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## Charlevoix Chamber recognizes award winners

BY KAREN WALKER

Charlevoix's team spirit filled Castle Farm's King's Great Hall Feb. 20th as over

200 Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce members gathered for their annual meeting to celebrate their accomplishments and recog-

nize the 2019 award winners. Featured speaker, Charlevoix County Community Foundation president Chip Hansen, highlighted

reasons why Charlevoix is a great place to live and work and raise a family. Some of Charlevoix's attributes

Hansen emphasized were



Award Winners - Pictured are (I to r) Tyler and Anna Bier, Tabatha Simpson, Richard Christner, Daniel Elliott, Denise Fate, Hiram Angell (Oleson's)



# Ride Like a Girl

#### **BY KAREN WALKER**

A fundraiser to help breast cancer patients was held last Saturday at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers' clubhouse grounds. TNT's Ride Like a Girl to Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run was part of this year's 39th annual East Jordan Sno-Blast Festival. This was the second year for the event organized by 27 year old East Jordan resident, Courtney Fender. With over \$11,000 raised this year, she flew past her goal of \$5,000. The money came from a variety of sources including a Facebook campaign, on site collections, and a donation by the South Arm ORV club. But the largest portion of the money was raised by the racers that participated in the event which brought in more than \$7,500. Money raised by the event goes to the East Jordan Lioness Club to help area breast cancer patients.

There were 14 participants in this year's race,

twice as many as last year with racers coming from as far away as Wisconsin and Ohio, as well as throughout Michigan. Men as well as women competed in the radar run; the only requirement for entering the race was you must wear a bikini top. Courtney pointed out most of the guys who participate will put together an

entire costume for the race. The youngest race participant was thirteen year old Reese Robinson from Gaylord. Courtney said Reese first became interested in the event during East Jordan's Freedom Festival when she rode on Courtney's float in the parade. In addition to being the youngest racer, Reese also brought in the largest donation of \$1,846. Reese also won the award for best decorated sled.

Winner of the timed race was Megan Pixley from Howell, Mich. with a speed 71 mph, while Mary Ban-

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STEAKS FAMILY PACK



The youngest race participant was thirteen year old Reese



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CHICKEN BREAST FAMILY PACK **DORITOS, CHEETOS** 

**FRESH BONE-IN SPLIT** 

great schools, a healthy business climate in a beautiful downtown, the public library and the town's many events including the Venetian Festival. Recognizing the area's large number of service groups and volunteers, Hansen said, "Everywhere you go in Charlevoix, you will see the footprint of a volunteer." Inspired by the Charlevoix High School Rayder's fight song, Hansen punctuated his remarks by leading the assembled crowd with the cheer, "Charlevoix, we're for you!" Chamber President Sarah

Hagen presented her annual report along with an overview of the past year's accomplishments including a 91% member retention rate, hosting of 23 events, a 24% increase in the Chamber Check program which encourages purchases at member businesses, as well as a complete update of the Chamber's website.

The evening's program concluded with the 2019 Chamber awards presentation. New Business of the Year was awarded to Bier's Inwood Brewery, Customer Service Award was presented to Charlevoix State Bank's Commercial Services Officer Daniel Elliott, also from Charlevoix State Bank, Commercial Loan Officer Richard Christner was honored as Young Professional of the Year, Denise Fate was recognized as Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year was awarded to Oleson's Food Store, and Ambassador of the Year was presented to Tabatha Simpson.



Featured speaker, Charlevoix **County Community Founda**tion president Chip Hansen, highlighted reasons why Charlevoix is a great place to live and work and raise a family



**Chamber President Sarah** Hagen presented her annual report along with an overview of the past year's accomplishments

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food stores

#### **THURSDAY**



#### **FRIDAY**



### **HIGH: 26**

LOW: 16

#### **SUNDAY**



LOW: 23

#### snowfall

2018-19 AMT" CITY	2019-20 AMT" CITY
2/25/1954.8ATLANTA	2/24/2043.1ATLANTA
2/25/1995.5BOYNE FALLS	2/24/2065.5BOYNE FALLS
2/25/19 76.9 CHARLEVOIX	2/24/2061.1CHARLEVOIX
2/25/19 70.9 CHEBOYGAN	2/24/20 56.7 CHEBOYGAN
2/25/19115.2 .EAST JORDAN	2/24/2093.5EAST JORDAN
2/25/19 132.6 . GAYLORD	2/24/20112.7 .GAYLORD
2/25/1996.4KALKASKA	2/24/20 137 KALKASKA
2/25/1957.5LEWISTON	2/24/20 39.5 LEWISTON
2/25/1954.5MIO	2/24/2048.5MIO
2/25/19 79.7 ONAWAY	2/24/20 67.5 ONAWAY
2/25/19 127.3 .PETOSKEY	2/24/2094.1PETOSKEY

#### record temps

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FEB 2814°36°17° (1963)55° (1998)
MAR 114°36°27° (1962)58° (2000)
MAR 215°36°29° (1962)51° (1998)
MAR 315°37°24° (1972)64° (1974)
MAR 415°37°16° (1978)60° (1974)
MAR 516°37°12° (1978)57° (1983)
MAR 616°38°20° (1972)66° (2000)
MAR 716°38°13° (1978)70° (2000)
MAR 817°38°19° (1982)80° (2000)

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **MARY "BETTY" CHAMBERLAIN, 89**

(AUG. 31, 1930 - FEB. 18, 2020)



Mary "Betty" Elizabeth Chamberlain passed away February 18, 2020 in Charlevoix. Betty was born the pampered daughter of Charles M. and Clara M. (Berry) Horne on August 31, 1930 in Rochester, New Hampshire. Despite the Depression, she had wonderful memories at the family home in East Rochester, N.H. and helping at the family's business, The Hillcroft Inn (n/k/a The York Harbor Inn), in York Harbor, Maine. In the Fall of 1948, her parents gave their blessing for her to marry Sherman "Bud" A. Chamberlain with the provision that he "support her in the manner in which she was accustomed to." And that he In 1949, they were blessed

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with a daughter, Gail and soon to follow was a son, Sherman. In 1956, Bud and Betty left their beloved New Hampshire so Bud could begin his long and noted career with General Motors. Betty as very active in the PTA at Cresentwood Elementary School in Warren, MI. along with the Brownies, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. When the family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, she became active in the Eastern Star, the Red Cross and playing golf at the Burning Tree County Club. She never let her husband forget she was the only family member to get a hole-in-one. Bud and Betty moved to Charlevoix in 2001 to be closer to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended the Ironton Congregational Church.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, lovingly called Buddy Boo, her brothers Joseph and Charles Horne, brother-in-law George Chamberlain, her parents and her husband's parents, George S. and Anna Davenport Chamberlain. She is survived by her two children, Gail (Harold) Ann Fredrickson of Chetek, WI. and Sherman A, Chamberlain, Jr. of Charlevoix, six grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ted) Miller. Gregory Scott Fredrickson, Charles (Kathy) Fredrickson, Nathan Chamberlain, Joshua (Maegan) Chamberlain and Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga and her husband, Ovidiu along with 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will be honoring Betty, and all mothers, at the Mother's Day service on May 10, 2020 at the Ironton Congregational Church at 11:00 AM. Please contribute your time and blessings to organizations that promote motherhood.

The family would like to thank Dr. Brown and Dr. Newcomb for their sincere care, the physical therapists at Charlevoix Area Hospital, the staff at American House in Charlevoix, the staff at Advisacare and Hospice of Michigan for their loving care of our mother. Anyone she talked to at American House would be greeted by her saying, "Boy, I like your shoes and that smile of yours is tremendous and your face is so beautiful. I wish I had it." She will join her husband in Forest Grove Cemetery in Village of Lebanon, York County, Maine.

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

#### **WALTER MARTIN WARD**, 81

(MAY 21, 1938 - FEB. 20, 2020)

Walter Martin Ward

his side.

passed from this life on Feb-

ruary 20th with his family at

Walter was born in Grand

Rapids, Michigan on May 21,

(Strohpaul) Ward. The Ward

family moved to Boyne City.

Michigan in 1954, his father

joining Jim Mathews in their

business known as "Jim and

Walter began his Fresh-

man year at Boyne City Pub-

1938 to Charles and Ava

Charlies" Auto Service.

lic Schools until 1957. On

July 4th, 1957 he married

1958 and Todd in 1963.

Ann Louise (Spencer) and

they had two sons, Martin in

he learned how to fly an air-

plane, ski, sail and because

of this, Walt had a long ca-

reer in the outdoor sporting

industry. He worked as a ski

instructor at Boyne Moun-

Walter loved the outdoors,



tain, Nubs Nob, Otsego Ski

Club. He also loved to sail,

and this led him to work for

Charlevoix. Walt retired in

2000 after working several

years as Regional Sales Rep.

the Irish Boat Shop in

many nieces and nephews. Walt was preceded in death by his Mother and Father, sisters Reta Vanderlaan of Grand Rapids, and Lucinda Hall of Boyne City, Brotherin-law Jack Gerrie, Mother in law and Father in law Frank and Peg Spencer.

Memorial for Walter will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at St. Matthews Catholic Church at 11:00am. Reverend David Behling will be officiating. Luncheon will be held directly following the service at the church.

#### **GINO ANTONIO LONGO, 80**

(FEB. 12, 1940 - FEB. 18, 2020)



Gino A. Longo was born 'ebruary 12, 1940 in Detroit Michigan, but his roots went much deeper than that, across an ocean to a small village in the Dolomite Mountains of northern Italy. Gino passed away peacefully February 18 in his home surrounded by loving family members.

He spent his early years in a place he called "the old neighborhood", meaning Oakwood, a community of Italian immigrants in Detroit. Gino kept himself busy with his many interests, from motorcycles to flying his own plane, Gino did everything in his own unique style. While in Detroit he started his own construction business with his good friend Bill Bernardara, he started a restaurant with his good friend Tony Cannarsa, "Giovanni's" which is still open to this day, owned by Tony's sister Fran.

His interest in skiing brought about his move to Boyne City.

Gino was a highly respected master stone and brick mason, his beautiful fireplaces can be seen all over Northern Michigan. If that was not enough, he also owned and operated with his partner Maurizio Bacciocchi a little bar named "The Sportsman", along with Lena's Wine Cellar and Little Lena's Pub and Café. One thing about Gino, he never met a stranger, his personality made all who met him a friend. He loved to travel, to study history and to mow his lawn in precise diagonal lines

It was in Boyne that he met and married the love of his life Kathy. Together for only twenty-nine short years, they had an awesome ride.

Gino is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, his children Gina (Steve Jenner), Giovanni, Amanda (Chad James), Max (Nicole Quick), grandchildren Phillip, Sara (Brian Schreck) Porter, Weston, and Joshua, great grandchildren Anna and Clara, his brother Rudolfo, and his dog Louis Dale. He was preceded in death by his parents his son Gino, and nephew Rudy.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. A luncheon will be held following the service at the Odawa Casino Hotel in

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory may do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.c

#### **SHERRY FISHER, 66** (AUG. 11, 1953 - FEB. 20, 2020)



Sherry Lynn Fisher of Ellsworth passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020. She was born on August 11, 1953 in Pontiac, MI, the daughter of Harvey and Joyce (Everett) Watros.

Sherry graduated from Central Lake High School in 1971. Her family meant the world to her, especially her

grandchildren. She cherished every moment with them, particularly at family get-togethers and reunions. Sherry will be remembered as a tough, independent - occasionally stubborn woman, and her stories will live on through her family.

Sherry is survived by her three children, William "Lee" (Marilyn) Watros of Ewa Beach, HI, Thomas Fisher of Grayling, and Jennifer (Mvron) Johns-McIntire of Prudenville, MI; her brother, William "Bill" (Veronica) Watros of East Jordan; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her significant other of the past 10 years, Ralph Hess of Ellsworth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Joyce Watros; two brothers, Terry Watros, and Alan Watros; three sisters, Donna Priebe, Allene Potter, and Ellen Duncan; a son-in-law, Anthony Johns; and life partner Charles Forbes.

A visitation was held Monday, February 24 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. or Good Samaritan Family Services, 9746 Main St, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

#### **JOAN M. KNECHT, 91** JANUARY 24, 1929 ~ FEBRUARY

11, 2020 (AGE 91)

Joan M. Knecht of Petoskey and formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at The Villa at the Bay in Petoskey.

The family has chosen to remember her privately.

#### **DIANE ROBERTS, 83** (SEPT. 8, 1936 - FEB. 24, 2020)

Diane Roberts of East Jordan died Monday, February 24, 2020, in Petoskey.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 1:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan. A rosary service will be held at 12:30 P.M. at the funeral home on Saturday.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. until service time. Burial will be held in the spring at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

### Lifetree Cafe begins "Friends With God" series in March

Beginning in March 2020 the content offered at the Lifetree Café will focus on a discipleship series titled, "Friends With God." Each episode includes a video presentation and discussion in a fun and engaging environment. It is non-denominational in nature and utilizes the friendship model of relationship found taught by Jesus in John 15:15. "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.

Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

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believer for decades, just met Jesus in the parking lot, or aren't sure he's even real, you're invited. Come take your next step into deeper joy. Soul-soothing peace. And a life of purpose. Come be a disciple. Come be a friend of God.

Join the conversation at Lifetree Café - Boyne City located at 401 S. Park St. The program begins March 1 and runs through April 5 at 3:30 pm each week



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### News

### Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" event February 29



**BY JIM AKANS** 

Featuring a festive Mardi Gras theme, the annual Char-Em United Way's "Toast to Literacy" promises to provide a fun-filled evening while helping to support childhood literacy. This festive event will take place at Castle Farms in

Charlevoix on Saturday, February 29, from 6 to 9pm.

This will be the seventh vear Char-Em United Way has held "Toast to Literacy," and proceeds will as benefit the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. An initiative sponsored by Char-Em United Way, the program provides books into the hands of over 1,500 local children at no cost to the parents. Launched in 2012, since it's inception thousands of children have graduated from the program, with approximately 100,000 books distributed.

At the event, attendees can look forward to enjoying an evening of

wine, beer and mead tastings, a catering competition, auctions, and musical entertainment. It all takes place in a Castle Farms setting transformed to reflect a colorful, festive Mardi Gras décor. Attendees can sample and vote for their favorites in three categories; Soup, Savory and Sweet dishes, as well

as best overall.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. For tickets, to register or for additional information, call 231-487-1006 or go to http://www.charemunitedway.org/Toast



Char-Em United Way's sixth annual Toast to Literacy fundraising event will take place at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on Saturday, February 29, from 6 to 9pm. Courtesy photo



At the event, attendees can look forward to enjoying an evening of wine and beer tastings, a catering competition, photo booth, silent auction, and entertainment. Courtesy photo

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

### RIDE LIKE **GIRL**

FROM PG. 1A

croft from Mancelona placed second with a speed of 70 mph. Courtney noted, even at this rate of speed, with adrenaline pumping, you really don't feel the

Courtney is a member of a group called TNT Lady Sledders which encourages community involvement and supporting charitable causes. She explained this fundraiser combines her two biggest passions, snowmobiling and breast cancer awareness. She pointed out that breast cancer runs in her family. It hit close to

home for her this past year when her grandmother was diagnosed with the disease. Thankfully, her grandmother is doing well after surgery and is preparing for chemo treatment. Her grandmother was on hand last Saturday to watch the race. Courtney said, "She's always been one of my biggest supporters". Courtney has been racing snowmobiles for over ten years. You can find her through her Facebook page "Twisted Princess Racing".

Courtney said she's had a lot of support from the community and local business with donations of cash and prizes helping make this event a success. Plans are already underway for next year's race.

#### **County Housing Ready Program** director starts March 1 **Program** lar Township meeting February 11th. Mr. Lamont estimates an average volume of

#### will address housing shortage county wide

BY KAREN WALKER

ing held February 25th, Boyne City Commissioners approved a contract with Chandler Township to provide EMS services to Township residents. Boyne City EMS Director John Lamont said the three year contract is similar to the one Boyne City recently signed with Melrose Township. Chandler signed their portion of the agreement at their last regu-

At their last regular meet-

eight runs per year in Chandler Township. The area will be served from the Boyne Valley station located in Boyne Falls. The Boyne City EMS Department coverage area now includes the City of Boyne City, Bay, Boyne Valley, Chandler, Evangeline, Melrose, and Hudson Townships as well as a portion of Eveline and Wilson Town-

In other business, Commissioners approved a contract with Housing North of Traverse City to provide a staff person for the position of Charlevoix County Housing Ready Program Director. City Manager Mike Cain informed the Commissioners that this is, at minimum, a three year effort to address the housing shortage in Charlevoix County. The Housing Ready position is a

collaboration between the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Frey Foundation, Charlevoix County, the Cities of Boyne City, East Jordan, and Charlevoix, and Housing North. Charlevoix County resi-

dent Steve Schnell has been hired for the Housing Ready Program director position and will officially begin work March 1st. Sarah Lucas of Housing North stated in her letter to the Charlevoix housing partners that Mr. Schnell brings a wealth of Northern Michigan community development experience, including work with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Cheboygan County, and Mackinaw City, where he was involved with housing projects in a variety of capacities.

Some of Mr. Schnell's duties and activities will include coordinating meetings.

developing local goals for zoning change, along with identifying key development sites and resources for development. Other duties will be providing assistance to developers and development partners including public officials, lenders, investors, and nonprofits in planning, funding, and advocating for housing development. Boyne City's portion of the one year contract is \$9,250. Similar contracts will be presented to the cities of East Jordan and Charlevoix, and Charlevoix County.

Regular City Commission meeting dates for March have been changed due to schedule conflicts. The next regular Boyne City Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd at noon and the second March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at 7 p.m.

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#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

1009 Subject in from Grant St to report attempted grandchild phone scam. Report of B&E in the 400 block of W Michigan. Assist Sheriff Dept. 1744 at Boyne Av and Fall Park 1853 Subject walking in

the road at Division and Boyne Av. 1929 Closed account

check written in the 400 block of N Lake St Suspicious subject in the 1300 block of Pleasant

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

0500 Assist citizen in the 900 block of Robinson St. Arrested subject for No Insurance, Cited for Expired plate in the 1100 block of Boyne Av. Civil dispute in the 500 block of N Lake St Suspicious subject in the 300 block of E Division

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**BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT** Assist Sheriff Dept. 1018 on Deer Lake Rd. 1020 Subject at PD to turn

self in on warrant. Vehicle unlock at Av-1055 alanche. Cancelled while enroute.

Juvenile complaint 1411

on W Main. 1510 Citation issued for speed in the school zone. Parking violation in 1550 the 400 block of N Lake St. Attempted paper service for Cadillac PD in the 300 block of E Division St Arrested subject for No Insurance at Brockway

and Beardsley

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

Arrested subject on probation violation in the 800 block of Boyne Av. 2 drivers at PD for crash report from Sunday Possible counterfeit \$10 bill passed in the 500 block of N Lake St Assist Sheriff Dept. with a report of a dog that had been hit on Boyne City Rd. It was a deer. 

Thursday, February 6, 2020 Assist EMS on

Vogel St 0601 Car deer crash on State Stand Cozy Nook Ln. 0638 Car deer crash on State Stand Cozy Nook Ln. Assist other agency at Park and Pine

Dispatched an injured deer on Front St. near Lake Park.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Truancy complaint at the High School MDOP to vehicle in the Industrial Park. Assist EMS in the 1356 400 block of E Division St 1536 Driving complaint on Boyne City Rd 1601 Report of violation of conditional bond from E Main St Parking violation at 2113 East and Bailey St.

Verbal altercation in the Industrial Park. Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mountain.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020**

Assist EMS in the 200 block of W court St 1311 Citizen assist in the 600 block of N East. 1441 Snowmobile violation in the 500 block of N

East. 1437 Report of lost debit

card. 1651 Arrested subject for warrant on Adams St. 2308 Assist Sheriff Dept.

at Boyne Mountain.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

0953 Parking violation in the 100 block of N Park. Snowmobile viola-1356 tion in the 600 block of N East St.

1406 Suspicious situation in the 500 block of N Lake

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**CHARLEVOIX** 

#### **FISH FRY DINNER**

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#### **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 ejoopnursery@gmail.com or call (231) 536-0052 ext 5168.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **TOAST TO LITERACY** MARDI GRAS PARTY

February 29, 6-9pm, Castle Farms. Join us for the party of the year! Live music, silent auction, a fun food competition by local caterers, plus tastings with local breweries, vineyards, & meaderies. Wear your best Mardi Gras outfit and support childhood literacy in Charlevoix & Emmet Counties. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. For more information, visit charemunitedway.org/ or call 231,487,1006.

**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 vour 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.

#### **CHEBOYGAN**

#### **OPERA AT THE OPERA** HOUSE

March 1, 1pm. Ready To Try Opera? Come to Opera at the Opera House for a new video program featuring the New York Metropolitan Opera. See and hear the glorious music, costumes, and drama of Bizet's Carmen filling the big screen. Admission by donation, to cover royalties to the Metropolitan Opera for the showing.

**EAST JORDAN** 

#### **BUSINESS** PROFESSIONALS OF **AMERICA MEETING**

March 3, 6-7:30pm, EJ High School Cafeteria. Comme meet the future of America and learn about PBSA. Refreshments provided.

**PETOSKEY** 

#### **LUNCHEON LECTURE EXAMINES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

March 4, Noon, NCMC Library Conference Center. Heather Lewis, a Northern Michigan native, will present her lecture, "Connecting with Cultures Through NGOs. Sarvahitey is an NGO in India that is building both learning centers for underprivileged children and libraries throughout the country to enhance the quality of education and literacy where government programs are lacking. Lewis will share how working with Sarvahitey has provided rewarding opportunities to connect with the culture and people of India. She will also discuss points to consider when looking for an organization to work with, either in India or another country. North Central's International Committee is sponsoring a free lunch of traditional Indian food. This lecture is free to attend, however RSVPs are required. Fifteen seats remain for lunch, which will be served at 11:45 a.m. Please call 231-348-6600 to reserve your seat.

#### **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

#### **EAST JORDAN**

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE**

March 6, 1pm, East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. March 6 is World Day of Prayer 2020. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Zimbabwe, who invite us to explore Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, does not act upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). The theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." This service is sponsored by the ecumenical women of East Jordan at the East Jordan United Methodist Church. For additional information contact the church at 231-536-2161 or eastjordanumc@gmail.com

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **FISH FRY DINNER**

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**EAST JORDAN** 

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Street. This exhibit reprises a 2004 exhibit of the same name and honors both our neighboring foundry EJ and the origi-

March 8, 1-5pm, Jordan

River Arts Council, 301 Main

nal curators Jane Diller and John Stevens. The current exhibit includes sculptures, furniture and jewelry that are cast, fabricated, or forged in bronze, pewter, silver, copper and aluminum. Artists include: Bill Allen, Kim Brazemore, Karen Brennan, Kim Cook, Ann Gildner, Doug Gruizenga, Christine Leader, Glen Malpass, Diane Mason, Leon Nash, Scott Nelles, Joel Sanderson, Bob Schubert, and Paul Varga.

#### **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' website: www.voungamericans.org/us, or by contacting Brown 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 a 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.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **SURGERY CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

March 17, 4:30pm, Northern Michigan Surgical Suites, 825 Moll Drive (Boyne City Business Park). Open House at this new state-of-the-art, multi-specialty outpatient surgical center.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **BUSINESS EXPO**

March 18, 4-7pm, Castle Farms. Networking, Local Business Booths, Demos, Give Aways, Cash Bar, Restaurant Booth. \$5 admission.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **FISH FRY DINNER**

March 20, 5-7pm, St. Mary Church. The menu includes: fried or baked fish, coleslaw. baked potato, French fries and homemade desserts.

#### **PETOSKEY**

#### **LUNCHEON LECTURE: TALKING TRASH**

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

#### 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 playduction include: Maya Whitley as "Sophie," Helen Hanchin as "Donna," Margaret Sheets as "Tanva," 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.

#### **EAST JORDAN**

#### LIONS CLUB EASTER **FUN & GAMES**

April 11, 10-11:30am. EJ Elementary School. Many prizes including 2 bikes and 2 fishing poles with tackle boxes. Easter Bunny, games, prizes, and candy for elementary school children ages 5 and older. Those under 5 can still participate in games and receive candy.

#### **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 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 lesserknown 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 Uni-

world will celebrate the 250th

#### **BOYNE CITY**

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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.

#### **EAST JORDAN**

#### **JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT**

May 3, 7pm, East Jordan High School. 30th Annual Spring Concert.

#### **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 Mar ket Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

#### **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**

#### **GO GRANTS** Connecting Women in Busi-

ness (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 allow 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/connectingwomen-in-business. For more information, contact Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150.

#### **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 water.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are

provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **WELLNESS WORKSHOPS**

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

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

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

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

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### FREE COFFEE. **DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS**

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

#### **NORTHERN MICHIGAN** Women's Resource Center

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

### News

### **Community Band concert invites musicians to join them for concert**

#### BY KAREN WALKER

The Jordan Valley Community Band is seeking new musicians to add to their ranks as they prepare for their 30th anniversary concert. Area musicians who have experience playing, even if they haven't played for a while, are invited to dust off their instruments and join the fun. Band member Terri Warnos said, "We are always looking for new musicians to add to our ranks". Any and all instruments are welcome. Private lessons are also available.

This year's spring concert will be held Sunday, May 3rd, 7 p.m. in the East Jordan School auditorium. The theme this year is "Dancing Through the Years", with musical selections highlighting various styles of dance.

The band rehearses Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the East Jordan High School

band room. The band meets for three sessions during the year; a Christmas Concert in December with rehearsals starting in the fall; winter/early spring rehearsals with a concert in May; and rehearsals on Thursday evenings in June for "Concerts in the Park" performed in July at the band shell in East Jordan's Memorial Park.

The Jordan Valley Community Band is comprised of mostly amateur musicians from many surrounding communities. In addition to East Jordan, they have participating members from Boyne City, Charlevoix, Ellsworth, Elmira, Mancelona, and Central Lake. The Jordan Valley Community Band is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. For more information, contact band director Becky Palmiter at 231-675-0543 or palmiterbecky@yahoo.com.



Jordan Valley Community Band at their Christmas concert last December. By Becky Palmiter

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### Should you Appraise your Home Before Putting it on the Market?

It isn't necessary, but an appraisal will give a good indication of the price the seller will actually get for their property. A real estate agent can give you similar reliable data to determine current market value.

First, to determine the asking price, a seller's agent will look at the "comps," the price for which "comparable" homes in the area have recently been sold.

Based upon these prices, the seller should adjust what they are asking. For example, if similar properties in the area are selling for \$210,000, then trying to get \$250,000 usually does not make sense. Thus, before putting the house on the market, a seller should review the "comps," which can be obtained from a local real estate professional.

The appraisal process used by a licensed appraiser is more theoretical than a "comp," and doesn't predict what a buyer will

be willing to pay. Why would anyone ever get an appraisal then? Although rarely needed by buyers or sellers, appraisals are normally required by lenders who are considering making a loan.

However, sellers of expensive, custom homes may get appraisals, because there may not be any homes in the area that compare. Buyers of these one-of-a-kind homes will also have more confidence in an asking price that is supported by an appraisal.

Before determining an asking price, sellers should give their agent a list of major improvements done to the home, such as a new roof or upgraded heating system.

This will help the agent consider all the factors when recommending a price.

It will also put him or her in a better position to sell the house-and all of its features-for the best possible price.

### Ice conditions may require early shanty removal

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers that changing ice conditions could require removal of fishing shanties before required removal dates. This is a possibility every year, as all shanties must be removed once ice can no longer safely support them.

People venturing onto the ice should use extreme caution as temperatures begin to rise or fluctuate. The repeated thawing and refreezing of ice weakens its integrity, decreasing its ability to support additional weight of people, snowmobiles, ORVs and shanties. Deteriorating ice, water currents and high winds increase the probability of pressure cracks, which can

leave anglers and others stranded on ice floes or at risk of falling through the

"Regardless of the required date, ice shanties must be removed before the ice becomes too weak to support them," said F/Lt. Jason Wicklund, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "It's the angler's responsibility to safely remove their shanty before it falls through the ice."

Shanty owners whose structures fall through the ice are subject to penalties of up to 30 days in jail, fines of \$100 to \$500, or both. If a shanty is removed by a government agency, the court can require the owner to reimburse that agency for an amount of up to three times the cost of removal.

If ice conditions don't warrant early removal, these are the final dates for shanty removal:

#### LOWER PENINSULA

Shanties in the northern Lower Peninsula must be removed by midnight Sunday, March 15. Counties include Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.

Ice shanties in the remaining counites of the Lower Peninsula must be removed by midnight Sunday, March 1. **UPPER PENINSULA** 

On Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters, ice shanties must be removed by midnight Sunday, March 15.

All other bodies of water in the Upper Peninsula must have ice shanties removed by midnight Tuesday, March 31.

Daily use of ice shanties is permitted anywhere in Michigan as long as ice conditions permit and if the shanties are removed from the ice at the end of each day.

"No ice is ever considered safe," Wicklund reminded. "Anyone venturing onto the ice should always wear a personal flotation device."

For more information, watch the Michigan DNR ice safety tips video or visit the ice safety section of the DNR Education webpage.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

THE TAXMAN COMETH Devil in the Details To the Editor, We hear about debt and

we near about debt and deficit as rumor and weather report, not actually the severity of the dire consequences fore-boding. Government shut-downs reflect this crisis that is always alleviated by more debt and more deficit. Kicking the can a little further down the road is and has been the remedy for decade upon century, sometimes fiscally caught up, lately not at all but only extended indefinitely. Some maintain it's all paperwork anyway and not to worry.

Abstractly this would seem to have some validity since indeed debt is reality only on paper. The trust factor reigns supreme because without it the whole system of world commore would break down

merce would break down. Enter the taxman, the villain. Due to the system of trust and predictability the various organized entities known as government took it upon themselves to get in on the action for sake of some monitoring status to keep things flowing evenly and provide the necessary facilities and workers to turn anarchy into Capitalistic Democracy. This, after the Great Depression 1.0 (others lurk), was alleviated by Franklin D. Roosevelt with the New Deal and forthwith benefits known variously as Socialism, Direct Democracy, Medicare, Medicaid, foodstamps and so forth. Haggling and disinformation as to full health care on a nationwide basis could be presented as simply an extension of all public welfare programs but has been stymied in implementation despite the Obamacare ACA attempt immediately to be limited by political wrangling. Campaign dollars are the major thwart to furthering of affordable care for all. Tax dollars pay for everything plus the additional convenience of immediately available credit debt in compounded taxation.

With all that money coming in on a foreseeable basis, it is hardly surprising that many would see the opportunistic potential therein. This trickles down - not as Reagan cunningly spoofed to the public - to State, County, City, Town, Township municipalities as enforced taxation on the public commandeered by the tax offices throughout the whole system, a top-down pyramid scheme. Taxation is based on a premise not of ability to pay but on what one owns. If the former were the delineator, the rich would pay way more than they do, the poor way less. The opposite is the reality. Property taxes, income tax, sales tax, fines, fees, bail bonds, concomitant attorneys to offset fees, courts, cops, malfeasance being inevitable in all societies. All is organized around taxation in its multi-various manifestations. As Leona Helmsley infamously said to a staff worker, "We don't pay taxes, only the little people do". This is true regardless claims otherwise. Tax money pays for all political immersion, diversion, and subversion alike. Should anyone ponder the extent of politicians' take, suffice to say they are set for life and this is why they hold on so desperately to their achievements for sake of pay, perks and pensions publicly known plus all the side deals none will discuss. Thus tax money is a major pie-wedge obscured under bureaucratic "Administration".

And then the military. Through tax money support, every soldier, every barracks, every overseas installation, all Veterans Administration facilities and monitor during and after enlistment, is paid by taxation of the working public. Even the once essential labor unions are near-obliterated by corrupted mismanagement fee-taxation avarice by leaders. There is no form of taxation above corruption and collusion to defraud. Now the US Government openly wreaks havoc on emoluments, power gone mad, conspiracy, lies, and autocratic malfeasance well beyond clandestine evasion, openly hostile and scathing of civil and legal justification. Power gone berserk has always its hand on the tax revenue.

Public aversion to taxation is so naturally visceral that tax

evaders are made out to be desperado heroes a la Jesse James fighting for survival in abjectly corrupt culture. This unfortunately spurs more corruption while spurning the means to subdue it. We wouldn't mind intrinsically were the taxes used solely for needful things, infrastructure, guardianship, information communications, transportation safety and the like. These things are forthcoming in variable implementation but the bulk of our tax money goes elsewhere for things we don't want or need.

A little known, virtually almost totally unknown, fact is an alleged attempt to avoid taxation being the condemnation factor against Jesus and His followers when brought before Pilate and the Jewish Council, rabble et al, even Holy Writ having failed to affix account for that travesty, viz. tax evasion as accused. Taxes, far more than death, are the inevitable fixation bedeviling mankind in exploitation. Taxation is the Devil's own advocate. But for humanitarian-oriented individuals within taxation catacombs, the autocratic horde would prevail unaccountable. They even prevailed over the Master of Men, the Christ, but not for long. Without taxation we would not know of salvation, the devil in the details. Mitchell Jon MacKay, East

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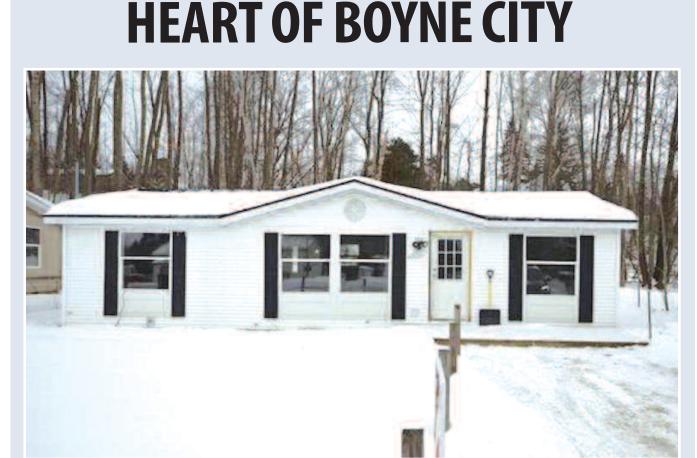


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### **Real Estate Feature Property GREAT STARTER HOME IN**



#### **BY JIM AKANS**

Situated in the heart of Boyne City, this ranch style home is a great opportunity for those looking to purchase their first home, or downsize from a larger

This three bedroom, two bath home has just under 1,100 square feet of nicely

finished living space. Interior highlights include an open living, dining and kitchen with vaulted ceilings, wood flooring and plenty of windows filling the space with natural light. Updates include those new windows and beautiful wood floors (which continue into the bedrooms), plus remodeled bathrooms and more.

The location is fantastic. It is within walking distance to stores and Lake Charlevoix, and just three blocks from downtown Boyne City, which features a huge variety of shopping, entertainment and dining possibilities. Three parks and lake access are also just a few blocks away.

This exceptional starter home is located at 616 Park Street in Boyne City and it is listed at \$109,000. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com





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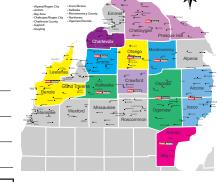
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