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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 29years 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, cityofboynecity.com.

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 ap-

proved 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

Suggestions for

affordable housing

presented at Township

Association meeting

The Charlevoix County chapter of the Michigan

Township Association met Monday evening, November

25th to review one of North-

speaker was Marilyn

Cousineau, Charlevoix

County Treasurer, who ex-

plained her work with the

to the housing market. Al-

Chairperson of the Charlevoix County Land

though Marilyn is currently

Bank Authority, she noted

that the county is looking for

a new employee to coordinate

Housing Commission, and the

with the County Brownfield

Redevelopment Authority,

Land Bank Authority. The

complexity and necessary

time needed for proper man-

agement exceeds the scope of

position should be filled some-

time after the first of the year.

The meeting attendees in-

cluded several township offi-

cials as well as county

her office and staff. The new

Charlevoix County land bank,

and how the land bank relates

ern Michigan's growing problems: lack of affordable work force housing. The featured

BY KEITH OGDEN

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX OLIDAY 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 sea-

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

Holiday Merchant Open House

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 interruption. 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

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The winners of last year's "Hot Cocoa Contest" were the owners of That French Place. Find out who will be this years 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 Appli-For more information and

updates on this event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

FRESH BONE-IN BEEF STANDING RIB ROAST

FRESH BONE-IN ASST. PORK

LOIN CHOPS FAMILY PACK

government officials. Marilyn matically classified as a

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 auto-"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.

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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.munsonhealthcare.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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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

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 wish-

ing 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 proceeded 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 fam-

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 Au-

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.





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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 become known as the Michigan Tanning and Extract Company before being acquired in 1938 by the Howes Leather Company, headquartered in Boston, Mass.

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

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 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 work-

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 environ-

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 Coop 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 ex-

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-

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

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

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December 5, 5-7pm, downtown. Downtown East Jordan comes alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Santa will make his way down Main Street in the Lighted Parade and he will meet children after the parade. The Community Christmas Tree will be lit by the Citizens of the Year, the Annual Soup Cook-Off will be held to benefit the Care and Share Food Pantry, our businesses will be open with special sales and the restaurants will have special deals. The East Jordan Rotary will have their Find Santa Scavenger Hunt and the E.J. Co-Op Nursery School will have a bake sale at the Community Center.

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

December 6, 11:30am-5:30pm, East Jordan Civic Center gymnasium. Appointments preferred. Call 866-MI-BLOOD visit or versiti.org/miblood

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

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

ATW00D **CHRISTMAS IN ATWOOD**

December 7, 10am-3pm. Free kids activities at each location, Santa and more. Santa at Work N Play Shop - 10 AM -1:00 PM, Free Event - Kids Activities @ Work N Play Shop, Friske Orchards, Atwood Hardware, Royal Farms, Grace Gallery and Northern Treasures.

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

December 7, 9am-3pm, Boyne City High School. The Hollday Hoppy Craft Snow will again present 150 arts and crafts vendors. Admission is \$2 for adults and no charge for students. Hourly drawings will be held for \$20 Boyne Chamber Checks giveaways. Refreshments are also available for this 41st annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation. The Booster Foundation's fundraising efforts help support all arts, academics, and

athletics for Boyne City Public School students.

BOYNE CITY

LIGHT OF JOY CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM December 7, 9-11:30am, First Presbyterian Church. Hear the Christmas Story through the eyes of the prophets, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and wise men. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast, a take-home craft, a takehome devotional and Bingo with prizes. Children will participate in a drama titled "The ABCs of Christmas." You will hear God's story as you talk and learn together with the people at your table. This event is open to all, but an adult must accompany children and participate in the activities. Activities are suitable for all ages. To save your spot, call 231-582-7983 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will attend

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA CONTEST

December 7, downtown. Merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, giveaways and more during the Holiday Merchant Open House in downtown Charlevoix. Charlevoix Cinema III will offer a showing of How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World, beginning at 2pm. Hot Cocoa Contest from noon to 5pm. 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. For more information on this

event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org

CHARLEVOIX

SOUP & CHRISTMAS SALE December 7, 9am-2pm, United Methodist Church, 104 State Street. 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.

BOYNE CITY LIFETREE DISCUSSES WAYS TO **INVIGORATE LIFE**

December 8, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Stuck in a Rut? Get Unstuck...One Step at a Time," features a filmed interview with Kenyon Eastin, a man who began a coast-to-coast walk across the country in April 2014. Although he faced multiple hardships from weather and unforeseen complications, Eastin says his walk gave him a life-changing perspective. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Concert

December 8, 3pm, EJ Public School Auditorium. sented by the Jordan Valley Community Band. Hallelujah Chorus, Sing-a-Longs. Please join us as our group of area musicians perform classic sing-a-longs, the moving Hallelujah Chorus, and other beautiful Christmas pieces. This uplifting concert is sure to brighten your day and leave you humming on the way home.

ELLSWORTH

14TH ANNUAL WOODEN SHOE **FESTIVAL**

December 11, 6-7:30pm. Banks Township Hall. Enjoy our 14th annual evening of fun with friends and neighbors. Ceremonial lighting of the Community Tree, Caroling, Pizza Dinner, Cookies with Grinch Punch and Hot Chocolate Bar, Pine Lake Winds Concert and Twister Joe. Free event.

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HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 12, 5:\$0-7:30pm. Hosted by Resort Rentals North. It will be held at "Lake View Chalet," 1113 Marshall Road, one of our newest properties. There is no admission charge and appetizers, beer and wine will be provided at no charge. There will be a 50/50 raffle and the grand prize will be a two-night stay at the Lake View Chalet (some restrictions apply). Door prizes consist of holiday arrangements created by Upsy Daisy. Boyne Area Community Christmas will receive the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; KAYAKING LAKE SUPERIOR

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

ELLSWORTH

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 14, 9-11am, Banks Township Hall. Indulge in a full breakfast of Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk and Coffee. Choose a stuffed toy and take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free to the

BOYNE CITY BENEFITS OF FIGHTING FAIR

ADDRESSED

December 15, 6:30pm, Life-

Great Start Director named Lead Trainer for Children's Trust Fund Alliance

Maureen Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director for Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties, has been appointed to serve as the Lead Trainer for the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. The alliance is a national organization that ensures all states have a strong and effective children's trust or prevention fund capable of leading and investing in strategies, policies and best practices that prevent child abuse and neglect before it oc-

Hollocker's work in Northern Michigan is dedicated to building a strong early childhood system where all chil-

dren can reach their potential, and the national appointment is an extension of her work on a larger scale. She will be serving as the alliance's Lead Trainer, training other trainers from around the U.S. in "Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work." She first joined the alliance training team in 2014.

The announcement about Hollocker's appointment was made during the CTFA national conference in Washington, D.C., earlier in November.

"Working and being connected to the larger Strengthening Families network at the national level allows me to learn from the leaders of this framework and also to be innovative with our local efforts," Hollocker said.

As the Lead Trainer, she will be providing in-person delivery of seven courses throughout the year, including one for each of the Protective Factors: Parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social and emotional competence of children.

Alliance-certified trainers receive numerous benefits from the training, including the ability to use course materials to train their local and state-specific audiences thereby bringing the work to more communities throughout the country and helping more families thrive, Hollocker noted.

"The Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework is a national research-

tree Cafe. The program, titled

'Conquering Conflict: Healthy

Ways to Tackle Disagree-

ments," features a filmed in-

terview with Drs. Les and

Leslie Parrott, whose relation-

ship-building work has been

featured on CNN, Good Morn-

ing America, Oprah, and the

New York Times best-seller

list. Admission to the 60-

minute event is free. Lifetree

Café is in the First Presbyte-

rian Church 401 S Park St

Boyne City. Use the Pine St.

EAST JORDAN

DIABETES SCREENING &

WELLNESS TALK

EJ Area Senior Center, 951

Mill Street. Free and open to

all ages. No appointment nec-

essary. Conducted by the East

Jordan Family Health Center

and sponsored by the EJ Lions

EAST JORDAN

MADRIGAL SINGERS AND

PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL

CHORUS

Jordan Community Audito-

rium. Free concert presented

by the East Jordan DDA, East

Jordan Area Chamber of

Commerce and the Jordan

River Arts Council. Dona-

PETOSKEY

Handel's Messiah Concert

December 19 & 20, 7pm,

Great Lakes Center for the

Arts. Featuring Libor Ondras

(Music Director) and Karen

Hughes Beacom (Chorus Mas-

ter). Soloists; Karen Hughes

Beacom (Soprano), Christine

Amon (Mezzo-Soprano), John

Bragle (Tenor) and Clay

Thompson (Bass). Reserved

seating; \$50, \$35 and \$25. Ages

18 and under free. Visit

GLCOOrchestra.org or call

BOYNE CITY

LIFETREE DISCUSSES THE

SPIRIT OF SANTA

December 22, 6:30pm, Life-

tree Cafe. The program, titled

"The Spirit of Santa: The Leg-

end, the Love, the Lowdown,

features a filmed interview

with Mark and Teresa Mc-

Graw, a couple who profes-

sionally play the roles of

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

During the interview, the Mc-

Graw's explain that they don

the costumes and personali-

ties as a way to bring joy to

those around them, particu-

larly kids. Admission to the

60-minute event is free. Life-

(231) 487-0010.

tions welcome.

December 18, 7-8pm, East

December 18, 11am-noon,

entrance.



GreatStartPhoto: Maureen Hollocker (center) is pictured at the national Children's Trust Fund Alliance meeting in November 2019 with CTFA colleagues Martha Reeder (left) and Pat Stanislaski. Courtesy photo

based initiative that aims to strengthen families, promote optimal development of children, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. This strengths-based approach to working with families is something we can all do through everyday actions and provides a framework to bring all families together to build Protective Factors rather than divide families up by risk factors and funding streams," Hollocker

"On both a local and national level, I see how the Alliance training changes how people view families and how it transforms how they approach their work with chil-

Jill Haan, Director of Early Childhood for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, which oversees the Great Start Collaborative and Hollocker's role, said Hollocker is the ideal person to serve on a national level in teaching the protective fac-

Maureen's commitment to the Strengthening Families Framework. She has always been passionate about helping us remember that children do not come to school alone they come with their families," Haan said. "The designation as a National Lead Trainer illustrates her ability to connect with others engaged in the work and facilitate impactful learning on a broad level. We are fortunate to have her knowledge and expertise at a local level."

dren and families in the future."

"This appointment speaks volumes about

Ticket info at www.boynechamber.com

FRESHWATER CONCERT;

Saturdays, 8am - Noon. The market has moved indoors to the lobby of Boyne City Hall. Packed full of beautiful pro-December 27, 7pm, Freshduce, greens, homemade goodwater Gallery & Concert ies and so much more. The Venue. William Raveau is a Market is also working with Boyne City High School graduate now performing and rethe support of Blissfest and siding in New York City. Dur-Grain Train to continue to provide talented local musiing his time in Boyne City, he cians for your listening pleaswas seen as Baby John in West ure as you shop. For more in-Side Story, Nicely-Nicely formation on the market, visit Johnson in Guys and Dolls, the Bovne City Farmers Mar-Sid Sorokin in The Pajama ket Facebook page or email Game, The Man in the Chair farmersmarket@boynecity.com in several Boyne Meets Broadways, among other roles at the

CHARLEVOIX **FARMERS MARKET**

October 10- November 26:

BOYNE CITY PERSONAL TRAGEDIES

EXPLORED December 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The Lifetree event, titled "Why, God? When Personal Tragedy Doesn't Make Sense," features an original film depicting the true story of Thomas Vander Woude. who found his son struggling for his life after a backyard accident. Admission to the 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

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byterian Church. 401 S. Park

St., Boyne City. Use the Pine

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Little Traverse Civic Theatre

and Bay View Music Festival.

Tickets for his Boyne City con-

cert start at \$15 and can be

purchased by emailing

williamboynecityconcert@gm

ail.com. This concert is part

of a fundraising effort for

Raveau's upcoming album,

and is not part of the winter

concert series produced by

Freshwater.

St. entrance.

ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS GALA

January 16, 5:30pm, Boyne Mountain Civic Center. Presenting sponsor for the gala will be KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services. In addition to the presentation of awards to community leaders and the installation of chamber board members, the event will feature a buffet dinner, cash bar, bucket raffles and a live auction. Tickets are

Bucket raffles will be held

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FARMERS MARKET

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St. Thursdays from 3-6pm. The vendors you love will be back for a new season to bring their farm goods to your table. The Charlevoix Farmers Market offers a variety of farmers and specialty vendors.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY **HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS GREEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT** PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan invites local communities to apply for funds to implement infrastructure, policy, and physical activity enhancements to public greenspaces. The grant, Building Healthy Places (formerly Building Healthy Communities), is part of continued work by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to ensure all residents have an opportunity to live a healthy life. A portion of the grant aims to fund sustainable public greenspace enhancements that will create a lasting impact on the health of the community. Eligible applicants include any local government department, agency, special purpose district, public school district. Indian Tribal organization, or 501(c)(3). Several grants will be awarded, with individual grants limited to \$10,000. Entities with public greenspace sites in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Otsego, or Wexford counties are eligible to apply. Letters of Intent should be submitted by Friday, November 22, 2019 and the submission deadline is Friday, December 13, 2019. An infor-

mational call will take place

on Monday, November 25, 2019. For additional information including the application and requirements, nwhealth.org/gip.html or call Community Health Coordinator, Kirstyn Horan at 231-347-

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 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

CHARLEVOIX **WELLNESS WORKSHOPS**

Held at Munson Healthcare

Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

 Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, lowcost 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.

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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.

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 Information at 7pm. www.boynelibrary.org.

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for great prize packages with 10 tickets available for \$25. There will also be a raffle with \$10 tickets for a Yeti Cooler full of spirits and goodies, sponsored by Boyne City Hardware. The Live Auction is sponsored by Boyne Moun-

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 McSauba. 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 provide 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 fu-

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.

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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 downstaters 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 foot-

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 Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Landen Cutler

Grade: 5th

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

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

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 0100 Suspicious vehicle

parked on Haven Ct 1052 Parking complaint in the alley behind the 500 block of S Lake St

1105 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St Assist EMS in the 500 1314 block of S Park St

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 1004 Vehicle unlock on Fall

Park Rd Assist FD with alarm 1120 in the Industrial Park the 300 block of E Cedar St

Larceny reported from Report a possible bond violation from Adams St. 1758 Assist Sheriff Dept on

Crozier Rd.

1522

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 Request for welfare check on North St. Natural Death.

1258 Report of a young child not restrained in a vehicle on Boyne Av

child abuse on Adams St 1824 Report of possible suicidal subject in the 200 block of W. Cedar St. Arrested subject for

Report of possible

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 OWI at S Park and Lincoln

warrant on Mountain Rd.

Arrested subject for 1002 Report of possible

child pornography on Instagram. Unfounded.

1316 Threats complaint from the 1000 block of Boyne Av 1454 911 hang up in the 100 block of E Main St. 1511 PR at school bus loading/departure.

Assist Sheriff Dept at 1929 Old Horton Bay Rd. and City Limits with downed tree

Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 Assist Sheriff Dept at 0618 M-75 N and Old 75, 0714 Vehicle unlock at Lake and Water 0954 Arrested subject for

domestic violence in the 300 block of E Division St. 1707 Report of juveniles on

the deck at the harborage on skateboards and bikes.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 Vehicle unlock in the 810

800 block of S Park St. 1058 Natural Death in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av. 1148 Funeral assist M-75 S to Boyne Falls

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 0102 Report of an assault that happened earlier on W Main St.

Assist Sheriff Dept on 1154 M-75 N

1207 Animal bite reported on Pine Pointe Trl. Assist Sheriff Dept in 1340

Bovne Falls. 1631 Threats complaint on

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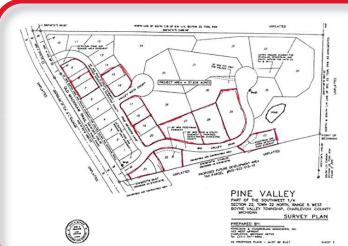
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