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The Harvest Festival will include a farmers market, children's games, craft vendors and a scarecrow-making contest for residents and businesses. File photo

Boyne City Harvest Festival is Sept. 28

Boyne City will celebrate autumn's bounty at Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 28, from 8am to 4pm. This family fun day in Boyne City's downtown will include music, crafts and fall produce, and is organized by Boyne City Main Street.

This family fun day will include crafts, a scarecrow contest, food and fall produce in the downtown area. Portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic. There will also be children's games and activities including pumpkin painting, face painting and hay rides.

Among the local businesses are providing special programs, fun, food and drink during Harvest Festival are:

- Boyne City Hardware is partnering with Casa de Colores - Instructional Acrylic



Painting Classes to hold two free Kids' Painting Classes. Little ones can explore their creative sides while parents enjoy the downtown Farmers Market and live music. Classes are instructed by the fun and patient Belinda who will guide her students to create a fall-themed masterpiece. We're holding two sessions: 12-1pm and 2-3pm. Advance registration is re-

quired by calling 231-582-6532 or emailing jessicaboyneace@gmail.com. Recommended for ages 5 and up and class sizes are limited to 12 reserve your spot soon. This is a free event sponsored by Boyne City Hardware.

- The Bookmobile from the Boyne District Library will be on the street and open for everyone

- Boyne Provisions will host a beer tasting with Founders Brewing Co. from noon until 3pm.

- Cafe Sante is featuring German food, German beer and German wine features through the weekend with live music from 8-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

- An Open House at Shaggy's Skis. See how they turn wood, fiberglass, carbon fiber, and plastic into a pair of skis, 3-6 p.m. at 444 Boyne Ave.

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Hop on board a hay ride to enjoy the sights of Harvest Festival. File photo

Maureen Radke retiring from Community Foundation

BY KAREN WALKER

For the past 17 years, Maureen Radke has been changing lives for the better as Program Officer at Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Her retirement at the end of this month will mark a change in her own life.

When Maureen started her job in 2002 as Program Officer, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation was ten years old and still in its start-up phase, with eight million dollars in assets. The organization processed about 200 grants and scholarships that year. Maureen says, "When I started, there were two full time employees and one part-time. I was responsible for the management of all grants and scholarships, as well as grantmaking and leadership activities with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Seventeen years later, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is in a growing-to-mature phase, with forty million in assets, processing about 750 grants



per year, and six full-time employees".

Foundation President R.A. "Chip" Hansen says, "Maureen's impact in our organization has been significant. Under her watch the Foundation's impact has grown substantially, to a point where we now deliver more than \$2M in grants annually. Even more significant have been her efforts to improve our ability to support our nonprofit partners in more ways than ever before, allowing us to invest in building the capacity of organizations as well as in programs or projects."

When she started at the Foundation, one of her responsibilities was working with the Youth Advisory

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Fall Festival in East Jordan this weekend



The City of East Jordan will present the 5th annual Fall Festival from noon until 10pm this coming Saturday, September 28. Courtesy photo

The City of East Jordan will present the 5th annual Fall Festival kicking off with live music on Friday evening, September 27, and continuing from 9am until 10pm on Saturday, September 28. Taking place in Tourist Park, in addition to live music and a beer tent, the festival will feature kids activities, a farmers market, craft show, a softball tournament, campsite decorating



As a warm up to Saturday's festival, Tom Zipp & The Bullpen will perform on Friday night. Courtesy photo

and even some early trick-or-treating.

The East Jordan Fall Festival is a one-day fundraiser community event. The event fee is donation based in order to achieve two things: fundraiser for the Tourist Park Campground and to bring as many community members together as possible. By not having a set admission cost anyone can participate no matter what their financial status.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

Dog Park expansion planned with agility area for dogs

BY KAREN WALKER

Boyne City's Ridge Run Dog Park will be expanding next year with the addition of a dog agility area. At their last regular meeting, Boyne City Commissioners approved a purchase order with Harbor Fence Company of Petoskey to install fencing for the approximately 100x100' enclosure at the dog park located off Charlevoix Street on the north end of town. Public Works crews will prepare the area this fall for the anticipated work next spring.

Michele Carter of the Boyne City Dog Park Com-

mittee has been working on fundraising and recently received a donation of \$10,000 to cover much of cost for the fencing. Dog agility is a growing sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. The City will also pursue a \$3,000 grant through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation on behalf of the dog park committee to build a 10x14' shed to store equipment related to the agility area. Additional funding from private donations will help complete the project.

Boyne City's dog park was

established in 2014 by volunteers comprised of residents of Boyne City and surrounding communities. The property and some in-kind work have been provided by the City. The agility field area was part of the original design for the dog park and was planned for future completion when funds became available. City Manager Mike Cain said the dog park has been a positive attrib-

ute for the community. Mayor Tom Neidhamer commented, "the dog park has been a huge success, a win-win for the City".

Another item of interest at the meeting was the approval to purchase 87 trees to be planted along City right-of-way as part of the annual tree planting program. Robinson's Landscaping & Nursery of Boyne City was low bidder for the project at \$32,570. Additionally, a grant of \$3,000 from

DTE Gas and \$2,500 from Consumers Energy will pay for some additional trees for a total project cost of approximately \$38,070.

Commissioners also approved a grant of nearly \$16,000 from the new "Match on Main" program through Michigan Main Street. The program provides money to new or expanding businesses when that activity uses previously vacant space. Ivette Lopez of Outdoor Beerdsman located at 118 Water Street worked with Boyne City Main Street for the addition of Happy Hound Coffee Company. The City will act as a

pass-through agency for the grant from Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

June 7, 2020 will see the "Back to the Bricks Promo Tour" return to Boyne City with an estimated 350 classic, custom, and collector vehicles on display downtown. Boyne City previously hosted the Flint, Mich. based group in 2015. Boyne City is one of only five Michigan cities on the tour.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



Boyne Valley Lions Club contributes \$1,000 to the Boyne Heritage Center

The Boyne Valley Lions Club became the first service club to contribute funds to the newly formed Boyne Heritage Center. At its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 18th Boyne Valley King Lion John Cool presented Heritage Center Chairperson Kecia Freed with a check for \$1,000. The Boyne Heritage Center has set its goal to become a world-class collaborative historical hub, preserving and promoting the stories of Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Advance, Ironton, Horton Bay and surrounding townships.

With Lions International providing over 100 years of service around the world and the Boyne Valley Lions Club serving the greater Boyne region for over 50 years they are proud of their history and that of the area. They challenge other area service organizations and encourage all community members to step up and support the creation of the Heritage Center.

A professional museum designer, Project Arts & Ideas of Dearborn, was contracted to design the exhibit. The first two of four phases of the design are complete, with the final two stages being production design and installation.

Future visitors to the Boyne Heritage Center will feel transported through time as they experience the exhibit titled "Boyne Before Us." The exhibit will tell the story of how the extraordinary gifts of land and water attracted people over thousands of years to the Boyne region. After settlement in the early 1800s, the explosive harvest of these gifts, through lumbering and industry, built the region but left the land exploited and abandoned. In revival, the



Boyne Valley King Lion John Cool presented Heritage Center Chairperson Kecia Freed with a check for \$1,000. Courtesy photo

Boyne community has embraced a sustainable economy that enjoys, protects and shares these gifts in the present and for future generations. "This is our heritage and our legacy," organizers said.

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



The 11th Annual Autumn on the Breezeway Color Cruises will be held on three Saturdays, September 28, October 5 and October 12. Photo by Thomas Mann.

Autumn on the Breezeway color cruise next three Saturdays

The 11th Annual Breezeway Fall Color Cruises will be held on three Saturdays, September 28, October 5 and October 12. Color tour participants pick up "goodie bags" filled with trip tips, color tour maps, coupons and other surprises at Royal Farms Winery in Atwood between 10am and 12pm on those days.

Participants then proceed at their own pace along C-48 The Breezeway stopping,

shopping, dining, enjoying a nature hike at one of the three preserves or a special event along the route. End the experience at Boyne Mt. in Boyne Falls with a complimentary chair-lift ride for a breathtaking view atop the mountain.

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or www.ridethebreezeway.com

FALL FESTIVAL

FROM PG. 1A

Fall Festival Schedule

Friday 9/27

9:00 -11:00 PM; Tom Zipp & The Bullpen

Saturday 9/28

9:00 AM; Co-Ed Softball Tournament
Noon-2:00 PM; Live Music, Nelson Olstrom
Noon- 6:00 PM; Farmers Market, Vendors, Family &

Kids Activities
Noon -10:00 PM; Beer Tent & Food Choices

2:00- 4:00 PM; Live Music, Lou Thumser
4:00 - 6:00 PM; Live Music, Two Track Mind
6:00 PM; Campsite Decoration Displays
6:00- 7:00 PM; Trick-Or-Treating
7:00 - 10:00 PM; Live Music, Full Circle

Additional information can be found on Facebook: East Jordan Fall Fest.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

FROM PG. 1A

Boyne City Farmers Market (with more than 50 vendors) will be lining the streets. Vendors will be selling a variety of harvest items, including apples,

pumpkins, squash, apple butter, jam, honey, and cider, among other things. More than 20 arts and crafts vendors will be showcasing their talents.

Lots of fun for the kids with numerous children's games and hay rides.

The Boyne Chamber is inviting you to create and display scarecrows that are funny, scary, cute and most of all, original. This year's Scarecrow Contest theme is

"Animals." Pick your favorite or maybe your scariest - just have fun! New this year: judging will be done by the public via Facebook during the Harvest Festival.

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new directions we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 Kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fac-Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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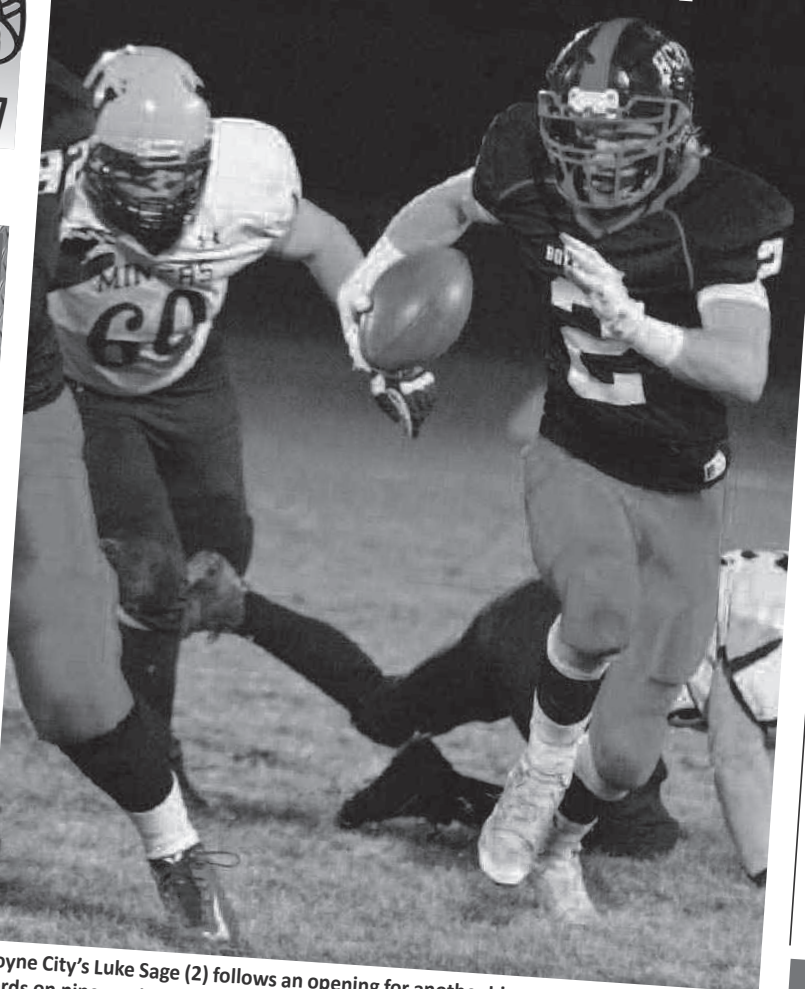
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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witek at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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Welcome Leadership Charlevoix County Class of 2019-2020

Leadership Charlevoix County is excited to announce its newest class for 2019-2020. The program is entering its 9th year as a comprehensive training experience for community members seeking to play a more active role in leadership and their communities. The program creates community awareness, networking opportunities, and focuses on leadership skill development through an educational and hands-on curriculum lasting 9 months.

The 19 member class started with an orientation meeting and mentor networking session at Boyne Mountain Resort. Their first class session was a two-day overnight retreat on Beaver Island September 8-9. The class will now meet for class one day a month until graduation in May 2020. Class top-



Leadership Charlevoix County is excited to announce its newest class for 2019-2020. Courtesy photo

ics include: Connecting With Your Government; Ethics, Culture and Philanthropy; Building Your Communications Toolkit; Education Today; Health & Human Services; Environment &

Natural Resources; and "Where Do We Go From Here?" putting newly used skills to use.

This year's class is a diverse group of emerging leaders from a wide variety

of backgrounds, locations, businesses, industries, organizations and educational institutions. Leadership Charlevoix County's Board of Directors and Administrators proudly welcomes the

following participants to the class:

- Kim Akin of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce
- Katie Amante from Classic Instruments
- Lindsey Bassett of Charlevoix State Bank
- Dave Covell from 4Front Credit Union
- Denise Cunningham of Charlevoix County
- Dustin Drost of Drost Landscape
- Terrance Foley from EJ
- Andrew Funsch of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital
- Charles Hayes of North Central Michigan College
- Lance Howe from Bear River Health
- Rebecca Jordan of Good Samaritan Family Services
- Megan King from Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan
- Zachary Knott of Kiwanis

- Club of Boyne City
 - Dan Mercer of Boyne City Police Department
 - Cindi Place from Boyne District Library
 - Barbara Schroeder of Grandvue Medical Care Facility
 - Tory Thrusch from Char-Em Intermediate School District
 - Scott VanHuis of Boyne Mountain
 - Derek Williams from Jordan Valley EMS Authority.
- Program co-administrators are Mary H. Faculak and Alison M. Hubbard. Leadership Charlevoix County is a 501C3 nonprofit organization. For more information contact Leadership Charlevoix County at leadershipcharlevoixcounty@gmail.com.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Breanaka Spang

Grade: 7th

Parent's Name(s): Dan & Lisa Spang

Future Plans? Possibly a vet

Favorite Genre: Fantasy

Hobbies and Interests: Riding horses, swimming, and reading

School Activities: New to our school, but interested in volleyball

Staff Comments: In the three weeks that Breanaka has been part of our Boyne Falls School family, she has already shown herself to be responsible, respectful, safe, team player, and willing to speak up, all of which are components of the Boyne Falls Logger Agreement. She is serious about her studies, already reaching and exceeding her AR Reading Goal for the first trimester. We are proud to have Breanaka as part of our Boyne Falls School team!

Submitted by: Dianna Brown



Shainna Grams

Grade: 5th Grade

Parent's Name(s): Sonya Zawistowski & Robert Grams

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Since I really like animals, I would like to be a veterinarian when I grow up.

Favorite Book: I prefer fantasy books and especially the Wings of Fire series.

Hobbies and Interests: I enjoy playing video games.

Favorite Subject: Reading is my favorite subject because I am able to understand the feelings of the characters.

Staff Comments: Shainna comes to school each day ready to learn. She is very willing to share her thoughts, ideas and insights with others. Shainna is always willing to help others by working together as a team. She continues to challenge herself in reaching progressively more difficult learning goals. Shainna is a great role model by displaying the components of our Logger Agreement.

Submitted By: Ms. Disney



Char-Em ISD "Manufacturing Day" tours in October



Char-Em Intermediate School District juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to tour some of the region's most unique and important manufacturing facilities Oct. 8-10, as National Manufacturing Day returns to Northern Michigan.

Char-Em Intermediate School District juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to tour some of the region's most unique and important manufacturing facilities Oct. 8-10, as National Manufacturing Day returns to Northern Michigan. Tours will take place during the school day at numerous plants in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties, as well as a few in Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties near to the ISD's northern districts.

National Manufacturing Day is a national effort to promote manufacturing jobs to high school students as a post-secondary career path option and to create awareness about the important role of manufacturers in communities.

"Area high school students will be able to learn first-hand about the skills they'll need to enter the manufacturing work force. They'll also get a look at the high-paying, in-demand job opportunities right here in Northern Michigan," said Jim Rummer, Director of Career and Technical Education for Char-Em ISD. "Our mission is to ensure local students are career and college ready. This is one event that we hope captures the attention of those students who are interested in going into the work force right out of high school, potentially at one of these incredible companies in our own backyard."

A committee of representatives from Char-Em ISD's Career and Technical Education team, the Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey Regional chambers of commerce, Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance staff, Northwest Michigan Works!, school administrators and counselors has been working to pull together the tours of more than 20 sites that will include hundreds of stu-

Study Shows Manufacturing Day Has Big Impact on Student Perceptions

Just how much of an impact is Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) having on students' perceptions of manufacturing? Cumulatively, the effects over the years have been quite substantial — and continue to trend upward.

The latest study by Deloitte and The Manufacturing Institute on MFG Day's effects on student perceptions of manufacturing found:

- 84 percent of students who attended MFG Day events emerged "more convinced that manufacturing provides careers that are interesting and rewarding."
- 71 percent of student attendees said that they "were more likely to tell friends, family, parents, or colleagues about manufacturing after attending an event," meaning that they weren't just convinced — they were inspired.
- 64 percent of surveyed student event participants said that they "were more motivated to pursue a career in manufacturing."

Based on a projected 267,607 student attendance figure, that's:

- 224,290 students with a better perception of manufacturing careers
- 190,001 students talking to friends and family about manufacturing
- 171,268 students thinking about joining the manufacturing team

While that's not enough to close the projected gap of 2 million unfilled positions manufacturers in the U.S. will be faced with in 2025, it's a strong start. By having an MFG Day every year — and continuing to increase participation across the U.S. — this effort can inspire a whole new generation of manufacturers.

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Luke Manthei has been one of the collaborators to bring MFG Day to Northern Michigan. His family owns The Manthei Group, which includes Manthei Veneer in Petoskey, and Aster Brands and MDC Contracting in Charlevoix.

"In 2018, Manthei Veneer and Aster Brands were thrilled to host over 100 students from the local schools for Manufacturing Day. We had so many students surprised by and interested in the products we make and the processes involved," Manthei said. "Several students even asked for employ-

ment applications to fill out for when they graduated. We're very excited to participate in the event again this year."

Participating manufacturers for 2019 currently include:

Charlevoix County:

- Boyne City: Industrial Magnetics Inc., Lexamar, Outline Industries, Precision Edge, SCC Skis LLC "Shaggy's"
- Charlevoix: Aster Brands/Redi-Rock, DCL, Harbor Industries, MDC Contracting
- East Jordan: Burnette

Foods, EJ Water Products Facility, EJ Plastics

Emmet County:

Harbor Springs: Central Industrial, Jervis Webb/Daikoku, Lanzen, Moeller Aerospace

Petoskey: Circuit Controls Corp., Manthei Veneer, Mitchell Graphics, Petoskey Plastics

Cheboygan County: Tube-Fab (Afton) and Link Industries (Indian River)

Presque Isle County: Moran Iron Works, Onaway

Antrim County: Bellaire: Anchor Lamina

Central Lake: Armor Express

(Additional manufacturers may be added.)

Mary Faculak, President/CEO of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, said her organization is proud to be participating in making National Manufacturing Day a reality locally. "We are so fortunate to have world-class industries in our region that provide excellent career choices and work environments in one of the finest areas to live, raise families and enjoy a superior quality of life. This introduction to our local manufacturers certainly may turn out to be a life changing experience for our area students," she noted.

More details will be made available to Char-Em ISD schools, including how high school students may register for the tours. Transportation will be provided by the local school districts. Questions may be directed to high school counselors or by calling Tory Thrusch, Char-Em ISD Career/College Readiness Liaison, at (231) 582-8070.

National Manufacturing Day is held throughout the country on the first Friday of October.

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Ribbon Cutting at MC Designs in East Jordan



The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a ribbon cutting at newly opened MC Designs located at 250 South Lake Street #4 in East Jordan. The business is owned by Megan Herriman and Cindy Bennett and specializes in all of your embroidery needs with state of the art equipment. Shown here; Megan Herriman and Cindy Bennett cut the ribbon at the grand opening of their new business MC Designs located at 250 South Lake Street in East Jordan. They are joined by family members, friends and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors. For information call 231-222-2192 at their store or 231-675-0705 on their cell or email them at MCDesign08@gmail.com.

Community Workshops to help plan future for Charlevoix County Transit

Charlevoix County Transit invites you to participate in planning for the system's future. Through a series of upcoming workshops you'll have the opportunity to:

- Hear about the results of several surveys that obtained input from customers, employers, and the community
- Provide your input on potential improvements to existing services; and
- Learn how you can stay involved in efforts to improve transit services in Charlevoix County.

Your input is valuable and your participation appreciated, so please plan to join us at one of these workshops:

- October 9, 8:30-11:30am, Boyne City Hall, 319 North Lake Street. Registration begins at 8am
- October 9, 1:30-4:30pm, Charlevoix County Administrative Building, Pine Lake Room (downstairs), 203 State Street, Charlevoix. Registration begins at 1pm
- October 9, 6:30-8:30pm, Boyne City Taproom, 220 South Lake Street. Appetizers and Non-alcoholic Bever-

ages provided. Registration begins at 6:00pm

- October 10, 9:30am-12:30pm, Peaine Township Hall, 36830 Kings Hwy, Beaver Island. Registration begins at 9am
- October 11, 9-11am, East Jordan EMS Building, 555 Maple St., East Jordan. Registration begins at 8:30am

RSVP/Questions: Call the Charlevoix County Transit office at 231-582-6900 or via e-mail at info@ccctransit.org. Charlevoix County Transit Info: To schedule a ride contact Charlevoix County

Transit at 231-582-6900. Unable to Attend? Please submit your ideas, suggestions, and comments related to transit services in Charlevoix County to ddalton@kfgroup.com by October 14.

Charlevoix County Transit will have a bus at the 41st Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival from 1:00pm-5pm on Friday, October 11. Stop by and provide your thoughts on transportation needs and potential improvements.

NEWS BRIEFS

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

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 accepting 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.

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 Mun-

son 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.

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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 pro-

gram is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Editor,
Recently several boards of commissioners have been asked to vote on a resolution in support of Enbridge's Line 5 Tunnel. At our WATCH (Water and Air Team Charlevoix) annual meeting in August, we discussed this unfortunate maneuver by Enbridge and we are very much opposed.

I have read a model of the proposed resolution and it is clearly a litany of Enbridge propaganda. Virtually all of the WHEARAS paragraphs in the model have been disproved by a rebuttal by FLOW (For Love of Water). Please go to their website if you have not seen this. I will not list each item. I would just like to mention some highlights:

The first item talks about line 5 being safe and reliable. It has been documented to be neither. This is an insult to everyone's intelligence.

Another item that has received a lot of attention expresses the need for propane in the U.P. FLOW discusses propane supplier, Plains All American, as a viable alter-

native. This company can easily expand to deliver propane to its existing facility in Rapid River. They can also increase their capacity at Kincheloe.

Michigan AG Dana Nessel has made a clear point that she said "was being lost in a cloud of political rhetoric". She said, "Let's get one thing straight: we are asking the court to order a shutdown of line 5 only AFTER a reasonable notice period to allow orderly adjustments by affected parties."

We would like to encourage the commissioners of our counties to not allow Enbridge to lead you down a path that would put the waters of Lake Michigan and our economy that relies on protecting our environment in grave danger. Your responsibilities are to the people of Michigan, not to a huge Canadian Corporation. If you are reading this, please ask your commissioners to vote against this ill-conceived resolution.

Thank you,
Bill Henne, President of WATCH, Charlevoix

MDHHS reports one new human case of mosquito-borne EEE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of Laboratories has confirmed Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in an adult resident of Calhoun County. Eight cases of EEE have now been confirmed in residents of Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, and Van Buren counties, including three deaths.

"The increasing geographic spread and increasing number of EEE cases in humans and animals indicate that the risk for EEE is ongoing," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "We continue to urge Michiganders to protect themselves against mosquito bites until the first hard frost."

Additionally, testing at the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has recently identified EEE in one animal each in Calhoun, Jackson and Montcalm counties. As of Sept. 20, EEE has been confirmed in 21 animals from 11 counties: Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Montcalm, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people. Additional animal cases are under investigation.

MDHHS is encouraging local officials in the affected counties to consider postponing, rescheduling or cancelling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities that involve children. This would include events such as late evening sports practices or games or outdoor music practices. The MDHHS recommendation is being made out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and ap-

plies until the first hard frost of the year.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33 percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the viruses. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection.

Across Michigan, residents can stay healthy by following steps to avoid mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.
- Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
- Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.
- Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.
- Signs of EEE include the sudden onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches which can progress to a severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

For more information about mosquito-borne diseases, visit Michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

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