

Charlevoix County News ®



YOUR SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS

BOYNE CITY, CHARLEVOIX, EAST JORDAN, ELLSWORTH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

DECEMBER 26, 2019

Notice of Early Deadline

For the 12/26/19 and 1/2/20 issues of the Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice, the deadlines will be Saturday of the week prior for Classified Ads, Display Ads and news submissions.

County News

Weekly Choice



home boasts a unique blend of indoor and outdoor living. Tranquil private patio offers a sheltered seating area while surrounded by an artist garden. The home features 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths including large living and family acres of conservancy. There is a storage shed that (when finished) could afford a year round shelter for a man-cave or she-shed. Great



www.whyLyndas.com 27 S. Lake St., Boyne City • 231-582-9555

Inside THIS WEEK **SPORTS**

- **■** Jackson Raymond Male athlete of the week - Page 1B
- Brooklyn Fitzpatrick Female athlete of the week - Page 1B
- **BOYS BASKETBALL**
- Ramblers take down Rayders - Page 1B
- **Conference Staandings -**Page 2B **Red Devils battle back**
- to take down Chiefs -Page 3B **College Basketball**
- top 25 Page 3B **GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- Weber's double-double, leads EJ past Cheboygan - Page 2B
- **Rayders down Ramblers** on close game - Page 2B
- **Conference Staandings -**Page 2B

MORE SPORTS

- **Area Football Players Named Academic All-**State - Page 2B
- **Football Players Named MHSFCA All-State -**Page 2B
- **High school Wrestling** Rankings - Page 2B
- NFL standings Page 2B
- NFL schedule Page 2B
- **NFL** stat leaders -Page 3B
- **NBA** stat leaders -Page 3B
- **NBA standings Page 3B**
- **College Football bowl** schedule - Page 3B

OTHER

- **Classified Ads Page 5B**
- **Legal Notices Page 5B**
- **Feature home of the** week - Page 6B

Page 2

Weather Forecast -

- **Snowfall report Page 2 Obituaries - Page 2**
- Police report Page 4
- **News Briefs Page 4**
- **County seeks public input** for Parks & Rec plan -Page 5
- **■** Winter fun facts Page 5
- **Letter to editor Page 5**



Permit No. 70 Gaylord, MI **GIA9 US Postage** Standard Mail

East Jordan students and staff enjoy holiday meal



Students and staff enjoyed the annual holiday meal

BY KAREN WALKER

More than 400 East Jordan Middle/High School students along with school faculty and staff gathered at the school's newly renovated gymnasium last Friday at noon to enjoy a holiday meal together. The luncheon was first organized several years ago by Pat Tinney. Mrs. Tinney recently retired after 35 years as high school art and drama teacher. Mrs. Tinney said having a meal together as a school family is important for the students, giving them a greater sense of togetherness, especially during the holidays.

The traditional meal of turkey, ham and all the trimmings was sponsored by local donors. School Superin-



Cora Ruhling gives Santa a hug

tendent Matt Stevenson noted the food service staff went above and beyond to make this a special event for the students to participate in before leaving for Christmas

New Year's Eve

It's time to make plans to cel-

ebrate the New Year and Down-

Bridge Drop

town Charlevoix will be

celebrating New Year's Eve

with the 8th Annual Bridge

adult focused events hosted

events are leading up to two

ginning at 9pm followed by a

final firework display at mid-

Drop. On December 31st, start-

ing at 1pm, there will be a vari-

ety of both family friendly and

throughout downtown. All the

world class fireworks shows be-

This year's event is sure to

horse drawn wagon rides on the

please the entire family. From

1pm until 4pm there will be

corner of Bridge and Mason,

s'mores, hot cocoa and a snow

sculpture contest in East Park.

At 4:30pm Charlevoix Cinema

III will be playing a free movie,

Lego Movie 2, beginning at

town all day long.

4:30pm. Be sure to check out

the shopping and dining down-

The countdown to the new

year will be marked with the

Drawbridge right before mid-

be closing for the last time of

year will be marked with the

Drawbridge right before mid-

night. At midnight there will be

dropping of the Memorial

a fireworks finale.

night. Back by popular demand,

Charlevoix's favorite bridge will

2019. The countdown to the new

dropping of the Memorial

See Holiday Meal — Page 5A

Local students attend National Leadership event

Three local students attended the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Student Leadership Academy December 5 -7 in Washington, D.C. The students attending the Leadership Academy were Vela Wolniewicz, a senior from Crooked Tree High School in Harbor Springs, Michael Kline a senior from Alanson in the Char-Em ISD CTE Welding Program at Pellston, and Levi Pepin, a senior from East Jordan in the Char-Em ISD CTE Welding Program at East

The Leadership Academy focused on developing leadership qualities in students while also giving them the opportunity to network with other JAG students and view important landmarks around Washington, D.C. The event attracted 750 students from around the country.

'What a wonderful trip with wonderful people," said Wolniewicz. "JAG is such a great program full of people who want the best for everyone. I'm so grateful I was able to go on such an amazing trip and meet so many new friends and tour beautiful Washington, D.C."

"It was fun and a great learning experience," said Pepin.

'I had a wonderful experience with my team and the specialists I went with, and I wish I could go back," said Kline.

JMG helps Michigan's young adults graduate and



Vela Wolniewicz (front row, right side), Michael Kline (back row, 2nd from left), and Levi Pepin (back row, 2nd from right), visited the U.S. Capitol with other Jobs for Michigan's Graduates students while attending the Jobs for America's Graduates National Student Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. Courtesy photo

make successful transitions to postsecondary education or meaningful employment. In addition to the programs in the Char-Em ISD, Northwest Michigan Works! coordinates JMG programs at Cadillac Public and Innovation High Schools, CAS-MAN Academy in Manistee, the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center, the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center, and Out of School programs in Cadillac, Kalkaska, Manistee,

and Traverse City.

For more information on Youth Solutions and its Jobs for Michigan's Graduates programming, visit ouryouthsolutions.org.

FRESH, BONE-IN FRESH BEEF T-BONE STEAKS

PEPSI PRODUCTS 2 LITERS - ASST VARIETIES PORK SIRLOIN ROAST

FRESH BONE-IN BEEF STANDING RIB ROAST

The Bridge Drop is going to be an exciting event that brings family and friends together to ring in the new year. Look no further than Downtown Charlevoix for your New Year's Eve celebration.

Check out www.bridgedrop.com for more information.

Charlevoix County Transit will be offering free bus transportation on New Year's Eve. The first bus starts at 6pm and the last is at 2am. To request a ride during the event, call (231) 582-6900. Rides will be offered between 6pm to 2am.

Check out www.bridgedrop.com for more information.

PO Box 1914, Gaylord, MI 49734-5914 • www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com • (989) 732-8160 • Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

AD PRICES GOOD DEC. 22-28, 2019

THURSDAY



LOW: 36

FRIDAY





HIGH: 38 HIGH: 38 LOW: 30 LOW: 31



LOW: 26

HIGH: 36

2018-19 AMT" CITY 12/24/18 . .6.7 . . .ATLANTA 12/24/18 . . 17 . . . BOYNE FALLS 12/24/18 . . 14 . . . CHARLEVOIX 12/24/18 . .14.1 . .CHEBOYGAN

| 12/24/18 | 27.7 | EAST JUKL |
|----------|------|-----------|
| 12/24/18 | 30.8 | GAYLORD |
| 12/24/18 | 25.5 | KALKASKA |
| 12/24/18 | 15 . | LEWISTON |
| 12/24/18 | 10.6 | MIO |
| 12/24/18 | 25.6 | ONAWAY |
| 12/24/18 | 32.1 | PETOSKEY |

<u>2019-20</u> AMT" CITY 12/22/19 . .11.8 . .ATLANTA 12/22/19 . . 20.5 . . BOYNE FALLS 12/22/19 . .20.7 . .CHARLEVOIX 12/22/19 . .23.4 . .CHEBOYGAN 12/22/19 . . 45.2 . . EAST JORDAN 12/22/19 . .51.2 . .GAYLORD 12/22/19 . .59.7 . .KALKASKA 12/22/19 . . 19.5 . . LEWISTON 12/22/19 . .17.8 . .MIO 12/22/19 . .25.6 . .ONAWAY 12/22/19 . . 39.5 . . PETOSKEY

snowfall

record temps

| DAYAVG LOWAVG. HIGHRECORD LOWRECORD HIGH |
|--|
| DEC 2517°31°15° (1958)58° (1982) |
| DEC 2616°31°9° (1993)49° (1982) |
| DEC 2716°31°18° (2004)50° (1994) |
| DEC 2816°30°31° (1976)57° (1984) |
| DEC 2916°30°21° (1976)56° (1984) |
| DEC 3015°30°24° (1976)46° (2004) |
| DEC 3115°30°14° (1948)58° (1965) |
| JAN 115°30°9° (1968)48° (1952) |
| JAN 215°30°7° (1999)49° (1998) |
| JAN 314°29°16° (1996)51° (1998) |
| |

James Edward Galmore, 78

(MARCH 7, 1941 - DEC. 12, 2019)

James Edward Galmore, Sr. of Petoskey passed away December 12, 2019 at Villa at the Bay from Parkinson's Disease. Born on March 7, 1941, in East Jordan, Michigan, he was the son of Tom and Annabell Galmore.

Jim took pride working as a Fleet Manager for Ameri-Gas (formerly Petrolane) and retired in 1992. His hobbies included camping, golf, morel mushroom hunting, making maple syrup, racing snowmobiles, wood working, playing cards and

spending time with family. He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen; his children James Galmore, Jr., Terry (Theresa) Galmore and Patty (Jesse) Zucco; step children: Monica (Doug) Reissener, Michael Rockwell and Melissa Birnie; grandchildren: Alaric and Briana Reissener, Vince (Lanae) Rockwell, Jessica (Andy) Mankoci, Kelsey (Kyle) Martin, Erik Rockwell, Allen Rockwell, Michael Rockwell and Natasha Zucco; greatgrandchildren: Robin Barnes, Sebastian Rockwell, Scarlett Rockwell, siblings Beth (Ray) Prebble, Tom (Carol) Galmore, Jr., Shari (Dan) Nachazel; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson Alaric Reissener.

A service to celebrate Jim's life will be held at Stone Funeral Home in

VOLUME 11 ISSUE 27

Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

MICHIGAN MEDIA INC.

PO BOX 1914, GAYLORD, MI 49734-5914

PHONE 989-732-8160 · FAX:888-854-7441

The Charlevoix County News is published weekly on Thursdays. Published by Michigan Media, Inc., PO Box 1914, Gaylord, Michigan 49734.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Charlevoix County News, PO BOX 1914, GAYLORD, MI 49734-5914

Distributed to Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix,

Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood.

Available on News Stands: 75 cents a copy

Subscriptions:

Local Home Delivery of the News: \$55.00/year.

Out-of-County Delivery of the News: \$75.00/year.

(Local area includes Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Petoskey, Gaylord

ADVERTISING DEADLINE MONDAYS AT NOON

Place Classified ads on-line at

www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com

25 cents/word, \$2 minimum.

Office: 989-732-8160

Notice to Readers: Typically, most advertising is honest and clear about special offers, however, please be sure to read the contents thoroughly to avoid misrepresentation. Michigan Media does not warranty the accuracy or reliability of content and does not accept any li-

ability for injuries or dam ages caused to the reader or advertiser that may result from con-

tent contained in this publication. Errors in advertising should be reported immediately.

Dam age from errors will not exceed the cost of the advertisement for one issue. Michigan

Advertising Sales

SHERRY

KILBOURN

shersk1942@gmail.com

Cell 231-645-6414

DAVE KORTE

DaveKorte@WeeklyChoice.com

Cell: 989-614-7105

Photography

SCOTT RICHARDS

Scott@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

OLIVIA ADAMS

Distribution

JEFF BARAGREY

Jeff@WeeklyChoice.com

Website Administrator

CHAD BARAGREY

Media, Inc. reserves the right to publish or refuse ads at their discretion.

<u>Publisher</u>

DAVE BARAGREY 1

Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

Editor

JIM AKANS

News@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

Office

CATHY BARAGREY

CB@WeeklyChoice.com

Sports Reporters

CHRIS FIEL

sports@charlevoixcountynews.com

MIKE DUNN

Mike@WeeklyChoice.com

News Reporters

KAREN WALKER

TINA SUNDELIUS

tina@charlevoixcountynews.com

Petoskey, Michigan in the spring of 2020, the date will be announced at a later time. Arrangements are being handled by Stone Funeral Home, Inc.

The family suggests memorial donations in memory of Jim be made to Hiland Cottage of McLaren Hospice or to Villa at the Bay of Petoskey.

Robert Trost, 91

(MAY 12, 1928 - DEC. 18, 2019)



Robert Walter Trost of Charlevoix passed away at his home on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 surrounded by his family. He was born on May 12, 1928 in Manitowoc, WI.

After graduating high school, Robert served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon returning home to Wisconsin in 1954, he met the love of his life, Dorothy Mae Wichlacz. The two of them wed on June 23, 1956 in Two Rivers, WI. He also began

working at Medusa Cement Company that year. In 1967, they moved to Charlevoix, where Robert continued to work at Medusa until 1990. Robert loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. His passion was gardening and taking care of anything that grew.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Trost; his three children. Don Trost of Northport, FL, Lynne (Martin) VandenAkker, of Williamsburg, MI and Bonita Springs, FL, and Lori (Pat) Mitchell of Charlevoix; his son-in-law, Jim (Jamie) Klooster of Charlevoix; nine grandchildren, Eric Klooster (Teresa Wadysz), Mark Klooster, Chelsie (Mark) Deschenes, Amanda (Ryan) O'Neil, Bethany Trost, Caitlin Mitchell (Nikhil Andrews), Clayton (Haley) Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell (Julie Kryska), and Jacob Mitchell; nine great-grandchildren, Caideanne, Westley and Austin Klooster, Landon, Liam, and Benjamin Deschenes, Logan and Connor O'Neil, and Charlotte Mitchell; and his sister, SR Jeanette Trost.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Bill Trost; his daughter, Betty Klooster; and his daughterin-law, Tracy Jane Trost.

A funeral mass took place on Saturday, December 21 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, Interment followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made St. Mary's Catholic Church or Munson Hospice, 1105 Sixth St. Traverse City, MI 49684.

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

Helen Mary (Stanek) Anzell, 90

(SEPT. 18, 1929 - DEC. 17, 2019)

Helen Mary Anzell passed away on December 17, 2019 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services was held Saturday, December 21, 2019 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City with Fr. Dennis Stillwell officiating.

Helen was born to Albert and Clara Stanek on September 18, 1929 in the Bohemian Settlement in East Jordan. She was the voungest of nine children She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1947 and enjoyed going to her class reunions after graduation.

Helen married Robert James Anzell on August 21, 1948 and they had six children. She was an avid Boyne City Sports Booster and was very involved with the new sports complex at the high school. Helen retired from Boyne City Public Schools as a teacher's aide.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert; her parents; siblings Albert, Clement, Edward, Alice, Emma, Clara, and Bertha; daughter Anne Marie Robbins; sons Robert E. and William J.; granddaughters Erika Baumchen and Sabrina Anzell, grandson Todd Robbins; great grandson Matthew Truax and very dear friend Devere Middle-

OBITUARIES

She is survived by daughter Sheryl (Michael) Baldwin; sons Patrick and Michael Anzell; son-in-law Dale Robbins; daughter-inlaw Deanna Anzell; sister Frances Vert, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Helen's family and faith meant everything to her. Prior to her health issues she enjoyed gardening, singing in the choir at St. Matthew and any time she could spend with her friends and family. While at Grandvue she looked forward to attending church services, musical performances, her family and friends' visits, having meals with her friend Evelyn, and playing (and purportedly mostly winning at) poker. She had a great sense of

humor. The family appreciates all that the staff at Grandvue did for their mother during her years there. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to Grandvue.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Helen are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Joseph "Joe" Frank Klekotta, 89

(JAN. 13, 1930 - DEC. 17, 2019) Joe spent his last months

of life at the Hiland Cottage in Petoskey where he received wonderful care and attention. He died peacefully on December 17, 2019. Joe led a good life that began on January 13, 1930 in Berea, Ohio, In his early years, Joe rose to the rank of Star Scout, served as an altar boy for 14 years, and was an accomplished base ball player in little league and high school. As a testament to the work ethic he exhibited throughout his life, he delivered the Cleveland Press for 4 years and never missed a day, while always meeting the requirement of having it on your doorstep before 6 a.m.

With his mother's approval, Joe joined the Ohio National Guard on Veterans Day, 1947. He continued his military service, graduated from high school and worked as an auto mechanic at a Studebaker dealership. In January of 1953, his unit was called to Korea where he spent six months on the front line as a Master Sergeant with a tank unit. The frostbite he experienced due to sleeping in a tent during the 'coldest winter' would be a source of discomfort for Joe for the rest of his

After completing his service, Joe joined the United States Postal Service in Avon Lake, Ohio, He would retire as Postmaster in 1987. He had many hobbies, but his interest in stamps and history was his focus and led him to becoming the second largest dealer of Polish stamps in the country.

After retiring, Joe moved to Florida where he met and married his love, Jean. They eventually moved back to Ohio to care for her aging parents. Unfortunately, things don't always go according to plan and Jean's untimely death left Joe caring for his mother-in-law for

almost ten years.

Joe moved to Boyne City

in 2014 and loved his little apartment and two rescued cats. Last May was one of the highlights of his life when he flew on a Mid-Michigan Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Upon arrival, Joe was surprised by his grandson, Major Joseph Mauro, USMC, who was his personal on-ground escort for the day. He loved every moment of his day in DC, especially the Korean War Memorial. Upon returning, he had another surprise in store; his younger brother Bill from Texas was there to greet him at the gate. They hadn't seen each other in almost 20 years!

Joe had a special relationship with the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent in St. Augustine, FL, where they are the caretakers of his Vatican stamp collection and familial artifacts. Over the years he has helped the Sisters with many projects but his main focus were the convent's stray cats who were spoiled by Joe with many shipments of cat food and treats.

Joe was a good father to Paul Klekotta of Monteagle, TN, Vicki Hobey (Jack) of Boyne City, MI, and Cathi Mauro of Deland, FL. He was Papa Joe and Grandpa to Charlie (Paige), Mike (Erin), Molly (Scott), Andrew (Emily), Tony (Leasa), Joe (Marcy) and Tyanna and his 11 great-grandchildren. His family and friends will miss his sometimes gruff but loving ways.

A memorial service will be held at St. Francis Church in Petoskey at 10:30 a.m. on August 18, 2020. Further details on Joe's life and service can be found at www.koreanwareducator.org/memoirs/klek otta_joseph/index.htm

Contributions in Joe's memory may be sent to The Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, PO Box 385, Mecosta, MI 49332 whose slogan is: "It's never too late to thank a veteran."

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home.

Gary DeYoung, 72

(DEC. 16, 1947 - DEC. 19, 2019)



Gary James DeYoung was called home on December 19, 2019 and is now reunited with the love of his

life, Susan DeYoung and their beloved daughter, Samantha DeYoung. Gary was born on December 16, 1947, to Oliver and Lottie

(Lonn) DeYoung, in Davenport, Iowa. He married Susan Woollev on September 23, 1967, and

was blessed with 4 children and 6 grandchildren, who were his absolute pride

and joy. He began his career working on the railroad in Illinois, relocated to

Michigan and retired from a career in metal fabrication and machine repair at LexaMar.

Gary had a passion for motorcycles, both racing and riding. He enjoyed riding with his wife, son, and many great friends and

put on thousands of miles in his lifetime riding locally, across the USA and to Alaska. His final trip was

around Lake Superior in August 2019. He was an avid reader, history buff, woodworking enthusiast and gifted photographer. He

loved serving others and was a Reading Mentor at the Charlevoix Elementary School. He was a found-

ing member of Safe Haven Ministries at Charlevoix Community Reformed

Church. This ministry offered free breakfast club, nightlight ministries, community games and

grub at the church, and

much more. He also accompanied the youth group on mission trips to Guatemala. He had a quiet, but sarcastic wit, unconditional love for family,

friends and community, and will forever be remembered in a denim shirt, adventurer hat, dog by his side and a

pocketful of Starbursts. The legacy of Gary's gentle spirit, servant's heart and compassionate soul will

live on through his children, Shawn (Angie) DeYoung, Sandra (Tim) Novotny, Saul DeYoung and his grandchildren, Chantel

Novotny, Jake Novotny, Tristan DeYoung, Anna De Young, Charles De Young, and Sylis DeYoung. He is

also survived by his siblings, Dennis (Kathy) DeYoung, Myrna Curtis, Robert DeYoung, Charlene Lydick,

Rick (Nadine) DeYoung. Tim (Shelley) DeYoung and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan (Woolley) DeYoung, his daughter, Samantha DeYoung and his parents, Oliver

and Lottie DeYoung. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 28 at Charlevoix Community

Reformed Church, 100 Oak St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Visitation will take place on Friday, December

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, 209 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Memorial donations may be made to Safe Haven Ministries, C/O Charlevoix Community Reformed

Church, 100 Oak St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Arrangements are in the

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



Give Me a Call Today!

COLDWELL BANKER SCHMIDT REALTORS

231 E Water St | Boyne City, MI 49712 | Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

Jennifer Burr REALTOR®

231-675-0157

Jennifer.Burr@CBGreatLakes.com www.JenniferBurr.com

News



A bit of New Year's trivia

BY JIM AKANS

As the clock ticks down to midnight on New Years Eve, all thoughts focus on the promise of the future. Following is a bit of New Year's trivia to share during evening hours counting down toward the "giant leap" from this year to next.

Celebrating the New Year dates back to around 2000 B.C. when Mesopotamia welcomed the beginning of the spring season (at the vernal equinox) with festivals heralding a new year. According to the web site, celebrations.com. those

trend-setting Babylonians even established the tradition of making resolutions, with a typical one at the time being the return of farming equipment that had been borrowed.

Today's resolutions tend to focus on getting our lives in better order in some fashion. Goskills.com found the top 10 New Year's resolutions are;

- Exercise more
- Lose weightGet organized
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- hobby
 Live life to the fullest
- Save more money / spend less money
- Quit smoking

- Spend more time with family and friends
- Travel more
- Read more

According to statisa.com about a third of respondents stated their resolution was to not make resolutions.

That might not be a bad idea. A University of Scranton research paper found that only 8-percent of the approximately 40-percent of American's making New Year's resolutions actually achieve them. The success rate is probably much higher for those who don't make them.

Most view New Year's as a symbol of renewed hope and

a revitalization of achieving our dreams. It's also a chance for having a celebratory evening before a day full of football.

- The first New Year's ball was dropped in New York's Times Square in 1907. That ball weighed 700 pounds and was decorated with 100 bulbs. Today, that ball weighs nearly six tons and is decorated with over 2,600 Waterford crystals.

- The establishment of the Julian calendar in 45 B.C. set the date of celebrating New Year's on January 1. (Spring still seems more appropriate to me).

- The month of January

was named after the Roman god of doors and gates -Janus. Janus was portrayed with a face looking forward and a face looking backward...symbolism that is apt to the start of a new year.

- The Chinese New Year occurs on the new moon between January 21 and February 20

- The Thrillist web site states that those New Year's kisses have been happening since the Middle Ages, stemming from a belief that the first person you encounter in the New Year will establish the karma of the coming year. It's a good omen if that person is someone you want

to lock lips with.

- Auld Lang Syne lyrics, a Scottish phrase that means "times gone by," are derived from a 1788 poem by Scotsman Robert Burns.

- The National Insurance Crime Bureau reports that New Year's Day hold the distinction of having the highest stolen vehicle rate of any national holiday. Could have something to do with grabbing the wrong keys after a long night of partying.

Have a safe celebration this New Year's Eve and may the coming year bring good fortune and joy to you and yours!

Winter semester hours for North Central Michigan College

North Central Michigan College announces winter semester hours, effective January 2, 2020, for all departments and offices.

The Administrative and Business offices, as well as Learning Support Services, will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Other department hours include:

Student Services and Financial Aid and Advising hours are:

Monday – Thursday; 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The College Store hours are:

Monday – Thursday; 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Library hours are: Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday

Beginning January 13, the Student and Community Resource Center – gym and fitness center hours are:

Monday – Thursday; 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The SCRC will close at 5

p.m. on December 20 and remain closed through December 25.

Hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. December 26 – 31.

Between January 2-12, the SCRC hours are 6 a.m. -7 p.m.

The Iron Horse Café will reopen on Monday, January 13, to the public. Hours are: Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Updated information on hours and events is available at www.ncmich.edu.



RERGMANN

Resale Shop

TUESDAY – Spin the wheel for a Deal!!!!!
WEDNESDAY – 50% off all Clothing

THURSDAY – 10% off anyone 55 or older & all military

FRIDAY – Buy 1 get 1 free on selected item of the day

SATURDAY – Fill a bag of clothing for \$5.99

Open

Tues-Sat

8888 Ance Rd., Charlevoix MI

www.bergmanncenter.org

2 miles north of the bridge

231.547.9624



Great Lakes Energy Employees & Wolf Line Construction donate to local charities

Great Lakes Energy employees donated \$4,338 along with food and toys to the Boyne Area Community Christmas (BACC) program. Money was raised from a raffle and silent auction that included generous donations from employees and many local businesses. An additional \$3,000 was donated to BACC from Wolf Line Construction, a contractor for the cooperative's fiber internet subsidiary, Truestream. In total, Great Lakes Energy employees across eight offices and Wolf Line construction donated \$12,407 to nine local charities throughout the cooperative's 26-county service area. From left are Whitney Gilland, Vicki Farrell, Jennifer Young, Nicole Youngs, BACC Secretary Heather Ross, Julie Bailey, BACC President Lisa Luebke, and Megan Healey. Courtesy photo

'Tis the season: Practice safe snow removal



COURTESY OF MDOT

VILLAGE INC.

111 Antrim Charlevoix

print@villagegraphicsinc.com
231.547.4172
Servina Antrim. Charlevoix & Emmet Counties

BEST PRICES ON SHORT RUN COLOR!

Snow has really piled up throughout Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reminding residents living along state highways to be careful and follow the law as they plow or shovel snow. Two primary concerns are when residents and businesses pile snow at the ends of driveways along the highway shoulder, and when snow is pushed across the road, leaving snow or slush on the road surface.

Michigan Vehicle Code 257.677a prohibits "the obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush." This includes the end of driveways, where banked snow can reduce visibility for vehicles trying to enter the roadway.

"Growing piles of snow make it difficult for drivers to make sure it's safe to pull out onto the highway, and tough for drivers to see other vehicles waiting to pull out," said State Transportation Director Paul C. Ajegba.
"Our crews work to keep the

shoulders clear and knock down snowbanks at intersections for motorist safety, and residents and business owners need to do the same at

their driveways."

Trails of snow left on the pavement while plowing across the road also can cause problems. The snow can become packed and create ridges on the road, or, as temperatures change, the area can become icy.

"Careless plowing creates an added hazard to unsuspecting motorists and plow drivers," Ajegba said.

It also is important to remember that many local ordinances require residents and businesses to keep sidewalks clear of snow. This is important for pedestrians and those waiting for public transit.

"Winter can be a difficult time to get around for those on foot, so please make the extra effort to clear your sidewalks and help everyone stay mobile and safe," Ajegba said.

Custom & Antique Furniture



In the Rough, Professionally Painted or Completely Restored Over 7,000 sq. ft. of Furniture, Antiques & Goodies

FURNITURE BARN
06176 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, MI 49720

(231) 547-0133 · Cell (231) 881-0353 Web: dkellyantiques.com E-Mail: donkellyantiques@yahoo.com

News Briefs

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 Bovne 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@gma il.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 Fresh-

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. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY

JOSHUA DAVIS TRIO AT FRESHWATER GALLERY

December 28, 8pm. Many of you know Josh from his appearance as a

finalist on season 8 of NBC's The Voice. This will be his third appearance on the Freshwater stage in the past eleven years. It's always fun, always a packed house and we're looking forward to a great show. He's bringing his trio to light up the night.

We hope you can join us. Tickets: \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Call soon to reserve; 231-582-2588

CHARLEVOIX **BEACH BASH**

December 30, 6-8pm, 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 and under are FREE! Reser vations required (75 people max.). Call the Pool today to ensure your spot: 231.547.0982, or register online www.charlevoixpool.org.

CHARLEVOIX 8TH ANNUAL BRIDGE DROP

December 31, starting at 1pm. Celebrate your New Year in Charlevoix. there will be a

variety of both family friendly and adult focused events hosted throughout downtown. There will be horse drawn wagon rides on the corner of Bridge and Mason, s'mores, hot cocoa and a snow sculpture contest in East Park. Charlevoix Cinema III will be playing a free movie, Lego Movie 2, beginning at 4:30pm. All the events are leading up to two world class fireworks shows beginning at 9pm followed by a final firework display at midnight. Come out and enjoy a one-of-akind event only in Charlevoix.

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 hest 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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Charlevoix County Transit will offer New Year's Eve service until 2am! Dispatchers will be available all day and evening and prescheduling rides is suggested. Same evening rides will be accommodated based on availability. Call 231-582-6900 to reserve rides. Standard fares apply.

BOYNE CITY DOWNSIZING FOR HAPPINESS EXPLORED

January 5, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The Lifetree event, titled "Upsizing Life by Downsizing Stuff: Living Large in an 84-sqft House," features a filmed interview with Dee Williams, author of the best-selling book The Big Tiny. Participants will get practical tips for getting rid of stuff and see how one woman downsized to owning less than 300 items to maximize the amount of space in her life. 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.

BOYNE CITY PINT AND PAINT

January 9, 6-9pm, Stiggs Brewery basement. Instruction will be the "Art of Man-dala Drawing," using simple tools to create beautiful designs and patterns. Lexie Brummeler will walk you through the process of painting a beautiful mandala on a stone and Sue Metzger help you create a wonderful mandala on canvas. You will be able to take home two beautiful pieces of art. All materials will be provided and registration includes a drink of your choice for \$25. Profits will go to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society to help fund some much-needed projects, including a small surgical suite to spay and neuter strays and a new HVAC system. Enrollment is limited to 15, so register early by calling Sue at 231-582-7567. email sue@shangrilahouse.com or

BOYNE CITY

mail a check to Susan Metzger,

05804 Lake Street, Boyne City

FAT & FLURRIOUS BIKE RACE

January 11. The course is 10-15 miles (Sport Class) or 15-20 miles (Open Class - Riders must be registered for the open class to accumulate points in the Shorts overall points series), depending on conditions leading up to the event, over the professionally-designed and built singletrack at Avalanche Mountain. This will be the most challenging Fat Tire Bike Race in the Lower Peninsula! The start and finish being North Country Cycle Sport in downtown Boyne City.This event is used as a fundraiser for Top Of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) for further trail development. The event is timed by Epic Race Timing who will provide live results. Registration info at fatandflurrious.com.

BOYNE CITY

DEMONS, SATAN EXPLORED

January 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Is the Devil Real? An Exorcist Tells All," features interviews with people who claim to have nad encounters with demons, including a clergyman who has conducted many exorcisms the removal of demonic spirits. 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.

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 \$55.

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

www.boynechamber.com

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: THE CHEMISTRY OF CANNABIS

January 17, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, NCMC Library Conference Center. Lake Superior State University's new cannabis chemistry program is the first academic degree program in the nation focusing on the quantitative analysis of cannabis-related compounds, including THC and CBD. Professors Benjamin Southwell and Steven Johnson will explain their program, the career $\,$ potential for graduates, and the possible positive impact their program could have on the economy of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: 2020 CENSUS January 17, Lunch at

11:30am, Program at noon,

NCMC Library Conference Center. It's that time again: The nation's decennial census takes place this year. The census is the primary source of data on the nation's population and economy. Census data are used to determine our system of political representation, inform business investment and allocate government funds. David Springsteen, partnership specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, explains the process, the jobs that need to be filled and more. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

CHARLEVOIX

LIVE FROM CHARLEVOIX PRESENTS THREE MEN AND A **TENOR**

January 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. information visit http://livefromcharlevoix.com

BOYNE CITY WICCA, PAGANISM, AND WITCHCRAFT EXPLORED

January 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program—titled "The Witch Next Door: What's the Appeal of Wicca and Paganism?"-features filmed interviews with self-identified pagans and a Wiccan who says she began exploring the religion as a teenager and still practices it today. 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.

BOYNE CITY

WICCA, PAGANISM, AND WITCHCRAFT EXPLORED

January 26, Lifetree Cafe. Join us at 5:30 with a dish to Program begins promptly at 6:30. The program, titled "Conspiracies: What 'They' Don't Want You to Know," features a filmed interview with Ross Hemsworth, a well-known radio personality and speaker at conferences addressing conspiracies and conspiracy theories. During the episode, Lifetree participants will be given an opportunity to share their opinions of commonly reported conspiracy theories including the JFK assassination, UFO landings, and genetically engineered viruses. 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 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

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE: THE BLUES

February 14, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, NCMC Library Conference Center. A musical genre that began in the Deep South in the 19th century has grown to influence just about every type of modern music. Attorney Stuart Fenton is such a big fan that he hosted a weekly four-hour blues show on a Kalamazoo radio station for several years. He will give us a brief overview of some of the most influential blues artists from the beginning through the modern era. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: S.S. **EDMUND FITZGERALD**

February 21, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, NCMC Library Conference Drawing on rare Center. archival material and exclusive underwater images of the wreck site, Bruce Lynn, executive director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, has written a richly illustrated, 272-page meditation on the remarkable life and tragic loss of a ship that has become part of the folklore of North America's inland seas. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presenta-

tion. Cost is \$12.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, December 9

Suspicious situation in the 500 block of E Division. Vehicle unlock on W Water St 2039 Vehicle in ditch at

Fall Park and Dietz.

Tuesday, December 10

Issued citation and towed vehicle from the 100 block of E Water St for snow removal 0354 Parking violation at Main and Front.

Assist EMS in the 0407 400 block of W Ann. 1323 CSC complaint reported from the 1000 block of Boyne Av 1346 911 hang up from

the 900 block of Brockway Scam phone call claiming to be Consumer's Energy received in the 800 block of S Park St. Assist EMS in the 2016 800 block of State St.

Wednesday, December 11 1706 Assist citizen at the

PD. 2209 **Oakland County** picked up subject on our war-

Thursday, December 12 Snow plowing com-0217

plaint from S. Lake St. Subject claims he was almost hit at the corner of Park and State. Motorist assist at 1112 Water and East.

MDOP complaint in 1126 the 500 block of Bay St 1203 Suspicious phone call received on Front St. 1237 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of Arthur St. Assist EMS in the 1253 500 block of W Division. Subject at PD with 1308

a found pin. 1308 Report of snowmobiles speeding on Vogel and quads doing doughnuts in the intersection at Jefferson. Arrested subject for no insurance and driving on suspended license at Water

at Front. Assist EMS in the 1837 400 block of W Michigan. Suspicious situation reported on Pleasant Alarm activation in the 300 block of N Lake St. Alarm activation in 2224 the 100 block of S Park St.

Friday, December 13 Assist Sheriff Dept. with vehicle in ditch on

Lakeshore Dr. 1111 Vehicle unlock on E Main. 2211 Assist EMS in the 800 block of State St. 2339 Disturbance in the

Saturday, December 14 Disturbance at the intersection of Harris St and Main St. Property damage 1226

crash at S. Park St. and Ray

100 block of W Division St.

1300 PPO violation reported on Smith St. 1430 Threats complaint reported from the 600 block fo Jersey St.

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

1513 Harassment complaint from the 1400 block of Pleasant Ave.

1729 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St. 1924 Civil standby on Wenonah St. 1949

Report of vehicle in the ditch at Wildwood Harbor Rd. and Jefferson St. Gone on arrival.

Sunday, December 15

0114 Assist Sheriff Dept and EMS on Fall Park Rd. Dispatched an injured deer on Fall Park Rd near city limits. 1011 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

1031 Welfare check in the 800 block of Thompson St 1200 Enroute to Oakland

County to pick up subject on our warrant. 2215 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Bear River Rd.

2300 Assist BCFD in the Industrial Park.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: TALKING TRASH

March 20, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, NCMC Library Conference Center. Do you ever wonder what happens to the stuff you put out to the curb every week? Chris Gee knows. He got his start in the trash business at age 9. Today, he runs the landfill in Onaway owned by GFL Environmental Inc. based in Toronto, Canada, that takes all of the trash collected in Emmet County. He can also tell vou some surprising things about eagles and how he's looking at ways to turn some of your waste into electricity. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: BEETHOVEN AND THE ODE TO J0Y

April 17, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, NCMC Library Conference Center. In 2020, orchestras across the world will celebrate the 250th birthday of one of the greatest composers of all time. Although Ludwig van Beethoven is often hailed as a hero who overcame deafness to compose some of the greatest music ever written, there is much more to his story. Amanda Sewell, Ph.D., music director of Interlochen Public Radio, will survey his life and music, focusing on some lesser-known facets, including his long affair with a married woman known as "Immortal Beloved." Dr. Sewell has written a biography of Wendy Carlos, the composer of "Switched-On Bach," which is forthcoming from Oxford University Press. 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 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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN **LEADERSHIP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

High school sophomores and juniors whose parents or guardians are Great Lakes Energy members are invited to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime leadership travel opportunity in June 2020. From the battlefields of Gettysburg, to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C., the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will explore leadership lessons from our nation's history and immerse participants in the cooperative spirit. The event takes place June 20-25, 2020. More information and the online application are available at CooperativeYouthTour.com. Applications must be received by Feb. 28 for consideration.

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 wa-

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 voga 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.

BOYNE CITY

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has heen a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

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 7pm. Information

www.boynelibrary.org.

County seeks public input for Parks & Recreation plan

BY KAREN WALKER

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission and Parks Committee are finishing the proposed 2020 - 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan and are inviting public comment before the final plan is approved by the County Commission. The plan is updated every five years and provides the county with a document to use as a guide for Parks and Recreation needs and proposed improvements. The approved plan also allows the county to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Led by The Charlevoix County Parks Committee and the Planning Commission.

the plan has been prepared according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines and standards. Goals and objectives for the plan were developed based on input and feedback from the public. Planning consultants for the process, Ann Arbor based Beckett & Raeder, held community input sessions, giving the residents and visitors a chance to express their opinions regarding the parks and recreation system.

With the abundance of natural amenities in Charlevoix County such as lakes. beaches, and woodlands, it was no surprise that keeping the shoreline accessible to the public, and expanding

and maintaining the non-motorized trail system were a high priority to the survey respondents. Water quality and beaches were ranked as important features at County parks and survey respondents said they would like to see an increase in natural areas, non-motorized trails, restrooms and water access in Charlevoix County. Over 54% of people responding to the survey said they would like to see increased opportunities for hiking made available in the county. An increase in sailing, boating and kayaking was ranked second by the survey respondents at 45% with biking following close behind at 43%. The respondents also indicated the county should improve existing facilities before purchasing additional land.

The county is well aware of the importance of completing the Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail and making improvements to the Whiting Park campground. These two projects have been made a high priority for the immediate future. Other areas considered for improvements are hiking trails at the Porter Creek Natural Area, universally accessible playground equipment at Thumb Lake Park, and campground improvements at the newly acquired Beaver Island lighthouse property.

Funding for Charlevoix

County parks and recreation projects comes from a variety of sources including a county-wide millage. Two thirds of the Parks millage is spent directly on county parks. The other one third of the Parks millage is appropriated by the county Board of Commissioners for township, city, and village park improvement projects. User fees are another source of funding as well as grants awarded by public entities and community foundations. Yet another source of funding is forest management on county-owned park properties, including Whiting Park, Thumb Lake Park, and Porter Creek Natural Area. Nearly \$700,000 in expenditures on parks and recreation is budgeted for fiscal year 2019/2020.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment until January 6, 2020. The draft plan may be viewed on the County's website, CharlevoixCounty.org, or by visiting the Charlevoix County Parks & Planning Department, 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. The public may submit comments on the proposed plan via email to Carrie Klingelsmith, Project Planner, at cklingelsmith@bria2.com. Written comments may also be mailed to the Parks & Planning Department at the address above or for questions, call 231-547-7234.

Guest commentary

DENA SYDOW

MARKETING AND **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN**

Let's make a resolution in 2020 to go beyond caring. Resolve to be more open to learning about the critical and persistent issue of violence against women and the role we play in creating a positive, productive path forward.

The other day a friend told me about a conversation he had with a man upset that his employer was requiring all employees to go through training on respect, diversity and healthy interactions in the workplace. He complained the training focused on supporting women and other marginalized people and targeted white, heterosexual men. The training annoyed him because he felt it did not apply to him, pointing out that he's not abusive

and is accepting of others. According to educator, filmmaker and author Jackson Katz that mentality is a trap that prevents us from truly exploring the problem and searching for solutions which he discusses in his TEDx Talk, "Violence against women – it's a men's issue".

Katz said that it is amazing how men have been largely erased from so much of the conversation about domestic and sexual violence; a subject that is centrally about men. Katz explained it this way, "The dominant group is rarely challenged to even think about its dominance, because that's one of the key characteristics of power and privilege, the ability to go unexamined, lacking introspection, in fact being rendered nearly invisible in the discourse about issues that are primarily about

Katz suggests we first change our collective focus from the victim to the perpetrator and from that perspective begin to ask questions that might help us gain traction in the effort to end violence against women

and children. He suggests we change how we talk about violence. Instead of a statement that features an invisible perpetrator, such as, "Mary is a battered woman," we might rather say, "John beat Mary". The focus is on the perpetrator and his actions.

Furthermore, we tend to ask why Mary stayed with an abusive partner, or what she did to make her partner angry, or in the case of sexual assault we ask about what was she wearing, drinking or doing to make the perpetrator rape her.

Katz suggests we ask different questions such as, "Why does John beat Mary? Why is domestic violence still a big problem in the US and worldwide? Why do so many men abuse physically, emotionally, verbally, and other ways, the women and girls, and the men and boys, that they claim to love? Why is that a common problem in our society? Why do so many men rape women in our society and around the world? Why do so many men rape other men? What is the role of the various institutions in our society?"

Katz said men can play a positive role in this work, but more men need to be or board who have the courage and strength to stand up and speak out. Men become active bystanders who 'interrupt' a distasteful joke, comment or victim-blaming to create a peer culture in which the abusive or inappropriate behavior is considered unacceptable. If men and boys who act in sexist or harassing ways toward women and girls lose status in their peer group, then we might see positive cultural change.

There are many men who care deeply about these issues, and have for decades. Katz encourages men to go beyond caring to really make a meaningful impact. "We need more men with the guts, with the courage, with the strength, with the moral integrity to break our complicit silence and challenge each other and stand with women and not against them," Katz said.

WINTER FUN FACTS

Where is world's snowiest city located?

Where was world-record snowman built?

If you've ever wondered on what lucky group of people the most snow falls each year, we have the answer and it will probably surprise. No, the city is not in Montana or Colorado or anywhere in the U.S. And it's not in Russia or China either.

The city where the most snow falls each year is actually in ... Japan!

Aamori City in northern Japan receives more snowfall than any major city on the planet. Each year citizens are pummeled with 312 inches, or about 26 feet of snow on average.

I guess being in Missaukee County in the winter isn't so bad after all.

Here in the U.S., the most snow ever recorded in a 24-hour period was at Silver Lake, Colorado way back in 1921. A whopping 76 inches fell! You might say it was a golden day for skiers in Silver Lake. The second-heaviest snowfall in a 24-hour period was also recorded in Colorado, at Georgetown on Dec. 4, 1913. On that day, 63 inches of the white stuff

A single snow storm can drop up to 39 million tons of snow. I guess if you do any plowing, you're probably not sur-

The city of Bismarck, North Dakota is well-acquainted with winter snow. On Feb. 17, 2007, the students of Bismarck schools set a record when they joined forces to create 8,962 snow angels at the same time.

Here are some other interesting facts about winter:

During winter, the earth in its orbit is actually closer to the sun, not farther away. The seasonal drop in temperatures has nothing to do with the distance of the sun. It is the earth's tilting axis that causes the seasons. That is why the Southern Hemisphere is experiencing three months of summer at the



same time we in the Northern Hemisphere are experiencing three months of winter. (Longer, of course, if you're a citizen of northern Michigan!)

More than 22 millions tons of salt are used on U.S. roads each winter, amounting to about 137 pounds of salt per per-

Did you know there's a difference between freezing rain and sleet? They form in different ways, though both create hazardous road conditions. They both form when precipitation Both types of precipitation occur when rain formed in warm air in the sky passes through a layer of cold air near the ground. Thicker layers of cold air create sleet, a slushy form of water that's semi-frozen by the time it reaches the Earth. Thinner layers don't give rain enough time to freeze until it hits the surface of the ground—it then forms a thin coat of ice wherever it lands.

Wet snow is best for building a snowman, but you probably already knew that. Scientists say the best snow is a snow-to-water ratio of 5-to-1.

The Southern Hemisphere typically has milder winters than the Northern Hemisphere. This is because the Southern Hemisphere has less land and a more maritime climate.

According to the Guinness World Records, on January 28, 1887, a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

snowflake 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick fell in Fort Keogh, Montana, making it the largest snowflake

The largest recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999. The 113-foot, 7-inch snowman broke the previous record held by Yamagata, Japan, at 96 feet and 7 inches.

Average snowflake falls at about 3 mph. All snowflakes have six sides.

Millions of monarch butterflies fly to Mexico for the winter. They are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away each year. Additionally, they like to hibernate in the same trees

The coldest winter on Earth occurs at the Polar Plateau in Antarctica. The average mean annual temperature is -72.9° Fahrenheit. That's a lot colder than Lake City or McBain!

There is an average of 105 snow-producing storms in the United States in a typical year. An average storm will last 2-5 days and carry snow to several

Couples are more than twice as likely to think about splitting up between the year-end holidays and Valentine's Day. The two major reasons are that 1) the holidays are stressful and 2) energy levels are lower during cold weather and people tend to be moodier.

The word "solstice" means "sun stands still."

The most common birthday in the United States is September 16, which means that most babies are conceived during the early winter holiday season. August has the lowest amount of conceptions.

The Disney movie Frozen (2013) is the highest-grossing animated musical film of all time and the 9th highest-grossing film of all time with a worldwide box office gross of \$1.097 billion.

Sunsets are typically prettier in the winter. Cold, non-humid air is clearer than warm summer air, which allows the colors of the sun to shine through more clearly.

– Compiled by Mike Dunn

HOLIDAY MEAL

FROM PG. 1A

break.

Students helped set up and decorate the gym along with providing some entertainment, singing a medley of holiday songs and dancing for their fellow students. While the senior class occupied the head table, the sophomore class was first in line at the buffet, having earned

that honor by being the class that collected the most canned goods to donate to Care & Share food pantry, as a way to share with those in need within the East Jordan School District.

Students were treated to a surprise visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, spreading Christmas cheer as well as gifts for a few lucky students. Mr. Stevenson remarked, "This is a great way to let the students know that they're cared for and that we appreciate



DISCLOSURE OF LEMONS

To the Editor,

Lemon Laws do exist both for cars and houses, and all products fall under some degree of scrutiny of quality. hence Quality Control came into existence. As to real estate, the focus of this investigation, this is supposedly monitored by government oversight in this state as others but inauspiciously handled in large part by the real estate guild itself. Realty isn't really a business, more a hustle, because it doesn't necessarily ensure quality control but does offer protection to real estate purveyors in the sense of security in numbers.

Pursuing this matter, a call to the County Building to ascertain information about obliging said disclosure law and policy, the runaround was predictable, the first number called led through the labyrinth and back to the original number per usual. But mention of Title and Abstract firms as potential contacts got further information to follow. which ultimately led to the Michigan Board of Realtors in Lansing. That call begot another number in the wellknown pass-the-buck syndrome but persistence begot another office from which may be obtained an actual form for realtors to fill out

entitled "Seller's Disclosure Statement" which does indeed pose extensive questions pertaining to all functions of a property to be sold and purchased, a sort of prenuptial agreement. As a writer researching a story I naturally asked if I might use the name of the last person with whom I spoke if she wanted her name used. At first she was "flattered" by the potential attention, then soon emailed back that she'd rather not risk the "radar".

Radar? My Spidey sensors started tingling. Now, naivety plays very little part in this, especially for reporters who are cynically looking for dirt. But if someone tells you his name is Fred vou probably wouldn't suspect it being pseudonymous. The nice lady's actual slip that tipped me were, "On second thought, probably best if I stay under the radar." So, this is more than iust inertia or pass-the-buck denial, this is a cabal that holds itself secretive whereas a very visible middleman not I suppose unlike the political faction, entertainers, anyone wanting public presence while holding a certain distance in protecting the inner workings and the persons purveying those inner workings.

Writers will grant some respect to those who do not wish to be showcased in

print, photo, audio, video and so on, so conversely when any opt out of public notice we feel no obligation to extend courtesy of pulling punches as to revealing any conversations, sans personal information, in investigating most stories. It's the perennial tradeoff, hence why there are whistleblowers and "Deep Throat" and "deep state" and all the rest of that clandestine intrigue.

In other words, if there is indeed a radar, there's something hidden. That's what radar is for, why it was invented. Newshounds know this more than those operating the radar who often don't even know they're over or under the radar or otherwise, until their sensors are alerted to any potential feedback from disclosure - that which this research is all

about to begin with. Yet I have the form in hand, that one that none other were willing to give me and even hid its existence, so you give credit wherever information is forthcoming, in this case hesitantly, then willingly, then fearfully, i.e. no names. But as said I offer no leeway in procedures I find dubious when reporting whereas had this woman gone with full disclosure (her name) I'd feel like it was our little secret and be more kindly toward the process. Now it's no holds barred. It's

not as if this article will appear in Time magazine or Washington Post anyway, not likely Rachel Maddow will pick up on it. Thus, in seeking information on disclosure, I found non-disclosure after interminable runaround. But I have the form. A 2-page questionnaire, this is a seller's checkoff notice of all functions of a property for purpose of a buyer's confidence in the predictable viability of taking over the property in good faith and acceptable condition. No wonder they don't want this form publicly known. That's why the "As Is" declaration came into being. Car dealers especially love that one, gets them off the hook right out of the lot. Anyone can hire a lawyer but who wants to do that, who can afford to when ownership is more often a scratch and catch-as-catchcan situation. A certain trust is implied, suspiciousness being cast aside in the anticipation of purchase. So why then the hesitation, the hiding, the denial? Ah, caveat emptor, let the buyer beware. "FORM H JUN/06" is the only reference to origin of species printed thereon through auspices of the Michigan Board of Realtors. It took me a month to locate FORM H. Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

News

Are you looking for a local insurance agent?

Call Don Jess today for a "No Problem®" quote.



CHARLEVOIX AGENCY, INC. Charlevoix • 231-547-4441

Auto-Owners

LIFE . HOME . CAR . BUSINESS

2019 Rockwood Geo Pro **12SRK Travel Trailer**



OUTDOOR KITCHEN, EXTE-RIOR STORAGE, 8' ELECTRIC AWNING, KAYAK CARRIER, FRONT **MOUNT BIKE RACK, 100W ROOF-MOUNT** SOLAR PANEL, WIFI RANGER WIFI BOOSTER.

MSRP \$17,697 • SAVE \$6,702!

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST SELECTION OF CARGO TRAILERS, UTILITY TRAILERS AND DUMP TRAILERS



MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 - 5:30 | SATURDAY 9:00 - 2:00 | SUNDAY: CLOSED 2215 US31 N. Petoskey • 231-347-3200

www.petoskeyrvusa.com

For Auld Lang Syne

Auld Lang Syne

Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne

We twa hae run aboot the braes And pou'd the gowans fine; we've wander'd mony a weary foot Sin' auld lang syne

We two hae paidled i' the burn, Frae mornin' sun till dine; But seas between us braid hae roar'd Sin' auld lang syne

And here's a hand, my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine; We'll take a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne

One of the best known songs in English speaking countries, particularly as New Year's Eve rolls around, is the hearty refrains of Auld Lang Syne. It's surfacing is brief, typically just after the stroke of midnight on December 31st and then it is safely tucked away amid the noisemakers and party hats for the next 364 days, 23 hours and 50-odd minutes. But it's presence during those celebrated moments as the year changes faces is HUGE...it seems that everyone instinctively knows the words and

Well, some of it anyway. Actually, there are five stanzas to the poem penned by Scotland's Robert Burns back in 1788. Typically, crowds gathering on New Years Eve sing verse one and the chorus, and while venturesome spirits sing a shortened version of the full song comprised of verse one, five and the chorus. Seldom do the other versus resound with voices.

There is some serious contention to the claim of Mr. Burns having

been the originator of the piece. A letter written by Burns to an acquaintance named Mrs. Agnes Dunlop suggests that he restored the piece based on fragments of an old ballad dating back to the 15th or 16th century. It is generally agreed that at least two of the versus, (3 & 4), are directly attributed to Burns writing

The melody for Auld Lang Syne (which translates to "old long since") is commonly credited to composer William Shield who originally used it in his 1783 opera; Rosina. The tune, with Burns words, quickly became popular as the last song sung as evening gatherings broke up. A ritual developed where the group stood in a circle, each person crossing his arms in front of his chest and clasping his neighbors' hands, and all arms swung forward and back in time with the music as the song was

Give that a try when the clock strikes twelve this New Year's Eve. Here are the complete lyrics to Auld Lang Syne. Happy New Year!





SILVERADO

All Star Crew Cab 4x4

*For qualified buyers with GM Lease Loyalty on 2019 Silverado LT Crew Cab All Star V8 4x4 while supplies last. Tax, title and plate extra. MSRP: \$49,715. Ends 1/2/20. See dealer for details.

Price Reduction below MSRP-\$4,678 Lease Loyalty Purchase-\$2,000 **\$12.678 BELOW MSRP**

(When you finance with GM Financial)

2020 CHEVROLET

*For qualified buyers with Lease Loyalty and available GM Employee Discount to everyone. Based on MSRP \$32,645. \$2,499 cash or trade down plus tax, title and plate. Must take delivery by 1/2/20. See dealer for complete details.

36 MONTHS / 10,000 MILES PER YEAR WITH \$2.499 CASH OR TRADE DOWN



2008 TOYOTA RAV4 4WD ^{\$}6,950

CARFAX one owner, 231hp 4 cyl., USB port, Rear view camera, Satellite radio, Alloy wheels, Traction control, Reclin-



2016 FORD FUSION AWD

\$17,950

King Cab, 91k miles, CARFAX one owner, Bed Liner, Hill descent control, 12V outlets, Stainless steel exhaust.



2014 DODGE CARAVAN \$12,950

seats, Roof rack, 3.6L V6, 2nd row buckets w/fold-in floor, Remote entry.

2010 CHEVY AVALANCHE 4WD

\$12,950

assist steps, heated/cooled leather

seats, sunroof, Ridgid Tonneau Cover.



\$13,950 CARFAX one owner, Heated leather

less entry, Rear Collision Warning.



2016 CHEVY EQUINOX LS AWD \$15,950

CARFAX one owner, Bluetooth, OnStar, Rear view camera, Tire pressure monitor, Remote keyless entry, Stabilitrak.



CARFAX one owner, All-Star Edition.

70k miles, CARFAX one owner, 4WD,



\$36,950 CARFAX one owner, Rear view camera, AC power outlet, Tow hooks, Bluetooth,



\$38,950 CARFAX one owner, Less than 6k miles!!, Tow pkg., Snow plow prep pkg., 6.0L V8, Rear view camera

Sales tax, title, and doc fees additional. See Dave Kring Chevrolet-Cadillac for detail

CARFAX one owner, Heated seats, Re-

clining rear seats, AC power outlet, Low tire pressure warning, Bluetooth.



RING



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED







FIND NEW ROADS

1861 US31 N., Petoskey 231-347-2585

www.davekring.com

Need Cash? We Buy Used Cars

Sales: M-F 8am-6pm, Saturday.8-2pm Service: M-F 7am-6pm, Sat.8am-Noon ● Quick Lube: M-F 8-5:30, Sat.8am-Noon