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# 44th Annual White Pine Stampede cross-country ski race February 1



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Michigan's longest-running point-to-point cross-country ski race, and continuing a tradition that began in 1977, the 44th Annual White Pine Stampede takes place on Saturday, February 1, Photo by Joanie Moore



#### **BY JIM AKANS**

It's Michigan's longestrunning point-to-point cross-country ski race, and continuing a tradition that began in 1977, the 44th Annual White Pine Stampede takes place on Saturday. February 1, starting at Mancelona High School and ending at Schuss Village and the Summit at Shanty Creek. Participants can choose between a 50k or 20k race, or a 10k timed tour. So there is something for every level of skier to enjoy.

The White Pine Stampede was founded based on the dream of Gus Knopnicki, who wanted to create a marathon cross-country ski race traversing four northern Lower Michigan counties. He presented the idea to the Mancelona Chamber of Commerce in 1976, and two of the four proposed counties decided to participate, so the course was set through acres of White Pines in Crawford and Antrim counties, which inspired the event's name.

By 1981, the race was held solely in Antrim County, and upon completion of the new Mancelona High School in 1985, the start was moved to its present location. That was the same year White Pine Stampede organizers began donating a portion of entry fees to Children's Hospital of Michigan. Entry Fee is \$85 for the 45K and 20K races while the 10K tour costs \$40. Entrants receive an event t-shirt when they register as long as supplies last. Finishers of each event will also receive a medal commemorating their accomplishment. There will be awards presented to the top three finishers of each race and age and gender classes in the 50km and 20km races.

Registrants can make donations to the Children's Hospital of Michigan or a Scholarship-Post Secondary Education set up in honor of Jack McKaig used for graduates of Mancelona High School. Online registration is offered on the White Pine web site listed at the end of this article. The registration deadline is January 30.

#### **EVENTS ON RACE DAY WILL BE:**

- 9:30am - 50km classic & freestyle start with Pre-race meeting time 8:45am

10:30am - 20km classic & freestyle start with Pre-race meeting time 9:45am

- 11:30am - 10km tour classic & freestyle start with Pre-race meeting time 10:45am

There will be a 'Cool Down Party' at 1:30pm, an Awards Ceremony at 2pm at the Lakeview Hotel - Bellaire Ballroom. Short's beer will be available for \$2 per glass, plus good food, entertainment and a slide show

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Friends, family and volunteers cheer for White Pine Stampede skiers at road crossings like this one, on Simpson Road, where last year Lee Ries (#1025), of Howell, was welcomed with encouragement. Ries, in the Men's 70-74 age bracket, completed the 20K race with a time of 1:42:00. Photo by Joanie Moore

presentation of the day's race. A wristband for entrance will be included in your race packet for participants and one guest. Additional guests will be charged at the door.

For registration and additional information please visit www.whitepinestampede.org.

## Great Lakes Energy announces design of headquarters

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (GLE) announced plans and a design concept for an addition to their headquarters building located at 1323 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. Last spring, GLE purchased adjacent property, formerly a Carter's Food Center, to accommodate the building expansion.

White & Liebler Architects of Petoskey is the lead architectural design firm on the project. Clark Construction Company, headquartered in Lansing, has been

secured to provide construction management oversight. Clark Construction will begin seeking bids for work on the new facility in the coming months as plans are finalized.

The plans include the addition of office and operations vehicle storage as well as minor remodeling to the existing headquarters building. The first phase of the building addition will be constructed on the north side of

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#### McLaren Northern **Michigan implements** visitor restrictions

The northern Michigan community is experiencing an increase in influenza cases. McLaren Northern Michigan hospital is limiting visitor access to those over 12 years of age and patient's immediate family only. If you or a household member is exhibiting flulike symptoms, we ask that you do not visit the hospital. Individuals are contagious 24 hours before symptoms appear.

All visitors are required to use quality hand-hygiene when entering the hospital and masks are available. We are monitoring the influenza cases and are being proactive to keep patients and employees healthy and to contain the spread of influenza.

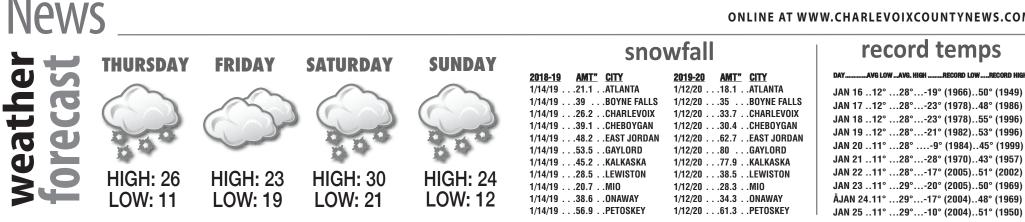
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#### Alwas John Spohn, 88

(JULY 5, 1931 - JAN. 9, 2020)



Alwas John Spohn of Boyne City stepped into eternity the evening of January 9th and took his first breath in Heaven. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," he had said repeatedly over the past week. When his daughter asked a few days ago, "Daddy what do you think Heaven will look like?" he paused long, "Well... I'm not sure. I've never been there yet. But, I know it's going to be

good."

John Spohn was known to many in the community as Pastor. He had pastored with many ministries and was an associate pastor at Jordan Rivers Church in East Jordan. He was the founder and Pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Boyne City for twenty two years and was known as a man of prayer. Cindi, his daughter says it best. "You spent your life on treasured things, that can't be given away. For they are stored in Heaven's vault, each

time that you would pray." John was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Elaine in 1995. Their children, Rachelle and Henry Wittenmyer, Randal and Cecile Spohn, Deneille and Nick Moes, Kendal and Jennie Spohn, and Cindi and Tim Markham, joined their families with his wife Margaret Ruth, and her children Laurie and Sonny Thompson, and Jeff and Paula Mundt in 1999. Together they share seventy eight grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his sister, Frieda Kullik of Boyne Falls,

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#### **OBITUARIES**

brothers and sisters, Sherry and Guy Dean, Jerry and Nancy Ayers, Victor and Diane Ayers and Gayla and Bill Wolf along with many nieces and nephews are cherished family that he prayed for nightly.

A funeral service will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, January 18th at the Walloon Lake Community Church with a visitation being held from 11:00 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers a memorial prayer garden will be designed in honor of A. John Spohn; contributions for the prayer garden may be directed to Jordan Rivers Church, P.O. Box 287, East Jordan, MI 49727.

#### John Thomas Dillon, 78

(NOV. 21, 1941 - JAN. 12, 2020)



John Thomas Dillon passed away gently Sunday January 12, 2020 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. We are grieving his loss here on earth and celebrating his arrival in heaven.

John was born November 21. 1941 in Roseville Michigan and was the second child of Elva and Glenn Dillon. He graduated from Ellsworth High School and went on to be certified in welding and lapricating which he used at his work of over 20 years as a tool and die maker. Tom worked as much as he could at the American Mold often taking extra shifts. In addition, he had his own excavating company and bought and sold real estate throughout his life. He was a hard worker and providing for his family meant everything to him. Tom was full of joy, light and love and made all those who knew him laugh and smile. He was full of Dad jokes and the very best wisdom for this life. He loved hunting and fishing and spending time on the property he bought and lived on for 53 years. He loved working on and fixing old cars and could tell you the make and model of just about any car made prior to 1979. He loved to play music and played guitar and banjo. He loved dancing and playing pool and cribbage with family and friends. Most of all he loved his family and was so proud of his children and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his mother, Elvira Holloway, his father, Glenn Dillon, his sister, Patricia Niedzialkowski, His sons Delbert and Donald Dillon, his daughter Alice Dillon and a host of friends and extended family. He is survived by his daughters Katherine Dillon and Christine Dillon. His grandchildren Isabella Lennon, Sadie Lennon and Zane Greene. His brother Richard Wilkerson, halfbrother Bruce Dillon, nieces

Diana Weston, Jodie Kutz, Rachelle Harrison, Theresa Wilkerson and Debbie Sanchez, brother-in-law **Reyes Sanchez**, nephews James Sanchez, Richard Dillon and many great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will take place Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service, also at the funeral home.

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

### Mariorie Matelski, 87

(AUG. 1, 1932 - JAN. 7, 2020)



Marjorie (Marge) Cleo Matelski made her way to heaven on January 7, 2020 where she was reunited with her husband, Ed Matelski, of 53 years. She passed while surrounded by family in her Boyne Falls home.

Marge was the daughter of Ralph and Cora Hocquard, born in Boyne City on August 1, 1932. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1950.

Marge married the love of her life, Ed, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on June 30. 1951. They established their life together in Boyne Falls where they raised 8 children; Ed (Veronica) Matelski of Boyne Falls, David (Mary) Matelski of Boyne Falls, Randy (Debi) Matelski of Boyne Falls, Tony (Julie) Matelski of Harbor Springs, George (Mary) Matelski of Boyne Falls, Janice (Duane) Reynolds of Boyne Falls, Andy (Karen) Matelski of Boyne Falls, and Chris (Kelly) Matelski of Boyne Falls.

Cherry Hill.

Mass was celebrated Friday, January 10th at St. Augustine Church.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Boyne Falls Athletic Boosters Club or the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Michigan Chapter.

#### Edna "Skip" McDonough, 88

(JAN. 8, 1932 - JAN. 9, 2020)



Edna Grace "Skip" McDonough of Beaver Island passed away on January 9, 2020 at Charlevoix Area Hospital surrounded by her family.

Skip was born on January 8. 1932, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Ralph and Marie (McGeath) Johnson.

She was a graduate of Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She married Joseph Lloyd "Bud" McDonough on November 6, 1954. Skip enjoyed spending time with her family more than anything else. She also spent many hours playing cards and drinking wine with all her friends. She was a faithful, long time member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island.

She is survived by 7 children, Timothy (Denise) of Beaver Island, Thomas (Laurie) of the Villages, FL, Daniel (Kathy) of Gainesville, FL. William (Tammy) of Beaver Island, James (Diane) of Beaver Island, Lynn Mc-Donough of Beaver Island, Todd (Julie) of Cedar, 23 grandchildren, 24 greatgrandchildren, many nieces and nephews and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph "Bud" McDonough, Granddaughter Logan McDonough, 2 sisters, Joan Tiggleman, Beverly Albrecht as well as her parents. Visitation held on Sunday, January 12 from 4-6 p.m. with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Funeral Mass took place on Monday, January 13 at Holy Cross Church with Fr. Jim Siler and Fr. Pat Cawley Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery following mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to, Holy Cross Catholic Church 37860 Kings Hwy, Beaver Island, MI 49782, Charlevoix Community Foundation PO BOX 718, East Jordan, MI 49727, PABI Community House PO BOX 494. Beaver Island, MI 49782, the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids 2025 Fulton Street East, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3811. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

#### JAN 23 ..11° ...29°...-20° (2005)..50° (1969) ÅJAN 24.11° ...29°...-17° (2004)..48° (1969) JAN 25 ..11° ...29°...-10° (2004)..51° (1950)

#### **Clayton LeRoy** Denny, 72

(APRIL 9, 1947 - JAN. 9, 2020)



Clayton LeRoy Denny of Ellsworth passed away January 9, 2020 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI. Clayton was born April 9, 1947 in Charlevoix, MI to Earl Denny and Katherine (Himebauch) Denny.

Clayton was raised in Ellsworth, and lived his last years at his family home. He was a tinkerer and fixer of all things. He loved fishing, hunting, and a good poker game. Along with spending each night sitting in his favorite chair, with Henry watching the Detroit Red Wings.

In 1968 Clayton served in the United States Army in Vietnam, and eventually succumbed to the effects of Agent Orange and pneumonia on January 9, 2020.

Surviving Clayton are his wife of 42 years, Gail (Persons) Denny of Ellsworth, the verv best kitty in the whole world Henry (Oscar), daughter Kathy Brown of Boyne City, MI, grandchildren Heather, Cody, and Savannah, and great-grandchildren Antonio and Ayla. Also surviving Clayton are his brother Gordon (late wife Kathleen) Denny of Ellsworth MI sisters olyn (Larry) Brock and Sherry L. Denny, both of Tennessee. Best friend and brother-in-law Steve (Carol) Persons of Boyne City, MI, brothers-in-law Ron (Donna) Persons of East Jordan, and Tom (Joyce) Persons of Central Lake, MI, as well as many nieces and nephews. Clayton was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Katherine Denny, brother and sister-in-law Dick and Marlene Denny, and brotherin-law and sister-in-law James and Sherri Persons. Services were Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Hastings **Chapel of Mortensen Funeral** Homes. Memorial contributions in honor of Clayton may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are in the care of the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

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Marge loved spending time with her 25 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister Maxine Bates, brother Butch (Fran) Hocquard, sister-in-law Irene Hausler, brother-in-law Rick Casper and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Cora Hocquard; husband Ed Matelski; son George Matelski; siblings Don Hocquard, Dick Hocquard, Kay Casper and Ruth Hausler; grandsons Ricky Matelski and Cody Reynolds; and great grandson Mason Matelski.

Marge was the co-owner of Matelski Lumber Company and 3M gas station along with her sons. She was actively involved in St. Augustine's Catholic Church. She loved nothing more than being surrounded by her family and friends. As the beloved matriarch of the family, she often hosted large family gatherings such as Christmas and family reunions at her home on

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

#### Randy Dozier, 58

(JULY 18, 1961 - JAN. 9, 2020)

Randy Dozier of Ellsworth died, January 9, 2020 in Ellsworth. No services are planned at this time.

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## News **U.S. MILITARY** VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the month of January 2020, is Charles Willard McPherson. Born May 2, 1932 in Ottawa County, Michigan to parents Levi "Lee" and Arabelle Brown McPherson. In 1935 his family moved to Spring Lake Michigan, and in 1940 they moved to Robinson Michigan. Both communities near Grand Haven, Michigan. Charles attended school in Robinson, and at the age of 18 years, enlisted into the United States Army. After completion of basic and advanced training, he was assigned to Company B, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, and was then sent to the Korean Theater of Operations. His Division was ordered to support the 8th Army in the area of KUNU-RI, North Korea. During the Battle of Chongchon River, between 26 November to 2 December, 1950, the 2nd Division suffered heavy losses after being surrounded by enemy forces of the Chinese Army. On 1 December, 1950, McPherson was listed as Missing in Action. His remains were never found. On 31 December, 1953 he was presumed deceased and was awarded: The Purple Heart Medal; Korean Service Medal: United Nations Service Medal; National Defense Medal; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; Republic of



**Charles Willard McPherson** 

Korea War Service Medal; and his name was added to the Korean War Veterans Honor Roll. On 1 December, 1950, Corporal Charles Willard McPherson answered the final call and is being honored by his extended family.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

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give of her time for our said Bobbi Moore, who nominated her.

The Finance and Information Technology Teams received the highest Team Achievement Award. Teams receiving Certificates of Recognition were the Nursing Team, Petoskey Outpatient Clerical Team, and ACT South. Certificates of Merit for excellent performance were presented to Rob Griffin, Tim Stapp, Derek Nothstine, Jenifer Pewinski, Mandy Dailey, and Jamie Moore.

tificates of Recognition were Alan Scott, Christy Thompson, Heather Bullock, Linda Kleiber, Nate Wheatley, Susan Clingan, Amber Wilson, Cindy Crumbaugh, Jacquie Conger. Lisa DeJonge, Rita

## **North Country Community** Mental Health staff recognized

Employees of North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) who were nominated by their peers for exemplary service were recognized at an annual event at Boyne Mountain Resort.

To be considered for an award, individuals nominated must exhibit a sense of personal integrity; demonstrate an understanding of the special skills required and de-

nator Bobbi Moore.

"Donna truly has helped save lives. I am honored to nominate her and pleased that she has been given this year's Achievement Award for her bravery, strong advocacy, and willingness to most vulnerable clients."

Individuals receiving Cer-



The Finance and Information Technology Teams received the highest Team Achievement Award. Courtesy photo



The highest Individual Achievement Award for extraordinary performance was presented to Donna Wixon. Shown here (L-R); Donna Wixon, CEO Christine Gebhard. Courtesy photo

Watkins, Ann Friend, Deb Erber, Julie Kosloskey, Lisa Lederer, Ruth Lenz, Anna Holeman, Dianne Forster, Kim Liverance, Jennifer Hunt, Sheila Southwell, Brandy Marvin, Dominique Cook, Kirstie Brady, Lorie Minidis, Stacie Richard-Schumann, Cab Behan-Har-

vey, Dr. Charles Lapo II, Kristy Torsky, Lorraine Manary, and Sue Petee Eubanks.

Ten-year service awards were presented to Lauren Myers and Jodie Scholl. Twenty-year service awards were presented to Michael Haydell, Alan Scott and

Grace Olson. Twenty-five year service awards were presented to Dale Murton and Cathy Eckhardt. Lindy Williams was recognized for 35 years of service.

The North Country Personnel/Staff Development committee is responsible for reviewing the nominations and selecting the award recipients.

Christine Gebhard, NCCMH Chief Executive Officer, said, "Our staff is our agency's greatest asset and it is important to recognize what they do every day to assist people with mental illness or intellectual/developmental disability to live a full life. I admire our staff members for their tremendous dedication, good humor, generosity of spirit, passion for social justice, and genuine vocation to serve others - some for 10 years, 20 years, 30 years or more."

Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org or to access services call 877-470-7130.

### NEW **ADDITION** FROM PG. 1A

the existing GLE headquarters and will house the utility's operations staff, equipment and vehicles. The second building addition will be constructed to the west, in the former Carter's building footprint, and will house GLE's 24/7 dispatch center as well as accounting and engineering offices. The current headquarters building will sustain some remodeling to accommodate the growing utility workforce and

Truestream internet network

operations center and staff. A potential new meeting and boardroom space are also included in the plan drawings to the east of the existing building but are not part of the initial phase of construction.

Work has already begun on the project with the demolition of the former Carter's Food Center building in late 2019. A groundbreaking for the new building will take place in the coming months and construction will commence soon after.

The new space will provide much-needed infrastructure and space for the growth the electric cooperative has experienced in recent years. Truestream, GLE's new fiber internet and voice network, plays a vital role in the need to expand. Launched in 2018 in rural parts of Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties, Truestream brings high-speed internet, with speeds up to 1 Gig, and voice services to homes and businesses that have long been without broadband connectivity. Truestream has created local employment opportunities and with it a need for more office and warehouse space.

"The growth of our facility is a sign of progress for Great Lakes Energy, our Truestream network and the communities we serve," said Bill Scott, President and CEO. "The new building will accommodate our employee needs as we work to serve members with electricity and fiber internet throughout rural Michigan."

GLE's board of directors approved the building expansion at their December board meeting.



## **Bellaire HS donates hand made blankets to Antrim Baby Pantry**

Bellaire High School students (from left) Sarah Smith, Cole Robinson and Noel Mann, show St. Anthony of Padua Church Pastor Chet Collins some of the blankets their Student Activities (STAC) group made for the Antrim County Baby Pantry. The pantry, housed at St. Anthony's in Mancelona, serves several families each month. Prior to Christmas break in December, more than 100 students made 90 fleece blankets to donate to children served by the pantry. "It's a good feeling to give back to Antrim County," Smith said of the project. "It's a good bonding project because all of the students are involved, and the blankets are going to kids who need and appreciate them." The blankets were delivered to the Baby Pantry, and distributed to families on January 9. Photo: Joanie Moore

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 8888 Ance Rd., Charlevoix MI RERGMANN 2 miles north of the bridge Open INTER Tues-Sat 231.547.9624 9-4 **Resale Shop** www.bergmanncenter.org 





## **News Briefs**

#### **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 info at www.boynechamber.com

#### ELLSWORTH

#### ANNUAL PIG ROAST MEETING

January 16, 6pm, Town Hall. We are working on improving our communication this year so if you have even a small part in this 2-day event or would like to voice an idea or complaint, please attend this first meeting so we can all get off to a unified start. We are hoping to have an excellent festival this year but we need your help to make that happen. We are looking forward to working with all of you.

#### 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.

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.

#### PETOSKEY

## LUNCHEON LECTURE: 2020 CENSUS

January 24, 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.

#### 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

#### WALLOON LAKE

#### BEARCUB OUTFITTERS TORCHLIGHT SNOWSHOE OUTING

January 25, 5-9pm, Camp Daggett. Experience the ambiance of snow-covered trails illuminated by more than 100 torches on your trek. Afterward, come inside for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly-baked cookies and to warm up by the crackling fire in Camp's beautiful main lodge. Buy raffle tickets for great Bearcub Outfitter products with all proceeds going to Camp Daggett. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snowshoes are available for all ages. For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Leverenz at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742 ext 112.

swer your questions about the new grant cycles.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### GROUNDHOG Shadowfest

February 1 Downtown. Charlevoix's Groundhog Shadow Fest celebrates Groundhog Day. The event kicks off with an opening ceremony featuring Northern Michigan's beloved weatherman, Joe Charlevoix, at noon at the Main Event Tent off Mason Street, between Bridge and State Streets. The soup contest will run from noon-2pm in the Main Event Tent, followed by Trivia with Matt Hall from 2-4 pm, and then music by the Sleeping Gypsies from 4-6pm. Charlevoix Cinema II free showing of "Minions" at 11am, kids games and a scavenger hunt, 1920's exhibit at the Historical Society Museum, Charlevoix Photography Club display at the Circle of Arts, a Cocktail Contest and more. Throughout the day, guests can get their picture taken with the Shadow Fest Schedule at Groundhog. charlevoixshadowfest.com

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **VOLUNTEER JAMBO**

February 5, 4-7pm, Pine Lake Lodge (above Boyne City Taproom). The Boyne Area Chamber and Boyne City Main Street are sponsoring this event for those interested in volunteering with our organizations. Meet current volunteers, ask questions, and get involved! Spread the love and bring a friend.

#### WALLON LAKE

#### CAMP DAGGETT FATHER/SON WEEKEND

February 7-9. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or big brothers are invited to bring their sons (ages 7-14) for this fun filled weekend at Camp. Activities begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and close at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$200 for father/son, plus \$50 for each additional family member. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Participants can expect a weekend of fun and adventure as they try their hands at various outdoor activities and enjoy wild game lunches and dinners in front of the lodge fireplace For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Levand individuals at the Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. Business of the Year: Oleson's Food Stores. Outstanding Citizen of the Year; Denise Fate, Customer Service Award; Daniel Elliot, Charlevoix State Bank. New Business of the Year; Bier's Inwood Brewery, Young Professional of the Year: Richard Chirstner and Ambassador of the Year; Tabatha Simpson. To register visit www.charlevoix.org or call the Chamber at (231) 547-2101.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### CHAMBER "OFF THE CLOCK"

February 20, Boyne Valley Vineyards, 5325 US 131 Bovne Falls. The Boyne Area Chamber has announced the 2020 schedule for "Off The Clock," our new name for Business After Hours. This is the Chamber's monthly business networking event, held at member businesses. The first one of the year, as always, is the Annual Awards Gala at Boyne Mountain Resort on Thursday, January 16th. Except for the Awards Gala and the Regional Business After hours, there is no charge for admission or refreshments. Chamber members and the general public are welcome to attend

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 presentation. Cost is \$12.

#### WALLOON LAKE

#### BEARCUB OUTFITTERS TORCHLIGHT SNOWSHOE OUTING

February 29, 5-9pm, Camp

Sewell, Ph.D., music director of Interlochen Public Radio, will survey his life and music. focusing on some lesserknown facets, including his long affair with a married woman known as "Immortal Beloved." Dr. Sewell has written a biography of Wendy Carthe composer of los, '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 Cooperative YouthTour.com. Applications must be received by Feb. 28 for consideration.

### EAST JORDAN

#### OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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sults at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, lowcost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

**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 been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

**BOYNE CITY** 

#### FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE

January 18, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery. David Mayfield may be one of the most original performers on the Americana scene, known for his bombastic stage presence as much as his virtuosic guitar talent and songwriting prowess. Tickets \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Call (231) 582-2588 to reserve.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

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

January 18, 8-10pm, Charlevoix Cinema III. 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

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### BEST OF THE CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPH CLUB EXHIBIT OPENING

January 24, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Circle of the Arts. Enjoy local fare by John Cross & Cherry Republic. Visit CharlevoixCircle.org

#### **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

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### WICCA, PAGANISM, AND WITCHCRAFT EXPLORED

January 26, Lifetree Cafe. Join us at 5:30 with a dish to Program begins share. 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 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

#### BOYNE CITY NON-PROFITS MEETING

January 29, 1pm, Boyne City Hall. This session will consist of a brief presentation by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) staff about the new grant cycles in general, and then will be mostly driven by questions from our non-profit partners. If you are writing a grant for your organization this year or if you have an idea about a grant, even if you've been submitting grants for years with C3F, we encourage you to attend one of these sessions to learn about the changes and get your questions answered. We look forward to working with you and helping to anerenz at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742 ext 112.

#### 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 fourhour blues show on a Kalamazoo radio station for several vears. 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.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### CHOCOLATE COVERED BOYNE

February 14 & 15. This event is a great way to chase away the winter blues and indulge in delectable creations, all conveniently located in downtown Boyne City. The event culminates in a Chocolate Dessert Contest on Saturday, February 15. Check next week's newsletter for the time and place. This "tasty" competition, hosted this year by last year's winner, the Boyne City Hospitality Class, is open to the public. Be a part of the action as our guest judges sample desserts prepared by local restaurants. The winner, decided by both a public vote and judged vote, takes home a trophy and chocolate bragging rights.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

## ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS

February 20, 5:30pm, Castle Farms. Celebrating Charlevoix, its Chamber businesses, organizations, clubs Daggett. Experience the ambiance of snow-covered trails illuminated by more than 100 torches on your trek. Afterward, come inside for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly-baked cookies and to warm up by the crackling fire in Camp's beautiful main lodge. Buy raffle tickets for great Bearcub Outfitter products with all proceeds going to Camp Daggett. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snowshoes are available for all ages. For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Leverenz at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742 ext 112.

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 you 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 JOY

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 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 re-

#### 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 at www.boynelibrary.org. News

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**Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF** THE WEEK **Charles Fannin** 



#### Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Parent's Name(s): Jeffery and Danielle Fannin

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Charles wants to be a professional basketball player for Team USA when he grows up.

Favorite Book: The Elephant & Piggie Series by Mo Willems

Hobbies and Interests: Charles enjoys playing with his dogs Gunnar and Cash and playing with his brother, Winston.

School Activities: He enjoys playing with Legos and blocks during free choice time, and math is his favorite subject.

Staff Comments: Charles is a kind and caring friend. He is helpful and always does his best. He demonstrates the Logger Agreement every day by speaking up, staying safe, and being a part of the team. His positivity lights up our classroom. Keep up the great work, Charles!

Submitted By: Ms. Pedigo

### **BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT**

Monday, December 30, 2019 0956 Welfare check in the 500 block of Jersey St. Report of tree falling 1057 on truck in the 700 block of S Park St

Fraud complaint 1139 from the 600 block of Call St 1210 Arrested subject for DWLS in the 200 block of N Lake St.

1334 Private property damage crash on Pine Pointe Tr 1719 Assist Fire Dept. in

and Timber. 0810 Parking complaint in the 200 block of E Water St Alarm in the 200 0841 block of S Lake St. Cancelled while enroute

Parking complaint in 1244 the 500 block of S Lake St 1551 Missing juvenile reported from the 800 block of Brockway.

1629 Civil complaint from the 500 block of N Lake St. 1730 Civil complaint from

## **Groundhog Shadow fest to take place February 1 in Downtown Charlevoix**

Charlevoix's annual winter festival is set to take place Saturday, February 1, celebrating Groundhog Day with live music, a soup contest, trivia, winter recreational activities and fun for the entire family throughout downtown. Shadow Fest has been an annual tradition for the last six years, and is focused on bringing people downtown to enjoy and celebrate what winter has to offer.

The event kicks off with an opening ceremony featuring Northern Michigan's beloved weatherman, Joe Charlevoix, at noon at the Main Event Tent, which will be located just off Mason Street, between Bridge and State Streets. The soup contest will run from noon-2pm in the Main Event Tent, followed by Trivia with Matt

Hall from 2-4 pm, and then music by the Sleeping Gypsies from 4-6pm. Throughout the day, guests can get their picture taken with the Shadow Fest Groundhog.

Charlevoix Cinema III will offer a free showing of the family-friendly movie "Minions" at 11 am on Saturday. Additional activities for the whole family include kids' games and a scavenger hunt from 1-4 pm through the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor, which includes the Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Historical Society and Charlevoix Circle of Arts, and East Park. Additionally, a special exhibit of Charlevoix scenes from the 1920s will commemorate what was happening in the area one-hundred years ago at the Historical Society's

Museum at Harsha House. Charlevoix Circle of Arts will have an exhibit of works by the Charlevoix Photography Club on display.

Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available from 1-4pm to take visitors between venues. For those wanting to enjoy the snow, a tube chute will be set up in East Park and hot cocoa will be available - both presented by Mt. McSauba and the Charlevoix Recreation Department.

A Shadow Fest Cocktail Contest will run from Friday evening through Sunday evening, with area bars and restaurants featuring specially developed Groundhog cocktails. There will be two categories of awards this vear - the Judge's Award, with the winner announced at 6 pm Saturday evening,

and a People's Choice Award. Balloting for the People's Choice Award will take place throughout the weekend at participating establishments, with the winner announced Monday, February 3rd.

Maureen Owens, organizer of the event, says, "We are very grateful to all of the sponsors who make this event possible, and look forward to an even better event than in previous years. Sponsoring the event this year are Bickersteth and Brown, Charlevoix State Bank, Ace Hardware of Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Downtown District Authority."

To learn more about the activities and schedule, visit charlevoixshadowfest.com.

## Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy carries on a legacy



Outlook Dock Overseeing Lake Evangeline on Wildwood Harbor Preserve. **Courtesy photo** 

On December 30th, the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy (WLAC) expanded its historic Wildwood Harbor Preserve. This expansion adds 30.5 acres, and continues the tradition of neighbors joining together to protect the Walloon Lake Watershed. The original preserve was established in 1998 with the help of nearly 80 friends and neighbors. The new acquisition was added with the generosity of current neighbors and original donors.

The expanded preserve of 133.5 acres is home to a small lookout on Lake Evangeline, a bog, a diverse

100-year-old-second-growth forest, and a trail system. The expansion presents the opportunity to expand the trail system.

The public is welcome to access the preserve. Popular preserve activities include hiking, snowshoeing, and birding. Parking is available off Wildwood Harbor Road in the parking lot near the intersection of Shadow Trails and Ellis road.

For more information about The Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy please visit www.walloon.org.

## **Camp Daggett begins Executive Director search**

As of January 17, Camp Daggett will begin a search for a new executive director. Brent Marlatt, director for 12 years, retired in November, 2019, and John Guirey declined the executive director position, citing family responsibilities. The search. with the job posting going out statewide as well as through the American Camp Association, will be a very broad search, with the hope of securing a new executive director by spring.

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Dear Dave,

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Blake

Dear Blake,

In the interim, Rick Gross, a member of the Camp Daggett board of trustees, will serve as interim director and liaison with the board. Rick Gross is a retired Dow Chemical executive and in

Weisler, chair of the Camp Daggett Board of Directors. "He has been a strong supporter of Camp Daggett with his grandchildren enjoying summer camp experiences. We are fortunate to have

always maintained the spirit of "The Other Fellow First" and the "Full Value Agreement." which are the core and spirit of Camp.

"Camp Daggett is excited out the coming year, espe

the 1200 block of Boyne Av. 1854 Suspicious vehicle in the 700 block of W Division St.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 0049 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St. 0235 Parking violation at Water St and Park St. Towed for snow removal. 0255 Parking violation at Front St and W Main St. Towed for snow removal. 0316 Parking violation Front St and Water St. Towed for snow removal. 0518 Removed a deer from roadway State St and Call St. 0835 Assist EMS in the 1100 block of Charlevoix St. 1021 Road hazard on Hull and Deer Run. 1537 Property damage crash at S Lake and Ray.

Road hazard, vehicle 2204 blocking lanes of traffic on Boyne Ave and Main St. 2304 Arrested subject for OWI at Park St and Water St.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 0253 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mt. 0807 Citizen assist in the 1300 block of Bovne Av. 1339 Warrant attempt in the 500 block of Hannah St Assist EMS in the 1550 1000 block of First St. Assist EMS on Addis 1627 Rd 1828 Suspicious vehicle reported in the 800 block of S Lake 2011 Assist Sheriff Dept. in **Boyne Falls** Assist Sheriff Dept. in 2213 Boyne Falls.

**THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2020** 0046 Citation issued for Expired Registration at Pleasant

the 500 block of N Lake St. 1803 Road Hazard at M-75 N and Washburn, injured deer in road. Driving complaint 1856 heading into town on M-75 N.

FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 2020 0233 Parking violation at Water St. and S. Lake St. Towed for snow removal. 0817 Found driver's license dropped off at PD. Found ring dropped 1511 off at PD 1528 Retail fraud complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St 1814 Trespassing complaint from the 600 block of State St. Driving violations re-2024 ported on Boyne Ave by Division St Vehicle unlock in the 2052

500 block of W. Division St.

Saturday, January 4, 2020 0304 Parking violation at Water St and Park St. 0513 Parking violation on Main St. 0821 Assist EMS on High Country Dr. 0822 Report of vehicle alarm in the 500 block of W. Michigan Ave. 1740 Report of suicidal subject at unknown location. Was located safe in another county

#### Sunday, January 5, 2020

1103 Property damage crash on Boyne Ave. at Lincoln St. Located missing 1210 puppy from above crash. Returned it to the owner. 1939 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

recent years served as the past president of both the Walloon Lake Association and the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy (now merged organizations).

"Rick cares deeply about the Walloon Lake watershed and its legacy," states Justin

Rick in this interim leadership role."

Camp Daggett will celebrate 95 years in 2020. Through these 95 years, and changes in leadership, board membership and staff, Camp Daggett has embraced the future and technology, yet has

cially our 95th anniversary," states Weisler. "We fully expect another successful year of summer camp, events and adventure."

For more information, contact Rick Gross at 231-347-9742 or richard.gross@campdaggett.org.



#### made the decision to get out of debt, and gain control of your finances. When it comes to this sort of thing, it's wise to remember there's no magic pill. No debt consolidation company is going to get you out of debt and help you stay out of debt. The answer is learning how to control yourself and your behavior with money.

Using a debt consolidation company seems appealing, because there's usually a lower monthly payment or lower interest rate attached. The problem in most cases, however, is the lower payment or interest rate exists only because the term is extended. You might pay a little less each month, but you end up staying in debt longer.

There are other problems involved in using debt consolidation companies, too. For one thing, it can trash your credit for a long time when it comes to buying a car or a house. For these reasons I sometimes refer to it as a CON-solidation, because the whole thing is basically a con. They make you think you're really doing something about your debt problem, but the debt—and all the bad habits that caused it—are still there.

My guess is your wife's friends think using a debt consolidation company is an easy, harmless way to get out of a financial mess. But sometimes you've got to be an adult, admit the mistakes you've made, and do what it takes to straighten things out. This kind of thing isn't a math issue. It's a behavior issue. Making the decision to

get out of debt and never go back there again, by living on a really tight budget and making sacrifices, is the best way to fix this mess and learn a lesson in the process.

Live like no one else, so that later, you can live-and give—like no one else. Stay away from debt consolidation companies, Blake, Doing this the right way is worth it!

-Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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