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# Boyne Valley Trail construction underway

Construction for an approximately 6.2 mile new non-motorized trail linking Boyne City, Boyne Valley Township, Boyne Mountain Resort and the Village of Boyne Falls formally began with a ground breaking ceremony held Wednesday morning, October 2. According to Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain the construction of the trail reflects the vision, collaboration and perseverance of many that are making the long proposed trail a reality.

Special recognition was given to Boyne City resident and Park and Recreation Board Chairperson Michael Sheehan his some two decades of effort to get the trail to construction. Representative of many of the organizations associated with the project were present for the ground breaking. Those organizations included: North Country Bike Club, Charlevoix County Commu-



Construction for an approximately 6.2 mile new non-motorized trail began with a ground breaking ceremony held Wednesday morning, October 2. Courtesy photo

nity Foundation, Charlevoix County, Boyne Valley Township, Village of Boyne Falls, Boyne Mountain, Frey Foundation, Michigan Department of Transportation,

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the City of Boyne City. Construction for the new non-motorized trail will continue this fall, resume in the

spring of 2020 with a scheduled completion date on June 11, 2020. Work on the over 1.77 million dollar trail in being done by J & N Construction of Gaylord. OHM

of Petoskey designed the project. When completed the trail is anticipated to be a new **See Trail – Page 5A**

## Boyne City Homecoming Court 2019



TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Max Vondra and Brooklyn Fitzpatrick, Jacob Alger and Annie Johnson, Peter Calaterra and Katelyn Gabos, Carter Binkley and Reagan May, Devon Hayden and Annabelle Seelye. Courtesy Photo

## Drunk Driver and Drug Dealer Get Prison Terms

October 9 in the 33rd Circuit Court, Jeffrey Thomas Rust, 60, Kalamazoo was sentenced to 24 to 60 months in prison for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, third offense.

On May 24, 2019, Rust was driving at approximately 3:00 a.m. on US 31 in Hayes Township and crossed the fogline. Michigan State Police stopped his vehicle, administered field sobriety tests and discovered Rust had a blood alcohol level of .102, according to a police affidavit filed in the case.

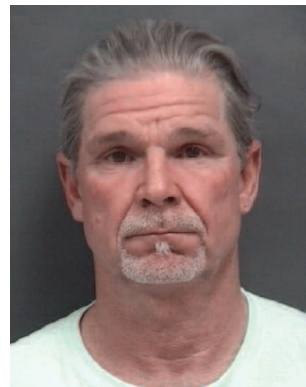
Though the conviction was actually Rust's sixth conviction for drinking and driving, the third offense notice in this case is the highest notice provided in Michigan law.

The maximum penalty for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, third offense is five years in prison.

"This was a sentence where the court correctly focused on protection of the public," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "A person who has been convicted of drunk driving five times before has shown they cannot be trusted not to drink and drive. The only way to keep the public safe, unfortunately, is to lock them up." Also this afternoon, Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced Kyle Spencer Rusch, 24, Cadillac, to 51 to 240 months in prison. Rusch was convicted of selling nine grams of methamphetamine to a confidential in-



KYLE SPENCER RUSCH



JEFFREY THOMAS RUST

formant in East Jordan on April 26, 2019.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Rusch drove from Cadillac to East Jordan where he sold \$450 worth of methamphetamine. Police searched the vehicle Rusch was in and seized an additional 19.2 grams of methamphetamine. "With respect to the drug case, I commend the work of Sheriff Chuck Vondra and the Joint Operative Law Enforcement Team ("JOLT")," Telgenhof said. "They have been instrumental in helping keep these dangerous drugs out of Charlevoix County. This defendant had been buying meth from the Grand Rapids area and bringing it up into our county."

Telgenhof continued, "We are very fortunate to have our own drug team. Not many other counties our size, if any, are able to utilize this type of resource."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 2019

## EJ Mayor gives State of the Community address

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan City Commissioners presented a commendation to the family of Howard Stanek at their regular meeting last Tuesday, recognizing Howard's service to the City. Howard served on the East Jordan Fire Department for 20 years and as Fire Chief for several of those years. He also served on the East Jordan Ambulance Service for 13 years as well as being a ward leader for the City of East Jordan. Howard was a lifelong resident of East Jordan. He passed away September 21, 2019 at age 87.

East Jordan Mayor Russ Peck presented his State of the Community address at Tuesday's meeting. Mayor Peck said the Community has seen a huge amount of progress this past year and feels there's a sense of opti-



Receiving a commendation on behalf of Howard Stanek are (l to r) his daughters Lisa Ernst, Teresa Stark and Sherry Crane with East Jordan Mayor Russ Peck.

mism throughout the community. He informed Commissioners East Jordan has had capital improvement projects totaling \$8.7 million dollars in the past five years with \$6.4 million dollars funded by various

grants. Mayor Peck remarked, "This past year, East Jordan has seen much progress toward developing the kind of community we envision for both current

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## U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Herman H. BO Patton

The Veteran of the Month for October 2019 is Herman H. BO Patton. Born March 30, 1910 in Star Township, Alba Michigan to parents Lee and Mable Scott Patton. He grew up in Green River, and presumably went to school there as well. Although his Military discharge has him as attending school thru the 7th grade, it was always assumed by his family that he only went through 5th grade. He left home during the depression and lived a hobo life, jumping trains to travel across the country looking for work, then sending money back home to his parents. At age 20, he was living with his Uncle in Hazel Park Michigan, working as a farm laborer. His Uncle called him HOBBO, that eventually was shortened to just Bo, which everyone knew him by. On November 9, 1936 in Central Lake Michigan, he married Mary Ella Nickerson. They would have a family of three children prior to his WWII Draft Registration on 16 October 1940. While working at the munitions plant in

Ellsworth Michigan, his draft number came up. He could have received a deferment as being married with three small children, however decided to enlist into the Army. His wife Ella took his place at the plant.

On 4 April, 1944 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Patton enlisted into the United States Army. After Basic and Advanced training as a Cannoneer, and qualifying with the .30 cal. Carbine, Patton was assigned to Battery C, 749th Field Artillery Battalion and departed the United States on 27 December, 1944 for the Western Pacific. He returned back to the United States on 17 December, 1945. On 2 January, 1946 at the Separation Center Camp McCoy Wisconsin, Patton received an Honorable Discharge and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal with two overseas service bars, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Returning home to his family, Patton worked at numerous jobs, working at a milk plant in Detroit, building log cabins for Bellaire Log Cabins, Boyne

Falls Log Homes, East Jordan Creamery, and following retirement, at the East Jordan Landfill. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, playing cards, and the occasional Sunday drive with no destination in mind just to see where he ended up. On 23 October, 1998, Herman H. BO Patton answered the final call and is being honored by his family.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Christi and Kyle Leonard of Charlevoix are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie, born on October 10, 2019 at 12:45 am. Sophie weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Jeff and Sandy Therrian of St. Ignace and Alan and Connie Leonard of Ravenna. Sophie was born at McLaren Northern Michigan.

## Petoskey's Festival on the Bay to dissolve

The sun has set on Petoskey's Festival on the Bay. The Petoskey Chamber's Board of Directors voted recently to dissolve the festival after 17 years due to financial concerns. The festival was hosted by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce since it was formed in 2003. Carlin Smith, the organization's president, said the decision to dissolve the festival did not come easily.

"We probably should have ended it after 2018, but we tried one more year to turn things around and we weren't successful," Smith said. He says the major challenge was a decline in sponsorship revenue, but says a number of factors contributed to the decision. "We lost money in three of the last five years, and the festival's savings were depleted," Smith said. "The Chamber just can't assume the financial risk of continuing to try to turn it around," he added.

The festival was created in 2003 upon a recommendation of the Hyett-Palma Study, a study conducted in 1999 on behalf of Downtown Petoskey which said the city should have a signature festival. At the time, the third weekend in August was chosen because that was considered the "shoulder season"

for tourism and the chamber had hoped to extend the summer business activity.

Organizers with the chamber say the first festival combined some existing community events into one weekend including the Petoskey Jazz Festival, what was then the Petoskey Area Jaycees Arts and Crafts Show, and the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Lake Expo. The chamber added Shepler's Bay Cruises, the Odawa Jiimaan Challenge (a canoe race across the Bay), a Petoskey Stone Hunt, and a Celebration of the Sunset.

The festival evolved over the years to include a greater variety of entertainment, a children's area, and a variety of food vendors. Festivalgoers of the past will remember bands including Mitch

Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, the zydeco sounds of the Mud Bugs, and more recent performances by the Accidentals and this year, Laith Al-Saadi. In past years the festival featured train rides, tall ships, petting zoos, chalk art, duck races, a Shakespeare Troupe, and street performers. One of the popular attractions over the years has been the speed-painting work of local artist Martina Hahn. A staple of every festival has been performances by the Petoskey Steel Drum Band.

"We always tried to stay away from the traditional festival events like parades and fireworks and focused more on getting people down to our waterfront area to show off Petoskey's beauty," said Nikki Devitt, the cham-

ber's events and communications director. "We were always proud of the festival's quality and its quaintness," she said.

The chamber is grateful to the many sponsors who have supported the festival over the years and to the hundreds of volunteers who contributed thousands of hours to make it all happen. They cited some great leaders who helped to coordinate Festival on the Bay over the years including the first chairperson Gail Smith and the Downtown Coordinator at that time, Tammy Alvaro. Other leaders have included Nikki Devitt and Lisa Hoyt of the Chamber, Roger Tallman, Kathy Bardins, Marcie Wolf, and Johnnie Walker.

"The biggest thank you, though, needs to go to the City of Petoskey," Smith emphasized. He said the festival would not have been possible without the hard work of the Parks and Recreation Department led by Al Hansen, and now Kendall Klingel-Smith. "They shared the chamber's vision of the festival over the years and worked tirelessly to make it run smoothly. We could never overstate the hard work of the city crews; they've been amazing."

Smith says the festival was a lot of hard work for the chamber staff and volunteers but was always a "labor of love." "We'll miss it for sure, but we can now shift our energy toward strengthening some other chamber programs and toward looking for that next new thing," he said.



FestivalBayClosePhoto; The sun has set on Petoskey's Festival on the Bay. The Petoskey Chamber's Board of Directors voted recently to dissolve the festival after 17 years due to financial concerns. Courtesy photo

## Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



### Kaitlyn Hammerle

Grade: 10th

Parent's Name(s): Christopher & Tiffany Faulknor

Future Plans: She wants to try a little bit of everything! She wants to attend college – maybe U of M. She would like to become an EMT and Teacher – especially Special Education.

Favorite Book: The Children of Eden book series by Joey Graceffa

Hobbies and Interests: She likes to write, play the Ukelele, and write music.

School Activities: She has been a T.A. and assists in the library.

Staff Comments: She is an outstanding student, always participating in class, she has wonderful and inspiring outlook and goes above and beyond on her work.

Submitted By: Heather Esterline

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

**Monday, September 30, 2019**  
0941 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant Ave entering the city limits.  
0950 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park  
1051 Subject from Robinson St in with civil complaint  
1122 Someone dropped off a toilet in front residence in the 500 block of Vogel St last night  
1156 Report of an elderly subject trying to get into cars for a ride Boyne City Rd and Court St.  
1358 Report of an ORV being driven on State St east of East St.  
1750 Report of a motorcycle on the road doing wheelies Vogel St. and Union St.  
1809 Citation issued for speed at Vogel St. and Jaycee Ln.  
1931 Assist EMS on Hull St.  
1958 Parking complaint in alley behind Lincoln St

2344 Domestic violence reported in the 1400 block of Pleasant.  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**  
0230 Subject from earlier domestic arrested in Emmet County.  
1040 Prescription fraud complaint in the 300 block of E Division St  
1204 Report of 2 subjects with a gas can riding ATV on State St near Call  
1215 Report of potential intoxicated driver in the area of Park and Pine  
1224 Assist Sheriff Dept. with suicidal in the BF trailer park  
1225 Report of kids riding 4wheeler without helmet on Jersey St.  
1450 Citation issued for speed on Boyne Ave near Brockway.  
1625 Two keys were found in

Veterans Park.  
2335 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of N Park.  
**Wednesday, Oct 2, 2019**  
0800 2 vehicle property damage crash on Boyne Ave. at Brockway.  
0825 Request for welfare check on Front St  
0830 CSC in the 1000 block of Boyne Ave  
1016 Assist to Probate Ct in the 800 block of Brockway.  
1138 Complaint of items being left against fence in the alley behind the 500 block of S Lake St  
1223 Child custody issue in the 400 block of W Michigan Av  
1609 Assist EMS on M 75 S.  
1843 Private property damage crash in the 500 block of N Lake St.  
1906 Assist EMS in the 200 block of Hannah St

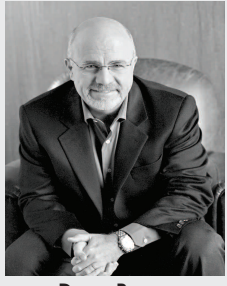
2008 Civil complaint in the 500 block of Groveland St.  
2210 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of W. Division St.  
**Thursday, October 3, 2019**  
0027 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Pincherry Rd.  
0143 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Pincherry near Houghton Ln.  
1016 Suspicious activity in the 100 block of W Court.  
1156 Assist EMS in the 600 block of Beardsley St.  
1435 Report of tree down on Old Horton Bay Rd just outside city limits.  
1801 Report of an underage/unlicensed driver in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1810 Road Hazard on Front St. near Division St.  
1910 Assist to Sheriff Dept. at Young State Park

2325 Intoxicated subject at Boyne City boat launch.  
**Friday, October 4, 2019**  
1348 Report of attempted social security scam from Call St  
1522 Report of attempted social security scam from High St  
1638 Civil complaint from the 500 block of N Lake St.  
1804 PR at the football game.  
2013 Driving violations on M-75 N.  
2041 PR at the football game.  
**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
0208 Report of intoxicated subject in the 200 block of S. Lake St.  
0647 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Deer Lake Rd.  
0851 Report of missing vehicle in the 200 block of S. Lake St.  
1105 No Trespass order served

in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av.  
1236 Citation issued for Speed at N. Lake St. and Groveland St.  
1427 Child custody concerns in the 800 block of Douglas St.  
1712 Report of suspicious subject near Lake and Ann.  
1740 Larceny reported in the 500 block of N. Lake St. Was miscommunication with neighbor.  
**Sunday, October 6, 2019**  
0149 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Gobblers Nob  
Vehicle left for sale in front of City Hall. Owner contacted to remove.  
1536 Dead deer found in the woods across from the 600 block of Jefferson St. Had been shot.  
2138 Intoxicated subject in the 300 block of E Division St.



## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### How can I help my mom?

Dear Dave,  
What's the best way to talk to a parent, and tell them their career or financial choices aren't working out? My mom and dad divorced a few years ago, and now my mom is having money problems. She bought some rental properties after the divorce with the idea becoming a landlord and generating income that way. Since then, she has lost the properties to foreclosure and isn't making a lot of money in her new job. I'm worried about her, but I just graduated from college, and I'm afraid she won't listen to me.

Renee

Dear Renee,  
You've got a great heart, and I'm glad you love your mom enough to want to help her. Divorce is never an easy thing for anyone involved. I'm guessing you've heard sayings at some point in your life about how winners never quit, and quitters never win. Those statements aren't always completely true. Successful people quit doing things that aren't working all the time. This doesn't have to mean you give up on a dream. It might mean you change the processes and methods you're using—especially if what you've done in the past

hasn't worked out well. Part of being successful in life, and in business, is having the ability to recognize when something isn't working and make changes. You sound like an intelligent, caring young woman. But honestly, there's probably not much chance someone fresh-out-of-college will have a lot of influence with her mother when it comes to things like this.

It might be a good idea if she talked to one of her friends or relatives a little closer to her own age. I mean someone with a little more life experience. If she's in a good church, she could even talk to her pastor. In the meantime, maybe you could talk to someone like this and explain what your mom is going through. Ask them to approach her, and see if she'll listen and be willing to accept some new ideas.

You're a good daughter, Renee. Show your mom all the love and support you can. It sounds like she needs it right now.

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

## Match on Main grant assists new business in Boyne City

The Hoppy Hound Coffee & Dog Bakery will soon be opening at 118 Water Street, with support from Boyne City Main Street and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Michigan Main Street Match on Main grant. Ivette Lopez, owner of Outdoor Beerdsman, will be expanding her store footprint in downtown Boyne City to open The Hoppy Hound, which will feature an array of coffee and espresso beverages, as well as gourmet dog bakery items.

"Outdoor Beerdsman looks forward to expanding our footprint in downtown Boyne City, with the addition of The Hoppy Hound," Ivette Lopez said.

Match on Main is a reimbursement grant program that provides a unique opportunity for new and expanding businesses located in Main Street districts. The grant provides funding to Select or Master level Michigan Main Street programs to support small business owners as they explore ways to improve the interior space.

"Boyne City Main Street couldn't be happier for Ivette & Outdoor Beerdsman on her expansion to The Hoppy Hound in downtown Boyne City. This is a great example of the support main street is able to provide to small businesses," Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director, said.

The MEDC finds value in

supporting place-based businesses located in Michigan Main Street districts, given the local capacity that has been built to support new and existing small businesses through the technical assistance, training and education provided by the Michigan Main Street program. There is a benefit to the community to activate vacant or underutilized space, attract new customers, and overall support a vibrant downtown district.

Stay up to date on opening information by following [@hoppyhoundcoffee](https://www.instagram.com/hoppyhoundcoffee) on Instagram. For more information on downtown Boyne City visit [www.boynecity-mainstreet.com](http://www.boynecity-mainstreet.com)

## Three injured in BC-EJ Road accident.

On October 9, 2019 at 9:48 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Deputies as well as East Jordan Police, East Jordan Fire Department and Jordan Valley EMS, responded to an injury accident on Boyne City-East Jordan Road near Demaio Road in Wilson Township.

The accident occurred when 32-year-old area resident Michael Holdorph was traveling Westbound on Boyne City-East Jordan Road and states he had to move off the road to avoid a vehicle in his lane. Holdorph lost control after a possible collision and struck a guardrail causing heavy damage to the car. Holdorph and his two passengers, 32-year-old Elysia Zitka and 24-year-old Lindsey LaCroix, were injured in the accident. All three occupants were taken to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for their injuries. Zitka and LaCroix were not wearing their seatbelts.

The vehicle that Holdorph reported forced him off the road is reported as possibly a white SUV type vehicle. Anyone with information about the crash and a possible secondary involved vehicle are asked to contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 231-547-4461.

## Consider composting those fallen leaves

One of Michigan's best autumn activities is catching the yellows, reds and bronzes of aspen, beech, maple and oak trees as they prepare for winter. Once that brilliant color show is over, many homeowners turn to raking leaves.

To dispose of leaves, some people burn them. Cities and townships often prohibit this, though. Debris burning is recognized as Michigan's No. 1 cause of wildfires. In 2018, DNR wildland firefighters responded to more than 300 fires, and nearly 100 of those were caused by debris burning. City and township fire departments were called to suppress out-of-control debris fires at the local level, too.

"Debris fires started with leaves, grass clippings and other light materials are difficult to manage and can be spread by wind," said Dan

Laux, state fire supervisor with the DNR. "Fires can quickly grow out of control and threaten homes and forest lands."

An easier and safer solution? Composting, which involves scooping leaves into a pile or containing them in a bin and letting them naturally decompose. Veggie scraps, coffee grounds and eggshells also can be added, cutting down on kitchen waste; just don't add items like meat scraps that can smell bad and attract pests.

"Composting is an easy way to take care of fall leaves and has the added benefit of cutting down on smoke and airborne particles that can aggravate asthma and other respiratory conditions," said Jenifer Dixon, an air quality specialist at the state's Department of Environment, Great

Lakes, and Energy. Composting also provides rich garden and landscape fertilizer. Bins can be bought or built from low-cost materials, like repurposed pallets. This handy infographic from PBS Nature gives more tips on composting.

If a composting bin isn't ideal, use a lawn mower to shred leaves and compost them in place to fertilize the grass. Shredded leaves also could be used to mulch perennial beds or get tilled into garden soil.

Those choosing to burn leaves should visit [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) or check local regulations to see if a permit is needed. Check the daily fire danger rating and always remember to keep a shovel nearby, have a ready water source and never leave a fire unattended.

## Main Street communities receiving more than \$260,000 in grants

Nine communities around Michigan have been awarded more than \$260,000 in grants aimed at supporting small local businesses, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced last week.

In March, the Match on Main program was intended to provide grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 to Select or Master level Michigan Main Street communities in conjunction with eligible businesses seeking support. Projects could include interior building renovations, furniture and fixtures, permanent equipment, point of sale systems, marketing expenses, and inventory. Participating businesses must also have worked with the Michigan Small Business Development Center on a business plan. The cities of Niles and Saline were selected in March as the first two communities to pilot the program.

"Small businesses drive the economies of our communities," said Michelle Parkkonen, Director of Community Development Technical Assistance Programs at the MEDC. "These grants will support local businesses, further strengthening the downtowns and commercial districts in these communities, while building unique places that are attractive to residents and visitors."

2019 Match on Main grant winners include My Grandmother's Table, a new business that opened on October 5th in downtown Charlevoix. My Grandmother's Table (MGT), inspired by a loving relationship between grandparents and their grandson,



L - R: Charlevoix City Manager Mark Heydlauff, Charlevoix Main Street DDA Board Chair Maureen Owens, Charlevoix Main Street DDA Board member Rick Wertz, Charlevoix Main Street DDA Executive Director Lindsey Dotson, and My Grandmother's Table owners Jozef Zebedah & Nick Eastman. Courtesy photo

is a Charlevoix Farmers Market success turned storefront. As a bakery café & coffee bar in a prime location in Charlevoix, MGT offers both plate and retail service. International dishes and baked goods, both savory and sweet as well as traditional and vegan, comprise the menu. They produce specialty selections including items that are gluten-free along with a delicious array of coffee drinks.

Thanks to \$25,000 from the Match on Main program, My Grandmother's Table made the following purchases to complete their project: Refrigerated Sandwich & Salad Prep Table,

Hot Food Table, Wells for Above Prep Tables, Donut Fryer, Donut Fryer Hood, Dough Sheeter, Commercial Floor Mixer, two Commercial Mixers, and two Commercial Food Processors.

"Charlevoix Main Street DDA's Transformational Strategy is twofold: Health & Wellness and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems. With the overarching goal of improving the year round economy in the downtown, My Grandmother's Table fulfills the goals of the Charlevoix Main Street DDA Board in a multitude of ways," says Main Street DDA Director, Lindsey Dotson.

Dotson adds, "Additionally, results from our Top

Prospects Survey that was conducted in 2017 identified coffee house/bakery and specialty foods market as the top two most desired types of businesses in the downtown. My Grandmother's Table fulfills many needs in Charlevoix by being dedicated to serving vegan & gluten free options, being open year round with consistent after 5pm hours, being a full service bakery, and adding diversity & convenience to the dining options in town."

For more information about Charlevoix Main Street DDA and our initiatives, visit [www.downtown-charlevoix.com](http://www.downtown-charlevoix.com)

## TRAIL

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economic driver in the region serving residents and visitors alike. Through Boyne City users of the new trail will be able to connect to existing and future

phases of the Boyne City/Charlevoix Trail, providing connections to the Wheelway which connects Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Spring. Future efforts may provide connections to the Traverse City area TART trail system and ultimately the Iron Belle that traverses the entire state of Michigan.

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## Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Welcomes New Assistant Prosecutors

The Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's office has welcomed two new additions as Mary Farrell and Peter O'Connell have joined as assistant prosecutors.

"We were so fortunate to find two people with this type of experience, varied legal backgrounds and familiarity with our area," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said.

Farrell joins the office from Muskegon County where she served as a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney prosecuting felony cases up to and including capital cases such as murder.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1980 known then as Mary Horton.

"I have always considered Charlevoix to be home," Farrell said. "The opportunity to be able to serve the residents of Charlevoix County is very appealing to me."

O'Connell recently retired from the Michigan Court of Appeals where he served as judge for 25 years. Prior to that, O'Connell was a district judge for 15 years. He resides full-time in Boyne City where he has owned a house for many years.

"Allen should be congratulated for giving a senior citizen a second chance," O'Connell joked. "Retirement is not the place for someone

with a Type A personality."

"I'm looking forward to being an assistant prosecutor, this is where I started my career and it was one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever had," O'Connell said.

Before becoming a judge, O'Connell was chief assistant prosecuting attorney in Isabella County.

Telgenhof said that Farrell will continue prosecution of special victim cases, including criminal sexual conduct, which has been an area of specialty for her. O'Connell will primarily handle the office's district court docket, according to Telgenhof.

"These two fine attorneys bring a total of 74 years of experience as attorneys to our office," Telgenhof stated. "Charlevoix County will really benefit from their expertise."

The two new hires replace Caitlin Borchard who is now program director for the Traverse Bay Child Advocacy Center in Traverse City and Susan Houseknecht who moved to North Carolina.

Kerry Zahner, Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, has been an attorney for 23 years and a prosecutor for 14 years.

"I believe we have one of the most experienced set of prosecutors in the state, certainly for a county our size," Telgenhof said.



Left to Right – Peter O'Connell, Mary Farrell, Allen Telgenhof, Kerry Zahner. Courtesy photo.

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and future generations".

In regular business, the Commission held a public hearing and first reading of an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances to create a storm water management ordinance. The new ordinance provides a more stringent regulation of storm water discharge originating within the City and establishes regulations for storm water management. Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Charlevoix County are in the process of adopting similar ordinances. Charlevoix County will administer the ordinance on behalf of the Cities. The ordinance will be presented for adoption at East Jordan's next regular meeting.

In other business, Commissioners approved harbor boat slip rental rates for the 2020 season, approved a payment for the city water storage tank project and approved a contract change order for the current water and sewer infrastructure project.

The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been changed to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2019 due to election day on Tuesday.

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