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



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



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

BY JIM AKANS

It's 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, 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 re-

ceive 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 - Belleaire Ballroom. Short's beer will be available for \$2 per glass, plus good food, entertainment and a slide show 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.

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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

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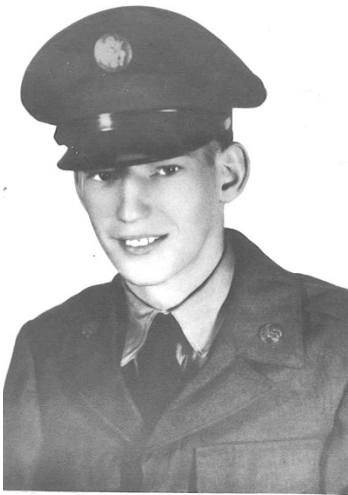
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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



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.

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 demands inherent in the field of human services; and possess ethical leadership qualities that may not be necessarily demonstrated through a formal leadership position.

The highest Individual Achievement Award for extraordinary performance was presented to Donna Wixon, Gaylord Alpine Workshop Supervisor, by NCCMH Supports Coordinator 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 give of her time for our most vulnerable clients," 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, Jennifer Pewinski, Mandy Dailey, and Jamie Moore.

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



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

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.norccmh.org or to access services call 877-470-7130.

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

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 Trustream 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. Trustream, 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, Trustream brings high-speed internet, with speeds up to 1 Gig, and voice services to homes and businesses that have long been without broadband connectivity. Trustream 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 Trustream 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.

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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

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



Grade: 2nd 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.
1057 Report of tree falling on truck in the 700 block of S Park St
1139 Fraud complaint 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 the 1200 block of Boyne Ave.
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.
2204 Road hazard, vehicle 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 Boyne Ave.
1339 Warrant attempt in the 500 block of Hannah St
1550 Assist EMS in the 1000 block of First St.
1627 Assist EMS on Addis Rd
1828 Suspicious vehicle reported in the 800 block of S Lake
2011 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls
2213 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls.

THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2020

0046 Citation issued for Expired Registration at Pleasant

and Timber.
0810 Parking complaint in the 200 block of E Water St
0841 Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St. Cancelled while enroute
1244 Parking complaint in 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 the 500 block of N Lake St.
1803 Road Hazard at M-75 N and Washburn, injured deer in road.
1856 Driving complaint 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.
1511 Found ring dropped 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.
2024 Driving violations reported on Boyne Ave by Division St
2052 Vehicle unlock in the 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.
1210 Located missing puppy from above crash. Returned it to the owner.
1939 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

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 year - 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.

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 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

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 Rick in this interim leadership role."

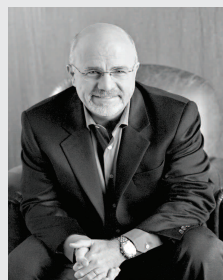
Camp Daggett will celebrate 95 years in 2020. Through these 95 years, and changes in leadership, board membership and staff, Camp Daggett has embraced the future and technology, yet has

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 about the coming year, especially 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.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(There's no magic pill)

Dear Dave,
My wife and I made a resolution this year to pay off \$20,000 in credit card debt we've accumulated. I want us to follow your plan, and live on a really tight budget. She wants us to use a debt consolidation company, like some of her friends have done. I'm really against her idea, but how can I change her mind?
Blake

Dear Blake,
I'm glad you two have

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 pay-

ment 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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