three nights

of exploring the wilderness, spotting wildlife, relaxing on sand bars and some of the best beaches in all of Michigan.

This trip will be led by a nationally-certified wilderness first responder with life guard certification. The lead staff will be accompa-

nied by a second adult with current first aid and CPR training. Both staff members have extensive experience leading groups in the backcountry. For more information, go to: <https://www.campdaggett.org/wilderness-adventure-trips/>.

Stay safe around water this summer

In 2017, there were 116 drownings in Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging residents to observe water safety practices around pools, lakes and spas this summer. May is National Water Safety Month, an observance designed to remind Michiganders to take the proper precautions during water-related activities during the upcoming summer months, and decrease the number of water-associated injuries and deaths in the process.

Drowning is the fifth leading cause of death for all ages in the United States and the second leading cause of death for children ages 1-14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of the 116 drownings in the state last year, 109 were non-boating related.

"Swimming and boating are popular summer activities and Michigan is home to thousands of lakes, rivers and pools for families to enjoy," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "Water safety should be a concern no matter where you and your family recre-

ate this summer, and we urge Michigan residents to follow water safety best practices when in and on the water."

Follow these tips to help ensure the safety of individuals participating in water-related activities:

- Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating.
 - Stay within designated swimming areas.
 - Never swim alone, always swim with a buddy.
 - Enter the water feet first. Serious injuries can occur from diving head-first into and hitting the bottom.
 - Heed warning flags at public beaches.
 - Use a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device when boating.
 - Do not leave a child unattended near a pool
 - Enclose pools with self-locking/self-closing fences.
 - Keep lifesaving equipment (pole, rope, flotation devices) near the pool.
- For more information and tips to ensure water safety, visit the American Red Cross and U.S. Coast Guard websites.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, May 6, 2019
 1138 Found Bridge Card dropped off at PD. Returned to owner.
 1220 Report of large raft blew up on Peninsula Beach on Thursday.
 1234 Assist EMS in the 600 block of S Park St
 1414 Suspicious packaged received in the 300 block of E Division St
 1533 Report of portion of dock washing up on shore in the 200 block of Front St.
 1544 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Park St
 1757 Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
 0939 Leaves in the road in the 200 block of N East St.
 1024 911 hang up from the 300 block of Groveland. EMS requested upon arrival.
 1149 Report of crash that had occurred earlier on Lewis. Was actually on Division near Sutliff Ln. Mailboxes damaged. 2 individuals arrested. One for allowing unlicensed driver to operate. Second for Driving without a license.
 1756 Report of dog, running at large on N Park in the area of Collings. Gone on arrival.
 1812 Alarm in the 100 block

of W Ann.
 2050 Assist EMS in the 200 block of S Lake St.
 2132 Medical alarm activation on Franklin St. Wrong address.
 2151 Welfare check in the 800 block of S Park St ref the medical alarm. Located earlier patient. All ok. Patient will update Alarm Company with new address.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
 0800 PR Veterans Appreciation Day
 1125 Report of lost cell phone.
 1137 Welfare check requested.
 1629 PR at Rotary Park for softball games.
 1652 Panic alarm in the 800 block of Front St.

Thursday, May 9, 2019
 1006 Report of Craig's List scam from the 700 block of N Lake St
 1327 Civil complaint on State St

Friday, May 10, 2019
 0724 Report of dog running at large in the 300 block of N East. Unable to locate
 1344 Arrested subject on FOC warrant at the PD.
 1534 Welfare check in the 300 block of Groveland St
 1738 Citation issued for speed

on Lakeshore near Marshall.
 2309 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Behling Rd. just west of Pleasant Valley Rd.
 2359 Complaint of a loud party in the area of W. Michigan and Bay St.

Saturday, May 11, 2019
 0828 Assist citizen in the 300 block of Groveland.
 0912 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter.
 1559 Report of possible CSC in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Unfounded.
 1812 Assist citizen in the 300 block of Groveland.
 1937 Lodged stray dog at the shelter.
 2238 Assist EMS and Sheriff Dept. on Twin Hills Ct.

Sunday, May 12, 2019
 0116 Arrested subject for operating without a license on N Lake St
 0309 Suspicious vehicle parked in the Open Space.
 1111 911 hang-up from the 300 block of Groveland.
 1304 MDOP to gazebo in Old City Park.
 1825 Assist EMS on Avallanche.
 2046 Intoxicated subject in the 300 block of E. Main St.

Park Your Boat on Lake Charlevoix For the summer, or for the day.



At the tip of Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, the East Jordan Municipal Harbor has captured the attention of more than just boaters. Located only one block off Main Street, the Municipal Harbor is within walking distance to local restaurants and friendly shops. Memorial Park which is part of the marina has picnic tables, grills and public restrooms. A band shell was constructed in 2005 which has enter-

tainment most weekends throughout the summer. The Municipal Harbor offers 27 seasonal boat slips, 27 transient boat slips, shopping docks, full-service Midgrade (87 Octane) and Premium non ethanol (91 octane); both have Valvtect Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

For more information call 231-536-2166

Local organizations receive over \$66,246 in People Fund grants

Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program made possible 20 grants to local community non-profit organizations. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded over \$66,246 in grants this spring to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan.

1. Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop, East Jordan: \$4,130.60 for new doors.
2. Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for cyclist maps for their Trail Town Action Plan.
3. Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$1,150 for a new computer.
4. Charlevoix Historical Society: \$5,500 for interpretative signs in Charlevoix.

5. Antrim County Emergency Management, Bellaire: \$2,000 for six radios.
6. Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey: \$5,000 for outdoor improvements to the Children's Learning Center.
7. Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: \$2,500 for conservation education programs and learning resources.
8. Crawford County Historical Society and Museum, Grayling: \$4,000 for renovation and restoration projects to their building.
9. Fife Lake Area Historical Society, Fife Lake: \$5,000 for a museum building renovation.
10. The Salvation Army of Petoskey: \$4,369 for a new furnace.
11. NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs: \$1,200 for a new register station and mo-

bile register for ReStore.

12. Harbor Springs Festival of the Book: \$2,500 for books for students.
13. Disability Network Northern Michigan: \$5,000 for a universally accessible personal watercraft launch at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix, in partnership with the Leadership Charlevoix County class.
14. The Depot – Jordan Valley Teen Center: \$2,005 for Chrome-books and cabinets.
15. Kalkaska Conservation District: \$2,020 for treatment of invasive species at Mill Pond Park.
16. Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$2,500 for visitor accessibility and safety improvements.
17. Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: \$3,200 for fur-

nace replacement in resale store.

18. Otsego County Library, Gaylord: \$3,172 for furnishings for meeting room in new library.
 19. Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: \$4,000 for new windows in kitchen.
 20. Challenge Mountain, Boyne City: \$2,000 for a storage shed and maintenance for snow run-off.
- The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. More than \$3.5 million in grants have been awarded since 1999 to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the western side of Michigan.

"Giving to local communities through the People Fund is such an easy way to make a greater impact," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "For less than a dollar a month, our members can show their commitment to local initiatives by rounding their bill up to the nearest dollar."

Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting gt-lakes.com. All 100 percent of the funds collected are used for grants.

Non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can request a grant application online at gtlakes.com/grant-application-request. The next grant application deadline is Oct. 15.

Veteran Update from US Rep. Jack Bergman

May is Military Appreciation Month, and over the past few weeks I've had the opportunity to spend time with current members of our nation's military both in D.C. and Michigan discussing readiness, ability, and other mission-critical obstacles. The challenges facing our nation are many, but the resolve of our men and women in uniform is unparalleled.

This weekend we shift our focus to the somber remembrance of our brothers and sisters who've made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. This Memorial Day, let us join with our communities across Michigan's First District and honor those who have given their lives to defend our freedoms.

I also want to remind each of you that as of June 6th, community care under the VA MISSION Act, will be rolled out. Last year we passed this historic legislation allowing our rural Veterans to get quality care closer to home. This is a major win for First District Veterans. We will be providing rigorous oversight during roll out, so that the mistakes made with VA

Choice are not made with Mission. To learn more about the VA Mission Act, click [HERE](#).

Legislative update:

As a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, and as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, making sure our Veterans receive the care they have earned is my top priority. Here are a few of the recent bills that passed in the House to ensure opportunities and care for Veterans, both physical and mental, is accessible and of the highest quality:

H.R. 2326 – the Navy Seal Chief Petty Officer William Bill Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019 to ensure that more service-members can take part in the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) so they receive the support and training they need as Veterans.

H.R. 1812 – the Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act to expand counseling and care offered at our Vet Centers to those who served in the Reserve, National Guard or Coast Guard who never deployed but served during emergency situations. This bill extends mental

health services to more service-members. Those who've served in the Guard or the Reserves must not be forgotten.

H.R. 2045 – the Veterans' Education, Transition, and Opportunity Prioritization Plan Act of 2019 to realign the transition, education, and employment programs at VA under one roof. This bill would streamline these Veteran services so that we can efficiently focus on opportunity-based programs within VA.

H.R. 2333 – the Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act to direct the Government Accountability Office to assess the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of VA's Suicide Prevention Coordinators. It is essential that these resources directly impact outcomes for Veterans in crisis.

I'm so honored to serve the constituents of the First District, and to fight for you every day. This weekend, join me in pausing to honor and remember all who have gone before us to make our country the greatest in the world.

Respectfully, Jack Bergman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

To the Editor,

I have the privilege of living in the little, out of the way community of Ellsworth. We have all the natural resources of our more popular neighbors have but still remain a quiet, sleeping community. We are working toward making our little diamond in the rough into a more sustainable place to live and grow.

We just organized the Village's first DDA and continue to work with surrounding municipalities to continue to step forward. Which is why I am writing, I would really like to thank Banks Township for hosting the annual cleanup day here every year.

One of the issues we face as a community is blight and the township's continued efforts (I think this is the 25th year) to help our residents keep this community at its best has not gone unnoticed. Clean up day is not only an expensive service but it is manned by volunteers doing a somewhat nasty job. So, I say thank you, Banks Township, for your help in keeping us at our best.

Hugh Campbell
Ellsworth Village President

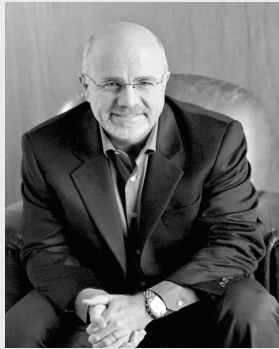
She opted to the contrary and stayed in her home of long duration though maintenance became harder to sustain and upgrades not affordable. After running the gauntlet of possibilities for help in most all phases of sustaining her home, health and lifestyle, the reality set in that there would come a day when staying at home was no longer possible. Already her property taxes remain unpaid for several years and foreclosure, though not immediate, is looming, foreboding.

On the other side of the fence so to speak, a workingman bemoans the fact that his company can't find adequate skilled labor to fulfill jobs waiting though the pay rate varies wildly. What is known is that statistically, though unemployment is low, economy high, most do not see this as the reality around them. Instead low-wage work is taken up in multiple by those laid off from higher-paying professions, re-educational training available but at cost of debt that only younger people can assume with realistic payoff within their earning years, middle-aged workers not being able to assume such debt. Thus, the untold story behind the statistics suggests scrutiny: some prosper, many don't.

Though Paula has two grown married children, they live distantly balancing four fulltime careers, these being required by young families to maintain their lifestyle even for the college-degreed, thus no immediate help is forthcoming, which Paula might balk at anyway, she being an independent woman. Still, a little assistance would be nice for such tasks as a ramp entryway, a few upgrades like shower support bars, a snow and rain cover for doorways, perhaps a new roof on her garage and a breezeway addition to enable her to come and go without shoveling snow. She knew these renovations cost but not that much though she hasn't the ability to stretch her limited income further than it already is, discretionary tenacity having reached its limits. DHHS help, municipal, private coalitions, are now essentially nonexistent, beneficent organizations such as The Salvation Army no longer supplying the helping-hand their banners proclaim, few churches willing or able to assist beyond a scrimped budget since the times are, despite inflated reports, tough. GoFundMe internet solicitations do not apply but to those with a sentimental tale to tell in a version of Queen-for-a-Day sensationalism, not Paula's style. She has received kindly gestures from friends and family with gratitude, small donations from her church, slight food assistance, benevolent gestures from strangers, but one can hardly continue to expect such help indefinitely. With failing health and tenuous transportation, unpaid bills and danger of icy walks, life, for Paula Witherspoon, forecloses.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Long distance landlord?)

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are active duty military stationed outside Washington, D.C. We're completely debt-free and have finished your entire Baby Steps plan, but last month our paid-for rental house in Florida burned down. It was empty at the time, so no one was hurt, and we got a check from the insurance company for \$165,000. We both plan to serve another nine years, and we know we could be moved around during that time. We love that area in Florida, though, and want to go back there one day. Do you think we should use the money to buy another place and rent it out until we're ready to retire from the military?
Carrie

Dear Carrie,
Wow! I am so proud of you guys. You're at the point where you're living—and giving—like no one else. You have achieved financial peace!

Now, I love real estate. But it's always a good idea to have your rental property near you. I wouldn't buy a place in Florida if I lived in Washington, D.C., and there was a chance I could be re-assigned pretty much anywhere in the world. I'd just scrape the lot where the rental house was, sell it, and invest that cash along with the insurance money.

Long distance landlording is really tough. It's stressful, and it adds an even bigger element of risk to the rental property equation. It's not something I generally recommend. If it's something you guys want to take a chance on, though, you're certainly in the financial position to do it. Just remember to pay cash for the whole thing, and if possible, try to get a location where you'd both like to end up when your military careers are over.

Congratulations, you two! And thank you for your service to our country.
—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 16 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.

(Re-fi now?)

Dear Dave,
I recently started following your plan, and I've looked into refinancing the home I bought five years ago to free up more money to put toward paying off debt. My interest rate is 3.625 percent, along with a private mortgage insurance payment of \$200 per month. This makes my mortgage payment \$2,700 a month, and I owe \$325,000 on the house. I was offered a re-financing plan that included a monthly payment of \$2,576 with no PMI, but the interest rate would be 4.6 percent. What do you think?
Phil

Dear Phil,
You don't need to refinance with those numbers. You'd be going up more in terms of interest rate than you'd save with no PMI. The only reason the payment is going down is that you'd be agreeing to stay in debt longer.

Now, if you could've lost some of that interest rate, and gotten rid of the PMI, that might have come close to making sense. But, even that might not have worked in the end, because you'd have closing costs associated with the deal.

There's no way this deal is a good idea. You'd essentially be going up a full percentage point in terms of interest, and all you'd really be doing is resetting, or re-casting, the loan. Basically, you'd be starting over on the loan. That's why the larger payment and PMI would go away, but you'd have a significant increase in your interest rate.

Where you're at right now is fine, Phil. You're off to a good start, so just keep on moving forward with getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances!
—Dave

(Watch out. . .)

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are completely debt-free, and we have a full emergency fund in place. We bring home around \$110,000 a year combined, and we are both maxing out 401(k)s at work. We each just opened additional IRAs, as well. At this point, we want to start setting aside \$30,000 a year for a few years as savings to help buy a home. With all this in mind, what do you think about the idea of vintage watches as an investment? I work with a high-end retail company, and I've noticed certain sports watches have been doubling or even tripling in value over time. Would it be okay to spend around \$5,000 on a vintage watch now, or should I wait until we're in even better financial shape?
Mike

Dear Mike,
Yeah, you could do that. Just make sure you look at it the right way. It would be a hobby, not a real investment.

I have a friend who has collected a few thousand bottles of wine over the years. The value of most of them has gone up since he bought them, but it's not part of his investment strategy. So, if you buy a \$5,000 watch in your situation, that's okay. Just don't go nuts and buy 10 of them, you know?

What we're talking about here are collectibles. It could be the first step in building a collection of fine watches over the years. You could do the same thing with cars, but don't make them part of your investment strategy. Treat them like consumption items, things you can afford to spend money on and enjoy.

Then, if they happen to go up in value, it's icing on the cake!
—Dave

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Do You Have Buyer's Paralysis? – Part 1 of 3

You've looked at dozens of homes. Your REALTOR® is about to tear his hair out with frustration. You are paralyzed, letting one great home after another pass you by. Why can't you make a decision?

Buying a home can be an overwhelming process. There are so many decisions to make and any of them can mean serious financial consequences. A home, after all, is hardly a liquid asset. Nor is it a growth investment, according to Wall Street definitions. It's your greatest financial debt, even while it puts a roof over your head. As it appreciates, it also needs repairs and maintenance. With all that weighing on you, no wonder you've got commitment phobia.

Yet, you really want to buy a home. You know that few purchases will provide you the quality of life that a home of your own does. There are plenty of advantages, as well - tax breaks, rising real estate values, a stable environment for the family, to name only a few. So you stifle your worries and keep looking for homes. You just can't find the one that's just right for you.

It might be time to back this train up and examine what is causing the conflict between wanting to buy and being unable to make a decision. There is a cause, and its name is money. The question is, which aspect of money is stopping you from moving forward?

Fear of spending too much

Lenders will loan you money at the top of your ability to borrow. Realtors will suggest that you will be happier in a "bigger, better" home, eliminating the need to "trade up" in a few years. Stretching to buy the most home you can possibly afford is a good strategy, but only under certain conditions - that you have confidence that your salary will rise, that your income is stable, and that you can handle large surprise expenses.

If you've been pre-qualified, you are already looking at bigger, better, more beautiful homes at the top of your range. But something isn't quite right. Even though you may feel that your income is stable, a feeling is telling you that if you buy in this range, you won't have enough in reserves should something happen. Those are your instincts talking, and you should listen, because your desires have been doing the talking up to now. Your instincts are telling your desires to scale back a little.

That means backtracking. Talk to your Realtor and ask her to show you less expensive homes. You can't go wrong buying slightly under your ability. In fact, many financial advisors tell their clients to budget about 25% of their income for housing in order to position them to build reserves for savings, investments, home improvements, emergencies and dozens of other reasons. That's almost six percent less than lenders will allow you to borrow. Just think what else you can do with six percent of your income. You'll still have your house, you'll just have more to do other things with.

Real Estate Feature Property



Spacious, custom built home with Lake Charlevoix access

BY JIM AKANS

This spacious, well-designed custom home offers a tremendous array of top quality amenities, plus it has access to 720 feet of sandy waterfront on Lake Charlevoix.

This four bedroom, three and a half bath home has a whopping 3,700 square feet of space, with 2,300 on the main two levels and the remaining on the finished lower level walk out.

Highlights include an open living (with stone fireplace), dining and kitchen floor plan with a light and airy four-seasons room just off the dining area. The master en-suite has a large bath with Jacuzzi tub and separate shower plus access to the wrap around deck. The lower level walkout is set up for an in-law suite complete with bath, kitchen, living area and bedroom, with another large recreation room with a stone

fireplace.

The property has a 28x40 foot garage/workshop that is insulated and heated, with a car hoist, and that is in addition to the two-and-a-half car garage attached to the home. The Lake Charlevoix access area is shared by the owners of the small association, and has a dock with place for your boat, a private clubhouse and that gorgeous sandy beachfront to enjoy. This spacious, custom built

home with Lake Charlevoix access is located at 111 Apple Lane, between East Jordan and Charlevoix, and it is listed at \$474,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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DNR's online fishing tool

Are you new to the sport of fishing - or just want to find a location that's easy to access, good for the whole family and has a high likelihood of catching fish? Check out the DNR's Family Friendly Fishing Waters web application.

This interactive tool features more than 200 quality fishing destinations, spread across every Michigan county. Each waterbody was submitted by the public and validated by DNR fisheries staff.

Users can conduct in-depth searches thanks to the tool's filter feature. Visitors can narrow down their searches based on preferred fishing method (boat, pier, shore), fish species they'd like to target, whether the destination has an entrance fee, what local amenities are available, and if bathrooms are on site.

"We know a barrier to getting more people to go fishing is knowing where to go," said DNR communication specialist Elyse Walter. "The Family Friendly Fishing Waters tool works to



break down that barrier by pointing out places interested anglers can go that might not be too far from home." Family Friendly Fishing Waters is not a downloadable app, but it is compatible with all types of electronic devices. Access it at Michigan.gov/Fishing in the Where to Fish section.

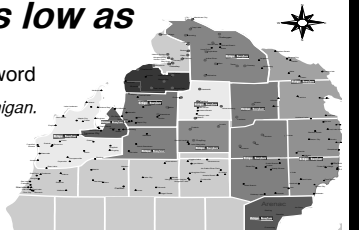
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CHARLEVOIX

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

CHARLEVOIX

ITRI KIDS TRIATHLON

June 1, 7:30am, Charlevoix Area Community Pool. 8:10am mandatory pre-race meeting; 8:30 first wave Course Closes: 11:30 am Packet Pick-up: Friday, May 31st, 4-6 pm; -or- Saturday, June 1st, 7-7:30 am. Price: \$30. Each participant receives an iTri t-shirt, swim cap and medal. 4 Different Course Options! Ages: 3-18 Training camp currently taking place. Come drop-in!

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.

BOYNE CITY

PINE LAKE GOLF CLUB REMEMBERED PROGRAM

June 3, 7pm, Boyne District Library community room. The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society and the Boyne District Library Present "Pine Lake Golf Club Remembered." Master of Ceremonies for this presentation will be Robert White, and presenters will be Roger White and Chad McDonald. This presentation will cover the years from Ammon Beers' land claim in 1869 to the end of McDonald ownership in 1976. The program will be followed by a panel discussion and include an opportunity for the audience to give feedback, share local lore, stories, and photographs. The program is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information call Georganna at 231-883-9867 or Monica at 231-582-7861

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

ANNUAL 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

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 7, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Municipal Golf Club. Golf activities for all skill levels.

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 charlevoix-county.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.

EAST JORDAN

GOLF SCRAMBLE BENEFIT FOR KIERSTEN'S RIDE

June 23, 9am, Mallard Golf Course. Nine holes with cart, rib luncheon included, silent auction, closest to pin/longest drive prizes. Free golf passes for top teams. \$60 per person (\$30 deposit per person due

upon registration). Deadline is 6/17.

BOYNE CITY

7TH ANNUAL RAISE THE ROOF FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

June 27, 6-9pm, Stafford's Perry Hotel. The evening will feature entertainment from local musicians Hannah Harris and John Warstler. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, door prizes, a "wine-pull", and a raffle-style auction all leading up to the main event of the night... the live auction! Guests will have a chance to win Northern Michigan inspired auction-baskets that include items and experiences unique to our beautiful area! For a sneak peak of some of the auction packages check out the NWM Habitat for Humanity Facebook Page. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.northwestmhabitat.org.

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 Saturdays, 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@boyncity.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 Market 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.

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 9am-1pm, Memorial Park. Locally organically grown herbs, fruits and vegetables. Baked goods, jewelry, jams, jellies, maple syrup, farm fresh eggs and more.

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.

BOYNE CITY

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

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, adult sexual assault and child sexual molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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STOP IN FOR OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS!



Pictured (left to right) Karrie Gaffney (Rotary Teacher of the Year), Mike Ritter (Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent), Abbie Hart (Charlevoix Rotary President), Suzanne Klinger (CMHS Principal). Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Rotary Teacher of the Year

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix recently awarded their Teacher of the Year Award to Karrie Gaffney. The club will donate \$500 for school supplies and \$100 to Mrs. Gaffney for her hard work and dedication to the students at Charlevoix Middle/High School. "For the past 18 years, Karrie Gaffney has dedicated her professional life to the students of Charlevoix

Middle and High Schools. Karrie truly exemplifies every aspect of being a counselor in our school - she wholeheartedly cares about our students and strives to create a personal connection with each. She has a natural, calming way of interacting with students and staff and goes out of her way to offer emotional and academic support when needed. Karrie is also an ef-

fective communicator as she reaches out to students, parents, staff and outside agencies often throughout her day," stated Suzanne Klinger, CMHS Principal. She adds, "She is also incredibly knowledgeable about training and college options for students and works with each student to find the "best fit" for potential career options. In addition, Karrie is always

willing to take on extra responsibilities in our school by serving on various committees. Karrie is a shining star, a top-notch counselor and we are extremely blessed to have her on our Rayder team. It's for these reasons and more that I am thrilled that the Charlevoix Rotarians are recognizing Mrs. Karrie Gaffney as your Teacher of the Year."

COUNTY ROADS

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been able to reverse that trend in recent years. Road Commission Manager Pat Harmon says the gradually improved condition of county roads is due to the county wide and township road millage money. The county wide road millage is specifically earmarked for rebuilding existing paved roads and generates approximately 1.5 million dollars annually for county roads and about \$500,000 for city streets. Since inception in 2008, the county wide road millage has rebuilt 60 miles of paved roads that otherwise would not have been done. Additionally, eleven of the fifteen townships within Charlevoix County also generate another roughly 1.5 million annually through their respective road millages. The townships use their millage money not just for new pavement, but also for adding gravel to secondary roads, dust control, and other road related improvements.

With the public's willingness to support local millages as well as the influx of recent new gas and weight tax money through the state, the Charlevoix County Road Commission has reached a turnaround point. Charlevoix County now ranks number eight in the state for top road quality with 33 percent of their paved roads rated in good condition, 32.8 percent in fair condition, and 34.2 percent in poor condition. Barry County, south of Grand Rapids ranks first with 39.55 percent of their roads rated good and Eaton County on the outskirts of Lansing sits in last place with only 8.5 percent of roads rated good. Not surprisingly, trends in road safety found in TAMC's report, measured in the number of vehicle crashes, roughly matches trends in the condition of the roads.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission maintains 184 miles of county primary roads, 30 miles of which are unpaved, 529 miles of local roads (356 miles unpaved) as well as maintaining 75 miles of State roads under contract with Michigan Department of Transportation. The Road Commission also maintains two short subdivision roads for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians and, unique to Charlevoix County, the historic Ironton Ferry is jointly operated by the Road Commission and the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council predicts that over the next 12 years unless there's a change in funding, the condition of the roads can be expected to remain about the same. A funding package passed by the Michigan legislature in November of 2015 will incrementally increase road funding through the year 2021 and then increase with inflation. The expected increase in funding will halt the steady decline in pavement condition but no appreciable improvement can be expected. It's likely you will continue to find lots of bumps in the road but the future of travel in Charlevoix County is looking up.

Complete statistics for current pavement condition and trends over the past 8 years may be found at :

Exhibit opens at Jordan River Arts Center

BY KAREN WALKER

"Fur, Feathers & Fins" exhibit opens this Sunday at Jordan River Arts Center in East Jordan with an artists' reception starting at 1pm. A wide array of both two and three dimensional artwork based on the theme will be on display 1-4pm daily through June 28th. Most of the artwork is available for purchase.

In conjunction with the show a watercolor workshop with wildlife artist Dani Knoph will be held June 22nd. At this workshop you can learn fun facts about local fisheries as you create your own miniature watercolor painting. Cost for the workshop is \$50 for JRAC members, \$60 for non-members.

Call to Artists: Opening July 14th at JRAC is "Fantasy Figures", a collection of work based on human or animal forms taken into the realm of pure imagination. All area artists are invited to submit up to five pieces of work for possible inclusion in this show. Interested artists are asked to email photos of their work to artcurtis@gmail.com by June 26, 2019.

The Jordan River Art Center and gift shop is open 1-4pm daily during exhibits. For more information or to register for the workshop visit jordanriverarts.com.

LEFT: Artists Susan Barber and Wendy Shoultz deliver artwork for JRAC's Fur, Feathers, and Fins exhibit. Photo by Karen Walker



Leadership Charlevoix County Program graduates fifteen

Leadership Charlevoix County proudly graduated fifteen individuals at its eighth commencement ceremony at Boyne Mountain Resort on Wednesday, May 15.

The graduates, their guests which included family members, sponsors, mentors and board members were addressed by keynote speaker, Honorable Valerie K. Snyder of the 7th Probate District for Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. In her message to the class, Judge Snyder referenced Peter Anderson "How to be a great leader - first rule - it's not about you." She also quoted Eleanor Roosevelt, "A good leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves." Judge Snyder also wove in the qualities of a good leader using the characters of the movie "The Wizard of Oz." She concluded her address by telling the class - "This is a commencement - this isn't the end of your leadership journey, rather the beginning."

For their commencement, the LCC class elects members of the class to speak on behalf of the group at their ceremony. The Class of 2019 chose Meghan Meyer, Tricia Drenth and Lonnie Allen. Meghan reflected on her journey throughout the nine month program and concluded by saying she knows that leadership development and growth is not over "it will never end,



Front Row - left to right; Sheri Shepard, Regina Inman, Meghan Meyer, Jill Dipert, Megan DeHoog, Allyssa Brooks, Tricia Drenth, Lonnie Allen. Back Row - left to right: Jeff VanHove, Elise Freed, Alexa Wright, Caitlin Cole, Heidi Hanson, Jeanne Marriott, Barbara Loper. Photo by Jane Korhase

like not having all the laundry done." Tricia Drenth expressed appreciation from the class to all of the session organizers, presenters, supports and leadership board and staff. She spoke on how much the program taught her over the nine month journey, concluding that the experience had truly "been a gift."

Lonnie Allen shared his deep appreciation of the LCC Mentor Program and said that the mentor component was a major key to his great satisfaction of the program. Allen spoke about how the entire program was an eye-opening experience for him. It especially became a personal leadership journey. He said LCC has certainly increased the class member's civic en-

agement thru their class community project and session experiences.

This year's class project is "Paddle-Up (Universal Put-In) - the addition of the universally accessible personal watercraft launch to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, allowing paddlers of all ages and abilities access and opportunity to recreate on the beautiful water of Lake Charlevoix.

The ceremony also included a "congratulatory message from one of the graduation sponsors, Steve Erwin of Fox Charlevoix - Fox Charlevoix Ford. Boyne Mountain also sponsored the graduation program. Program co-organizers, Mary H. Faculak and Alison M. Hubbard served as emcees and presented the

graduation certificates and LCC pad-folios.

Leadership Charlevoix County's Class of 2019 is the eighth class to graduate from the program. To date the program proudly boasts 123 alumni. Members of the Leadership Class of 2019 include -

- Lonnie Allen - Charlevoix Courier
- Allyssa Brooks - Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital
- Caitlin Cole - Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
- Megan Dehoog - Planned Parenthood of Michigan
- Jill Dipert - Charlevoix Wear
- Tricia Drenth - Health Department of NW Michigan
- Elise Freed - Kecia Freed

- Design
- Heidi Hanson - Boyne Mountain
- Regina Inman - Grandvue Medical Care Facility
- Barb Loper - EJ
- Jeanne Marriott - Hospice of Northwest Michigan
- Meghan Meyer - Jordan Valley EMS Authority
- Sheri Shepard - Charlevoix County Commission on Aging
- Jeff VanHove - North Harbor Real Estate
- Alexa Wright - Boyne District Library

Applications are now available for the next class of Leadership Charlevoix County. The program is limited to a class size of no more than sixteen participants. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2019 and are available at www.leadershipcharlevoix-county.com. The program begins August 22, 2019 with an orientation followed by an overnight retreat on Beaver Island in September. The program then continues monthly with a one day-long session per month through next May. For more information on the program e-mail to leadershipcharlevoixcounty@gmail.com or contact Program Coordinator Mary H. Faculak at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce (231-536-7351) or email Allison M. Hubbard at the Leadership Charlevoix County address.

St. Mary Builder's Club assists Humane Society

BY LENA SYTSMAREE, 6TH GRADE, ST. MARY SCHOOL BUILDER'S CLUB PRESIDENT

St. Mary Builder's Club wanted to help the Humane Society so they made plans for a talent show fundraiser to buy supplies. They had everything ready a few days before. Then a snowstorm hit and they couldn't be at school for a while. Once they rescheduled, it kept snowing and they still couldn't be at school.

They learned that doing that fundraiser wasn't going to work, so they planned to do their "go to money raiser".... A bake sale! The Builder's Club didn't give up on this project because it was so important to them. Once the bake sale was over, they had raised a lot of money and sent for a list of items the Humane Society needed. After buying it all, they had over a cart full of pet and cleaning supplies. When the Humane Soci-

ety came to pick up the items there were lots of smiles and pictures. They were happy about what they had accomplished, and the Humane Society was happy for the supplies.

Pictured from Left to Right: Kinsey Vachon, 6th Grade, St. Mary School Builder's Club, Scott MacKenzie, Chx Humane Society, Lena Sytsma-Reed, 6th Grade, St. Mary School Builder's Club and Ryan Tall, 6th Grade, St. Mary School Builder's Club. Courtesy photo





MEMORIAL DAY '19

PHOTOS BY KAREN WALKER

