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Boyne Falls man suffers heart attack in Thumb Lake

B. J. Conley

BOYNE FALLS — A Boyne Falls resident drowned in Thumb Lake when he had a heart attack while in the water on Saturday, June 18.

Daniel Anthony, 49, was in the lake and attempting to retrieve a child's toy when he was hit with a heart attack. The Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider said that was the primary cause of his death.

Sheriff Schneider said that people on the beach at the time, pulled Anthony from the water and began CPR. When Hudson Township First Responders and Boyne City Ambulance-EMS arrived, CPR was continued. Anthony was transported to Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord where he was pronounced dead.

The sheriff expressed appreciation to those on the beach who responded to Anthony in an effort to save his life.

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ELLEBRATION

Next Weekend's "Ellebration" is a hometown Ellsworth Celebration of summer fun



The always amazing annual Horse Pull will round out a full afternoon of events at Ellebration next Saturday, July 2nd. Many of the longstanding favorites of the previous Ellsworth Pig Roast, such as the 3rd Annual Breezway Cruise, the Grand Parade, free kids games, the Horse Pull, and of course, the Famous Pork Roast Dinner will continue to be a part of Ellebration of food, family and fun.

By Jim Akans

Starting next Thursday, June 30th, a longtime favorite summer tradition, the annual "Ellsworth Pig Roast," will be unveiled in new format as; "Ellebration," a hometown celebration of food, family and fun.

Don't despair; many of the longstanding favorites of the previous summer festival, such as the 3rd Annual Breezway Cruise, the Grand Parade, free kids games, the Horse Pull, and of course, the Famous Pork Roast Dinner will continue to be a part of Ellebra-



tion. But there are some new additions and a few changes that promise to bring even greater elements of fun to this revised celebration.

First of all, the location has moved to the Ellsworth Community Park, showcasing the many years of hard work by so many organizations in creating the park on the beautiful Chain O' Lakes

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East Jordan seniors may get more housing

B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — Senior citizens in the East Jordan area will have more of a choice in housing if the request for a grant from the federal government is approved.

The East Jordan Housing Commission requested assistance from Northern Homes Community Development Corporation in applying for and obtaining a federal grant for a new senior housing complex. Northern Homes CDC's mission is to create and preserve quality affordable housing.

Jane MacKenzie is the executive director of Northern Homes.

"We're very excited about this project and the community support for it. We've been able to do projects in other areas and are hopeful for funding for East Jordan as well," she said.

Those projects include an 11-unit housing project in Bellaire, a 6-unit housing project on Beaver Island and a 97-unit project in Petoskey.

The East Jordan project would have 10 one-bedroom apartments, a community room, a laundry room and an office. The East Jordan Housing Commission has purchased land adjacent to Lakeview Manor. The site is at 109-113 MacKenzie Street and 106 Echo Street.

MacKenzie received support from the city commissioners on June 7, to apply for the federal grant and to rezone the property from R-1 single family to professional office, which is the same zoning as a portion of Lakeview Manor.

Community meetings were held to receive the requirements and desires of seniors for housing in the area. Some of the comments for design of the units include: installation of grab bars and shower seats, a raised garden area for gardening, carports, lights for outside steps, emergency pull cords in all rooms and large apartment windows.

MacKenzie said it would probably be August before she learns of the grant outcome from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the fall of 2012 before construction would begin. The grant for construction includes a 3-year project rental assistance contract that is renewed through the annual federal budget. Residents that meet the criteria will pay only 30 percent of their income for rent and utilities.

Lasater receives award from the state for historical book

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — Retired sheriff George T. Lasater was awarded the "Gov. John B. Swainson Award" on June 9, at the Capitol Building in Lansing.

The award presented to Lasater was for his research and preservation of history of Charlevoix County's contribution to World War II. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources honored the work of citizens that preserve our history.

"I'm honored that I could put together a book about veterans and their service," Lasater said. He traveled to Lansing for the award ceremony and says it was a great experience.

"I met a lot of people who enriched my life and who I can now call friends."

The MDNR wrote that Lasater detailed the personal and military history of nearly 1,800 veterans, as well as the contributions made by civilians, organizations and industry of Charlevoix county. His book includes recollections of wartime experiences of veterans, photos, mementos, telegrams, news clippings, medals, letters and memorials.

Lasater has declined any of the proceeds from the book and has donated all of the profits to World War II veterans and their projects.

Two other people received the Swainson Award. One from Plainwell and the other from Monroe.

The Michigan Historical Commission gives the awards in honor of former Gov. John B. Swainson, who also served the state as a legislator and a Supreme Court Justice.

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FRIDAY



HIGH: Mid 60's
LOW: Low 50's

SATURDAY



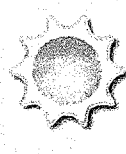
HIGH: Low 70's
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SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 70's
LOW: Mid 50's

MONDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Mid 50's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Mid 50's

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
23	78°F	52°F	90°F (1975)	34°F (1978)
24	78°F	52°F	92°F (2005)	32°F (1979)
25	78°F	52°F	94°F (2009)	32°F (1979)
26	78°F	53°F	93°F (1983)	37°F (1982)
27	78°F	53°F	94°F (1991)	36°F (1981)
28	78°F	53°F	95°F (1971)	41°F (1992)
29	79°F	53°F	94°F (1971)	39°F (1988)

COUNTY RECORDS

ASSUMED NAMES:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Continental Aire, 613 S. Lake St. Boyne City by Ronald E. Page.

Cecilia's Cleaning Service, 11720 Villa Road, Charlevoix by Cecilia Ilene Russell.

Top Knotch Logging and Forestry, 1535 Thumb Lake Road by Lee Barnes.

J & R Handyman Services, 673 Pine Pointe Trail, Boyne City by Jason Pemberton and Raymond Kerr Jr.

John Curtis Photo and Video, 201 Lakewood Court, Petoskey by John Curtis and Breanna O'Neil.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Timothy Duane Rayl, 52, Charlevoix. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Phillip James Steen, 24, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant in motor vehicle. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Francis Kind, 26, Boyne Falls. Attempted re-

sisting and obstruction of police officers. Sentenced to pay \$1,050 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail, serve 10 days, 170 days held in abeyance and six months on probation.

Steven George Massey, 33, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$1,355 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 13 days, 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

William Bill Miller III, 27, Boyne City. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, 83 days held in abeyance and nine months on probation.

Christopher Scott Hartley, 37, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of property. Sentenced to pay \$825 in fines and costs and \$254.09 in restitution and to 30 days in jail, serve on work release.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the County of Charlevoix:

Thomas George Meggison, 62, Charlevoix and Julie Elizabeth Tripplehorn, 46, Charlevoix.

Michael Vincent Hoyne, 27, Chicago, IL and Madeline

Marie Allen, 30, Chicago, IL Christopher Lawrence Amicucci, 22, Sheridan, WY and Amanda Joan Ehnis, 22, Sheridan, WY.

Daniel William Possert Jr., 26, Charlevoix and Bridget Lynn Dixon, 23, Charlevoix.

Geoffrey Keith Clark, 22, Boyne City and Allison Marie Brong, 24, Boyne City.

Michael Leroy Davis II, 23, Hoffman Estates, IL and Rebecca Elizabeth Gardner, 22, Hoffman Estates, IL.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, June 14

7:15am Citation for speed.
8:50am Crying infant left unattended in the 100 block of W Water St. parents located
2:02pm Missing 4 year old from the 700 block of Wenonah St. Located
9:20pm Report of bike taken from Boyne Av
9:42pm Disturbance on Fremont St
10:44pm

Wednesday, June 15

8:11am Stalking complaint in the 400 block of Harris St
3:38pm Parking complaint received in the 600 block of S East St
6:29pm Fraud complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St
7:57pm Report of underage drinking at Rotary Park. Unable to locate
10:25pm Civil complaint received from the 100 block of Trent St

Thursday, June 16

12:55am Report of disturbance in the 300 block of E Division St
6:41am Citation for speed
6:13pm Report of drunk driver on Boyne Av
9:42pm Report of dog bite in the 800 block of S Park St

Friday, June 17

7:00am Arrested subject for driving with no insurance on car. Vehicle impounded. Subject also received citation for speed.
7:45am Hit and Run property damage accident in the Industrial Park
2:00pm 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 200 block of S Lake St
5:25pm Larceny of gasoline from the 1400 block of Boyne Av
6:30pm Subject reporting inappropriate text messages
6:35pm Report of juvenile complaint at Peninsula Beach. Unfounded
7:15pm Parking complaint received on Deer Run
7:56pm Assisted Fire Department with vehicle fire at Water and Lake Streets
11:28pm Unlock on Water St

Saturday, June 18

7:01am Unlock in the 500 block of S Park St
8:35am Disturbance in the 200 block of S Lake St
11:00am Assist State Police in locating subject
1:45pm Citation for speed
2:00pm Assist East Jordan PD in locating subject
2:30pm Citation issued for CDL Restrictions
4:28pm Report of kids on skateboards being pulled by 4 wheeler on Trent near Lake. Unable to locate.
5:11pm Citation for speed
11:35pm Assist Sheriff's Department with chase in Advance.

Sunday, June 19, 2011
12:12am Fireworks complaint from the 100 block of Trent St
12:56am Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance
1:00pm Report of stolen ATV from the 1100 block of Wilson St. Was not stolen.
2:20pm Attempt to locate subject for emergency message
5:45pm Attempted suicide in the 300 block of E Main

Monday, June 20

8:52am Unlock in the 200 block of S Park St
9:28am Report of fail to pay for gasoline in the 200 block of S Lake St
11:01am Domestic dispute in the 500 block of Jersey St
12:01pm Report of missing person from the 200 block of S East St
12:23pm Responded to civil complaint in the 500 block of Harris St
10:08pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of E Main St
10:35pm Assist with family issue in the 500 block of N East St
10:58pm Responded to false alarm in the 100 block of E Water St

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

June 13-19, 2011

911 Hang Up Call	4	Road Hazard	4
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Stalking	0
Abuse	0	Suspicious Situation	13
Alarm	5	Threat	2
Animal Complaint	25	Traffic Stop	88
Annoyance	3	Trespassing	2
Assault	2	Unknown Accident	1
Assist Citizen	2	Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Assist Motorist	2	Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Assist Other Agency	14		

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Ellebration

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setting. Ellebration is also being held just a bit later in the summer, and the 4th of July weekend scheduling allows the celebration to be held in conjunction with one of the best fireworks displays in Northern Michigan, sponsored by the Ellsworth St. Clair Fireworks Committee, with spectacular, dazzling displays bursting over the waters of Lake St. Clair following a fantastic boat parade.

There will be some new events as well, including a Softball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, a Lakeside Bonfire with delicious s'mores on Friday night, an Archery Demonstration, and a 32-mile Chain O' Lakes Bike Tour.

Ellebration kicks off at 5 pm next Thursday, June 30th, when the 3rd annual Breezeway Cruise, which will start off from Boyne Mountain, journey along the scenic C-48 route to Royal Farms in Atwood, where a light dinner will be offered around 7 pm, and the 2011 Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Irene Shooks, will be honored.

Friday, stop by the Ellsworth Elementary School Grounds at 5 pm for a 1950's style Drive-in Dinner and Softball game. Afterwards, a community bonfire, with those tasty s'mores, and live music by Jim Slough, will take place from 7 to 9 pm at Ellsworth Community Park.

Be prepared for a full day of fun on Saturday, July 2nd, starting out with the Chain O' Lakes Bike tour at 8 am, a pancake breakfast at the Banks Township Hall from 9 to 11 am, and a 47-stop narrated Historical Trolley Tour beginning at 10 am. There will be another softball tournament going on all day at Ellsworth Sportpark, and take your sweet tooth to the Front Porch Café Ice Cream Social on the Community Park grounds. There will be live music, performed by "A Bit of Brass" quintet under the pavilion starting at noon.

Take time out to watch the Grand Parade on Saturday morning, featuring Grand Marshal Cindi Basset, who won the contest to name the new festival: "Ellebration." The parade will begin at 11 am in front of the Ellsworth Farmer's Exchange and proceed from Center Street, to Main Street, and end at the High School.

Saturday afternoon's events will include free kids games and entertainment at Community Park, with Northern Michigan's favorite balloon artist, Twister Joe, on hand to entertain kids with his fascinating balloon creations. The scrumptious roast pork lunch will be served under the pavilion from noon until 2:30 pm (if the food doesn't run out!), and there will be an archery demonstration at the new archery range also starting at noon. The annual Horse Pull, starting at 2 pm, rounds out Saturday afternoon's events.

At dusk next Saturday, the boat parade will take place on St. Clair Lake just before the fireworks show begins.

Try to catch a good night's sleep on Saturday, and don't eat a big breakfast, because there will be a community picnic potluck on Sunday starting at 2 pm under the pavilion in Community Park. The winner of the East Jordan Area Commerce Spirit Award will be announced at the picnic on Sunday.

Look for a full schedule of events in next week's Charlevoix County News, and for additional information about Ellebration, visit www.ellebration.com. For more details regarding the 3rd annual Breezeway Cruise, visit www.ridethebreezeway.com

Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Irene Shooks, to be honored as Ellebration opens next Thursday

Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Irene Shooks, will be honored at the opening Ellebration summer festival in Ellsworth next Thursday evening, during a dinner at Royal Farms following the conclusion of the 3rd Annual Breezeway Cruise.

Irene has been a resident of the Banks Township community since the early 1970's. She and her husband Rick have raised four great children in the community, all of whom currently reside out of the immediate area. They have two granddaughters and are expecting another grandchild this year.

In addition to her "real job" of being the organist at Belltower Reformed Church, Irene finds time to share her musical talents by playing for funerals & weddings, accom-

panying students for solo/ensemble performances at band festivals and school activities, assisting with band programs including Memorial Day & Pig Roast performances, and many other musical events. She is a talented vocalist and has participated in musical cantatas and performances.

Irene has been caregiver to several elderly persons in our community, assisting them on a daily basis with errands, transportation to appointments, bill paying as well as a multitude of other chores. Irene serves as election inspector for countless elections, many times as chairman. She assists the township clerk in election preparations, absentee ballot distribution, and public accuracy testing, just to name of few.

Irene serves as secretary to the Banks Township Planning Commission and is responsible for posting meeting notices, mailing notices to property owners, communicating with applicants in addition to setting up for meetings and recording the minutes of those meetings. She often works under urgent and strict time constraints to accomplish these things.

Irene also serves the community at the Front Porch Restaurant as a volunteer waitress when needed, often on very short notice! She also serves on the Human Resources committee and organizes cleaning bees for the restaurant, recruits volunteers, develops policies & procedures for the restaurant.

In addition, Irene is very



PHOTO BY MIKE MURPHY IV
Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Irene Shooks, will be honored next Thursday evening, June 30th, during a dinner at Royal Farms in Atwood following the 3rd Annual Breezeway Cruise.

artistic and creative. She is a talented seamstress who makes clothing for her granddaughters, wedding &

prom dresses, upholstery, repairs to a multitude of items such as replacing zippers, etc. and alterations. She knits and has donated prayer shawls to the Belltower Reformed Church prayer shawl ministry.

Irene personifies the quotation "If you need something done, ask a busy person!" We thank Irene for sharing her time and talents to make Banks Township a better place to live.

Join in honoring Irene at the conclusion of the 3rd Annual Breezeway Cruise at Royal Farms in Atwood next Thursday, June 30, at about 7:45 pm. Irene will also be a guest of honor in the ELLEBRATION! Grand Parade on Saturday, July 2.

Early Detection is Key to Protecting Your Trees From the Emerald Ash Borer

By Erin Schlicher

Since it arrived in the Detroit area in 2002, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees in Michigan, and has spread throughout much of the eastern United States. While the DNR considers Michigan's Lower Peninsula to be "generally infested," there is still hope for many of Northern Michigan's ash trees.

"The infested area isn't always continuous," said Deb McCullough, an entomologist at Michigan State University. "There are pockets where the emerald ash borer population is high, but a few miles down the street, there may be trees that are not infested at all."

If you have an ash tree on your property, you may be able to save it from becoming infested, but it is important to act early. The chances of a tree becoming infested increase with each passing season, and by the time a tree starts showing signs of infestation, it may be too late to save it.

"You may not see the beetles, even if the tree is infested," said McCullough. "The damage is caused by the larvae, which feed on the tissue just below the bark. The larvae feed in a really distinctive pattern, so that's usually how you can identify an infested tree."

There are several signs that a tree may be infested with emerald ash borer. Look for D-shaped holes or vertical splits in the bark. If you remove a small piece of bark near the opening and see what appear to be squiggly lines etched into the wood, you likely have an infestation. Other signs of emerald ash borer can include increased woodpecker activity, leaf dieback in the tree's canopy, or new shoots appearing at the base of the tree.

If you discover that you do have an infested tree, a systemic insecticide can be used to help keep the emerald ash borer at bay.

"Landscape ash trees, but not those in a forest or woodlot, can be saved with a systemic insecticide," said McCullough. "If you don't use it, the mortality rate of an infested tree is over 99 percent. The emerald ash borer is an invasive species, and doesn't have any natural predators in North America, so an insecticide is really the only effective means to keep it under control at this point."

There are several types of systemic insecticide available to property owners, a few of which can be purchased at your local hardware store or home and garden center. These products provide effective season-long control, and are safe and easy to apply as long as the instructions on the label are carefully followed. For more effective control, a professional arborist can

apply a product called Tree-Age, which provides up to three years of protection.

"Tree-Age has been shown to provide nearly 100 percent control of emerald ash borer in studies conducted by MSU," said McCullough. "If you really want to save an ash tree, that's the way to do it."

While systemic insecticides can be an effective means to control the emerald ash borer, they may not be able to save trees that are already heavily infested.

"If landowners have ash trees that are already losing foliage from the top down, or that have a lot of woodpecker activity, it is probably too late to save them," said Roger Mech, a Forest Health Specialist with the Department of Natural Resources. "At that point, people need to be looking into properly disposing of the trees, rather than treating them."

Once a tree becomes infested, the beetles will continue laying their eggs in it. Therefore, it is important to remove a dying tree quickly to prevent the emerald ash borer from spreading to other trees in the area.

If you choose to remove your tree, the wood does not have to go to waste. There are several ways that you can recover some of the wood's value or put it to good use around your home.

"One of the few positives when it comes to emerald ash borer is that it doesn't destroy the value of the wood," said Mech. "It doesn't go very deeply into the wood, so there is still a valuable and useful product there."

Although the wood retains most of its value, there are restrictions on moving it. In an effort to prevent the emerald ash borer from spreading further, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has instated a quarantine,

which bans the movement of hardwood firewood across state lines.

For more information about the emerald ash borer, including photos, identification guides, and quarantine information, please visit www.emerald-dashborer.info.

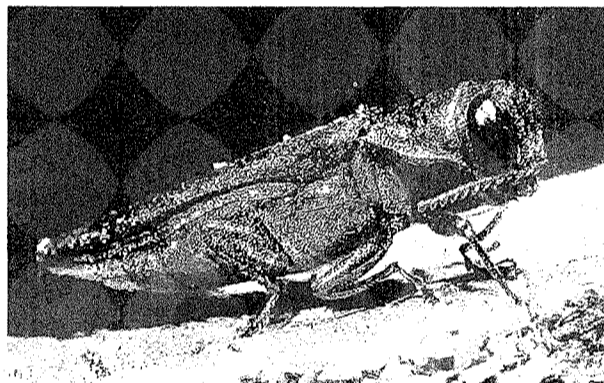


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ABOVE: The emerald ash borer has killed millions of Michigan's ash trees since it arrived in the Detroit area in 2002.

BELOW: The distinctive feeding pattern of emerald ash borer larvae can be seen just below the bark of an infested ash tree.

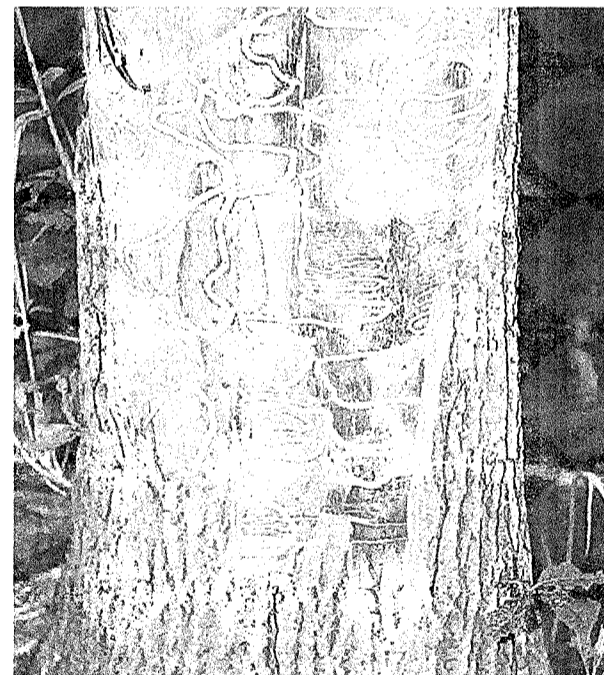


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Prevented Planting Reporting Deadline Extended

Christine White, State Executive Director of USDA's Michigan Farm Service Agency announced today the extension of the 2011 reporting deadline for all prevented planted crops to correspond with the final crop reporting date. Producers must file a notice of loss (CCC-576) for prevented planting in their County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office by July 15, 2011. For fall-seeded small grains, the deadline has been extended to June 30, 2011.

"This spring, many Michigan farmers have faced the challenge of excess rainfall and tight deadlines," said White. "Extending the closing date for filing a prevented planting claim will give producers more time to make the best decisions for their operations."

The extension will enable producers to report their crops and file a prevented planting notice of loss at the same time. The prior prevented planting deadline, 15 days after the crop's final planting date, will be in effect for the 2012 crop year.

When filing a notice of loss, producers must establish they made efforts to plant and were prevented from doing so by a natural disaster. The County Committee (COC) may require proof of intent to plant by requesting documentation of field preparation, seed purchases and other information. Prior year's planting history will no longer be considered when making a determination for prevented planted acreage claims.

Contact your local USDA FSA Service Center for more information or visit www.fsa.usda.gov

Walker announces legislation to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species

'First we protected the quantity of the water; now we're protecting the quality'

LANSING--State Sen. Howard Walker and his legislative colleagues today announced a comprehensive package of bills designed to protect Michigan from increased ecological catastrophe and millions of dollars in lost revenue.

Senate Bills 508 - 510 will establish a council to determine how to protect the state from continued invasions of aquatic invasive species.

Walker, who is vice chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittees on Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources, compared the council with the Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact.

"First we protected the

quantity of the water; now we're protecting the quality," said Walker, R-Traverse City. "The Great Lakes Basin Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Advisory Council will be composed of experts from the Great Lakes region who will work on a plan to prevent, eradicate, and monitor aquatic invasive species throughout the region. We cannot continue to deal with threats as they present themselves. We need a long-term and a short-term plan in place now."

Under the new legislation, the AIS council will work with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Office of the Great Lakes to update and implement the state's existing AIS management plan. The measures would also require the council to review all existing state laws on aquatic invasive species and make recommendations for strengthening protections against further invasions.

Walker, Sens. Goeff Hansen and Tom Casperson; and business, conservation, and environmental organizations spoke about the proposals at Open Space in Traverse City.

Hansen, chair of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, stressed the importance of the bills.

"Moving this reform package is critical to the future job creation," said Hansen, R-Hart. "As someone who represents lakeshore constituents, I understand that a healthy ecosystem is key to our region. Invasive species are threatening our way of life and action is needed now. This legislation is a top priority for me, and the committee members are determined to move swiftly on these important measures."

Casperson, chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes, emphasized the economic impact of invasive species.

"Aquatic invasive species have already affected tourism, fishing, and related industries in Michigan," Casperson said. "In 2006, ship-borne invasive species may have cost more than \$200 million in lost economic benefits in the Great Lakes region by reducing sport and commercial fisheries, reducing wildlife watch-

ing, and increasing the operating costs for raw water users. This economic loss will only increase if nothing is done to protect the lakes."

Tim Eder, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, applauded the new legislation.

"The enhanced efforts being proposed correctly reflect the seriousness and urgency of this problem, and the importance of responding in collaboration with other states and provinces," Eder said.

Rich Bowman, director of Government Relations for the Nature Conservancy in Michigan, also praised the reform package.

"We at the Nature Conservancy are pleased to be working with Senator Walker to address this important issue," Bowman said. "We think this proposed approach of an advisory board to address pressing threats is smart and will result in positive outcomes for the state both environmentally and economically."

SBs 508 - 510 were expected to be introduced in the Senate on Tuesday.

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Bert Hawkins

A memorial graveside service for Bert Hawkins of Boyne City took place Saturday, June 18, at Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey. Mr. Hawkins passed away on Feb. 28, 2011.

Friends and family are welcome to come and celebrate the lives of Bert and his wife, Liz, together again -- forever.

Following the service, refreshments will be served at the home of Janet and Mike Bango.

Lois G. McGarvey-Blumberg, 80

Lois G. McGarvey-Blumberg, age 80, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 11, 2011, after a short unrelated illness.

Lois is a former resident of Boyne Falls. Beloved mother who will be missed very much by daughter and son-in-law Patrice and Dennis Hasley of Dearborn, son and daughter-in-law Michael and Carol McGarvey of Dearborn, son Stephen McGarvey of Harbor Springs, and daughter and son-in-law Metta (Julie) McGarvey and Stephen Brown of Manomet, Mass. Loving grandmother of Kelly Miner and Caitlín McGarvey, and great-grandmother of Zakk Ahern and Cody Miner.

Lois was a cherished social studies teacher at Amelia Earhart Junior High School in Detroit.

An avid cat and animal lover, please send donations in lieu of flowers to: Keirstie Carducci, Outback Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 5342 West Erie Road, Ottawa Lake, Mich. 49267. A private memorial service is planned.

Jeffery and Debra Kenney

A memorial service for former East Jordan residents Jeffery and Debra Kenney took place Saturday, June 18, at St. Joseph Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Jim Gardner officiated.

Jeffery passed away on Aug. 30, 2010, and Debra passed away on Dec. 2, 2010.

Ronald Richard Pair, 79

(JAN. 14, 1932 - JUNE 13, 2011)

Ronald Richard Pair, 79, of Charlevoix, died Monday, June 13, 2011, in his home. He was born Jan. 14, 1932, in Attleborough, Mass., the son of Clyde and Viola Pair.

Ron enlisted in the Navy in Norfolk, Va., for four years during the Korean War. He served as a cook and ran maintenance for the C-plane squadron.

In 1967, he established Ron Pair Enterprises in St. Clair Shores, and revolutionized the bulk loading industry with the invention of the Charlie 22 loading spout. The company evolved into Midwest International, with the development of his ever-growing product line. For the last 44 years, the company has reached to various industries across the globe.

Ron enjoyed cooking, opera and February dips in Lake Michigan. He could often be seen sitting on his deck overlooking Round Lake.

OBITUARIES

Surviving are wife, Mary Pair; six children, Linda Baguzif and husband, Dennis, Scott Pair, Gail Pair, Edith Pair, Lillian LeClair and husband, Kenneth, Walter and Zoe Pair; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service took place on Friday, June 17, at the Charlevoix Congregational Church with the Rev. Phil Schairbaum officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

For those wishing to make memorial donations the family suggests the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

James Frederick Silbar

(JULY 15, 1939 - JUNE 11, 2011)

James Frederick Silbar, age 71, loving husband and father, died June 11, 2011 after a long illness at home in Boyne City, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born July 15, 1939 in Mount Clemens, to Robert and Ruth (Papke) Silbar. His formative years were spent in Birmingham. He later graduated from Leelanau High School, a private boarding school, in 1958. He attended Central Michigan University for one year, where he was a cheerleader which was a requirement of the gymnastic team. He then transferred to Michigan State University. He remained active in gymnastics and graduated from the School of Communication Arts in 1963. He was awarded a B.A. Degree in Advertising with minors in Journalism and Marketing.

His entry into the newspaper business was in Rockford, Illinois at the Register-Republic. He served in the Illinois National Guard for one year. Then he transferred to the Michigan National Guard for five years after moving to Royal Oak. He worked as a Public Relations Director at Martin Place Hospital. Later he worked as Assistant Promotional Manager at WWJ Radio and Television in Detroit.

It was in Royal Oak in 1967, where he met his future wife, Patricia Ellen Duncan of Bay City. She was a nurse at William Beaumont Hospital and he was employed at WWJ. The couple was married in Flint two years later. They established their home in Fenton and were blessed with two daughters.

Jim was from an established newspaper family. He joined the staff of the Fenton Independent, a Silbar newspaper. He was soon promoted to assistant publisher. He was instrumental in arranging the purchase of the Swartz Creek News and the Flushing Observer. He created the Flint Township News, completing a chain of four weekly newspapers in Genesee County. Jim was the President of

the newly formed corporation, Silbar Publications, and his father, Robert Silbar was Chairman of the Board. These newspapers were sold in 1979 to Flint Area Newspapers. Jim served on the new corporation's board of directors for two years.

He bought property on Lake Charlevoix in Horton Bay, moved his family to Boyne City and purchased The Boyne Citizen (DBA: The Charlevoix County Press) in July of 1981. As editor and publisher, Silbar created the Vacationer, the Snowscope and the Morel Mushroom Tabloid. He also published the East Jordan Journal. He sold those publications in 1995. These publications became the Citizen-Journal which now has been replaced by the Charlevoix County News.

He was always very involved in promoting his community and its businesses. You could find him every morning at Robert's Restaurant for coffee, at every City Council meeting and at every promotional event.

Jim was a past member of the Michigan Newspaper Association, The Lions Club and served on the Boyne City Airport Board. He was an avid snow skier. He was a ski instructor at Sugarloaf, Mt. Holly and Mt. Brighton. He was active in the United States Ski Association. He served as Chairman of the Senior Alpine Committee and was Secretary of Central USSA. He created the Mid-America Race Series in 1971 for the top ski races in the Midwest. He loved sport cars and was a lifetime follower of car racing, editorially covering the NASCAR at Michigan International Speedway in the '70s.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Robert Silbar. He is survived by his wife, Pat Silbar of Boyne City, two daughters, Heather Silbar of Boyne City and Sanibel Island, Florida and April Silbar of Minneapolis, Minnesota, one brother, Richard (Margaret) Silbar of Los Alamos, New Mexico and two first cousins, Jean (Dan) Voorheis and Anne (Steve) Tarr of Grand Rapids.

The Visitation and Memorial Service was held at Stackus Funeral Home on Saturday, June 18, 2011. A luncheon followed at Cooper's Restaurant in Boyne City.

Daniel Russell Anthony, 49

Daniel Russell Anthony of Boyne Falls, left his family and friends unexpectedly on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. Jamie Woodall of the Genesis Church in Boyne City will officiate with interment following at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. A complete obituary will follow.

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Up North Fourth Planned in Charlevoix

Charlevoix's 'Up North Fourth' delivers a backyard picnic fun festival including Short's Brewery Experience, Local Culinary Cuisine and Live National Touring Music. The first ever event will take place in Downtown Charlevoix's award-winning East Park Saturday, July 2.

Those seeking an authentic Northern Michigan backyard picnic experience on a grand scale won't want to miss the first annual Up North Fourth, a celebration of local flavors and marvelous music.

Recently named by Forbes Magazine as one of "America's Prettiest Towns" and Yachting Magazine as one of the "Top 50 Yachting Towns in the World",

Charlevoix has created yet another reason to spend a summer holiday weekend on this beautiful northern Michigan isthmus - the first annual Up North Fourth.

The Up North Fourth will take place Saturday, July 2 in Downtown Charlevoix's East Park. The event provides plenty of local flavors with over 10 varieties of beer offered by Short's Brewery. Enjoy as a backyard picnic-style foodies event from ribs to pulled pork and potato salad offered by Friske Orchards or Cross Fisheries whitefish tacos prepared by local chefs. Proceeds generated by the Short's Brewery Experience benefit "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful," a local non-profit organization and the folks behind Charlevoix's petunias.

Festivities kick off at 4:00 p.m. with music and entertainment throughout the evening by rockabilly and honky-tonk entertainers Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys and the "Afro-Caribbean-

Barnyard-Funk" of Euforquestra. Hula-hoopers and West African hand-drumming ensembles will march the harbor and festival grounds to entertain the crowd. All performances will take place in East Park's Odmark Performance Pavilion - one of the Midwest's most unique outdoor performance venues.

General admission tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door (kids 5 and under free). The Short's Brewery Experience offers a commemorative pint glass and five 7-oz pours for an additional \$20 with extra pours available for purchase (\$30 in total if you're planning on enjoying the festival and enjoying Short's brews). Event hours are 4:00-8:00 p.m. Stay tuned for information regarding after parties happening throughout downtown.

Tickets for the Up North Fourth go on sale June 1st at Downtown Charlevoix merchant Ga Ga for Kids and The Chamber of Commerce and online at www.porterhouseproductions.com. Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance as this festival is expected to sell out!

Up North Fourth is presented by the Charlevoix Convention & Visitors Bureau, Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, Porterhouse Productions, Downtown merchants and community volunteers. Porterhouse Productions is dedicated to supporting local communities by creating year-round events that feature local food, beer, wine, arts, youth and businesses.

Stroll the Streets Begins

Music and fun fill downtown streets in Boyne City on summer Friday evenings

Once again, Stroll the Streets fills downtown Boyne City with music and fun every summer Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. 2011 will mark the eighth year for Stroll the Streets, which is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program. Music ranges from traditional folk, bluegrass and jazz to rock. Special activities include magicians, caricature artists, face-painters and balloon-twisters. Thanks to our sponsors!

From its modest beginning, Stroll the Streets has grown to become the signature event for downtown Boyne City. "It's

amazing how many people have told me how much they enjoy the event," said Karen Guzniczak, chair of the Stroll the Streets organizing committee. "We have had people tell us that they make sure they leave their home downstate so they can get to Boyne City in time for Stroll the Streets."

The program is funded by contributions from several Boyne City businesses. "The support we receive from our community is outstanding," Guzniczak said. "This makes it possible to create such a wonderful event for our town. Thanks to all our sponsors we

will be able to continue to provide entertainment this summer all around downtown."

For more information on Stroll the Streets or the Boyne City Main Street program, contact the Main Street office at (231) 582-9009.

If you would like to help support Stroll the Streets with either monetary donations or by volunteering on Friday evenings, contact Hugh Conklin, Main Street Director, (231)582-9009 or Karen Guzniczak, Promotions Chairperson, (231)582-2355.

Severe Weather Warning Signal

The cities of Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City will be testing their siren signals for severe weather and tornado. This will occur the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The three communities have been and will continue to work jointly to come up with a consistent warning signal that will be used county-wide to warn residents that severe weather or a tornado is approaching.

The municipalities are also reaching out to

township fire departments within the County as well. The goal of having a common warning siren is to warn citizens in a consistent manner of severe weather and tornados so they can take shelter, get off the roads, etc. Being consistent county-wide will aid citizens in identifying the signal and what it stands for, regardless of which community they are in around the county.

If you have questions regarding the up-comin

Take Me Out To The Ball Game



COURTESY PHOTO

A special greeting was extended by the Traverse City Beach Bums to the twenty-one residents, staff members and volunteers of Grandvue Medical Care Facility who attended the game on Sunday, June 12 in Wuerfel Park. Although the Beach Bums lost to the River City Rascals with a final score of 4-8, a good time was had by all. Pictured above Grandvue Resident Virginia Jacobson (front left) is about to receive a visit from Beach Bums Mascot, Sunburn.

Annual Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Scholarship

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Annual Venetian Festival is seeking young ladies to enter the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Scholarship Pageant.

Young ladies that run for Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen serve the Charlevoix Community as an ambassador. The reigning queen, her court and new candidates promote our beautiful town, our lakes and tourism; while visiting surrounding Northern Michigan community events.

Each year the young women that enter the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen competition bring excitement, integrity and a love of community with them. The coronation is a must see community event that will be held in East Park on Friday Night of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

The Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen is a scholarship competition. A minimum of three scholarships are given every year including first place prize of \$2,500, first runner up prize of \$1,250 and a \$500 essay

contest scholarship. The young women that enter the competition are required to write an introduction letter, an essay, prepare and present one persuasive speech, and complete both panel and personal interviews with judges selected from outside the Charlevoix Community. Each candidate is judged completely on her own merit.

Candidates must be between the ages of 16-22, must be single, never married and have no children. They must also have a primary residence in Charlevoix, or have graduated from a Charlevoix area school.

If you would like to apply to be a contestant of the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Festival you can pick up an application at one of the following locations: The Charlevoix Venetian Festival Office, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix High School, Northwest Academy, or on the Chamber website at www.charlevoix.org. Applications must be turned in to the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce office by 5pm on Friday June 24th.

Letters to the Editor

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Thank You Teachers and Coaches

Dear Editor,

We thank the teachers and coaches who attended our workshop "Coaching Boys into Men" held during a recent Public Schools of Petoskey staff development day. Attendees learned about the cultural influences that negatively impact boys and promote a "tough guy" persona related to violence, and what they can do to help.

We appreciate your wonderful feedback from the workshop including: "[the workshop] brings to the forefront real issues regarding respect and honor," "a concept that has needed to be addressed for a long time," "I was shocked by the violence in video games like Grand Theft Auto," "The message is critical and clear," "Educational, relevant and eye opening," "Great stuff—keep spreading the word," "I would love to see an in-service for our entire school," "Very needed in our schools!"

Your encouraging words and

great suggestions will help us move forward as we talk to other local coaches. Our next workshop will be a part of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Summer Leadership Institute on August 24.

We thank you all for understanding your influential role as coaches and mentors as you help to shape the lives of the young people you coach.

Special thanks to Steve Rudolph, of Steve Rudolph Coaching, who helped present the material and facilitate discussion.

We invite coaches, teachers and parents who are interested in bringing this program to their school or group to contact the Women's Resource Center at 231-347-1572.

Sincerely,

Dar Charlebois,
WRC Community
Prevention Coordinator

\$14,300 in People Fund grants awarded to local organizations

Great Lakes Energy members continue to lend a hand to local community causes through their voluntary contributions to the People Fund.

The People Fund Board of Directors awarded a total of \$14,300 in grants in June to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan:

1. Boyne Arts Collective, Boyne City: \$600 to repair a roof in the art gallery.
2. Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$1,000 for a laser level and portable generator.
3. Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling: \$1,200 for Senior Project Fresh coupon booklets for low-income seniors to receive fresh produce from local farmer's markets.
4. Gaylord Gardens, Gaylord: \$2,000 towards the purchase of bleachers at the pool of the Otsego County Sportsplex.
5. Friendship Centers of Emmet

County, Petoskey: \$3,000 for a new dishwasher.

6. Child Abuse & Neglect Council, Mancelona: \$2,000 for cribs, mattresses and supplies for the baby pantry.

7. Beaver Island Community Development Corporation, Beaver Island: \$1,000 for grab bars for bathrooms at the Forest View Community building for seniors and disabled adults.

8. Charity Hill Ranch, Rapid City: \$2,500 for scholarships for disabled children to attend therapeutic riding camp, contingent on the ranch raising matching funds.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999, more than \$2 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and com-

munity organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is funded by the generosity of our members," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "The average monthly contribution is just 50 cents per month. The needs of our communities continue to grow making each small contribution vital to the success of the People Fund."

Great Lakes Energy electric members interested in participating can enroll by contacting Great Lakes Energy by phone or online.

Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant through the People Fund by downloading the application at www.gtlakes.com or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 888-485-2537. The next grant application deadline is October 1, 2011.

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EAST JORDAN

Bass club

Following is our tournament schedule for the Great Northwest Bass Anglers, the bass fishing club from East Jordan.

July 17 - Fletcher's Floodwaters

August 14 - Intermediate Chain

August 21 - Tomahawk Flooding

The club is always looking for new members, especially people that want to learn more about bass fishing. You do not have to have a boat to be a member, we pair up boaters with non boaters. If anyone wants more information about the club they can contact Dan Miller at 231-350-0118 or Jerry Hepner at 582-6004.

EAST JORDAN

SAVE-A-LOT / FAST FILL...

Save-A-Lot Food Store, Fast Fill Gas Station & the Car Wash will all be open to serve your snacks, beverage, grocery & gas needs 7 days per week during the road construction of M-32. Don't let the construction stop you from visiting us and saving money.

BOYNE CITY

Evenings at the gazebo

The Boyne Area Chamber has announced the schedule for another summer of Evenings at the Gazebo concerts beginning June 29. Concerts continue at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 24 at Old City Park, located at the corner of Park and River Streets.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but not your pets. June 29 - Off Duty - Upbeat 60's and 70's with a touch of country.

July 6 - Younce Guitar Duo - Beautiful guitar arrangements.

July 13 - Nelson Olstrom - Soft rock.

July 20 - ReBooted featuring Judy Harrison - High energy country/classic rock.

July 27 - Blue Lake Fine Arts Camps presents Goethes Groove Connection - big band jazz.

Aug. 3 - Boyne River Remedy - The cure for the common rock band.

Aug. 10 - Petoskey Steel Drum Band - Caribbean beat performed by high school students.

Aug. 17 - Kort McCumber - The essence of Americana.

Aug. 24 - Synergy Song - Celtic music at its best.

July 8: Worker Bees - Rockabilly, roots rock & honky tonk.

July 15: Peacemeal String Band: old time string band music.

July 22: Loudmouth Soup - Rock.

July 29: Crooked Trio - Jazz.

Aug. 5: Elizabeth Sexton Rivers - Blues & Jazz.

Aug. 12: Second Time Around - Classic Country.

EAST JORDAN

Pharmacy relocating

East Jordan Family Pharmacy will soon be moving to a new location at 601 Bridge St. The pharmacy will close at 7pm on Friday June 24th. Close on Saturday the 25th and re-open at 8am on Monday June 27 at the new location. The phone number will remain the same 231-536-2207. Hours will change to those of the East Jordan Family Health Center, Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday from 9am to 1pm

CHARLEVOIX

Undine - A Settlement Remembered Exhibit

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, in conjunction with the Charlevoix Historical Society presents: "UNDINE - A SETTLEMENT REMEMBERED." Exhibit grand opening and wine & cheese reception on Friday, June 24 beginning at 7pm at the Harsha House Museum located at 103 State Street. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 231.582.5328 or go to www.cchps.info.

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival announces lineup

Sobo Arts District of Boyne City is excited to announce the return of the Sobo Arts Festival on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25. The festival coincides with Boyne City's first "Stroll the Streets" which runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Celebrating visual, performing and healing arts, the festival will take place in the heart of SOBO, "South Boyne," centered around the intersection of Lake and Main Streets. Opening the festival Friday night will be swing dance instruction by Chris Faulknor followed by music from Chris Bickley's "Bay Area Big Band" featuring sing Robin Lee Berry performing from 8 to 10 p.m. On Saturday, a juried art fair will be presented from 10-4 p.m. In addition there will be a variety of musical performances, zumba dance demonstrations, representatives of the healing arts community, street performers and activities for kids of all ages, food and a balloon artist. The festival will close with a family friendly Contra dance offering dance instruction and featuring dance caller Jan Fowler from 7 to 9 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Committee Members Needed for Day of Caring

The Day of Caring committee and Char-Em United Way has started planning this year's event. Day of Caring will be Thursday, September 15 - in honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. The one-day event is an opportunity for people to get involved and volunteer their time to complete projects that area organizations just don't have the staff, funds or time to complete without help. Volunteers are matched with non-profits, schools, and government agencies from all over Charlevoix and Emmet counties during Day of Caring. The committee is seeking members to assist with planning from the Boyne City, East Jordan, and northern Emmet County areas. The committee will meet monthly from April through September sharing skills and ideas to organize and promote Day of Caring. Last year the committee helped bring 690 volunteers together with 48 projects. If you would like to join the planning committee contact Char-Em United Way at 231.487.1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

EAST JORDAN

Music in the Park

Each Friday at the band shell in Memorial Park June 24 - Aug. 12, 7-9pm.

July 1: Detour - bluegrass.

BOYNE CITY

Far Post Soccer Camp

This will be the 13th year that Boyne Area 4-H Youth Soccer is hosting a summer soccer camp offered by Far Post Soccer. Response from players and parents has been very positive. Far Post is known throughout the state as a quality program throughout the state and is in high demand. The camp's director, Greg Thompson, is the director of Farmington Hills Public Schools Soccer Program. Scholarships may be available. Soccer players ages 5 and up are invited to attend. Cost is \$60. July 11-15, 6pm-8pm at Rotary Park. Deadline is June 24. Contact Gail Fox, 231-582-1080, gegaillfox@earthlink.net.

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BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival announces lineup

Sobo Arts District of Boyne City is excited to announce the return of the Sobo Arts Festival on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25. The festival coincides with Boyne City's first "Stroll the Streets" which runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Celebrating visual, performing and healing arts, the festival will take place in the heart of SOBO, "South Boyne," centered around the intersection of Lake and Main Streets. Opening the festival Friday night will be swing dance instruction by Chris Faulknor followed by music from Chris Bickley's "Bay Area Big Band" featuring sing Robin Lee Berry performing from 8 to 10 p.m. On Saturday, a juried art fair will be presented from 10-4 p.m. In addition there will be a variety of musical performances, zumba dance demonstrations, representatives of the healing arts community, street performers and activities for kids of all ages, food and a balloon artist. The festival will close with a family friendly Contra dance offering dance instruction and featuring dance caller Jan Fowler from 7 to 9 p.m.

BELLAIRE

Relay for Life

On June 24th and 25th from 3:00pm to 3:00pm local cancer survivors will be honored during the Survivor Celebration at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Antrim County Survivor celebration

activities offer both survivors and caregivers an opportunity to experience healing, receive support, and celebrate their collective victory over cancer. If you would like to register as a survivor, or make a donation for a Luminaria in honor or in memory of someone touched by cancer, please call (231)676-1820, or visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/antrim-countymi.

BOYNE CITY

Boyerne compost site

FREE - Boyne City's north Boyne compost site on Robinson Street has wood chips that are available to the general public for free. There is no limit on the quantity; however, you must make your own arrangements for loading and hauling. This does not include black dirt; wood chips only.

WOLVERINE

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BOYNE CITY

Board members sought for BAC

Boyerne City's art scene is growing rapidly and offers a nurturing environment for emerging artists. The Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) is interested in expanding its Board of Directors by September. If you or anyone you know would like to give an hour or so of their time to be a member of the BAC Board of Directors, please notify BAC President Martina Hahn at 231.675.7071 or Nomination Chairperson Diane Strzelinski 231.582.5877 or dianes@torchlake.com. The Board meets at noon on the first Monday of the month at the Boyne Arts Collective Gallery, 210 S. Lake Street, Boyne City. Board members do not have to be musical, literary, or visual artists. BAC is seeking board members who are community residents interested in promoting the Arts.

ATWOOD

Strawberry Social

Celebrate the Strawberry Harvest at Friske Orchards on Saturday, June 25. Activities include: strawberry pancake breakfast from 7 to 11am, live toe tappin' tunes by local music artists from 10am to 2pm, tractor drawn wagon orchard tours, "Footprints in the Sand" book signing by local author Donna Harris, meet the famous Miss Strawberry, pick your own strawberries down on the farm, and loads of strawberry shortcake! Friske's is located 10 miles South of Charlevoix on US 31 in Atwood.

EAST JORDAN

Jordan Valley Triathlon

26th Annual Jordan Val-

ley Triathlon June 25th beginning at 9am. Starting at Tourist Park with Swimming. For information call 231-536-0795 Sponsored by the East Jordan Ambulance Association.

BOYNE CITY

BCHS grad Chellis brings new vocal institute to Boyne City

Crooked Tree Arts Center is pleased to announce the formation a new music education program, the Up North Vocal Institute, a summer vocal training institute. Founding director is international opera and theatre star, Matthew Chellis, a Boyne City High School graduate. The Up North Vocal Institute (UNVI), offers the nation's finest young voices participation in a unique vocal training program designed to encompass the whole body approach to vocal training. The program runs June 25 through July 25, and will be held at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. "The program's goal is to act as a bridge between a singer's academic and professional careers" commented Chellis.

BOYNE CITY

Blooming in June

The Exhibit is titled "BAC is Blooming in June" and will run until Sunday June 26. Artists will be juried BAC members and have their artwork ready to hang or display. The Floral Art may be of any media the artists choose to feature flowers. Hours to visit the exhibit galleries are Friday 1 - 5pm, Saturday 10 - 6pm and Sunday Noon - 4 PM. Please visit www.boynearts.org.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Severe Weather Warning Signal

The cities of Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City will be testing their siren signals for severe weather and tornado. The tests will occur the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The three communities have been and will continue to work jointly, to come up with a consistent warning signal that will be used county-wide to warn residents that severe weather or a tornado is approaching. The municipalities are also reaching out to township fire departments within the County as well. The goal of having a common warning siren is to warn citizens in a consistent manner of severe weather and tornados so they can take shelter, get off the roads, etc. Being consistent county-wide will aid citizens in identifying the signal and what it stands for, regardless of which community they are in around the county. If you have questions regarding the upcoming siren test or questions or concerns after the test sirens are run, please contact the City Hall or Fire Department in your community:

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EAST JORDAN

Water Color Workshop

A special Luke Buck Water Color Workshop is scheduled at Raven Hill Discovery Center for June 27 and June 28 from 10am to 3pm. Luke Buck, a native "Hoosier", grew up and studied art in Indiana. His nostalgic paintings of American landscapes and American wildlife show a love for life, art, and nature. Many "locals" here in northern Michigan appreciate his talents and enjoy collecting his paintings. Luke will be teaching his unique but traditional technique and approach to watercolor painting through lectures, demonstrations, and step-by-step painting with one-on-one instructions. This workshop is designed for beginner, intermediate, or advanced watercolor painters and will focus on plein-air painting. Early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Cost: \$200 for 2 days. Lunch is included.

ELLSWORTH

Historical Society meets

Banks Township Historical Society will hold their next meeting on June 28 at 7pm at the Historical Building in Ellsworth, Mi. Any one is welcome to come.

ELLSWORTH

Ellebration

A Celebration of Food, Family and Fun. Parade, Fireworks, Concessions, Community Picnic, Kids games, Horse Pulls and much more. June 30 - July 3. You'll find more details at www.ellebration.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at Ellsworth Pig Roast. For more information, contact Alana Haley at 231-360-0676.

ATWOOD, ELLSWORTH, EAST

JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

Breezeway Cruise

Jun 30th. Classic cars, convertibles, motorcycles, whatever! From Boyne Mountain to Atwood. Call the EJ Chamber for details 536-7351 or details at www.ridethebreezeway.com

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

June 23 - County-Wide Business after Hours at Somerset Pointe 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

Children's Summer Food Service

East Jordan Public Schools sponsors Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or person up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the men-

tally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. Meals will be provided at East Jordan Elementary School, 304 Fourth St. from June 13 through August 25. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am - 8:30 am and lunch will be served from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

BOYNE CITY

Class reunion

BCHS CLASS OF 1971 will hold their 40-year reunion on Saturday, July 2, from noon through the evening at the Fineout farm, 426 Shadow Trails Road, Boyne City. Camping, volleyball, horseshoes and other lawn games will be available. Bring your barbecue grill, food, drinks, chairs and tables. For information, check the Facebook page or email Bill Fineout at alphamegare@cox.net.

BOYNE CITY

4th of July Festival

The Boyne City 4th of July Festival features a giant parade at 10 a.m., evening fireworks plus a dozen other activities including the 34th Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, 2-mile and 10k running races, a wacky raft race and duck race in the Boyne River, lots of food, plus children's games and a pie-eating contest. The festival is centered in Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. There will be live music in the park all day.

CHARLEVOIX

Up North Fourth

Charlevoix's 'Up North Fourth' delivers a backyard picnic fun festival including Short's Brewery Experience, Local Culinary Cuisine and Live National Touring Music. The first ever event will take place in Downtown Charlevoix's award-winning East Park Saturday, July 2

CHARLEVOIX

Art camp

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts invites all kids ages 1-12 residing in or visiting the area to come join the creative fun at Circle Camp. Again this year, Circle Camp will offer different exciting programs each week. All sessions are 5 days from 9am-12pm. Week 1: A Bit of Everything! Tuesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 9. Visual arts projects; pottery studio visit and class; Visit to two downtown galleries; Culinary Class; Music Day. The cost is \$90 per camper per session, \$80 for a sibling in the same session. Fees include 3 hours of creative fun, all the materials needed for each project, plus a snack! For details call 231.547.3554 or email info@charlevoixcircle.org.

Or for a full schedule visit www.charlevoixcircle.org. Scholarships available!

CHARLEVOIX

Watercolor Painting classes

Watercolor Painting Techniques by Betty Bea Washburn July 5 & July 6, 5:30 Registration (if not pre-registered & pre-paid). Class 6pm - 9pm, \$100 per student

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next Wellness Wednesday will be from 8am until 11am on July 6. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting required. However, if you are fasting an LDL and triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and pedometer as well as all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: (231) 547-8906 or by email: [kjacobson@cah.org](mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org) Walk-ins are always welcome.

BELLAIRE

Bark, Bugs, and Blooms Walk

Join Watershed Council staff on a walking tour of Grass River Natural Area (GRNA), located in the Heart of the Elk River Chain of Lakes July 6 from 10am - Noon. The walk will focus on taking a closer look at some of the key traits and features used to identify herbaceous and woody plants. So if you want to learn more about how to tell a Fraxinus from a Quercus, a Eupatorium from Asclepias, or a Scirpus from a Schoenoplectus, join us and we'll see what other genera we can find in the inspiring and beautiful GRNA.

CHARLEVOIX

Circle of Strength

Circle of Strength Cancer Support Group meets on the First Wednesday of every month at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the large classroom on the lower level of Hospital. 10:30am - Noon and on Beaver Island-Medical Center at the same time each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6. We will welcome anyone in the area to join us for sharing, learning and making new friends. If you

have been diagnosed with cancer now or in the past, if you are a family member of a person with cancer, or a friend and support person of someone with cancer, you will always gain something special from a meeting. We will be joining (via REMC-like TV live,) the support group on Beaver Island. We are in this together.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Mammogram Appointments Available

Mammogram appointments are available for low-income/uninsured/underinsured women. If you have uninsured employees or if mammograms are not a covered benefit in their health insurance package, please encourage your female employees to schedule a mammogram at the Health Department. Uninsured/underinsured women age 40 to 64 who live in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties and who meet income guidelines are eligible. Income guidelines are generous--women from a family four can have a household income of nearly \$56,000 and qualify. Appointments are available now! Call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 800.432.4121 during regular business hours. Mammograms save lives! Thanks for helping us help women!

EAST JORDAN

Discovery Center open 7 days

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. The Center provides opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Visitors can explore inside the hands-on Museum and Animal Room, the Tree House, one room School House, Print Shop, Energy House, as well as wander outdoor through exhibits like the Earth Tones Music Garden, Jurassic Park walkway, Art & Architecture in Smallville, Labyrinth, Pond, Wetlands Boardwalk, Ancient World and the Taxi Trail. Raven Hill Discovery Center is now open 7 days a week, 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday, Noon to 4 pm Saturdays, 2pm to 4pm Sundays And always by appointment

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Thunder

July 8-9 - Boyne Thunder, Veterans Park, www.boynethunder.com.

EAST JORDAN

South Arm Classics

A Huge event is unfolding for Saturday, July 8 in East Jordan. The South Arm Classics featuring the South Arm Classic Boat Show, Jordan Valley Car Show, Microbrew tent and Art Jordan is planned for downtown & the marina on July 9. The South Arm Classis will

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CHARLEVOIX

Garden Club sponsors

Downtown Beautification Project

Once again the Charlevoix Area Garden Club is encouraging the beautification of Charlevoix by sponsoring a program to reward those merchants who have the most attractive outdoor natural plant displays. The plants can be either in a window box or container located outside their business or in a garden. Judging is based on color, texture, originality and design and scored from one to five with five being the highest. The garden club will judge the displays on July 11th and award the certificates for first, second and third places on July 12th. If you would like to participate in this year's Downtown Beautification Project please call Kirsten Berwick at 231-547-3526 or Susan Flanders at 231-547-4887.

CHARLEVOIX

Free Varicose Vein Screening

A free screening for those interesting in finding out more about venous disease will take place Thursday July 14th from 4 to 7pm at the new medical office complex on Charlevoix Area Hospital's campus. Hosted by Charlevoix surgeon Marc Lane MD, the event will give patients an opportunity to learn about risk factors, prevention, spider and varicose veins, and treatment options—including the new VNUS Closure procedure. Everyone is welcome to participate, and there is no charge or obligation. Those wishing to attend should make an appointment by calling Charlevoix Surgeons, (231) 547-2812.

WALLOON LAKE

Kayak for a cause

Camp Daggett Adventure Center (CDAC) is hosting the 3rd annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake

fund-raising event on Saturday, July 23 and Sunday July 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. A team of 20 or more adult men and women who enjoy the sport of recreational kayaking will tour 30 miles of shore line around Walloon Lake lead by Karen Marietti, director of the CDAC. The proceeds will support scholarships for youth to participate in adventure education activities. For more information about paddling with the team, or purchasing a flag for \$50, contact Karen Marietti, CDAC director, at 231-347-9742, ext 117 or <mailto:karen.marietti@campdaggett.org>.

CHARLEVOIX

GLCO Baroquen Consort feature

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra has rescheduled to Sunday, July 24, 4pm at First Congregational Church. Program is free and open to the public.

EAST JORDAN

Photo contest

The Friends of the Jordan announce the theme of its seventh annual photography contest "The Jordan, For All Creatures...Great and Small." The contest is open to all photographers amateur, professional, young and old, locals and seasonal visitors. Photographs that portray the diverse elements of the Jordan River Watershed including but not limited to scenery, flowers, animals, plants, activities and the changing seasons of the Jordan are all appropriate and images from all seasons are encouraged. The only requirement is that the pictures be taken within the boundaries of the Jordan River Watershed. Photo entries must be un-matted 8"x10" prints. A \$5 entry fee must be submitted with each photo however, students under 18 may enter 2 photographs for free. Entries must be received by August 3. Entry forms for the contest are available on the FOJ website, www.friendsofthejordan.org, or can be obtained from Jordan River Animal Clinic.

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 - 33- Resume; 37- Accumulation of fluids; 39- Person to whom property is transferred;
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 - 33- Island in the Bay of Naples; 34- New York city; 35- Wink; 36- Beverage commonly drunk in England; 38- It breaks daily;
 - 40- Dynamic beginning; 41- Soviet news service; 43- Bottom line?; 46- Banned insecticide; 47- Hidden; 49- Adjusted pitch; 51- Domestic animal;
 - 52- Mistreat; 53- Resulted in; 54- Body of salt water; 56- Playthings; 57- Capital of Shaanxi province, China; 58- Early hrs.;
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Health & Wellness

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Gerald Chase retiring after 37 years at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Board of Health appoints Linda Yaroch as Health Officer

At its monthly meeting in June, the Board of Health for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan announced its decision to appoint current Deputy Health Officer Linda Yaroch to Health Officer when Gerald Chase retires from the agency on August 12, 2011.

Chase and Yaroch have worked together for a long time. Chase was just 28 years old when he took the Administrative Health

Officer position for what was supposed to be a short-term assignment in 1974. Yaroch joined the Health Department two years later to launch the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program. Since then, she's held Supervisor and Director positions, as well as a two-year assignment as Health Officer for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. She was appointed Deputy Health Officer in

2004.

"I've had a great career," said Chase. "What I've enjoyed most is the personal satisfaction that comes from working with others fully engaged in accomplishing common goals. Linda is one of those people. I'm glad the Board of Health is promoting my friend and colleague to Health Officer."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health

Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. A retirement party for Gerry Chase is planned for later this summer.

Calming Nervousness with Diet

By Lac Tran

Anxiety or nervousness is a common brain and nervous disorder that many experience sometime or another. It is characterized by extreme panic and fear, uncontrolled and obsessive thoughts, nightmares and could even have symptoms like nausea, muscle tension, headaches and stomachaches. A person could feel unconnected, dizzy, uncontrolled and suffer from palpitations, chills and hot flushes.

There are several prescription drugs which are used in the treatment of anxiety disorder. Lorazepam, alprazolam, and buspirone are often prescribed along with antidepressants. Sometimes hormonal secretion from the thyroid or adrenal glands cause nervousness and need specific treatment. Psychological counseling may also be useful in the treatment of nervousness.

Food and well-being have been associated with mood since ancient times. Carbohydrates are known to be good mood elevators. They act as mild tranquilizers through increasing serotonin which is a calming neurotransmitter in the brain. It is better to eat complex carbohydrates such as potatoes, whole wheat bread and pasta as they take longer to digest and thus one feels full for longer.

Vitamin B, especially B-6, also helps in the manufacture of serotonin in the brain. Supplements of Vitamin B6 have been used in the treatment of anxiety disorder. Food rich in antioxidants together with essential fats help in improving energy levels and may relieve the feelings of anxiety. Dehydration may also add to anxiety and nervousness, so it is advisable to ensure a good fluid intake. Hot drinks may have a calming effect, but try to avoid excess caffeine. Herbal teas and hot milky drinks may be especially helpful, especially before bed.

There is ongoing research regarding specific vitamins and minerals in the treatment of nervousness. Inositol, a cyclic polyalcohol, plays an important role as a second messenger in a cell. Though it is classified as a B vitamin, it is not really a vitamin as the human body can synthesize it. It has been used to help people suffering from panic attacks and relieves the symptoms of obsessive compulsive disorder. A trial has shown that when it is supplemented with multivitamins, it can reduce anxiety or nervousness. It is found in many foods, especially those with high bran content. Magnesium has also proved to be an important reliever of anxiety and so may present another useful nutrient to supplement in the treatment of nervousness.

There are many herbs associated with the treatment of nervousness. Herbal chamomile tea is often used to combat insomnia (www.mitamins.com/disease/Insomnia.html) associated with anxiety attacks. Passion flower, bacopa and kava are also used in herbal tonics given to reduce anxiety. A drink made of the root of kava and used extensively in Polynesia is a well known relaxant. In one study when used for one week, it helped subjects to reduce both depression and high anxiety levels and nervousness. These herbs must be taken under supervision as they could have other side effects.

Sometimes dieting though calorie reduction and using diet pills can contribute to an anxiety disorder. Diets should be undertaken with care and it may be important to seek professional guidance. Reducing and perhaps even cutting out alcohol and coffee have shown remarkable improvement in the levels of anxiety for some people and generally assist with the treatment of nervousness.

Fruits for summer

By Jasdeep Singh

Summer is the time when we sweat highly and beating the heat is always high on our agenda. So, we move on to aerated drinks or other beverages. But what we tend to ignore is that we can fight the heat in a much healthier way. That is through fruits. Fruits not only provide us with the required fluids but also the electrolytes which we lose while sweating.

Excess of dehydration can cause headaches, dizziness, loss of concentration and muscle cramping. So to counter that, summer provides us with a larger variety of fruits so that we can make up the lost fluids and electrolytes. Here is the list of some highly beneficial fruits especially in summer.

1) Watermelon:

Watermelon is the best cooler for the body especially in summer as it is high in water. It is rich in Calcium too. The word "watermelon" itself brings water in our mouth.

2) Apples:

Apples are one of the best source for fiber. Besides that, skin of the apple has antioxidant flavonoids which reduce free radical damage.

3) Muskmelon:

Muskmelon with its unique property of rehydrating of body is considered one of the best fruits for summers. Besides being rich in water, it also provides body with Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Iron, Sodium and Potassium.

4) Berries:

Berry family is always high on the list of fruits for summer. This family is again high in fiber and vitamin C. Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries come under the wide roof of berry family. They are also good for diabetics too. Also, they aid in weight loss.

5) Mangoes:

No one can resist Mangoes in summer. They are the king of summer fruits. They are rich in fiber, beta-carotene and vitamin C.



6) Banana:

Last but not the least: Banana helps keep your system cool. Prefer taking bananas in breakfast.

About the Author Jasdeep Singh.

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Waymores Perform at Aten Place

Aten Place opens its 2011 Summer Concert Series on June 25th at 7:30 pm with The Waymores. The Waymores, a three-pack of Nashville's finest singer-songwriters, are Tom Kimmel, Sally Barris and Don Henry. All three have written songs for the stars and have garnered praise for their solo works. The Waymores will not play as three separate artists, but as a band, combining all their individual talent into an incredible evening of award winning music. A amazing start to a great summer schedule of concerts.

Grammy Award winner Don Henry's songs have been recorded by Ray Charles, Patti Page, Conway Twitty, Kathy Mattea and dozens of other great artists, but they shine brightest when sung by the artist who wrote them. Long appreciated as one of Nashville's finest singer-songwriters, Don is revered by fans, critics and peers alike for being one of the most inspiring, entertaining and funny artists you are ever likely to see and hear. Whether in her own hands or those of hit artists like Martina McBride or Lee Ann Womack, Sally Barris' music makes an indelible impression. Her songs have also been covered by Trisha Yearwood, Keith Urban, John Michael Montgomery, Kathy Mattea and many others. Tom Kimmel is not new to the Aten Place, sharing the stage with Michael Camp in 2003. Tom has long established



himself in Nashville as an award winning songwriter, with songs sung by Johnny Cash, Linda Ronstadt, Joe Cocker, Randy Travis and a host of others. Three award winning singer-songwriters on one stage!

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety-year old oak frame barn with seating for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. Tickets are \$25 for two and \$15 for singles. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 pm the day of the concert, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets and schedule details available by visiting www.atenplace.com. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to www.atenplace.com or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

Charlevoix schools reach verbal agreement with teachers, support staff

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Teachers and support staff have reached a verbal agreement with Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education for a two-year contract.

Both sides negotiated with a spirit of cooperation, superintendent Chet Janik said, and the stark realization that the schools face a budget deficit. The teachers and support staff agreed to \$500,997 in employee cost containment. Details of the contract will be released following its formal execution.

"This year is the most frustrating year for a budget," Janik said. It certainly didn't help that the state transferred \$600 million in the state's K-12 fund into a fund for colleges and universities, he said.

"It is critical to point out that many of these cuts could have been prevented if the state of Michigan did not transfer \$600 million out of the K-12 education budget," Janik said.

By state law school districts must balance budgets by June 30. The concession of teachers and support staff to \$500,997 in cuts helps, but more needs to be cut to balance the school district's \$11.6 million budget. Janik presented the board

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

Transportation personnel cuts:	\$ 46,906
Per parcel tax-free reduction:	\$ 15,000
Classroom supply reduction:	\$ 16,215
Elementary school secretary part-time:	\$ 18,490
Middle School secretary part-time:	\$ 21,048
Retired teacher position not filled:	\$ 71,493
Elementary teacher (special):	\$114,484
Industrial Technology teacher reduction:	\$ 31,959
Custodial staff reduction:	\$ 83,733
Career coordinator:	\$ 80,965
New revenue from misc. sources:	\$104,366
Proposed employee labor contract concessions:	\$500,997
Total to balance budget:	\$1,105,656

with his recommended budget modifications.

"Even with the new proposed labor contracts with \$500,000 in employee cost containments, the proposed cuts will have a significant impact on our school district, but we simply do not have the option of using reserve funds to prevent further budget and personnel reductions as has been the practice for almost every year since 2002," Janik said in a memo to the board. Proposed cuts include eliminat-

ing two drivers from transportation, reduction in classroom supplies, two secretaries would work part-time instead of full-time, not filling a position when a teacher retires and eliminating a career coordinator position. A rundown of the numbers is in an info box that accompanies this story.

Janik recommends that the budget modifications be approved at the school board's special meeting on June 27.

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Charlevoix Area emergency personnel respond to recent accidents

On June 13th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Charlevoix County Deputies and Charlevoix Township Fire and Charlevoix EMS responded to a one vehicle rollover accident in Marion Township. The driver Drew Seymour, age 16, of Charlevoix lost control of his parents Chevrolet Blazer and the vehicle rolled, coming to a stop on its roof in the middle on Barnard Road near Paddock Road.

Seymour was the only person in the vehicle and was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released for minor injuries. Speed was a factor in the crash.

On Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 7:43 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury traffic crash which occurred in a private driveway in Wilson Township. 5 year old Jessica Evans climbed

into her parent's 2000 Ford E350 van, started the engine, and drove it part way down their driveway. The van struck a tree, just off the driveway, and came to a stop. Jessica received minor injuries to her chin, lip, and a scrape on her left foot.

Jessica was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital, by her parents, where she was treated and released.

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Charlevoix council undecided on parking permits

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Parking permits at the airport, real estate, city vehicles idling and health care savings accounts were issues city council had before it at its Monday, June 20 meeting.

Council was divided on the logistics of public parking permits at the city airport. Mayor Norm Carlson favored a permit that could be transferred from one vehicle to another

owned by the same person. Counsel member Jill Picha suggested assigned spots rather than permits. A discussion ensued with council members eventually deciding to have city manager Rob Straebel draft a policy for review before they vote on the permit issue.

Barnie and Mike Way offered to sell a five-acre parcel of land located near U.S. 31 to the city. The price would be based on two appraisals.

Mark Snyder spoke to council on behalf of the Ways.

"This might be the perfect time to acquire additional property with real estate so low," Snyder told council. But council wasn't buying it.

Council member Lyle Gennett did not think it was a good move for the city. There is a responsibility for the future but also for today, and the economy did not allow for land purchases, he said.

When urged by Mike Way to take

time to think it over Gennett said he thought council should vote to not purchase the parcel and not put anymore of the city manager's time into the issue. Council voted unanimously not to purchase and not to research the matter any longer.

Straebel spoke on a need to educate city workers on awareness of the time they leave city vehicles running while they are not in the vehicle.

"We promote people turning off the ignition while waiting for the

bridge and it's time for the city to walk the walk," Straebel said. Council agreed.

City treasurer Rick Brandi advised council of an opportunity for employees of the city to participate in a health care savings account plan to be used for retirement.

"The money is tax free going in and coming out," Brandi said and added that the funds go with employees if they change jobs.

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Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) board members and staff accept grants from Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation including (back row from left) Shari Kitchen, WRC Board President; Maureen Radke, Charlevoix County Community Foundation Program Officer; Gail Kloss, WRC Finance Director; Sara Ward, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Program Officer; (front row from left) Patricia Forster, WRC board member; and Tracey Grose, WRC board Treasurer.

WRC Receives Grants for Community Playgroups

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) received two grants to be directed to their community Playgroups which are offered free of charge to all children 0-60 months and their preschool-aged siblings in Boyne City, East Jordan, Alanson and Petoskey.

A grant in the amount of \$6,000 was awarded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the Playgroups that operate in Charlevoix County. And a grant of \$4470 from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation is earmarked for the Emmet County Playgroups which included \$3,470 from the Youth Fund and \$1,000 from the Circuit Controls Corporation Charitable Fund in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

Last year the WRC Playgroups served over 310 unduplicated adults and children. Playgroups help parents and primary caregivers learn about early childhood development, age-appropriate toys and activities and positive approaches to discipline under the guidance of trained Playgroup leaders. The program also helps build supportive friendships among young parents and serves as a social outlet for young children.

"We greatly appreciate these generous grants," said Jan Mancinelli. "We are proud of the supportive network and enriching play experience provided through our free community Playgroup program. In the most recent survey of parents and caregivers served

through this program, we found that 100% learned new play activities to share with their children, 98% learned a new parenting technique and 90% met at least one support person through the group."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds — all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation is dedicated to improving and enriching the quality of life in Emmet County. Since 1992, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation has distributed grants totaling more than \$7.5 million dollars to nonprofit organizations, municipalities and schools to create or improve charitable programs and continues to build charitable resources through endowment, "For Good, Forever."

To obtain a Playgroup schedule call the WRC administrative office at 231-347-0067 or visit their web site at wrcnm.org.

Sen. Stabenow Honored for Helping Youth be 'Ready by 21'

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Democrat of Michigan, was recognized by a national nonprofit for her efforts to help the nation's children and teens become successful adults.

The Forum for Youth Investment honored Sen. Stabenow with the Ready by 21 Policy Leadership Award for her efforts "to ensure that all children and youth are ready by 21 - ready for college, work and life." The senator was among eight awardees from around the country honored at a ceremony this morning in Washington.

The Ready by 21 Policy Leadership Award recognizes state and federal policymakers who help youth by advancing broader partnerships, bigger goals, better data and bolder strategies.

Forum CEO Karen Pittman, a long-time youth advocate, said Stabenow was selected for "her longstanding leadership of legislation to improve and align policies for youth through the Federal Youth Coordination Act and the RAISE UP Act." By aligning child and youth policies across agencies, Pittman said, "these pieces of legislation would transform the nation's existing patchwork of siloed programs into a cohesive, efficient and effective set of supports for young peo-

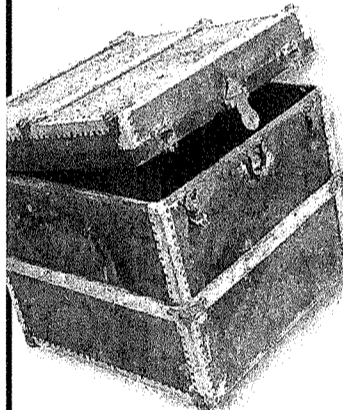
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Other winners of the Ready by 21 Policy Leadership Award in 2011 are: Linda O'Neal and Cindy Perry of Tennessee State Government; Martha Moorehouse, director of the Children and Youth Policy Division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; José Esquibel, director of the Colorado Prevention Leadership Council; Alberto Retana, director of Community Outreach, U.S. Department of Education; Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine); Lauren Sterling, director of the Maine Governor's Children's Cabinet; and the members of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet.

The awards were presented at a special briefing about "Coordinating Policies for Kids," held at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. The briefing for congressional staff and youth advocates featured the release of the first-ever nationwide survey of children's cabinets, the Ready by 21 State Policy Survey: Child and Youth Policy Coordinating Bodies in the U.S.

The Forum for Youth Investment is a Washington-based, nonpartisan action tank that helps communities around the country make sure all young people are "ready by 21."

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Northern Michigan Treasure Hunter's Guide to area antique, consignment, resale and thrift shops

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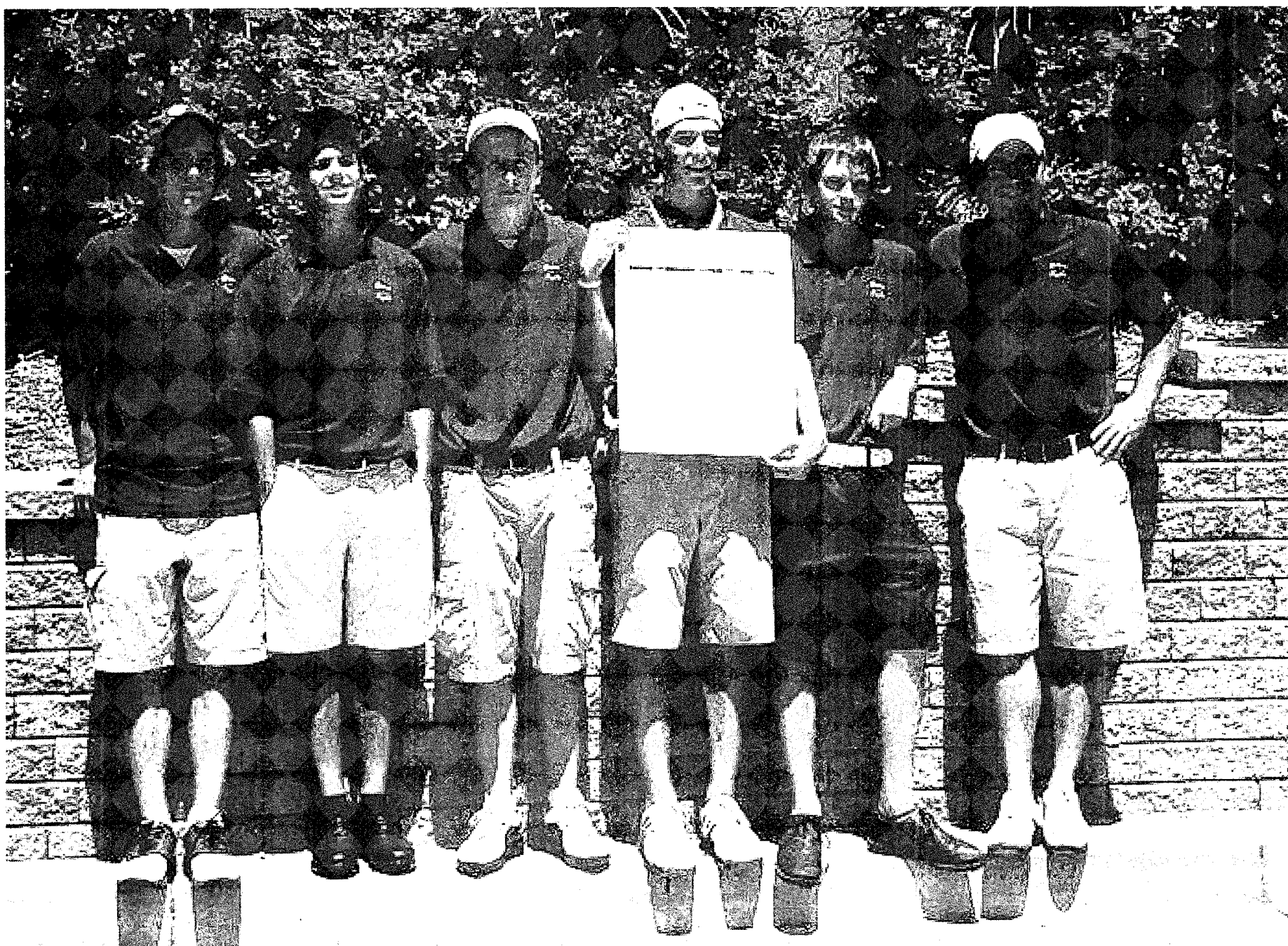
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Golf



Team Members are (L-R) Ryan Wimmer, Tanner Catt, Chandler Novotny, Wyatt Drost, Tom Rich, and coach Keith Grunch.

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RAYDERS PLACE SEVENTH IN DIVISION III STATE FINALS

Finish 10 strokes out of second place

By Chris Fiel

EAST LANSING – What a finish to a great season.

The Charlevoix Rayders golf team placed seventh in the Division III Michigan state finals golf tournament June 17-18, shooting a remarkable 326-323-649, just ten strokes out of second place.

Jackson Lumen Christian captured their third straight Division III crown, shooting a remarkable 297-302-599 for the weekend, while Grand Rapids South Christian placed second at 314-325-639.

"I am so proud of the team for their efforts at states. They never gave up and tried their hardest under the pressure." First year Charlevoix coach Keith Grunch said.

Charlevoix senior Wyatt Drost finished in the top ten for all state honors, posting 76-75—for a ninth place finish.

Aaron Knutson of Pontiac Notre Dame Prepand Grand Rapids West Catholic's Sam Weatherhead both shot a 140, with Knutson capturing the individual Division III state championship title with a birdie on the first playoff hole.

Also for the Rayders, senior Ryan Wimmer

shot 79-83--162, while senior Thomas Rich finished with an 83-80--163, sophomore Tanner Catt shot a 88-85--173, while fellow sophomore Chandler Novotny, carded a 96-98--194.

"We held our own at East Lansing with the best teams in the state, the guys having nothing to be ashamed of and should hold their heads up high," Grunch noted. "Wyatt, Tom and Ryan carried the team all season and should be proud of their careers; I wish them the best in the future."

"Sophomore Tanner Catt played outstanding during his 1st state finals tournament."

Charlevoix finished an outstanding season, winning the Lake Michigan Conference, district and regional titles. The Rayders were victorious in nine of the 14 tournaments they participated in.

"Thank you for the support from the community and parents this season and at states," coach Grunch said. "I also want to thank the Belvedere golf club, Charlevoix municipal, Charlevoix golf n country club as well as the Charlevoix junior golf program for allowing us to become better players and learning the game of golf."

Soccer

Lady Rayders earn All-State recognition

Smith earns All-State honors, Joseph honorable mention

By Chris Fiel

CHARLEVOIX – Two area players from Charlevoix have been recognized as members of the Division IV All-State team.

Taylor Smith was named to the All-State first team, while teammate Savannah Joseph was an honorable mention selection.

Smith, a senior, helped captain the Rayders to another district title and a regional championship game. She was a key factor in Charlevoix fourth consecutive district title as a four-

year letter winner.

Smith is an attacker that finished the 2011 season with 17 goals and nine assists, while Joseph was a key defensive leader. Smith will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall where she has been recruited as a walk on. Taylor carries a 3.5 GPA.

Joseph, a junior, is a two year letter winner; she joins Smith as a team captain, and is the Rayders center defender. She played a huge role in running the team defense and was instrumental in winning games.

Softball / Baseball

Northern Lakes All-Conference

Seven Lancers and six Loggers named to squads

By Chris Fiel

The Northern Lakes Conference recently announced their All-Conference selections.

Haley Drenth, Kim Hoeksema, and Kari Steenwyk of Ellsworth, and Kristen Matelski of Boyne Falls head the softball first-team selections, while Reggie Fiel of Boyne Falls, and Robert Gruse of Ellsworth were first-team members in baseball.

The Lady Lancers shared the NLC title along with Harbor Light Christian.

Loggers Ali Bearss and Kaitlan Deming along with Lancer Tara Essenberg were named to the softball second-team.

Thomas Rahn and Forrest Williams of Boyne Falls and Diamond McPherson along with Dalton Swenson of Ellsworth were second-team selections in baseball.

Below are the entire NLC All-Conference selections. They are listed in alphabetic order by team.

SOFTBALL

FIRST-TEAM:

Jade Kiogima, Sarah Matthew, Alanson;
Taylor Roberts, Alba;
Kristen Matelski, Boyne Falls;
Haley Drenth, Kim Hoeksema,
Kari Steenwyk, Ellsworth;
Elizabeth Britton, Christine Morgan
Kaila Schutte, Harbor Light Christian.

SECOND-TEAM:

Alyssa Graham, Alanson;
Ali Bearss, Kaitlan Deming, Boyne Falls;
Tara Essenberg, Ellsworth;
Mariah Lambert, Emily Lechowicz,
Harbor Light Christian;
Hailee Paquet, Taelar Steward, Mackinaw City;
Kasey Ormsbee, Wolverine-Vanderbilt.

BASEBALL

FIRST-TEAM:

Austin Halliday, Thomas Williams, Alanson;
Reggie Fiel, Boyne Falls;
Robert Gruse, Ellsworth;
Curtis Clark, Nathan Cook, Jake Ellis,
Collin Hewitt, Harbor Light Christian;
Matt Connell, Mackinaw City;
Ryse Brink, Wolverine-Vanderbilt.

SECOND-TEAM:

Brandyn Oliver, Alanson;
Thomas Rahn, Forrest Williams, Boyne Falls;
Diamond McPherson, Dalton Swenson, Ellsworth;
Daniel Klevorn, Harbor Light Christian;
Chandler Lawson, Mackinaw City;
Shane Bacon, Chase Scott, Wolverine-Vanderbilt.

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ALL★STAR WEEKEND

By Chris Fiel

TRAVERSE CITY – The host Near team used the long ball to edge out the Far team 6-4 in nine innings in the June

15 All-Star baseball game featuring some of Northern Michigan's finest graduating seniors.

Wyatt Lutz of Traverse City Central and Ben Casciano of Traverse City West

each delivered two-run home runs for the Near team. Casciano's blast came in the sixth inning when the Near team went out in front to stay 4-2.

Ben Gould of Alpena led the Far team

with three hits.

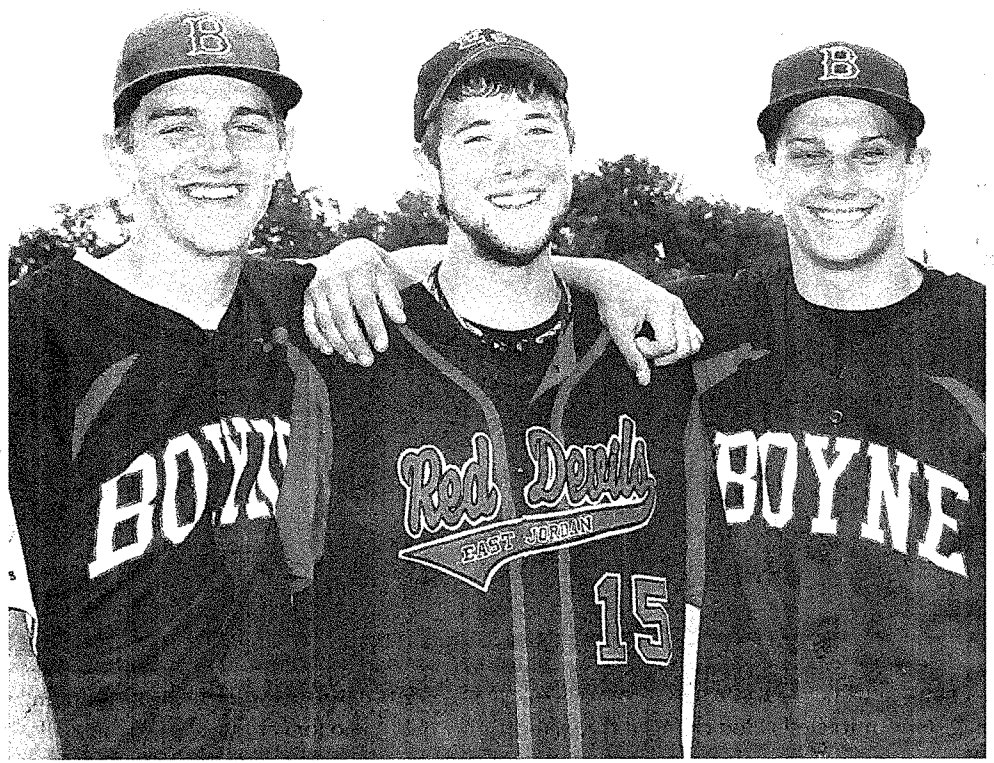
Caleb Roberts and Kolbi Shumaker of Boyne City along with Wes Petrie of East Jordan helped keep the game close for the Far team.



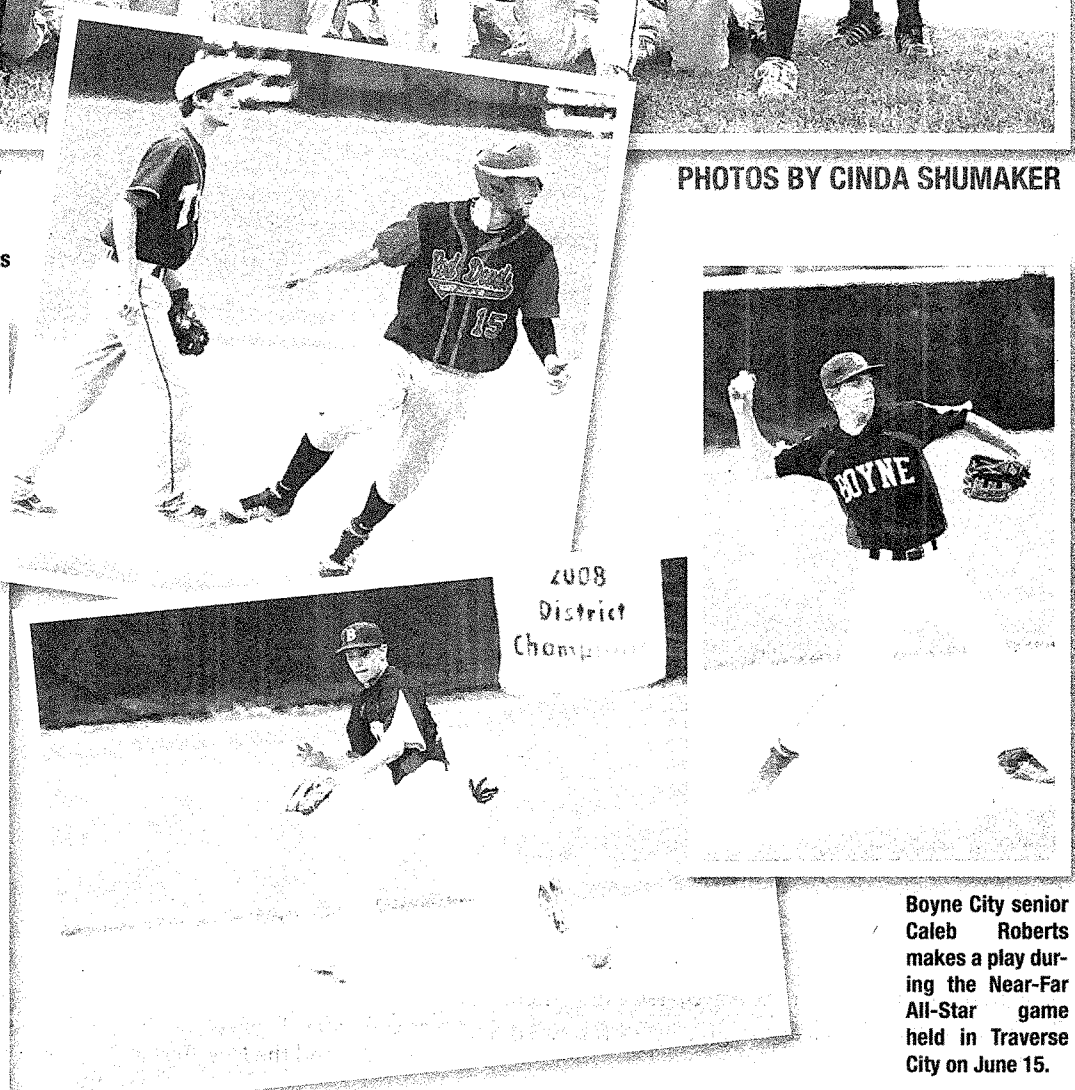
Team Far included representatives from; Alpena, Boyne City, Brethren, East Jordan, Gaylord, Grayling, Harbor Light Christian, Harbor Springs, Lake City, Mio, Petoskey and Roscommon.

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RIGHT: East Jordan senior Wes Petrie rounds third and looks to score in the Near-Far All-Star game.



Wes Petrie of East Jordan (center) is flanked by Caleb Roberts (left) and Kolbi Shumaker of Boyne City. The trio represented the Charlevoix County area in this year's Near-Far All-Star game.



Boyne City senior Caleb Roberts makes a play during the Near-Far All-Star game held in Traverse City on June 15.

Senior Kolbi Shumaker hustles to backhand this ground ball in action during the Near-Far All-Star game.

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DAVE Says

The weak can't help the weak



Dear Dave,
My husband and I have been married less than a year, and already we're having huge disagreements over money. He's got a big heart, but often he'll just give money to friends and family. Sometimes, this leaves us short when it comes to monthly bills, paying off debt, and saving anything. I guess he thinks we'll get by somehow, but it scares me. What can I do?
Summer

Dear Summer,
It sounds like he does have a big heart, and I'm sure that's one of the reasons you love him. But this kind of behavior is completely irresponsible. What's worse, it's driving you crazy. At this point, you have every right to be scared and frustrated, because the message he's sending you is he wants to take care of everyone else before he takes care of you and your family. That's not a good idea.

Broke people can't help broke people, meaning only the strong can help the weak. At this point, you guys should be working together to get your own financial house in order. I'm talking about becoming debt-free, with a fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months' worth of expenses in place, and something set aside for your golden years. Then, once all that has been taken care of, if you have a friend or family member in financial need, you can gift them \$300 or whatever you guys agree is an appropriate amount.

I'm a big giver, both at my business and in my personal life. But I've learned that my first gifts should go to my wife and family. After I've taken care of my own, then comes giving outside of the household. You guys need to take care of yourselves right now. Kill off the debt and build up some wealth so that your husband's heart can function in that gift!
—Dave

Planning for a future

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both spenders. We want to get on a plan and handle our money better, but is there anything that will help us learn to give up stuff now so that we'll have more in the future?
Beth

Dear Beth,
I know what you're talking about. Old habits are really hard to break, especially when they're fun old habits. Even when you wake up and feel the pain and realize you shouldn't have done something, it's easy to slip right back into the same old stuff, isn't it?

The only way I've ever been able to achieve anything like that is to find something specific I want bad enough out there in the future to give up something in the present. You may have heard me say, "Live like no one else, so that later you can live like no one else." Well, this is more a case of you have to want to live like no one else later, so that today you'll live like no one else.

I saw a bumper sticker once that read "Nothing tastes as good as thin feels." I've got to agree with the idea behind that. No discipline is pleasant, but it's the pain of changing something in your life that eventually leads to a positive result.

Think about it this way. A great definition of maturity is learning to delay pleasure. Ouch!
—Dave

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Who is God?

By Jamie Woodall

I remember the first time I biked Avalanche Mountain a couple years ago. The bike path seemed so technical. I fell off the path a bit, scathed a few trees, and even ran over some smaller ones. My chest felt like it was going to explode. It was hard.



Pastor Jamie Woodall

I was usually in the wrong gear going up the next incline, and I think my feet touched the ground about fifteen times. At a sharp declining turn, as my body was flying over the handlebars I thought about my family. It was a spectacle worth paying for. At one point in time I remember literally laying face first on the ground when a superstar mountain biker who was decked out in the latest race gear went flying past my ear.

As I was riding home I wondered if I could ever really do that well on the path. Could I learn to ride like others? Was it really for me?

I've talked with many friends who have thoughts and questions about God like this: Is he for me? Can I really do this? Can I know him? Can I connect with him like others have spoken of? Or maybe it's the more fundamental question of, If God is there, then who in the world is he, really?

Other puzzling thoughts and questions might form in our minds like... He's unseen, but all around? He's merciful, yet can be full of wrath at times? He's perfect in love yet just and holy? He's high and transcendent, yet close and personal? God, who are you?

What's cool is that the Hebrew language of the Bible does tell us more about who God is. The Bible was written in two segments; the Old Testament, and the New Testament. The Old Testament was written in primarily the Hebrew language, while the New Testament was written in the Greek. The Hebrew culture and the Hebrew language are quite amazing.

Names were very important in the Hebrew language. For example, Abraham actually means, "Father of a Multitude." This goes well with the story of Abraham being promised the blessing

of a multitude of offspring. If you follow the story then you've learned that it really does come true. The word Jacob in Hebrew actually means "heel-grabber" because he literally grabbed the heel of his brother Esau, coming out of the womb. Later in life Jacob grabs for many other things. His name described his character.

This is why the Names of God are very significant in the Bible. They explain who he is, and what experience a person can have as they get to know him. In the context of an Old Testament narrative a name of God paints a big colorful picture of an amazing Being who has an impeccable character.

For example, God leads his people out of Egyptian slavery into the desert. Over a million people are in need of water. So like any of us, they begin to grumble and complain. Finally, Moses, standing beside bitter bacteria infested

is Someone who can heal. I like that name - Jehovah-Rophe. I don't know about you, but I need healing in some areas.

At other places God is called Jehovah Jirah, meaning "the God who provides." He actually cares about our deepest needs. He wants us to know that he can provide for those needs. El Shaddai is found 48 times in the Old Testament and means "Almighty God" or the good God who is over all and ultimately in control although we are not. Yeshua means "God who saves." I like that one too.

God is like a wild winding path that runs deep into the woods to places beyond what we can imagine. After riding Boyne City's Avalanche Mountain many times now, I've learned where it turns and goes up or down. I remember ruts and close trees to negotiate. I know better when to break and when to let it



waters, cries out to God for water to drink. Guess what? (Do you believe in miracles?) God changed the water from bitter disease-inflicting water to sweet healthy water they could drink.

Then he gives words to Moses to share with the people, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes...I will not bring on you any of the diseases... for I am [Jehovah-Rophe] the Lord who heals you (Exodus chapter fifteen and verse twenty-six)." Wow. God

all go. It's beautiful. It's exhilarating to whiz past trees with my heart pumping fast! I no longer feel like I'm dying. I feel alive and thriving! It's a lot like the ride I'm on with my God.

Jamie Woodall is the pastor of Genesis Church of Boyne City. Genesis meets at 11am at the Boyne Elementary School and 9:30am at the Petoskey Cinema by Home Depot. Genesis is one church in two locations. To learn more go to genesised.com or contact Jamie at 231-923-9501/ jamie@genesised.com.



Jim Daly

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Dr. Juli Slattery

Couple needs to get to the 'core' of their relationship

Q: My wife and I don't spend a lot of downtime together. It's not like we're out carousing with other people. But jobs, kids and other important responsibilities are taking their toll. How do we find time for ourselves?

Jim: Your situation is not unique. Many husbands and wives today are running in opposite directions. We're too wrapped up in work and even in our kids' activities. It's like we're addicted to being busy.

If you wait for life to "settle down" on its own, you'll never make progress. You have to take active steps to make time for each other, and to foster genuine intimacy in your relationship.

Dr. Harold L. Arnold Jr., an organizational psychologist, has developed an acronym -- C.O.R.E. -- to help couples put intimacy back in their marriage. Maybe you'll find it helpful.

"C" stands for commitment. Commit to a specific day and time each week when you and your wife can spend an hour in conversation -- without any distractions. Unless there's an emergency, stick to this commitment.

"O" represents openness. Be honest with your spouse about your needs, desires and fears. Open up with her; don't hold it all in.

The "R" in C.O.R.E. stands for repent. Many of the supposed flaws you see in your spouse are associated with your past

behaviors. Own up to your mistakes and be willing to forgive your spouse for hers.

Finally, the "E" represents empathy. Your wife will only open up if she senses that you really understand her and love her unconditionally. Take time to listen without prejudice and to respond unselfishly.

Commitment, openness, repentance and empathy -- the C.O.R.E. of marriage. If you and your spouse will make these behaviors a top priority, chances are excellent that you'll feel more connected even amidst the busyness of life.

Q: My sister is getting married next month, and I don't like the guy she's marrying. I've hinted that I don't like him, but I'm wondering if I should say something or if I should just support her decision.

Juli: My first question would be, "What don't you like about your potential brother-in-law"? If your concerns have more to do with superficial issues like appearance, interests or even personality, it's probably better for you to keep your opinions to yourself and work on getting to know him better. If, however, your objections are more substantial, relating to his character or how he treats your sister, sharing these thoughts may be very important. Do your parents and others who know your sister's fiancé have similar concerns? If so, this is another indication

of red flags that are worth bringing up.

This close to a wedding, no bride wants to hear that a sibling is not completely supportive. So, be very careful how you address the topic. It's much better to have one very intentional conversation than to let criticism and concern "drip out" over the years. As pastors in the movies used to say, "Speak now or forever hold your peace."

I recommend getting your sister alone, uninterrupted. Tell her how much you love her and care about her. Sensitively share with her some of the things you've noticed, and ask her if she has any of these concerns as she approaches her wedding. If so, suggest the possibility of talking about these with a pastor or counselor. Most importantly, tell your sister that whatever she decides, you'll be 100 percent behind her.

Once she's married, your job is to support your sister and her new marriage. Even if you're not thrilled about the guy she chose, he's family now. Become a safe place for your sister to process the joys and challenges of their new marriage and do everything you can to help them succeed.

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Real Estate Corner

Question & Answers About Selling Real Estate

What is Escrow??



**By Mike Stark,
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Escrow is a process that begins when the purchase offer papers are signed by both parties, and ends when the loan is approved and all the necessary requirements have been fulfilled by both the buyer and the seller.

The escrow holder is an intermediary, and an agent of both the buyer

and seller. The escrow holder is given the buyer's deposit, and holds onto all funds until the agreement is finalized. They notify the seller when the deposit has been received and if the check has cleared the bank.

The escrow holder also draws up a set of instructions, itemizing things that have to be done to the property before it is sold and the title is transferred.

For example, if the seller is required to supply a termite inspection, the escrow holder would track this obligation and make it fulfilled before any funds are transferred to

the seller. Findings in the termite inspection report must be corrected on or before the close of escrow. If the report calls for a plumber, roofer or other contractor, the agent would advise the seller and get authorization for work to be done.

The escrow company is typically the title company.

The escrow/title company provides a complete ownership history of the property and any liens on record in the preliminary title report. Anything that is out of the ordinary, such as condo liens, judgments, etc. against the buyer and the seller must be clarified prior to the close of es-

crow. The escrow process can be any number of days depending on what is agreed upon between the buyer and seller. To assure a timely closing, the buyer should do things like inform, the escrow holder of the name and phone number of their insurance agent as soon as possible. The homeowner insurance policy needs to be ordered early, so verification can be made with the lender. The lender will not fund a new loan without a homeowner policy. If there is a delay, the escrow process may be held up.

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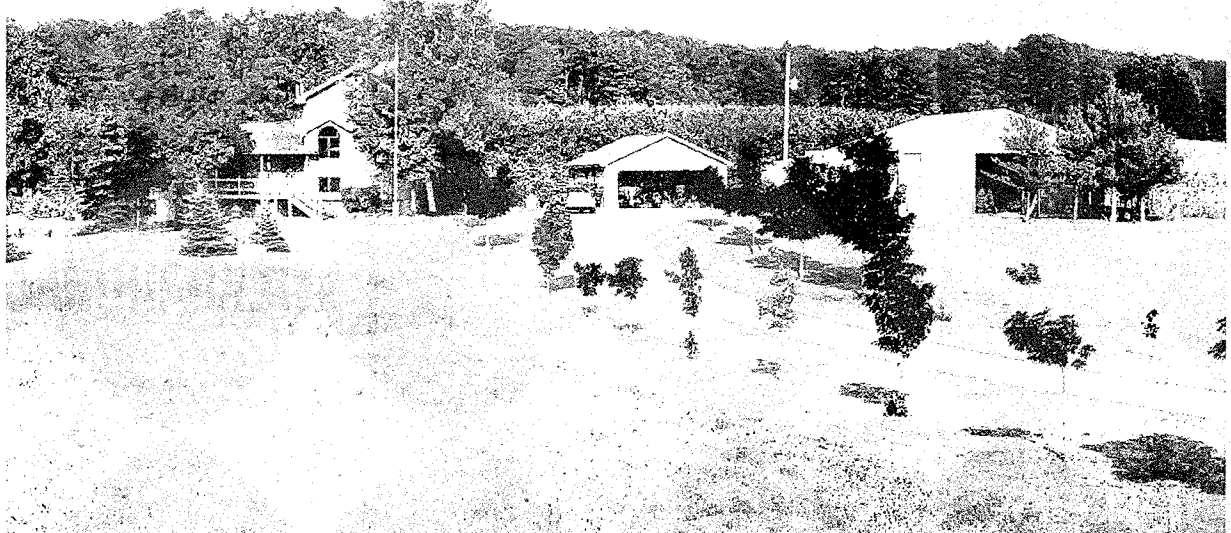
Pride of ownership reflected in this 8-acre ranch

By Jim Akans

This could be a marvelous eight-acre gentleman's farm, a fabulous Northern Michigan rambling estate, or the perfect small horse ranch. All the elements are here, a beautifully maintained two-story home, huge 40 x 50 foot pole barn with attached tack room and three horse stalls, and a two-car detached garage complete with a heated workshop. There is even an additional 36 acres with land contract available. What a terrific opportunity for creating a country lifestyle here in the north.

The home features nearly 3,000 square feet of finished living space, with 1,842 of that square footage located on the main two living levels. There are a whopping five bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, including a large master suite on the main floor. The interior finishes are top quality, with beautiful woodwork throughout, hardwood flooring in the living and dining areas, elegant raised panel cabinetry in the kitchen, cathedral ceilings in the kitchen, dining and main living area, and a stately brick fireplace in main level living room.

The lower level walkout has been professionally finished, and features a



huge family room with wood stove, a fifth bedroom, laundry room with built-in sink and cabinetry, half bath, plus a couple of "bonus rooms" that would make ideal locations for a home office, exercise room or media room.

Outdoors, the captivating views of the rolling, open countryside stretch to the wooded horizon. Those views can be conveniently enjoyed from a

raised deck that extends across the back of the home, and even wraps around the side.

Also on the grounds is a large, 40 x 50 pole barn and attached tack room ready for three horses. A detached two-car garage set between the pole barn and home has a 22 x 14 heated workshop, a great retreat for the hobbyist. There is another small storage shed on the property, so tools and

toys will never have to be left out in the weather.

This inviting, tremendously versatile home and property is listed at \$319,900. For more information or to arrange a tour of this home, contact Brett Brinkley at (231) 582-1700 or email Brett@PatObrien.com



Shifting Borders?

Republican's release Senate, House and Congressional redistricting proposals

By Jim Akans

When the first 2010 Census Bureau population figures were released, it was announced that Michigan had the distinction of being the only state in the nation to see a decrease in population since the previous Census in 2000. While that certainly gave Michiganers a bit more elbowroom in an increasingly populous world, it also changed the state's political map, as the newly revised resident count dictated that the state would also lose one Congressional seat, setting off a flurry of activity in Democratic and Republican corners re-drawing the Congressional, House and Senate district boundaries across the state.

According to state law, these redistricting plans must be finalized and approved by November 1st, and with voters always a top of agenda consideration, a primary motivation for defining these shifting boundaries will involve where those votes will fall.

Under an initial GOP re-districting proposal, released this past Friday, June 17th, there is already heated political controversy. An example is a proposed change in Congressional district lines that would put two currently seated Democratic

Congressional Representatives; Sander Levin and Gary Peters, in the same southeastern Michigan district.

Here in northern Lower Michigan, the proposed Republican plan would place the new southern boundary of 1st Congressional District, represented by Republican Dan Benishek, at the south borders of Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse Counties. The biggest impact on area residents would be that this plan places the Traverse City area, which is currently in the 4th Congressional District, represented by Republican David Camp, into Benishek's 1st Congressional District.

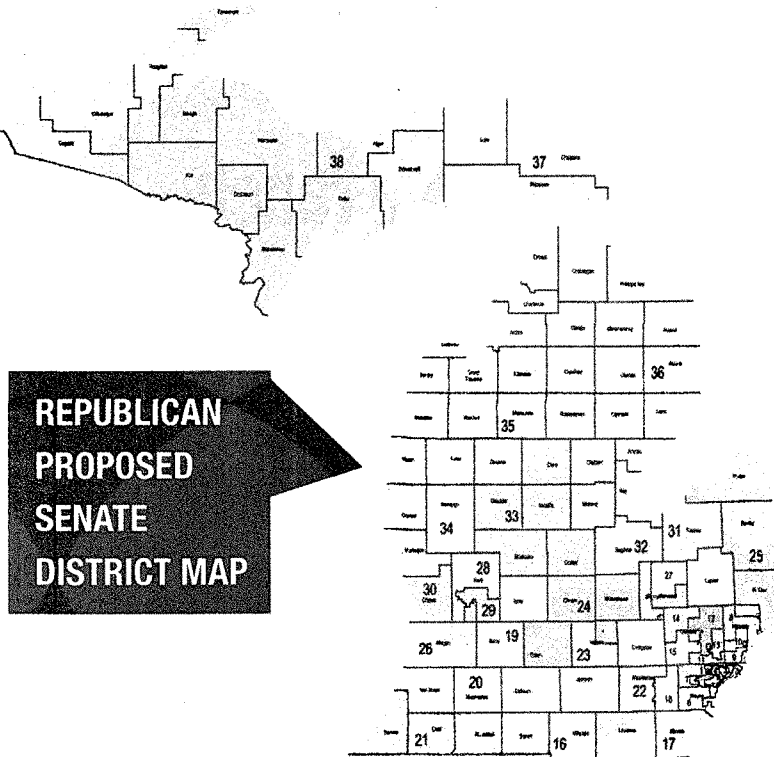
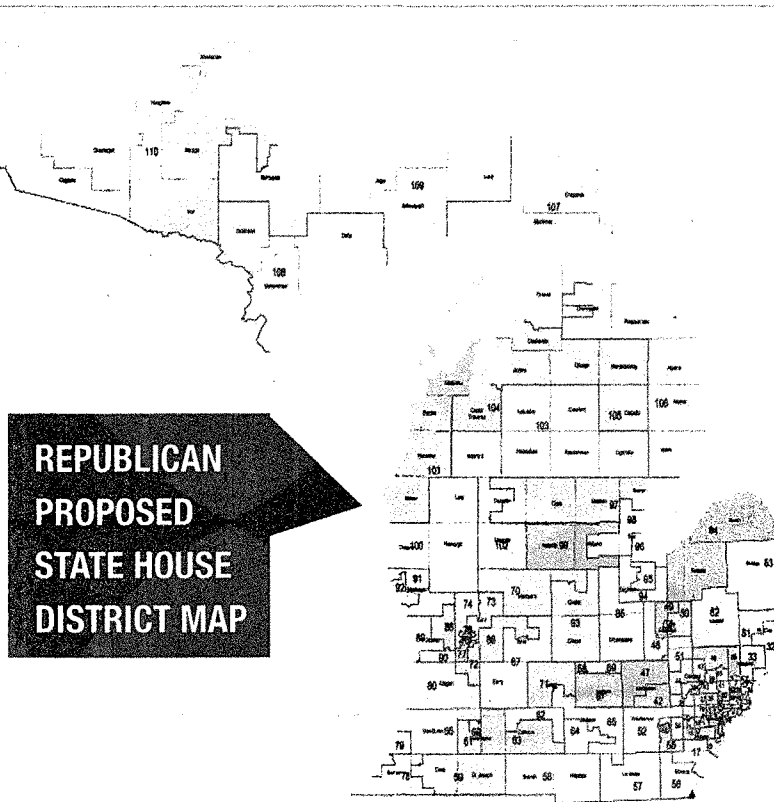
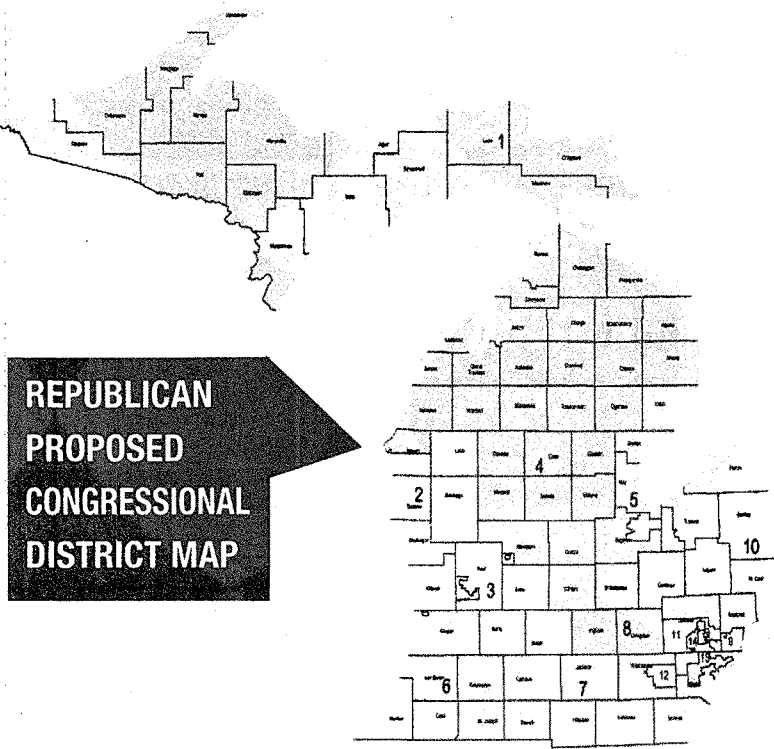
The State House district would undergo several changes in the Northern Lower. Much of Cheboygan County, currently in the 105th District represented by Republican Greg MacMaster, would become part of the 106th District, represented by Republican Peter Pettalia. Montmorency and Oscoda Counties, currently part of the 106th District, would move into the 105th District. Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, which are currently in the 106th and 104th Districts respectively, would both become part of the 103rd District, represented by Republican Bruce Rendon.

Among the proposed changes to the Senate Districts in Northern Michigan include moving Presque Isle County from the 37th District, represented by Republican Howard Walker, to the 36th District, represented by Republican John Mooleenaar. Another change would be to move Crawford and Ogemaw Counties from the 36th District to the 35th District, represented by Republican Darwin Booher.

Overall, under the proposed GOP plan, southeast Michigan would lose one seat in the US House of Representatives, which however the lines are drawn, is what is required based on the decrease in the states population according to the Census.

While Democrats are releasing their redistricting plan, the Republican party is in a majority position in the Michigan House and Senate, making it unlikely a proposed Democratic plan would be approved. It is possible, however, for Michigan Democrats or political action organizations, such as Common Cause of Michigan, to pursue a legal challenge to the GOP districting plan.

Keep the popcorn and political district dance card close at hand; it's looking like the ensuing summer political season is going to be a hot one.



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