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Fourth-grade students are iPad enthusiasts

B. J. Conley

OYNE CITY — About half way through Rebecca Wildman's 4th grade class, the teacher passed out iPads to her students. The elementary school students dispersed throughout the room, some sat on the floor, some at desks and a few found comfortable chairs.

All of the students had something in common — they were fully engrossed in the iPads. The classroom was hushed as the class practiced spelling or found a topic to research. The iPads have a speaker that a student can use to bring something up on the screen.

"Horses" Lizzy Suttle spoke into the top of her iPad and breeds of horses showed up on her iPad with information about the various breeds.

Zach Devers shared his knowledge about iPads.

"You can do more things than you can with paper and a pencil," he said. "You can use other pages and you can look stuff up. I like everything about iPads.'

Jillian Cain liked the books she could read online the best, she said,

The Board of Education decided to purchase iPads for students in the elementary grades. The 4th grade is the only grade where every student has an iPad. The other grades share iPads for now.

The total cost of the iPads is \$488 each and there are 220 in the building, elementary school principal Fred Sitkins said.

"The grants got the ball rolling





Boyne City Elementary School teacher, Rebecca Wildman(above), works with one of her 4th grade students, Megan Hope, on an iPad. The entire class is learning about the many functions of the devices. Other students working on iPads are Jillian Cain (right) and Lizzy Suttle (left). PHOTOS BY B. J. CONLEY



and then the millage kicked in," he materials. said. The Boosters Foundation gave a \$6,000 donation and the elementary school PTO donated \$14,481. Also purchased were iPad applications, books, drums, special education curriculum and spelling

Many school districts are paying for iPads through federal and other grants, including money from the federal Race to the Top competitive grant program, Win-

See CLASSROOM iPADS—2A

Boyne City commission welcomes new members



Boyne City city commissioners who were elected on Nov. 8 attended their first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Mike Cummings and Chuck Vondra decided not to run for another term. Commissioners Laura Sansom, Ron Grunch and Gene Towne remain on the commission. From left are Laura Sansom, Derek Gaylord, Ron Grunch, Tom Neidhamer and Gene Towne.

BOYNE CITY — Commissioner Ron Grunch is the city's new mayor, having been elected by fellow commissioners at a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Gene Towne was elected mayor pro tem.

City manager Michael Cain said he looks forward to working with the new commissioners, Derek Gaylord and Tom Neidhamer, who attended their first meeting since they were voted into office on Nov. 8. Cain also

thanked Chuck Vondra and Mike Cummings who did not run for another term for their service to the city.

"It's my firm belief that Boyne City is in a better place because of the commissioners [in the last term]," Cain said.

The commission will keep the same meeting schedule as in the past. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the 4th Tuesday of the month at noon and are held at City Hall.

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County needs a new substation, sheriff savs

B. J. Conley

A sheriff department substation is needed on the east side of Charlevoix County, Sheriff Don Schneider told the county board of commissioners at a Nov. 9 meeting at the county building.

"The original substation in Boyne Falls is too small. There's been a lot of growth on the east side of the county," Sheriff Schneider said. "I'm embarrassed of the substation as it is today."

The sheriff's office has had to use outside storage facilities, some of the police vehicles are parked at the Boyne Falls school garage and when deputies respond with a snowmobile they have to get one from the other side of the county and bring it over to the east side, the sheriff said.

County commissioner Ron Reinhardt said he agrees that something is needed in Boyne Falls, but that the plans are overly ambitious.

"I think it's too large, it's a little bit of overkill," Reinhardt said.

The sheriff said the size of approximately 58 feet in width and 88 feet in length for the building is needed for storage of vehicles impounded when some cases go to court and for a wash rack

See SHERIFF SUBSTATION—2A

East Jordan Iron Works and affiliates announce name change to EJ

East Jordan Iron Works, Inc., and its affiliated companies which include Norinco in France, Cavanagh in Ireland, McCoy in Canada, and HaveStock in Australia, are pleased to announce that beginning January 1, 2012, they will all do business using the same name and brand EJ.

Thomas Teske, Vice President, General Manager at the company's world headquarters located in East Jordan notes, "Area residents will notice the signage on the Iron Works building being change over the next couple of weeks. The name is being changed because we want to consolidate our existing companies under one global brand name."

EJ has multiple sales, distribution, and manufacturing facilities located in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Australia; providing access solutions to the world's infrastructure systems. Products include cast manhole covers and frames, gratings, fabricated metal products, and fire hydrants and gate valves.

The company has transformed into the global leader in product development, sales and marketing, as well as manufacturing and distribution of infrastructure ac-

See IRON WORKS NAME— 2A

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THURSDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Low 30's

FRIDAY



HIGH: Upper 40's LOW: Mid 30's

SATURDAY



HIGH: Low 40's LOW: Mid 30's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Upper 20's

MONDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Low 30's

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TUESDAY

HIGH: Upper 30's LOW: Upper 20's

record temps

DayAvg. High	Avg. Low.	Record High.	Record Low
1745°F	30°F	69°F (1953)	9°F (1959)
1845°F	29°F	68°F (1958)	9°F (1989)
1944°F	29°F	70°F (1953)	9°F (1951)
2044°F	29°F	65°F (1953)	14°F (1951)
2143°F	29°F	63°F (1953)	14°F (1964)
2243°F	28°F	58°F (1963)	9°F (1971)
2342°F	28°F	62°F (2003)	6°F (1989)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

November 7-13

911 Hang Up Call5
Abandoned Vehicle1
Abuse0
Alarm5
Animal Complaint17
Annoyance1
Assault1
Assist Citizen4
Assist Motorist2
Assist Other Agency18
Attempt to Locate1
Attempted Suicide1
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering1
Car/Deer Accident26
Citations Issued10
Civil Complaint7
Criminal Sexual Conduct0
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance3
DNR Complaint1
Domestic Dispute2
Driving Complaint2
Fireworks Complaint0
Found Property0
Fraud0
Health & Safety3
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person1
Juvenile4
Larceny2
Lockout3
Lost Property2

Malicious Destruction of Property.....3

Mental Subject0

Minor In Possession.....1

Miscellaneous Criminal4

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....1

Operating Under the Influence.....2

Paper Service......13

Personal Injury Accident4

Personal Protection Order......0

Private Property Accident3

Property Damage Accident9

Suspicious Situation......12

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 7

8:28am Report of fraudulent use of credit card from the 200 block of S Lake St

9:08am Report of vandalism from the 800 block of State St 10:41am Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

1:23pm Arrested subject on

warrant.
2:47pm Unlock in the 400 block
of N Lake St

5:17pm Assist Sheriff Department in locating larceny suspect 5:28pm Lost wallet reported from the 400 block of N Lake St 5:39pm Civil standby near Park

and Pine Streets
7:15pm Assist Sheriff Department with disturbance in Boyne

Tuesday, November 8

12:27pm Received driving complaint on Wildwood Harbor Rd. Unable to locate vehicle. 9:20pm Vandalism found in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

Wednesday, November 9

12:29am Found vandalism to warming hut at Avalanche 10:41am Report of stray dog

10:41am Heport of stray dog wandering on Pine St near Park St 2:59pm Report of unattended child in the 300 block of E Division

11:29pm Report of open door on Front St

Thursday, November 10 7:25am Citation issued for ex-

7:25am Citation is pired plate

8:09am 911 hang up from the 900 block of Brockway St 3:54pm Report of 5 year old

3:54pm Report of 5 year old child being harassed by older children in the 300 block of E Division

St. 4:06pm Attempted to assist citizen locked out of residence in the 600 block of Jersey St

10:22pm Report of harassme

9:37pm Assist Sheriff Department with accident on Deer Lake

11:22pm Assist Sheriff Depart-

ment and ambulance on M-75 S **Friday, November 11**

9:14am Report of abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of S Park St 10:29am Report of abandoned jet skis on Division St

10:40am Request for emergency message delivery in the 500 block of N Lake St

2:50pm Citation issued for disregard stop sign

3:44pm Report of children being threatened in the 300 block of E Di-

5:35pm Assist probation officer with house check on E Water St 6:18pm Report of disturbance in

the 300 block of E Division St

9:42pm Report of suspicious subject in Road in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

10:48pm Report of possible PPO violation in the 400 block of N Lake St. No violation

Saturday, November 12

12:15am Assist Sheriff Department with accident on Addis Rd
1:33am Report of suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of S Lake St.
Was subject looking for his dog.

10:29am Juvenile complaint received in the 300 block of Silver St 11:33am Report of dog running at large on Silver St. Located owner.

12:27pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Driver located and returned to pay.

3:45pm Larceny complaint received from the 100 block of N park

St. Suspect caught. 4:34pm Assist ambulance in the 800 block of E Main St 6:28pm Dispatched deer at State

and Hannah Streets
9:21pm Report of open window
in the 300 block of E Water St

11:05pm Citation issued for

Sunday, November 13

12:05pm Trespass complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St

1:00pm Property damage accident at Boyne City Rd and W Court St

7:38pm Gasoline drive off from the the 1300 block of Boyne Av 10:04pm Report of disturbance in the 300 block of N Park St

10:57pm Arrested 2 subjects for possession of marijuana in the 300 block of E Division St

COUNTY RECORDS

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases recently received sentencing in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court:

Arnold Eugene Beckner, 62, Mancelona. Controlled substancedelivery/manufacture. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Wanda Mae McPherson, 46, Boyne City. Attempted obstruction of justice. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

DISTRICT COURT The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court

for the County of Charlevoix: Robert Alan Seamon, 47, Boyne City. Driving with no license. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and

Cody William McCary, 25, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$600 and to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 91 days.

Frank James Montel III, 49, Petoskey. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200

in fines and costs.

Lawrence William Crocker, 33,
Boyne Falls. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay

soyne Falls. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs. Michael Ray Trowbridge, 42,

Alanson. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and to 20 days in jail. Jaycob Peter Montague, 23,

Traverse City. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Dawn Maurer, 34,

Rimberly Dawn Maurer, 34, Boyne City. Retail fraud 3rd degree. Sentenced to pay \$425 in fines and costs and to 20 days in jail with credit for four days. Serve 16 days.

Thomas David Harris, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd or subsequent. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Charles August Meier III, 35, Charlevoix and Beth Ann Hines, 36, Charlevoix.

Marvin Lloyd Swanson Jr., and Doriann MacGillivray. Norman Dale Gardner, 73,

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Spring Harbor Apartments, 301, 305, 321, 329 Silver St., Boyne City by VDC IV, LLC, c/o Valentino M. Trabucchi.

Jennifer's Cleaning Service, 103 W. Dixon, #102, Charlevoix by Jennifer M. Hanson.

Vehicle strikes utility pole

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports on 11/13/2011 at 17:49 hrs. the Beaver Island Fire Department and Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of East Side Dr. near the Welke Airport for a vehicle that had struck a utility pole and had left the scene.

The Sheriff's Office investigation revealed a 1989 Chevy pickup was traveling West on East Side Dr. in Peaine Township when that vehicle ran off the roadway, drove over an embankment, and struck a utility pole. The utility pole was completely broken leaving the wires across the roadway and part of the Island without power.

The driver of the vehicle, 31 year old Beaver Island resident Roger Anderson fled the scene and was interviewed the following morning by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. Anderson admitted to the accident and that he had been drinking.

Anderson was cited for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

FROM PAGE 1

Sheriff Substation

to keep the deputies' cars clean.

Reinhardt said he's heard from some of his constituents that cars and stored in a heated building.
Commissioner Rich
Gillespie said the matter
should be referred to the
Buildings and Grounds
committee. He agreed to
ride with the sheriff to the
substation location.

"I'll sit in the front seat because that door opens," Gillespie quipped.

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FROM PAGE 1

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cess solutions. They have grown over the years by investing in their employees, modernizing existing facilities, and building and acquiring additional sales offices and manufacturing facilities around the world.

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FROM PAGE 1 Classroom iPads

nie Hu of The New York Times reported on Jan. 4.

But technology advocates like Elliot Soloway, an engineering professor at the University of Michigan questions whether school officials have become so enamored with iPads that they have overlooked less costly options, like smartphones that offer similar benefits at a fraction of the iPad's base cost of about \$500-\$750.

Professor Soloway said the existing off-the-shelf technology and hardware can be bought for probably \$300 to \$400 less per device, The New York Times reported.

The Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education received a \$6,000 donation from the Booster Foundation for the elementary school iPads and a \$14,481 donation from the PTO to purchase iPads, iPad applications, books, drums, special education curriculum and spelling

materials.
Teacher Rebecca Wildman is thrilled with the opportunities to expand her teaching with the iPads.

"It's an exciting time to educate," she said. "They are great tools and a great way for me to teach to individual students."

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Notice of Early Deadline

Next Week's paper will deadline on **Sunday, November 20.**

The Weekly Choice & Charlevoix County News is normally published weekly on Thursday. Next week's paper will be published on Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving).

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"Earlier Than The Bird" Holiday Shopping this Saturday in Boyne City

By Jim Akans

Beat the annual day after Thanksgiving shopping madness this coming Saturday, November 19th, as 29 Boyne City area businesses will be offering an "Earlier Than the Bird" holiday shopping event from 7 to 11 am. It's an excellent chance to kick off the holiday shopping season with fantastic shopping deals, and take a break to enjoy coffee and pastries with shopping buddies during this very special morning.

It's not even necessary to change out of those pajamas for the event because it's okay, and even encouraged, for shoppers to enjoy making holiday purchases while donning their nighttime wear. In fact, shoppers wearing pajamas will receive a special gift! All they have to do is stop by the Boyne Area Chamber office at 28 S. Lake Street to receive a free coffee mug, as well as a special sales highlight flyer. Be advised that sweats and workout clothes do not qualify as pajamas for receiving a

As of press time, this year's participating merchants include:

WATER/PARK STREETS

ALPINE CHOCOLAT HAUS, One Water St. - 20% off everything in the store, plus sweet treats for

THE BIRD'S NEST, 112 Water St. Get your MOGO on, buy either a bracelet or 3 charms and get a free heart charm. Clementine and Chloe collection, 20% off dresses.

BOYNE COUNTRY PROVI-SIONS & Wine Emporium, 127 &

Betsy Schnell wore a bunny hat and her bathrobe on her way to bargains at Earlier than the Bird in





This group of pajama-clad shoppers stopped at the Chamber for a souvenir coffee mug to start their Earlier than the Bird shopping trip.

123 Water St. - Free coffee and croissants. \$5 off any \$50 purchase (not including spirits). Enter to win a gift basket

BOYNE RAPIDS Adventure Golf - Visit us Nov. 19 at No Boundaries, 126 Water St. 50% off 2012 season passes, individual or family. Family season pass sale price is \$150. Passes include unlimited access to both golf courses + batting cages. Phone 582-6858.

BOYNE COOP TRUE VALUE, 113 S. Park St. - \$25 off Edenpure Gen 3 heater, 10% off all Husqvarna power equipment (snow throwers, chainsaws, tractors, etc.), 25% off Carhartt winter clothing, Georgia or Rocky boots (excluding sale merchandise), 25% off fishing rods, reels and tackle, \$5 off per gallon Benjamin Moor Regal Interior paint, \$5 off any \$25 purchase of regular price items with this flier/newsletter.

BOYNE TRADING CO., 109 Water St. - 25% off many regularpriced items, 10% off Life is Good, 25-75% off select garments. Spend \$50 to enter drawing for two \$25 gift certificates.

BOYNE'S BEYOND BORDERS, 120 Water St. - Enter our drawing for a\$40 gift certificate, no purchase necessary.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS. 101 Water St. (inside Sunburst Marine) - coupons for a free classified ad and a free copy of the Nov. 17 issue of the paper.

COUNTRY NOW & THEN / Up The Lazy River, 211 E. Water St. -The Early Bird gets the specials: 7 to 8 a.m. 25% off most items; wear your pajamas enter to win a \$50 gift certificate; 8:01 to 9:30 a.m. 20% off most items, wear your pajamas enter to win a \$25 gift certificate; 9:31 to 11 a.m. 15% off

most items, wear your pajamas enter to win one of two \$15 gift certificates. We will be serving mimosas, juice and breakfast treats.

INSPIRED LIVING - If you're wearing your pajamas... 30% off anything in the store from 7-8 a.m., 25% off from 8-9, 20% off from 9-10 and 15% off from 10-11. The first 25 people who show up with their "inspired living" bags receive a free gift and anyone who fills out or updates their "Wish Lists" will be entered to win a \$50 shopping spree. Also, yummy green smoothies.

KILWINS CHOCOLATES of Boyne City, 102 Water St. - Complimentary sweet treats for all. Buy plus 15% off everything else.

LOCAL FLAVOR, 125 Water St. -15% off all 2012 calendars, 40% off selected mystery/suspense/romance novels, 50% off specialty coffee drinks; free hot chocolate for kids.

NO BOUNDARIES, 126 Water St. - Buy two pair of socks, get one free; 25% off shoes and boots, up to 50% off selected items throughout the store.

NORTHERN EAGLE CLOTH-IER, 118 Water St. - Drawing for a discount at time of purchase -10%, 20%, or 50% off any item in the store and receive an additional draw for a future visit. Yummy refreshments.

RADIO SHACK, 108 Water St. -Special offers throughout the store.

SUBWAY, 114 Water St. - Breakfast Combo, 6" breakfast sandwich & drink for \$3. BOGO - Buy one 6" sandwich and get one of equal or lesser value FREE. (Premium & double meat subs not included.)

gifts, shoes and boots. WILDWOOD RUSH Zipline

Canopy Tour - Look for our big red truck downtown, offering 10% off gift cards good any time in

St. -25% off all clothing, 10% off

LAKE STREET

BOYNE AREA CHAMBER, 28 S. Lake St. - Join the Chamber and receive a free \$25 ticket to our annual meeting Jan. 19. "Boyne Bucks" city-wide gift certificates now available for the holidays.

BOYNE CITY GAZETTE, 5 W. Main St., Suite 7 (Water Street Center) - 10% off gift subscriptions. You can also "gift yourself." CINDI FRANCO'S Cool Stuff,

309 S. Lake St. - Mimosas and Bailey's coffee, premade garlands just buy, hang and plug in. \$100 certificate drawing - one entry for every \$20 spent.

DUNAGAIN'S ANTIQUES & Collectibles, 219 S. Lake St. - Many items 20-50% off. 209 S. Lake St.

FRESHWATER STUDIO, 217 S. Lake St. - Drawing for a stadium blanket. Serving cider, cocoa and small treats for the kids too.

MARY'S OF BOYNE, 108 S. Lake St. - Door prizes and treats. 25% off all regular-priced fashions for the early risers. Get your own wishes written down in our Wish Book for Santa and your family/friends to bring you. Awesome selection of cozy sweaters, tops, slacks, etc. After 11 a.m., all fashions will be 20% off for the rest of Saturday and Sunday.

MAIN STREET

SUN FOR THE SOUL, 5 West SUNBURST MARINE, 101 Water Main St. (Water Street Center) -

Complimentary cappuccino or mimosa. Hourly drawings, including grand prize of a glamor makeover. Check out our new ANAMA boutique, layaways available. Draw for a discount on your

purchase. SWEETGRASS FRAMING, 14 E. Main St. 40% off custom framing (12 styles to choose from) and 50% off ready-made frames.

SWIM TO YOU, 5 West Main St. (Water Street Center) - Half off sale merchandise with an orange dot. 10% off all new 2012 swimwear.

UPSY DAISY FLORAL, 5 W. Main St. (Water Street Center) -Come in and draw for \$2, \$5 or \$10 off coupon good through Decem-

HIGHWAY M-75

SHAGGY'S SKIS, 1170 S. Highway M-75 - \$99 skis, 2009/10 models while supplies last. 25% off the already discounted price of 2010/11 model skis, for a total of 58-70% off. 25% off T-shirts, hats and accessories. Free cookies and hot cocoa.

This is the 3rd annual Earlier Than The Bird holiday shopping event held in Boyne City, and it is being sponsored by the Boyne Main Street Program / DDA and the Boyne Area Chamber of Com-

Organizers of the event relate; "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."

For additional details, please contact the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 582-6222.

TRACKING LEGISLATION

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 4647: Kurt Heise: Introduced May 17, 2011

A bill that would allow expert witness testimony to be given in court via video communication equipment under certain condi-

Status: Referred to second reading on 10-20-11.

House Resolution No. 156: Mark Meadows: Introduced Nov. 9, 2011

A resolution to memorialize Congress to resolve the internet taxation issue and enact legislation, such as the Main Street Fairness Act, to allow states to collect sales taxes on internet and other remote sales transactions.

Status: Referred to Committee on Tax Policy on Nov. 9, 2011

House Resolution No. 153: Joel Johnson: Introduced Nov. 8, 2011

A resolution to encourage Michigan schools to offer foreign language classes in elementary school.

Status: Referred to Committee on Education on Nov. 8, 2011.

Senate Resolution No. 94: Judith Emmons: Introduced Nov. 2, 2011

A resolution to memorialize Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor to halt the implementation of proposed restrictions regarding youth employment on farms.

Status: Adopted by the Senate on Nov. 9, 2011.

Senate Bill 637: Roger Kahn: Introduced Sept. 13, 2011

A bill that would amend Section 1347 of the Revised School Code, which requires a school district to purchase and display a United States flag for each school building in the district. The bill would further require the board of a school district or intermediate district or the board of directors of a public school academy to ensure that each pupil was required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States each day. However, the bill provides that a student could not be compelled to recite the Pledge against the pupil's or parent's objections, and the board would have to ensure that the pupil was not subject to any penalty or bullying if he or she did not recite

the pledge. The bill also would require that the board ensure that a United States flag was displayed in each classroom in which pupils were required to recite the pledge.

Status: Passed by the Senate on Nov. 10, 2011.

House Bill 4163: Philip Potvin: Introduced Feb. 1, 2011

A bill to require schools to adopt a policy that prohibits harassment or bullying at school. The new law would be known as "Matt's Safe School Law." **Status:** Passed by the House on Nov. 10, 2011.

Senate Bill 640: Roger Kahn: Introduced Sept. 13, 2011 A bill to prescribe standards for the manufacture, sale and



display of certain flags of the United States and the state flag; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials. Further, this state or an agency of this state or a local unit of government shall not purchase a flag of the United States or a state flag of Michigan for display upon a building or property owned, or entirely leased, or operated by this state or a local unit of government unless the flag was manufactured in the United States.

News

Ice rink for Boyne City

An Ice Rink fundraiser is scheduled in Boyne City at Café Santa on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event includes dinner and a silent auction. Entertainers include Nelson Olstrom and Nathan Bates. Proceeds will help pay for the new ice rink

that will be created in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber office. The Boyne City Main Street Program is spearheading the ice rink project. Check with the Chamber (231-582-6222) or Main Street (231-582-9009) for details.

Senate approves Walker amendment to keep northern Michigan welcome centers open

LANSING--A budget amendment that will restore funding to keep welcome centers open every day in three northern Michigan cities passed out of the Senate on Wednesday, said sponsor Sen. Howard Walker.

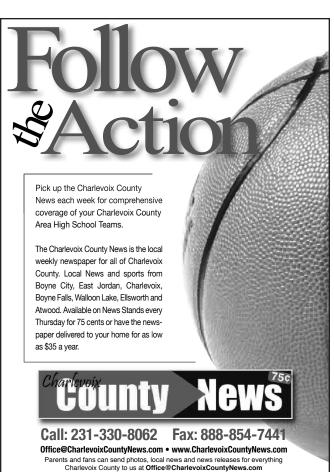
Walker's change to House Bill 5014 allocates \$200,000 to keep the welcome centers in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Mackinaw City open seven days a week.

"I'm very happy I was able to secure this funding for our northern Michigan welcome centers. I have heard from citizens and businesses alike who don't understand the decision to not have them open every

day, especially when we are spending millions to market Michigan through the Pure Michigan campaign," said Walker, R-Traverse City. "In St. Ignace alone, the welcome center served more than 400,000 people last year. These centers are vital to the region's economy.'

Since early this fall, the Michigan Department of Transportation has closed the welcome centers two days a week. Walker's amendment will enable the centers to stay open at least eight hours a day every day of the week.

HB 5014 now heads to the Michigan House of Representatives for further consideration.



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OBITUARIES

Virginia L. Gebeau

(JAN. 28, 1916 - NOV. 13, 2011) Funeral services for Virginia L.

Gebeau, 95, Charlevoix, will be 11:00 am, Wednes-

day, November 16, at the Winchester **Funeral** Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Gregory Culver of the



Charlevoix United Methodist Church will officiate, and burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Visitation will be 3-6:00 pm, Tuesday, at the funeral home followed by an Order of the Eastern Star memorial service conducted by Chapter 72, Charlevoix.

Mrs. Gebeau passed away Sunday, November 13, 2011, at her daughter's home in Edmore.

Born in Charlevoix, January 28, 1916, to Walter and Ella (Matchett) Taylor, she graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1933.

After high school, Virginia worked at District Health Department #3 in Charlevoix, then at the Michigan Department of Public Health in Lansing as a medical secretary.

Virginia married William "Bud" Gebeau January 7, 1943, in Lansing. In 1983, Bud retired as Hospital Administrator of the Rogers City Hospital, and they returned to Charlevoix to make their home.

Virginia was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, and its Mary Jean Tennant Circle; the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 72; AARP; and life member of the Charlevoix Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered at the Charlevoix Hospital gift shop, the Rainbow Shoppe, and Charlevoix Senior Center.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Sherri Miel and her husband, Larry Greer; grandson, Erik (Jennica) Miel and their daughters, Kristy and Erin of Cape Coral, Fla.; granddaughter, Christine (Billy) Miel and future grandson of Six Lakes; sisters, Dorothea Kelley and Elaine Martin of Charlevoix; nephews, Kim Kelley, C.T. Martin and Kevin Martin.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, on October 19, 1986; and great-granddaughter, Ella Marie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, Fremont, MI 49412.

Frank E. Kline

(JULY 8, 1927 - NOV. 12, 2011)

Frank E. Kline, 84, of East Jordan, passed away on Nov. 12, 2011, at his home in East Jordan.

He was born on July 8, 1927, to George and Eva (Holmes) Kline in Alba, Mich.

Frank married Gertrude Colter on Dec. 31, 1949, having celebrated 60 years of marriage before her passing in January 2010.

Frank retired from East Jordan Iron Works, where he worked for more than 25 years.

Frank liked to hunt, farm, listen to polkas and play cards. Above all else, he loved to spend time with family.

Frank is survived by his children. Ken (Donna) Kline of East Jordan, Donna (Mike) Wiklanski of Petoskey, Alan (Sue) Kline of East Jordan, Karen (George Corner) Kline of East Jordan; grandchildren, Kenneth Jr. (Tina), Brenda, Benjamin (Renee), Nicholas, Adam (Jennifer), Amanda (Zac), Britney (Kris), Carissa, and David (Bridget); nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Frank was preceded in death by a son, Tom, in July 1999. The funeral service for Mr. Kline

will be at noon on Thursday, Nov. 17, at

the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., East Jordan. Mrs. Donna Kline will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Interment will follow the service at Star Township Cemetery

Memorials have been suggested to the Kline family in care of the Green Funeral Home, P.O. Box 201, Atlanta, Mich. 49709.

James J. Hilligan, 68

James J. Hilligan passed away suddenly on Nov. 12, 2011.

Jim met Wezie when they were 13 years old and for 55 years they were an amazing couple. Jim graduated from Ohio State University with a doctorate in optometry in 1969. He practiced for 42 years in Vassar and Saginaw.

He loved to play golf, ski and most of all landscape his yard.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; son Jeffrey (Janice); daughter, Christine Frink (Mark); daughter, Jennifer Vollmer (Bryan); brother, Denny (Diana); sister, Pat Immonen (David); brother, Barry (Loralee); brother, Mike (Kathy). Grandkids who he loved to have making a ton of noise at his home: Hudson, Olivia, Abby, Nico, Tucker, Kenzie and Madison.

His smile and calming gentle spirit will be missed by all.

Since he had a love for landscaping, in lieu of flowers the family suggests planting a tree or a bush with your family in his honor, or make a donation to the Charlevoix Junior Golf Program, c/o Dean Davenport, 712 Cypress, Big Rapids, Mich. 49307.

A memorial Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Sign Jim's online guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Debra Lynn Sheldon

(JAN. 1, 1950 - NOV. 9, 2011)

Debra Lynn Sheldon, age 61, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at her home in East Jordan.

Debra was born on Jan. 1, 1950, in Detroit, the daughter of Paul and Jean (Nacker) Miller.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Morris "Butch" Sheldon; son, Thomas E. Sheldon; grandson, Austin P. Sheldon; sister, Carol Billington; mother, Jean R. Miller; and her father, Paul A. Miller.

Debra is survived by her sons, Paul (Kelly) Sheldon, James (Melissa) Sheldon, Brad (Jolinda) Sheldon; daughters, Kelly Kleiber and Melody Sheldon; grandchildren, Sandra, Amanda, Tyler, Katelyn, Jessie, Shantel, Austin, Kendra, Serenity, Kylie, Lacey, Ellissa and Gaberial; sisters, Jeanie Dudas, Marlene (Bernard) Czeszewski, Pamela (Thomas) Petit. Paula (Mike) Sero and Cheryl (Beano) Archev.

Debra was a devoted mother and friend. With the true meaning of life in her heart she spread love and compassion to everyone she ever came in contact with. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, Sudokus, cookouts and most of all just being around other people. She was a people person who devoted her life to touching others' lives.

With open arms to hold you or open ears to just listen she was always there. Debra was a true blessing and will be greatly missed and forever cherished by all those who had the pleasure and honor of knowing her.

A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest. You touched every heart you came in contact with, and we are forever blessed.

A funeral service took place Monday, Nov. 14, at Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City. Pastor Chris Wallace officiated.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family and sent c/o Paul Sheldon, P.O. Box 1122, East Jordan, Mich. 49727. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Debra are encouraged to do so online at

www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Linda K. Hall, 66

The funeral service for Linda K. Hall of Charlevoix, took place Saturday, Nov. 12, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Gayle Gennett will officiate.

Entombment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Alma, Mich.

Linda passed away on Nov. 7, 2011, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. A complete obituary will follow.

Louise Elva Clark

(OCT. 12, 1936 - NOV. 4, 2011)

Louise Elva Clark, age 75, of Boyne Falls, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Louise was born on Oct. 12, 1936, in Boyne City, the daughter of Ervin and Elva (Robinson) Major.

Louise grew up in Boyne City and later married Norman J. Clark, who survives. She is also survived by her sister, Joan Califf of Boyne Falls.

A funeral service took place Friday, Nov. 11, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Pastor David Behling officiated. Burial will take place at Southern Cemetery in Central Lake.

Louise loved all animals and to honor her memory memorial donations may be directed to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

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

Bonita Belle White

(AUG. 28, 1917 - NOV. 6, 2011)

Bonita Belle White, 94, died Sunday morning, Nov. 6, 2011, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Kossuth County, Iowa, to Samuel Ray Baughman and Flossie Marie Housman. The family moved to Harbor Springs in 1929.

Bonnie met her husband in 1934. They spent 40 years on the farm on Pincherry Road, raising four children.

She worked for 17 years at Curtis Wire in Petoskey as a welder/machinist. She was active in the AFL/CIO and Maple Grove Grange. Her garden was legendary.

As retirees, they spent winters in Brooksville, Fla., and fulfilled their dreams and making lengthy tours of the western states of which both had read extensively.

Two highlights of her life were dancing with Gov. G. Mennen Williams, and holding the 29 hand at cribbage on their 50th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her children, Quinella Potter (John Lashmit) of Charlevoix, Quinton Jr. (Judy VanTreese) of Bellaire, Irene Speltz (Ray), Glenda Reinhardt (Terry), of Boyne City; 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; by her sisters, Betty Cain (John Bruce, dec.) and Marjorie Storrs (Charles, dec.), both of Florida; sister-in-law, Laura Baughman of Harbor Springs, and by several nieces and nephews.

Bonnie is predeceased by her husband of 72 years, Quinton Dale White; brothers, Clarence and John C.; sisters, baby Jean and Cleo Powers Eaton; son-in-law, Franklin Potter; and great-granddaughter, Jolene Rein-

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Interment will be at North Bay Cemetery.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service and supper at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Presbyterian Church in Bay Shore.

Bonnie's children would like to thank the dedicated staff of Grandvue for making the last year so much more comfortable for our beautiful mother.

Memorials in her name may go to the Grandvue Medical Facility, East Jordan.

Eugene W. Smith

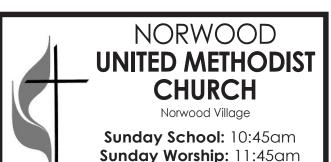
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VETERAN'S DAY IN BOYNE CITY

Boyne City - More than 100 veterans and patriotic citizens gathered at Veteran's Park last Friday to honor the men and women that have served to protect our freedom.

Commander of the Boyne City American Legion, Dean Kleinschrodt, welcomed the crowd and

spoke of sacrifice and freedom. "What these veterans fought for was freedom, but it wasn't free," Kleinschrodt said.

Boyne City's American Legion and VFW each had special events honor area Veterans and their fami-



Charlevoix Community Parade & Tree Lighting

Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, November 25th from 3:00 to 6:00pm in downtown Charlevoix!

There will be ornament making at Santa's Workshop (Charlevoix Circle of Arts Center, 109 Clinton Street) from 3:00 to 5:30pm. Children of all ages are invited to stop in and make a beautiful hand-made ornament to hang on the Community Christmas Tree in East Park. Santa's Workshop is brought to you by Charlevoix Children's House and Northwestern

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will also host the North Pole where children can have their picture taken with Santa compliments of Picture This. Santa and his jolly elves will be at the North Pole to help you capture that special moment from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

Beginning at 4:00pm, you can gather around the Community Christmas Tree and warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and cook-

ies compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant and Subway. The Petunia Truck will be on hand to provide holiday music and spread yuletide

The 1st Annual Holiday Parade will start at 5:30pm. The parade will take place on Bridge Street between Hurlbut and Clinton Street downtown. Enjoy music, lighted floats and even a visit from the Grinch. The final parade entry will be Santa and his helpers who will stop in East Park to light the Community Christmas Tree at 6:00pm sharp.

Children are welcome to bundle up, bring their favorite furry friend, and walk in the Teddy Bear Parade segment of the event. There will also be a Canine Costume Parade for well behaved pooches to flaunt their festive holiday apparel.

Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for additional information or to request a parade entry form. Entry forms are also available online at www.charlevoix.org.

You can find excellent used tools and select sporting equipment at Quality Sports & Tools Consignment

By Jim Akans

17th Century essayist, Thomas Carlyle, observed "Man is a toolusing animal...without tools he is nothing, with tools he is all.' Common folk wisdom also advises that a well-made tool will retain its function for a lifetime.

It is a premise that the owner of Quality Sport's & Tools Consignment, Tom Wilson, and business partner, Scott Smith, founded their unique and extremely popular resale and service shop on

Quality Sports & Tools Consignment is located at 1221 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs.



back in October of 2008. The approximately 4,000 square foot facility in Harbor Springs features a huge variety of contractor grade and homeowner tools that have plenty of useful life left in them, and are offered for resale at fair market Bluebook value...providing a fantastic way for professional trades people and tinkering homeowners to purchase quality tools at affordable

"We offer a full gamut of tools," states Tom Wilson, "from small to large items that includes machine tools, carpentry tools, hand tools, virtually anything relating to the mechanical and construction fields. We also have a tool repair center, which is currently the only one in Northern Michigan. We cover all the major brands, including Porter Cable, DeWalt, Black & Decker, Bostich, and many more."

Quality Sports & Tool Consignment also offers select sporting

equipment for resale, such as kayaks, canoes and bikes. Much of their vast inventory of tools comes from shops that are downsizing and are eliminating dupli-

cate tool supply. Items are also procured from estate sales, and individuals looking to sell items on consignment.

'Our consignment rate varies



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depending on the price of the item," Wilson explains. "We evaluate each item that comes in, repair it if necessary, and consult the Bluebook to set a fair market price. Out consignment period is 90 days.'

He adds, "We offer our customers a great opportunity to pick up high grade tools for less than the cost of new retail items. We also ship worldwide. For local customers, this is also a way to sell or purchase an item without dealing with strangers for an Internet transaction. We are here in the Northern Michigan area and the items we sell are right here in our showroom."

Quality Sports & Tools Consignment is located at 1221 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 1 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 487-0152 or visit www.gstconsignments.com.



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Police Looking for Vandals

The Boyne City Police Department is investigating an act of vandalism that occurred during the evening hours of Tuesday, November 8. Graffiti was found spray painted on areas of the High School, the Athletic complex and Avalanche Mountain warming hut. Bright orange and pink spray paint were used. If anyone has any information regarding these events, please contact the Boyne City Police Department at 231-582-6611

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 emailing or deb@boynechamber.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Neighbors in Need Thanksgiving

will be delivering full Turkey dinners to those in need this Thanksgiving. They anticipate distributing 40-50 dinners this year. In order to feed these families the Weathervane needs your help! Whether it is a small donation or a full turkey dinner, every donation is appreciated. For more information contact Jeff Sprecksell at 231-547-4311

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

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CHARLEVOIX

Youth Craft Show

On Saturday, November 19th from 1-3pm the Charlevoix Public Llbrary will be hosting their annual winter Youth Craft Show. Come and support the young artists of Charlevoix!

BOYNE CITY

"BEHOLD, I MAKE

ALL THINGS NEW

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.

EAST JORDAN

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Sale will be held on Saturday, Elementary School from 10am -350-0760) Booth Space at \$25.

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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 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.

Thanksgiving and the second is CHARLEVOIX 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 Ditlows at 547-

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 market will be held in the red the Pooh. \$2 admission per person. Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. Nov. 20, 1:30 -

EAST JORDAN

Free Movie

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

Fit-4-Life

Online at www.charlevoixcountynews.com

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

BOYNE CITY

Community Thanksgiving

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 chamber@charlevoix.org. Entry forms are available online at www.charlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show

The Boyne City Eagles Auxiliary is planning a Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Eagles Hall, 106 River Street. Applications are available at the Eagles Hall and must be turned in by Nov. 18. For more information call Joyce Hardy at 231-582-9014 or Celia

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News Briefs

Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week

Austin Weisler



GRADE: 12 PARENTS: Debra and Martin Weisler **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Soccer, National Honors Society Band, Track, Drama – technology crew **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:**

Computers, , Technology. Math **FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:**

"Go to Michigan Career and Technical Institute for Office Automation, after that to become a PC installation, maintenance and repair technician."

"Austin is a great student! He is always willing to go above and beyond what is expected."

(Michele Deming, Social Studies Teacher)

"Austin is a terrific person. He works hard and is always willing to help out where needed. He is a great asset to the high school band!" (Brandon Ivie, Band Teacher)

"Outstanding student who is always positive and willing to help in any way. I would love to have a class of thirty Austin(s)!!!!" (Pat Klooster, PE Teacher)

"Austin is a student with tremendous initiative and has a wonderful commitment for learning. He epitomizes the belief that the difference between the possible and the impossible lie in a person's determination." (Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist)

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 582-6222,

BOYNF CITY

Computer lab

mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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.

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 ex-



penses. You can learn more about this weekly 60 minute supvisiting group by 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.

PETOSKEY

Free Foreclosure Workshops

Learn from experts how to prevent your home from going into foreclosure. Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) offers Free Foreclosure Prevention Education workshops in Traverse City, Petoskey and Cadillac offices. Homeowners will learn how to avoid foreclosure and the different foreclosure programs that are available. NMCAA, a certified HUD and MSHDA Housing Counseling Agency, will also educate homeowners about the foreclosure process and counsel families on budgeting for their personal financial situation. Homeowners do not have to be within the actual foreclosure process to access these services - many are available to assist before a crisis actually occurs to keep the clients out of the foreclosure process altogether. To register for this workshop or for more information, call 231-947-3780 / 1-800-632-7334 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Just stuff it

To the wonderful folks who are becoming avid recyclers, those of us trying to monitor the sites need your help one more time. Remember the bad old days at the Charlevoix and Boyne City sites when there was only one cardboard bin? Remember how hard you worked to get your cardboard in, but the bins were often full? We finally have two (2 - count 'em) cardboard bins at each site, but it is not helpful for hauling if one is not completely filled before you begin using the other. Could we please ask you to take the time to flatten your cardboard and take the few extra steps to fill the back of the bin? And, before you start on the second bin please stuff it! cram it! until it the first bin is entirely full. These two simple acts will save all of us money because we won't be hauling bins that are half full. Thanks for working with us.

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

Harvest Barn Church, Noon -3pm every Saturday through winter. Fun for all ages. \$5 per per-

ANTRIM & CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES **Oryana Foods Offering**

Grant to non-profits Orvana 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 Antrim. Benzie. counties: 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 Oryana website, www.oryana.coop. Applications must be submitted electronically consideration. luise@oryana.coop. The dead-

line is December 1, 2011. After review by a Grant Review Committee (a sub-committee of Orvana's Board of Directors).

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 Christmas.

BOYNE CITY

Indoor farmers market

Every Saturday, November -April, 10am - 2pm at the red barn (220 Ray St.) next to the Boyne district library. Holiday shopping dates Wed., Nov. 23 & Friday, Dec. 23. No Sat. markets those

CHARLEVOIX

Life in Northern Michigan Art

Original art & gift certificates on sale at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. 109 Clinton St. Nov. 12 -Dec. 30. The 3rd annual juried photography show. Vote in the People's Choice Award. Opening reception Nov. 12, 5-7pm.

EAST JORDAN

Community Night

East Jordan Community Night preparations are well underway at the Chamber Office. Save the date - Thursday, December 1st, starting at 5:00 PM!! Soup Cookoff, Santa Parade, Visit with Santa in the band shell, Tree Lighting, Open Houses, Caroling and more. If you would like to get involved, please contact us!

EAST JORDAN

Santa parade

Dec. 1 - Holiday Community Night/Santa Parade. 5-8pm. Tree Lighting, Santa Parade, Live nativity, soup Cook-off and much more. Contact E.J. Chamber office for details 231-536-7351

CHARLEVOIX

Gifts With a Purpose Are you looking for the perfect

holiday gift for that "impossible-to -buy-for" person on your list. Charlevoix Gifts with a Purpose Alternative Giving Event just might be your answer! Don't buy another gift that will just disappear into the back of a closet. Instead make a donation to a local nonprofit and give the gift that gives twice. On Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 2pm thirteen local nonprofits will be on hand in the community room at the Charlevoix Public Library to share their mission and message and accept your donations in return for an alternative gift card that you can present to the person you have chosen to honor. The nonprofits participating are: B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center, Bergmann Center. Inc., Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix Area Hospice Foundation, Charlevoix Area Human Society, Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation. Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and 3rd Day Fellowship and Outreach Food Pantry. Each nonprofit will have a giving range, so everyone, from children to people on a fixed budget, can find the perfect gift! Who would you buy for: your

child's classroom teacher, piano serve in a leadership capacity inteacher, scout leader; the office grab-a-gift, your great uncle who has everything, your boss or cofunds raised stay local! Please plan to attend Charlevoix Gifts difference in your community!!

BOYNE CITY

Food Pantry Benefit

Red Mesa Grill will host the 14th Annual Judy Kuheana Memorial Breakfast Buffet benefiting Bovne Area food pantries from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Judy Kuheana was the founder of the 7th Day Adventist Food a Business Pantry in Boyne City. She passed away in October 1996. The Red Mesa Grill, with the help of Judy's brother, Jerry Kelts, has held the breakfast on the first Saturday of December since it opened in 1997. Since that time, the event benefit Boyne area charities. Admission will be collected at the door, with all sales going to Boyne area food pantries through the Manna Food Project. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. There is also an angel auction that begins Nov. 25 and concludes Dec. 3 at the breakfast.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Concert

Jordan Valley Community Band Dec. 4, 3pm at East Jordan school Community Auditorium. Free admission

EAST JORDAN

Dinner with Santa

Dec. 6, 4:30 - 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria

EAST JORDAN

Santa Visit

East Jordan Sno-Mobile Club House, Dec. 11, 9:30am to 11am. Visit with Santa at the Sno-Mobile Club House on Mt. Bliss Rd.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program- K-1 K-1, Dec. 12, 7pm at Elemen-

tary School Gym

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program – Grade 2-3

2-3 Grade. Dec. 13, 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Gym

EAST JORDAN

Music in the Park

Madrigal Singers. Dec. 14, 7pm at East Jordan school Community Auditorium.

CHARLEVOIX

Commission on Aging Board Openings

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board has two openings in the Charlevoix area as of January 1. Members of the community who have an interest in the well being of County seniors and supporting their caregivers are encouraged to apply. Particularly encouraged to apply are those with interest, experience or education in developing community awareness and messaging and/or who desire to Houses, Snow Sculptures & More

cluding board chair. Interested citizens can print an expression of interest form from the Commisworker? The list is endless and all sioners page at the County website (charlevoixcounty.org) or by calling 231-547-0866 (COA board with a Purpose, and help make a chair) or 231-237-0103 (COA director). Mail the interest form to 218 W Garfield, Charlevoix, or fax to 231-547-0873. Please contact us as soon as possible; the COA Board will be making recommen-

BOYNE CITY

Fundamentals of Starting

dations to County Commission-

ers by the end of November.

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 reghas raised well over \$16,000 to ister, please contact Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, (231)582-6482. Dec. 14 Boyne City District Library

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program – Grade 4-5

4-5 Grade. Dec. 14, 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Gym

ELLSWORTH

Wooden shoe festival Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Holi-

day Festival activities are also being coordinated for Wednesday, December 14th beginning at 6:00 PM - Banks Township Hall. Tree Lighting, Caroling, Children's Activities, Twister Joe and Refreshments. If you'd like to help, please contact us!

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Art

Looking for a unique gift? Stop by the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St. thru Dec. 17 to shop for holiday art created by the talented local artists at the Jordan River Arts Council.

EAST JORDAN **Free Movie**

Beethoven's Christmas Adven-

ture Dec. 18, 1:30pm at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. Sponsored by the Library Friends. EAST JORDAN

Band Concert Middle School/High School

band concert Dec. 19, 7pm at East Jordan High School Gym

BOYNE CITY

Ice Rink Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner and support the ice rink at a fund-raising dinner and silent auction at Cafe Sante on Sunday, Dec. 4. Entertainers include Nelson Olstrom and Nathan Bates. Proceeds will help pay for the new ice rink that will be created in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber office. The Boyne City Main Street Program is spearheading the ice rink project.

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DAVE Says

Fifteen percent

Dear Dave, Would you explain your 15 percent requirement on retirement contributions as listed in the Baby Steps?

Melanie Dear Melanie, When I talk about Baby Step 4, which is saving 15 percent of your income for retirement, I'm talking about 15 percent of your gross annual pay. Now, you don't have to get too nerdy about it. It's not like you're going to die a pauper if you only save 14 percent, or be ridiculously extra-wealthy if you save 16 percent. The

bottom line is you should

year if you make \$50,000

be able to save \$7,500 a

annually. That's only

about \$600 a month. But, the only way you can do this is if you lose stupid things like car payments and credit cards. Get out of the land of MasterCard bondage and American Distress! When you get out of debt, it's easy to set aside an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses and breeze right along pumping 15

percent into retirement. By the way, did you know you can retire with about \$7 million if you save 15 percent of a \$50,000 a year income and invest it in good growth stock mutual funds starting at age 30?

Sounds like it's worth doing to me!

—Dave

Selling a house at auction?

Dear Dave, I have a couple of rental houses, and I was thinking about unloading them at auction instead of renting them out again. What are your thoughts on selling



Dave Ramsey

homes at auction? Shannon

Dear Shannon, First, let's take a look at the two types of real estate auctions, absolute auctions and auctions with reserve. With an absolute auction, whatever the house sells for, that's it. When the hammer drops, you've sold the house. An auction with reserve is where the seller, or his agent, reserves the right to accept or decline any and all bids. A minimum price may or may not be disclosed, and the seller re-

serves the right to accept

or decline any bid within

a specified timeframe. As a general rule, auctions are not going to bring retail price. People who go to them are looking for a deal, so you've got to be willing to accept less than what the property's actually worth. Essentially, what you're doing is drawing out the vultures and hoping one of them will get excited and pay a price close to retail.

Take a good look at vour properties, the neighborhoods they're in, and decide what you're willing to accept. Then, talk it over with a quality auctioneer in your area. I've done pretty well selling properties at auction, and I've also found some great deals buying properties at auction. Of course, that meant someone else didn't do so well!



–Dave



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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery

Q: I have just entered into a relationship with a man whom I really love and care for. I have one small but nagging concern about our relationship — I'm 22 years old and he's almost 40. Is this a problem? Will it be a problem in the future?

Jim: There's nothing inherently wrong with such an arrangement, but there are certainly some things you should consider before going too deep into the relationship.

The first has to do with the basic difference in your life experiences. You're barely beyond college age; he's approaching midlife and has already spent considerable time in the adult world pursuing a career and having romantic relationships. Under normal circumstances, he will have achieved a greater degree of maturity than you have at this stage in your life. Now, I'm not accusing you of being "immature." And it's quite possible that he's young at heart. But you

should honestly consider whether the difference in your levels of life experience will impact your relationship before forging ahead.

In addition, some young women are attracted to older men because they're really looking for a father figure. The men recognize this and end up manipulating or controlling their younger girlfriends. Take a personal inventory and consider whether you view your boyfriend as a peer and partner, or if you're seeking to meet an unmet father-need in vour life. If it's the latter, you should put a halt to the relationship in fairness to you

I know plenty of happily married couples who have significant age differences between them. But you do need to take these things into account before moving for-

Q: When I got engaged last week I got a hostile reaction from my parents, especially my mom. She believes we're

"too young," even though we're both in our mid-20s! I'm wondering if this is because of the "empty nest" syndrome — my mom and I have always been close, and I'm the last of her children to leave the home. We've always been a tight-knit family and this crisis really concerns me. What should I do?

Juli: Even though, in your mind, parents should greet an engagement with a lot of enthusiasm, it's fairly normal for them to have some anxiety, and even hostility. You've already touched on the idea that it will be difficult for your mom to let you go. Your marriage means a huge transition, not only in your relationship with her, but in her own life. Give her time to adjust to the idea of losing you.

Having said that, your parents may also have legitimate concerns about your engagement. Often they can see something that you can't. For example, they may observe that your fiance is control-

ling or rude. If they're hitting on something that could be true, validate the concern. You could say, "I can see what you're saying. That's why we are going through premarital counseling." This mature attitude will assure your parents that you're going into marriage with your eyes wide open and that you're aware of possible red flags. If your parents continue to harp on the same concerns, remind them that you've already talked about that and considered their advice.

Also, be careful not to put your fiance in the middle of the drama with your parents. Emotions are probably running high on all sides. Don't make decisions or statements that could do lasting damage to the long-term relationships. Your parents will likely come around to supporting your engagement and marriage. In the meantime, reaffirm your love for them, acknowledging that this is a tough time for them.

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Letters to the Editor

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

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Charlevoix County Crop Walk

Dear Editor,

The 28th annual Charlevoix County Crop Walk held on September 24th was another great success. Walkers from Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan walked from their communities to Ironton. Each walker completed approximately six miles. Thanks to over 115 walkers that participated in this annual

The walk also received help from the

Charlevoix Sheriff's Department, Michelle Nowka and "At Your Service Plus", Castle Farms, Sue Dixon and the Charlevoix Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Family Services and East Jordan Rotary Club.

The "Crop Walkers" collected approximately \$20,100. A quarter of the monies raised will come back to the Community Food Pantry's affiliated with Charlevoix, Boyne City and East

"Crop Walks" are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this year's walk a huge success.

> Marge Teske East Jordan Coordinator, **Charlevoix County Crop Walk**

How can you help those who are hungry or homeless in our area?

Each year hundreds of our community neighbors are faced with the perils of homelessness or go to bed hungry at night. National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. November 12 – 20. 2011, is a time to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness and hunger in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. In the past year alone, well over 600 women, children, men and families have suffered from homelessness in our community (of those counted, minimally 116 were children or unaccompanied youth). Additionally, local food pantries provide thousands of meals to individuals and families in our area. Homelessness and hunger do exist in Northern Michigan! The vast majority of homeless in our community include those that have been evicted or had their home foreclosed upon, are victims of domestic abuse, suffer from mental health issues, have transitioned from living with family/friends or are youth couch surfing because of severe family stressors at home.

The Charlevoix-Emmet County Continuum of Care (C of C)/Poverty Reduc-

I simply could not let your "Who's the

Boss" article pass without a comment or

two. It is nice to know that "Old Bucks"

recognize what it takes to be successful

and who put you in that position.

Letter to the Editor:

Hi Dave.

tion Initiative (PRI), a workgroup of the **Human Services Coordinating Body** (HSCB), is reaching out to the community to help solve these insidious social issues that, as a community, affect us all. The C of C/PRI, which is dedicated to finding ways to prevent homelessness as well as providing services to support the homeless and potentially homeless in our community, meets regularly to address issues of homelessness and poverty in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The group's recent Navigator Program is connecting community members with those in need to help bridge the gap out of poverty.

How can you help those who are hungry or homeless in our area?

-Volunteer! Local human service agencies, food pantries and the PRI Navigator Program are always looking for volunteer support to enhance the level of service they are able to provide. The Volunteer Connections website (tinyurl.com/volunteerconnections) provides a listing of area volunteer opportunities.

-Be informed and inform others! Attend the upcoming community Poverty Simulation being planned for January, 2012. Speak up to your legislators, friends and neighbors about our area's homeless issue. Attend a C of C/PRI meeting (contact Jamie Winters 231-347-1572 for meeting times). Check out our website at char-empri.org or look us up on Facebook. Community involvement is imperative to helping end homelessness and providing services to those that

are homeless in Northern Michigan. -Donate! Local shelters, food pantries and non-profit agencies need food, supplies and financial support throughout the year to meet the ever-growing need.

By each of us taking action we can collectively put an end to hunger and homelessness in Charlevoix and Emmet counties!

Jamie Winters (Women's Resource Center of N. Michigan, Inc.) **Corey Berden** Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency)

Char-Em C of C/PRI Chairpersons

Thanks for making my day

I was impressed to see that you have been doing this newspaper "Gig" for 34 years already. It was a very nice article, well thought out; and some minimal digs in there but your point was well taken.

My favorite part was when you asked people to stop by – but honestly you're out in the "field" more than in the office. Makes perfect sense. Like you, we don't make our money sitting behind a desk we must be out and about!

Thanks Dave for making my day, great article, well written.

Peace, Lynda Christensen

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News

National Adoption Day celebrates adoptive families

By Jim Akans

This coming Saturday, November 19th, is a very special day set aside each year to honor and celebrate the love, compassion and joy offered by adoptive families across the nation. Since 2000, over 35,000 children have had their adoptions finalized on this commemorative day. According to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System, (AF-CARS) nearly 53,000 children were adopted with public agency involvement in 2010, with a median age just over 5 years old. The AFCARS also reported there were over 408,000 children in the foster care system nationally as of September of 2010, indicating a resounding need and call for adoptive parents.

Here in Michigan, approximately 15,000 children live in some type of foster care setting, of which 17 percent are legally available for adoption. While many parents are perhaps considering the possibility of adopting a child, they may be hesitant by the perception that the adoption process is complex and extended, unaware that in today's world that has changed considerably.

After trying to have children for several years, Petoskey area residents, Jeff and Amanda Bruney adopted their first child, Mya, back in 2008 and recently adopted their second child, Gavin.

Amanda Bruney states, "The process wasn't nearly as scary as we thought it would be. We took it in small steps; starting by attending and informational meeting, filled out some paperwork, and that was followed by a home study

assessment where a representative visited our home. It was a very laid back experience, and I found it intriguing to learn what we said about each other and how we view our life as a family. Shelia Davis, the Director/Referral Coordinator at Heaven Sent Adoption Services, helped to walk us through each step the adoption process."

Heaven Sent Adoption Services, Inc is a licensed, non-profit Michigan Child Placing

Agency located in Charlevoix, with offices also located in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Kalamazoo. Founded in 2004, the organization has agency workers available throughout Michigan who have experienced the adoption process personally, either as an adoptive parent, birthparent or as an adoptee. These caring professionals assist potential adoptive parents and birthparents in making an adoption plan, bolstering an understanding that adoption is a journey that can be an extraordinary experi-

Shelia Davis observes, "We help parents considering adopting a child which type of adoption they would like to pursue; an infant or a child from the foster care system. The home study assessment, which is valid for a one-year period, includes interviews about their childhood, family life and what has made them interested in adopting a child. We have them take a physical, and conduct a background check and clearance from the Department of Human Sevices. Typically, the assessment takes between six to eight weeks, and most families are matched with a child



Adoptive parents and their children (from left) Jeff, Mya, Amanda and Gavin Bruney.

within a one year period."

Heaven Sent Adoption Services also assists birthmothers, with pregnancy counseling and in exploring both parenting and adoption options. Should the birthmother choose to make an adoption plan, their representative helps with that process, such as making decisions of what qualities they are looking for in an adoptive family.

"That includes a wide range of considerations," Davis relates. "Such as whether they would like parents who live in the city or a country setting, whether they have siblings or religious preferences. Parent profiles are presented to the birthmother for review, and they can pick a family from among those profiles, or they can meet with and interview prospective adoptive par-

ents. They also have the possible option of staying in touch with the family after the adoption is complete.'

For Jeff and Amanda Bruney, and their children Gavin and Mya, the adoption process was a loving, rewarding, and even a relatively brief one.

"Mya was born in Indiana in July 2008," Amanda reflects. "We had started the adoption process in April of 2008 and we were approved by end of June. We found out about her the

day after she was born." She continues, "Shelia (Davis) told us that finding an adoptive child that quickly was a one in a million situation. Amazingly, when we decided in September of 2010 that we would try to adopt a second child, and renewed our application and assessment,

Gavin was born April here in Northern Michigan. We also found out about him day after he was born."

Amanda notes that her and her husband have a good relationship with Gavin's birthmother, and stays in touch Mya's birthmother via email.

"We have a very happy family," she reflects, "There always seems to be children waiting for adoption. It is so

important for those who have it in their hearts to become adoptive parents to attend an orientation session, study the informational packet provided, and find out if this may be something they should pursue."

For further information, visit www.HeavenSentAdopt.com, or www.nationaladoptionday.org

Rocker at Crooked Tree this weekend

Crooked Tree Arts Center is proud to present Brent James and the ContraBand on stage, Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 pm.

Brent James and the ContraBand played at Petoskey's Festival on the Bay in August of 2011 and opened for Ted Nugent at DTE Energy Music Theatre in September of 2011. "He's a rocking young kid," Nugent said of James. "Our manager spotted him and since I don't get around to see other acts much between tours, I took his word for it when he said we should get Brent on the tour. He was right. Brent is a great performer and he really impressed me with the Detroit thing he has going on. You can feel that energy, the drive you saw in Mitch Ryder, the MC5, Grand Funk Railroad and the Romantics." Their single "Moment of Silence" is currently picked up by stations across the Country.

The band includes local favorite Jason Kott on Bass, Matt Hayes, Drums; and Mike Puwal, Guitars.

Brent James knew what he wanted from an early age. He began singing with his mother in the front seat of their car and around the house while his father worked as an autoworker in Saginaw Michigan. James had a



pretty good grasp on where he came from, always embracing his blue-collar roots. He began writing songs at the age of 9 while mowing lawns and doing chores for family all while telling his parents he would "move to NYC and become a singer one day."

After fronting a couple bands and getting some touring under his belt, Brent knew it was time to make a leap. He packed up his bags and made the move to New York City. He began concentrating on song writing and honing his front man skills drawing on influences from Joe Cocker, Springsteen. Dylan & Mel-

lencamp amongst many others. James: "There was never any shortage of amazing music playing around my house growing up. My parents had unbelievable taste. They introduced me to all the greats. I remember it totally making my head spin around". Picture Bob Seger getting into a fist fight with the Beach Boys and that's my son. He can go gritty or pretty...." says Brent's dad

In 2009 a few of Brent's raw acoustic demo's that he made on his computer fell into the hands of Grammy Award Winning Producer Skidd Mills. Brent and Skidd hit it off immediately and began recording his debut full length at the Sound Kitchen in Nashville Tennessee. "We moved so fast and it felt so easy it was a no brainer for me. You just know when you connect with someone musically and this was a live wire," says James.

Tickets for the performance are \$10 in advance for \$15 at the door and ll seats are General Admission. This performances is sponsored in part by Classic Rock/The Bear. Tickets may be purchased by calling the arts center at 231-347-4337 or online at www.crookedtree.org.

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Grandvue Medical Care Facility Ranks High in Survey

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96 percent of responding residents and families rated their willingness to recommend Grandvue Medical Care Facility to others, states a report released today by the nursing home. These results come from Grandvue's recent satisfaction survey conducted by My InnerView, a third-party applied research company providing leaders in skilled nursing, assisted living and senior housing with tools to measure, benchmark and improve performance.

"We are committed to providing quality care to our residents," said Carol Timmer, Grandvue's administrator. "This feedback allows us to identify our strengths and opportunities so that we can provide a safe, positive and caring environment for our residents.'

The surveys were mailed to residents or their family members, assessing the perceptions of quality of more than 122 people. Surveys were returned to My InnerView for data processing.

The report also shared that 98 percent of residents and families surveyed rate the competency of our staff as "excellent" or "good."

"By listening to the voice of the customer, Grandvue has invaluable data to help them improve and deliver a higher quality of care to their residents," Said Neil Gulsvig, My InnerView chief executive officer. "Grandvue's survey results serve as a strong testimony of the good work they are doing. Certainly there is always room for improvement, but

satisfaction is high and at the end of the day, the quality of care a resident receives is what mat-

Grandvue provides quality healthcare to 113 residents, including those needing rehabilitative care. The nursing home has been part of the Charlevoix County community since 1891, and is located at 1728 S. Peninsula Road in East Jordan. For more information about these survey results, contact Ms Timmer at (231) 536-2286.

Health Department Awarded Grant for Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has received a \$5,000 grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation to support the launch of a new "Parent Support Partner" program for families with young children who are experiencing all kinds of behavior issues. The Parent Support Partner program is one facet of a comprehensive approach to improving access to behavioral health services for young children in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties.

'We are just delighted to receive the support of the local community foundation. We are excited to launch this new program, and to be able to support local parents and to help them access resources for their children," said Natalie Kasiborski, coordinator of the Health Department's Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative. "Katie Harris, the Parent Support Partner—a peer parent herself—is now available for families from Charlevoix, Emmet, and

northern Antrim counties. There is no charge for the program," she said.

The Parent Support Program is aimed at parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 with a behavioral health concern. "We estimate approximately 12% of children through age 5 experiences a social or emotional issue that impacts learning, overall functioning, development, and school-readiness," said Kasiborski. In Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties, that translates to nearly 340 young children.

'We know there are a lot of families who are concerned about their children's social or emotional development. We're here to help and support them to cope with temper tantrums to concerns about emerging mental illness and everything in between," she said. "Early intervention is key to school success.'

"The community has really come together to support the Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative," said Kasiborski. "We're working

closely with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Great Start, and North Country Community Mental Health Services to improve local access to behavioral health services."

The Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative is supported with grants from the Frey Foundation, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and United Way of Charlevoix & Emmet Counties.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information about the Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative or the Parent Support Program, contact Kasiborski at 231-347-5144.

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At least 10 recent cases of chickenpox reported in **Antrim County**

At least 10 cases of chickenpox in an Antrim County school building have prompted public health officials to remind parents to check their children's immunization records. Children need 2 doses of varicella vaccine to protect against the illness and prevent its spread.

To help respond to the outbreak, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is offering a Community Immunization Clinic on Thursday, November 10 at 3PM to 5 PM at the Mancelona Family Resource Center. Varicella (chickenpox), seasonal flu, and many other immunizations will be available for both adults and children. Medicaid and many other health insurance policies are accepted as payment. No one 18 or under is turned away for inability to pay for vaccines required by Michigan Immunization Rules, including the varicella vaccine.

"Chickenpox is less common than it once was, thanks to the varicella vaccine," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "It's not usually a serious illness, but it can cause serious complications, such as pneumonia and meningitis. Even a relatively mild case of chickenpox can cause an infected child to lose a week or more of school."

The Health Department is working closely with the school to control the outbreak. School officials are in frequent contact with public health nurses to track new cases. Everyone is urged to get fully immunized, especially individuals who have been exposed to chickenpox.

"It may not be too late for some people who are at risk of contracting chickenpox," Meyerson said. "Vaccination within 3 to 5 days of exposure is effective at preventing the illness-and it helps stop the spread of the disease."

Meyerson is not only concerned about students contracting chicken pox. "There are individuals in every community who are not able to get vaccines. The greater the number of immunized people around these vulnerable children and adults, the more they are protected from the illness," he said.

For example, chickenpox poses risks to the fetus if a mother contracts it during pregnancy, but pregnant women cannot get vaccinated against the disease. Others who are at risk of contracting chickenpox because they cannot receive the varicella vaccine are children or adults who have a weakened immune system from an illness or medication and children or adults who are allergic to vaccine components.

"That's why students who are under-immunized will be excluded from school for up to 21 days until there are no new cases. We take outbreaks of communicable diseases very seriously."

The Health Department is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego coun-

To schedule immunizations, call your health care provider or the Health Department, at 800-432-4121.