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Boyne City Commission meeting, November 26, 2019

St. Dennis Retires from City Planning Commission

BY KAREN WALKER

The Boyne City Commissioners, at their regular meeting Nov. 26th, made a special presentation to recognize Joe St. Dennis for his service to the City Planning Commission. Mr. St. Dennis is retiring after serving 29 years as a member of the Planning Commission board. Boyne City Planning Director Scott McPherson stated that during the period Joe served on the planning commission, there was considerable transition in the City. He said Joe was a calming influence to the planning commission and he appreciated Joe's impact and contribution.

In his report to the Commission, Administrator Mike Cain informed Commissioners that Boyne received a \$2500 grant from the



Boyne City Planning Director Scott McPherson congratulates retiring planning commission member Joe St. Dennis

Charlevoix County Community Foundation to fund additions to the Ridge Run dog park. Mr. Cain congratulated staff member Barb Brooks for putting together another successful grant application.

Mr. Cain announced the City is looking to hire a new deputy treasurer to replace Michelle Hewitt who will be retiring from that position next March after 33 years of service. Applications are due

by Monday, January 6, 2020. The City also has an opening for a Police Officer. More information on these job openings is available on the City's website, cityofboyne.org.

In other business, Commissioners approved a contract for \$14,900 with the City's civil engineering consultant, C2AE of Gaylord, to design a storm sewer and street resurfacing project on Franklin Street. Public Works Superintendent Tim Faas stated that for the past few years, residents along Franklin Street have complained about storm water runoff flooding their properties. The City expects to bid the project early next spring along with a storm sewer project on Pine Street if approved in next year's budget. Commissioners approved the purchase of a Rascal

MVP infield groomer from ABI Attachments Inc. of Mishawaka, IN in the amount of \$4,795.94 to better maintain the City's softball fields.

Commissioners also authorized City staff to work with the Boyne City Public Schools to implement a "Paint Our Plow" program starting in 2020. The program will involve a design competition for Boyne City School students. The winning design will be painted on a City snow plow blade. The program will promote awareness of safety issues surrounding winter snow removal.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019 with the time changed to noon.

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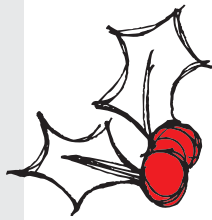
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DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE



An amazing array of Holiday festivities at the Holiday Merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest will take place on Saturday, December 7, in downtown Charlevoix. Experience a full day of activities for all ages to enjoy.

MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

All Day- Area Businesses Merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, raffles and more during the Holiday Merchant Open House. Make sure you go into the season well prepared by taking advantage of this special event; it's the perfect place for inspiration and acquisition of all your holiday needs. Whether you're shopping for that must-have gift or those little, but necessary stocking stuffers, you can find it all downtown Charlevoix this holiday season.

The Merchant Open House is a great opportunity to participate in the Gift Local shopping initiative where you can shop Charlevoix for a chance to



Saturday, December 7, 2019

Downtown Charlevoix

An amazing array of Holiday festivities at the Holiday Merchant Open House will take place on Saturday, December 7, in downtown Charlevoix. Courtesy image

win up to \$500 in Downtown Dollars. Click Here for Details on Gift Local Downtown Shopping Contest.

FREE MOVIE:

How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World 2:00pm - Charlevoix Cinema III
Charlevoix Cinema III will offer a showing of How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World at 2pm. For entry, please bring a canned good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. While children enjoy the movie, parents have the opportunity to relax, sample and shop at the Open House without in-

terruption. Movies sponsored by:

HOT COCOA CONTEST

Noon - 5:00pm - Downtown Businesses
Don't miss the 2019 Hot Cocoa Contest. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores and restaurants. Just look for the "Cocoa Trail" posters in the store-front windows to sample and vote for your favorite Hot Chocolate creation. Remember, you can



The winners of last year's "Hot Cocoa Contest" were the owners of That French Place. Find out who will be this year's champions at the Holiday Merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest on December 7 in downtown Charlevoix. Courtesy photo

vote for your favorite cocoa at any of the Cocoa Station locations! Hot Cocoa Application

For more information and updates on this event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

Suggestions for affordable housing presented at Township Association meeting

BY KEITH OGDEN

The Charlevoix County chapter of the Michigan Township Association met Monday evening, November 25th to review one of Northern Michigan's growing problems: lack of affordable work force housing. The featured speaker was Marilyn Cousineau, Charlevoix County Treasurer, who explained her work with the Charlevoix County land bank, and how the land bank relates to the housing market. Although Marilyn is currently Chairperson of the Charlevoix County Land Bank Authority, she noted that the county is looking for a new employee to coordinate with the County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Housing Commission, and the Land Bank Authority. The complexity and necessary time needed for proper management exceeds the scope of her office and staff. The new position should be filled sometime after the first of the year.

The meeting attendees included several township officials as well as county government officials. Marilyn explained that most Michigan counties have a land bank, as well as the City of Detroit and the state of Michigan, both being separate from county land banks. The purpose of a land bank is to hold ownership in land, which can enter the land bank by several different means; by purchase, by tax reversion (most common way) and by donation (which is rare). When property goes into a land bank, it is automatically classified as a "brownfield" site, regardless if there is no contamination. Brownfield sites are eligible for enhanced outside funding and grants. Although land bank homes may be the partial result of subsidies or grants, there are generally many restrictions and qualifications for ownership.

After Marilyn established

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26th annual Holly Daze fundraiser is Dec. 7



Friday, December 6th is the date for the 27th annual Holly Daze, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's annual holiday fundraiser, held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Courtesy photo

BY JIM AKANS

Friday, December 6th is the date for the 27th annual Holly Daze, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's annual holiday fundraiser, held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Proceeds from this very special event and Gifts of Love will support the Charlevoix Hospital.

This year's auction will boast a number of fantastic items generously donated by local businesses and community members. The evening will begin at 5:30pm

with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. At 6:30pm the "A Tisket, a Tasket, a Holly Daze Basket" event will take place. Dinner and a live auction will begin at 7:30pm.

Kick off the holiday season and get in the spirit of giving. Space is limited. Tickets, \$125 per person, can be order at www.munson-healthcare.org. Additional questions? Contact John Gower at 231-935-7608 or jgower@mhc.net

Charlevoix Methodist Church Homemade Soup & Christmas Sale



While you are out holiday shopping during the Holiday Merchant Open House, come to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church's Soup and Christmas Sale. Warm up with all you can eat homemade soups for only \$7. Shop new and gently-used Christmas décor for sale at bargain prices, along with delicious homemade baked goods. This event will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9am to 2pm. The church is located at 104 State Street in Charlevoix, just one block from Bridge Street and the downtown stores. The church will use the proceeds to support local outreach projects. Pictured from left to right are: Gail Seidel, Maryann Borths, Madeline Beck, Jan Gibbs, Lynne Salmonson. Courtesy photo

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OBITUARIES

Randall "Randy" James Brunmeier, 56

(JAN. 13, 2019 - DEC. 1, 2019)
Randall James "Randy" Brunmeier of Boyne Falls passed away unexpectedly Sunday, December 1, 2019.
Randy is survived by his wife Laura, daughters Amanda and Tiffany, son Blake, his mother Janet (Pearson) Brunmeier, sisters Cindy (Randy) Swellnis and Shari (Jason) McKinney, brother Tim, granddaughter Skylar and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Donald.
Randy grew up in Mount Clemens, and relocated with his wife and son to northern Michigan ten years ago to enjoy the great outdoors and get away from city life. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, cooking and doing DIY projects.
A memorial visitation will be held 5:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, December 5 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Kyle Stanley, 52

(MARCH 7, 1967 - NOV. 23, 2019)
Kyle "Squid" Stanley, age 52 of Boyne City passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 23, 2019.
Kyle is survived by his wife Sue Stanley; father William Stanley; daughters Paula (PJ Harrington) Stanley, Country (Dan) Bearss; grandchildren Jory Stanley, Gypsy Stanley, Rain Kirk, Tristan Stackus, Shay Stanley, Zane Myers, Mason Stanley, and Savannah Dole; five great grandchildren Delilah, Charlie, Leo, Ryan and Dallas.
He is preceded in death by his mother Sandra Stanley; daughter Heaven Dole; and grandson Payne Cole.
In his younger years he enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating. Later in life he mostly enjoyed reading and spending time with his family.
Celebration of life will be held 1:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday, December 8th at the VFW in Boyne city.
Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Kurt Alan LaBeau, 40

(DEC. 14, 1978 - NOV. 27, 2019)
Kurt A. LaBeau of East Jordan died on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, in East Jordan.
He was born on December 14, 1978, in Charlevoix, the son of James H. and Nancy E. (Bennett) LaBeau.
He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1997.
Kurt had worked at Family Fare, formerly Glen's Market, in Grayling and East Jordan for over twenty years.
He was a sports fan. He loved the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and University of Michigan.
He is survived by Tina Clark and their two sons, Brayson LaBeau and Preston LaBeau, all of Grayling; his

parents, James H. and Nancy E. LaBeau of East Jordan; two brothers, Darrell J. LaBeau of East Jordan and Mark A. (Heather) LaBeau of Englewood, Florida; one niece, Allison LaBeau of Englewood, Florida; one nephew, Nolan LaBeau of Englewood, Florida; as well as a lifelong friend of Kurt whom he called "brother", Kenny Young of Elmira. Kurt was preceded in death by all of his grandparents.
Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7874 Rogers Road, East Jordan with interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.
The family will receive friends on Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church.
In memory of Kurt, memorials may be directed to East Jordan Ambulance Authority.
The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

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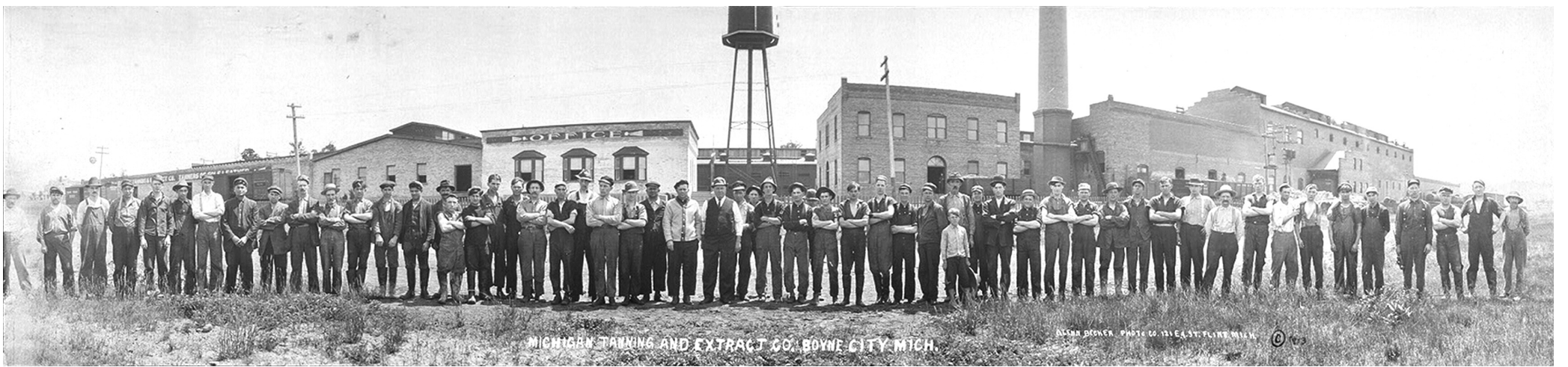
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Panorama of staff standing in front of tannery, dated 1913. Courtesy Photo.

The Tannery, Boyne City's largest employer closed 50 years ago

BY KAREN WALKER

50 years ago this week, 125 employees of Howes Leather Company in Boyne City were looking for a new job after one of the area's largest manufacturing companies ceased operation just before the holidays. On September 18, 1969, Robert Mitchell, Board Chairman of Howes Leather Company, announced it would be closing its Boyne City plant in the coming weeks.

The tannery, as it was commonly known, was founded in 1901 as the Boyne Tanning Company by William Sutherland Shaw when hemlock bark, an important element in the tanning process for making leather, was still plentiful in Charlevoix County. In 1911 the Boyne Tanning Company merged with another tanning company as well as an extract plant and became known as the Michigan Tanning and Extract Company before being acquired in 1938 by the Howes Leather Company, headquartered in Boston, Mass.

The plant was well known for producing some of the finest shoe leather in the country. In 1965 it tanned a record 1300 cow hides a day with 180 employees sharing an annual payroll of \$1 million. When the plant finally closed in late November, 1969, it was Boyne City's largest employer.

The large complex of buildings was powered by its own direct current electrical plant. Great Lakes freighters unloaded coal at the company owned dock for the steam powered engines that ran the plant's generators, providing electric service not only for the tannery, but also for nearby company owned homes.

In a recent interview, Boyne Falls resident Russell Magee remembers working at the tannery as a young college student during the summers of 1964, 65, and 66. He was part of the "yard crew", unloading raw hides and supplies delivered by rail on the Boyne City Railroad. Mr. Magee handled 100 pound bags of chestnut powder, wattle, and quebracho, used for tanning in place of the tannin once derived from local hemlock bark, a byproduct of the area's earlier lumbering industry. Mr. Magee said he would be covered with the powder after unloading it from the boxcar, even though it was in a paper bag wrapped in a burlap bag.

Mr. Magee said the "wet end" of the plant where he worked was dirty and stinky. Anyone old enough to remember the tannery remembers the strong odor. He said

the workers always carried a second set of clothes to change into before leaving the plant. And they often changed clothes a second time at home. But, he said, after you worked there a while, you got used to the smell.

The hides Mr. Magee handled came from Sioux City, Iowa. The hides were taken through a series of chemical filled vats where they would soak before being stripped of hair and any remaining flesh. He explained the hides were then trimmed and hung to dry. The dry hides were pressed with a roller before finally being cut into pieces. He said the entire process took about 120 days.

Mr. Magee said the guys who worked there were good workers and they worked hard but they also had fun. "One day I picked up a piece of stringy flesh and threw it at some guy, just fooling around. I didn't realize Plant Superintendent Rudy Jacobson was there. Just as I threw the fleshing, Rudy stepped out. The piece hit him and wrapped around his neck. Rudy didn't say anything. About two weeks later I was doing something and all of a sudden I got hit in the back of the head with a great big piece of fleshing. I turned around and there was Rudy with the biggest grin on his face you ever saw."

By 1969, imported shoes claimed nearly thirty percent of the American market. Growing competition from foreign made leather goods were forcing American tanneries and shoe manufacturers to the brink of economic disaster. The Howes Leather Company had been attempting for some time to obtain federal relief in the form of import controls. Most of the workforce at the time was made up of men in the 55 - 65 age bracket earning an average of \$2.70 an hour, more than twice the average wage of competing factory workers in Italy and more than quadruple the hourly wage of Japanese and Spanish workers.

Board Chairman Robert Mitchell said another factor in the decision to close the Boyne City plant was the necessity of making extremely large capital expenditures in the next few years to comply with Michigan's water pollution laws. Mr. Magee agrees that competition from abroad is what caused the tannery to close as well as the cost to bring the plant up to environmental standards. He remembers it was about that time when people were becoming concerned about the environment.

The closing of the tannery

also brought an end to the Boyne City Railroad Company which depended on the tannery for eighty percent of its business. Godfrey Heller, vice president and general manager of the railroad said the tannery was its biggest customer, transporting about 700 carloads of material a year. After the tannery closed, the railroad continued



Undated tannery photo, probably around the time it closed. Courtesy Photo.

to make the occasional 7 mile run to Boyne Falls, operated by a succession of new owners, mostly carrying tourists and sightseers, before being formally abandoned in 1982. The tannery buildings

were demolished in 1972. Brick from the demolition was crushed and used to build the track around the Boyne City School football field. By the mid 1980s, construction began on "The

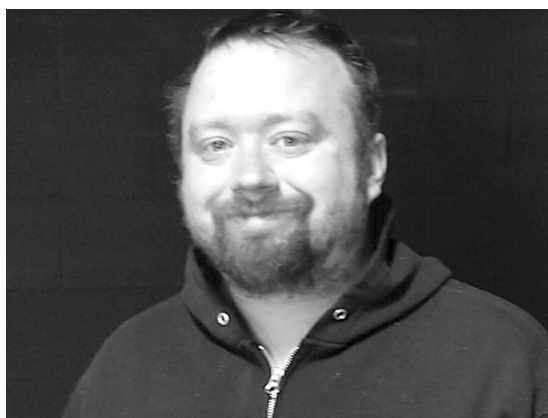
Harborage", a multi-million dollar lakefront condominium and residential development, transforming the one time industrial site into a popular resort community.



Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening at The Foundry Bar and Grill

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting at The Foundry Bar and Grill located downtown East Jordan at 101 Main Street. Restaurant and bar co-owner Andre Bushnell and his team are shown with Chamber ambassadors cutting the ribbon to kick-off grand opening festivities. The business is open year round with a full food and bar menu. They may be reached at 231-649-0006, website address is foundryej.com or like them on Facebook at The Foundry Bar and Grill. Courtesy photo

The Boyne Heritage Center receives holiday gifts



Through the generosity of Bob Lahti, owner of All American Painting Services, and Boyne Co-op True Value, the exhibit space walls and ceiling will be painted flat theatrical black in preparation for the future construction and fabrication of the interpretive exhibit. Courtesy photo

The Boyne Heritage Center, based in the Boyne City Hall, received an early holiday gift this year. Through the generosity of Bob Lahti, owner of All American Painting Services, and Boyne Co-op True Value, the exhibit space walls and ceiling will be painted flat theatrical black in preparation for the future construction and fabrication of the interpretive exhibit.

With the room freshly painted, a paper walkthrough mock-up of the design concept will be staged to give people a better feel of what's to come. Events will be held to help raise awareness and the funds needed to transform this space into a beautiful new historical cen-

ter. The Boyne Heritage Center, a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is poised to become a flagship attraction and history hub, preserving the stories of Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Advance, Ironton, Horton Bay and neighboring areas. This new historical interpretive center will be the living voice and collective memory of those who came before us and those who will come after us.

Please visit the Boyne Heritage Center on line at <https://www.boyneheritage.org/> or at Boyne Heritage Center on Facebook.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 3, 2019

Tourist Park may have fewer campsites due to high water table

BY KAREN WALKER

At the Dec. 12th East Jordan regular City Commission meeting, Administrator Tom Cannon informed City Commissioners that camping at the City Tourist park will be somewhat curtailed for the summer of 2020 as the City addresses the high water

table and sewer system at the park. High water levels dampened many areas of the park last season, forcing the City to suspend camping in some areas of the popular summer campground. Mr. Cannon noted a recent FEMA flood plain map shows a large portion of the park to be within the flood hazard

area and may be eligible for federal emergency money.

In other business, City Commissioners took care of some "housekeeping" issues including amending their Rules of Procedure to allow remote attendance by teleconferencing or other means for members of the governing body who are absent due

to military duty. Commissioners also amended the City's Personnel Handbook, adding a section outlining how City employees are notified of job postings. The new section is proposed read: "All internal postings will be required to be posted for five (5) business days. The City Clerk will prepare the notice and it

will be sent to all of the Department Heads and posted at each department. The notice will provide basic information regarding salary, full time/part time status, days/times worked, and a copy of the job description. If no satisfactory applicants have been received, an external posting will begin."

Mr. Cannon reminded the group that Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at City Hall the evening of Thursday, Dec. 5th during East Jordan's Community Night. The event starts at 5 p.m. with a parade on Main Street.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation awards grants

The Community Foundation responded to requests from nonprofit partners this fall, thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home. Grants will make investments in the County's communities, such as improvements to performance space on Beaver Island, new chairs and tables for the Boyne District Library's Community Room, the development of new youth programs at Camp McSaubia, and attention to student safety in East Jordan. Broader impact will be felt across Charlevoix County through projects like a feasibility study to determine the possibility of curbside recycling collection, efforts to ensure adequate water quality and to reduce stormwater impacts in the watershed, and support for programs serving friends and neighbors in need. Visit c3f.org for a complete list of grants made through the fall cycle.

In 2020, the Community Foundation will launch a new approach to supporting local nonprofit partners. The Board of Trustees charged the staff to increase the impact of grants and the efficiency of the process.

After nearly a year of review and research, the Community Foundation will offer several cycles annually, with special attention to the areas of youth, the environment, and individual communities in Charlevoix County. These changes are designed to pro-

vide improved impact over time; ensure that the Community Foundation remains accessible to nonprofit partners; offer greater opportunity for donor advisors and community members to give back close to home; and create space for staff to spend more time learning alongside nonprofit partners.

Several open meetings have been scheduled for nonprofit partners who wish to learn more about the Community Foundation's grant cycles, beginning in December. Details about application guidelines and deadlines as well as upcoming open meetings are available at c3f.org.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grantmaking, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.

The next grant cycle will focus on Environment and Land Use projects. Applications are due by Saturday, February 1, 2020. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at 231-536-2440.

East Jordan Citizen of the Year nominations forms available



Matt Stevenson – East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Board President, Sherry Pursel and Bob Pursel, Mary H. Faculak – East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, just moments after the Pursel's were announced East Jordan's 2019 Citizens of the Year at the Chamber's Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction at Castle Farms. Courtesy photo

It's that time of the year to nominate the people in East Jordan who are making a difference in the community for Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are now available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office or on the Chamber's website www.ejchamber.org.

Nominators are asked to describe the nominee's outstanding community involvement (both past and present), civic contributions, special community contributions and any other pertinent information. Submit forms by December 13, 2019. A committee comprised of community representatives review the nominations and vote by secret ballot.

The Citizen of the Year is announced annually at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction. The 2019 Annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Castle Farms. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

HOUSING

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how the land bank worked, she further explained how the land bank could mitigate housing costs by earmarking land bank properties at a reduced cost specifically for the lower cost housing market. Many factors contribute to housing unaffordability for the average person working in the service industry or for young couples just starting out. Charlevoix County is a much desired destination for those city folks who want to spend their time away from city problems, and to enjoy our lakes and rivers, our pristine open spaces, and lack of traffic congestion. Many locals have realized the economic benefits of short

term rentals to those downstater who have limited time to spend here. Charlevoix County is number four in the state for short term rentals which are often available throughout the year due to our all-season attractions. However, those rentals reduce available housing that might otherwise be available to local service industry employees.

The vibrant economic climate Charlevoix County is now experiencing generates an increased demand for housing due to the increased job opportunities that have outpaced increased housing construction. Where a business would like to expand, the work force needed for the expansion can't find a place to live. The current extensive building requirements, many originating at the state level,

add significant expense to housing construction due to their restrictive nature. Although many of the state mandated requirements are designed to better the community, local officials have questioned if the requirements have gone too far. Of all the reasons stated thus far, building requirements generated the most lively discussion among the meeting attendees.

Among the suggestions offered to make housing more affordable were these: a review and possible reduction of minimum square footage for new construction, utilize school building trades classes to construct new homes, and to build cluster homes on smaller parcels as a means to reduce land costs. Economy of scale would appropriately describe the

smaller parcel suggestion. One township in attendance has already rezoned some agricultural areas so that smaller parcels could be created with an expected lower cost for a dwelling's footprint.

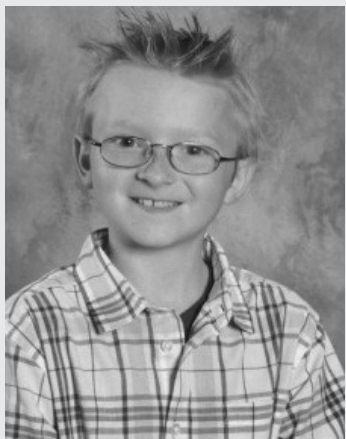
Those who attended the MTA meeting agreed that there is no easy fix to the affordable housing shortage. No single approach will make a meaningful improvement, and change isn't going to be fast. But recognizing the problem is the first step in finding a solution. Many of the ideas and suggestions put forth at the meeting will be put into effect, some more gradual than others, but change is on the way. And those who need a house hope that those changes will afford them to buy a home.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

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| Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 | Crozier Rd. | child pornography on Instagram. Unfounded. | the deck at the harborage on skateboards and bikes. |
| 0100 Suspicious vehicle parked on Haven Ct | Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 | 1316 Threats complaint from the 1000 block of Boyne Av | Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 |
| 1052 Parking complaint in the alley behind the 500 block of S Lake St | 1118 Request for welfare check on North St. Natural Death. | 1454 911 hang up in the 100 block of E Main St. | 810 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Park St. |
| 1105 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St | 1258 Report of a young child not restrained in a vehicle on Boyne Av | 1511 PR at school bus loading/departure. | 1058 Natural Death in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av. |
| 1314 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S Park St | 1522 Report of possible child abuse on Adams St | 1929 Assist Sheriff Dept at Old Horton Bay Rd. and City Limits with downed tree | 1148 Funeral assist M-75 S to Boyne Falls |
| Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 | 1824 Report of possible suicidal subject in the 200 block of W. Cedar St, | Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 | Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 |
| 1004 Vehicle unlock on Fall Park Rd | 1940 Arrested subject for warrant on Mountain Rd. | 0618 Assist Sheriff Dept at M-75 N and Old 75, | 0102 Report of an assault that happened earlier on W Main St. |
| 1120 Assist FD with alarm in the Industrial Park | | 0714 Vehicle unlock at Lake and Water | 1154 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 N |
| 1452 Larceny reported from the 300 block of E Cedar St | Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 | 0954 Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 300 block of E Division St. | 1207 Animal bite reported on Pine Pointe Trl. |
| 1701 Report a possible bond violation from Adams St. | 0149 Arrested subject for OWI at S Park and Lincoln | 1707 Report of juveniles on | 1340 Assist Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls. |
| 1758 Assist Sheriff Dept on | 1002 Report of possible | | 1631 Threats complaint on |



Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Landen Cutler

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Tabitha Elzinga, Jeramiah Cutler, and Step Dad Josh Elzinga

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Landen wants to be an artist when he grows up.

Favorite Book: Landen's favorite books are "Magic Tree House" and "Bad Kitty".

Hobbies and Interests: Landen likes to draw, clean for his mom, and to walk to the store by his house.

School Activities: Landen likes reading, math, art, and pretty much every class at school.

Staff Comments: Landen is a very helpful and pleasant boy. He is eager to lend a hand to someone who needs help. He is also very caring and compassionate to his friends and classmates. He has been teaching himself how to draw so that he may become an artist when he grows up. Landen has worked very hard this year academically and is eager to learn even more. Landen is a model student of the Logger Agreement!

Submitted By: Mrs. Deanna Milks

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