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Boyne City's Allie Cain spikes the ball for a Rambler point in District tournament action.

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COA director says funding decreasing

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CHARLEVOIX — The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will likely ask taxpayers for a renewal millage in 2012, and may ask for an increase in the millage rate from the current .4 of a mill up to .7 of a mill. The .4 mill has been levied for each of the last 10 years.

Commission on Aging director Jack Messer presented that

news to the county board of commissioners at a committee "meeting of the whole," along with the claim that the COA is deficit spending and facing an influx of retirees who will desire services that would be different than the desires of today's senior citizens.

The presentation was held at the Charlevoix Public Library on Oct.

See **COA FUNDS** — 4A



Interest was high in the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presentation given by its director Jack Messer. Messer addressed the county board of commissioners and the audience was not allowed to comment or ask questions. Messer said he would visit the individual senior centers to make presentations. The meeting was held on Oct. 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

State police investigation results in arrest

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — A former principal at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School is charged with five felony counts of embezzlement from the school totaling approximately \$100,000, and with two counts of perjury.

Keisha Kay Veryser, 36, of Hayes Township turned herself in for arrest purposes at the Charlevoix County Jail on Nov. 1, according to D/Sgt. Jerry Briolat of the Michigan State Police at Gaylord.

The school is located in the city of Charlevoix, however the Michigan State Police and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office assisted the City of Charlevoix Police Department. The Michigan State Police conducted an 18-month investigation of Veryser prior to the arrest. According to the court file a member of St. Mary School staff spotted a check Veryser wrote from the school's miscellaneous account for a ski academy for her two children. Other instances were discovered through the investigation.

Veryser was granted a \$50,000 personal recogni-

See **EMBEZZLEMENT** — 4A

Veteran's Day Ceremonies Honor Military Service

Please take time this Friday, November 11th, to honor and recognize the service of those veterans and active military personnel and if possible, attend one of the many ceremonies being held in Charlevoix County area communities commemorating this special day. And to those who have or are serving; **THANK YOU!**



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day, a date designated each year honoring those who have served or are serving our country in the military. It is not a date that was arbitrarily set; rather, it marks the occasion of an armistice that was called on November 11 at 11 am in 1918, ending hostilities between Allied nations and Germany during World War I.

About the time the final treaty ending that terrible conflict was signed the following June, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the 11th day of the 11 month to be Armistice Day, and many communities hold memorial ceremonies at the 11th hour on this holiday. Armistice Day became an official holiday in 1938, was given the name Veteran's Day in 1954, and while the date moved around a bit during the early

1970's, it was re-anchored to the 11th day of the 11th month by a law signed by President Gerald Ford in 1975.

BOYNE CITY - The American Legion will hold ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Friday at 11 am.

CHARLEVOIX - Veterans Honor Guards dedication of Charlevoix Area Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park on Friday at 11 am. They will be dedicating a plaque commemorating those from Charlevoix area who died in active duty.

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH - There will be a Veterans Day program at the Ellsworth High School starting at 8:15 am, that will include performances by the Central Lake/Ellsworth High School Band, several guest speakers and student presentations.

Read more about Veteran's Day, and what it means to be veteran...11A

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COUNTY RECORDS

ASSUMED NAMES:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:
 PM Expediting, 02985 U.S. 131, Walloon Lake by Phil Meeker.
 Zoom Racing, 1095 Dam Road, Boyne City by Mark Zumbaugh.
 John Bear's Petoskey Stone, 5476 Denise Road, Boyne Falls by John P. Bessette Sr.
 B Shades, 06538 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix by Becky L. McLendon.
 J & W Transport, 09560 Ellsworth Road, East Jordan by Jayson Moblo.

DISTRICT COURT

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

Patrick Earl Harrington Jr., 32, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$980 in fines and costs and to 10 days of community service work.
 Kyle Lee Winstone, 25, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$675 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 15 days, 78 days held in abeyance and 18 months on probation.
 Patrick Grant Jacobson, 48, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$925 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail, 170 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and six months on probation.
 Christopher Neil Hamill, 34, Boyne City. Reckless use of firearms. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Randolph Lee Scott, 48, East Jordan and Erin Teresa Hawes, 33, East Jordan.
 Roy Douglas Buning Jr., 33, Boyne City and Molly Elizabeth Powers, 26, Boyne City.
 Clifton Kelly Conklin II, 30, Charlevoix and Stephanie Lynne Gullings, 29, Charlevoix.
 Cody Nathaniel Pieffer, 20, Petoskey and Melissa Marie LaDrig, 19, Boyne City.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

October 31 - November 6

911 Hang Up Call.....	5
Abandoned Vehicle.....	0
Abuse.....	0
Alarm.....	9
Animal Complaint.....	24
Annoyance.....	1
Assault.....	1
Assist Citizen.....	3
Assist Motorist.....	0
Assist Other Agency.....	8
Attempt to Locate.....	1
Attempted Suicide.....	1
Bank Alarm.....	0
Boating Accident.....	0
Boating Violation.....	0
Breaking & Entering.....	0
Car/Deer Accident.....	19
Citations Issued.....	19
Civil Complaint.....	7
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	0
Death.....	0
Disorderly Person.....	0
Disturbance.....	1
DNR Complaint.....	0
Domestic Dispute.....	2
Driving Complaint.....	1
Fireworks Complaint.....	0
Found Property.....	0
Fraud.....	1
Health & Safety.....	0
Hit & Run.....	0
Intoxicated Person.....	0
Juvenile.....	2
Larceny.....	5
Lockout.....	7
Lost Property.....	0
Malicious Destruction of Property.....	2
Mental Subject.....	0
Minor In Possession.....	2
Miscellaneous Criminal.....	13
Missing Person.....	0
Noise Complaint.....	1
Operating Under the Influence.....	0
Paper Service.....	20
Parking Violation.....	0
Personal Injury Accident.....	2
Personal Protection Order.....	0
Private Property Accident.....	2
Property Check.....	5
Property Damage Accident.....	2
Prowler.....	0
Road Hazard.....	9
Stalking.....	0
Suspicious Situation.....	7
Threat.....	3
Traffic Stop.....	51

Trespassing.....	1
Unknown Accident.....	3
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....	2

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, October 31, 2011

9:10am Report of bicycle on roof in the 500 block of N Lake St
 9:31am Report of stop sign that has been spray painted at North and Jefferson Streets. Found several other signs and items spray painted in the vicinity.
 9:32am Report of MDOP to Little League Field
 11:37am Report of 2 bicycles left on Jaycee Ln
 1:41pm Walk in civil custody complaint
 2:27pm Arrested subject for driving without a license
 3:05pm Unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St
 4:13pm Escorted Halloween parade
 5:29pm Unlocked vehicle on Park near Pine St
 5:37pm Citation issued for speed
 5:24pm Report of 3 pitbulls running at large in the Jefferson St area. Turned over to Animal Control for followup.
 6:18pm Stalking complaint received from the 500 block of N Lake St
 6:36pm Gasoline drive off from he 200 block of S Lake St
 7:18pm Unlock at Avalanche
 10:44pm Property toilet papered in the 300 block of N Park St

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

8:36am Report of bike left on North St near Jefferson
 12:20pm Unlocked vehicle on Cozy Nook
 1:30pm Received civil complaint from the 1100 block of Wilson St
 1:31pm 2 vehicle accident at Park and Ray Streets
 4:37pm Assist Sheriff Department with search warrant on N Addis Rd
 7:05pm Received complaint of possible stolen car. Not stolen.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

1:36am 4 juveniles found walking on Brockway in violation of curfew
 12:07pm Report of retail fraud from the 400 block of N Lake St
 1:34pm Arrested subject warrant from Emmet County
 2:31pm Report of suspicious subject hanging around the 800 block of S Park St

2:06pm Report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of Wenonah St
 10:20pm Assist Sheriff Department with warrant arrest in the 800 block of Brockway St

Thursday, November 3, 2011

8:13am Found key dropped of at PD
 11:20am Conducted search warrant in the 300 block of Silver St.
 12:22pm Arrested subject for parole violation
 3:25pm Subjects in ref receiving harassing mail in the 500 block of N Lake St
 3:54pm Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 6:39pm Report of pit bull running at large on Jersey St
 8:05pm Airplane deer accident at the airport
 8:27pm Car deer accident on N Lake St near Michigan Av
 10:49pm Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S

Friday, November 4, 2011

6:40am Citation issued for speed.
 8:28am Unlock in the 400 block of N East St
 9:39am 2 vehicle property damage accident at Lake and Lincoln
 11:04pm Report of newspapers being stolen from the 100 block of E Water St
 11:44am Received complaint about civil custody issues
 11:49am Report of lost cell phone
 2:18pm Subject in ref scam check that was received in the mail
 6:30pm Received civil complaint about a car
 11:19pm Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S

Saturday, November 5, 2011

12:13am Responded to alarm on Deer Run Ct
 1:37am Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S
 7:28am Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S
 9:55am Welfare check in the 400 block of Pearl St
 11:14am Hit and run accident near Park and Ray Streets
 11:55am Report of suspicious activity on Beardsley St
 4:15pm Civil complaint received from the 600 block of Adams St
 5:59pm Report of assault on W Main St

Sunday, November 6, 2011

8:13am Civil complaint regarding landlord/tenant dispute
 9:07am Civil dispute received from the 300 block of E Division St
 3:30pm Streets signs reported down at lake and Lincoln Streets
 5:20pm Civil dispute over vehicle

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

Volunteers are the backbone of every successful event. The Leaf Peeker Craft Show was a huge success because of the dedicated volunteers that gave their time and hard work to make it happen. Co-Chairpersons, Shannon Fender and Heather Jackson would like to let the following volunteers know how much we appreciated their help and

hard work. Dolores Thorman, Denise Brown-Pajtas, Zach Pajtas, Courtney Fender, Mike Burr, John Hunter and Zane Carter. Thank you for all you did, the Leaf Peeker Craft Show would not have possible without you.

Sincerely,
Shannon Fender & Heather Jackson
 Co-Chairpersons
 Leaf Peeker Craft Show

Dear Editor,

The community of East Jordan celebrated the fall season with fabulous harvest displays and with a successful 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 15. Despite the inclement weather conditions the festival brought families and friends from throughout the area into downtown for an afternoon of fun for all to enjoy.

The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival would not have been possible without the support of many organizations, businesses, churches and individuals. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize and thank the following:

- East Jordan Community Center - Brenda Skop and Debbie Peck
- EVENT SPONSORS - Northern Review - Business division scarecrow competition
- Stark Realty - non-profit division scarecrow competition
- East Jordan Community Church - Games, popcorn and pumpkin decorating
- Bolt's Farm - Pumpkins
- Murray's Bar & Grill - Live music
- Jordan Valley Rental - tent
- At Your Service Plus - Pottery
- The Zone/Gemini Lanes - Pumpkin Bowling
- Save-A-Lot - Pumpkin Pie Contest

- Hay Rides - Tom Sheridan
- Hay - Dave & Susan Grutsch
- BC Pizza - Great Pumpkin Race
- E.J. True Value Family Center - TV Commercial Sponsor
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- Charlevoix County News
- East Jordan Shopping Guide/Ellsworth
- City of East Jordan
- Many members of the East Jordan Community Church
- Debbie Derenzy
- Tammy Jackson
- Wendy Shepard
- Paul Timmons
- Team Members of the Zone
- Michelle Nowka
- Missy Bender
- Area Girl Scouts

As you can see...it takes MANY people to make a successful festival. Without their time and support events such as Pumpkin Festival would not be possible!
 Most Sincerely
Mary H. Faculak
 Executive Director
 East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

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Mayor, commissioner leave Boyne City board on a high note

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — A number of people thanked the Boyne City mayor and a commissioner for the years of service they gave to the city at a city commission meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Chuck Vondra and Mike Cummings attended their last meeting. Vondra resigned in order to spend more time with his family and Cummings resigned for health reasons and to pursue other interests.

A 2011 audit presentation by Ken Talsma of Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC made up the lion's share of the meeting. The current fund balance in the General Fund is \$1,605,000. Talsma said the city has stayed consistent and is still in a safe place.

"It's nice to have a cushion and the city will probably need it within the next few years," he said. "The city has a good handle

on the budget, lives within its means and are good stewards with what they are given."

The auditor cautioned against resting on laurels, however.

"I think it will remain a bad economy for the next few years," he said.

The commission held a closed session and upon reopening of the regular meeting, it was moved by Vondra and seconded by commissioner Ron Grunch to approve the city manager Michael Cain's annual salary at \$87,464 back to April, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.
reporterbjh@gmail.com

PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

RIGHT: Boyne City commissioner and mayor pro tem, Ron Grunch, presents a document of appreciation to outgoing mayor Chuck Vondra at a city commission meeting on Nov. 1 in City Hall. Commissioner Mike Cummings (not shown) is not seeking another term and he was also honored.



EAST JORDAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT;

East Jordan True Value Hardware

By Jim Akans

The Ambassadors of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that East Jordan True Value Hardware has been selected as the Business Spotlight of the Month. This family owned and operated business was originally established as a Ben Franklin store back in 1983 by Don and Jeanette Miller, and today is co-owned by the Miller's sons, Dale and Dan.

"We have stressed the importance of customer service from day one," states Dan Miller. "That is something our parents always instilled in us. We are always out on floor working to help our customers."

With a staff of eight people, including Dan's wife Faye and Dales wife Kaye, East Jordan True Value Hardware is not only a place customers enjoy visiting to shop, it is also a great place to work.

Dan relates, "We all like our jobs. Two employees that recently retired had been with us for over 30 years. An employee that had been working here part time while in high school decided to continue working here after graduation, and that was four years ago. It seems we are doing something right, and perhaps that is because we firmly believe in the importance of treating our employees and customers fairly...the way we like to be treated."

Dan's father, Don, worked for many years as general merchandise manager for the national chain variety store company, Schultz Brothers, which was based in suburban Chicago before establishing a Ben Franklin shop in Charlevoix in 1978. The family soon expanded their operations to include stores in Mancelona and East Jordan. By the mid 1980s' operations had been consolidated to the facility in East Jordan where the True Value Hardware was introduced in 1984, and became the full focus by 1996.

"We still have sewing and craft department from old Ben Franklin days," Dan relates, "which is something people will not find in very many hardware stores today."

Highlights of the offerings customers enjoy at East Jordan True Value Hardware include a top-notch paint department, excellent selections in their core hardware, electrical, plumbing, lawn and garden, hand and power tools departments, and some awesome grilling equipment.

"We have been a Weber Grill dealer since 1978," Dan observes, "and are a char-

"We love our business, servicing our customers, and our community,"
— co-owner Dan Miller



PHOTO BY SHANNON FENDER

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ter member Weber gas grill offerings. Charcoal grilles are also making a comeback. Virtually any type of cooking can be done very well on an outdoor grill, from baking cookies and pizzas, searing and broil, and the results are fantastic."

Dan notes that the team has been involved with the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce since the store was founded. Dan is a past Board Member and President.

He relates, "A good chamber keeps community working together. There are lots of great things happening in East Jordan that most people don't see on a daily basis. Our Chamber Executive Director, Mary Faculak, is amazing and a tremendous asset to this community. It's very important for business owners to understand that you get back what you put into community. The Chamber of Commerce helps

us to utilize those remarkable assets that are around us."

Accordingly, the Millers and their staff view the East Jordan True Value Hardware as a community store. They are very active in supporting the community and organizations, such as the sports boosters, civic clubs, girl scouts and boy scouts, little league, and 4H and church groups.

"We love our business, servicing our customers, and our community," Dan affirms. "People come into our store looking for solutions, and we are their problem solvers. Ultimately, they solve those problems themselves with direction that we provide. This is a very rewarding business to be in."

Congratulations to East Jordan True Value Hardware for being selected as the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Business Spotlight.

Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair in East Jordan this Saturday

The Jordan River Arts Council is pleased to announce its 21st Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair. Always held the second Saturday in November, the 2011 event will be November 12, from 10 AM until 4:00 PM at the East Jordan High School, East Jordan.

The Holiday Fair is a juried show with the works by over 45 artists. All items are the original work of the artist. The entry way showcases each of the exhibitors work which includes: photography, paintings, pottery, glass work, jewelry, fiber works such as quilts coverlets, clothing items and doll clothes, batiks, basketry and gift baskets, homemade jams and jellies, holiday decorations, wood items, home made candles and more. The artists booths not only are found in the gymnasium area, but also in the halls and the cafeteria area. Some of the artists will be working in their booth creating their original works in front of you. All items are for sale.

Also on sale will be the JRAC Cookbook, "Flavors and Visions," Candles, T-shirts and the Writers Group recently published book, "Writings."

The Holiday Art Fair has always been known for its great gourmet menu featuring soups in a bread bowl, and sandwiches. Also their famous holiday salad, and of course, the unbelievable dessert table.

Admission is by donation at both High School entrances. This event is a major fund raiser used especially for the JRAC scholarship fund. The Jordan River Arts Council is an all-volunteer organization, serving as a leader of East Jordan's cultural community by providing a wide range of fine art experiences for persons of all ages often working with other organizations and the schools.

Many members and non members provide the work force for this event. For other information including requirements to exhibit, to work, or how to become a member please contact Howard Ellis, 231 536 2152 or 231 536 3385 .

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A weekly compilation of selected bills, resolutions and actions of the House and Senate in the state Legislature.

To see more detail contact www.legislature.mi.gov/

House Bill 4553 Greg MacMaster – Introduced April 13, 2011

A bill that would amend the Occupational Code to require continuing education requirements are met before a landscape architect's license can be renewed.

Status: Passed by the House on June 14. Referred by the Senate to Committee of the Whole.

House Bill 4042 Greg MacMaster – Introduced Jan. 13, 2011

A bill that would revise the information that certain state departments must include when particular permit applications are denied. Includes the Depart-

ment of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation.

Status: Passed by the House on June 16. Referred by the Senate to Committee of the Whole.

House Resolution 0099 (2011) Brandon Dillon

A Resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to oppose any proposal that will eliminate the traditional Medicare program and to convert the Medicaid program to a block grant.

Status: Last action: 6-15-2011: Motion to discharge committee postponed for day.

Senate Bill 502 (H-1) (2011) Mike Nofs – Introduced June 21, 2011

A bill concerning community colleges or universities that operate an accredited culinary or hospitality program, that they may be issued a license to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption at the community college's or university's culinary or hospitality program's location for activities that further the community college's or university's community or academic mission.

Status: Passed by both the House and the Senate. Awaiting enrollment.

House Bill 5125 (2011) Jon Switalski – Introduced on Oct. 26, 2011

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283. The bill would allow a county board of commissioners to take over the powers, duties and functions of a county road commission through a resolution. Tie-barred to 5126 that mandates the dissolution of the road commission.

Status: In Committee on Transportation.

Senate Bill 727 & 728 (2011) Darwin Booher – Introduced on Oct. 5, 2011

A bill to allow a prosecuting attorney to appoint an assistant prosecutor to obtain assistance in the trial of a person charged



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with a felony without the need for direction of the court. SB 728 would delete a requirement that the circuit court consent to the appointment of assistant prosecuting attorneys. The bills are tie-barred.

Status: Placed on order of third reading on 11-3-2011.

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Nov. 10, 2011

News

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OBITUARIES

Linda K. Hall, 66

Linda K. Hall of Charlevoix, died Nov. 7, 2011, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Louise Clark, 75

Louise Clark of Boyne Falls, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

A funeral service for Louise will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

A complete obituary will appear at a later date. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Agnes Klooster

(AUG. 1, 1914 - NOV. 7, 2011)

Agnes Klooster, 97, of Ellsworth, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Agnes was born Aug. 1, 1914, in Banks Township, the daughter of Ralph and Anna (Hoogerheide) Sitzema.

On Nov. 25, 1937, she married John A. Klooster in Banks Township. They made their home in Lansing for three years before moving to Ellsworth. They purchased Wilsons' Health Center in 1948 which became John's Health Center. Agnes worked as chef. In 1954 they built a new store which is now The Front Porch Cafe. They retired in 1974. John died July 10, 1993.

Besides cooking, Agnes enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and crocheting.

Agnes was a member of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church where she led children's singing for many years.

For the past four years Agnes resided at the Eastport Village Care Home. The Klooster home is now the Ministry House of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Donna (Bill) Wynsma of Ellsworth, Bonnie (Larry) Oosterhouse of Grand Rapids, and Darlene (Ron) Smith of Acme; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Katherine (Versile) Klooster of Central Lake; brother, Ralph "Bud" (Laurel) Sitzema of Garden City; sisters-in-law, Patricia Sitzema of Muskegon, and Jenet Sitzema of Ellsworth. She was preceded in death by siblings, Herman Sitzema, James Sitzema, Marie Doty, Marion Sitzema and Jennie Niemeyer.

Friends may call 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Chris Wallace and the Rev. Jared Van Noord officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Ebenezer Christian School, Good Samaritan Family Services Moms and Tots Center.

Bonnie Blanshan

(JUNE 27, 1929 - NOV. 3, 2011)

Bonnie Blanshan, 82, of Boyne Falls, died on Nov. 3, 2011, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Bonnie was born on June 27, 1929, in Fremont, Ohio, the daughter of Daniel and Florence (Erfourth) Washburn.

On Dec. 14, 1946, she married her husband of 63 years, Lyle Blanshan, in Boyne City.

Bonnie was a loving wife and devoted homemaker for her five children. She also worked for a time as a housekeeper for Hayners Motel, the Coach House and Boyne Mountain.

Bonnie enjoyed traveling with her granddaughter Lisa and playing the Wii with her. She liked spending time talking to her sister, Florence, at Grandvue over a cup of coffee. Bonnie will always be remembered for the three loves in her life; her husband, Lyle, and cake and candy.

Bonnie is survived by her five children, Sarah (Dale) Haven of Charleston, S.C., Lyle (Pamela) Blanshan of Hudsonville, Mich., Barbara (Raymond) Amaya of Crystal City, Texas, William Blanshan of Dallas, Texas, and Nancy Blanshan of Boyne Falls; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; several brothers and sisters; and by a special family friend, Mickey Howard of Boyne Falls.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lyle Blanshan, in 2010; and many brothers and sisters.

The funeral service was Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Burial at Boyne Valley Township Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to her extended family and friends at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for the great care she received during her stay.

The family requests memorial donations in Bonnie's name to be directed to American Diabetes Association or American Alzheimer's Foundation.

Friends and family wishing to share condolences of Bonnie are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Glenn P. 'Zeke' Bronson Jr.

(JUNE 2, 1935 - OCT. 28, 2011)

Glenn P. "Zeke" Bronson Jr., age 76, of Boyne City, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at his home.

Zeke was born on June 2, 1935, in Jackson, Mich., the son of Glenn P. Sr. and Yetchen (Worch) Bronson.

Zeke worked many years for Quarters in Boyne City. Recently, Zeke was attending Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Boyne City and enjoyed going to the Boyne City Senior Center.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for all the wonderful care they provided Zeke.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Boyne City next to the Boyne City Public Library.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Zeke are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

The Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Walter Kondrat

(FEB. 12, 1928 - OCT. 31, 2011)

Walter Kondrat, 83, long-time resident of Boyne Falls, passed away with his family by his side on Oct. 31, 2011, at the age of 83, in Macomb, Mich.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1928, to Michael and Katherine (nee Wisniewski) Kondrat and was raised on the family farm in Boyne Falls.

Walter served in the Navy then moved to the city where he met his beloved wife of 62 years Deloris "Joann" Kondrat.

A dedicated employee of Borg Warner, he retired after 31 years and returned to Boyne Falls to run the Brown Trout Motel. Walter was an active member of the community and an usher at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family, whether fishing on Lake Louise or walking the hills in search of morel mushrooms.

Walter is the most loving father of Michael (Elizabeth), Loretta (Pierre) LaFolle, Walter (Mary Lou), Mary Ellen (Fouad) Al-Ansari, Paul (Allison), Rebecca (Gus) Zaror and Joseph Kondrat; proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Matthew, Timothy, Audrey, Sarah, Tham-

mer, Mae, Muna, Zakaria, Aisha, Nicole and Stephanie; and 13 great-grandchildren. Dear uncle to many nieces and nephews, Walter is survived by his sister, Anna Goodman.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents; brothers, Joseph, Edward, Stanley, Benedick, Henry, Basil; and sisters, Helen Kowalski, Frances Bobowski and Patricia Kujawa.

A service was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Therese of Lisieux. Interment at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery, 2547 Church St., Boyne Falls.

Jamie Lynn Jamison

(OCT. 10, 1977 - OCT. 28, 2011)

Jamie Lynn Jamison, age 34, of Petoskey, passed away Oct. 28, 2011.

A gathering took place Saturday, Nov. 5, at City Park Grill, 432 East Lake St., Petoskey. Born Oct. 10, 1977, Jamie will be remembered by her two children, Lola and Devon, family and friends as a loving, giving person who always wanted to live life on her terms. What some saw as a little crazy and a little offbeat was what endeared her to all those who knew and loved her. From her homemade Jamieland Productions Cards and homemade Halloween outfits to her attitude on life, expressed so well in her web creation "I stepped in a bucket, So What!" no one who knew Jamie will ever forget her. Our lives will be a little less full, but the memories Jamie helped create with her wonderful sense of humor and creative flair will help fill the holes left in our hearts. We were all lucky to experience "Jamieland," for albeit too short a time.

Jamie, a massage therapist, had a thriving business in downtown Petoskey. She worked with hospice patients to try to ease their final days. She was also attending Central Michigan University pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology. While these were dreams that she achieved, nothing meant more to Jamie than her family. She leaves behind her children, Lola Walker (father Johnnie Walker) and Devon Wheeler; her parents, mother Karen (Spence) Jamison, father Rick and Sally Jamison; her closest friend and sister, Julie Jamison, and her family, Travis Babcock, Ivy and Carter; her grandparents, Shirley Jamison (Galen



Jamison deceased) and Dolores Spence, her time with them enriched their lives. Many aunts, uncles and cousins will also be left with many great memories to ease their sorrow.

Arrangements were handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, Mich. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.

Mason James (Reinhardt) Soper, infant

A graveside service for Mason James (Reinhardt) Soper, infant son of Joshua Soper and Danielle Reinhardt, will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Bob Zeerp will officiate.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Marvel Mae Rostar

(MAY 17, 1926 - NOV. 2, 2011)

Marvel Mae Rostar, 85, of Bay Township, died Nov. 2, 2011, at the Hilland Cottage of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey.

Marvel was born on May 17, 1926, in Petoskey, the daughter of Lawrence and Helen (McCarthy) Platt, and grew up in Petoskey, and graduated from Petoskey High School.

On Jan. 6, 1947, she married Frank Rostar in Petoskey and after they retired, Marvel and Frank made their home in Bay Township. On Dec. 5, 1998, Frank preceded Marvel in death after 51 years of marriage.

Marvel was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. She enjoyed reading and crafts and always loved spending time with her family.

Marvel is survived by six children, Polly (Ray) Lowetz of Moran, Mich., Jan (Tim) Hall of Flint, Dave (Suzie) Rostar of Charlevoix, Francis Rostar of Charlevoix, Marvel (Tom Hernandez) of Florence, Ala., and James (Susan) Rostar of Boyne City; a sister, Alice Maxfield of Texas; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Rostar of Flint and Carolyn Rostar of Petoskey; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Marvel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; a son, Michael; and by a sister, Joyce.

A funeral Mass took place Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. Dennis Stilwell officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

FROM PAGE 1

Commission on Aging Funds Decreasing

27 and was well attended by seniors. The audience was not allowed to make comments or ask questions, however, Messer said he would make presentations to the individual senior centers.

A consultant was hired to identify the needs and wants of the next generation of seniors, Messer said.

"The number one priority is independence," he said. In-home services are at the top of the list and the Baby Boomer seniors will want a clubhouse atmosphere, exercise facilities, travel and activities.

"Bingo is not an activity," Messer said, referring to Baby Boomer's mindset. He added, "Baby Boomers don't want to come to senior centers." And, in fact, the word "senior" is a bad word to them, he said. Commissions on Aging in three counties in the state are considering getting out of the senior center business, he said.

"We cannot close the door

of our senior centers," Messer said, but consolidation of the centers or cutting back to four days may be an option.

Messer spoke about the surplus of funds the COA has had for several years.

"Unfortunately, we do not have unlimited funding. Some time around 2005 they [COA] were banking, not spending," he said.

In later years, the COA decided the extra funds should either be spent or a rebate should be given. They decided to spend and we were taking money out at an alarming rate, Messer said. His first goal was to attend to the budget. He looked at expenses.

"I cut snow removal, I cut lawn cutting, I cut and I cut and I cut," he said. "The next day I came in and looked at revenue and there wasn't enough."

Messer said further cuts are needed as well as finding sources of revenue. He men-

tioned a pay system and will bring that idea to the county's personnel committee. He said federal and state funding was decreasing.

But the state's Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan sent \$72,996 to the COA in 2011. Michelle Cronin, the Agency's finance director, said the same amount was allocated to the COA for 2012. The federal funds in 2011 were \$130,234 and Cronin said she expects similar funds for Charlevoix county's COA in 2012. The Area Agency on Aging allocates the funds and they are designated for home delivered and congregate meals.

The COA already takes donations for meals and services if the senior citizen is able to pay. If they cannot pay, the meal is free.

The COA 2012 budget approved by county commissioners shows a revenue item of \$178,024 for charges for service. Messer could not be reached to ask about the funds, however Advisory Board chairwoman Margo Johnson was contacted. She said she was not sure about the revenue fund amount.

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FROM PAGE 1

Embezzlement charges filed

zance bond in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix. A preliminary examination is set for Dec. 15.

Veryser is also facing perjury charges that stem from false statements allegedly made by Veryser while under oath during civil proceedings related to the criminal investigation, according to a press release from Sgt. Briolat.

The embezzlement occurred from September 2006 through March 2010. Veryser began employment at the Elementary School in August 2006 and resigned from her position as principal in March 2010.

The five-count felony charge of embezzlement carries a penalty of 10 years and/or \$15,000, or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater. The two-count felony charge of perjury carries a penalty of 15 years.

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AKtion Club of Charlevoix holds Blanket Drive

AKtion Club of Charlevoix, a community service club sponsored by Kiwanis and Bergmann Center is holding a blanket drive. With winter coming, club members know there are many people who could use an extra blanket to help keep warm. AKtion Club is collecting new blankets from anyone who would like to participate. Drop boxes are located inside of City Hall and Bergmann Center's Resale Shop at 8888 Ance Road both in Charlevoix. Blankets need to be new and warm.

AKtion Club will give the blankets to area agencies such as Moms and Tots in Ellsworth and Department of Human Services in Petoskey

who can distribute them to families in need. AKtion Club has held three blanket drives in the past and they have been very successful. The clubs goal is to collect at least 50 new blankets this year. Club members also have a fun time by purchasing fleece and making tied blankets to donate.

The AKtion club will be collecting blankets now through November 28. The goal is to give back to the community and better the world one child at a time. If you have any further questions, please contact Kim Brock at 231-547-2979 ext. 11 or see an AKtion Club Member.



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City of Charlevoix sets public hearing on recreation plan

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — The city's draft of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a comprehensive document to guide the city through contemporary outdoor activities, such as walkable communities and biking trails.

City planner Mike Spencer spoke at the Monday, Nov. 7 city council meeting. He advised council that the draft plan is ready for a public hearing and council set a 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 date for the community to offer comments and ask questions.

The parks and recreation plan encompasses a trail that would tie in with the schools and eventually the trail that travels to Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

"We've made an effort to make the city more walkable and easier for bicycling," Spencer said. "Downtown is a tough situation."

No bicycling is allowed on Bridge Street, but people can walk their bikes through the area.

The master plan uses the "Complete Streets" design concept. Complete



Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities must be able to safely move along and across a Complete Street. The goal is to make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops and bicycle to work.

Safety is inherent in Complete Streets. A Federal Highways Administration safety review found that streets designed with raised medians are safer because they enable pedestrians to cross busy roads in two stages, they reduce left-turning motorist crashes to zero and they improve bicycle safety. Another positive factor is health benefits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently named adoption of the design policies as a recommended strategy to prevent obesity.

Charlevoix's 2011-2016 master plan for Parks and Recreation meets the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for federal and state funding assistance.

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Venus & Blue Jeans offers gently used designer clothing, accessories & home décor items



Venus&BlueJeansPhoto; Offering gently used designer clothing, accessories & home décor items, Venus & Blue Jeans is located at 340 W. Main Street in Gaylord.

crombie, Hollister and Ralph Lauren. We encourage people to bring in their designer and name brand items and consign them."

The selections at Venus & Blue Jeans also offer a wonderful collection accessories such as purses, shoes and jewelry, as well as a selection of home furnishings, jewelry and antiques.

The consignment arrangement at Venus & Blue Jeans is refreshingly straightforward, offering a 50/50 split between the shop and the consigner. Clothing items must be no more than a few years old, clean, free of stains and in "ready for the rack" condition. Clothing is kept for 60 days, and is marked down after 30 and 45 days. All consignment request must be made by appointment

The atmosphere is friendly and upbeat, and there is plenty of parking conveniently located right next to the shop.

Venus & Blue Jeans is open Monday through Friday from 11 am until 5:30 pm, and from 11 am until 4 pm on Saturday, is located at 340 W. Main Street in Gaylord, and can be reached at 989-731-2600.

By Jim Akans

Venus & Blue Jeans, launched by Cheryl Scheer in October of 2009, is sort of a "shabby chic" boutique, primarily focusing on consignment sales of upscale designer/brand name clothing items, from just a few years old to

recently off the rack, displayed in a comfortable, easy to browse showroom on the Westside of Gaylord's downtown business district.

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Business after hours

Enjoy some friendly conversation with East Jordan & Ellsworth area business owners at Business after Hours Nov. 10, 5-7pm at the Gold Nugget Bar & Grill. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, Ellsworth Branch.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

Nov. 10 - Business after Hours, sponsored by Mills Financial Services at Café Sante', 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres.

BOYNE CITY

Veterans Day

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 11 a.m.

BOYNE CITY

Leaf pickup

Leaf pickup in the City of Boyne City continues through Nov. 11 on Mondays and Fridays only. Residents should set bagged leaves curbside in clearly marked biodegradable bags, which are available at Boyne Coop True Value, Boyne City Hardware and Glen's Market. Brush will not be picked up curbside but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site on Robinson Street. You may haul your own leaves or brush, bagged in biodegradable bags or unbagged to the compost site, which is open seven days a week.

BOYNE CITY

Turkey trot

Ruth Skop and the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City are organizing a Turkey Trot 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk to be held at 9am. Thanksgiving morning. The race will begin and end at Veterans Park. Entry fee, including a T-shirt is \$15 by Nov. 11 or \$20 after. Family entry fee is \$30 in advance or \$35 after, including two T-shirts. For further information contact Ruth Skop at 582-3416 or Bob South at 582-3200. Entrants are asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Boyne area food pantries.

EAST JORDAN

Indoor farmers market

East Jordan will be holding a Winter Farmer's Market on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting November 10. The market will be held in the East Jordan Civic Center from 10am - 2pm. Many of your favorites from the summer market will be there.

BOYNE CITY

Chili cook-off

Taste chili from 8 restaurants and caterers and help out the Boyne City and East Jordan food pantries when you attend a Chili Cook-off at Sommerset Pointe at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Admission is five or more non-perishable food items. Also

included is a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Participants are the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class, Mountain Side Grill, Café 32, AC Catering, Green Plate Catering, Murray's, Café Santé, and Red Mesa Grill. To RSVP call 231-582-9900.

EAST JORDAN

Sight-In Days 2011

November 11 - 14, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Jordan River Sportsman's Club Rifle Range. Free Sight-In with NEW Membership. \$4 per gun shooter, or \$7 for two guns.

CHARLEVOIX

Swiss steak dinner

Attend the Barnard Grange Swiss steak dinner, Friday, Nov. 11 from 4:30 - 7pm at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, corner of US 31 and Meech. Adults: \$9. Children 15 & under: \$5. Under 5: Free. For tickets call 231-547-5211

BOYNE CITY

Veterans day ceremony

The Boyne City American Legion will hold a Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

CHARLEVOIX

Personnel handbooks

Join the Northern Michigan Society for Human Resource Management on Friday, November 11, as we explore, "Personnel Policies & Handbooks: One Size Does NOT Fit All" - a presentation made by Laura Dinon, Senior Attorney from Plunkett Cooney. This presentation will teach employers and HR professionals the essential policies of an Employee Handbook, will teach the key policies that should be part of every Employee Handbook, and will highlight recent changes in the law as they affect Handbook policies. Attendees will also learn how to properly implement and communicate handbook changes to their employees. Our event will take place at the Charlevoix Public Library beginning at 9:30am.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday bazaar

Lakeview Manor will be holding its holiday bazaar on November 11th & 12th from 9 AM-5 PM. Handmade crafts and baked goods.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Over 50 vendors at the 21st annual holiday arts & craft fair Nov. 12, 10am - 4pm at the East Jordan high school auditorium, 101 Maple St. The Holiday Fair is a juried show with the works by over 45 artists. All items are the original work of the artist. Enjoy a gourmet lunch. Sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council

BOYNE CITY

Hunters Ball

The Jelly Roll Blues Band

will perform at the Boyne City Eagles Annual Hunter's Ball held Nov. 12 from 8 p.m. to midnight. This event is open to the public. Tickets (\$5 or 3 for \$10) are available at the Eagles for a cash raffle with a first prize of \$500, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place; you do not have to be present to win.

EAST JORDAN

Cider Making Demo

Saturday, November 12 at Noon. Join the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center for our monthly potluck program! Potluck lunch starts at Noon. Bring a dish to pass if you want, but it's not mandatory. Wagbo provides drinks and table service. The presentation begins at 1pm. Homebrewers Keith Kintigh and Jason Stephens will provide an introduction to the art of making "hard" cider. Discussion will include history of cider making, the role of apple varieties, and the importance of yeast choice. Free and open to the public. Located three miles south of East Jordan. For more info, call 231-536-0333 or email info@wagbo.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Backporch Coffeehouse is moving

Backporch Coffeehouse is moving this fall to the refurbished Charlevoix Senior Citizen Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix! The music series will take place on the second Saturday of each month, beginning in November and running through May, 2012. The first musical evening will be held on Saturday, November 12th, featuring Celtic and Folk music. "Weaving the Wind" is the duo of Linda Hammond and Gretchen VanLoozen. These two talented women from Northern Michigan accompany their beautiful harmony vocals with a variety of instruments, including Celtic harp and flute, and guitars. The featured performers will share their music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Following the scheduled performers, we will have a "circle jam session". Suggested donations for the evening are \$5/individual, \$10/family. All donations are for the scheduled performer(s). Light refreshments are available at no additional charge. For information, contact Pam Luce at 231-622-2944. Directions to the Charlevoix Senior Center: From US-31 (Bridge St.), turn west on Carpenter St. (between the Pizza Hut and Flap Jack Restaurant). Travel .7 mile, turn left into parking area, or turn left on Norwood Rd. to park in front of the Senior Center. The facility is fully accessible.

BOYNE CITY

Cyclocross race

No Boundaries of Boyne City and Challenge Mountain will be hosting a cyclocross race at the Challenge Mountain adaptive ski facility on Sunday, November 13th. The event will feature local music, food, beer from Short's Brewery, wine from Mackinaw Trails winery, and awesome atmosphere for

Who's the Boss?

By Dave Baragrey

Publisher, Charlevoix County News



I have been in the publishing business in Northern Michigan since 1978. During those 30 plus years I have been fortunate to be in markets around Northern Michigan that have had some top quality media. Even though we battle for the same advertising dollar and the eyeballs of the readers, I have learned to respect those media leaders that earned the respect of advertisers and readers by producing great media products.

I have learned from these strong competitors to remain focused on what is most important... the reader. Since 1978 I have always remained focused on producing good quality products that readers enjoy and find helpful. The Charlevoix County News combines all of the best of what I have learned over the past 34 years and is a top quality newspaper that we are proud to offer to readers in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. More importantly, the people in the communities we serve have commented over and over how much they enjoy our newspaper and all of the local information it contains from all around

the area.

I have also known many media companies that are focused on the wrong target. Instead of paying attention to making their own product better, they worry about what their competition is doing. That tells me that we must be doing my job well if they are more concerned about what we are doing than what they are doing.

Over the past couple of months I have been asked by many local readers if I was planning to increase the rates of our newspaper. Despite the rising cost of publishing a newspaper, we have committed to keeping our news stand and subscription rates at the current level. Even though many other newspapers are increasing their news stand rate and subscription rate we are planning to keep our news stand rate at 75 cents and local subscriptions at just \$35 a year as long as we can. This may not be the wisest financial decision, but I am smart enough to realize who my boss really is. It's the reader. We are keeping our prices in check so you don't have to spend more money to read about the local news, sports and events that we bring you each week.

If you ever have any comments you would like to share please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our local staff. Stop into our new office in downtown Boyne City, 101 Water St. or call the office, 231-330-8062. Honestly, I spend more time out in the community than I do in our office so it may be best to e-mail me at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com. Feel free to call my cell phone - 989-350-9235. We love to hear feedback from our readers.

families and racers alike. Cyclocross racing is an exciting and spectator friendly sport that anyone with a bike can try. There will be three races offered for all levels of rider! Registration is \$25 and is available online at www.challengemtn.org, at No Boundaries in Boyne City, or day-of at the venue starting at 9AM. All proceeds go towards the charitable efforts of Challenge Mountain. Please contact No Boundaries at (231) 582-3200 for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

String concert

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents "String Music - Old and New" on Sunday, November 13 at 4pm in the unique setting of Castle Farms in Charlevoix. This concert features an eclectic mix of works for string orchestra, from Mozart's Serenata Notturna, K. 239 to William Walton's music from the film: Henry V. The program includes Eclogue, a work for piano and string orchestra featuring pianist and GLCO Music Director Matthew Hazzelwood, the Strauss Pizzicato Polka, and Michi Wincko's arrangement of La Folia: Variations for String Orchestra. Admission to this program is advance ticket sales, \$14, through Treatickets.com and \$15 at the door. Pre-Concert private guided Historical Tours of Castle Farms are available at a reduced rate of \$7 by calling the GLCO office at 231-487-0010 and making reservations. These tours will begin at 2:30 p.m. Reserve seats will be held for Tour Participants. Students age 18 and under, active military and people with disabilities are admitted free.

BOYNE CITY

Kangaroo Kourt

Boyne Area Senior Center will host a Comedy Kangaroo Kourt Sunday, November 13th at 4pm. Following this "Political Payola" event light reservations will be served. There is no charge for this event. Donations will be appreciated. The senior center is located at 411 Division St in Boyne City. Call 231 582 6256 for information.

BOYNE CITY

Buck Pole Contest

Boyne Coop True Value will be holding a Buck Pole Contest Nov. 15-16. Register by 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Coop, 113 S. Park St., Boyne City. The registration fee is \$20, and there will be prizes for the top scores for men, women, youth and overall score. The Coop is donating 25% of the proceeds to the Boyne City Food Pantry. Free hot dogs and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16. Call (231) 582-9971 for more information or to become a sponsor by donating prizes, advertising, food, beverages or monetary donations. They are also looking for volunteers to assist on Nov. 15 and 16.

NORWOOD

Hunters Lunch

The Hunters Lunch will be held on opening day of deer season, Tuesday, November 15 from 11am to 1:30pm at the old School House in the village of Norwood. The event is co-sponsored by the Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society. Homemade soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, bread, pies and hot drinks will be served all you can eat for \$8. Hunters and non-hunters welcome. Come meet your friends for good food and fun.

ELLSWORTH

Cookies support ministries

The Front Porch Ministry launches the latest addition to our ongoing outreach to the community on November 15. Come in for a free cookie (while supplies last) at the Front Porch Café. The Cookie Ministry will help area non-profit organizations such as The Good Samaritan Center and the Mom's & Tot's Center. For every cookie sold, profits will go to these organizations to further their ministries bring hope to those in need. Our cookies will be available to order from MiFarmMarket at www.MiFarmMarket.com

EAST JORDAN

Fundamentals of Starting

a Business

This 2 hour orientation session is facilitated by a NLEA/SBTDC Business Consultant. You will be acquainted with the process and the tools needed to help you begin developing your business. Cost is \$20 per business. To register, please contact Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, (231)582-6482. Nov. 14, 6pm at the Jordan Valley District Library. Future presentation Dec. 14 Boyne City District Library

EAST JORDAN

Downtown Divas

Wednesday, November 16. Starting at 5:30 PM at Murray's Bar & Grill. Food, fashions, jewelry, plus more FUN!!! EJ Shoppe, Busy Bridge, Sunnyside Up Tanning, Chello's Salon and Day Spa plus more!

BOYNE CITY

State of the Community

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the Boyne Area Chamber's third annual State of the Community luncheon. This year's event will be held at Sommerset Pointe from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Speakers will be City Manager Mike Cain School Superintendent Peter Moss, County Commissioner Chris Christensen and Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin. Admission is \$20, which includes salad, entree, dessert and soft drinks. Table sponsorships, which include eight seats, table sign and introductions at the event, are \$180. A crowd of more than 100 business people and civic leaders is expected. RSVP by calling the Chamber at 231-582-6222 or emailing deb@boynechamber.com.

EAST JORDAN

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Sale will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the East Jordan Elementary School from 10am - 2pm. It's not just a Baby/Kid/Teenager's sale. It's an everything sale! It's first come first serve so call Gretchen Bender to reserve your space now! (231-350-0760) Booth Space at \$25. Tables available for rent if needed at \$2 each.

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BOYNE CITY

Boyne meets Broadway

You will not want to miss the annual Boyne Meets Broadway dinner theatre, variety show and Broadway review at Boyne City High School. Shows will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19 with dinner and show beginning at 6 p.m. sharp. The Drama Department and Hospitality Program have teamed up to present an evening of fine dining and live entertainment. Boyne Meets Broadway includes appetizer, dinner, dessert and entertainment by Boyne City High School's finest. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from any cast member or from Local Flavor Bookstore and Internet Cafe at 125 Water St. in downtown Boyne City.

BOYNE CITY

Winter Farmers Market

Thanks to the support of the Boyne District Library, the Boyne City Farmers "Winter" Market is now open. Winter hours will be Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The market will be held in the red building next to the library. The library recently purchased the building for possible future expansion. It is estimated the space will allow for approximately 15 to 20 vendors to participate. The market will be held each Saturday in November and December with the exception of Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving weekend) and Dec 24th. Two special markets are also planned. The first is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the second is Dec. 23. The market also plans to be open January through April but a schedule will not be set until mid to late December. For more information about the Winter Market call the Boyne City Main Street office at 231-582-9009.

EAST JORDAN

Coat drive

If you have a closet full of gently used coats, your local Girl Scouts will find them a home for someone in need...Girl Scout troop # 362 is presently doing a coat drive, looking for gently used, clean coats for citizens of Charlevoix County who may be in need. Coats will be distributed for free to families of need through "Tabitha's Closet" located at the Assembly of God Church in Charlevoix. Locations to drop off coats... Ed's Used Cars & Huntington Bank. For more information call Missy Bender 231-357-2255 or Michelle Nowka 231-536-2532

NORWOOD

Warmth Drive

Norwood United Methodist Church is holding its' annual "Warmth Drive" for the benefit of the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth. We are collecting warm items of clothing for all ages, pajamas, blankets and all outdoor clothing. Also we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for distribution through Good Samaritan at Christmas time. Items can be dropped off at the church on Sunday from 10:30am to 1:30pm or call Lights at 547-9356 or Diltlows at 547-4935.

BOYNE CITY

Benefit for Michael Seiler

There will be a benefit for Michael Seiler at the Boyne City Eagles Lodge on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 2 to 9 p.m. There will be live music all day, refreshments, a cash bar and possibly a silent auction. Michael had a stroke on the 25th of September, leaving him partially paralyzed. He is making a valiant recovery, but still needs some support. For more information contact Jack Elliott at 989-350-5161 or jaxon@core.com.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Art Sale

Jordan River Arts Council is hosting an art sale Nov. 20 - Dec. 18, 1-4pm. Opening with Christmas treats and music on Nov. 20

EAST JORDAN

Pooh Party

It's a party to celebrate Winnie the Pooh. \$2 admission per person. Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. Nov. 20, 1:30 - 2:30pm

EAST JORDAN

Free Movie

Pooh's New Adventure. Nov. 20, 2:45pm at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, sponsored by the Library Friends.

CHARLEVOIX

Fit-4-Life

Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life Program empowers you with all the tools needed to embrace wellness. You'll experience first hand the benefits of healthy living. This 16-week program meets every week for 90 minutes on Tuesday afternoons from 12-1:30pm at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Total cost for the program is \$240. The next Fit-4-Life session begins Tuesday, November 22 at Noon. For more information please call Kathy Jacobsen RN at (231) 547- 8906 or Shannon Pemble PT at (231) 547- 8899.

BOYNE CITY

Enter the Santa Parade

Send your Contact name, business or organization name, telephone and mailing address by Nov. 22 to the Boyne City Main Street Program, 112 S. Park Street, Suite F Boyne City, MI 49712, or email it to mainstreet@boynecity.com.

BOYNE CITY

Turkey Trot

Nov. 24 - Turkey Trot 5k run and 1-mile fun run sponsored by Kiwanis Club, starts and finishes at Veterans Park, 9 a.m. | Registration form

BOYNE CITY

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Boyne City Eagles will host a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 24 at the Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake St. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole and desserts. Anyone who needs a ride or dinner delivery please call 231-582-6904 before November 21. If

you would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles at 231-582-6904

CHARLEVOIX

Turkey Trot

Charlevoix Area Hospital and Harbor Health and Fitness Center are co-hosting a Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on Thursday, November 24. Registration begins at 8am at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive with the race starting promptly at 8:30am. The goal of this collaborative effort is to encourage the community to get out and exercise with family and friends before sitting down to that big meal while helping out local food pantries. There will be a \$5 entry fee which includes a commemorative Turkey Trot shirt and donation of a non-perishable food item. Entry forms can be picked up in advance at Harbor Health and Fitness Center, 110 Clinton Street in Charlevoix, or obtained online at www.cah.org. Please contact Heather Parrish hparrish@cah.org or Michelle Hines mhines@cah.org for further information.

CHARLEVOIX

Holiday parade

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering Charlevoix's 1st Annual Holiday Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, November 25th at 5:30pm on Bridge Street in downtown. The parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's annual Community Tree Lighting festivities which run the same day from 3pm to 6pm. Tree Lighting activities include ornament making and free photos with Santa at the North Pole (Charlevoix Circle of Arts), cookies, cocoa, and more yuletide cheer than you can shake a stick at. The theme of this year's parade is "Holiday Spirit". The deadline to enter is November 21st and there is no fee to enter. There will be a Teddy Bear Parade in which children can march with their favorite furry friend. Does your dog play well with others and have a holiday themed costume? If so, you may enter your companion in the Canine Costume Parade. Let's make the Community Parade a cherished tradition that will continue for years to come. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce today at 231-547-2101 or chamber@charlevoix.org. Entry forms are available online at www.charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY

Earlier Than the Bird

Shop in your pajamas on Nov. 19 at the third annual Boyne City "Earlier Than The Bird" holiday shopping event is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. "Jump out of bed

early, grab your family and friends, and come to Boyne City to see all that it has to offer this holiday season," say organizers of the event. The event is created for those who want to kick off the Holiday Shopping Season with friends and family, coffee and pastries, all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available in Boyne City. Boyne City's merchants will be offering special deals along with snacks. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of a Boyne City coffee mug. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX

Community Tree Lighting

Join the community of Charlevoix for their annual tree lighting ceremony Nov. 25 in downtown

BOYNE CITY

Celebrate the holidays with parade and open houses Nov. 26

The Boyne City Holiday Open House & Santa Parade, held the Friday after Thanksgiving, is a tradition in Boyne City and that tradition continues this year. To make it a true community celebration of the season, Main Street is inviting everyone in the area to participate in the festivities on Friday, Nov. 25 - from businesses and organizations with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and the evening's special guest is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his sleigh and be joined by some of his elves and real live reindeer. Those participating in the parade will line up on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets starting at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City. Santa will then be available to meet with children at the Gazebo in Old City Park. In addition there will be hayrides and the opportunity to see reindeer up close. If you have any questions, contact Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River at 582-2355, the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

BOYNE CITY

Computer lab

The Community of Christ Church at 777 Vogel St. has installed a computer lab that is open to the public at no charge starting Nov. 7. The lab is open for general use Monday through Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. In the future, classes will be offered on resume and cover letter writing and general computer use. The church is also starting a Coupon Club with tips on finding and using computers and access to the computer lab from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays.

ANTRIM & CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES

Oryana Foods Offering Grant to non-profit Organizations

Oryana Natural Foods Market, a community cooperative owned by thousands of area residents, will make a significant donation to a worthy non-profit. Oryana currently seeks applications from local non-profit organizations for the Oryana Community Grant Program. Every profitable year, Oryana donates a portion of its end-of-year proceeds (pre-tax) to a local non-profit organization. Applicants must be a non-profit based in one of the following counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford. Organizations who have been awarded Oryana's Community Grant within the last five years do not qualify. To download an application, visit the Community Grant section of the Oryana website, www.oryana.coop. Applications must be submitted electronically for consideration, to luise@oryana.coop. The deadline is December 1, 2011. After review by a Grant Review Committee (a sub-committee of Oryana's Board of Directors).

BOYNE CITY

Computer Classes

Free computer classes are held at the Boyne District Library at 1 p.m. on Fridays. Classes are tailored

to your skill level, beginner to advanced. For more information call the Library 582-7861 or instructor Ron Grunch at 231-582-6974

CHARLEVOIX

Healthy People Group

Bay Area Substance Education Services, Inc. (BASES) in Charlevoix is hosting a "Healthy People Group" that meets every Sunday evening from 6:30 - 7:30pm at its 208 West Lincoln location. The group is available for all adults that are interested in learning about, discussing and taking action on living in a healthier way. There is "no problem required", just an interest and desire to get better. Scott and Celia Kelly, founders and Directors of BASES, are the facilitators for this adult support group. Much of the information being discussed and presented in the group is based on Scott's new book, "BASES Brain Training for Addiction Recovery" that outlines numerous skills and lessons in developing a healthier lifestyle to overcome a host of self-defeating behaviors. There is no cost for the group but the basket is passed to offset expenses. You can learn more about this weekly 60 minute support group by visiting www.BASESTeenCenter.org where you can view a short video that outlines the program and get a flyer that describes the Healthy People Group as well. For more information, please call BASES at 547-1144.

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor farmers market

The first of the nine regularly scheduled Winter Farmers Market's will take place this Thursday! The Charlevoix Winter Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the first Thursday of every month from 10am to 2pm, November through May. In addition to the regularly scheduled markets, there will also be two holiday markets, one right before Thanksgiving on November 21st, and one on December 22nd, just before

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DAVE Says

get current first!

Dear Dave,
I love your plan, but I have one question before getting started. Should I catch up on any past due bills before saving up \$1,000 for Baby Step 1?
Solita

Dear Solita,
Absolutely! First, get current or make payment arrangements with anyone who's willing to work with you. Make sure your necessities come first. I'm talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. After that, get current with any credit cards and other types of debt you may have. Once you have these things taken care of, it's time to launch your Total Money Makeover!

You've already mentioned getting \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. That's Baby Step 1. After that, begin your debt snowball, which is Baby Step 2, and pay off your debts from smallest largest. In Baby Step 3 you'll save up and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to three to six months of expenses.

Once you reach this point, you really start looking to the future. In Baby Step 4 you start investing 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. College funding for any little ones is next in Baby Step 5, and Baby Step 6 is a biggie—pay off your house early!

But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. When you're able to build wealth and give, you've reached the pinnacle of smart money management. Not only are you securing your family's future for years, but you can help others and your community in a big way!
—Dave

family's lack of boundaries

Dear Dave,
My grandfather passed away a couple of months ago. I'm 32 and the only relative still living in town, so I helped take care of



Dave Ramsey

him and his place so he wouldn't have to go into an assisted living facility. In his will, he left his entire estate—the house and property plus about \$270,000—to me. I'm debt-free except for my house, and now my family is acting weird and telling me I'm making excuses for them being left out of the will. Do you have any advice?

Jason

Dear Jason,
Let me ask you something. Did you love your grandfather? It sure sounds to me like you did by taking care of him and his stuff. It sounds like he loved you a lot, too. So my advice is to do what he wanted and accept this generous inheritance. And your family needs to just shut up!

When you die, you can leave your belongings to whoever you choose. I mean, it was your grandfather's stuff, so it was his decision. Period. He could have left it directly to his children, grandchildren, a friend or even his dog if he'd wanted.

Let these family members with the problems contest the will. And you can spend the money grandfather left fighting them. The man left what he left, and there's no more. It was his money, his house and his property. They're not entitled to it just because they're breathing!

In the meantime, you need to learn how to be a wise investor and become debt-free, including the house! Start educating yourself on mutual funds and Roth IRAs. And don't beat yourself up over this, Jason. You haven't done anything wrong.
—Dave

Grant Creates Safer Communities

Three county law enforcement officials, along with representatives from the Women's Resource Center who are collaborating on a federally funded project met at the Emmet County Building in Petoskey recently to review details of a two year U.S. Department of Justice grant awarded through the Office on Violence Against Women. The grant, referred to as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Program (GTEA), will expand and enhance policies, protocol and training that will result in safer communities, while also ensuring the safety and confidentiality of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

The GTEA Program recognizes that these crimes require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions. Thoroughly investigating, arresting, and prosecuting perpetrators of these crimes, while providing close judicial scrutiny and management of offender's behavior is the overall goal of this funded project.

The grant project will be carried out through a partnership of prosecutors' offices, police departments, and the judicial system in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties including the Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTTB). The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) is the designated victim service provider who will help oversee the implementation of the project along with Kerry Zahner who is an experienced domestic violence and sexual assault specialist prosecutor. Emmet County will serve as the fiduciary.

The GTEA program is designed to encourage state, local, and Tribal governments and courts to treat sex-



James Linderman, Emmet County Prosecutor (from left); Kerry Zahner, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prosecutor; John Jarema, Charlevoix County Prosecutor; Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director; and Aaron Gauthier, Cheboygan County Assistant Prosecutor review details of a two year U.S. Department of Justice grant designed to encourage a coordinated effort of the entire criminal justice system in dealing with sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

ual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. The program challenges the entire community to listen, communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

For more information, contact Chris Krajewski, WRC Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program Director at 231-347-1572.



Jim Daly

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

QUICK RESOLUTIONS KEY TO ENDING MARITAL CONFLICTS

Q: My son and his wife seem to argue a lot, usually over minor stuff. Is this natural for young couples these days?

Jim: Disagreements happen in marriage, whether it's over where to go for dinner or something more serious like budgeting or the in-laws. Every situation is different, but if you feel your son and his wife are arguing too much, you might encourage them to talk to a pastor or marriage counselor.

That said, here are some general guidelines for resolving conflict in marriage, courtesy of authors Ron Blue and Jeremy White:

1. Stick to the problem at hand. Don't bring up past issues or accuse your spouse of "always" or "never" behaving a certain way.
2. Get on the same side of the fence. Don't think about "my way" or "your way." Work toward a solution that represents "our way."
3. Identify the core issue. Get to the heart of the problem, not just the symptoms.

4. Don't be a mind reader. Don't try to interpret your spouse's thoughts or motives; instead, ask direct questions.

5. If you haven't reached a consensus by bedtime, agree to resume the discussion the next day. Bitterness can take root in your marriage if you leave things unresolved.

6. Avoid character assassination. No matter how strongly you disagree, attacking your spouse's personality or character is never acceptable.

7. Never forget that your relationship with your spouse is far more important than winning or being "right."

8. Remember that love keeps no record of wrongs. Be quick to forgive, quick to admit your own mistakes, and quick to move on from the conflict.

That's great advice. We'd recommend it for any married couple that wants to reach a peaceful resolution when disagreement rears its head.

Q: I heard a marriage ex-

pert say that men want to be asked for help. I'm newly married and pretty much used to doing things for myself. So, when the garbage needs to be taken care of, do I ask my husband, "Would you please take out the garbage?" Or just do it myself? I really don't know when to ask for help...

Juli: You're a wise woman to be asking this question as a newlywed. Many wives don't ask for help and end up resenting the fact that "I have to do everything around the house!" While men love to come to their wife's rescue, they hate to be nagged or criticized.

As a newly married, independent woman, it's going to be natural for you to treat your husband as a friend as you both self-sufficiently go through life together. The beauty of marriage is that you learn to become interdependent -- he depends on you for some things and you depend on him for others.

To start fostering that

kind of healthy interdependence, choose a few things that you want his help with. I'd encourage you to pick things he's naturally better at than you are.

For example, my husband is far more organized than I am, so I ask him to help me with things that require organization. He's also physically stronger than I am -- so when it comes to lifting heavy objects or cleaning out the garage, I genuinely need help. Your husband can also help by giving advice or a unique perspective to a decision or difficult situation.

Most importantly, value the contribution he makes -- whether it's helping with household chores or giving you advice. Remember, if you want your husband to be a hero, you've got to be willing to need his help.

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The Best Food, Friends & Times at the Alpine Tavern & Eatery



Located just one block south of the heart of downtown Gaylord, the Alpine Tavern & Eatery is a prime destination for area residents and visitors seeking an absolutely delicious selection of "casual American fare" at very reasonable prices.

By Jim Akans

Located just one block south of the heart of downtown Gaylord, the Alpine Tavern & Eatery is a prime destination for area residents and visitors seeking an absolutely delicious selection of "casual American fare" at very reasonable prices.

Opening their doors in June of 2007 as the Alpine Oven, and transforming into the new Alpine Tavern & Eatery in 2010, this popular Gaylord destination has become the spot in town where friends gather to enjoy delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners in a relaxed, open, family-friendly setting that also features an outdoor patio during warm weather months.

Alpine Tavern & Eatery's menu features a tantalizing assortment of sandwiches, including the recently added slow roasted Beef Brisket and Tennessee Pull Pork selections, specialty pizzas and homemade soups, including White Bean Chicken Chili, Alpine Swiss Onion, Beef Barley and Rye. The Alpine Tavern & Eatery also offers an expanded menu that includes freshly prepared salads (they even make their own dressings and sauces at Alpine Tavern), tasty appetizers such as Portabella Cheese Strips, Panko

Breaded Mozzarella Sticks and main courses including hand cut New York Strip steak and Panko Encrusted Whitefish.

The pub-flavored atmosphere doesn't just look inviting, there are a full selection of beers, wines and spirits available. One of the more popular beers among Alpine Tavern customers is "Munich Dunkel," which is brewed in nearby Frankenmuth, Michigan, and another recent addition to their draft selections is the full-bodied, locally brewed Cheboygan Lighthouse ale. The Alpine Tavern & Eatery also features daily breakfast and lunch specials.

The Alpine Tavern (Oven) was originally established by partners Gary Kosch and Dan Bloomquist as a light-fare oriented diner and carry-out alternative in downtown Gaylord. The menu and service

hours were expanded to include breakfasts just a few months after the restaurant opened. In late 2008, familiar faces James and Colleen Hickey joined the partnership team.

"We enjoy being a part of a locally-owned and operated business here in Gaylord," states Colleen Hickey. "This is a very community-oriented place to live and work, and the Alpine Tavern & Eatery, being a family-owned operation, has become a part of that character. We are very excited about the changes we have been making."

Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and check out the friendly service, great atmosphere, and reasonable prices offered at this independently owned and operated dining experience; The Alpine Tavern & Eatery.

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Area Buck Poles Get Ready



This coming Tuesday is opening day, which isn't telling hunters eagerly anticipating the crack of dawn on November 15th anything they don't already know. What they may not be aware of, however, is the location of several "Buck Poles" in the area where they can proudly display the successful result of that opening day hunt, and maybe win a great prize for their efforts.

BOYNE CITY - Boyne Coop True Value will be holding a Buck Pole Contest Nov. 15-16. Register by 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Coop, 113 S. Park St., Boyne City. The registration fee is \$20, and there will be prizes for the top scores for men, women, youth and overall score. The Coop is donating 25% of the proceeds to the Boyne City Food Pantry. Free hot dogs and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16.

MANCELONA - Mancelona Chamber of Commerce plays host to northern Michigan's oldest and most

popular Buck Pole, November 15 and 16, downtown Mancelona (at the traffic light on US 131 at M-88). The contest opens at daylight on November 15, and runs continuously until 7:00 p.m. on November 16.

Hunters gather every year to share stories, photos and enjoy the warming tent, food booths, bonfire and chances to win great cash prizes. The buck pole also features a raffle drawing with numerous prizes.

Lucky hunters are invited to register their deer at the buck pole. For a \$5 registration fee, they'll receive a cap, patch and photo of themselves with their deer. The deer will be hung on the buck pole and hang your deer on the pole the hunter will have a chance to win a cash prize.

All registration money received goes into the "Lucky Hunter" drawing. One name will be pulled out, and that Lucky Hunter will receive all registration money, with a guaranteed minimum prize of \$200, regardless of the size of the deer!

INDIAN RIVER - Northern Michigan's Largest Buck Pole at Pat & Gary's

Party Store #1 all day on November 15th. Pre registration is by closing time on the 14th at the store. There is no cost to register. Everyone who registers and brings in a buck will get a prize. The First Prize is a Kimber 8400 LA Classic, 270 Winchester with Leopold 3-9 Scope. Second prize is a Browning A-Bolt .308 Redfield 4-12 Scope. Third is a Marlin .243 Sightron 3-9 Scope. There tons of other prizes, over 100 prizes total, most donated by local businesses.

Prizes awarded after last bucks are brought in by 8 pm on the 15th deadline

MACKINAW OUTFITTERS' BUCK POLE in Mackinaw City. Buck pole will be located in front of the store and will be open from Tuesday, November 15th through Saturday, November 19th. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am until 6 pm, Friday from 9 am until 8 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm. There is no registration required.

Prizes will be awarded at 5 pm on Saturday, and will include; first youth, first male and first female to bring in a buck. All bucks

that are entered will be eligible for the grand prize drawing on Saturday. Prizes are; First Place; \$250 gift certificate, Second Place; \$100 gift certificate, Third Place; \$25 gift certificate.

GRAYLING - Skip's Sport Shop- 53rd Annual Buck Pole. Awards will be given out Tuesday, November 15th & Wednesday, November 16th at Skip's Sports Shop. Get your Orange Coat Round-Up Buttons early for only \$2.00 (available at Skip's Sports Shop, the Grayling Chamber and around town). Helps support operation of the Grayling Buck Pole (sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club).

Cash Awards for Bucks (may win in multiple categories): First Deer Each Day, First 10 Deer Each Day, First Lady Hunter Each Day, Youngest Hunter Each Day, Oldest Hunter Each Day, Heaviest Buck Each Day & Biggest Rack Each Day and SCOPED HUNTING RIFLE for Largest Scored Rack Over Both Days.

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"Shawn was a great help on Spirit day! He also is a media center aide - and goes above and beyond what is expected of him." (Mrs. Place, Media Center Specialist)

"Shawn is dependable, mature, respectful, and helpful. I will miss Shawn's work ethic and wish him the best next year." (Mrs. Michael-Sikora, Secretary)

Area Chamber of Commerce is holding their 2011 Buck Pole Contest on November 15th and 16th. There is no entry fee, though bucks must be shot within 25 miles of the Hillman area. The Buck Pole will be open from sunrise until 9 pm. Prizes will included; Largest Rack - Marlin 30.06 Rifle, Second Largest Rack (Head Mount or \$250), Heaviest Buck (skin, cut and wrap by Morrison's Market), 2nd Heaviest Buck (Gift Certificate), First Buck Each Day (Gift Certificate), Lady with Largest Rack (Gift Package from Northern Styles), Next two to Hang on Buck Pole (Gift Certificates).

VANDERBILT - The 24th annual Buck Pole will be hosted Elkhorn Grill on November 15th from 7 am to 7:30 pm. First, Second and Third cash prizes for widest inside spread plus points. Weight is tiebreaker. Several other prizes for first buck, youngest male and female hunter and biggest youth buck (16 & under), oldest hunter and most non-typical rack. Bonfire, hot dogs chili, hot chocolate and coffee starting around 5 pm.

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733-2874 - The Onaway Chamber of Commerce presents Chamber will their annual Big Buck Contest on opening day, November 15th, from 10 am until 7 pm. Bucks must remain on the pole until 7 pm. Biggest Bucks (points and spread) - First Prize is a full shoulder mount (Leaton & Judy's Taxidermy), Second is a NuWay Stove and Third is a set of Bushnell Binoculars (Parrott's Outpost) and Fourth is a \$50 gift certificate to Red Oak Gunsmithing.

Other prizes will include; Oldest Hunter (\$60 gift card Dan's Meat Processing), Biggest Buck - Hunter under 16 years old (\$25 gift card Parrott's Outpost), Biggest Buck - Woman Hunter (\$25 gift card to Manzana's), and Youngest Hunter (large pizza from Bobby B's Pizza).

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Opening Day firearms right around the corner

DNR CHECKPOINTS AVAILABLE

By Chris Fiel

With opening day firearms season right around the corner and the bait ban lifted, but limited from October 1 - January 1, with a limit of no more than two gallons per hunting site at any given time and spread of over 100 sq. ft. (10' x 10') area, many area merchants have not seen much of an increase in sales over previous years that baiting was banned in the lower peninsula.

The only exception is that of sugar beets, with the lift on the baiting ban happening in June, many of the farmers had already planted their crops for the season. A lot of area merchants are having a difficult time getting delivers of beets, and if they do, they are in minimum quantities and at a cost twice that of last year.

If you're heading out to the woods for the first time, or if you're an experienced hunter, remember to adhere to the safety rules to ensure the safety of yourself and others, dress appropriately (including hunter orange), know how to properly handle your firearm, be familiar with the area you will be hunting and enjoy your time in the great outdoors.

The firearms deer season runs from November 15-30. Hunting hours begin at 6:59 am thru 5:47 pm on November 15. November 16 hunting hours are 7:00 am - 5:46 pm. Times can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

The DNR has also announced that there will be a few area checkpoints for hunters to bring their wildlife to. (Information provided by - www.michigan.gov/dnr)

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The Department of Natural Resources wildlife officials remind hunters that the DNR would like to check as many deer as possible during all the deer seasons to continue gathering critical data of Michigan's deer herd. The data is important for monitoring the herd's health and determining population size.

During all deer seasons, deer can be checked at DNR Operation Service Centers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday (except state holidays). Other check stations are only open on specific days. For more details, see the list of DNR Deer Check Stations for the 2011 Deer Season.

The last day to check your deer will be Jan. 6, 2012.

The DNR will test any deer that is identified as "suspect" for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and bovine tuberculosis (TB). The DNR will also collect samples of deer from areas where disease concerns have been identified, which include the five counties in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula within the TB area, as well as Iosco, Shiawassee, Cheboygan, and Emmet counties.

For more information on rules and safety, you can go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

News

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Veterans Day Almost 100 years ago

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served in the United States armed forces in all wars, particularly living veterans. At many places the American Flag is flown at half mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes is held at 11 A.M. at many gatherings.

History

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations was signed and came into effect.

On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time by then President Wilson. He proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory"

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings".

On May 13, 1938 Congress enacted a law which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of WWI. A few years later, WWII required the largest mobilization of service men and women in the history of the United States. This was followed by the Korean War. In 1954

the Veteran Service Organizations petitioned the Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved the change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill changed Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. The change caused so much confusion that in 1975 President Ford signed another law changing Veterans Day back to Nov. 11th.

Show Your Gratitude

Have you ever wanted to show your gratitude to the troops, but didn't know how?

Have you ever wanted to say "thank you" to a service person but you didn't?

An easy way to show your gratitude is to look the service person straight in the eye, place your right hand over your heart and then extend the hand, palm up. This indicates heart felt warmth and thanks without saying a word.

VETERANS AND
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Submitted by **John Hess, Veterans Affairs Director, Charlevoix County**

Who is a Veteran?

By **John Hess,**

Veterans Affairs Director, Charlevoix County

You would think this is an easy question. In the hundreds of laws passed by the federal and state government, over the years, you would think at least one of them would give a clear and concise definition of "military veteran".

The State of Michigan defines a veteran as a person, who served in the active military forces, during a period of war or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who died in active military forces. Uniformity of Service Dates (Excerpt) Act 190 of 1965.

MCLA 35.61.

What about the military person who served and protected in other than war time?

Consider the National Guard or the Reserves are they not veterans?

The US Government has taken this confusion & chaos at least 20 steps further.

In actuality, there is no standardized legal definition of "military service" in the United States Government. Veteran's benefits were not created all at the same time. They have been added one by one, by Congress, over the past 200 or so years. Each time Congress has enacted a new law authorizing and creating a new veteran benefit they have included eligibility requirements for that particular benefit. Whether or not you are considered a "veteran", in the eyes of the federal government, depends entirely upon which veteran program or benefit you are applying to use.

I wish I could give credit to the person who penned the following quote but the author is unknown. For my purposes this definition fits best.

"A veteran is someone, who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life."

During the course of serving our country a service member accrues a series of military benefits. Once the service member is honorably discharged they may be able to draw upon these military benefits.

The military likes to describe an honorably discharged service member this way.

"A service member who has been discharged in other than dishonorable conditions".

It's kind of like sneaking in the back door.

There is one common denominator

that is normally connected to most military benefits. That is the discharge paper. Also called the DD-214. Without this one piece of paper nothing else can happen. Honorable discharge for the purposes of military benefits also includes the term "general discharge". The type of discharge is listed, in a box, on the DD-214, termed "Character of Service".

I remember, on the day I was discharged, there was a gentleman standing in the front of the room packed with sub sailors waving a piece of paper and speaking loudly "This is your DD-214, do not lose it. This piece of paper is the key to all and any military benefits you may receive from the US government."

At the time that small piece of paper seemed insignificant in the whole scheme of things. We just wanted to get as far away from that post or base as fast as possible and get on with our lives.

As time moved on some of us dimly remembered something about that small piece of paper. At some point in our lives we may have felt the need to determine if we were eligible to apply for any of our earned benefits. That benefit may be health related, educational benefits, veteran's home loans or any of the other benefits we earned. If you ever expect to receive military benefits this paper (DD-214) becomes golden.

At this time I would like to point out that Military Benefits, like social security, are not an entitlement, they are something service members have earned. The benefit has been paid for with your money or with your service. You made a contract with the Federal Government and you have fulfilled your part of the bargain. It is now time for the Federal Government to fulfill their end of the deal.

If you still have a copy of your DD-214, or discharge papers, take copies of them to the County Clerks office to be filed. This will insure that you or your legal representatives will always have access to copies of your discharge papers.

If you cannot find your discharge papers then go to your county veteran's affairs office. An officer at the office will file papers with State or Federal offices to retrieve copies of your discharge papers for you.

Once you have received your copies of the DD-214 take a set of them to the County Clerks office for filing and safe keeping. Always retain a set for yourself.

In all probability, at some point in your life, you or your family will need this, not so insignificant, piece of paper.

"Thanks for your service." (NBF)

Ellsworth Scholars Recognized



November 7th, the Ellsworth National Honor Society hosted its annual induction ceremony. The 2011 inductees are (left to right) Ethan Wallace, Crissa Karavas, Ashley Drenth, Roger Dickinson, Elizabeth Sowers, and Nate Veldboom.

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A light at the end of the streets

B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The city's streets are nearing completion of reconstruction and paving.

The engineering firm of C2AE manages the infrastructure projects. Kevin Makarewicz informed the city commissioners at the Nov. 1 meeting that paving is complete on Pine, Vance and Elizabeth streets.

C2AE submitted a pay application for \$47,000 because the various projects went over the bid award by that amount. The projected final cost is \$2,453,000. Some of the extra charges are because of the need for a larger structure and an additional valve at Rogers

Road and the need to replace sanitary leads and abandon a lift station.

City administrator Bob Anderson advised the commission that he hopes the EMS and Fire Station and the Sav-A-Lot business will soon be hooked into the city sewer system.

The public information meetings that were held every Thursday at City Hall have been very successful, but have been discontinued because of the end of the project, Anderson said.

The East Jordan Garden Club would like to sponsor the Winter Farmer's Market at the Civic Center on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., be-

ginning December and ending March 2012. Commissioners waived any fees for the Civic Center to the Garden Club.

Anderson reported that he is in negotiations for selling the old fire station on Main Street. A commercial appraisal placed a \$70,000 value on the building. Anderson will begin to market the former EMS/Ambulance building for sale.

Mayor Paul Timmons said the infrastructure projects have been a lot of extra work for the Department of Public Works crew and that nearly every department within the city pitched in to help. He complemented the departments and crews.

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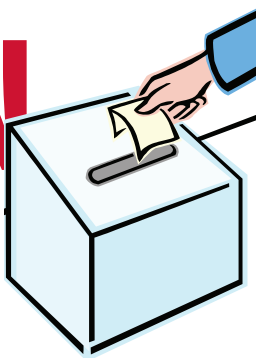
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ELECTION RESULTS



Voters make choices in cities and townships

The Nov. 8 local election results are unofficial until verified, however here are the preliminary results.

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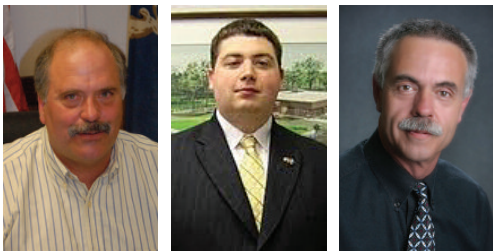
In Boyne City, 577 votes were cast. Gene Towne was elected to a 2-year term. With two city commission seats open and three candidates, voters filled the two seats with Thomas Neidhamer who garnered 275 votes and with Derek Gaylord with 194 votes. Mark Dole had 107 votes.



Gene Towne Derek Gaylord Thomas Neidhamer

EAST JORDAN:

East Jordan residents cast 1,071 votes. City commissioners are Ray Fisher (photo unavailable), Incumbent, with 180 votes, Paul Timmons, Incumbent, with 166 votes, Tony Cutler with 156 votes and Lee Symonds with 144 votes. Carron Rogers, Tinea Spence lost their seats on the commission.



Paul Timmons Tony Cutler Lee Symonds

CHARLEVOIX

The city of Charlevoix clerk Carol Ochs and city council members Dennis Kusina, Bryan Vollmer and Jill Picha had no opposition and retain their positions.

The Charlevoix School Board of Education had one seat open and two candidates. Richard E. Joseph received 509 votes to Dale Boss's 394 votes. The term is four years.

HAYES TOWNSHIP:

In Hayes Township voters approved a road millage renewal 185-96.

3rd Annual Juried Photography Show Opens November 12

The Charlevoix Photography Club announced that 37 photographers submitted more than 100 images for entry in the 3rd Annual Juried Photography Show for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. The Circle of Arts is hosting an open house Saturday, November 12 from 5pm – 7pm to display the many entries.

Professional photographer and writer, Thomas Kachadurian, from Traverse City, who is serving as the Juror has completed the judging process and has determined the winners in each of the categories and the image that is the Best of Show. The winners will not be announced until the opening of the show on Saturday, November 12. Mr. Kachadurian will be present at the opening reception from 5 to 7 pm on November 12. He will comment on the show and announce his selections of winners. Photographers will be at the Circle of Arts from 5pm –



8pm to visit with patrons.

The cash prizes for the adult categories have been underwritten by a donation from Grey Gables Inn of Charlevoix and the cash prizes for the Youth Category have been underwritten by Ben Franklin - Mitchell Street Frameworks of Petoskey. Mike Schlitt of the Charlevoix Photography Club said, "We are very pleased that these donors have made the cash prizes possible. They enhance the importance of the

show and are a real incentive for the photographers. We are very grateful.

Visitors to the show at the opening reception and until its closing on December 30, 2011 will be able to vote for the People's Choice Award in each category. Chris Leese, Chairman of the Show Committee, said, "It will be exciting, to see if the visitors agree with the Juror's decisions or have their own choices. We think this is a unique feature of the show."



Extended Hours at the Circle of Arts

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) Photography Exhibition will be hosting the "Opening Reception this Saturday, November 12 from 5:00 TO 7:00 PM. We will be having extended late night hours at the Circle of Arts through the Holidays, Friday and Saturday until 8:00 PM. This will offer guest an opportunity to meet many of the artists who are exhibiting their photography in the show. Mike Schlitt founder of the Charlevoix Circle Photography club will also be on hand to answer any questions that you might have about the exhibit or joining the CCA Photography Club. This club provides great speakers and hands on learning experiences to enhance member's knowledge and enjoyment of their photography skills. Group trips and expeditions during special outdoor shooting and experts helping has made this one of the most interesting clubs in the North.

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