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## Spate named new Chief of Police in Boyne City

BY KAREN WALKER

At a special meeting held Nov. 6th, Boyne City Commissioners confirmed the appointment of Kevin Spate to serve as the City's new Chief of Police. Commissioner Ron Grunch remarked, "It's a great day in the city of Boyne City to have one of our own rise to this occasion". Officer Spate will replace Chief Jeff Gaither who retired Nov. 9th.

City Manager Michael Cain stated, "Chief Gaither's retirement is leaving very big shoes to fill in the Boyne

City Police Department. His leadership style promoted a true team environment and the most professional and well-rounded department Boyne City has ever had".

In his remarks to the many family members and coworkers gathered to witness the swearing in of the new Chief, retiring Chief Gaither said, "It's so important to have a leader with Kevin's capabilities, his love for the community, his passion for law enforcement, to step up and take over the leadership of the Boyne City Police Department. He's

quite capable of excelling and making the department better and better. I am confident the Police Department's relationship with the community will continue with Kevin's leadership".

Boyne City received eight applications for the Chief of Police position, three of which were selected for interviews. Officer Spate has been a Boyne City police officer for more than 20 years, serving as Assistant Chief of Police for the past several years.



Jeff Gaither passing the torch to Kevin Spate

## Community Foundations a vital Challenge Mountain partner

Recreation is the spirit of life. Challenge Mountain's SPIRIT Day Camp, a long-running recreation program for children and adults living with developmental disabilities, embodies that simple phrase. For 35 years, SPIRIT Day Camp has provided experiences for its participants ranging from miniature golf to boating, concerts in the park to museum visits.

"Our community foundations are vital partners in offering Challenge Mountain's Spirit Day Camp each summer," said Elizabeth Gertz Looze, Executive Director of Challenge Mountain. "For many campers, this may be the only opportunity he or she may have to enjoy summertime activities with life-long friends."

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are proud to partner with Challenge Mountain, one of many nonprofit organizations supported by our grants. Since your community foundations were established in 1992, grant dollars returning to our communities have totaled more than \$50 million.

Providing grant dollars to area nonprofits, schools and municipalities is just one part of the work of your community foundations. We also have a seat at the table when our communities tackle bigger challenges like workforce housing, clean energy and economic development. Our staff



Chip Hansen, Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Courtesy photo



David L. Jones, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. Courtesy photo

members work alongside individuals, businesses, agencies, and nonprofits in exploring these community challenges, and we connect these conversations with the people, partners, and resources necessary to solve these often complex issues.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of National Community Foundation Week by former President George H. W. Bush. This week was created to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the

public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

Our impact and involvement is made possible by friends like you. When you give to your community foundations, you make a difference today and, thanks to the power of endowment, in perpetuity.

We invite you to learn more about the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Together we can do more.

## Open house to discuss Charlevoix road & bridge work

On November 20, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will have an informational open house meeting to provide information about the 2018 four- to three-lane conversion in Charlevoix, planned changes to the US-31/Clinton Street traffic signal, upcoming work on the US-31 bascule bridge this winter, and a 2021 project to reconstruct a section of US-31 south of Charlevoix.

MDOT staff will be prepared to discuss several operational changes and upcoming projects in the Charlevoix area:

- The 2018 conversion of US-31 from four lanes to three in Charlevoix. With one year of data collected, the number and severity of crashes has been reduced, with similar travel times compared to the prior configuration.

- The north crosswalk at the US-31/Clinton Street intersection will be removed when the traffic signal is upgraded. Crosswalks will remain in place for the other three legs of the intersection. This change was requested by the city to reduce delays and backups of Clinton Street traffic turning north on US-31.

- Work planned for this winter to the US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge, including replacing steel components of the bridge identified during a 2017 project, replacing a power and control cable beneath the riverbed, and upgrading limit switches throughout. Work is currently scheduled to begin in late December with minimal impacts on traffic, except for a few nighttime-only closures.

- Scheduled 2021 reconstruction of US-31 from Barnard Road to Norwood Road south of Charlevoix. Plans call for removing the old concrete pavement from this 7-mile section of the highway and replacing it with asphalt. Work is expected to require a detour for most of the construction season using Atwood and Marion Center roads.

This open house will take place from 4-5:30pm on November 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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# National Homelessness Awareness Week

National Homelessness Awareness Week, November 16-24, provides an opportunity for people to become more aware of the complexities and contributing factors that drive homelessness. Research shows that domestic abuse and homelessness are profoundly connected with domestic abuse being the third leading cause of homelessness in America.

Consider the difficult question many survivors have when exiting an abusive relationship, "Where will I go?" The power and control dynamics related to the abuse

create unique barriers for survivors. Abusers many times isolate their partner both economically and socially, significantly reducing their options. The survivor must then choose between living with an abusive partner and leaving their home to stay at a shelter or living on the streets.

Obtaining safe housing and the economic resources to maintain that safety are significant challenges for women and their children experiencing domestic abuse. In rural areas like ours, the challenges are compounded

because affordable housing is scarce, transportation options are limited and supportive resources may be miles away. Survivors also face additional barriers such as a lack of employment that offers a living wage and reasonably priced healthcare and childcare. These are issues that impact the long-term stability and safety of individuals and families across the nation including northern Michigan.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan plays an essential role by providing survivors and their children

an immediately secure, caring and supportive place to stay at the Safe Home, as well as counseling and advocacy. The Safe Home is staffed and operated 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and provides shelter, meals and all daily needs for survivors and their children at no cost.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" Here are some actions you can take to help end homelessness and domestic abuse:

- Speak out about these critical issues.

- Demonstrate your support by volunteering at shelters or helping to raise funds or collect needed items.

- Use the power of social media to engage your network in awareness-raising.

- Help others become informed by inviting Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan to speak to your organization, group, school or workplace.

- Be a role model by practicing respectful, kind and non-violent relationships.

- Think about ways you can change your language and behaviors in small ways that

may contribute to larger changes in the way people experiencing homelessness and domestic abuse are seen and treated in our society.

To learn more, visit the National Alliance to End Homelessness ([www.endhomelessness.org](http://www.endhomelessness.org)), Northeast Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness ([www.nemcah.org](http://www.nemcah.org)), Northwest Coalition Against Homelessness ([www.nwmichcoc.com](http://www.nwmichcoc.com)) or Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan ([www.wrcnm.org](http://www.wrcnm.org)).



## Veterans Day program held at East Jordan Elementary

Students at East Jordan Elementary school held their annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11. Shown here is the Flag Raising by Chris Anderson and Cub Scouts. Photo by Matt Stevenson



## Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Christina Masserant

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Parent's Name(s):** Stephanie Jenkins  
**Future Plans:** Christina aspires to work in the medical field when she is older. Which may explain her favorite subject in school is Science.  
**Hobbies and Interests:** She enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, and skiing.  
**School Activities:**  
**Staff Comments:** Christina is a hardworking student, who always has a smile. She helps teachers without hesitation when needed. She gives her best effort, is always energetic, and makes for a positive atmosphere with her upbeat personality. I look forward to Christina each day. She is always smiling, cheerful and make other around her smile. Keep up the good work, Christina!  
**Submitted By:** Mrs. Hoogerhyde

## SAFE in Northern Michigan brings awareness to current drug trends

SAFE in Northern Michigan is working to educate parents on the emerging substance use trends for teens. The group recently created a replica of a teen's bedroom using a converted trailer, which will be parked outside of high schools in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties during parent-teacher conferences. The concept is to inform parents about vaping, marijuana, underage drinking and other substance use related items.

Local schools have noted an increase in the use of vaping devices by their students. Many parents have reported being unaware of current drug trends and delivery devices. Susan Pulaski, SAFE Coalition

Project Coordinator, shared that "Because of the danger of vaping, we want parents to be informed of these devices so that they can



SAFE in Northern Michigan is working to educate parents on the emerging substance use trends for teens. Courtesy photo

open the door to a conversation with their teen. Awareness of what devices look like can help to protect their teen."

As parents enter the trailer, they can choose to have a guided tour from a trained SAFE Coalition mem-

ber or use digital posters to learn about items that can be used for vaping/marijuana or disguising substance use. Funding for the trailer was made possible by the Northern Michigan Regional Entity and generous donations of labor and materials from

the Home Depot in Petoskey.

SAFE will have the trailer at the following school events: Parent-Teacher Conferences in Charlevoix on 11/7 from 5-7:30pm, Ellsworth on 11/8 from noon-4:pm and Petoskey on 11/12 from 5-7pm and 11/14 from 6-8pm.

The SAFE Coalition is currently seeking a sponsor for a trailer wrap to better identify the purpose of the trailer. For additional information on the trailer, sponsorship, or to schedule a visit with the trailer, call Susan Pulaski at 231-347-5813. For media inquiries, call Erin Luckhardt at 231-347-5628.

SAFE in Northern Michigan is working to educate parents on the emerging substance use trends for teens by creating a replica of a teen's bedroom.



## BC Eagles Auxiliary donates \$1,500

The Ladies Auxiliary of Boyne City's Fraternal Order of Eagles 1583 recently donated over \$1,500 to seven charitable organizations fulfilling the FOE mission of "People Helping People. Courtesy photo

## National Community Foundation Week

**BY KAREN WALKER**

In an effort to raise awareness of the increasingly important role philanthropic organizations play in addressing civic and economic challenges, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is celebrating National Community Foundation Week November 12-18. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of National Community Foundation Week by former President George H. W. Bush. This week was created to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems. Community Foundation Week coincides with National Philanthropy Day on November 15th.

Community Foundation President Chip Hansen explains, "Providing grant dollars to area nonprofits, schools and municipalities is just one part of the work of your community foundation. We also have a seat at the table when our communities tackle bigger challenges like workforce housing, clean energy and economic development. Our staff members work alongside individuals, businesses, agencies, and nonprofits in exploring these community challenges, and we connect these conversations with the people, partners, and resources necessary to solve these often complex issues."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life for all who live in our area. Founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the organization has grown to be a valuable resource for Charlevoix County. The Community Foundation awards grants that encourage environmental stewardship, the arts, economic growth, health and wellness, youth initiatives, recreation, education, and more. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$25 million in grants from their East Jordan office. To learn more about grant opportunities and details on becoming a donor, visit their website at [c3f.org](http://c3f.org), or call 231-536-2440.

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
  - 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](mailto:mr.richman@gmail.com)

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

# Boyne City has a very stable financial condition

BY KAREN WALKER

Boyne City Commission seats will remain unchanged for the coming year. At the Nov. 12th regular City Commission meeting, Commissioners voted to retain Tom Neidhamer as Mayor and Ron Grunch as Mayor Pro-tem. Commissioner Dean Solomon commented Mr. Neidhamer has been an outstanding mayor and has been consistently praised for the excellent way he represents the City. Mr. Solomon said, "He never fails to be a great advocate for our City". Neidhamer and Commissioner Hugh Conklin were re-elected to serve another four year term at the Nov. 5th election, defeating challenger Barbara Malpass-Young. Commissioners heard a presentation of the City of Boyne City's 2019 Financial

Report from Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Company accounting firm. The report is for the Fiscal Year that ended April 30, 2019. Mr. Verlin stated Boyne City has a very stable financial condition. In his written introduction to the report, City Manager Michael Cain writes, "Overall the City of Boyne City remains in excellent financial health. We have been and continue to make significant investments in the City and its various forms of infrastructure. That in turn has helped attract new citizens, businesses, and private investment. We continue to spend well within our means and when we do, we do our best to insure we obtain the best value for the dollars spent. Boyne City seeks to position itself for long term sustainability in good times and in bad, as we successfully



Boyne Commissioners (l to r) Tom Neidhamer and Hugh Conklin being sworn in at tonight's meeting by Clerk Cindy Grice.

demonstrated during the great recession." Commissioner Dean Solomon pointed out there is more financial information available on the City's website.

Commissioners considered proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. This past summer, the City Planning Commission reviewed the entire Boyne City Zoning Ordinance with the objective of identifying items that could potentially be a barrier to housing development in an effort to address a shortage of affordable workforce housing. Some areas of the zoning ordinance targeted for changes include allowing accessory dwellings and duplexes as a use by right vs. a conditional use, permitting multiple family units with a maximum of four units as a conditional use, eliminate setback requirements for apartment buildings in the Central Business District and the Transitional Commercial District, and permit dwellings on the ground floor

of mixed use developments in those districts. City Planning Director Scott McPherson said there are other areas of the ordinance that are still being considered. A second reading and potential adoption of the amendments is scheduled for January 14, 2020. In other business, Commissioners approved a proposed Storm Water Control Ordinance, approved the Michigan Main Street Program agreement, and approved the purchase of a Polaris Ranger side-by-side ATV with donated funds for the Fire Department. The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2019 at noon. City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## Boyne Thunder celebrates 16 years, over \$122,000 raised in 2019

The 16th annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run in July brought speed, thunder, and excitement to Northern Michigan, and over \$122,000 in proceeds to Camp Quality, Challenge Mountain and Boyne City Main Street. The event has now raised over \$1.1 million total since its inception in 2004. For a highlight video of this year's event, visit [www.boynethunder.com](http://www.boynethunder.com) Boyne Thunder is coordinated by Boyne City Main Street and supports Camp Quality, a non-profit organization serving children with cancer and their families by providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship, Challenge Mountain, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching and improving lives for the mentally and physically challenged through



Pictured from left to right: Chris Bandy, Boyne City Main Street Board Chair, Elizabeth Looze, Challenge Mountain Executive Director, Bill Aten, Challenge Mountain Board Chair, Becky Follette Camp Quality Representative, Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main Street Executive Director, Bob Alger, Boyne Thunder Committee Chair. Courtesy photo

outdoor recreation and Boyne City Main Street. The poker run showcases 120 high performance boats from all over the country, roaring through the waters of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan on a 130-mile excursion in search of the best poker hand. The 2020 event will take place on July 10 & 11. For more information about Boyne Thunder, visit [www.boynethunder.com](http://www.boynethunder.com).

## Firearm deer season begins statewide Friday

For a lot of residents, Nov. 15 ranks up there with major holidays. Gathering with family and friends for the firearm deer season opener is a time-honored tradition in many Michigan families, built around the excitement and fun of enjoying time in the state's great outdoors. Some hunters share their love of deer hunting by introducing someone new to the sport. Mentored youth hunting licenses are available to kids 9 and younger, while apprentice hunting licenses are available to those 10 and older who haven't yet completed a hunter safety education course. Learn more about these options at [Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting](http://Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting). This tradition is economically important, too. More than 500,000 hunters pursued deer in Michigan during the 2018 hunting seasons, providing critical license revenue that supports wildlife conservation efforts. All of Michigan's hunting sea-

sons – from deer and elk to waterfowl and rabbit – contribute nearly \$9 billion a year to the state's economy. All hunters are encouraged to review the 2019 deer hunting regulations, found in the Hunting Digest or at [Michigan.gov/Deer](http://Michigan.gov/Deer). Key changes this season include: Deer baiting and feeding is banned in the entire Lower Peninsula and in the core chronic wasting disease surveillance area in the Upper Peninsula. Watch our video: Michigan Deer Baiting, Feeding and Food Plots. New regulations in the U.P. core CWD surveillance area. New antler point restrictions. Hunters can take deer to a DNR deer check station to earn a successful hunter patch. Visit [Michigan.gov/DeerCheck](http://Michigan.gov/DeerCheck) for locations of check stations and drop boxes. (Click an individual location to see if it offers deer check, drop box or both.)

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