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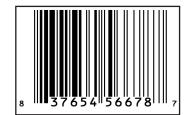
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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2019 Boyne City approves new snow removal plan

BY KAREN WALKER

Boyne City Commissioners presented a certificate of appreciation to retiring City Planning Commission member George Ellwanger at their regular meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 10th. City Planning Director Scott McPherson thanked Mr. Ellwanger for his 16 years of service on the Planning Commission, noting that Mr. Ellwanger has been a great asset to the City and community. Scott quipped, "If there's a more positive person around, I

haven't met him."

As part of their regular business, Commissioners approved a contract with MDC Contracting of Petoskey at a rate of \$85 per hour to perform additional work associated with the City's new snow removal plan. With next spring's anticipated construction at the Open Space, a City owned vacant area along the waterfront, City DPW crews will no longer use that area for snow storage. Instead, snow will be hauled to the City's snow disposal site at the airport. Director of Public Works, Tim Faas estimates a total cost of the contract at \$9,000 to

\$14,000 for the winter season. Also part of the new snow removal plan approved by Commissioners, they addressed concerns voiced by a resident along E. Main Street of the noise produced by private contractors hauling snow to the airport between midnight and 5:00 a.m. The new snow removal plan will restrict use of the airport snow disposal site to the



City Planning Director Scott McPherson and Mayor Tom Neidhamer present a certificate to retiring planning commission member George Ellwanger. (I-r) - McPherson, Ellwanger, Neidhamer

High School Basketba



ABOVE: Charlevoix senior guard, Addie Nagel takes a jumper against a tough St. Ignace defense. (Photo by Scott Richards)

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Public Open House to unveil the draft East Jordan Master Plan

Residents and community members are invited to attend a public open house on Thursday, December 12 from 5:30 -7pm at the East Jordan Community Center (116 Main Street). The purpose of this open house is to unveil the draft master plan and seek input on the action plan, future land use map, and priority publicly owned redevelopment sites.

Participants will have the opportunity to provide guidance on the City's 5-year action plan and review planned changes to the future land use map and zoning plan. There will be maps set up around the room for attendees to review as well. Finally, the preferred conceptual design plans for the city-owned Community Center and former Boat Launch site will be unveiled at this meeting. The format for the evening will be informal and attendees are welcome to come and go as they please.

This open house represents the culmination of a 12-month intensive city-wide planning process focused on the future growth and prosperity of East Jordan. The process is being led by the East Jordan Planning Commission in partnership with the consulting firm Beckett & Raeder, Inc. Substantial public input has occurred to date, including a community survey, a high school visioning session, an elementary student input session, a business after-hours event, and a two-day community design charrette focused on three priority redevelopment sites. There has also been an input chalkboard traveling around to community places of interest.

The planning commission will be reviewing the draft master plan at their January meeting and will ultimately recommend the plan to the City Commission for public distribution. At that time, residents will have 63 days to provide additional input and public comment on the draft

For more information on the master planning process, please visit the City's website at eastjordancity.org.

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Marilyn J. (Bennett) Goebel, 68

(APRIL 17, 1951 - DEC. 6, 2019)

Marilyn J. Goebel went to be with her Lord on Friday, December 6, 2019, at Grandvue



Medical Care Facility in East

She was born on April 17, 1951, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Warren "Turk" and E. Suzie (Whiteford) Bennett. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1969. On February 9, 1974, in East Jordan, she married Walter "Butch" Goebel, Jr. He preceded her in death on June 13, 2013.

She was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan. A few years back, Marilyn had worked for Hallmark Cards. She enjoyed watching the Hallmark channel. Marilyn loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Marilyn is survived by four children, Tracee C. (Ryan Shelden) Goebel of Long Beach, California, Nichole S. (Matthew) Imel of East Jordan, Jenny (Bryan) Banfield of East Jordan and Joseph W. (Daniel) Goebel of Chicago; six grandchildren, Garrett Imel, Miles Imel, Oliver Imel, Adia Banfield, Finnley Banfield and Evelyn Banfield; one brother, Norman (Rhoda) Bennett of Zephyrhills, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Cindy Bennett and Kitty Bennett both of East Jordan; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one son, Walter P. Goebel, III and two brothers, Randy Bennett and Neil Bennett.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan. Condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Delores Hudson, 83

(FEB. 12, 1936 - DEC. 9, 2019)

Delores Hudson, 83, of East Jordan, died Monday, December 9, 2019, at McLaren



Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskev.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan. Michigan.

Julaine Kay Vanderheide, 74

(MARCH 2, 1945 - DEC. 7, 2019)

Julaine Kay Vanderheide of Charlevoix died Saturday, December 7th, 2019. She was born



March 2, 1945 the daughter of Albert and Donna Mansen.

Julaine was an active member the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix for many years. She was an avid reader and enjoyed watching TV. She also enjoyed bowling in her younger years and eating good food. Julaine and her husband Samuel enjoyed camping and

traveled together to almost every state.

HIGH: 37

LOW: 31

Surviving Julaine is her husband of 50 years, Sam. Also surviving are her children Brett (Emily) Vanderheide of Central Lake and Heidi Wilkinson of Florida, grandson Owen Wilkinson of Central Lake, brothers Tom (Cheryl) Manson and Jim (Cindy) Mansen, brother in laws Dave (Sue) Vanderheide and Ken (Barb) Vanderheide and many nieces. nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her niece Caili

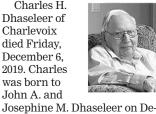
Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 18th at 11 a.m. at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with Pastor Chip Sauer officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 17th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial donations can be given to the National MS Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Henry Dhaseleer, 98

(DEC. 27, 1920 - DEC. 6, 2019)

Charles H. Dhaseleer of Charlevoix died Friday, December 6, 2019. Charles was born to John A. and



cember 27th 1920 on Beaver Is-They moved to a farm on

Barnard Road in 1925 and Charles started at Barnard School at age 4. He completed 8th grade there and then graduated from Charlevoix High School in June of 1938.

ily on the farm and married the love of his life Darleen Dimick on June 19th, 1948 and they celebrated their 71st anniversary together. They have 12 children: John (Connie) Dhaseleer, Susan Babcock (Dave), Mary Romanik (Carl), Allan Dhaseleer (Leslie), Elaine Scharenbroch (John), Esther Moore, Beth Weaver (Kirk), Leslie Dhaseleer (Linda), David Dhaseleer (Heather), Carol Scharenbroch (Norbert), Carl Dhaseleer (Cornelia) and Laura Dhaseleer.

Along with farming he also worked as a rural mail route carrier. In 1989 Charles and Darleen sold the farm to their youngest son Carl and moved to their home in town on Wood Street. He enjoyed many years of retirement but stayed active with gardening and helping any of the kids or grand kids who needed it. Their home on Wood Street became a hub for

the entire family. He was a member of Barnard Grange since January 1936 and St. Mary's church

since 1925. He was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth Mosher and brother in law Harvey Mosher.

He is survived by 28 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, December 14th at 12 Noon, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The family will receive friends Friday, December 13th from 4 to 7 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m., all at St. Mary's as well. Interment will be in St.

Mary's cemetery, Charlevoix. Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Gary Schafer, 73

(OCT. 14, 1946 - DEC. 6, 2019) Gary Joseph Schafer of

Charlevoix passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019 in South Lyon, MI. He was born on October 14, 1946 in

Mt. Pleasant, MI, the son of Frank and Irene (Bierschbach) Schafer.

Gary was raised in Beal City. MI along with his 13 siblings. Upon obtaining his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University, Gary went on to graduate with a Master's Degree from Wayne State University. He eventually moved to Boyne City, and it was there that he met Vicky Warner. The two of them wed on December 6, 1986 at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. They lived in Charlevoix together for 33 years. They were the co-owners of a software company named Memory Lane Systems. Gary was also the co-owner of an ambulance company in the Dominican Republic.

Gary loved to have fun, and have a good laugh. He stayed very active throughout his life. He played basketball and went biking often, but running was his passion. He ran many marathons including the Boston Marathon. He also enjoyed traveling all around the world with Vicky. Gary was a good father, husband, uncle, brother, and grandfather. He had many redeeming qualities; he cared for others before himself, led with a quiet strength. and had a faith that was unwavering. He was always helping and guiding his brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews. He was the glue that kept the Schafer family together. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

Garv is survived by his loving wife, Vicky Schafer; his lace; his step-children, J. Lynn Warner, and Jeff Warner; 12 siblings, Joann Blessley (Bob), Janet Oaks, Mary Marizata, Cathy (Jack) Smith, Susie (Bob) Barto, Donna (Tom) Hutchison, Marj (Donald) Dawkins, Carla (Stan) Daniels, Mark (LeeAnn) Schafer, Lois (Tom) Mahoney, Stan Schafer, and Bernie (Sue) Schafer; two grandchildren, Avery and Alder: over 26 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Frank and Irene Schafer: his brother, David Schafer; his sister-in-law, Jane Schafer; and three brother-inlaws, Gary Oaks, Bob Blessley, and Warren Marazita.

Funeral services will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13 at Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State St, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, 209 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, and from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. Interment will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13 at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beal City, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 (online at www.lbda.org/donate), or St. Joseph School, 2091 N Winn Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Ryan Weiss, 36

(MARCH 1, 1983 - DEC. 6, 2019)

Ryan Matthew Weiss of Charlevoix died Friday, December 6, 2019 at McLaren Northern



lege of Art and Design. On July 6, 2012 in Charlevoix Ryan married Elizabeth Ann Kelly. He deeply loved his wife and their children. He was involved in their activities at school and excited to soon be an Odyssey of the Mind coach. Ryan enjoyed deer hunting, tending his vegetable garden and putting Lego sets together with his kids.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, his children Brayden, Brecklan, Lucah, and Cecelia, his parents Curtis and Lisa, sister Lydia (Kyle Hosinger-Johnson) Weiss, his inlaws, Delbert and Mary Ann Kelly, sister in law Kristine (Keith) Montone, brother in law Dan (Stephanie) Kelly, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his grandparents Arnold and Eleanor Weiss and Lydia and Harold Hartley, and Aunt Tina.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until the time of service. Memorial contributions can be given at Forefront Credit Union in the name of Elizabeth Kelly Weiss. Arrangements have been

handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Susan Bergmann, 60

(MAY 7, 1959 - DEC. 5, 2019)

Susan Renee Bergmann of Charlevoix passed away on Thursday December 5, 2019. She was born on May 7, 1959 in Grand Rapids, MI, the daughter of Hubert and Lillian (Rand) Rich. At age two she moved with her family to Oxford hills, Maine and remained there until after graduating from high school. She then graduated from the Mercy school of Nursing in Portland Maine and moved to Alaska to work as a nurse. In Alaska Sue met the love of her life, Daniel Bergmann, and they married on July 9, 1984 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

She worked for many years as a devoted nurse at the Charlevoix Hospital, and worked diligently for the local health department and Commission on Aging as well as at Bethel prison and Ketchikan public health during her disparate years in Alaska. Her life was filled with many adventures. Sue loved the outdoors. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and mushrooming. She was a creative soul, blessing her friends and relatives with handmade gifts and canned goods as often as she could. She loved deeply and was warm and affectionate with everyone she cared about -which was most everyone. She had an amazing sense of humor, an infectious laugh and a fighting spirit and will to live that helped her survive long beyond anyone's expectations. Her life is an example of strength and unstifled love to us all. 1 Peter 4:8

She is survived by her loving husband, Daniel Lee Bergmann; her daughter, Brenna Lee (Chadwick) Cordner of Georgia, VT; her mother, Lillian Myra (Rand) Rich: her brother, Victor Scott Rich of Bridgton, ME; her

sister, Rita Lynne (Dr. Scott) Roby of Fryeburg Maine; her nephew, Kyle Merritt Kimball; her niece, Kelly Sue (Jake) Kimball-Parrott; and four grandchildren, Betty Maura Cordner, Maple Leonora Cordner, Welles Robert Lee Cordner, and Rook Edwin Richard Cordner And many other beloved family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Raymond Rich.

Funeral services will take place in the spring on 2020 where the family hopes to come together and accept friends and share memories. Interment will take place in the spring of 2020 at Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hope Lodge, 4215 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Albert Sharrow, 79

(JAN. 12, 1940 - DEC. 5, 2019)

Albert Sharrow of Charlevoix passed away on Thursday December 5,2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on Janu-

ary 12, 1940 in Charlevoix, MI, the son of William and Elsie (McClanathan) Sharrow. Albert married Alice Lewalk,

on September 5, 1964 at Sainte Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island. Better known as "Buck" on the island, Albert spent many years as a teamster chauffeuring people in carriages all over the island. He spent many years working construction for Dick Way. Albert made a lasting impression on everyone that he met, and he treated all people with the utmost respect. Albert never met a stranger. He loved spending time with his granddaughter, sharing his love the beauty and uniqueness of Mackinac Island. Also he enjoved morning coffee and breakfast with his friends, playing card games, especially cribbage, with anyone who would play. His wonderful sense of humor was enjoyed by all.

Albert is survived by his loving wife, Alice Sharrow; his son, Ron Sharrow of Charlevoix, MI; and his granddaughter, Mikayla Sharrow. He was preceded in death by

his parents, his brother, Roger Sharrow and another brother Ronald Lee Sharrow. A memorial gathering will be

scheduled in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations may be made to the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, the Mackinac Island Medical Center, or to his family to support furthering his granddaughter's education.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Elaine Drury, 79

(MAY 10, 1940 - DEC. 4, 2019)

Elaine Carol Drury of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at her home sur-

rounded by family. She was born on May 10, 1940 in Sycamore, IL, the daughter of Jon and Grace (Sundly) Nachti-

After her time attending the University of Illinois-Chicago, she worked as a dental hygienist

in Sycamore, IL where she met a young man named Condit Drury. The two of them wed on October 7, 1961 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore, IL. They moved to Charlevoix 54 years ago, and raised their four children. Elaine enjoyed reading, cooking, and going to lunch with her girlfriends, but most of all spending time with her granddaughters. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

Elaine is survived by her loving husband, Condit Drury; her four children, Jeff (Dr. Jody Jones) Drury of Northville, MI, Gary (Michelle) Drury of Bluffton, SC, Pam (Tom) Barnes of Charlevoix, and Dan (Kathy) Drury of Bluffton, SC; and her five grandchildren, Abigail Barnes, Alexandra Barnes, Julia Drury, Sarah Drury and Amanda Drury. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jon and Grace Nachtigall; and her brother, Bill Moen.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, December 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, 209 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sarah M. Foster, MD Chemotherapy and Infusion Center, 14700 Lake Shore Dr., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Marjorie Beverly Spence, 72

(SEPT. 14, 1947 - DEC. 2, 2019) Marjorie

Beverly Spence a lifelong resident of Central Lake, died Monday, December 2, 2019 at her daughter Mary's home.



She was born September 14, 1947 in Central Lake the daughter of James and Dorothy Central Lake High School in 1965. On August 2, 1969 she married Richard Spence who preceded her in death in 2007.

Margie received her Masters of Education from Central Michigan University and taught in the Ellsworth elementary school for 38 years before retiring. Margie was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Central Lake all her life. She rang the hand bells for years, was a member of the Shepherd's team and regularly attended women's bible study. Margie was also a member of the Red Hat Society and Birthday Bittie's.

Margie enjoyed reading, counter cross stitch, drawing and stenciling. She also enjoyed painting of all types and ceramics.

Surviving are her daughters Mary (Donnie) Clark and Danielle (Steve) Verellen, grandchildren Tyler Spence, Kaitlyn Verellen, Olivia Spence, Jeremiah (Amber) Sanderson, Danielle Clark, 4 great grandchildren, brother James (Jeana) Harter, sister in laws Betty Spence and Linda Hilts, brother in law James (Nona) Spence, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents, her sisters Marion Spence, Velda Gardner, Nancy Bartholomew, Patty Barrens, and brother in law Ronald Hilts.

Funeral services was held December 6, at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Gary Bekkering officiating. Interment in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake. Memorial contributions can be given to the Central Lake Fire Department, PO BOX 726, Central Lake, MI 49622.

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News

They're big, orange, and have flashing lights – yet drivers still hit them

Road agency plow trucks are large vehicles, usually painted orange, and festooned with flashing amber and green lights, yet each winter they are hit by other vehicles. Tim Johnson, state highway foreman for the Otsego County Road Commission, said that, while it's thankfully not a daily occurrence, it's still surprising how often other drivers run into road commission, city or Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plow trucks.

"One of our left-lane plow trucks was hit twice on I-75 last winter, Jan. 28 and 30 of this year," Johnson recalled. "The first hit destroyed the rear sander and sheared the bolts that hold the wing mount to the truck. The second also sheared the wing mount bolts, as well as destroying the suspension air bags.'

Fortunately, in the two Otsego County crashes, neither the plow driver nor the occupants of either private vehicle were hurt. In both cases, however, the plow truck was disabled for five to six hours while they were being repaired, leaving them out of commission when they were needed to help clear roads, and the private vehicles were

"Thankfully there have not been any secondary crashes due to the vehicles being disabled on the road," Johnson said. "My worst fear is losing one of my drivers while they are outside checking on the other people and being hit by another motorist."

For the past five winters. an average of 17 MDOT plow trucks have been struck by other drivers. Aaron Begley, MDOT's Atlanta Operations Facility manager, said his plow operators see all kinds of unsafe driver behavior from their vantage point, such as driving too fast for conditions and passing vehicles on the right.

"It's frustrating, because our operators are doing the best they can to make the roads as safe as possible for the given weather, and some drivers don't give us the space to do that," Beglev said. "Drivers should remember that the roads are usually worse ahead of our plows and the best decision is to slow down and make it to your destination safely.'

Modern plow trucks may not just have a front-mounted or underbody plow but also a wing plow that can be retracted or extended on either side of the truck to clear the



This pickup truck struck and damaged an Otsego County Road Commission plow in a crash on Jan. 28, 2019. Fortunately, despite the extensive damage to both vehicles, neither driver was injured. Photo courtesy of MDOT

road shoulder and travel lane in one pass. While these

wings are usually painted bright orange and are

equipped with flashing lights as well, they can be obscured

by blowing snow.



Crossroads Resale Shop receives \$1,000 donation

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop received its second \$1,000 check since the Direct Your Dollars program started. Thank you to all who donate their Family Fare receipts to us for this program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Family Fare for supporting local charities

Walloon Writers Review Fifth Edition hits the shelves

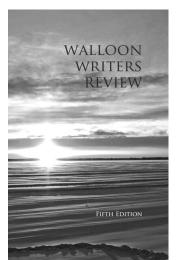
Petoskey based Walloon Writers Review, an independent collection of poetry, short stories and creative writing, as well as nature photography has released its Fifth Edition, which this year includes local Grayling writer Tim Chilcotes' poem, "The Smell of Hex".

The literary magazine places a call for submissions each August in search of interesting, original materials inspired by the natural beauty and unique experiences of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Suitable for General Audiences, the magazine, now 103 pages with four color nature photography includes well known writers and photographers and talented

We also include a special section of the First Place winning poetry and prose of the Crooked Tree Arts Center Young Writers Exposition to encourage young writers to share and develop their talents.

This edition was edited by Jennifer Huder, founder and editor of Walloon Writers Review, as well as Petoskey's Glen Young.

Walloon Writers Review



Walloon Writers Review, an independent collection of poetry, short stories and creative writing, as well as nature photography. Shown here Higgins Lake, titled "Sunrise Higgins Lake". Courtesy photo

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the journal..

Boyne Valley Township considers alternatives to ambulance service

BY KAREN WALKER

A recent audit of Boyne Valley Township's ambulance service contract with the City of Boyne City was presented to the Township Board at a special public hearing held at the Boyne Valley Township Hall Tuesday evening. The meeting was attended by township residents, ambulance service staff, as well as several members of City of Boyne City staff and Commissioners. Those present were encouraged to ask questions, voice concerns and share information with the Township Board.

The audit, presented by Jim Cusenza of accounting firm Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth, showed a history of increasing costs to operate the ambulance service which will exceed future anticipated revenues. Mr. Cusenza said he expects the Township's ambulance fund to be at a deficit when the next audit is completed in March 2020.

Boyne Valley Township currently levies just under .5 mil to pay for ambulance service. The millage will come before voters again at the 2020 election and residents may be asked for an increased millage to help pay the expected increase in operational costs.

Concerns about finances along with ambulance operations and billing issues with the City of Boyne City have prompted Boyne Valley Township officials to look at other sources for ambulance service. The Township Board of Trustees has been considering alternatives to their contract with the City of Boyne City including joining or contracting with Jordan Valley EMS Service or joining with neighboring townships to form their own ambulance authority. Boyne City Manager Mike Cain stated he hopes to continue working with Boyne Valley Township to provide quality service into the future.

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

To Our Community and Friends,

In 1954 Thelma Behling and Rev. Buzz Walls started Boyne Area Community Christmas when Thelma, the school nurse recognized a need to help those less fortunate. Along with several volunteers Thelma and Buzz passed out turkey dinners, some hand-knit mittens and tovs to a few families in need. 65 years later it's now dozens of Boyne Area Community Christmas volunteers that pack boxes of food and bags of toys, helping around 300 families every

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

year. As we start gearing up for the 2019 holiday season, we ask that you remember those less fortunate by donating to Boyne Area Community Christmas. Together we will make sure "that no child in the Boyne area be without a Christmas".

Every donation is greatly appreciated and can be in the form of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped

toys, games or books. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to Boyne

Area Community Christmas

and send to c/o Eleanor West, Treasurer at 915 Robinson Street #15, Boyne City, MI 49712. Donations can also be dropped off at the Boyne City Education Center by using the Pine Street entrance. We are accepting drop-off donations beginning December 2 thru December 16, Monday thru

Thursday, 10am-2pm. If you need any additional

information or you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Heather Ross at (231) 459-5588.

From all the volunteers at Boyne Area Community Christmas and the many grateful families of our community, thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Warmest Holiday Re-

Heather Ross, Secretary Boyne Area Community Christmas



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News Briefs

BOYNE CITY

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.

BOYNE CITY ASTRONOMY CLUB STAR OF BETHLEHEM DISCUSSION

December 12, 7:30pm, Wildwood Observatory, 01825 Wildwood Heights Road. The Astronomy Club will discuss natural phenomena that may have accounted for the star mentioned in the Biblical passage. This is also the group's annual Christmas Party. All are welcome to attend. Observing will occur after the discussion, weather permitting. For more information contact Rod Cortright at (231) 675-0393 or cortrig@msu.edu.

EAST JORDAN **EAST JORDAN MASTER PLAN PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

December 12, 5:30-7:30pm, EJ Community Center. The purpose of this open house is to unveil the draft master plan and seek input on the action plan, future land use map and priority owned redevelopment sites. For information on the master planning process please visit the East Jordan website city at eastjordancity.org.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE: KAYAKING LAKE SUPERIOR

December 13, NCMC Li-Conference Room. brarv 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.

BOYNE CITY SHOP SMALL UGLY SWEATER CRAWL

December 14. downtown. Grab your family and friends, wear your ugliest sweater, put on those tacky pants and head to Boyne City for the first Shop Small Ugly Sweater Crawl. The event is being organized by Ivette Lopez, owner of Outdoor Beerdsman and Hoppy Hound Coffee & Dog Bakery. "You can sip, shop and eat local for a good cause," said Lopez, noting that all proceeds from the sale of "Let's Get Ugly" tote bags go to the Good Neighbors Food Pantry. Everyone wearing an ugly sweater will get dis-

counts at 27 participating mer- a magnificent theology that chants, who will have drawings, food and drinks while you shop. A grand prize (and a picture in this newsletter) will go to the person with the ugliest sweater. The event also includes a judged snowmanbuilding competition sponsored by 4Front Credit Union from 12-2 p.m. for kids in Sunset Park.

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 Public.

BAY TOWNSHIP

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 14, 11:45am, Dyer Cemetery, At Noon (EST) a moment of silence will be held across the entire nation. At this time the seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed on the graves of the veterans throughout the township's three cemeteries and the Scattering Garden at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. The Boyne City American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228 will be assisting at this ceremony. It will be a very special time to honor all our veterans and their families. "Everyone Plays a Part" is the National Wreaths Across America Day Theme for 2019. We will have hot drinks and snacks at Dyer Cemetery before the ceremony and everyone is welcome to return there after all four locations are covered.

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"CELEBRATE BOB" FUNDRAISER December 15, 11am-10pm, Red Mesa Grill. Event to honor Bob Huff, a long-time local pharmacist who passed away on September 29. Bob was a beloved patron of the Red Mesa Grill for many years, and the restaurant will donate 10% of all food sales and \$1 from every Bobo Wabo premium margarita to Patriot Place in honor of Huff. Patriot Place is a program of Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan and the region's only veterans transitional housing community for male veterans who are experiencing homelessness. Live entertainment with Project 6 will be featured from 6-9

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p.m. on December 15.

BENEFITS OF FIGHTING FAIR ADDRESSED

December 15, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Conquering Conflict: Healthy Ways to Tackle Disagreements," features a filmed interview with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, whose relationshipbuilding work has been featured on CNN, Good Morning America, Oprah, and the New York Times best-seller list. 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.

CHARLEVOIX

ADVENT TALK: O'ANTIPHONS WITH **DEACON BEN MARTIN**

December 17, 5:30pm. Dean Ben Martin will present the O'Antiphons at St. Mary Parish. The O'Antiphons are

use ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. "O" or "Come" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. O'Antiphons are traditionally said from December 17 through December 23 as part of the Magnificat canticle of traditional evening prayer. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the presentation at 6:15pm and a vespers service at 7pm. For more information, please call the Parish office: 231-547-6652.

EAST JORDAN **DIABETES SCREENING &** WELLNESS TALK

December 18, 11am-noon, EJ Area Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Free and open to all ages. No appointment necessary. Conducted by the East Jordan Family Health Center and sponsored by the EJ Lions

EAST JORDAN **MADRIGAL SINGERS AND** PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

December 18, 7-8pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. Free concert presented by the East Jordan DDA, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Jordan River Arts Council. Donations wel-

BOYNE CITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

December 19. Volunteers are needed for packing and distribution of Boyne Area Community Christmas. Thursday, December 19 at the Boyne City Education Center, 9am to 6pm. Packing of food boxes, 9am to noon with distribution and pick up in the afternoon, 1pm to 6pm. Any length of time that you can help is greatly appreciated - no need to sign up, just show up. The Boyne City Education Center is located at 321 S. Park St., Boyne City.

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 Master). 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 (231) 487-0010.

CHARLEVOIX FOOD DRIVE

December 21, 11am-3pm. The Rotary Club of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Rayder Football Team are pairing up to help fight hunger. Rotary will be at in the Oleson's parking lot and the Football team will be in the Family Fare parking lot. Food Drive will benefit the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Nonperishable food items and cash donations will be accepted

BOYNE CITY LIFETREE DISCUSSES THE SPIRIT **OF SANTA**

December 22, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "The Spirit of Santa: The Legend, the Love, the Lowdown," features a filmed interview with Mark and Teresa Mc-Graw, a couple who professionally play the roles of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. During the interview, the McGraw's explain that they don the costumes and personalities as a way to bring joy to those around them, particularly kids. 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.

CHARLEVOIX LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST. **MARY PARISH**

December 22, 5pm. St. Mary of the Assumption Church will host "Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 1st starting at 5pm. "Lessons and Carols" is a service of Scripture, song and prayer that dates back to the late 19th century. The "Lessons" lead us to reflect upon nine different scriptures that take us from the Book of Genesis and the story of the Fall of Man to the Gospel of Matthew's recording of Jesus's story and his Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Each lesson is accompanied by a carol and prayer. The service will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the Parish office: 231-547-

CHARLEVOIX **ELKS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE**

December 23, 1-7pm. Season of Giving! The Charlevoix Elks Club is having another community blood drive. It takes place at the lodge located at 12735 US 31 N in their Community Room. We welcome walkins and honor appointments. For more information call or 1-866-642-5663

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 7pm. Ironton Congregational Church. Looking for an old fashioned Christmas service? One with all your favorite carols and cookies? We invite you to our candlelight Christmas Eve service. Join us in singing traditional hymns and celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. Fellowship with coffee and cookies before heading back out into the crisp evening air. We look forward to seeing you. We are located at 3805 Washington Street in Ironton.

BOYNE CITY

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, noon-2pm, First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, 401 S. Park Street. A Free Christmas Dinner for anyone and everyone in the community. Rev. Elizabeth Broschart said, "Boyne City area residents are invited to join us for a Christmas Dinner as we celebrate the birth of Christ and join our hands in fellowship. If you would prefer not to eat alone, please join us. The congregation is cooking a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's. The dinner is paid for by contributions from the congregation, the public and local grocery stores. Anyone who would like to support the effort may call 231-582-7983. On Christmas Eve, First Presbyterian will have worship at 7pm. They invite you to join them for a service of carols, the Christmas story, Communion, and candlelight. Please use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, 1-3pm, East Jordan United Methodist Church. This free dinner will be served buffet style and features traditional holiday food, complete with ham and turkey, and all the fixings. Please join us for food and fellowship on Christmas Day at the United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. Take out will be available. Please call 536-2161 for more information.

BOYNE CITY FRESHWATER CONCERT;

WILLIAM RAVEAU

December 27, 7pm, Freshwater Gallery & Concert Venue. William Raveau is a Boyne City High School graduate now performing and residing in New York City. During his time in Boyne City, he was seen as Baby John in West Side Story, Nicely-Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls, Sid Sorokin in The Pajama Game, The Man in the Chair in several Boyne Meets Broadways, among other roles at the Little Traverse Civic Theatre and Bay View Music Festival. Tickets for his Boyne City concert 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.

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 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church.

CHARLEVOIX **BEACH BASH**

401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use

the Pine St. entrance.

December 30, Charlevoix Community Pool. Celebrate with family and friends at the Pool. It's cold outside, but not on the Pool deck! Grab your swimsuits, lounge poolside, toss some beach balls, and soak in the hot tub. Two slices of pizza, refreshments and goody bags provided. \$6 per student or adult (swimmers and non-swimmers). Children 3 and under are FREE! Reservations required (75 people max.). Call the Pool today to ensure your spot: 231.547.0982, or register online at www.charlevoixpool.org.

CHARI FVOIX **BRIDGE DROP**

December 31. Celebrate your New Year in Charlevoix. All-day events, including food trucks, dog sled rides, s'mores, kids movie, restaurant food and drink specials, fireworks, and, of course, the dropping of the bridge to signify the start of the new year. Come out and enjoy a one-of-a-kind event only in Charlevoix. Festivities begin at noon with fireworks at 9pm and midnight. The Bridge Drops at midnight.

CHARLEVOIX NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH AT CASTLE FARMS

December 31. Roar into the 20's at Castle Farms! Dance all night with DJ Casey Rusch from Rusch Entertainment. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts with a chocolate fountain! A cash bar will be serving classic cocktails, beer and wine. Make sure to wear your best 1920's outfits for a chance to win great prizes for best costume, couples costume and best jazz cats (dancing pair). Also capture fun memories with the Magic Mirror Photo Booth. You must be 21+ and present a valid ID at the door. Ticket information at www.castlefarms.com

BOYNE CITY 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 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 Mountain. Ticket info

www.boynechamber.com

CHARLEVOIX

LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX PRESENTS THREE MEN AND A TENOR

January 18. 8-10pm, Charlevoix Cinema THREE MEN and a TENOR has regularly sold-out shows at performing arts centers, theatres, and festivals and fairs for over 25 years with a powerful blend of vocal harmonies and feel-good music for all ages. For information visit http://livefromcharlevoix.com

EAST JORDAN

ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING/DINNER AUCTION

January 25, 5:30-9:30pm, Castle Farms. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold it's annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction at Castle Farms. Everyone is welcome to attend, RSVP to the Chamber Office to reserve your seat. Seating is limited. Auction items are always appreciated and welcome. Contact the Chamber Office to arrange pick-up. Call (231) 536-7351 or email info@ejchamber.org

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 8am - Noon. The market has moved indoors to the lobby of Boyne City Hall. Packed full of beautiful produce, greens, homemade goodies and so much more. The Market is also working with the support of Blissfest and Grain Train to continue to provide talented local musicians for your listening pleasure as you shop. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

October 10- November 26: 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.

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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 informational call will take place on Monday, November 25, 2019. For additional information including the application and requirements, visit 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. Walkins 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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Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Thomas Sobleski

Grade: 1

Parent's Name(s): James and Liz Sobleski

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Thomas wants to be a policeman.

Favorite Book: Thomas likes Spiderman books

Hobbies and Interests: Thomas likes to build things

School Activities: Thomas likes Gym time and likes to sing in the Christmas Program. He likes to do art that has his face on it too.

Staff Comments: Thomas is a good listener and he is happy most of the time. He likes to sing and do group activities in class. He is excited to be a big brother to his new baby brother. Thomas is good at following the schedule and we love his big smile in our classroom.

Submitted By: Mrs. Cosier

HONOR ROLL First Trimester (2019-2020)

3rd Grade		
All As	Ivan Baker	
	Braylan Blackwell	
	Dominik Byard	
	Greyson Byrd	
	John Haug	
	Alexis Loudner	
	Maddison McVannel	
All As and Bs	Elijiah Barnes	
	Amaya Becker	
	Liam Ervin	
	Chloe Richards	

4th Grade		
All As	Katelyn Ealy	
	Lucas Greenier	
	Peyton Greenier	
	Jaylynn Juntunen	
	Kentin LaCombe	
	Rylee Smith	
All As and Bs	Brennan Gould	
	Kaylana Yarbrough	

4th Crada

5th Grade	
All As	Shainna Grams
All As and Bs	Olivia Pineda-Andersen Weston James
	Madison Pickering

6th Grade		
All As	Rylan McVannel	
	7th Grade	

	tii Graue
All As	Lilliann Fenske
	Mackenzie Smith
	Breanaka Spang
All As and Bs	Hannah Haug

8th Grade		
All As and Bs JT Greenier		
	Porter James	
	Maddison Loper	
	Abigail Serino	
	Bryce Tonsor	
	Kaylie Young	

9th Grade		
High Honors	Yannis Burnell	
	Jordan Devers	
	Scott Matelski	
	Ashton Spang	
	Zofia Wasylewski	
Honor Roll	Kaliah Lightfoot	
	Colton O'Neil	
	Abigail Smith	
	Riley Zbacnik	

10th Grade		
High Honors	Kaitlyn Hammerle	
	Nayeon Kim	
	Daniel Powers	
Honor Roll	CJ Cousineau	
	Logan Crocker	
	Walter Tieber	

11th Grade	
High Honors	Aubrie Sparks
Honor Roll	Emma Akin
	Blake Brunmeier
	Allison Juntunen
	Kayden O'Neil
	Keegan Whisker

12th Grade		
High Honors	Erienne Goodrich	
Honor Roll	Jordin Gellis	
	Ryleigh Richardson	
	Nicoma Sayles	
	Alicia Whennen	

BOYNE CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 2019

School Board approves 26 Million Dollar bond Proposal

BY KAREN WALKER

A proposal to spend \$29.7 million on improvements for Boyne City schools was the main topic of discussion at last Monday's Boyne City School Board meeting. With a 5-1 vote, School Board members approved a resolution to conduct an election on May 5, 2020, putting a bond proposal before voters that will raise \$26 million dollars to fund the majority of the project with the remainder paid with a portion of the district's enhancement millage money. The lone dissenting voter was board member

Ross McLane.

Mr. McLane voiced his concerns, stating "It's been an impaired process." Mr. McLane said he felt work on the proposal has been well intended and professional, but he said he missed the "sense of collaborative effort" because the board was given a final product, as opposed to exploring options.

If the millage is approved by voters, taxpayers in the district will not see the expected decrease in taxes when current debt is paid off. Instead, the current 3.14 mills will continue for another 20 years. Taxpayers

would not see an increase in their current property tax.

The largest portion of the proposed project will fund construction of a field house, a multiuse space for sports practice and training as well as for use by other programs such as performing arts and robotics. The building would also include a passageway between middle and high school buildings.

Several members of the public spoke at the meeting, voicing concerns for the overall cost, as well as the amount of money going toward a new field house. Others spoke of their desire for

more space for sports teams to practice indoors as well as an enlarged Middle School cafeteria and the proposed indoor walking track for pub-

Other work included in the proposed project includes renovations and repairs to classrooms, restrooms, library, and parking lot as well as updating technology devices. If approved by voters next May, work on the first phase of the two phase project could begin as early as the spring of 2021.

Children's Advocacy Center receives local artist donation



Northern Michigan artist Susan Glass (left) pictured with Kristian Coronado, Forensic Coordinator at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Child Advocacy Center, donated an original, framed watercolor to provide a sense of tranquility to children and families utilizing services. Courtesy photo

Northern Michigan artist Susan Glass donated a framed, original watercolor painting to the Children's Advocacy Center, a program of Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan re-

cently established in response to community need.

Glass was inspired to donate the painting after learning about the Children's Advocacy Center's safe and supportive services for children who may have been physically or sexually abused or have witnessed a violent act. Glass said that she hoped the painting would provide a sense of tranquility to children and

families who reach out the Children's Advocacy Center for support.

Glass teaches others to develop as artists as an adjunct professor at North Central Michigan College.

SNOW REMOVAL

FROM PG. 1A

hours of 5:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. except in the event of an extreme emergency. Private haulers will be charged a \$250 fee to use the disposal site to cover the cost of debris cleanup in the spring.

A contract with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors of East Lansing to provide a rate study for the City water system was approved in the amount of \$10,500. The study will be similar to a recent wastewater rate study Baker Tilly completed for the City. The study will include a review of operating expenses, customer base, forecasting, and operating and capital

funding. Commissioner Dean with the City's financial Solomon commented that performing the study is consistent with the Commission's goal of fiscal responsibility.

A draft financial forecast update was presented to Commissioners by Michael Weisner. This overview of the City's General Fund explores anticipated income and expense trends to help

planning and to make better budgetary decisions going forward in the years ahead.

Bovne City offices will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 31, and Jan. 1 in observance of the holidays. The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, November 25, 2019 Assist EMS in the 800 block of Boyne Ave.

Report of subject standing in road trying to wave down cars on Michigan Av near Charlevoix St.

the 1000 block of Boyne Av PR at Middle school basketball game.

Juvenile complaint in

Assist Sheriff Dept. on 1817 M 75. 1858 Assist EJPD with com-

plaint in East Jordan. 2043 Retail fraud reported in the 400 block of N Lake St.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 Report that vehicles have been doing donuts in the grass near the skating rink at Av-

0923 Fire alarm at Precision Edge Vehicle unlock in the

400 block of N Lake St. 1730 Juvenile complaint from the 1000 block of Boyne 1937 Report of missing dog from the 400 block of Boyne Ave. Was located and returned home.

Report of lost wallet 2116 downtown

2234 Report of vehicle being tomato'ed on Division near cemetery.

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Report of vehicle being egged as it drove down the Boyne Av hill last night Lost set of keys 1400 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of S Lake St Assist EMS in the 500 block of E Lincoln St. Citation issued for ex-2134 pired registration on W. Lincoln St. near Douglas St.

Thursday, November 28, 2019 0013 Addis Rd. N. Assist Sheriff Dept. on

Assist Sheriff Dept. on

Pleasant Valley Rd. Special Detail - Traffic 0858 control for the Turkey Trot Disturbance reported in the 800 block of Brockway St. Arrested subject on a Felony Probation Violation warrant. Alarm on N. East St. 1236 1447 Found keys at N. Lake St. and Lower Lake St Vehicle unlock on Haven Ct. 2159 Assist Sheriff Dept. at

Friday, November 29, 2019 Arrested subject for Probation Violation and PPO Violation on North St. Report of possible suicidal subject from W. Cedar St. 1654 Assist Sheriff Dept. on

Boyne Mountain.

Mountain Pass Rd Special Detail - Santa 1738 Parade then Foot Patrol down-

1842 Assist juvenile separated from parent near S. Park St. and Water St.

Assist Sheriff Dept. on Peck Rd.

Saturday, November 30, 2019 Assist Sheriff Dept. at 0021 Deer Lake and Crozier Rd. Assist MSP with traffic stop at Water and Park St Possible suicidal sub-1954 ject reported in the 500 block of N Lake St.

Assist Sheriff Dept. at 2153 131 and Skop.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 Suspicious situation in the 700 block of West St. 0413 Assist to the Sheriff Dept. on M-75 S.

Assist to Benzie county Sheriff Dept. Assist EMS in the 500 0559 block of N Lake St. 1105 Lodge stray dog at the

shelter. 1712 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Lewis Ave. Alarm on Lakeshore 2018

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