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EAST JORDAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, SEPT. 16, 2019

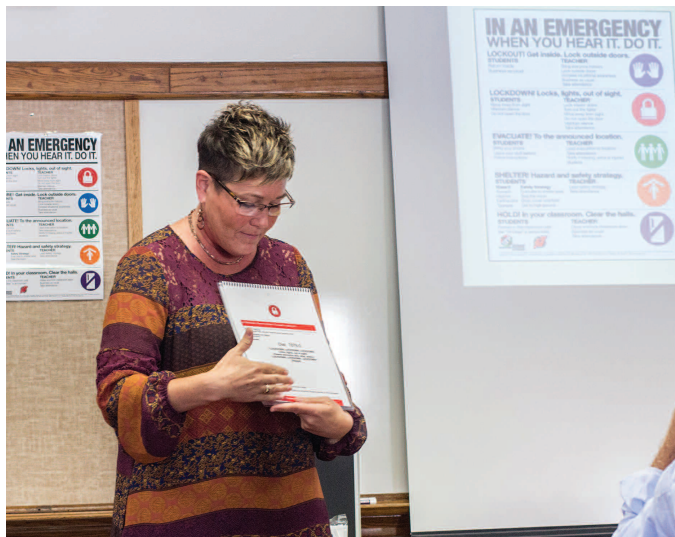
Best Year Ever at East Jordan schools

BY KAREN WALKER

Student behavior, crisis planning and having the best year ever were topics presented by School staff and faculty members to the East Jordan School Board at their regular meeting last Monday. The presentations outlined some of the work that's been done for the start of the school year.

Fifth grade teacher, Irene Ferguson shared with the board how the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) program helps teachers and staff throughout the school with establishing, teaching, and reviewing expectations to create a consistent atmosphere for all students. Mrs. Ferguson explained how the students learn and practice behaviors that are responsible, respectful, and safe. She said, "When the students know better, they do better". For the second consecutive year, training is provided to all of East Jordan School's staff, including bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and custodians. The program is funded by a Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI) grant.

Fourth grade teacher,



Kathy Drenth updates the school board on their crisis management plan at Monday night's school board meeting.

Kathy Drenth presented an update on the school's crisis planning initiative. Help with the plan is being provided by the i love you guys Foundation, a nationwide program that standardizes the vocabulary that all stakeholders can understand in response to emergencies such as weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety. The program provides continuity of expectations and actions for students and a simple process to train teachers. The crisis plan includes common vocab-

ulary and protocols for first responders and establishes a more predictable series of actions as an event unfolds.

School Superintendent Matt Stevenson stated, "We have spent the last several months remodeling our current safety plan to review our processes as well as unify terminology that will be used across Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties. The idea is one where we want any first responder who comes to our school to know

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPT. 17, 2019

City improvement projects nearing completion

BY KAREN WALKER

Several City improvement projects in East Jordan are nearing completion. In his report to Commissioners at Tuesday's regular East Jordan City Commission meeting, Administrator Tom Cannon gave an update on projects including sewer and storm drain replacement. He informed Commissioners that the paving portion of the first part of the project has begun on the north end of Main Street as well as Prospect and Mary Streets, and milling and excavating work has begun on Esterly and Second Streets. The entire project is expected to be completed by October 25th. Also, paving at the new boat launch near the Tourist Park is scheduled for Sept. 20th. The skid pier has been installed and lighting, striping, and landscaping should take place early October. And by late October, the City's new replacement water tower on Buzzell Street is scheduled to be completed.

In other business, Commissioners voted to amend the City's zoning map for

two parcels located at 406 State Street from PO (Professional Office) to R-1 (Single Family Residential).

The change was introduced for approval at the September 3rd City Commission meeting after the Planning Commission determined rezoning the two lots would not be significant and would have minimal effect on development policies.

Commissioners also approved a request by City Parks and Recreation Director, Rob Crick, for a waiver of the Roadside Stand/Solicitors permit fee. Fall Fest organizers would like control over vendors for their event to be held September 27th and 28th. The waiver would be only for vendors registered with the Fall Fest event in the Tourist Park.

Because the first regular commission meeting in November falls on election day, Commissioners moved their November 5th meeting to Wednesday, November 6th.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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1st row L to R) Roy Whitley, Dale Parsons, George Schultz, Judy (Ingalls) Lucas, John Lucas, Joe Battle.
 2nd row.) Eliza Mae (McClellan) Crocket, Brian Neff, Jim Verwys, Caroyln (Kohn) Minch, Ethal Jean (Elliott) Caudill, Nancy (Cook) Giustra, Gail (Curtis) Parker.
 3rd row) Doug Smith, Floyd Genia, John Earl Haggard, Larry Minch, Charles Alexander, Ken Wojan.

East Jordan Man Gets Prison for Sexual Assault on Child

Lowell Jay Bavers, 69, East Jordan

was sentenced to 16 to 24 months in prison this morning by Judge Roy C. Hayes III in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County.



Lowell Jay Bavers

Bavers had pleaded no contest to Criminal Sexual Conduct, Fourth Degree on July 18, 2019. He was originally charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree.

As part of the no contest plea, the Court reviewed an affidavit of probable cause filed in the case to establish a factual basis. The affidavit indicated that on many occasions the Defendant had sexually assaulted an eleven-year-old child at his home in the City of East Jordan.

The victim addressed the Court during the sentencing hearing and told the Court the impact that the incidents had on her and her family.

"I was so glad that she was able to speak in court. I know it was not an easy thing for her to do but she was so brave and it was very powerful," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said.

"While the Defendant will not be spending the rest of his life in prison as he would have if convicted as he was originally charged, he was held accountable for his actions and this young lady and her family did not have to go through a trial which could have caused additional pain and trauma. He will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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WEDNESDAY

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record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
SEP 20	.46°	...71°	...29°	(1973)	.84°	(1970)
SEP 21	.45°	...71°	...31°	(1962)	.84°	(1998)
SEP 22	.45°	...70°	...28°	(1981)	.85°	(2004)
SEP 23	.45°	...70°	...26°	(1981)	.89°	(2004)
SEP 24	.44°	...70°	...27°	(1976)	.88°	(2004)
SEP 25	.44°	...69°	...30°	(1966)	.89°	(2007)
SEP 26	.44°	...69°	...27°	(1966)	.84°	(1973)
SEP 27	.44°	...68°	...23°	(1965)	.83°	(1973)
SEP 28	.43°	...68°	...21°	(2000)	.82°	(1971)
SEP 29	.43°	...67°	...27°	(1961)	.88°	(1971)

OBITUARIES

Joan Janack, 86

(JAN. 7, 1933 – SEPT. 12, 2019)

Joan Janack of Boyne City passed away peacefully September 12, 2019 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City. Joan was a loving and caring mother, foster mother and wife.

Joan loved her yard, flowers and playing Bingo. She worked until she was eighty-four. Joan owned a shoe store with her husband Jake, Jakes Shoe Shop; drove a school bus earning a nickname of "large Marge" then went onto work as a Greeter at Meijer.

Surviving Joan is her daughter Doreen Cousins; son Randy Janack and foster son Erik Kurchinski.

A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City. Fr. Dennis Stilwell will be serving as celebrant. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Joan's memory may direct it to the Bingo Fund – C/O Grand Traverse Pavilions, 1000 Pavilion Circle, Traverse City, MI 49684.

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

Timothy McBee, 34

(JAN. 10, 1985 – SEPT. 12, 2019)

Timothy McBee of Boyne City passed away Thursday, September 12, 2019 in Boyne City. Arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Heaven Nicole Arlene (Stewart) Dole, 37

(MAY 22, 1982 – SEPT. 12, 2019)

Heaven Nicole Arlene Dole of Boyne City passed away suddenly at her home in Boyne City.

Heaven was born May 22, 1982 in Charlevoix, Michigan, the daughter of Susan (Brooks) and Kyle Stanley.

Always putting her family first, Heaven had the kindest heart and would help anyone that needed it.

Heaven loved animals of all kinds. Her favorite dog was her Chihuahua, Little Man.

Surviving Heaven are her parents Kyle and Sue (Brooks) Stanley; her children: Shay Stanley, Zane Myers, Mason Stanley, and Savannah Dole; her siblings: Paula (PJ Harrington) Stanley and Country (Dan) Bearn; her nieces and nephews: Tristan Stackus, Jory Stanley, Gypsy Stanley, and Rain Kirk; her several great nieces and nephews; and many loving friends.

Preceding Heaven in death are her grandparents Richard and Jeanette Brooks; her son Payne Cole; and her dog Daphne.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Heaven's memory are suggested by family to do so to the Boyne City Humane Society.

Information about a memorial service for Heaven will be announced at a later date by family.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

Eva May (Hall) Stevens, 98

(JULY 28, 1921 – SEPT. 11, 2019)

Eva May Stevens, 80-year resident of Walloon Lake, died September 11, 2019 at Mallard Cove Assisted Living in Petoskey.



Eva was born on July 28, 1921 in Baxter Springs, Kansas, the daughter of Luther C. "Bob" and Mary (Paul) Hall. She was raised in Duenweg, MO, and after high school, moved to the Petoskey area to work for Superintendent of Petoskey Schools.

On February 7, 1941, Eva married Lester "Herbie" Stevens in Walloon Lake. Eva went to work as a Receptionist

at the Burns Clinic, where she later retired from. Lester preceded Eva in death on October 27, 2012.

Eva would frequently be found volunteering at the Petoskey Friendship Center and loved playing cards, especially Bridge. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Doe Society of the Elks.

Eva is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Kathy Stevens of Livonia, MI; 2 granddaughters, Michelle and Daniel Brunet and Lisa and Ryan Haller; and by 4 great grandchildren, Zachary, Ashlyn, Andrew, and Paige.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Cathy Stevens in 2013; and by two siblings, Earl and Jessica.

A memorial service celebrating Eva's life will be held on October 5th at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City. The family will receive friends at the church from 10am until the time of service. Eva will be laid to rest at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Clarion.

Donations in Eva's memory may be made to the PMSF (Phelan McDermid Syndrome Foundation), 200 Capri Isles Blvd, Suite 7F, Venice, FL 34292

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Gertrude (Trudy) Clark, 98

(OCT. 25, 1920 – SEPT. 10, 2019)

Gertrude (Trudy) Clark of Boyne City passed away on September 10, 2019 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.



Gertrude was born on October 25, 1920 in Dortmund, Germany the daughter of Otto Alfred Hans and Elisabeth (Hettich) Shoenfeld. She lived in Dortmund until she was four years old and then moved to Detroit in 1925. In 1947 she married Donald Eugene Clark in Detroit; together they moved to Boyne City in 1970. Together they spent many winters in Nokomis, FL at a mobile resort; she was very active in her parks activities. Gertrude enjoyed skiing in her younger days, golf, dining out and traveling was her passion. She was on twenty-two cruises and one cruise took her around the world.

She is survived by her niece Joanne (Roger) Cicotte. Gertrude is preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald and dear friend Vera Tokley.

John "Wes" Wesley McKenney, 89

(JULY 26, 1930 – SEPT. 7, 2019)

John Wesley McKenney woke up in the arms of his Lord and Savior Saturday, September 7 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan MI.

John (Wes) was born July 26, 1930 in Mt. Clemens MI to William and June (Fultz) McKenney. Soon after his birth the family moved to West Branch MI which was John's childhood home. John graduated from Ogemaw Heights High School in 1947. After high school, John proudly served his nation during the Korean War in the United States Marine Corps, attached to MAW2, squadron VMF(n)-533 Cherry Point, NC.

After his military service John and his friend Norm Ritter won a gas station in a poker game and moved to Petoskey where he met and fell in love with Cynthia Reasoner an X-Ray technician at Little Traverse Hospital. They were married on September 22, 1956 and settled down to raise their five children on Cynthia's family farm.

John worked in the area as a licensed plumber for Ballard's Plumbing and Heating, Haley

Plumbing and Heating, as well as working maintenance for Petoskey Public Schools. In addition, he was also Plumbing Inspector for Bear Creek Township for 15 years.

Wes was a faithful member of the Epsilon United Methodist Church and served the Lord as head of trustees, treasurer, and in many other capacities. He also served the Lord through mission work in Guatemala. He served the Epsilon community as a charter member of the Springvale Township fire department for 20 years.

John lived his life in quiet solitude, loving to be outdoors, gardening, working in the woods and spending time with his children and grandchildren on their 160-acre farm.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Cynthia, his parents, four brothers, William, Carl, Richard, Hugh McKenney and three sisters, Virginia Heisler, Maryellen McKenney, and Carol Ann Sting.

John is survived by one brother, Roy Nathaniel McKenney, His children, Scott (Cynthia) McKenney, June (Kevin) Brott, Rev. Wayne (Sally) McKenney, David (Elsie) McKenney, Margo (Nathan) Bolduc, and nephews Jess Graham and George (Kristie) Graham, sister-in-law Ginny McKenney and many beloved nieces and nephews.

John's greatest love was for his Lord and his family. He was the classic grandpa to eleven grandchildren, and two great grandsons, Shawn (Anna), Travis, Curtis, Keith, Wayne, Ford, Porche, Michelle, John, Kayla (Eric) Nerby, Cody (Emily), Patrick, Leif, and Margo's cat Midge. His smile was infectious, and his lap was never too small for any child. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him.

A memorial service for John will be held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Epsilon United Methodist Church. Visitation will take place beginning at 10:00am with service to follow at 11:00am. Memorials may be directed to Grandvue Terrace and Recreation Park Project.

James E. Souliere, 62

(DEC. 3, 1956 – SEPT. 5, 2019)

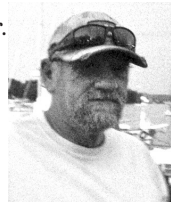
James E. Souliere died Thursday, September 5, 2019 in Petoskey.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 12:00 Noon at the American Legion Hall in East Jordan.

Kenneth Roy Wojan Jr., 56

(JAN. 7, 1963 – SEPT. 11, 2019)

Kenneth Roy Wojan Jr. of East Jordan passed away on September 11, 2019.



Kenneth was born on January 7, 1963 in Charlevoix to Kenneth Roy Sr. and Julia Schofield.

On August 20, 1994, Kenneth married Christine Nietupski in Charlevoix, Michigan.

Kenneth was a hard worker, who owned and operated Charlevoix Lawn, Inc., for more than 25 years. He took major pride in being a business owner. He loved watching his kids in athletic events, and took great care of his family, and made sure they always had the best of everything, including his beloved Shih Tzu dog Daisy. Ken enjoyed playing cards with his friends, along with golfing, fishing, and driving his truck.

He is survived by his wife Chris Wojan, son Joshua Wojan, daughter Kassey Wojan, father Kenneth Roy Sr. (Carol Wojan), mother Julia Schofield. His sisters Brenda (Anthony) Rengers, Christine (Roger) Michaud, Rebecca (Tim) Wojan, and Sarah Wojan. His brothers Robert (Cheryl) Wojan and Steven (Kacey) Wojan. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kenneth R. Wojan will be missed dearly by his loved ones and many friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor Neil Turner officiated.

Interment took place at St. Mary Cemetery, in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Lodge of Charlevoix, P.O. Box 395, Charlevoix, MI 49720, a scholarship for Charlevoix and East Jordan students going into the Air Force.

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

Anna L. Leazier, 82

(SEPT. 23, 1936 – SEPT. 10, 2019)

Anna L. Leazier of Mancelona passed away at home on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.



Born at home in Thompsonville, Michigan on September 23, 1936, Anna was the daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Marshand) Emmons. She grew up in Thompsonville where she also graduated from high school.

Anna went on to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, receiving her training in Traverse City and Petoskey. She worked for over 50 years at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

On December 14, 1957, Anna married Donald Guy Leazier in Detroit. They lived and raised their family in Hudson Township and later they moved to Mancelona.

Anna attended Pathway Community Church in Mancelona. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting, puzzles and stock car racing. Also an avid reader, she particularly enjoyed authors Louis L'Amour and Sue Grafton.

Surviving are her daughters, Lea (Ron) Kenney and Sue Hasselblad both of Mancelona; a son, PJ (Rhonda) Leazier of Elmira; grandchildren, Shannon (Jay) Luskey of Traverse City, NaChiva Kenney (and fiancé David) of Manton, Donald (Elaine) Hasselblad of Mancelona, Jacob Leazier of Mancelona, Andrew (Myah) Leazier of Honolulu, HI, Cherokee Hasselblad of Mancelona and Emma Leazier of Elmira; great grandchildren, Ariole, Ariona, Tearsa, Gabe, Madalynn, Zayden, Jerry and Donald Jr.; a sister-in-law, Caroline Kobylczak; and many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by Donald Guy Leazier, her husband of 60 years; brothers Leon Emmons and Steve Lumley; her father, Robert W. Emmons; her mother, Dorothy M. Lumley and her step father, Verl W. Lumley.

Funeral service was held Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Pathway Community Church, 416 S. Williams St, Mancelona, MI 49659. Burial followed at Boyne Valley Cemetery in Boyne Falls. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Pathway Hands & Feet Program.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Joseph A. Heller, Jr., 82

(JAN. 24, 1937 – SEPT. 8, 2019)

(reprinted from Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook, CT)



Joe Heller made his last undignified and largely irreverent gesture on September 8, 2019, signing off on a life, in his

words, "generally well-lived and with few regrets."

When the doctors confronted his daughters with the news last week that "your father is a very sick man," in unison they replied, "you have no idea."

God thankfully broke the mold after Joe was born to the late Joseph Heller, Sr. and Ruth Marion (Clock) on January 24, 1937 in New Haven, CT. Being born during the depression shaped Joe's formative years and resulted in a lifetime of frugality, hoarding and cheap mischief, often at the expense of others. Being the eldest was a dubious task but he was up for the challenge and led and tortured his siblings through a childhood of obnoxious pranks, with his brother, Bob, generally serving as his wingman. Pat, Dick and Kathy were often on the receiving end of such lessons as "Ding Dong, Dogsh*t" and thwarting lunch thieves with laxative-laced chocolate cake and excitement meatloaf sandwiches. His mother was not immune to his pranks as he named his first dog, "Fart," so she would have to scream his name to come home if he wandered off.

Joe started his long and illustrious career as a Library Assistant at Yale Law School Library alongside his father before hatching a plan with his lifelong buddies, Ronny Kaiser and Johnny Olson, to join the Navy and see the world together. Their plot was thwarted and the three were split up when Joe pulled the "long straw" and was assigned to a coveted base in Bermuda where he joined the "Seabees," Construction Battalion, and was appointed to the position of Construction Electrician's Mate 3rd class. His service to the country and community didn't end after his honorable discharge.

Joe was a Town Constable, Volunteer Fireman and Ambulance Association member, Cross walk guard, Public Works Snow Plower and a proud member of the Antique Veterans organization. Joe was a self-taught chemist and worked at Cheeseborough-Ponds where he developed one of their first cosmetics' lines. There he met the love of his life, Irene, who was hoodwinked into thinking he was a charming individual with decorum. Boy, was she ever wrong. Joe embarrassed her daily with his mouth and choice of clothing. To this day we do not understand how he convinced our mother, an exceedingly proper woman and a pillar in her church, to sew and create the colorful costumes and props which he used for his antics.

Growing up in Joe's household was never dull. If the old adage of "You only pull the hair of those you love" holds true, his three daughters were well loved. Joe was a frequent customer of the girls' beauty shops, allowing them to "do" his hair and apply make-up liberally. He lovingly assembled doll furniture and built them a play kitchen and forts in the back yard. During their formative years, Joe made sure that their moral fibers were enriched by both Archie Bunker and Benny Hill. When they began dating, Joe would greet their dates by first running their license plates and checking for bald tires. If their vehicle passed inspection, they were invited into the house where shotguns, harpoons and sheep "nutters" were left clearly on display.

After retiring from running Bombaci Fuel, he was perhaps, most well-known for his role as the Essex Town "Dawg Kecher." He refused to put any of his "prisoners" down and would look for the perfect homes for them. One of them was a repeat offender who he named "A**hole" because no owner would ever keep him for very long because he was, in fact, an a**hole. My Dad would take his buddy on daily rides in his van and they'd roam around town with the breeze blowing through both of their fur. He never met a dog he did-

n't like, the same could not be said for the wanna-be blue bloods, snoots and summer barnacles that roamed about town. His words, not ours. Well maybe not exactly his words as those would be much more colorful.

Joe was a frequent shopper at the Essex Dump and he left his family with a house full of crap, 300 pounds of birdseed and dead houseplants that they have no idea what to do with. If there was ever a treasure that he snatched out from under you among the mounds of junk, please wait the appropriate amount of time to contact the family to claim your loot. We're available tomorrow. Joe was also a consummate napper. There wasn't a road, restaurant or friend's house in Essex that he didn't fall asleep on or in. There wasn't an occasion too formal or an event too dour that Joe didn't interrupt with his apnea and voluminous snoring.

Besides his beloved wife, Irene, and brother, Bobby, Joe was pre-deceased by his pet fish, Jack, who we found in the freezer last week. Left to squabble over his vast fortune, real estate holdings and "treasures" are his three daughters Michelle Heller (Andrew Bennett) of Newton, MA, Lisette Heller (Lenny Estelle) of Ivoryton, CT and Monique Heller (John Parnoff) of Old Lyme, CT. He relished his role as Papa and Grampa Joe to Zachary, Maxwell and Emily Bennett, Megan, Mackenzie and Ryan Korcak, and Giovanna and Mattea Parnoff and hopes that he taught at least one of them to cuss properly. Left with decades of fond and colorful memories are his siblings Pat Bedard of Madison, Richard (Pat) Heller of Oxford, and Kathy Heller of Killingworth, sisters-in-law, Kathy McGowan of Niantic and Diane Breslin of Killingworth, and 14 nieces and nephews.

No flowers, please. The family is seeking donations to offset the expense of publishing an exceedingly long obituary which would have really pissed Joe off. Seriously, what would have made him the happiest is for you to go have a cup of coffee with a friend and bullsh*t about his antics or play a harmless prank on some unsuspecting sap. If we still haven't dissuaded you and you feel compelled to waste your hard-earned money to honor his memory, donations may be sent to: Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, PO Box 667, Gulfport, MS 39502. A celebration of his life, with Joe laid out in all his glory, will be held on Thursday, September 12, at the Essex Fire Department, 11 Saybrook Road, from 4-7. A light dinner will be served as Joe felt no get-together was complete without food. None of his leftovers or kitchen concoctions will be pawned off on any unsuspecting guests. Feel free to be as late as you'd like as Joe was never on time for anything because of the aforementioned napping habits. Joe despised formality and stuffiness and would really be ticked off if you showed up in a suit. Dress comfortably. The family encourages you to don the most inappropriate T-Shirt that you are comfortable being seen in public with as Joe often did.

Everybody has a Joe story and we'd love to hear them all. Joe faced his death and his mortality, as he did with his life, face on, often telling us that when he dropped dead to dig a hole in the back yard and just roll him in. Much to his disappointment, he will be properly interred with full military honors (and maybe Jack) next to his wife on Friday, September 13, at 10:00 am in Centerbrook Cemetery. The family is forever in debt to his neighbor, Barry Peterson, for all of his help in recent years. We couldn't have done it without you. Sorry, Mom, Lisette and I did the best we could to take care of him and keep him out of your hair as long as we could. Back in your court now.

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MiCareerQuest set for October 18 for Char-Em ISD students

Ninth-graders from throughout Char-Em ISD's 11 local school districts will have the chance to experience dozens of exciting career paths in an amped up career fair known as MiCareerQuest.

The event takes place on Oct. 18 at North Central Michigan College and is a collaboration among Char-Em ISD's Career and Technical Education Department, Networks Northwest, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, NCMC, local chambers of commerce, the Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, area businesses and organizations and local schools.

"This is not your typical career fair," said Tory

MiCareerQuest

Char-Em ISD

Thrush, Char-Em ISD Career and Technical Education Consultant and one of the event's coordinators. "Students are going to be able to try out numerous jobs with their own hands, while learning from the experts in their fields what it takes to be successful in the work force. We

are so excited to present this opportunity for the first time to local ninth-graders. They haven't seen anything like this before."

The event will be modeled after a successful, similar event held in Traverse City in May, which brought more than 2,000 students into the real-world simulator that is MiCareerQuest. Careers will be explored in manufacturing, construction, health sciences, information technology, hospitality and agriculture.

Students will have the chance to:

- Talk one-on-one with experts from the region's high-demand industries.
 - Touch, feel and work with the tools - and technology - of the trades.
 - Walk away with in-depth and practical knowledge of today's workplaces.
- "Filling tomorrow's talent pipeline is directly dependent on engaging today's youth," noted Terry Vandercook, Director of Northwest

Michigan Works! "It is important that our students have an understanding and appreciation for locally and regionally available occupations. MiCareerQuest is an incredible opportunity to

bring employer and student together. No other event offers such a hands-on interactive career exploration experience. Students leave better informed, more aware, and highly energized for

Northwest Michigan's in-demand industries."

Students will be transported to the event by their school district. For further information or to participate as an exhibitor, visit MiCareerQuest online at www.charemisd.org/student-academic-services-programs/career-and-technical-education-cte/micareerquest/ or call Tory Thrush or Kelly Johnson, Char-Em ISD CTE staff, at (231) 582-8070. Registration information is on the website.

Students are going to be able to try out numerous jobs with their own hands, while learning from the experts in their fields what it takes to be successful in the work force. Courtesy photo



Ninth-graders from throughout Char-Em ISD's 11 local school districts will have the chance to experience dozens of exciting career paths in an amped up career fair known as MiCareerQuest. Courtesy photo



Dorothy Gerber Strings Program joins Great Lakes Center for the Arts

As it embarks on its 20th year, the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is proud to announce that it is joining the Great Lakes Center for the Arts as a core educational program of the Center.

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program (DGSP) has provided exceptional locally-based strings music education for area youth since its inception in 2000. The program is a celebration of the legacy of Dorothy Gerber, made possible through the support of her daughter Gay Gerber Cummings and her children, and provides students across Charlevoix, Emmet, and Antrim counties the opportunity to study violin, viola, cello and bass.

DGSP offers strings classes for students fourth grade and above within regional schools multiple days per week including in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs, Pellston, Petoskey, and on Beaver Island. With



Dorothy Gerber Strings Program

the support of the Cummings family, these beginner, intermediate, and school orchestra classes are offered at no charge to their families. While families are responsible for the cost of providing instruments, scholarship assistance is available.

Individual lessons and Suzuki Method instruction are also offered at a variety of locations in the three-county region. Students may begin as young as four years old in the Suzuki Program and lessons are offered through high school. Lesson rates do apply though scholarship assistance is available for those in need. Regular performance opportunities are provided for lesson stu-

dents through solo recitals while advanced students may join the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra for an ensemble experience.

"The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is a natural fit with the Center's mission to expand the reach of the arts and build strong educational partnerships in Northern Michigan," stated Jill O'Neill, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. "We are grateful for the Cummings family's years of support to provide accessible, quality strings instruction throughout the region."

Heather Russell, Education Director at the Center, shared that "The school districts that host the DGSP are

also those the Center partners with for its Next Gen matinee series and together we look forward to creating even more opportunities for youth to experience live performing arts."

Through the generous support of the Cummings family, the family and the Center are also delighted to announce DGSP's expansion to three full-time strings teachers. Joining Music Director, Dr. David Reimer are Assistant Director, Dr. Katherine Okesson, and Instructor, Mr. Connor Dorsey.

Enrollment for the School Strings Classes is underway for the 2019-2020 academic year. For more information on how to enroll or about Individual Lessons and the Suzuki Program please contact Dr. David Reimer at daviddgstrings@gmail.com or 616.828.8321. More information is also available at www.dorothygerberstrings.org or by contacting the Great Lakes Center for the Arts at 231.439.2600.

Annual Charlevoix County CROP Walk is September 28

Come rain or shine! Area residents are gearing up to join in the Charlevoix County CROP Walk, Saturday, September 28 at 9am. This year's walk will be a 5K and will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Point to the Tourist Park in East Jordan, the United Methodist Church in Boyne City and St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk.

Organized locally, the Charlevoix County CROP Walk has set a goal of recruiting up to 100 walkers to raise \$21,000, which will work to combat hunger here in our community as well as around the world. Twenty-five percent of all monies raised here in Charlevoix County will come back locally to the Good Samaritan of Ellsworth, Care and Share of East Jordan, the Charlevoix Food Pantry, Seventh Day Adventist, Boyne Food Pantry in Boyne City and Boyne Falls Food Pantry.

Last year 70 walkers and



volunteers raised \$20,237 of which approximately \$5,000 was divided between seven local food pantries. The remaining funds helped to combat hunger and poor sanitation around the world, including the United States and the Bahamas.

We have a Youth Challenge again this year: A \$125 Gift will be shared with the Walk for every group of youth who raise at least \$250! Thanks to our generous donors!

For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate, please contact: Marge Teske at 231-536-3128 (tteske@charter.net) for East Jordan location, John Young at 231-547-2042 (jfyoung@freeway.net) for the Charlevoix location, and in Boyne City contact Mary Richwine (marylr931@gmail.com).



Dorothy Gerber Strings Program 2019 Spring Concert at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Courtesy photo

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

September 19, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room A. Charlevoix County is updating the five year Parks and Recreation Plan. The County would like to gather as much input from the community as possible to plan and prioritize projects for the Parks and Recreation system. Open House format, drop in any time between 5-7pm.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 19, 5-7pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. Networking, appetizers and drawings. Free to EJ Chamber members, \$10 for non-members. We will begin with lunch at noon, a shotgun start at 1 pm, followed by dinner and awards ceremony at 6 pm. The fun includes a 50/50 raffle, goodie bags, door prizes and more. Only 18 teams of four will be available for this Best Ball Scramble event. Registration information at BoyneChamber.com

ELLSWORTH FRONT PORCH CAFE FUNDRAISER

September 20, 7-9pm, Banks Township Hall. Gospel music concert. The Helmsmen will perform and there will be a free will offering to benefit the Front Porch.

CHARLEVOIX NEEDLE DROP-OFF

September 21, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Office, 1404 Bridge Street. Needles need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777

BOYNE CITY AGING GRACEFULLY EVENT

September 21, 9am-1pm, Boyne City Performing Arts Center. Presentations include services and benefits, power of attorney, long-term health care, Medicare, senior scams, transportation and more. Check-in starts at 8:30 and the event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. RSVPs are requested for the lunch provided by Independence Village's Executive Chef Andy Colvin; call 231-348-8498 by Sept. 16 to reserve your seat.

BAY HARBOR THE VIOLET VIOLA CONCERTO

September 21, 7pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Season opening concert presenting the World premiere of a newly commissioned work by composer, David Lockington entitled, "The Violet Viola Concerto." This piece was written for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Music Director and violist, Libor Ondras, and was inspired by the birth of Lockington's granddaughter, Violet. Il Señor Bruschino Overture by Gioachino Rossini and Variaciones Concertantes by Alberto Ginastera will also be on the program. This performance will be at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Pre-Concert talk by Music Director Libor Ondras and composer, David Lockington at a special time: 5:45 PM

Tickets at glorchestra.org. Reserved Seating: \$50, \$35, \$25. Ages 18 and under are FREE. Veterans call 231.487.0010 for special pricing.

ELLSWORTH BANKS TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

September 21, 5-7pm, Front Porch Cafe. Soup and salad dinner to support the Historical Society. Cost is by donation only.

BOYNE CITY "MIRACLE CURES" YOU MAY BE MISSING REVEALED

September 22, 6:30pm, Life-tree Cafe. The program, titled "Stem Cells: The Miracle Cure You May Be Missing Out On," includes a film featuring a regenerative stem cell procedure as well as an interview with Dr. Christopher Centeno, who performs orthopedic procedures using adult stem cells in both the U.S. and in an off-shore clinic. Centeno, who uses stem cells as an alternative to joint replacement and to treat tendon, ligament, and bone pain, wonders if concerns about lost revenue have prompted the domestic ban of some procedures that are available in other countries. This program provides insights into the ongoing debate. 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 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH SENATOR SCHMIDT AND REPRESENTATIVE COLE

September 23, 8-9am, Charlevoix Public Library. Legislative Update presented by Consumers Energy in partnership with the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance. Hear from local legislators on issues that impact the Charlevoix area community. In attendance will be State Representative Triston Cole and State Senator Wayne Schmidt.

PETOSKEY PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM EMBEZZLEMENT AND CYBERCRIME

September 25, 8:30-10am at the Genesis Center, 1124 Northmen Dr. The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tip of the Mitt SCORE Chapter 622 are hosting a present "Protect Your Business From Embezzlement and Cybercrime" seminar. Three speakers will help educate businesses on how to minimize your exposure. Matt Lierstein of Emmet County Sheriff's Office, Kevin Christman CPA and Staff from the Michigan State Police, Michigan Cyber Command Center (MC3). The seminar will cover measures which you can and should take to prevent embezzlement and cybercrime in your organization. Bring your questions and get answers from experts. All area businesses are invited to attend. The cost is \$20.00. Pre-registration is required by September 20. To register, call the Chamber at (231) 347-4150.

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BASH

September 26, 5-8pm, Ferry Beach. Join us in celebrating YOU at our Membership Appreciation Beach Bash! Food, music and fun to be had. We are excited to show our appreciation to our member businesses and their employees, thank you for your partnerships.

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 28, 8am-4pm. This family fun day will include music, crafts, children's

activities, food and fall produce in the downtown area. As the extended Farmers Market will be moved downtown from Veterans Park, portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic. There will be a Scarecrow Contest organized by the Boyne Area Chamber. Children's games and activities will be sprinkled around downtown. The festival is sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE CLINIC FUNDRAISER

September 28, Eagles Lodge. The Boyne Area Free Clinic invites local residents to attend a fundraiser/silent auction to benefit the clinic on Sept. 28th at the Eagles Lodge. There will be local music, food and drink, including chicken cooked by the Boyne City Fire Department. For further information, or to donate items for the silent auction, call Linda at 582-4605. The Free Clinic is located at 624 State Street in Boyne City and is open on Fridays from 8am to 4pm.

BOYNE CITY 36TH ANNUAL CROP WALK

September 28. Registration at 8:30am and the walk beginning at 9. The Boyne Area Walk will be a 5K and will begin and end at the United Methodist Church, 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City. All churches and individuals are welcome to join the walk. Twenty-five percent of all monies raised are returned to local food pantries including Good Neighbors, Seventh Day Adventist, Boyne Area and Boyne Falls. CROP Walks are also being held that day in Charlevoix and East Jordan. Last year Charlevoix County walkers and volunteers raised \$20,237, and each of the four local pantries received about \$420. The remaining funds are used nationally and worldwide to provide food, water, blankets, health kits and tents in times of emergency. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate, contact coordinator Mary Richwine in Boyne City at 231-330-2103. Donations can be made online at www.crophungerwalk.org/charlevoixmi.

EAST JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL

September 28, Tourist Park. Live Music, Beer & Wine, Food Trucks, Kids Activities, Farmers Market, Craft Show, Softball Tournament, Campsite Decorating, Trick or Treating. Info at www.ejchamber.org

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ANNUAL BREEZEWAY FALL COLOR CRUISE

September 28, 8am-5pm. Three Saturday's of beautiful fall colors on C-48 the Breezeway. Pick up your "Goodie Bag" in Atwood and cruise to Boyne Mountain at your own pace - stopping whenever and wherever you want. See the fall colors, buy your pumpkins & apples, shop and much more! www.ridethebreezeway.com

BOYNE CITY FIREFIGHTER'S COUNTRY CONCERT FUNDRAISER

September 29, shows at 3pm and 6pm, Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. The Boyne City Firefighters Association is proud to present the 37th Annual Country Music Spectacular featuring Michael William Morgan. Each year the country concert proceeds are used

for updated advanced safety equipment and training for the Boyne City Fire Department. Past shows have helped replace shocks, front and rear springs, brakes, roll bars, lettering, striping, back end of fire engine, light bars, a brand new grass fire truck and new additions to the fire house. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$35 for reserved seating. Tickets are available at the Boyne Chamber office, 115 S. Lake St. or by calling 231-225-0275.

ELLSWORTH EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

October 3 - 5t. 9541 White Street, Ellsworth. Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; WHERE ARE THE BABIES?

October 4, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Twenty years ago, there were two births in our community for every death. Today, deaths outnumber births. Eric Guthrie, state demographer in Michigan's Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives in the Department of Technology, Management & Budget, comes from Lansing with the numbers to show us how Michigan has changed and where we are likely headed. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ANNUAL BREEZEWAY FALL COLOR CRUISE

October 5, 8am-5pm. Three Saturday's of beautiful fall colors on C-48 the Breezeway. Pick up your "Goodie Bag" in Atwood and cruise to Boyne Mountain at your own pace - stopping whenever and wherever you want. See the fall colors, buy your pumpkins & apples, shop and much more! www.ridethebreezeway.com

WALLOON LAKE CAMP DAGGETT FALL FESTIVAL

October 6, noon-5pm, Camp Daggett. Open to the public, this event offers new visitors a chance to see the Camp in its fall glory, and former campers a chance to share their stories. Activities include; Pumpkin Painting/Stone Painting, Face Painting, Caramel Apples, Kids Crafts, Hay Rides, Live Music at the fire circle. Nature Hikes and Pontoon Boat Color Tour on Walloon Lake. There will be Cider and Doughnuts in the main lodge and Hotdogs available for \$1. There is a \$5 per carload entrance fee. Directions are available at www.campdaggett.org. Please, no pets. For more information, call 231-347-9742.

PETOSKEY NATURAL BEEKEEPER WORKSHOP

October 7, 7-9pm, North Central Michigan College. Join beekeepers from across the Tip of the Mitt at the "Natural Beekeeper" presentation to hear from renowned bee expert Ross Conrad. He will discuss Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture. Sponsored in conjunction with the Little Traverse Bee Guild. Free though seating is limited. To register, call 231-348-6613, email ccefaq@ncmich.edu or visit www.ncmich.edu, click on Community & Events, Corporate and Community Edu-

cation Workshops.

PETOSKEY COLLEGE NIGHT AT NCMC

October 10, 6-7:30pm, North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center. High school students and their parents can meet with representatives from more than 50 public and private colleges and universities from throughout the Midwest about higher education options, admission requirements, programs of study, costs of college, campus activities and residence life. Armed Forces representatives will also be available. A North Central financial aid advisor will be present to answer questions about federal financial aid for college. Representatives will also provide valuable information for current North Central students who plan to transfer to a four-year university for completion of a bachelor's degree. An "open house" format encourages attendees to drop in anytime during the event.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; ADDICTION AND TRIBAL JUSTICE

October 11, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. What should a tribal court do with addicts who commit crimes? Should a drug dealer be sent to jail or diverted to a healing-to-wellness program? Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Chief Judge for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, has faced those difficult questions and will explain how she answers them. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

CHARLEVOIX APPLE FEST

October 11-13, East Park, Bridge Park and Mason Street. Experience the magic of autumn in northern Michigan at the 41st Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival. Join the festivities and show your support for our local farmers, orchards and non-profit organizations while celebrating the season in scenic downtown Charlevoix this October. The Harvest is in! Friday and Saturday, 10am-6pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ANNUAL BREEZEWAY FALL COLOR CRUISE

October 12, 8am-5pm. Three Saturday's of beautiful fall colors on C-48 the Breezeway. Pick up your "Goodie Bag" in Atwood and cruise to Boyne Mountain at your own pace - stopping whenever and wherever you want. See the fall colors, buy your pumpkins & apples, shop and much more! www.ridethebreezeway.com

EAST JORDAN PUMPKIN FESTIVAL & MOONLIGHT MADNESS

October 16, 5-7pm, downtown. Early trick or treating, Twister Joe balloon artist, Emergency vehicles on display, Kids activities, Vendor booths.

PETOSKEY MICAREERQUEST FOR CHAR-EM ISD STUDENTS

October 18, North Central Michigan College. Ninth-graders from throughout Char-Em ISD's 11 local school districts will have the chance to experience dozens of exciting career paths in an amped up career fair known as MiCareerQuest. 9th grade students will be able to try out numerous jobs with their own hands, while learning from the experts in their fields what it takes to be successful in the work force. We are so excited to present this opportunity for the first time to local ninth-graders. Students will be transported to the event by their school district. For further information or to participate as an exhibitor, visit MiCareerQuest online at www.charemisd.org/student-academic-services-programs/career-and-technical-education-cte/micareerquest/ or call Tory Thrush or Kelly Johnson, Char-Em ISD CTE staff, at (231) 582-8070. Registration information is on the website.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; BATH SCHOOL EXPLOSION

October 25, NCMC Library

Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. It was a beautiful morning on May 18, 1927, when George Robson's mother and father arrived at the new Bath Consolidated School for final exams. A short time later, the school was violently transformed into Michigan's first site of domestic terrorism with 38 children and six adults among the dead. Mr. Robson tells the story he unearthed of one man's grievances and how the community coped with the aftermath of his destructive act. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

EAST JORDAN HALLELUJAH NIGHT CARNIVAL

October 31, 6-8pm, Harvest Barn Church. This carnival has successfully satisfied the sweet tooth of up to 1,000 people each year for the last 28 years. Local kids can have a warm place to play games, win prizes and enjoy candy. Free event!

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; FIRST ROBOTICS

November 15, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology, this international robotics competition for high school students is said to be the ultimate sport for the mind, and Petoskey High School is in the thick of it. Physics teacher Tom Ochs and his students will explain the many academic and social benefits of this competition and how they run their team like a business. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; URBAN SUSTAINABILITY IN INDIA

November 22, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Kerri Finlayson, North Central professor of anthropology and sociology, recently joined community college faculty from around the U.S. to explore the problems of urban sustainability in India's overcrowded cities. She will take us on a tour of the north (Jaipur) and south (Mysore and Bangalore) to discuss the biggest sustainability issues and steps being taken to address them. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; CONSPIRACY THEORIES, FAKE NEWS, MEDIA AND POLITICS

December 6, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Scott LaDeur, Ph.D., North Central professor of political science, examines why so many people believe claims about a faked moon landing, the rigging of voting machines, the "truth" about 9/11, and President Obama's birthplace. He will look at conspiratorial thinking and the power of "fake news" to create new realities for voters.. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; KAYAKING LAKE SUPERIOR

December 13, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Author, traveler and grandfather Tom Renkes kayaked solo for a thousand miles along Lake Superior because, he said, "I had overcome storms in my life and wanted this journey as proof of my recovery and reclamation of a life." We will hear his observations and see what it is like to take a long trip in a very small boat along the largest, most rugged and most dramatic of the Great Lakes. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

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Boyne Valley Lions give A hoot to help others not pollute



The Boyne Valley Lions in conjunction with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Project WAVE (Watershed Action Volunteer Experience) has placed Don't Pollute Drains to Waterways and Drains to Rivers decals on all storm water drains in Boyne City. Courtesy photo

The Boyne Valley Lions in conjunction with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Project WAVE (Watershed Action Volunteer Experience) has placed Don't Pollute Drains to Waterways and Drains to Rivers decals on all storm water drains in Boyne City. The tally resulted in the affixing of nearly 550 decals to storm water drains across the city. The Lions with a motto of "we serve" made for a perfect partnership with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. The entire club pitched in, and the club's pride to protect our environment can

be seen in the picture on the right.

The Lions are also known for:

- Diabetes education and free screening initiatives
- KidSight screening for early onset visual impairments
- White Cane fund-raising for the visually impaired
- Local school activities including Robotics Club, school trips, elementary field days, sports boosters, more
- Participate and serve volunteers in "Buff up Boyne"
- Serve hungry elementary school students at Field

Days and school carnival

- Project WAVE Lions initiatives

- Financial support to Girl Scouts, PAWS with a Cause, Boyne District Library, Alzheimer's Fund, Crop Hunger Walk, Humane Society, other

The Lions Club meets every Wednesday at the Boyne District Library at noon. For more information on becoming a Lion contact James Richman, Membership Chairman at mr.richman@gmail.com

E.J. SCHOOLS

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and understand the plan. For this reason, we have coordinated with schools across a three-county area to streamline the process and unify the terminology being used". The school has worked with a team guided by local Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Megan Anderson, to come to consensus on what students, staff, and parents need to know in case of

an emergency.

The school will be sharing a video with parents outlining the crisis plan this fall and will also be featured in an upcoming School newsletter. "We hope to never use the plan that we have taken so much time to prepare, but it is nice to know that we are prepared if something ever were to happen", Mr. Stevenson commented.

Special activities for the students on the first day of school were outlined for the board by School Principals Carla Vrondran and Nate Dionne. This year, students

were welcomed back to school with an "EJ Proud" T-shirt, games, music, bounce houses, and ice cream stations. The activities helped build community amongst the students and show school pride to make this their "best year ever". Nate Dionne, new Principal for the Middle/High School reported feedback from students and staff was very positive.

The next regular East Jordan School Board meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School.

NEWS BRIEFS

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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@boynevalley.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, Memo-

rial 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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is happy to announce the fall grant deadline is October 1, 2019. We invite you to begin thinking of project/program ideas for funding consideration. Starting this fall, perspective grantees will be limited to one application. Please forward this to anyone in your organization who is interested in more information on how to apply. In an effort to make more impactful grants moving forward, the C3F will be making changes to the grantmaking process beginning in 2020. We will keep you informed regarding the changes as they unfold.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN PEOPLE FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Great Lakes Energy (GLE) People Fund is accept-

ing grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is Oct. 15. The People Fund is supported solely by GLE members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$3.6 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout GLE's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund awarded \$218,770 in grants in 2018. Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at www.gtlakes.com/grant-application-request/ or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply. Applications are due by Oct. 15. Another grant opportunity will be available next spring.

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.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Libretto for Music Score To the Editor, Woody Guthrie, Dust Bowl poet: best known song once perhaps still touted as a National Anthem to pair with or replace the Revolutionary War version. Francis Scott Key's tune is rather stodgy and the lyrics more so though that doesn't seem to diminish the patriotic response. There is that dubious substitution of "Jose, can you see" that conjures heckling and Hispanic inclusion at once, and of course the historic reference remains stolid. WOODY GUTHRIE: A LIFE by Joe Klein (1981) captures Woody's own version of patriotic zeal, a Walt Whitman sort of reverence for the highways and byways of this dynamic portion of the long and broad continent. And Woody lived through the World Wars, the Great Depression, Prohibition, and the Great Dust Storm era firsthand.

VINCENT MEISSNER: junior high school student and steady girlfriend Rachel Fritts whose mother, Charlotte, was an Occupational Therapist (OT) at Greystone Park Asylum in Morris Plains, New Jersey where Woody was housed from the mid-50s to 1961. Back in that vintage of medical care for Huntington's Chorea which afflicted Woody though not immediately known, was insufficient at best, undiagnosed at worst, in any case basically untreatable but for care and monitoring in medical facilities, in that era the closest thing being a mental institution, in this instance GREYSTONE, made famous by the very presence of Woody Guthrie. I've known Vince for near forty years and though I'd heard his rendition of meeting Woody before I suggested a current bio of that encounter to update the significance, possibly in light of the precarious risk the country now takes politically and Constitutionally. Woody, whether extolling peace or war, was as American as anyone

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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could be. Here we turn the narrative over to Vince.

In the year of nineteen and fifty nine I was fifteen...I had been going 'steady' with Rachel (14) for a few months... Rachel's mother, Charlotte...was employed for many years at Greystone and always had stories to tell about her 'Patients'; One patient she was very fond of was a Woody Guthrie, a folk song writer who wrote the glorious anthem 'This Land is Your Land' and who was arrested for vagrancy in Morristown NJ in the year of nineteen and fifty six and confined to the Greystone Park Asylum for peculiar behavior. One day Charlotte asked her daughter Rachel to accompany her to a show in the Greystone Auditorium, a show featuring the songs of Woody Guthrie that would be performed by the 'Patients' and other musicians. Charlotte said 'You can bring your boyfriend Vinny too'.

Charlotte, pushing a wheelchair with Woody sitting in it, says, 'This is Woody who this show is all about'. I couldn't believe my eyes at the man in the wheelchair...you see, I knew nothing about Woody Guthrie or his songs. He was shaking like a leaf and had sad intense eyes and bushy hair. He couldn't talk very well and struggled to speak a word. He said, 'Hi, hi, Vi', stuck his shaky hand out to mine and gave me a good solid handshake. Woody then gave Charlotte a sign, meaning he wanted a cigarette. Charlotte asked me if I had any matches, I did...I got to light a cigarette for Woody Guthrie! The show finally started and the audience applauded...Hate to tell you this but the band and singers were all off key, some singers sounded like Howling at the Moon...it was scary. A couple years later in the year of 1961 Charlotte came home from work with a story about Woody. She said, 'Today this young kid came to Greystone to sing folk songs to Woody. He looked unkempt and dirty and couldn't even sing.' I

thought nothing of it until in the year of nineteen and sixty two I heard a new song by the 'dirty kid' on vinyl: 'Hey, hey, Woody Guthrie I wrote you a song, 'bout a funny old world that's a-coming along...'

That, slightly emended, is probably as good a memoir as would tell the inside story of Woody Guthrie's fading days when Bob Dylan came to enact the famous meeting and launch a career atop another. A word about the "off key singers howling at the moon", that would be a junior high school kid's impression of early folk music as it was being rediscovered in the heyday of the sixties juxtaposed on the slick record, radio and television productions then popular, presumably a sensationalized recollection that stuck as described, Dylan and Guthrie both being expressionistic vocalists and folk musicians tending toward accentuating the southern vernacular forms of musicianship, phrasing etc. that do sound strange to the conventional ear.

One more thing, Vince adds, I don't remember anything about driving home that night, after the show...I must have been in a state of shock. Taking a panoramic view of an insane asylum of the nineteen-fifties, rather austere venues, which Vince describes as grey and dreary, the pathos, the reality of life can surely be shocking, especially considering someone so hard traveled as Woody Guthrie who had also contracted a fatal debilitating disease. Pastures of Plenty and This Land is Your Land, though, retain their populist beauty by, for and of the people and that's what comes through as a near-incalculably influential legend, abetted through the remarkable purview of young Vince Meissner at a time of unique perspective.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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.

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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1st Annual Balloons Over Bay Harbor

The 1st Annual Balloons Over Bay Harbor event that will take place in the Village at Bay Harbor, September 20 - 22. Eleven of some of the best pilots in the nation who compete in national festivals across the country.

There will be a schedule of flight activity throughout the weekend, so keep your "eyes to the skies" to watch for these beautiful balloons. There will also be "night glows" where the balloons will light up while grounded on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Autumn Glory Color Run & Walk which will be held during our Balloons Over Bay Harbor event on Saturday, September 21, starting at 10am. The 3K run/walk will begin on Main Street

in the Village at Bay Harbor and follow a great route to East Park and back, getting "colorful" all along the trail. This is not a timed event, just an enjoyable and fun way to bring together our community for a great cause. Wear all white or dress in costume - bring a whole team together and use your imagination to be fun and creative. Registration is \$20/per person before the run/walk (register by September 15 to be guaranteed a t-shirt). You may also register the day of the event for \$25.

Proceeds from the Autumn Glory Color Run & Walk will benefit McLaren Northern Michigan Pediatrics Department to help fund patient and family support for those in need. Through the "Part-

ners in Children's Health" program, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital offers McLaren Northern Michigan access to a regional system of healthcare for children, designed to enhance care "close to home" for the children and families. Bay Harbor Village Merchants Association is proud to be partnering with the Bay Harbor Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization that is established to provide a process for receiving donations in Northern Lower Michigan that provide programs and assistance in the arts, education, a scholar program, the environment and health & human services. Register on bayharbor.com/events or on Bay Harbor, Michigan Facebook page.

Saturday, September 21 will have family fun activities in the Village including pumpkin bowling, pumpkin painting, candy apple station, grapevine wreath making and more! Come down and enjoy these great festivities from 11am - 5pm. Meet and Greet, Autographs and Photo opportunities with the pilots will take place from 4pm - 5pm on the Marina Lawn panels. On Saturday evening, we will be hosting the VIP Afterglow Reception in The Loft in the Village. This will be the absolute best place to view the balloon night glow on the marina lawn panel. Tickets are \$40 and includes delicious appe-



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tizers provided by Vernales Catering, beer, wine and spirits and live music by Katherine Ryan and Owen James. Space is limited. To purchase tickets, visit

bayharbor.com/events or on Bay Harbor, Michigan Facebook page.

Please Note: All balloon flights are weather and wind dependent for the safety of

the pilots

For a complete schedule of events and balloon flight times, please visit bayharbor.com

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