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FEBRUARY 20, 2020





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

The Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race is February 22 in Charlevoix

Revolution Bike in Charlevoix is proud to host the 8th Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race with the support of Bickersteth Brown & Associates, The City of Charlevoix, and Visit Charlevoix. The Dogman is the 4th race of the 2020 Short's Brewing Fat Bike Series which includes 5 races in northern lower Michigan.

The event is on tap for Saturday, February 22 beginning with a mass start at noon on top of the bunny hill at Mt Mc-Sauba in Charlevoix. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a onepoint-eight mile loop through the trails of Mt McSauba and North Point Nature Preserve.



The Dogman Challenge Race begins with a mass start at noon on top of the bunny hill at Mt McSauba. Courtesy photo .

The riders to complete the most laps in two hours are the

champions and will be awarded one-of-a kind Dogman medals and cash prizes. Medals and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Men and Women's Open and Master 45+ divisions. The after

party and awards ceremony will be held at the ski lodge beginning at 4pm.

Not a competitor? Not a problem. The course is spectator friendly. There will be fire pits, s'mores, and excitement galore, so we hope that you are able to come out and watch these amazing athletes compete. Spectators can get in out of the cold and watch the action unfold from the upper level of the ski lodge. It's a great day to bring the family to Mt. McSauba

to watch an extreme sporting event and/or partake in some fantastic skiing, sledding, skating, or snowboarding.

For more information or to register to for the race, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

Electrical fire

damage at

Charlevoix

BY JIM AKANS

Public Library

This past weekend a

Charlevoix Public Li-

enced some water

of the facility.

remained closed:

- Teen Room

damage, which resu

small electrical fire at the

brary caused the interior

sprinkler system to acti-

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in the temporary closure

As of this past Tues-

day, the following areas

- Conversation Area

- Hallway upstairs by

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that they did not experi-

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and drying equipment is

in place and we hope to

be back to normal soon.

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For updates, please

We feel very fortunate

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age."

Library Facilities Man-

the Director's Office

results in water

East Jordan "Sno-Blast" festival

The 39th Annual East Jordan Sno-Blast Winter Festival scheduled for February 21-23, promises to offer fun for the entire family. For the outdoor enthusiasts the festival will feature the popular Blessing of the sleds and ORV's, Antique and Classic Snowmobile Show, a snowmobile safari ride open to all types of snowmobiles, snow sculpture contest, an ORV fun obstacle course & weight pull, The TNT Ride Like A Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run, snowmobile Radar Runs, Sno-Mobilers delicious Bean Pot.

For the non-outdoor winter fans there are many fun event to beach Cabin Fever, the Grand Story Hour and Craft, Taco Dinner, Euchre Tournament, Kids Coloring Contest for children 0-11 year's old, Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight competition and a Sno-Lovers Breakfast at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Sunday to wrap-up the long running winter festival.

If you haven't visited East Jordan recently, be sure to put our community on your destination visit list. The town is undergoing a rejuvenation of new businesses and community spirit. There are several opportunities for new businesses and services for entrepreneurs.

For more information about Sno-Blast, contact the East Jordan Chamber at 231-536-7351 or visit www.eichamber.org or check out EastJordanSnoBlast on Facebook.

39TH ANNUAL SNO-BLAST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note; some events are dependent on weather condi-



Vintage snowmobiles will be on display on Saturday at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, located on Mt. Bliss



Club. Courtesy photo

FRESH BONELESS BEEF

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FRESH T-BONE STEAKS

FRIDAY, **FEBRUARY 21**

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.) 4:30 – 8 PM; ORV Club Taco Dinner – Enjoy 2 tacos, chips, dessert & beverage. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors & children (10 & under, 1 taco, chips, dessert & drink) Proceeds to

benefit ORV safety class. 5:30 PM; Crowning of Winter Knight & Belle of the Blizzard (@ ORV Taco Supper- Sno- Mobile Club)

6PM; Snowmobile Safari Ride - Leave the Snowmobile Club House and ride thru the Jordan Valley and back for a hot dog roast.

> SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 22**

(Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)

9 AM - 1 PM; Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show 9 AM - 9:45 AM; ORV Obstacle Course Registration

Sleds & ORV's 10:30 AM; ORV Fun Run -Timed FUN course \$5 per run, door prize drawings. (18

10 AM; Blessing of the

years old and up) 12 PM; TNT Ride Like A Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run

1 PM - 3 PM; Snowmobile Radar Runs. Pay \$10 and run your sled as many times as you want against the radar machine. Challenge your friends to see who can get the best time. Everyone registered will be entered to win cash prize drawings throughout the event. Riders must be 18 years of of age or

All Day; Concessions and Bean Pot at the Club House

SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 23**

(Locations around town) 11 AM; Grand Story Hour Family Story Time with Luanne Reed, Refreshments. Location & Sponsor & Location: Books N' Things

6:00 PM; Sno-Blast Euchre Tournament - Location: The Zone, \$20 per person, Must Pre-Register (limited space) Call 231-350-1773

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd) 7AM – Noon; Sno-Lovers

Breakfast "The Works" Pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and Eggs: \$7 Adults, \$5 Kids 10 & under

FRESH CHICKEN DRUM-

STICKS OR THIGHS FAMILY PACK

LAY'S POTATO CHIPS

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THURSDAY



HIGH: 18 LOW: 15

FRIDAY

HIGH: 32

LOW: 27



HIGH: 37

LOW: 30



SUNDAY

HIGH: 39 LOW: 26

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OBITUARIES

2018-19

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AUSTIN RYEN VALLER, 23

(AUG. 3, 1996 - FEB. 13, 2020) Austin Ryen Valler of Boyne City passed away February 4th, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Austin was born August 3rd, 1996, he was the son of Pete and Karla Valler. Austin was a loving son, grandson, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Rosalie and Jack Hampton, his grandmother Alberta Valler, and his aunt Debbie Mapes.

His mark on this world survives by his mother Karla, his father Pete, his brothers Peter Valler and Jack Valler. sister Alicia (Eric) Willett, niece and nephew Hayden and Hudson Willett and grandfather Peter (Wanda) Valler Sr. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

High spirited and energetic as a child, Austin could make anyone laugh, and rarely was he found without his infectious smile. Always inquisitive, Austin enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together in order to appreciate how they worked. As an adult, his restless soul found peace in nature, where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and boating with his family

as well as two-tracking with his friends. Austin was a kind-hearted and generous spirit, which was reflected in his relationships with his family and friends as well as his love for animals. Always willing to be there for others and offer a helping hand, he will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Austin's favorite quote by Mahatma Gandhi are words to live by; "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Austin's name to the Charlevoix County Humane Society of Boyne City.

DAVID LEE SMITH, 79

(APRIL 26, 1940 - FEB. 13, 2020)



David Lee Smith of East Jordan died on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at his

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home.

He was born on April 26, 1940, in East Jordan, the son of Arnold Albert and Olive Mae (Davis) Smith.

He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1958 and then studied welding in trade school.

On January 13, 1962, in Grand Haven, he married Carol Nelson.

David had been the owner and operator of several East Jordan companies, D.L. Smith Excavating, Jordan Valley Concrete, Northland Septic as well as the Mallard Golf Club.

He was a past president of the Rotary Club of East Jordan and a Paul Harris Fellow.

David is survived by his wife, Carol Smith of East Jordan: three children. Arnold (Angela) Smith of East Jordan, Kelly Smith of East Jordan and Kathy (Dan) Dupes of Port Huron; seven grandchildren, Kandra (Travis Curtis) Carson, Kyle Carson, Chelsea (Alissa) Carson, Noah Daniel Dupes, Tessa Elizabeth Dupes, Logan Smith and Lauren Smith: and one brother, Albert Joseph "Joe" (Carolyn) Smith of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Katherine Chipman.

Family and friends will be gathering on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

The family asks that memorials be directed to the East Jordan Golf Team, c/o Arnold Smith, 9731 Bailey Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

LARRY F Judkins, 79

(JULY 26, 1940 - FEB. 13, 2020)

Larry F. Judkins passed away in his sleep at home on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Boyne City. He was born on July 26, 1940 to Lionel (John) Judkins and Freda (Mitchell) Judkins in Petoskey, MI.

Larry enjoyed tennis, bowling, gardening, swimming and time at the lake.

Survivors include his daughters Lisa Pelton and Linda Stone: son John Judkins; seven grandchildren Nicole, Michael, Kathryn, Joshua, Keith, Lauren and Nicklaus; 3 great grandchildren Collin, Tristan and Beauman; brother Rex Judkins; as well as many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his sister Carol (Judkins) Koteskey.

A funeral service will be held 12:00 Noon Wednesday, February 19th at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a visitation being held from 11:00 AM until the time of service. A luncheon will follow at the Boyne City Eagle's.

DONALD EUGENE WELLS, 82

(JAN. 4, 1938 - FEB. 10, 2020)



Donald E. Wells of Charlevoix passed away February 10, 2020 in Petoskey. Don was born January 4, 1938 in Charlevoix to Wilbur Wells and Beatrice (Samuels)

Don graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1956 and resided in Charlevoix his whole life. He worked at DME for 40 years. Don enjoyed bowling, softball, golf, fishing, and animals. On June 15, 1957 Don married Lura Wells.

Don provided his family with a secure, warm, and happy home. Family was the most important dimension of his life. He was hard-work-

were welcome at Don's house, including generations of two kids, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and their friends. He asked for nothing in return, but famously said "Don't lie to me and I will always back you up." Following the death of his

wife Lura, Don's first and oldest grandchild Perry was his roommate and caregiver and affectionately called him 'Pa.' Surviving Don are children Don (Patricia) Wells and Julie (Gordon) Montie, both of Charlevoix, his beloved dog Reese, sisters Delores Hart and Marilyn (Bill) Pardee, as well as grandchildren Perry Matthew, Corey (Janinna) Wells, Tricia (Jay) Morford, Nolan Ager, Paige Ager, and Kaylee Wells. Along with great-grandchildren Jaxin, Abby, Kennedy, Kacic, Zander, Jaelin, and Kyler.

Don is loved, remembered, and dearly missed by all who knew him. No services are planned.

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

VERA ELIZABETH (STALEY) GEE, 96

(JAN. 15, 1924 - FEB. 12, 2020)



Vera Elizabeth Gee of East Jordan went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on January 15, 1924, in East Jordan, the daughter of George and Bertha (Jones) Staley. She grew up in East Jordan and

graduated from East Jordan High School in 1941.

On October 25, 1941, in East Jordan, she married Vale Maurice "Pee Wee" Gee. Her husband of seventy-four years went to be with his Lord on November 18, 2015.

Vera was a member of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, sewing, crocheting and playing table games.

She is survived by six children, Bud (Joanne) Gee of Gaylord, Bonnie (Robert) Eggle of Cadillac, Donald (Margaret) Gee of East Jordan, Evelyn (John) Thompson of East Jordan, Elaine (Thomas) Birgy of East Jordan and Julie (James, Jr.) Meredith of East Jordan; one daughter-in-law, Shari Gee of East Jordan; fifteen grandchildren, Keith (Angela) Gee, Brenda (Jim) Weller, Steve (Theresa) Gee, Brian Gee, Christine (Todd) Palmer, Jacqueline Gee Swanson, Jennifer Eggle, Wendy (John) Crusoe, Michael (Charity) Gee, Anthony (Lauren) Kitchen, Rachael Coates, Matthew Birgy, Krystal (Craig) Johnson, Amy (Ben) Newington and Lucas (Jessica) Meredith; twenty greatgrandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Russell Gee in 1999, granddaughter Danielle Kitchen in 1973; grandson, Kristopher Eggle in 2002; great granddaughter, Selah Coates in 2006; brother, Clarence Staley and sister, Gladys Stibitz.

Funeral service was held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams officiated with interment following in the spring at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends at the Lighthouse Missionary Church on Saturday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Memorials to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or Lighthouse Missionary Church.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

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Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is pleased to announce that \$500,000 is available as grant funds to wellness programs in senior centers. The

agency received the funds in the fiscal year 2020 budget as approved by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Legislature to support these

Eligibility for the grant funds is based on the following criteria:

kinds of programs.

- The center is located in Michigan and serves adults age 60 and older.

- The senior center, or the organization under which it operates, has a 501(c)(3) status, another nonprofit status, or is a unit of general-purpose government or agency or educational system.

- The center is not part of a senior housing complex or a residential housing facil-

The funded programs must support mental and physical health maintenance and improvement for the participants, addressing such issues as, but not limited to:

- Physical activity. - Chronic illness and selfmanagement.
 - Social isolation.
- Addictive behavior. - Fall prevention.

ment.

- Caregiver education and burnout prevention. - Medication manage-

"Senior centers play a vital role in connecting older adults to services that can help them thrive in the community," said Dr. Alexis Travis, senior deputy direc-

tor of the Aging & Adult

Services Agency. "We look

forward to reviewing grant proposals from senior centers throughout Michigan."

Funds will be awarded to selected senior centers in increments not to exceed \$5,000 per senior center per award.

The application and required attachments should be completed and returned to MDHHS via email which is preferred - or mail, postmarked or timestamped on or before Friday, Feb. 28. Applications postmarked or timestamped after Feb. 28 will not be considered.

Visit the newsroom section of the Aging & Adult Services Agency website at michigan.gov/osa/ - where the application and supporting materials may be found - or the agency's Facebook page for more information.

COUNSELING OFFERED

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.

PLAYGROUPS

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.

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NCMC announces new degree completion initiatives

North Central Michigan College is implementing a series of new initiatives, each focused on students' degree-completion. Accelerated 7-week courses, multiple scholarship cycles, Academic Forgiveness give students more options.

North Central will offer 7week accelerated courses beginning with the Summer 2020 semester, allowing students to complete courses in less than half the time. Summer semester will be comprised of four separate terms: a standard, 15-week term, an 8-week term and two 7-week terms. Students will have the flexibility to enroll in any or all of the terms depending on their schedule.

"This format will be beneficial for our students who are working and need the flexibility of choosing either an earlier or later start date," said Joseph Balinski, North Central's registrar. "Giving students more options allows them to better balance their other commitments, and shorter terms are great for students who want to remain on track—or better yet, ahead of schedule—during their educational journey."

The change to accelerated semesters also necessitates a change to the add/drop period. Students will have one week to add and drop courses, a departure from

the two-week drop period during prior semesters. Courses dropped during this one-week period will be eligible for a 90% refund, Balinski said

"Students will need to pay close attention to semester start and end dates as well as the refund deadlines," he said. "Our advisors are always happy to answer any questions, and we'll work hand-in-hand with students to ensure that registration is seamless."

Both the summer and fall course schedules are available on the college's website, www.ncmich.edu, beginning February 17, and registration for courses opens on March 11.

North Central will switch from one yearlong scholarship application cycle to three application cycles effective February 2020. The first application cycle runs February 1 – April 15 for scholarships to be awarded for the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 semesters. Round two opens July 1 and runs through August 31 for scholarships to be awarded for the Fall 2020 semester. Round three runs October 1 – November 30 for scholarships to be awarded for the

"The change from one to three application cycles will allow us to distribute scholarship funds more equitably throughout the year," said

Winter 2021 semester.

Virginia Panoff, director of Financial Aid. "Students who decide late in the summer to attend North Central beginning in the fall will not be at a disadvantage relative to students who applied for scholarships earlier in the year."

Students who apply but are not awarded a scholarship must reapply during the next application cycle to be considered. A list of available scholarships and eligibility criteria is available on North Central's website.

A new policy approved in January is written for previous North Central students who want to return to college but need a fresh start. Academic Forgiveness allows students to return to North Central with better academic standing by removing the effect of up to 12 semester hours from a cumulative grade-point aver-

"As long as those classes are not required in your degree program, we won't hold them against you," said Renee DeYoung, vice president of Student Affairs. "We want to see students return to North Central and succeed academically, and this is another potential barrier we can remove."

The Academic Forgiveness policy, including requirements for eligibility, is available on North Central's website.

Keegan Malpass achieves LSSU Dean's List



Keegan Malpass achieved the Lake Superior State University's Dean's List for the fall semester. To make the Dean's List a student must achieve a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Keegan is the daughter of Brenda and Tad Malpass of East Jordan. She plays on the school Varsity tennis team, is Treasurer of the Student **Athlete Advisory Committee** and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Ath-**Congratulations** Keegan! Courtesy photo.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Emery Smith

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Shelby Pedigo and Kirk Smith

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

Favorite Book: Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, by, Mo Willems

Hobbies and Interests: *Emery likes playing games at home with her little sister.*

School Activities: Emery loves Center time at school.

Staff Comments: I am so happy to have Emery in my Kindergarten Class. Emery is kind to her peers and is always willing to help. She follows the Logger Agreement every day and always encourages others to do the same! Emery works hard, tries her best and she always uses her stamina. I am so proud of Emery!

Submitted By: Mrs. Riccinto





Pictured Left To Right: Gerard Doan-Charlevoix Chief of Police, Don McMullen-Charlevoix EMS Director, Mark Greyerbiehl-ACE Hardware, Douglas Bergmann-Bergmann Marine, Abe Manthei-Manthei Development Corp., Jeff Stevens-Charelvoix EMS Professional, Mike Hinkle-Charlevoix State Bank. Courtesy photo

Charlevoix City EMS equipment upgrades

Recently, the Charlevoix City EMS Department needed to upgrade and replace some of its CPR and AED training equipment. Four area businesses stepped up to make this happen. ACE Hardware, Bergmann Marine, Charlevoix State Bank and Manthei MDC Contracting. all helped fund the purchase of the new Equipment.

EMS Director Don Mc-Mullen commented "this equipment isn't just used to train emergency and healthcare professionals. The department also provides training to local groups and residents." Mike Hinkle of Charlevoix State Bank agreed, commenting that "EMT Professional Jeff Stevens has done a great job working with Charlevoix Public Schools to ensure that all athletic coaches are CPR

certified as required by MHSAA guidelines."

If you or your organization has a need for CPR or AED education please contact EMS Director Don McMullen at 231-547-3279.

Headlands, NOMAC plan path forward

Emmet County officials met Tuesday with Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (NOMAC) vice-president Rod Cortright to discuss a path moving forward for the group's continued involvement at the county's Headlands International Dark Sky Park.

County commissioners reached out to Cortright following a story last week on NOMAC's disappointment with the county's allocation of some funds it had received after the dissolution of the Dark Sky Coast Association. NOMAC had engaged in discussions in 2018 and early 2019 with county officials on how those funds should be spent on equipment to improve the night sky viewing experience for the thousands of visitors to the Headlands each vear.

When the new parks department director, Ryan Bauman, was hired in July 2019, he was not aware of the extent of the earlier discussions with NOMAC. Having been tasked with finding more ways to generate revenue at the parks, Bauman put a focus on updating the house near the Headlands' entrance. The house had been rented for many years by the park manager until September 2018. Efforts had been ongoing since that time to make repairs and improvements so the house could again bring in revenue as a rental, but from guests rather than a park caretaker.

"It definitely wasn't my intention to upset NOMAC's members. When the winter hit, we got focused on other projects to prepare us for the upcoming busy season and we didn't fully appreciate the earlier plans that had been discussed with NOMAC," Bauman said. "I'm glad we've had the opportunity to sit down with them and find a

solution. Their expertise and help on our observing nights at the Headlands have been invaluable and park visitors from around the country have told us, and posted comments on social media, how their experience here inspired them."

County staff reopened communication lines earlier this week with members of NOMAC, who serve as NASA Solar System Ambassadors, and the two sides worked together to decide on and purchase new telescopes and related items. With NOMAC'S guidance, over \$7800 was invested from funds left in the Dark Sky Coast Association's dissolution as well as park department funds budgeted for

equipment.
"We're happy the communication is flowing again and we can look forward to working together to make the experience visitors have at the

Headlands an unforgettable one," said Bryan Shumaker, president of NOMAC. "Our conversations have us excited about what we're going to be able to offer visitors this year."

Acting county administrator Mike Reaves agreed.

"Though this situation was brought to my attention in the first week after being appointed to this position, I'm proud of how quickly our staff worked to find a solution that puts everyone back on the same team dedicated to providing a memorable experience at the Headlands."

Those interested in the events and programs at the Headlands are encouraged to follow the park on Facebook for news, photos, and links to information about the importance of protecting our dark skies.

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News Briefs

CHARLEVOIX

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS

February 20, 5:30pm, Castle Farms. Celebrating Charlevoix, its Chamber businesses, organizations, clubs and 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 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 Boyne 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 Center. Drawing on rare 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.

EAST JORDAN

SNO-BLAST

February 21-23, EJ Sno-Mobilers Club House & Downtown. Events include a Taco Dinner, the Crowning of the Winter Knight & Belle, Snowmobile Safari Ride, a Grand Story Hour, Euchre Tournament, Classic/Antique Snowmobile Ride, ORV Fun Run, Blessing of the Sleds, Ride Like a Girl Bikini Run, Snowmobile Radar Runs, Bean Pot and a Snow Lovers Breakfast. Schedule

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February 22, starting at noon, Mt. McSauba. Revolution Bike will host the 4th annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race. The race begins with a mass start at Noon at Mt McSauba. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.8 mile loop through the trails of Mt Mc-Sauba and North Point Nature Preserve. The riders to complete the most laps in two hours are the champions and will be awarded Dogman medals and prizes. The race is being presented with the support of Bickersteth, Brown & Associates, The City of and Charlevoix, Charlevoix. For more information or to register, contact Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 or visit www.dogmanchallenge.net.

ELLSWORTH

EUCHRE FUN

February 22, 7pm, Banks Township Hall. No partner needed to join the fun. Refreshments & prizes provided. \$10 per person. Sponsored by Ellsworth Lioness Club with all proceeds going to fund community projects. For further information please call Jan at 232-588-2213.

WALLOON LAKE

WINTERFEST

February 22, 1-4pm. The event will take place at Barrel Back Restaurant, The Village Green Park, and Tommy's Walloon. Winterfest is a familyfriendly event, with indoor and outdoor activities for kids of all ages. There will be complimentary ice skate rentals in a variety of sizes, and free skating at the ice rink in the Village Green Park. Snowshoe and cross-country skis are available for rental at Tommy's to explore local hiking trails, weather permitting. Warm up inside with a complimentary Hot Chocolate Bar. Petoskey Snowmobile Club will be holding their 2nd Annual Vintage Snowmobile Ride beginning at their clubhouse, 4172 Evergreen Trail, Petoskey. It will end at Barrel Back Restaurant with the snowmobiles showcased on the lake. Gas is available at the Blue Facilities Building and snowmobile parking is available for the event. Enjoy free bean soup at the bean pot while enjoying the vintage snowmobiles. Explore local breweries & wineries, located in Tommy's, featuring eight local beer, wine, cider, and liquor companies. Giveaway prize drawings will be held every hour on the hour, with the grand prize a twonight stay at Hotel Walloon to be given away at 4 p.m. (Must be present to win.)

BOYNE CITY

REINCARNATION AND PAST LIVES **EXPLORED**

February 23, 3:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program—titled "Reincarnation: Have You Been Here Before?"—features filmed interviews with people describing past life experiences as well as religion experts who share views about

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the afterlife. 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. en-

PETOSKEY

GLCO SUNDAY SERIES PRESENTS VIOLIN, HORN, PIANO TRIO

February 23, 4pm, First Presbyterian Church 501 E Mitchell Street. Performers include Cheryl Staats, who received a Master of Fine Arts degree in piano performance from the University of Minnesota, and later invested in extensive post-graduate performance study at Indiana University and The University of Texas at Austin. Joan Raeburn Holland is the Associate Professor of Harp for the University of Michigan and Instructor of Harp for the Interlochen Arts Academy and Arts Camp. Free to attend.

CHARLEVOIX

BLOOD DRIVE

February 24, 1-7pm, Charlevoix Elks Lodge. Join the Charlevoix Elks in their community room for a day of saving lives! Each donation can save three patients- thank you for your time and generosity. For an appointment: call 1-866-Mi-Blood Versiti.org/Michigan

BOYNE CITY

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS

February 24, 6:30pm, Boyne District Library. Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson class on money management taught by America's most trusted financial guru. Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. Questions? Contact coordinator Kim Mettler

kimmettler01@gmail.com or (313) 617-3623.

CHARLEVOIX

FISH FRY DINNER

February 28, 5-7pm, St. Mary Church. The menu includes: fried or baked fish, coleslaw, baked potato, French fries and homemade desserts.

EAST JORDAN

ANUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

February 29, 6-8pm, East Jordan High School. \$20 per couple or \$25 per group. Picture, craft and ice cream sundaes included. Find us on Facebook or contact any co-op parent or visit the elementary school office to purchase ticket. Info at ejoopnursery@gmail.com or call (231) 536-0052 ext 5168.

WALLOON LAKE

BEARCUB OUTFITTERS TORCHLIGHT SNOWSHOE OUTING

February 29, 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.

CHARLEVOIX

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS MARY RICE HASSON

March 5, 7pm, Grand Unity Event Center, 1106 Charlevoix Ave. Renowned scholar Mary Rice Hasson will discuss her best-selling book "Get Out Now," covering the problems facing public schools today, the virtues of classical educations and how to help parents pick the right schools. The event is free and open to the public.

CHARLEVOIX FISH FRY DINNER

March 6, 5-7pm, St. Mary Church. The menu includes: fried or baked fish, coleslaw, baked potato, French fries and homemade desserts.

EAST JORDAN

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

March 9 & 10, 8:15am-4:30pm, United Methodist Church. Kiersten's Ride, a 501(c)3 suicide prevention nonprofit organization, is sponsoring a two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills. The ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Training) is sponsored by the East Jordan Family Health Center. To register, email your name, cell #, role in community and county you live in to KierstensRide@outlook.com.

EAST JORDAN

YOUNG AMERICANS AT EJ HIGH SCHOOL

March 10, 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and will be available for purchase at the door. East Jordan 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. At each tour stop, the cast teaches three-day performing arts workshops, which include classes in singing, dancing, and performance. 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' e b s i t e www.youngamericans.org/us, or by contacting Kim Brown at kbrown@ejps.org.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE: REDISTRICTING THE NEW WAY

March 13, Lunch at 11:30am, Program at noon, In November 2018, Michigan voters approved the "Voters Not Politicians" constitutional amendment, which makes commission of 13 randomly selected citizens responsible for drawing district lines for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress. You can apply to be a member of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and help draw the new lines resulting from the 2020 census. Sally Marsh, director of special projects for Michigan's Secretary of State, explains it all. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

CHARLEVOIX

ST. MARY PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

March 15, noon-3pm, St. Mary Church.

CHARLEVOIX

BUSINESS EXPO March 18, 4-7pm, Castle Farms. Networking, Local Business Booths, Demos, Give Aways, Cash Bar, Restaurant

Booth. \$5 admission.

homemade desserts.

CHARLEVOIX FISH FRY DINNER March 20, 5-7pm, St. Mary Church. The menu includes: fried or baked fish, coleslaw,

baked potato. French fries and

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

luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS MAMMA MIA

March 20-222, Charlevoix Middle School. Showtimes are 7pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. Tickets, to be sold at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. The Sunday

matinee will also have a family admission special of \$20 (2 adults and 2+ children/students), Mamma Mia! is a jukebox musical written by British playwright Catherine Johnson, based on the songs of ABBA composed by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, former members of the band. The title of the musical is taken from the group's 1975 chart-topper "Mamma Mia".Students playing lead characters in the production include: Maya Whitley as "Sophie," Helen Hanchin as "Donna," Margaret Sheets as "Tanya," Avery McCreadie as "Rosie," Liam Speer as "Sky," Dominic Schwein as "Harry Bright," David Hitts as "Bill Austin," and Sean Bradley as 'Sam Carmichael".

BOYNE CITY

GRUB CLUB LUNCHEON

March 26, 11:30am-1pm, Boyne Mountain Grand Lodge Vienna Room. The Boyne Chamber's new Grub Club luncheon will make its debut. Enjoy lunch and hear Timothy Amborski from McLaren Northern Michigan Family Practice speak on the importance of keeping you and your employees healthy. Admission is \$25 for members and \$30 for not-yet members. If you'd like to promote your business, vendor display tables are available for \$200. Table sponsors receive two admission tickets are introduced from the podium and can make a one-minute pitch on the microphone.

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 Sewell, Ph.D., music director of Interlochen Public Radio, will survey his life and music, focusing on some lesser-known facets, including his long affair with a married woman known as "Immortal Beloved." Dr. Sewell has written a biography of Wendy Carlos, the composer of "Switched-On Bach," which is forthcoming from Oxford University Press. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

BOYNE CITY

10TH ANNUAL PAINT THE TOWN RED FUNDRAISER

May 2, Boyne Mountain Resort Civic Center. Your support of "Paint the Town Red" is vital to the success of our school programs. Proceeds from this community event will provide funding for programs and activities in the Arts, Athletics and Academics for the students of Boyne City Public Schools. Event tickets are \$60, available at Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 S. Lake St.. and State Farm Insurance, 219 S. Lake St.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

GO GRANTS

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce group, is now accepting applications for its Summer 2020 GO Grants for girls. Formed in 2007, Connecting Women in Business provides opportunities for area women business leaders and business owners to learn, form connections, share ideas, and find personal and professional growth. The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. These grants will al-

low the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. We encourage applications that will be challenging to the applicant. Application deadline is March 9, 2020. You can also download an application at petoskeychamber.com/connecting-women-in-business. For more information, contact Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150.

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Features gospel music on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 7pm. East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and wa-

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Healthcare Munson Charlevoix Hospital.

 Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required However if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walkins only, no appointment

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

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.

News

Check boxes on tax forms to prevent child abuse, help foster youth go to college

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reminds Michiganders when filing state income taxes that they can check boxes on the forms to prevent child abuse and help children in foster care go to college.

The checkoff boxes allow taxpayers to donate \$5, \$10 or more to these causes. One is to donate to the child abuse prevention efforts of the Children's Trust Fund and the other is to contribute to the Fostering Futures Scholarship for youth who have

experienced foster care. These options can be

found on both the online and paper versions of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642. "MDHHS is committed to

preventing child abuse and neglect, and to supporting youth who have experienced foster care pursue their dream of a college education," said JooYeun Chang, executive director of the department's Children's Services Agency. "Protecting and caring for our children is everyone's business. We appreciate the generosity of Michigan taxpayers who step up to prevent children from being abused or neglected and assist children who have been maltreated in pursuing their higher education dreams.

The Children's Trust Fund serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding more than 100 local programs and services statewide that help prevent child abuse and neglect, including home visitation, cri-

sis nurseries, parent support/education and personal safety

The Children's Trust Fund relies heavily on donations through the state income tax campaign to fund direct service and local prevention programs across Michigan that make child abuse prevention programming possible in all 83 counties across Michigan.

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) is part of the Michigan Department of Treasury and administers the Fostering Futures Scholarship in partnership with

MDHHS. Scholarship awards are paid to Michigan degreegranting colleges or universities where eligible students are enrolled to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies. Close to 13.000 children are in the Michigan foster care system at any given time.

Since 2012, fundraising efforts have totaled more than \$1.3 million. In 2019 enough money was raised from the tax checkoff, fundraising events and other efforts to provide scholarships to more than 540 youth.

Michigan income tax forms are available on the website for the Michigan Department of Treasury.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, how to contribute and the tax campaign, visit www.michigan.gov/CTF.

For more information about the Fostering Futures Scholarship and how to contribute, go to www.Fostering-Futures-mi.com.

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How To Prepare Your House For Sale

PART 3

8. MAKE THE HOUSE SPARKLE.

Wash windows inside

and out. Rent a pressure washer and spray down sidewalks and exterior.

Clean out cobwebs. Re-caulk tubs, showers and sinks.

Polish chrome faucets and mirrors.

Clean out the refrigerator.

Vacuum daily. Wax floors.

Dust furniture, ceiling fan blades and light fix-

Bleach dingy grout. Replace worn rugs. Hang up fresh towels. Bathroom towels look reat fastened with rib-

Clean and air out any musty smelling areas. Odors are a no-no.

bon and bows.

9. SCRUTINIZE.

Go outside and open vour front door. Stand there. Do you want to go inside? Does the house welcome you?

Linger in the doorway of every single room and imagine how your house will look to a buyer.

Examine carefully

how furniture is arranged and move pieces around until it makes sense.

Make sure window coverings hang level.

Tune in to the room's statement and its emotional pull. Does it have impact and pizzazz?

Does it look like nobody lives in this house? You're almost finished.

10. CHECK CURB APPEAL.

If a buyer won't get out of her agent's car because she doesn't like the exterior of your home, you'll never get her inside.

Keep the sidewalks cleared.

Mow the lawn. Paint faded window trim.

Plant yellow flowers or group flower pots together. Yellow evokes a buving emotion. Marigolds are inexpensive.

Trim your bushes. Make sure visitors can clearly read your house number.

Tips on Dealing with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

It's that time of year again. People living in Northern Michigan get less light this time of year and for many people, seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is an unwelcome part of the winter months. SAD is a type of depression that researchers think is caused by changes in the level of exposure to sunlight. Signs and symptoms of SAD are the same as for major depression. However, with SAD, these signs and symptoms appear in the winter and fall months, and disappear in the spring and summer.

According to Nina Martenson, Charlevoix County Center Supervisor of North Country Community Mental Health, the main symptom is a sad, despairing mood that is present most of the day, nearly every day. "Usually, the symptoms last for more than two weeks and get in the way of the person's functioning at work, at school or in social relationships.'

Other symptoms of depression include:

- Changes in appetite and weight, usually eating more and craving carbohydrates Changes in sleep, usually

sleeping too much - Marked loss of interest or pleasure in activities once en-

joyed - Withdrawal from family members and friends

- Feeling useless, hopeless, excessively guilty, pessimistic or having low self-esteem

- Agitation or feeling slowed down - Irritability

- Loss of energy or fatigue

despite increased sleep hours - Trouble concentrating, remembering and making deci-

- Crying easily or feeling like crying but not being able

Williams, The Biography" by

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Hank was "Lovesick Blues".

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- Thoughts of suicide

(which should always be taken seriously)

"SAD has been linked to biochemical changes in the brain and appears to be triggered by shorter daylight hours and less sunlight in the winter. This may upset a person's biological clock, which controls sleep-wake patterns or disturb neurotransmitters, such as serotonin or dopamine," said Martenson.

"Increasing exercise. spending more time outdoors, eating healthy, and staying socially connected are all important to help reduce symptoms of SAD," said Martenson.

Many people who have SAD are also helped by exposure to bright artificial light (light therapy) for at least 20 minutes a day. Various types of light devices are available

and can be used at home.

"There are a variety of other treatments for depression as well, including medications and therapy, which can be effective for people with SAD. These treatments may be used individually or in combination," said Martenson.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or intellectual/developmental disability, including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org or to access services call 877-470-7130.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@Charlevoix CountyNews.com.

GRAND OLE HANK WILLIAMS

"The Lovesick Blues Boy" To the Editor,

Convoluted, a word unheard in country music, best describes the history of the Nashville Sound inclusive of "the Nashville Number System", the Grand Ole Opry, Music Row and all. It wasn't Hank Senior that started it all, he being born in 1923 the year of "the dawn of recorded country music", the Opry in roughly 1943 with WSM Radio 1925 down the street from the Ryman, but that was and remains the Mecca for country music concerts, fans, musicians. TV and radio broadcasts and the never-ending odyssey for tour buses, guitar players, and songwriters worldwide, and the place that provided Hank Williams his opportunity.

The Ryman Auditorium on 5th Avenue North, downtown Nashville is still there, built in 1891 by Tom Ryman a riverboat tycoon who apocryphally "saw the light" through a preacher he had come ashore to heckle but was stopped cold in his tracks by the evangelist's sermon about, you guessed it, "Mother". So, he naturally built the Ryman to house further weekly evangelical meetings with of course music to accompany. There was no longer horse and buggy parking on 5th Avenue North but lots of pickup trucks fresh from the farm on those hoedown nights.

In 1981 advent, the scene wasn't much changed, Ernest Tubb Record store still open on "Lower Broad" as Broadway was called, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge contiguous to the Ryman, actually adjacent to

which incongruously wasn't a Tootsie's back entrance quite conveniently for Hank and all country song at all, written by betwixt acts. Songwriting was Irving Mills-Cliff Friend in 1922 the catalyst for migration to as more a jazz-pop tune in a Tin Pan Alley Duke Ellington Nashville then and now though novelty style. Acuff-Rose, the the Opry moved north toward Hendersonville in 1974 after a publishing company that got 31-year base at the Ryman, the Hank started, hated the song 1970s and 80s being the popubut country music fans knew larization era for country better as reportedly did Hank. music worldwide. My rendi-Yes, Audrey was Hank's undotion of Music City in book ing but so was alcohol, his repform, "Johnny Heartache or utation almost precluding his the Songwriter's Guide to now-inevitable fame as it Music City" published 2004 was seems to we who still listen to written in 1989 right here in litall his hits, which were almost tle ole East Jordan in a sort of all his songs recorded whether under titular copyright of stream of consciousness recol-Hank Williams or Luke the lection when back in the snow-Drifter as alter-ego which blown northern wilds of though resisted by most was Michigan, a country music haven of its own. The latest accepted due to Hank's fame at perhaps greatest book about his heights. Hank himself is "Hank

Hank died young as we know, age 29, adding to the legacy of sainthood. He was always insubordinate through-(Canadian) interloper come to out his career but still managed undeniable fame and see firsthand what the country music scene was all about since fortune until kicked off The the more-or-less integrating of Grand Ole Opry for drunkenness and unreliability, also apocryphally to stumble out the back entrance into Tootsie's for another drink. At his death in 1953 the country, innowhere else to find guitar and vocal song in the US except for deed the world, was about to experience the arising of rock n roll and the overlap is more one's kitchen table - which was apparent now than back then. Elvis Presley came to the attention of the world through country music and actually sang at the Opry early on. Johnny Nights" hence were a mainstay in every club through that era Cash appeared shortly after in 1955-6 and Bob Dylan made his debut album in 1961 with The Beatles to follow in 1964 with a city ambience a couple people couple country flavored recordings, the truncated timing being of swifter evolution than many imagine. There was a rift between folk and country

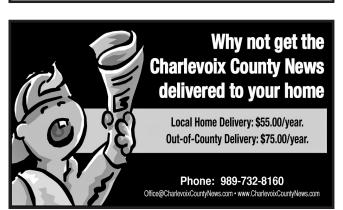
music which still exists as it does for jazz and most other musical forms. It's all one and when one is raised in a musical family the musicology factor is inherent from the start, that is, you tend to log the development of musical styles as a whole and not the parts. Not so oddly The Rolling Stones could get down with George Jones as easily as Chuck Berry or Elizabethan "Lady Jane". Jack L. Martin, a musical

arranger there was a good friend who died in 1989, and, yes, there are arrangers there and symphony orchestras are often tapped for backup on recordings. Hillous Butrum, whom I knew in his elder years, was a bass player for Hank in the Oprv days, died in 2002, country music being contrarily sophisticated and simplistic at once despite dogged downhome insistence on Okiehokev imagery. Woody Guthrie missed Nashville, he being born in 1912 eleven years earlier than Hank and more socially attuned to topical songs. All roads lead to Nashville now, Third Coast as dubbed. Jack came from New York, some from Canada, Hank Williams Senior from Alabama. A great place to live too although prices are said to be rising. Though it is still incomprehensibly convoluted, those meager beginnings, the natural talent and sincerity in vocals and lyrics of Hank Williams, from hills and hollers to city lights, proclaim him undeniably the "King of Country Music".

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan







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Housing Ready Director Named for Charlevoix County

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – A coalition of communities, philanthropy, and nonprofits have created a new program that will lead and support Charlevoix County communities and volunteer groups as they work towards housing solutions, beginning in March, with support from the newlynamed Housing Ready Program Director.

Steve Schnell has been named as the Housing Ready Program Director, beginning work on the program in March. The Housing Ready position is a collaboration between the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Frey Foundation, Charlevoix County, the cities of Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan, and Housing North. Schnell will be an employee of Housing North, with office space provided by partners Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

"Steve is a well-respected community planner, with a wealth of experience in community development in Northern Michigan, and we know he'll be a huge asset to housing work throughout the County," said Sarah Lucas, Housing North Executive Director. Schnell's previous experience includes work with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Cheboygan County, and Mackinaw City, where he was involved with housing projects and needs in a variety of capacities.

"There's a lot to do and I am really looking forward to getting started," Schnell said. "The level of dedication of the community members to create housing solutions is impressive."

The Housing Ready program will support the work of Charlevoix County communities and networks that ing solutions, including the Boyne Housing Solutions, Charlevoix Housing and Building Committee, and East Jordan Housing Solutions. Each community has identified housing needs and solutions, and is working to align projects and partners.

Chip Hansen, Charlevoix County Community Foundation President, noted that these all-volunteer groups have ambitious goals, but lacked staff. "The Housing Ready program will be the 'boots on the ground' to move these ideas and projects forward," said Hansen.

Lucas stated that there's interest from other communities in Northwest Michigan in replicating the program, which was seeded with grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Frey Foundation. "Housing is such a huge need for our communities, but the solutions are complex, and it takes a lot of local commitment to get projects off the ground. There's such a strong commitment from Charlevoix County communities and other partners in this work, and we're excited about the potential for creative, ground-breaking solutions here."

Lucas and Schnell will be a part of a "joint meeting" of the County's three housing networks on Monday, February 24 at 1 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall Commission Chamber, where they'll discuss the Housing Ready program. The discussion will also include information about how deed restrictions can help guarantee housing affordability and year-round occupancy. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please contact Sarah

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Joining Jordan project approved

BY KAREN WALKER

At Tuesday's East Jordan City Commission meeting. Commissioners approved a bid in the amount of \$1,969,775.10 from Team Elmers to construct the "Joining Jordan" project. Funding for much of the project will be provided by a Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant. Kevin Krogulecki of Gozling Czubak, the engineering consultant firm for this project, was on hand at the meeting and explained how the current high water level factors in to the design and construction along the shoreline. He explained that a large portion of the walkway will be adjustable for changing water levels. The project to

build a pedestrian walkway and platforms from the City Marina, across the mouth of the Jordan River to the former boat launch area is expected to start this spring with work continuing through the following year.

In other business, the City of East Jordan now allows taxpayers the opportunity to protest their tax assessment in writing to the Board of Review. In a resolution approved at last Monday's regular Commission meeting, a taxpayer may file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without having to appear in person at Board of Review meetings. Letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or

publication. For the March meeting of the board of review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting stated on the public notice. In making this change, the City hopes to ease the burden on taxpayers and the City asses-

Commissioners also approved a Brownfield Plan for the vacant Co-op property (once the location of a feed and hardware store). The plan is one of the final steps before a grant application can be submitted to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

(EGLE) for cleanup of the property.

In his report to the Commissioners, City Administrator Tom Cannon said he expects a busy year at the City's marina. For the first time since 2006, the City has a waiting list for seasonal boat slip rentals. Mr. Cannon also reported that the ice skating rink at the Tourist Park has seen lots of use as well as cross country skiing at Community Park. Much of the ski trail maintenance is being done by volunteers which has contributed to the successful year 'round use of the park.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3,

DNR fish surveys yield key data, insights

Did walleye stocking on an inland lake help grow its yellow perch population? Do changing water levels alter fish movement? Are more salmon returning to home waters? Finding answers to questions like these is a big part of why the DNR does fisheries surveys - and, in fact, conducted more than 230 such surveys last year alone!

In 2019, staff from eight DNR fisheries management units completed 132 surveys of inland lakes and 101 stream surveys. Anyone fishing those waters might have seen crews collecting key data on state fisheries. So just what are crews looking for?

According to Randy Claramunt, Lake Huron Basin coordinator, surveys fall into three categories:



A Michigan DNR crew conducts a stream survey with electrofishing gear. Such surveys are one way DNR fisheries manager gather key data about fish populations, habitat health and more. (courtesy of DNR)

Finding answers to new questions or concerns.

"Each management unit is responsible for determining if actions, like fish stocking or habitat improvement projects, had the desired effect," Claramunt said. "For exammore than 21 million fish

across Michigan. Surveys help us evaluate whether stocking resulted in better recreational fishing in certain areas or improved a lake's overall health."

Other annual surveys help managers track the status and trends of fish communities and important aquatic habitat on different lakes, providing a picture of these lakes geographically and over

Claramunt said streams throughout the state are handled a little differently, through two types of status and trends surveys: fixed sites and random sites.

"At fixed sites, we annually estimate fish population abundance – usually trout in coldwater streams and smallmouth bass in warmer waters on a three-year rotation,

abundance," he said. "We collect in-stream habitat data at all our status and trends sites."

Fisheries managers use that third category, discretionary surveys, to answer questions or address current concerns, perhaps something raised by a local biologist, an angling group or a lake association. Such surveys might be conducted to assess habitat suitability for a threatened and endangered fish species.

No matter the type of survey, DNR fisheries managers use the resulting information to strategize their actions, detect early indicators of invasive species, recognize developing threats to fish and habitat health, and much more. If you'd like to learn about the DNR's lake and stream surveys, especially in the fisheries management





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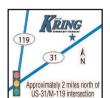
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