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# East Jordan Chamber presents annual awards



Posing with their awards are (l-r) Katie and Jim Slough from East Jordan Auto Parts, Grandvue Administrator Carol Timmer, Rich Dietrich, Chris & Sandra Nelson of BC Pizza, Luanne Reed, and Jessica & CJ Cutler, owners of South Arm Cafe.

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce presented awards to several outstanding businesses and individuals at its annual meeting last Saturday at Castle Farms.

This year's Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Luanne Reed. Luanne is an East Jordan native who moved away but returned to her hometown 27 years ago to run a small business with her husband. Chamber president Mary Faculak described Luanne Reed as a humble, inspiring, and giving individual with a long list of community involvements. Luanne is a past Chamber board member, she is very active at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, a volunteer at Crossroads Resale Shop, president of the East Jordan Senior Center Advisory Council as well as president of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. Luanne is a volunteer for the Snow Blast winter festival and is this year's 'Belle of the Blizzard.' She is involved with the Historical Society and Portside Arts Fair Committees and is a Chamber of office ambassador. Mary noted Luanne is a perfect role model for community involvement.

Addressing the meeting



South Arm Café owned by CJ and Jessica Cutler was awarded Business of the Year



Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Luanne Reed. She shows off her plaque surrounded by her proud family.

attendees with some light hearted remarks, Luanne said, "When I returned to

East Jordan in 1992, I became a stripper... we stripped furniture". Luanne

admitted to being 87 1/2 years old and just got back from a vacation at Hilton Head. She quipped, "Can I tell you something funny? When I told Amy Wieland I was going to Hilton Head, Amy said, well don't come back pregnant!" Luanne noted she is Belle of the Blizzard for another month, "the oldest one we've ever had. I think they were desperate."

Other awards presented at the meeting included the Renaissance Award. This year's winner was BC Pizza. Owners Chris and Sandra Nelson converted a building at the corner of M-66 and M-32 that was once used as a bank and a real estate office for the new location of their East Jordan restaurant. Faculak said BC Pizza is a vibrant, welcoming, and family friendly business.

East Jordan Auto Parts received a Diamond award for 75 years of continuous operation of a family owned business. This past summer, Jim and Katie Slough relocated their auto recycling business from Elm Street near the East Jordan High School to a former storage area on Fair Road. Mary Faculak remarked that East Jordan is fortunate to have a family owned business that has endured the test of time and

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### Boyne Falls Man Pleads Guilty to Possessing Child Sexually Abusive Material

Tracy Owen Penfold, 57, Boyne Falls pleaded guilty in the 33rd Circuit Court to possessing child sexually abusive material ("CSAM") and using a computer to commit a crime.

The charges carry maximum possible sentences of four years and seven years in prison, respectively. The sentence on the computer crime charge may be imposed consecutively to the CSAM charge.

Penfold will also be required to register as a sex offender under Michigan law.

According to an affidavit filed in the matter, Penfold's employer was experiencing computer issues on its network and hired a company to investigate and solve the problems.

The company discovered suspicious activity on the network and indicated that it needed physical possession of the computer involved to conduct further investigation. The computer was turned over by Penfold to the employer and then to the company.

While working on the

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### Alabama Man Sentenced to Prison for Jail Assault

Shane Michael Crowell, 18, of Gurley, Alabama was sentenced to prison for 18 to 48 months with credit for 87 days served on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon by Judge Roy C. Hayes of the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix County.

Crowell had pleaded guilty on December 6, admitting that he had struck a fellow inmate at the Charlevoix County Jail with a drinking mug. According to the affidavit of probable cause in the case, the assault was the result of a card game in the jail.

This incident resulted in Crowell's fourth conviction in seven months. Assault with a dangerous weapon is a felony carrying a maximum penalty of four years in prison.

Crowell was convicted of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and receiving and concealing a firearm on May 17, 2019 in Charlevoix County. The court file in that matter indicates that Crowell and his brother had stolen vehicles in Alabama and Indiana to get to Michigan. They had also stolen two handguns from vehicles and brought

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HIGH: 33  
LOW: 23

### FRIDAY



HIGH: 35  
LOW: 29

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 36  
LOW: 29

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 36  
LOW: 30

## snowfall

| 2018-19 | AMT" | CITY        | 2019-20 | AMT" | CITY        |
|---------|------|-------------|---------|------|-------------|
| 1/28/19 | 28.2 | ATLANTA     | 1/27/20 | 30.5 | ATLANTA     |
| 1/28/19 | 45.5 | BOYNE FALLS | 1/27/20 | 54.5 | BOYNE FALLS |
| 1/28/19 | 41.9 | CHARLEVOIX  | 1/27/20 | 45.7 | CHARLEVOIX  |
| 1/28/19 | 43.9 | CHEBOYGAN   | 1/27/20 | 42.5 | CHEBOYGAN   |
| 1/28/19 | 75.7 | EAST JORDAN | 1/27/20 | 76.8 | EAST JORDAN |
| 1/28/19 | 79.9 | GAYLORD     | 1/27/20 | 94.9 | GAYLORD     |
| 1/28/19 | 60.2 | KALKASKA    | 1/27/20 | 114  | KALKASKA    |
| 1/28/19 | 42.5 | LEWISTON    | 1/27/20 | 39.5 | LEWISTON    |
| 1/28/19 | 30.8 | MIO         | 1/27/20 | 37.8 | MIO         |
| 1/28/19 | 53.2 | ONAWAY      | 1/27/20 | 53   | ONAWAY      |
| 1/28/19 | 81.5 | PETOSKEY    | 1/27/20 | 73.7 | PETOSKEY    |

## record temps

| DAY    | AVG | LOW | AVG | HIGH   | RECORD LOW | RECORD HIGH |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------------|-------------|
| JAN 30 | 11° | 29° | 33° | (1994) | .48°       | (1988)      |
| JAN 31 | 10° | 29° | 16° | (1980) | .49°       | (1988)      |
| FEB 1  | 10° | 29° | 28° | (1962) | .47°       | (1998)      |
| FEB 2  | 10° | 29° | 31° | (1961) | .46°       | (1991)      |
| FEB 3  | 10° | 30° | 18° | (1996) | .52°       | (1991)      |
| FEB 4  | 10° | 30° | 25° | (1996) | .50°       | (2005)      |
| FEB 5  | 10° | 30° | 14° | (1974) | .56°       | (2005)      |
| FEB 6  | 10° | 30° | 20° | (1978) | .56°       | (2005)      |
| FEB 7  | 10° | 30° | 22° | (1967) | .46°       | (2005)      |
| FEB 8  | 11° | 30° | 21° | (1962) | .49°       | (1990)      |



COURTESY PHOTO

## Boyne City Pavilion getting new shingles

Boyne City Pavilion gets a case of Shingles

But that's a good thing. According to the City's contractor Bob Kroondyk Boyne City's Pavilion project continues to progress nicely with lots of activity taking place.

Shingles are going on the roof of the new east side covered picnic areas. The face brick system and bricks are being installed behind plastic tenting along with trim boards and ceiling cedar boards are being installed. Shake shingles are getting painting in the Pavilion in advance of their installation. Carpenters are building the picnic area's roof cupolas offsite and delivering them to a subcontractor for matching the nearby lighthouse roof design. The copper roofing material for the cupolas is arriving soon and will be de-

livered to the subcontractor for fabrication. The plumbing inspection for the Commercial Kitchen's grease trap will take place Wednesday and after that, they will reinstall concrete for epoxy floors. Work on fire suppression sprinkler systems and is about 50% complete. The new range hood system is scheduled to be installed right behind the floors and the counters and steel wall panels were ordered last week.

The project, funded in part by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and local contributions, is scheduled to be completed by the May 14, 2020 start of the Annual Boyne City Mushroom Festival. When completed the expanded and improved Boyne City Pavilion will be available for year round use by the public.

## North Central Michigan College named national award finalist

North Central Michigan College has been named a finalist for an American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) award in the category of "Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership." AACCC has selected North Central as a finalist based on the college's longstanding partnership with Precision Edge Surgical Products.

In 2014, North Central launched a mobile digital fabrication lab, the "Fab Lab," to increase the level of workforce training available to employees engaged in producing high-end medical cutting tools at regional Precision Edge Surgical Products locations. North Central and Precision Edge quickly involved the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in a unique partnership that leveraged state support for the project once hiring targets at Preci-

sion Edge were achieved. North Central bore costs to develop the program and its curriculum and worked closely with all partners to ensure curricula met industry needs.

As Precision Edge's production quotas increased and employees could not be released from work for additional training, North Central transitioned the Fab Lab from visiting Precision Edge locations to visiting high schools in Precision's immediate area, targeting interested students with accelerated certificates in Computer-Numeric-Controlled (CNC) machining courses designed to help them enter the workforce sooner and to get Precision more trained employees faster. Ultimately, hiring targets at Precision were met, and the State of Michigan released funds to compensate North Central for its role. This project has since spawned additional manufac-

turing and grant collaborations between North Central and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), among others.

AACCC's Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award honors "local, regional and national collaboration between a college and corporate partner that has achieved demonstrable, multi-year success in advancing the mission of the institution(s), the economic prosperity of a community, region or the nation, and the learning excellence of students," according to AACCC's website.

Criteria used to evaluate partnerships include the following:

- Promotes partnerships between college(s) and business and industry that advance the economic prosperity of the community/region and the competitiveness of the workforce
- Demonstrates longstanding and measurable out-

comes in advancing student success

- Is characterized by innovative on-campus and workplace opportunities that engage students and employers

- Provides and leverages resources available to college(s) and students

- Closes the American skills gap

"The college's collaborative relationship with Precision Edge is but one example of a "win-win" community partnership," said Dr. David Roland Finley, president of North Central. "We are a college of and for the community, and together with our partners, we will continue to provide higher education that is exceptional, accessible and relevant. This work will yield benefits in talent development for our area employers and, ultimately, contribute to the health of our region."

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### RANDY JOSEPH FIEL, 61

(JAN. 28, 2020 - JAN. 27, 2020)



Randy Joseph Fiel of Boyne City passed away peacefully on Monday, January 27, 2020 at his home.

Loving husband of Valerie. Father to Jody (Dan) Harris, Treana (Allie) Fiel, Sara (Chris) Kessler, Elizabeth (Luis) Barron and Amanda Bargas. Brother of Linda Fiel, Ron (Faith) Fiel, Tom Fiel, Diane (Pat) Gagne, Robert "Buster" (Annette) Fiel, Paul (Theresa) Fiel, Barb (Jim) Hawkins and Eileen "Rosie" (Pat) Bester. Grandfather to Paige, Kane, Dayton, Ashton, Breez, Spencer, Quinn, Berlu, Crew and Rora. Great grandfather to Finn and Bailey. Randy also had many nephews and nieces he loved.

Randy was a hard worker that loved to build. He was an avid hunter that loved the outdoors and looked forward to deer season every year. He truly enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved his weekend cook outs or his Sunday dinners. He enjoyed his afternoon "coffee" with his friends. Randy was always willing to help others regardless of the situation or circumstance. He enjoyed helping the local rotary club cook their chicken dinners. Randy loved to watch school sports especially when his

grand kids were playing.

Randy is preceded in death by his Father, Stanley, Mother Antoinette "Toni" and sister Joann.

A visitation will be held 5:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, January 30, 2020 at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls with the reciting of the Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Friday, January 31st at St. Augustine Church with a visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the "American Heart Association" or "St. Augustine Church of Boyne Falls".

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com).

### BARBARA ELAINE (SCHWAB) LUNDHOLM, 75

(JAN. 5, 1945 - JAN. 25, 2020)



Barbara Elaine (Schwab) Lundholm of Charlevoix passed away on January 25, 2020 at her home in Charlevoix. Barbara was born January 5, 1945 in Charlevoix, MI to William J. Schwab and Ruth H. (White) Schwab.

Barbara was born and raised in Charlevoix and lived

in California, New York, New Hampshire, Georgia, and Texas, before returning to Charlevoix to retire. Traveling was a passion of Barbara's as she enjoyed residing in different places.

Barbara was a majorette in the Charlevoix Red Rayer band in high school. She was a very devoted mother to her three children and was an avid reader and knitter, and enjoyed high school basketball games.

Surviving Barbara are her children, Brenda (William) Grubbs of Magnolia, TX, Jeffrey (Chelsea) Jay of Jordan, NY, and Bobby Lundholm of Charlevoix, MI. Along with three grandchildren Jay, Izzy, and Alex.

No services are planned. Memorial contributions in Barbara's name may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### MARK EUGENE BERRY, 49

(SEPT. 8, 1970 - JAN. 5, 2020)



Mark E. Berry of Gaylord passed suddenly of natural

causes on January 5, 2020 in Boyne City.

Mark was born on September 8, 1970, in Traverse City. He grew up in Boyne City and graduated High School in 1989. He lived in Gaylord most of his adult life where he was an avid member of Grace Baptist Church and enthusiastically worked at Crossroads Industries. He loved Summer Day Camp, Friday night community dinners, singing karaoke, coloring, word search puzzles, and writing letters to loved ones. He took pride in educating and advocating for his rare genetic disorder, Prader-Willi Syndrome. He was immediately a friend with anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him and will be immensely missed by all.

Mark is preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Hunt, and his father, Willard Berry. He is survived by his dad, Robert Hunt; sisters Beverly, Toni, Cathy, Christy, and Charlene; his brother Rob; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Marks greatest joy in life was to be surrounded by loved ones and he was blessed with two large and loving families - his biological and AFC families.

There will be a Karaoke Celebration of Life (in true Mark fashion) held at the Boyne City Eagles Club on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from noon until 5 pm to share photos, stories, and songs.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in Mark's honor to Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Michigan, 2620 Hawley Road, Leslie, MI 49521.

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# BC Blaze Robotics team begins new year

A new year brings robotics to area high schools. FIRST Robotics Competition has partnered with LucasFilms as a part of its Star Wars for Change initiative. INFINITE RECHARGE includes many tasks for robots to complete. Power Cells (balls) must reach high and low goals for robots to manipulate a control panel to activate a shield. Robots must return to park or climb to end the game. Boyne City has one of the most established teams in Northern Michigan and is recharging into the 2020 season.

The season began with B.C. Blaze welcoming 34 teams from the Northern Michigan area, offering collaboration workshops, robot kit pick up and comradery at the FRC Kick Off on January 4.

B.C. Blaze has grown from 6 students to 32 high school students. Adult mentors, including seven alumni, help the team in a variety of tasks.



The 2020 BC Blaze Robotics Team. Courtesy photo

"I'm involved to support the students and the community," says adult mentor Carol Valentine. "B.C. Blaze

has given my daughter many opportunities to be involved. I'm proud to support the program with my time and

skills."

While robotics season runs year round, build season begins in January and culmi-

nates with world competition in April. B.C. Blaze spreads STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and

Mathematics) throughout the entire district and community. Additional information about B.C. Blaze Robotics can be found at [www.boynecity-blaze.com](http://www.boynecity-blaze.com)

BC Blaze thanks the Boyne community and surrounding areas for strong support during its nine seasons. Special thanks to the team's current Blaze and Blue level sponsors, who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the team for this year's season:

- Rotary Club of Boyne City
  - Boyne City Kiwanis Club
  - Boyne City Booster Foundation
  - Steck, Bert & Vickie
  - Boyne City Hardware
  - ACE
  - VAN DAM Boats
- If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring BC Blaze, contact [bcblaze@boyne.k12.mi.us](mailto:bcblaze@boyne.k12.mi.us).

## Emergency group in need of trailer storage

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Counties Public Service Communications Organization (CCECPSCO), a non-profit Northern Michigan Amateur Radio emergency communications support group, is in immediate need of storage space for their communications support trailer. This trailer provides communications support to the three counties and elsewhere as needed in emergencies and disasters and for community events.

For more than 15 years, the CCSCPSO has provided communications support, participated in training from FEMA and other agencies in emergency operations, and practiced in exercises under the direction of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties Office of Emergency Management. Unfortunately, the storage space so generously provided for the trailer will no longer be available as of the end of January. The CCECPSCO is therefore in need of a new host for this critical asset.

This modified Forest River Work and Play trailer is 23 feet long and has been equipped with communications equipment, antennas, generator, and battery power to support a wide range of communications needs and can be deployed at short notice. It compliments the capabilities the CCECPSCO has at

regional Emergency Operations Centers and communications towers, and can be deployed in short order as needed.

To properly serve the needs of Emergency Management, it is preferred that a storage location protect the trailer from the weather, have power available to keep the batteries charged, and that access is adequately cleared of snow and other obstructions. Storage space for other CCECPSCO materials and supplies would be a nice addition. The trailer does require additional height clearance of a couple feet for the permanently installed antennas. As the CCECPSCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Michigan Corporation, a tax advantage may be available for providing space.

The CCECPSCO, a non-profit all volunteer organization, adheres to the motto "When All Else Fails... Amateur Radio", which best represents the valuable public service that can only be provided by experienced "Ham" radio operators. The CCECPSCO deploys in emergencies under the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) protocols and at the direction of the CCE Office of Emergency Management.

For more information contact the CCECPSCO at [info@ccecpSCO.org](mailto:info@ccecpSCO.org) or call 231-330-4517.

## "PHIL" PREPARES FOR ANNUAL GROUNDHOG DAY FORECAST

BY JIM AKANS

A spry 130-plus years old, Punxsutawney Phil is once again preparing to emerge from his cozy groundhog burrow on February 2, a.k.a. Groundhog Day.

According to Wikipedia: "The first reported news of a Groundhog Day observance was arguably made by the Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania in 1886: 'up to the time of going to press, the beast has not seen its shadow'. However, it was not until the following year in 1887 that the first Groundhog Day considered 'official' was commemorated here, with a group making a trip to the Gobbler's Knob part of town to consult the groundhog. People have gathered annually at the spot for the event ever since."

That's a longstanding tradition for a weather forecaster that has been on the questionable side of accuracy. The method is fairly simple; if Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter (a safe bet here in Northern Michigan), and if not; spring is on the near horizon (as long as that horizon extends to mid-May for this area).

According to the "infoplease" website, the origins of this Groundhog Day tradition extend back to Europe many centuries ago. Back then, people would keep an eye on emerging hibernating animals, such as the groundhog, during mid-winter. If they cast shadows because of sunning days it was considered a bad sign. Those days are typically cold and that just might mean winter is retreating slowly.

"Throughout history numerous holidays have marked this seasonal crossroads," infoplease relates. "Among these is Candlemas Day, February 2, a Christian holiday that celebrates Mary's ritual purification. Early Christians believed that if the sun came out on Candlemas Day, winter would last for six weeks more."

In terms of accuracy, "live-science.com" found that Phil has predicted over 100 forecasts of six more months of winter and only about 20 for an early spring. Data from "Stormfax Almanac" show this to be around thirty-nine percent accurate. Looking at the years since 1969, that ac-



When Punxsutawney Phil emerges from its burrow on February 2; if he sees a shadow due to clear weather, he will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks. If he does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early. Wikipedia photo

curacy falls to about thirty-six percent...global warming may be working against Phil. Bottom line; flipping a coin produces better odds of weather prediction.

Still, Phil is fun. Phil is tradition...and Phil is treated very well.

The "Penn Live Blog" notes:

- Phil has his own car. It's called the Philmobile and it's a little bus that houses members of the Inner Circle. Phil has a special seat on the outside, so he can be seen during parades.

- Phil takes a magical elixir every summer to extend his lifespan. The elixir also changes his appearance (much like the Doctor in "Doctor Who"), which explains why Phil may be grey one year and a youthful brown the next. Alas, the elixir does not work on humans. "We've tried, it just makes them fat and bald," said Ron Ploucha, Stump Warden of the Inner Circle of the Groundhog Club and co-handler of Phil. "If you saw some of our Inner Circle members you can tell the ones that tried."

- Phil has a wife. Well, make that Phil has had many wives. While Phil has an extended lifespan, his wives do not partake in the elixir so they pass away like normal groundhogs do. Phil's current wife is called Phyllis - of course.

- Phil was not in "Groundhog Day." In that Bill Murray movie he is played by a groundhog named Scooter -

who bit the actor three times during filming. Phil was Murray's first choice for the role. "He's treated like royalty and is very well-behaved. A true professional," the actor told The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1993. "So when they couldn't get him - a creature who has been hand-raised since birth and is very tame - what did they do? They went out into the woods and caught this Scooter, a groundhog who hated my guts from day one."

The film, "Groundhog Day," was released in 1993. It's a classic comedy about Phil Connors, played by Bill Murray, who becomes trapped in a Groundhog Day loop, replaying the day over and over again.

IMDb (Internet Movie Database) offers some fun trivia about the film:

- Bill Murray and Harold Ramis (director) have both been honorary Grand Marshals for the Groundhog Day celebrations in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

- The scene where Phil picks up the alarm clock and slams it onto the floor didn't go as planned. Bill slammed down the clock, but it barely broke, so the crew bashed it with a hammer to give it the really smashed look. The clock actually continued playing the song like in the movie.

- All the clocks in the diner are stopped, mirroring Phil's predicament.

- Though Phil Connors almost certainly experiences February 2nd thousands of

times, 38 of which are said to be actually depicted, a careful sorting of "day-isolated" sequences and/or events plus a parsing of Connors' dialogue accounts for at least 42 days - the exact number of days of additional winter predicted by Punxsutawney Phil (6 weeks).

- When Ned Ryerson accosts Phil Connors in the street, John Candy can be seen in the background giving money to the older homeless person.

- There is a small plaque that reads "Bill Murray stepped here" on the curb where Murray continually steps into a puddle. There is another plaque on the building wall at the corner that says "Ned's Corner" where Bill Murray was continually accosted by insurance salesman Ned Ryerson (Stephen Tobolowsky).

- Harold Ramis and Danny Rubin considered including an explanation for Phil being stuck in a time loop. The possibilities included was that Phil had been cursed by a scorned lover or someone he had verbally abused. But they decided it was best to leave it a mystery.

Mystery is really what the celebration of Groundhog day is about. As we hopefully cross the midpoint of the winter season why not put our hopes for the early arrival of spring into a clue provided by a celebrity marmot, (a large rodents related to large ground squirrels) and his shadow? On a personal note: I hope he doesn't!

## Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



### Alyssa Reynolds

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Jessica and Kurtis Reynolds

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Alyssa wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

Favorite Book: Llama, Llama, Red Pajamas

Hobbies and Interests: She likes to go camping, boating, playing on playgrounds, hunting, fishing, sledding, and playing games with Daddy!

School Activities: She enjoys doing art projects in art class and in the classroom. She likes to read and do math problems. She also likes playing with her friends.

Staff Comments: Alyssa is a sweet girl. She has wonderful manners and is always kind to her classmates. She is always willing to help, and does so with a smile. Alyssa has a great sense of humor. She is a lot of fun to be around. She works hard in all of the academic areas and it shows. Keep up the good work!

Submitted By: Mrs. Powers



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# News

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2020

## Boyne City Ambulance will service part of Melrose Township

**BY KAREN WALKER**

At their regular meeting Tuesday, Boyne City Commissioners approved a three year contract with Melrose Township to provide EMS services to the township. Boyne City Ambulance Director John Lamont explained that the portion of Melrose Township west of US-131 will be serviced from the Boyne City station, while the area east of US-131 will be serviced out of the Boyne

Valley station. Melrose Township approved and signed the agreement at their regular meeting January 14th. Mr. Lamont informed Commissioners he has been in contact with Chandler Township and he anticipates they will also contract with Boyne City for EMS service.

In other business, Boyne City Commissioners authorized the Mayor to send a letter to Evangeline Township

supporting the Township's grant application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to conduct a Trail Facilities Master Plan for the various trails located in Evangeline Township and Boyne City. The study will explore the development of the new Boyne Forest Trails network, the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail as well as trail facilities at Avalanche Park. The study will assess links to adjacent recre-

ational trails and facilities, and links to downtown Boyne City. The study will also evaluate infrastructure such as parking, bridges, boardwalks, restrooms, cabins, drinking fountains, wayfinding signage, etc. in the region. The cost of the study based on a proposal from Petoskey engineering firm Beckett & Raeder is estimated at \$15,750.

Also approved at the meeting was the purchase of a

2020 F-250 Ford pickup from Bob Mathers Ford of Boyne City for \$26,990. The new vehicle will replace a one ton plow truck that was retired last fall and will be used as a multi-purpose service truck for transporting items such as manhole covers, catch basin grates, garbage cans, and picnic tables, as well as being used to pull an equipment trailer. The new truck will also serve as a back-up unit for plowing city parking

lots, narrow streets and alleys. To equip the truck, Commissioners approved the purchase of a motorized tailgate lift unit and plow hitch from Truck & Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls in the amount of \$6,316.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

## MDHHS investigating possible cases of Novel Coronavirus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), local public health departments and the state's healthcare community are actively monitoring the Novel Coronavirus 2019 outbreak originating in Wuhan, China.

These efforts include special attention to people who present with symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough or difficulty breathing), fever, and report a travel history that includes Wuhan or contact with an ill individual who is under investigation for coronavirus infection. These individuals

are being considered for specimen collection and submission to the CDC for testing.

At this time, the only approved testing for coronavirus is available at the CDC. The Michigan State Laboratory is prepared to receive the specimens and then send them to the CDC for testing. The CDC is working with the Federal Drug Administration and state public health laboratories to make testing more broadly available.

To date, MDHHS has evaluated referrals from several counties and approved specimens from two individuals in Washtenaw County and one in Macomb County for test-

ing at CDC. Given the number of specimens being tested nationally, no specific turnaround time is available, but results are expected within several days. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly.

All cases being investigated in Michigan have presented with mild illness. These individuals are self-isolating and local health departments are closely monitoring anyone who has been in close contact with them.

"At MDHHS, we recognize the potential threat associated with this virus and are working to identify any suspect cases in Michigan," said

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "Our goal is to quickly identify individuals with the virus and prevent any potential spread. We encourage healthcare providers to remain vigilant in screening patients for symptoms and travel history, and to contact their local health departments immediately if they see a potential case."

Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses common among animals and humans. In rare cases, the virus can be transmitted from animals to humans. This novel coronavirus is a newly discovered version that has not been pre-

viously detected in animals or humans. The source is not yet known.

Novel Coronavirus 2019 has been identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan. Investigations are ongoing to learn more, but person-to-person spread of the virus has occurred according to CDC.

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
- CDC believes at this time that symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long

as 14 days after exposure. If anyone believes that they have symptoms and have recently traveled to Wuhan, China, or have been in contact with someone who has had the virus, they should call their healthcare provider or hospital prior to arriving so that the appropriate preventive measures can be put in place.

Public health screenings for travelers from Wuhan have been implemented at five U.S. airports including Atlanta (ATL), Chicago (ORD), San Francisco (SFO), New York (JFK) and Los Angeles (LAX).

More information is available at [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

### BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

- 0644 Property damage crash at N. Lake St. and Lower Lake St.
- 0814 Report of a vehicle stuck in the cemetery.
- 0929 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of S East St
- 1545 Citation issued for passing school bus w lights on citation issued for no insurance. Vehicle towed
- 1811 Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 600 block of W Court St.
- 2327 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Acropolis Dr.

- 500 block of N Lake St
- 1316 Citation issued for second MIP from yesterday.
- 1455 Report of snowmobiles driving through yard in the 700 block of Jefferson St.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**

- 1705 Assist EMS in the 600 block of Grant St.
- 1720 Arrested subject on an FOC warrant out of Charlevoix County.
- 1848 Threats complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 2142 Driving complaint coming into town on M75 S.

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

- 0843 Report of a barking dog in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 1145 Parking complaint on Court St. at Charlevoix St.
- 1406 Suspicious situation in the 400 block of N Lake St.
- 2045 Driving violation called in on M75 S and Dam Rd.
- 2216 Noise complaint from the 300 block of E Division St.
- 2310 Assist EMS with 2 OD's on Wilson St.

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

- 0130 Assist EMS in the 300 block of W Ann St.
- 0522 Abandon vehicle in the 1200 block of Boyne Av.
- 1016 Lodged a stray dog found on N. Lake St.
- 1115 Served a subpoena in the 600 block of Grant St.
- 1901 Arrested subject for no insurance in the 100 block of N Lake St.
- 1933 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Groveland St.
- 2107 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls.

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

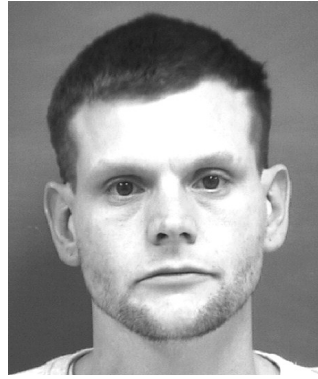
- 1027 Truancy complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1533 Report of private property damage crash/ Hit and Run that occurred on Sunday in the 400 block of N Lake St.
- 1623 Subject at PD to report civil complaint.
- 1815 Located suspect from the earlier reported hit and run.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

- 0227 Alarm in the 100 block of S Lake St.
- 0937 Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1035 Assist EMS in the 600 block of N East St.
- 1039 Citation issued for MIP alcohol in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
- 1753 Assist EMS in the 600 block of Boyne Ave.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**

- 0217 Arrested subject for OWI on West St.
- 0630 Motorist assist at E. Main St. and Boyne Ave.
- 1126 Harassment report from Pleasant Av reporting.
- 1157 Vehicle unlock in the



DAVID THOMAS

### Man Sentenced to Prison for Domestic Violence

This morning in the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix County, David Michael Thomas, 32, of East Jordan, was sentenced to serve 16 to 60 months in prison following his conviction for domestic violence, third offense. Thomas had pleaded guilty on December 20, 2019. He was initially

charged with two counts of domestic violence, third offense and one count of attempted domestic violence.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, on September 23, 2019, Thomas engaged in assaults on two different victims, pushing one and striking another in the face. He also al-

legedly attempted to push a third.

Court documents show that Thomas had been convicted of three prior felony drug charges and 10 prior misdemeanors.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

### GUILTY

FROM PG. 1A

computer, the company discovered material that was believed to possibly contain CSAM and stopped all activity on the computer. They ad-

vised the employer who then contacted the Michigan State Police.

The State Police forensically reviewed the contents of the computer and detected 98 images that were tagged as possible child sexually abusive material. Five of the images were specifically de-

scribed in the affidavit as appearing to include a child engaging in a sexual act.

In exchange for Penfold's guilty pleas, the prosecution agreed to dismiss a third charge of larceny in a building. According to the affidavit, that charge related to Penfold taking the work com-

puter from his employer without permission.

Penfold is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Roy C. Hayes III on February 28.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

### ASSAULT

FROM PG. 1A

those to Michigan as well. Police found and arrested Crowell at a residence in Bay Township on March 28, 2019.

Crowell was sentenced to ten months in jail on those charges on June 28, 2019.

On May 15, 2019, while those charges were pending, Crowell assaulted a fellow inmate at the Charlevoix County Jail, punching them and placing them in a head-

lock. According to court documents, this fight was as a result of the victim telling Crowell to pick up a banana peel in his cell.

Crowell pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on June 18 and was sentenced to serve 12 months in jail, concurrent

with his pending sentence, on July 2.

Additional charges against the defendant are pending in the State of Alabama.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

### AWARDS

FROM PG. 1A

has helped make "everything old, new again". Jim's father, Kenneth Slough, founded the business in 1944.

Ambassador of the Year was awarded to Rich Dietrich. Dietrich was instrumental in the East Jordan Chamber securing a major display at the Clare Welcome Center last year. Mary said he is always willing to roll up his sleeves to assist with projects, research an idea, or help at an event. In addition to his contribution to the Chamber, Dietrich is a member of the Community Mar-

keting Committee, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed board of directors, Sweaty Yeti Run, East Jordan Historical Society, and Portside Arts Fair Committee.

This year's Spirit Award was presented to Grandvue Medical Care Facility. Mary explained, "East Jordan and Charlevoix County has been so blessed to have a skilled medical care facility that has been serving Northern Michigan for over 120 years." Mary remarked, "This special place is dedicated to caring for the body, mind and spirit of each of our family members. Besides providing nurturing care to their residents, this facility, comprised

of over 200 employees, is the perfect example of community spirit." She pointed out that many of their employees are involved in the community, volunteering time and service.

South Arm Cafe, formerly Darlene's Restaurant, owned by CJ and Jessica Cutler was awarded Business of the Year. Mary said, "The restaurant is a special place where you will always find a friendly smile, great conversation, and a delicious home cooked meal." She noted the owners take time to support the community and its many organizations and events.

In his remarks to the attendees, Chamber board chair Matt Stevenson stated,

"The Chamber is always pushing to represent our members and bring more people here to explore our great community. If it goes on in East Jordan, you can bet the Chamber is the leading reason those events are happening." He added, "In a world of Amazon, screen time, and instant gratification, we need to be ever more aware of how we support one another and become involved in making our businesses and community successful. Sometimes what is easy is not always best. Let's be the reason our community succeeds."

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## Young Americans to perform at East Jordan High School

BY KAREN WALKER

School students are preparing for the opportunity of a lifetime when they will take the stage with the California-based performing arts group, The Young Americans. This nonprofit music, dance and performance organization will make a stop at East Jordan High School March 8-10, during its Spring Performing Arts Workshop Tour. The organization devotes its tour to teaching and empowering students and supporting school music programs across the U.S. and Canada.

"Music is a universal language, and because we use music as our main tool, our programs are successful in every region we visit," says Bill Brawley, Chief Artistic Officer of The Young Americans. "There is nothing greater than watching a



community come together and work as a team in a matter of days. Not only do the students learn how to sing and dance, they also develop new friendships, improve self-esteem, and find accept-

ance among their peers." Founded in 1962 as a choral group, The Young Americans now focuses on providing all students, regardless of language, socioeconomic background, or

experience level, with opportunities to experience quality music education. Each 40 member, college-aged cast tours worldwide, visiting a new community or school every three days. At each

tour stop, the cast teaches three-day performing arts workshops, which include classes in singing, dancing, and performance. On the final day, a two-hour performance is produced, fea-

turing local students as they perform alongside The Young Americans and as soloists, ensemble members, and dancers.

Registration for the workshop is open to 3rd-12th graders, and no prior performing experience is necessary. Thanks to a generous local donation, the cost for an East Jordan Public School student to attend is only \$19.00. More details about the workshop can be found on The Young Americans' website, or by contacting Kim Brown at kbrown@ejps.org. The final performance is 7:00 p.m. March 10th in the East Jordan School auditorium and is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and will be available for purchase at the door.

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