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Charlevoix's Andrew Potter #12 shoots a three-pointer as teammate Josh Hogan #43 battles for position against St. Francis.



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Rayder senior guard, Jenna Way drives towards Gladiator defender McKaely Ludka #14 on her way to the hoop for a basket.

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Commission on Aging seeks an increase in millage

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging director and an advisory board member of the COA appeared before the board of county commissioners on Jan. 25, and proposed that they approve a millage rate increase for the COA to place on a ballot this year. Jack Messer and Richard Fish asked county commissioners that they approve a millage rate of .7 of a mill. The millage rate for the last 10 years has been .4 of a mill. A residence with a taxable value of \$100,000 pays \$40, or

.4 of a mill, for the COA which is part of the property taxes. If the commissioners allow a proposal of .7 of a mill and voters approve the ballot proposal, the property tax increase would be \$70 per year for the next five years. At a presentation Messer gave in October 2011, Messer told county commissioners that he has transferred funds out of savings to balance the budget and has cut programs and services because of rising costs. The cuts include elimination of adult day care, exercise classes, Dementia care, lawn and snow services and a volunteer pro-

gram. He told commissioners that even if voters approved a .7 millage, the cut programs would not be reinstated. "If we run out of money early in the year and our savings is broke, what happens to our services? I have no way to feed our seniors at the centers. The federal dollars are going down," Messer said. But, Michelle Cronin, finance director for the regional Area Agency on Aging, a state agency, said she forwarded \$73,000 to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.



The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging director, Jack Messer, (at table, on left) and Advisory Board chairman, Richard Fish, (on right) request approval to place on a ballot a proposal to increase the COA's millage at the board of commissioners meeting on Jan. 25. County commissioners plan to make a decision at the Feb. 8 public meeting.

See Commission on Aging— 3A

Charlevoix Hotel hit by fire

More than 100-year-old building destroyed by early morning blaze on Saturday, Jan. 28



The Charlevoix Hotel at 206 Antrim St. is a total loss from a fire that broke out during the early morning hours on Saturday, Jan. 28. No one was hurt in the fire that started in a bathroom of the 10-room hotel.

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Mixed among the rubble that was the Charlevoix Hotel are the memories of owner, John Connolly. "It's kind of sad. I grew up in that hotel," Connolly, who now lives in Flint, said. Connolly, 74, said his parents

bought the hotel in 1946 and that the building was more than 100-years-old. "We've never had a problem and it's been in the family for 66 years," he said. The Charlevoix Fire Department was called at 3:50 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 on a report of a fire at the Charlevoix Hotel, 206 Antrim St.

Firefighters arrived to find flames visible from the outside of the building. There was one tenant who had to be rescued from a second-story window. All other tenants (approximately 8 to 10) made it out safely on their own. The 10-room hotel was not in-

See Hotel Fire— 3A

There's still time to help set Boyne City's Goals

On January 12th approximately 60 people attended a City-wide Goal Setting Session to share their visions, goals, and challenges for Boyne City. If you care about Boyne's future but were unable to participate on the 12th, you still can. From now through noon on February 6th you can take part in the survey. You will be able to give input on subject matters you feel the City should focus on and review and rank the challenges and opportunities that were discussed during the public meeting. It's quick and easy to participate. The survey is available online at www.boynesurvey.com, or a paper survey can be filled out and returned. The paper survey is available at: Glens Market; the Boyne District Library, the Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall. For questions or additional information call City Hall at 231-582-0336 or email bbrooks@boynecity.com. Your thoughts matter! Please share them with those who are making the decisions that will affect Boyne City for years to come.

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COUNTY RECORDS

DISTRICT COURT

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

Alexander Samuel Waha, 18, Harbor Springs. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.
Carrie Anne Gregware, 34, East Jordan. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Clean It Up, 526 N. Lake St., #10, Boyne City by Bret Wilcox.
Trinity Energy Management, 11399 Boyne City Road, by Matthew Berg.
Tremblay Vision Care PLLC, 10577 Alba Hwy., Elmira by Elizabeth Anne Tremblay.
NiNi's Notions, 11550 Sequanota Heights by Michelle M. Johnson.
Staying Social, 502 Maple St., East Jordan by Linda L. Cousino.

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January 23-29

911 Hang Up Call.....	5
Abandoned Vehicle.....	1
Abuse.....	0
Alarm.....	4
Animal Complaint.....	20
Annoyance.....	4
Assault.....	2
Assist Citizen.....	1
Assist Motorist.....	4
Assist Other Agency.....	11
Attempt to Locate.....	1
Attempted Suicide.....	2
Bank Alarm.....	0
Boating Accident.....	0

Boating Violation.....	0
Breaking & Entering.....	0
Car/Deer Accident.....	8
Citations Issued.....	40
Civil Complaint.....	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	1
Death.....	0
Disorderly Person.....	0
Disturbance.....	0
DNR Complaint.....	1
Domestic Dispute.....	0
Driving Complaint.....	1
Fireworks Complaint.....	0
Found Property.....	0
Fraud.....	0
Health & Safety.....	0
Hit & Run.....	0
Intoxicated Person.....	0
Juvenile.....	0
Larceny.....	3
Lockout.....	5
Lost Property.....	0
Malicious Destruction of Property.....	0
Mental Subject.....	0
Minor In Possession.....	0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....	0
Missing Person.....	0
Noise Complaint.....	1
Operating Under the Influence.....	0
Paper Service.....	18
Parking Violation.....	0
Personal Injury Accident.....	1
Personal Protection Order.....	0
Private Property Accident.....	1
Property Check.....	5
Property Damage Accident.....	17
Prowler.....	0
Road Hazard.....	5
Snowmobile Accident.....	2
Stalking.....	0
Suspicious Situation.....	8
Threat.....	4
Traffic Stop.....	77
Trespassing.....	1
Unknown Accident.....	0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....	0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....	3
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....	1

United Way "Check-off" on tax form Aids Local Communities

While you fill out your 2011 Michigan tax return forms, don't forget to "check off" for the United Way Fund. This is a quick way for Michigan residents to use their tax returns to easily donate to the United Way Fund, which was created to help low to moderate income Michigan families with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter. "The United Way Fund is a check-off option for Michigan tax-payers again this year," explains Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "Although there are many other great options, the United Way Fund is an easy way to impact a wide range of community needs with one donation. All of the check-offs from tax-payers in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties will be returned to Char-Em United Way

and used to support basic human services in our community." Tax-payers can indicate if they would like to donate all or part of their Michigan tax returns on Form 4642 of their state income tax return. The funds donated will be returned to the tax-payer's local United Way, based on the zip code of their filing address. "The funds are earmarked to directly benefit needy families in our community," continues Lancaster. "The need in Northern Michigan is still great and making a donation to help ease the burden so many are facing has never been easier! This year, be sure to "check off" for the United Way Fund." For more information, contact Char-Em United Way at 231-487-1006 or by email at: info@charmeunitedway.org.

FREE Snowmobile Classes Offered

Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider is announcing a Snowmobile training class for those citizens who need to comply with the Michigan State law. Training will take place at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office February 18, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Another class will be offered at the Boyne Falls Fire Department February 19, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Student only need to attend one of the classes. State law requires those who do not have a valid Michigan Driver's License, to complete and pass the above approved training program. With successful completion of the course each student will be provided a certifi-

cate of training allowing them to operate under the Michigan State Law. To attend this free training, you must go to the Charlevoix County web page: www.charlevoix-county.org and go to the "Sheriff's" link to fill out an application and forward the typewritten application to the Sheriff's Office, 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix MI 49720, with attention Deputy Gauthier. You may also email your application to gauthierg@charlevoix-county.org. Lunch is not provided, students are encouraged to bring a lunch. Questions may be answered by calling (231) 547-4461. Picture I.D. is required by all students.

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CORRECTION

In the Jan. 26, 2012 issue of the Charlevoix County News there is an error in the County District number that appeared in the story on candidate John Haggard. Because of redistricting, the District number should be District 6.

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Commission on Aging

sion on Aging for food and said it was the same amount as last year. Cronin said she expects the federal funds to be the same amount or close to the same as in previous years. The COA may only use the state and federal funds for food.

Advisory board member Ward Cook said much of the increased expenses are from operational costs, such as wages and utilities. The COA's operating budget is \$425,000 per year. Messer's salary is \$68,250 per year, plus benefits.

"The time has come to increase the millage so that we can continue our services," Cook said.

The board of county commissioners plans to make a decision on the millage rate to put before voters at the next commission meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 8, at the county building, reporterbjh@gmail.com

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Charlevoix Hotel Fire

sured. The building was paid for. Connolly will need to pay for the removal of the debris. There are two lots on the site. Connolly said there is an on-going investigation as to the cause of the fire. He said he has not yet decided what to do with the lots, but has no plans to rebuild.

Charlevoix Township Fire Department, East Jordan Fire Department and Charlevoix EMS provided assistance at the scene. The Charlevoix Police and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's deputies also assisted at the scene. No one was seriously hurt or transported to the hospital. The American Red Cross is assisting the residents of the hotel that were left homeless by the fire.

Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan said the building and contents were a total loss. Swanson's K & D Excavation assisted firefighters in gaining access to hot spots. Firefighters were on the scene until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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East Jordan has a plan to improve its economy

B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The city's extensive Economic Development Plan is part of the city's strategic planning. Members of the community worked on the Plan so the city could begin its eligibility for grants from the federal and state government, including the Main Street Program.

The aim of the Committee that developed the Plan is to be competitive as a residential location, to create stable retail businesses, to motivate the youth to participate and remain in the community and to attract tourism.

Dawn Pringle is the chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority. She said the city commissioners would study the Plan in preparation for implementing it.

"We spent a lot of time on the Plan, but I think it was worth it. Everyone pitched in and we got it done," she said.

The Economic Development Plan concentrates on the downtown area and beyond. Its boundaries are Main Street, the M-66 corridor from Rogers Road to Elm Point, the M-32 corridor from the old EMS building to the Industrial park and airport and the confluence of the Jordan River into the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix as an environmental and recreational component of the Plan.

To implement the Plan the community must gather and assess data, engage in promotion and marketing and educate the community. In its quest, the Economic Development Plan Committee lists many government, organization and individuals it will engage to accomplish the goals, including the city

council, the DDA, county commissioners, the Chamber, the schools, the Jordan River Arts Council and more.

The Plan lists the strengths of East Jordan as its exceptional small businesses in place with available space and opportunity for growth, a passionate art community and Main Street presence, Friends of the Jordan, historic preservation and a long area of lakefront property. It lists weaknesses as vacant buildings and buildings in disrepair, limited retail diversity and discouraged local business owners.

One of the objectives is to maintain a fully functional, viable and profitable marina operation. The Economic Development Plan recognizes the marina operation poses the economic challenge of keeping all slips open and usable because of on-going silt infiltration from the river. The EDP recognizes the value of a service facility's reputation to bring residents and guests to downtown and to stay and generate revenue into the economy. Therefore, it seeks a commitment to dredging the marina as required to keep the facility at 100 percent operational budgetary line item.

Another priority is to create a system of connecting bike paths and hiking trails throughout the community for recreational enjoyment as well as economic development. The pathways would be used for exercise, sightseeing and recreational activities.

Leadership is very important to making this Plan happen. Key leaders are needed to step up and focus on the goals and objectives of this Plan to move East Jordan in the right

direction. Two leadership programs are currently being offered to residents in East Jordan. There is a countywide leadership program and a Mastermind on Main Street program for residents in the community who want to step up and get

involved to become a leader. Communication is very important with this Plan as well as working as a team to get it accomplished.

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VISION FOR THE EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY

To make the community of East Jordan a welcoming and friendly community that affords its residents and guests diversity of opportunity with a four-season quality of life. To make the community one that attracts

bright minds, commerce, innovators, leaders with vision, environmentally aware developers, responsible educators, insightful industry, energetic young people, inspired mid-lifers and seniors with wisdom.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Dawn Pringle, Chair DDA/Jordan Valley District Library
- Tom Teske, DDA/East Jordan Iron Works
- Dave Atkins, DDA/Charlevoix State Bank
- Duane Chappuies, Various businesses/Rental properties
- Scott Diller, East Jordan Plastics
- Joel Evans, Charlevoix County Commissioner
- Ray Fisher, East Jordan City Commissioner
- John Kempton, JTK Enterprises
- Debbie Manville, Huntington National Bank
- Nancy Miller, Jordan Valley Tent Rental
- Christina Johnson, Century 21
- Ted Sherman Jr., Burnette Foods
- Eugene Smith Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling PC
- Tom Erhart, Northern Lake Economic Alliance
- Molly Andor, Charlevoix County Community Foundation Junior Advisory Board

Charlevoix Chamber's 53rd Annual Awards Gala

Fox Motors in Charlevoix and Huntington National Bank are proud co-sponsor the 53rd Annual Gala and Awards Ceremony. The Gala will take place on Wednesday, February 8, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Cocktails will begin at 5:00pm and follow with a plated dinner catered by Grey Gables and awards at 7:00pm.

The event celebrates the accomplishments of individuals and businesses in 2011 that have exemplified leadership and that go above and beyond in every aspect of their day. Awards recognized at the event include, Business of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Outstanding

Citizen of the Year and Customer Service of the Year. Two new awards will also be recognized, including New Business of the Year and Young Professional of the Year.

The New Business of the Year award recognizes a member business that has started in the last 18 months or less. This business must either be a new business or managed under a new owner. The Young Professional of the Year goes to a chamber member that is 40 years old or younger and demonstrates strong leadership qualities and active community involvement.

The cocktail hour will in-

clude a silent auction, full of items donated from various member businesses. The Chamber Scholarship is funded solely by funds raised with this silent auction. Last year, the Charlevoix Chamber was able to award three \$500 scholarships to assist local graduates with their continued education.

If you are interested in attending, tickets can be purchased in advance for \$50 per person through the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Contact the Chamber for more information at 231.547.2101 or shooks@charlevoix.org.

Use caution on frozen lakes

Sheriff Don Schneider would like to remind citizens of the unsafe ice on all our lakes this winter. Most of the smaller lakes are just starting to become completely iced over, but by no means are they safe to go out on due to our on and off warmer winter this year. Please take every precaution before going onto the ice.

Sheriff Schneider recommends anyone going out onto ice

should do the following:

- wear a personal floatation device (PFD),
- carry a flashlight or some other type of signalling device,
- always notify family or friends of the time you are going out onto ice, the time you will return and the exact location of where you could be located in the event of an emergency.

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/

SB 0900: Introduced by Sen. Glenn Anderson on Jan. 24, 2012. This bill would require the Legislative Council to make available to the public on the Internet, the legislative calendar, notices of legislative committee and subcommittee meetings, including the agendas and a listing of the committees of each house and their members for the current legislative session, the names and votes of all members voting on each bill on final passage, and other provisions
STATUS: Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

SB 0904: Introduced by Sen. Joseph Hune on Jan. 24, 2012. This bill calls for public assistance applicants to submit to

substance abuse testing if the caseworker has a reasonable suspicion regarding substance abuse.
STATUS: Referred to Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

SB 0905: Introduced by Sen. Joseph Hune on Jan. 24, 2012. This bill would require individuals to perform community service, unless exempted, in order to be eligible to receive family independence program assistance.
STATUS: Referred to Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

HB 5286: Introduced by Rep. Barb Byrum on Jan. 25, 2012. This bill would verify to law enforcement personnel

whether a medical marijuana registry identification card is valid, without disclosing more information than is reasonably necessary.
STATUS: Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 0204: Introduced by Sen. Michael Kowall on March 1, 2011. This bill would amend P.A. 261 1966 to eliminate a requirement that a special election be held when a county commission vacancy occurs in an odd-numbered year. A person appointed to fill a vacancy would serve for the remainder of the unexpired term (whether the vacancy occurred in an odd-numbered year or an election year). It would retain a requirement that a va-



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cancy be filled by a special election if the county board of commissioners does not appoint someone within 30 days.
STATUS: Referred to Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

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2011 Strong Land Protection Year for Little Traverse Conservancy

With the completion of several significant land projects near the year's end, 2011 has gone down as one of the Little Traverse Conservancy's strongest land protection years in its nearly 40-year history. The non-profit land trust working in northern Lower and eastern Upper peninsulas reports that a total of 3,692 acres were protected last year. "We are heartened to see how important the protection of this region's natural and scenic assets remains for so many people," said Tom Bailey, executive director for Little Traverse Conservancy. A sample of the

land projects completed for Charlevoix County included:

- A 13-acre addition to the Rogers Family Homestead Preserve on the Jordan River was purchased by the Conservancy.
- A 147-acre parcel in Charlevoix County along Horton Creek was secured in a land trade with the State of Michigan.
- Donated by the J.A. Woollam Foundation, the 27-acre George & Althea Petrutz Preserve lies along 500 feet of Lake Michigan on the north end of Beaver Island providing spectacular views of Gar-

den, Hog, and Squaw islands

- The donation of the 106-acre The Hill Nature Preserve by the Mrstik and Herzog families created a beautiful community gem that overlooks the city of Boyne City.
- A 28-acre addition to the Little Sand Bay Preserve on Beaver Island was purchased
- Several improvements were made at Beaver Island preserves with a new parking area and boat storage racks at the Barney's Lake Preserve and new signage also at Little Sand Bay Preserve

Two 2012 Youth Events help Cultivate Community Leaders

Great Lakes Energy invites applications from high school sophomores and juniors for the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) April 18-20.

Nine teens whose parents or guardians are members of the local electric cooperative will be selected to attend the event, which takes place in Tustin, MI (20 miles south of Cadillac). This unique, high-energy gathering brings youth from across the state together to help develop budding leadership and teamwork habits.

Attendees explore career opportunities in the electric utility industry, learn how to be actively involved in the democratic process that governs electric co-ops, and even get to climb a power pole. The event also includes information on energy efficiency and electrical safety.

Past participant Brandon Gregg of Edwardsburg reported, "My mom made me go. It was kind of like, 'Wow, an electric camp?' But it was not what I thought. It was a great experience!"

Great Lakes Energy covers costs for all nine of its YLS participants, including food and lodging at the 4H Kettunen Center, as a way of helping develop new leaders in the communities the electric co-op serves. It's part of Great Lakes Energy's commitment to the community, one of the seven principles that guide electric cooperatives.

Out of nine Great Lakes Energy student representatives who attend YLS, chaperones select six for an all-expense-paid trip to Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 16-21. More details about this event can be found at miyls.com/youth_tour.html.

Applications are due March 16. Students can apply for the Youth Leadership Summit online by visiting gtlakes.com/youth-programs/teen-trips/ or by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 8174.

Great Lakes Energy is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 125,000 members in 26 counties throughout western Michigan.

Great Lakes Energy members warned of phone scam

Great Lakes Energy members are warned that they could receive a phone call advising them to call several 900 pay-per-call numbers to avoid high billing charges.

The caller claims that the GLE member's electric bill will be estimated because they couldn't read the meter. The member is then given several 900 pay-per-call numbers to call to avoid the charges.

Great Lakes Energy officials stress the caller's story is false. Great Lakes Energy members are not required to report meter readings because the electric cooperative has automated meters that automatically report readings to the company.

Anyone who receives this phone call should ignore the instructions, hang up, and report the incident to local law enforcement authorities.

USDA Announces Planting Transferability Pilot Project in Michigan

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) planting Transferability Pilot Project (PTPP) permits Michigan producers to plant approved vegetables for processing on base acres under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). Eligible producers have until March 1, 2012 to sign up for the PTPP program.

"This program offers Michigan producers opportunities to diversify and better use their base acres. It's an important step in providing farmers with additional sources of revenue" said Christine White, Michigan FSA State Executive Director.

The Planting Transferability Pilot Project (PTPP) allows producers to plant approved fruits or vegetables for processing on a farm's base acres - these include cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkin, snap beans, sweet corn or

tomatoes. Without the PTPP, planting these crops on base acres would be prohibited. Base acres on a farm will be temporarily reduced each year on an acre-for-acre basis, for each base acre planted with an approved fruit or vegetable on that farm. Michigan is approved to enroll a total of 9,000 acres into PTPP.

Eligible participants must agree to produce one of the approved crops for processing and to provide the county FSA office with a copy of the contract between the producer and processing plant. Participants must agree to produce the crop as part of a program of crop rotation on the farm to achieve agronomic, pest and disease management benefits, and to provide disposition evidence of the crop. Participants must complete form CCC-749 (available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>) and

file it with their county FSA office.

The sign-up period for the PTPP began, January 23, 2012 and will end March 1, 2012. USDA will not accept applications filed after that date.

For more information on PTPP or other farm programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the Farm Service Agency Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord offers a warm, welcoming shopping experience

By Jim Akans

"People regularly tell us how much they enjoy shopping here," relates Theresa Lauber, owner of Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord. "The cleanliness of our store, the variety of our inventory, and our very reasonable prices are a pleasant surprise. They feel very comfortable...it's a warm, home-style atmosphere."

Indeed, the wide array of items offered at Angels at Work Resale are presented in several comfortable rooms throughout the 2,400 square foot facility, each fo-

cus on a targeted range of goods, providing a effortless way to browse items of interest.

When the store opened this past August, a good portion of the original inventory was purchased from another resale store that was closing, and since that time countless additional items have been added from auctions, estate and garage sales, and through donations.

"We offer quality, thoroughly cleaned clothing at very reasonable prices," notes Lauber.

"We also have furniture, house wares, tools, books,

shoes, belts and accessories, a wide assortment of knickknacks, antiques, and much more."

Those who donated items to Angels at Work Resale receive a 25-percent discount card for purchases that is valid for 30 days from the time of their donation. The store does not offer consignment sales.

Angels at Work Resale is located at 1523 S. Otsego Avenue (U.S. 27 South) in Gaylord. They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm. For additional information, please call (989) 448-8615.



Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a wide array of value-priced items. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS.

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Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week Kaylee Yates



GRADE: 10

PARENTS: Wendy and Brian McGeorge

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Pride Team Member

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
Reading
Listening to music
Hanging out with friends

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
"Go to college and be a writer."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Kaylee has been a wonderful addition to the Pride Team. Full of good and thoughtful suggestions and willing to volunteer when she is needed."

(Mrs. Place, Media Center Specialist)

"I have Kaylee in Biology this year. She is an outstanding individual and her assignments are of the highest quality. Kaylee is a conscientious student with a strong work ethic. She is doing great in science, and she is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Kaylee!"

(Mrs. Hemming, Science Teacher)

"Kaylee is a motivated student and a wonderful person. She is becoming a great leader at Boyne City High School."

(Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

Outdoor & indoor family fun at Boyne City Winterfest this weekend

By Jim Akans

It's all about free, family-oriented outdoor and indoor fun as the annual Winterfest celebration begins this coming Saturday, February 4th, in the Boyne City area. Winterfest features a variety of events and activities for those of every age.

For those seeking a bit of outdoor exercise mixed with gorgeous northern Michigan scenery, there will be cross country ski tours both Saturday and Sunday, as well as cross country ski and snowshoe races on Saturday. Kids will enjoy a variety of unique Winterfest games on Saturday afternoon, including a Frozen Fish Toss, Frozen Turkey Bowling, Broom Ball and Smoosh Racing, all taking place in front of Country Now & Then from 4 to 6 pm. As long as the skies are clear, attendees can also do a bit of star gazing early Saturday evening under the direction of Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club.

Indoor activities and events during Winterfest will include "Cabin Fever Fly-Tying demonstration at Freshwater Studio, a Chili Cook at Country Now & Then, and Wine Tasting at the Wine Emporium on Saturday afternoon. Wrap up the day sitting back and enjoying live music courtesy of Sean Ryan at Cafe Sante on Saturday evening.

The schedule of Winterfest events and activities will include;

SATURDAY

- 12 to 2 p.m. - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AND SNOWSHOE RACES, Veterans Park, Lake Street. All ages; limited number of loaner snowshoes provided.

- 1 p.m. - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR at Avalanche Mountain. For intermediate and advanced skiers.

- 2 to 5 p.m. - CABIN FEVER FLY-TYING demonstrations at Freshwater Studio, 217 S. Lake St.

- 4 to 6 p.m. - KIDS' GAMES including Frozen Fish Toss, Frozen Turkey Bowling, Broom Ball, Smoosh Racing in the 200 block of Water Street.

- 4 to 7 p.m. - WINE TASTING - Stop by the Wine Emporium, 123 Water Street, for a complimentary taste of three seasonal offerings, conversation and snacks.

- 4:45 p.m. - CHILI COOK-OFF - bring one gallon of chili in a crock pot to Country Now & Then, 211 Water St. Tasting starts at 5 p.m. Prizes for Judges Choice and People's Choice.

- 5 p.m. - SNOWMAN & ICE SCULPTURE CONTEST winners announced at 211 Water St.

- 5 to 6 p.m. - STAR GAZING with Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (weather permitting).

- 6 p.m. - SCAVENGER HUNT for



teams of up to four people. Call 231-582-2355 to register.

- 8 p.m. - LIVE MUSIC - Sean Ryan at Cafe Sante from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday at One Water Street.

SUNDAY

- 1 p.m. - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR at The Hill Nature Preserve for beginner and intermediate level skiers. Due to extremely limited parking, please call the Chamber at 582-6222 to RSVP and meet at City Hall parking lot to car pool.

For additional information and schedule updates, visit www.boynechamber.com.

DAVE Says

Land investment

Dear Dave,
My wife and I make about \$85,000 a year. We're debt-free, and we have no kids. We'd like to start saving money to buy some land in the near future. What percentage of our savings should we put toward this?

Dennis

Dear Dennis,
I don't know if there's necessarily a specific percentage for this kind of thing. Since you guys are already debt-free you need to make sure that you've got a fully-loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place, along with retirement funding. In your case, anything else you have sitting around is simply wealth.

If you've got \$50,000 sitting in a savings account in addition to these things, and you'd rather have \$50,000 worth of dirt instead of a bank account, I'm cool with that. It's really more a matter of ratios than percentages.

—Dave

* For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

Insurance necessities

Dear Dave,
I've got auto insurance, but can you tell me what other kinds of insurance are good to have?

Chris

Dear Chris,
The purpose of insurance is to transfer risk that you can't afford to take. Most people can't afford to have a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. Having to pay for something like that completely out of pocket would bank-

rupt just about anyone. That's why health insurance is a vital part of any good financial plan.

It's also important to have auto, which you do, and homeowner's insurance, too. If you don't own a home, make sure you have renter's insurance instead. Don't forget about life insurance, either. If you're married or have kids, you should carry eight to 10 times your yearly income in a good, 15- or 20-year level term life insurance policy. This means if you make \$40,000, you should have about \$400,000 wrapped up in life insurance.

Long-term disability insurance is vital. The cheapest way to get this is in a group. If you buy it yourself, out on the open market, you'll find that the rates are based more on your occupation than your age or health. So, if you fly a desk, it'll be a lot cheaper than if you work with your hands.

And don't forget long-term care insurance. You need "nursing home insurance" the moment you turn 60. It will also take care of you in your own home. The statistical probability of needing it before age 60 is about one percent, so I'd wait until then to buy long-term care insurance.

This kind of insurance can make sure you get the kind of care you want in your declining years. Plus, it can keep your nest egg with you and your family and out of the hands of the nursing home!

—Dave



Dave Ramsey

Ellsworth hosts FFA Program



Ellsworth was pleased to host officers from the State FFA today. Ellsworth is in its first year of offering the area's first agriculture program, taught by Triston Cole. The program is led by an advisory committee chaired by Dr. Chris Randall, also of Ellsworth.



Jim Daly

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

ROMANCE SHOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE JUST ONE DAY OF YEAR

Q: My son and daughter-in-law say they have no plans to celebrate Valentine's Day because it just doesn't interest them. They've been married less than a year, and I'd think they'd jump at the chance to celebrate a romantic holiday. Should I be worried?

Jim: It depends on what they mean when they say Valentine's Day doesn't "interest" them. I know many deeply religious people who aren't eager to celebrate Christmas, either, because of how materialistic it has become.

The real measure of your son and daughter-in-law's relationship comes in how they treat and relate to each other the other 364 days a year. The same should be true for all of us. There's nothing inherently wrong with cards and chocolates on Valentine's Day. I can think of worse things than having a day set aside to proclaim undying love for your spouse.

But married couples should make an effort to in-

ject that same passion into their relationship on a *regular* basis. That doesn't mean we have to break out the fine china and have a candlelight dinner every night. But there are countless ways we can and *should* express our devotion. We can set aside a regular date night, or send a quick e-mail during the day to say, "I love you and I'm thinking about you." I can guarantee that something along those lines will mean more in July or September than it does on Feb. 14!

This is something that my wife, Jean, and I try to bear in mind even when we're running at a frantic pace and trying to catch up with our boys. If your son and his wife are endeavoring to keep the spark alive throughout the year, that's much more important than whether they participate in Valentine's Day.

Q: I dread Valentine's Day. All of the hype about love and romance only reminds me that none of it exists in my marriage. I gave up hop-

ing for a card or flowers years ago. I'm tired of trying to breathe life into a dead marriage, but I don't believe in divorce.

Juli: Marriage can feel like the loneliest place on earth, especially around Valentine's Day. When you're single, you expect to be lonely, but not when you have a ring on your finger.

There are many reasons why love in marriage fades. Serious problems like addiction, abuse, extramarital affairs and mental illness can certainly extinguish feelings of romance. However, most people "fall out of love" for less sinister reasons. The busyness and stress of work, kids and finances cause a couple to drift apart over the years. One day they wake up to find the only thing they have in common is a tube of toothpaste.

If this is where you and your husband find yourselves, don't give up. There are many things you can do to get your marriage back on track, but sitting back

and waiting for flowers isn't one of them!

Marriage counseling is an excellent way to improve your communication and resolve conflicts, but you also need to relearn how to have fun together. Tell your husband how much you miss him. When you do this, be sure to make it sound like an invitation, not a complaint. Reminisce about what caused you to fall in love with him in the first place and tell him what still attracts you to him.

Regardless of how busy you are, make time to play together. This might feel awkward at first, but it will become more comfortable with time. Pursue a new hobby like hiking, cooking classes or volunteering. Don't fall for the line that the grass would be greener in another marriage. Every marriage has dry spells. The grass is actually greener where you water it!

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OBITUARIES

Joni "Babe" M. Lillis

(NOV. 18, 1928, - JAN. 24, 2012)

Joni "Babe" M. Lillis, age 83, of Eben Junction and formerly of Boyne City, died on Tuesday morning,

Jan. 24, 2012, at the Tendercare Health Center in Munising.

Babe was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Detroit, to Charles and Mary



(Tomasco) Lowman. She graduated from St. Phillip Neri in Detroit and went on to work several different jobs. One of her favorites was being a professional singer on WXYZ Radio.

Babe was working at Shawi Olsen and Dimmer C.P.A. firm when she met the love of her life, Dale. She always said that when he said "Hello" the first time she knew he was the one. They married on June 27, 1953, and lived in St. Clair Shores, Mich., and started raising their family. In 1965, she moved with her husband and five children to Boyne City, where she had one more daughter. She was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom and taught her children the skills they would use to keep house and be on their own.

Babe remained in Boyne City until just after she lost Dale. In 1991, she moved down to Coldwater, near her oldest son, Chuck. Babe started a whole new chapter of her life and was there for 17 years. She was involved in church functions and was an inspiration to people when she became an amputee in 2002 and still had such a positive outlook. That positive outlook would be tested again in 2007 when she became a double amputee. Rather than throw in the towel, Babe took up roots and replanted them in the U.P. with daughter Heidi and her husband, Tim, and family for the remainder of her life. Mobility was hampered, but she still made new friends and inspired more people as they experienced her positive attitude and sheer strong will taking care of herself while being totally wheelchair bound.

Babe loved the casino and she became very adept at computers and enjoyed the world that the Internet opened for her being a homebound person. Facebook opened up a whole new horizon for her. Those who knew Babe well also knew she loved to tell how Mickey Mouse was her long lost twin as they shared the same exact date of birth. Her sense of humor was part of her charisma that will live on. Babe had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for her entire life.

Babe was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; sons, Michael Patrick Lillis and Lawrence Michael Lillis; her parents, Charles and Mary Lowman; a sister, Claire; her parents-in-law, Charles and Eva Lillis; and brothers-in-law, Douglas Lillis and Douglas Hovingh.

Babe is survived by children: Charles (Jayne) Lillis of Coldwater, Mich., David (Marcia) Lillis of Lake Orion, Mich., Sue (Mike) Wassenberg of Berkley, Mich., and Heidi (Tim "T.I.M.") Swajanan of Eben Junction; grandchildren, Bethany Lillis, Jessie Lillis, James Johnson, Brian Johnson, Brandon Lillis, Matthew Lillis, Ryan Wassenberg, Lisa Wassen-

berg, Kylie Wassenberg, Betty Jo Swajanan and Breanna Swajanan; siblings, Robert (Char) Lowman, Patricia (Rupert) Cooke, Eileen Jameison and Geraldine Lowman; sisters-in-law, Arlene Lillis and Audrey Hovingh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Jacek Wytklo at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Trenary, Mich. Interment will be at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City sometime in the spring.

Babe's obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.bowermanfuneralhome.net.

Allan Potter

(APRIL 4, 1920 - JAN. 28, 2012)

Allan Potter, 91, of Ellsworth, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He was born April 4, 1920, in Barnard, the son of Edward and Julia (Cork) Potter.

Allan served in the U.S. Army's European Theater during World War II.

On March 20, 1948, he married Hellen Mae Brown in Norwood Township. Hellen Mae died in May 2011.

Allan and Hellen Mae owned and operated a farm in Banks Township for many years. Allan enjoyed farming so much that it was also his hobby.

He was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church and American Legion Jansen-Richardson Post No. 488.

Surviving are his children, Hellen Ann (Fred) Allen of Ellsworth, Frances (Robert) Kenney of Ellsworth, Allan J. "Butch" (Bambi) Potter of Ellsworth, and Janet (Frank) Leist of Boyne City; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; sisters, Anna (Richard) Jeltema of Byron Center, Bessie DeVries of East Jordan; and a sister-in-law, Martha Potter of Charlevoix.

Besides his wife, Hellen Mae, he was preceded in death by an infant son, James Allan Potter, in 1949; his brother, David Potter; and sister, Geneva Troop.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Barnard United Methodist Church with Pastor Rap Postnik and Pastor Chris Wallace officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests Barnard United Methodist Church, Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Betty (Folsom) Thornburg

(OCT. 9, 1926 - JAN. 28, 2012)

Betty (Folsom) Thornburg, 85, of Echo Township, died on Jan. 28, 2012, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.



Betty was born on Oct. 9, 1926, in Echo Township, the daughter of Russell and Cecile (Bradshaw) Fisher.

Betty was a lifelong resident of Echo Township and was an active, lifetime member of the Pleasant

Valley Free Methodist Church. She worked at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, Texas Instruments and was a senior companion in Antrim County. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, doing word searches and bird watching.

She is survived by three children, Thelma (Folsom) Craig of Orlando, Fla., Mark (Darlene) Folsom of East Jordan, Paul Folsom of East Jordan; two stepdaughters, Arlene and Suzie; two granddaughters, Kate Folsom of East Jordan, Michelle (Nic) Dawson of Columbus, Ga.; three sisters, Ella Burns of Central Lake, Dorothy (Wayne) Franke of Holly, Evelyn (Bill) Derezny of Central Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Robert Folsom; and her second husband, Russell Thornburg.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor Dave Scott officiated. Interment will be in the spring in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church.

Sign the online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Betty Lou Murray

(JAN. 6, 1931 - JAN. 24, 2012)

Betty Lou Murray, 81, of Echo Township, died peacefully at her daughter's home in Gaylord on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012.

She was born Jan. 6, 1931, in South Arm Township, the daughter of Harry and Nellie (Brooks) Dougherty.

Betty was a founding member of the Central Lake VFW Post No. 6985 Ladies Auxiliary and retired from Texas Instruments after 20 years of dedicated service.

On April 15, 1950, in East Jordan, she married Rex L. Murray who preceded her in death in 1987. Also preceding her in death were her siblings, Alfred, Roy, Henry, Devere, Calvin, Pauline, Flossie Decker, Ruby (Margarite) Behling, and Alma Millet.

Betty is survived by her children, Glenda Roach of Gaylord, Richard and Collette Murray of The Villages, Fla., Thomas and Denise Murray of Echo Township, Joanne and Robert Michanowicz of Echo Township; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; siblings, Nolin and Delores Dougherty of Okarche, Okla., Harry and Wanda Dougherty Jr. of Durand, Marcella and Lyle Booth of Midland, Nellie Graham of Echo Township, Dora Murray of Mebane, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with pastor Dave Scott officiating. Interment will be in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, in the spring. Sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Murray's Bar & Grill sponsors 4-month Biggest Loser Contest

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To participate, you must join the Murray's Biggest Loser Club for \$10.00. As a club member, you are invited to Murray's each Monday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. beginning February 6 and running through Memorial Day (except for April 2) for an affordable, healthy lunch; 15-20 minutes of words of wisdom from guest speakers; and, of course, the weigh-in which is conducted in private. Each week, the biggest percentage weight loss winner will receive a prize worth at least \$10. Each month for the 4

months, a sponsor will contribute \$100 toward the cash reward at the end of the contest - a total of \$400. In addition, \$5 of the each club membership will go toward the final prize, so the more people who join the club, the bigger the pot will be at the end.

It won't matter if you miss a Monday... you simply won't be eligible for that week's prize. You will, however, also be missing the camaraderie, the motivation and the great food.

Men and women are both encouraged to participate. The timing is perfect for everyone to get into that bikini or speedo next summer.

Murray's is located at 115 Main Street in downtown East Jordan.

For more information, contact Murray's at 231-536-3395, email Emily Welsh at murrayem@yahoo.com, or visit www.murraysbar.com.

Boyne Arts Collective artists at Boyne Mountain



Christine Brown, Artist and member of the Boyne Arts Collective is pictured here working on a watercolor portrait of a family member. COURTESY PHOTO

The Boyne Arts Collective has collaborated with Boyne Mountain Resort and will have local artists work on display. Fiber Arts, Glass Jewelry, Watercolor, Acrylic and Oil are just a few of the mediums one will see.

The art may be viewed at

the "Made in Michigan Store" located in the center of the Village at Boyne Mountain across from the ticket counter. One of these talented artists, working with his or her medium, can be seen in the store Thursday's through Sunday's in the coming weeks.

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Metro Jazz Voices Perform at Crooked Tree

Crooked Tree Arts Center presents Metro Jazz Voices on Saturday, February 4 at 8:00 pm. Metro Jazz Voices performs jazz standards and popular favorites in sophisticated four-part harmony, backed by one of the best rhythm trios around.

The group will perform selections from all eras of the Great American Songbook are featured, from standards like "Pennies from Heaven" and "Over the Rainbow" to pop classics like "Me and Julio, Down by the Schoolyard" and "Colour My World." The sound is comfortable and yearning, the harmonies sweet and fascinating. Some arrangements are similar to the "New York Voices," "Manhattan Transfer" and "Lambert, Hendricks & Ross." Detroit area musicians Meri Slaven, Trish Shandor, Carl Cafagna and Jeremy St. Martin are the 'voices', and instrumental support is provided by Scott Gwinnell, piano, Jordan Schug, bass and Jesse Kramer, drums. Cafagna also

adds saxophone and flute into the mix. For more information on the group, visit www.metrojazzvoices.com

"We are experiencing sold-out performances" noted Crooked Tree Arts Center Performing Arts Chairman, Bill Millar. "This group was selected as we've had many requests for vocal groups and Metro Jazz Voices brings another layer with their rhythm trio of drums, piano and saxophone. This will be a very energetic and entertaining performance" continued Millar.

BIOGRAPHIES

Meri Slaven, soprano/alto, a Detroit area native, was raised with a strong family musical lineage, singing and playing piano, accordion, guitar, organ and clarinet. She began classical voice lessons at 19, and went on to study music and voice at Florida Atlantic University, and also with renowned dramatic tenor Eddy Rhul, before becoming influ-

enced by jazz. Jazz has been her music of choice ever since. She relocated to New York City, and became a regular on the New York jazz scene, before moving back to the Detroit area, where she has since been a mainstay performer. Meri's CD "Dream Dancing", released in 2006, earned 2 Detroit Music Award nominations, received a favorable review on jazz.com, and has sold copies worldwide. She co-founded Metro Jazz Voices in 2008, and spearheads all promotional and media aspects of the group.

Trish Shandor, soprano/alto, also a Detroit area native, has been singing publicly in many styles since her early teens, including Opera, choral and Jazz. She holds a Bachelor of Music from Oakland University, where she studied Classical voice with Jan Albright, and Jazz with Danny Jordan. Trish is a 3-time Detroit Music Award Winner, and also contributed vocals to the DMA-winning CD "Brush Fire," produced by Scott Gwinnell, pianist with Metro Jazz Voices. Trish is currently an Artist-in-residence with the Michigan Opera Theater, for whom she has sung roles such as 'Queen of the Night' from The Magic Flute, and also serves as an Adjunct Instructor of Voice at the Fraser Performing Arts Career

Academy.

Carl Cafagna, tenor/flute/saxophone, grew up in East Lansing Michigan, and is now a full-time professional musician in the Detroit area, acclaimed as both a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist. He has performed and/or recorded with Natalie Cole, Regis Philbin, Mel Torme, the Temptations, Don Rickles, Elaine Stritch, the Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey Orchestras, Ritchie Cole, Frank Vignola, Neil McCoy, Martha Reeves, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, the Les Brown 'Band of Renown', the Detroit Lions Pep Band and Hot Club of Detroit. Carl is currently Director of Vocal Jazz at Oakland University. In the past few years, Carl has given performances in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Seattle, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Toledo, Portland OR, Portland ME, Los Angeles and New York City. Carl holds a Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music (Boston) and a Master of Music from Western Michigan University.

Jeremy St. Martin, baritone/vocal director, has been a professional musician in the Detroit area for over a decade, and is active as a vocalist, choir director, pianist and organist. As a pianist, he has accompanied various choirs across southeast



Michigan, including those at Henry Ford Community College. He is Musical Director of Choirs and Organist for St. John's United Church of Christ in Wyandotte Michigan. Jeremy is pleased to serve as vocal director for Metro Jazz Voices, and has directed and sung in other jazz groups, including '11th Hour Live' and HFCC's 'Blue Fusion.'

The Scott Gwinnell Trio, rhythm accompanists for Metro Jazz Voices, provides a furtive and inspiring back-

drop for vocal jazz, and all contribute their own personal talents to the collective experience. Scott Gwinnell, piano, Jordan Schug, bass and Jesse Kramer, drums, are each celebrated performers individually, and together they form a rhythmic tour-de-force.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$25 for non members and all seats are General Admission. For more information, visit www.crookedtree.org or 231-347-4337.

2nd annual Ellsworth Shiverfest will begin February 17th

The Second Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest on the Breezeway will take place from Friday, February 17th through Sunday, February 19th.


Winter? Bring it on! This quaint northern Michigan town knows how to keep the fun alive all winter long. Whether sledding, snowshoeing or ice fishing outside or staying warm and toasty inside while tasting desserts or playing in a Euchre Tournament, Ellsworth's Shiverfest has something for everyone.

Events include a Fish Dinner at the Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, the 4th Annual Ellsworth's Best

Dessert Tasting at the Banks Township Hall, a Free Fishing Weekend on Ellsworth Area Lakes; Cardboard Sled Races at Ellsworth Community Park; the Breezeway Snowmobile Ride Inn; the Breezeway Benefit Snowshoe Challenge 1 mile or 5k at House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast; a Cabin Fever Reliever Euchre Tournament at Banks Township Hall, and a Snowmobile "FUN-RUN."

For information see Ellsworth Shiverfest on Facebook or Alana Haley 231-360-0676.

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BOYNE CITY

Deacon's fundraiser

There will be a fund raiser for the Boyne Area Deacons Fund Sponsored by Boyne Area Churches. It will be a Spaghetti Dinner held at St. Matthews Catholic Church on Thursday evening February 2 from 4:30 to 6:30. All our welcome! The Deacon's Fund helps people in need in the Boyne Area Community.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner & a Movie

Friday February 3rd dinner beginning at 5:30p with the movie about 7p Join the Lighthouse Missionary Church for a Soup/Salad dinner and a movie while supporting the missions work supported by LMC 231-536-2128 / ejlight-housemc@aol.com / http://light-housemc.org. The movie: Courageous: Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Extravaganza & Bean Pot

Saturday, February 4 from 10am - 3pm at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. Right off the Jordan Valley snowmobile trail or access from Turner Road off US 131. Public Welcome, Hatchery Tours, Guided Snow Shoe Trail, (bring your snow shoes), Hot Beverages, friendly smiles and the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Bean Pot. Fun for the whole family.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Young Wrestlers

Boys and girls ages 5 - 12 are invited to learn to wrestle. Practice is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 - 7pm. Travel squads begin February 20 and go until the end of March. Sign up at 4-H/MSU Extension office, in the Boyne City Hall, 319B North Lake Street

BOYNE CITY

Winterfest

The Boyne City Winterfest is adding cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fishing events to its schedule when this year's event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 4. Everything in the family-friendly Winterfest is free. Here is the schedule:

12 to 2pm - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AND SNOWSHOE RACES, Veterans Park, Lake Street. All ages; limited number of loaner snowshoes provided.

1pm - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR at Avalanche Mountain. For intermediate and advanced skiers.

2 to 5pm - CABIN FEVER FLY-TYING demonstrations at Freshwater Studio, 217 S. Lake St.

4 to 6pm - KIDS' GAMES including Frozen Fish Toss, Frozen Turkey Bowling, Broom Ball, Smoosh Racing in the 200 block of Water Street

4:45pm - CHILI COOK-OFF - bring one gallon of chili in a crock pot to Country Now & Then, 211 Water St. Tasting starts at 5 p.m. Prizes for Judges Choice and People's Choice. Call 231-582-2355 to register.

5pm - SNOWMAN CONTEST winners announced at 211 Water St. Enter the contest by Jan. 27 and notify the Chamber at 582-6222 or info@boynechamber.com. Residential and business categories. Snow sculptures are also welcome this year. Space and

snow will be provided (upon request) in Sunset Park for those who would like to do this. Call 582-6222 or email jim@boynechamber.com.

6pm - SCAVENGER HUNT for teams of up to four people. Call 231-582-2355 to register.

8pm - Sean Ryan at Cafe Sante from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday at One Water Street.

Fishing Contest: The Boyne Co-op Tackle Box is sponsoring a Winterfest Fishing Contest from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Entry fee is \$5, and every entry gets a dozen perch minnows free. Prizes will be \$50 gift certificates in four categories: Largest Perch - Adults), Largest Perch - Youth (under 18), Largest Walleye - Adults, and Largest Walleye - Youth. All entries will receive free hot dogs and hot chocolate and will be included in a drawing for additional prizes. You can register at the Boyne Co-op True Value, which has complete fishing equipment, bait and supplies in the Tackle Box section of the store at 113 S. Park St. Call 582-9971 for information.

Sunday - 1pm, CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR at The Hill Nature Preserve on Charlevoix Street for beginner and intermediate level skiers. Due to extremely limited parking, please call the Chamber at 582-6222 to RSVP and meet at City Hall parking lot to car pool.

MANCELONA

White Pine Stampede

Skiers get ready, Michigan's longest-running point-to-point cross country ski race, the White Pine Stampede, will take place on Saturday, February 4. The 36th annual race will feature a 40K, a 20K and a 10K with all races starting at the Mancelona High School. The 20K and 10K will end at Schuss Village and the 40K concludes at the Summit at Shanty Creek. All races feature both classic and freestyle classifications.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Call for Artists

VSA Michigan, Northeast is looking for artists interested in participating in Artist-In-Residency programs in the COP-ESD classrooms. A professional training workshop will be held early in February (date to be announced), free of charge to the artists, prior to scheduling classroom residencies. Classes will cover the Cheboygan, Otsego, Presque School District, K-12. Any teachers with inclusive classrooms, interested in participating in the residency program are also welcome to contact VSA Michigan, Northeast, Joann P Leal 231-436-5626.

BOYNE CITY

Sunday Celtic Music

Gaelye Gerrie-Boss hosts a Boyne Celtic Session featuring Irish and Scottish tunes played twice a month on Sundays. The next sessions are Feb. 5 and 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Freshwater Studio, 217 S. Lake St. in the SOBO District of Boyne City. Gerrie-Boss suggests that participants "bring family, friends, a tune or two or three, a stool/chair and early holiday treats to share. It is open to the public and there is no charge.

PETOSKEY

Cooking class

Tuesdays through March 27, Crooked Tree Arts Center will host cooking classes with chefs from around the area. New York Restaurant on February 7, Whitecaps on February 21, Toski Sands on February 28, Café Santé on March 6, the Twisted Olive on March 13, Thai Orchid on March 20, and wrapping up the series on March 27 with Lake Street Market. For more information on these

classes or other programs offered at Crooked Tree Art Center go online to www.crookedtree.org or call the arts center at 231-347-4337.

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At the developmentally vulnerable stage from age 12 through 15, dealing with parents' divorce or post divorce conflict can produce heavy reactions. This psycho-educational group can help early teens learn coping skills and to reduce anger. Four sessions for kids, one session for parents; \$100 per adolescent, no charge for adult's session. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 7, 6:30-8pm. Thalia Ferenc, LMSW, DCSW, a therapist with nearly 25 years experience in working with divorce and separation, will lead the group. Meetings will take place at The Serenity Center, in the Bay Shore area, between Charlevoix and Petoskey. Reservation and deposit are necessary: (231)838-2322 or thalias.thoughts@yahoo.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Folk Music Concert

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is having fundraiser on Wednesday, February 8 and we truly hope that you will join us for two fantastic performances by SETH BERNARD AND FAMILY AND THE RED-TAI-RING BAND. The event starts at 7:00 PM at the High School auditorium. Tickets sold in advance art only \$12 and at door \$15. Reinhard Matye, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Advisory Board Member is the major sponsor of the Folk Music Concert. Tickets for the concert on February 8 will also be sold at Elements, The Clothing Store, Round Lake Bookstore and at the Charlevoix Circle at 109 Clinton.

EAST JORDAN

Second Saturday

FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) 2nd Saturdays. Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through June, free 2nd Saturdays will highlight a different science, history or art activity each month, as well as allow families to explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the Music Garden, Jurassic Park Walk, School House, Tree House and other outdoor exhibits. Free 2nd Saturday hours are from noon to 4 pm. Bring the whole family or make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests.

EAST JORDAN

Family Fun Carnival

Friday, February 10 from 4:30 - 8pm at the East Jordan Elementary School. Games, Inflatables, Cake Walk, Pig Races, Food and Wheel of Wow! Early Bird Ticket Sales February 6-8. Purchase 20 tickets for \$10 and receive 4 free. Tickets available through East Jordan Elementary School Office from 8am - 4pm or 21st Century Office (located in the Elementary School) from 3 - 6pm.

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EAST JORDAN

Resale shop giving report

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop is pleased to share our annual account of giving. We graciously thank the individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed to the success of Crossroads over the years. We appreciate our volunteers and donors who make this bright, clean, well-organized resale shop one of the best in our area! Please visit our store to find unique merchandise, nice clothing, furniture, books, crafts, and household items. Your purchases become our giving!

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Value of merchandise given to people in need: \$ 97,594.35

EAST JORDAN

Paper Piecing

Feb. 11 at Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main St. Instructors Sylvia Walworth and Marcia Waara. Still in planning stage. To sign up and further information Contact Sylvia Walworth, 231-599-3065. sylwalworth@torchlake.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Backporch coffeehouse

The next Back Porch Coffeehouse will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 7pm at the Charlevoix Senior Center Building. This is a Community Event-Fun for All Ages! Our featured performers are Cal Manis and the Groove. Cal is a "musician's musician" - a gentleman with a quiet personality who is well-respected by other musicians because his talent on lead guitar amazes. Cal learned his musical art literally at the feet of old-style blues musicians. Cal says "if you can play the blues on the guitar, you can play anything." He enjoys sharing that philosophy with the audience by playing a variety of favorite and sure-to-become favorite tunes from a range of genres from standards to rock and roll, country to Southern and Chicago-style blues. Joining Cal will be Don Coleson on Bass, Alex Brown on Drums and Robin Luce on Harmonica. The featured performers will share their music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Following the scheduled performers, we will have a "circle jam session". Suggested donations for the evening are \$5/individual, \$10/family. All donations are for the scheduled performer(s). Light refreshments are available at no additional charge. Directions to the Charlevoix Senior Center: From US-31 (Bridge St.), turn west on Carpenter St. (between the Pizza Hut and Flap Jack Shack). Travel .7 mile, turn left into parking area, or turn left on Norwood Road to park in front of the Senior Center. The facility is fully accessible.

EAST JORDAN

Benefit Basketball game

Watch the East Jordan Public Schools Staff take on the East Jordan Emergency Services Personnel on February 11, 7pm at the East Jordan High School Gym. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life of Charlevoix County. \$5 adults, \$3 Students, \$15 family. For more in-

formation contact Michelle Reid 231-330-3043 or 231-590-4972

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Saturday, February 11th, Noon. Come out to the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center for our monthly potluck program! Lunch begins at Noon in the farmhouse. Bring a dish to pass if you can, but it's not required. The program begins at 1pm with a wool felting workshop. Fiber artists Diane Strezlinski, Jennifer Lewis, and Maria Wesseler will be on hand to teach needle felting and wet felting techniques. Learn to appliqué designs onto clothing, make three-dimensional objects, and create sheets of felt fabric. Free and open to the public. Located three miles south of East Jordan. For more info, contact Wagbo at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org.

EAST JORDAN

Swiss Steak Dinner

The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All you care to eat Swiss Steak Dinner with home made pies, Sat., Feb 11, 5-7pm. The dinner will be held at the EJ United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St., East Jordan. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 5-12, under 5 free.

BOYNE CITY

Blood drive

The next blood drive in the Boyne area will be held from 12 to 5:45p.m. on Feb. 27 at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 1303 Boyne Ave. To schedule a donation time or get more information about giving blood or platelets, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

EAST JORDAN

Singing Valentines

Here's your chance to do something special for your Valentine. The barbershop group (The Harmony Hunters) will be delivering singing valentines on Tuesday, February 14. The cost is \$25 in the East Jordan area (Charlevoix, Boyne City, Ellsworth, Central Lake, Bellaire). They will negotiate the cost to more remote locales. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the East Jordan Ministerial Association. You can visit www.singingvalentines.com to see how the Singing Valentine works. You can see video of live deliveries that other groups have done. Essentially, we will sing 2 songs and deliver a card and a flower to your sweetheart.

There are different ways that you can schedule your singing valentine:

1. Contact Mike Aenis by email maenis@cah.org or by phone (231)881-1451.

2. Call Dick Hartrick at 231-536-2271.

3. Harmony Hunters are a registered provider for singing valentines on the www.singingvalentines.com website. They are set up to receive inquiries that are within 20 miles of East Jordan. If you are further away from East Jordan than 20 miles and you want to book this way, please use the East Jordan zip code, 49727. That will help identify our group.

PETOSKEY

Nursing info

North Central Michigan College's nursing faculty will hold informational sessions on Wednesdays, February 15 and March 14, at 4:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. to explain the process for admission into the college's highly competitive nursing program and the courses that students must take prior to entry.

ELLSWORTH

Shiverfest

The Second Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest on the Breezeway, Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19. Winter? Bring it on! This quaint northern Michigan town knows how to keep the fun alive all winter long. Whether

sledding, snowshoeing or ice fishing outside or staying warm and toasty inside while tasting desserts or playing in a Euchre Tournament, Ellsworth's Shiverfest has something for everyone. Friday's events include a Fish Dinner at the Gold Nugget Bar and Grill and the 4th Annual Ellsworth's Best Dessert Tasting and Raffle 6:00-8:00pm at the Banks Township Hall. Saturday brings the Free Fishing Weekend on Ellsworth Area Lakes; Cardboard Sled Races, 11:00am at Ellsworth Community Park; the Breezeway Snowmobile Ride Inn from 12-4pm; the Shiverfest Benefit Snowshoe Challenge 1 mile or 5k, 1:00 at House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast; and a Cabin Fever Reliever Euchre Tournament, 7:00pm at Banks Township Hall. Sunday winds up the weekend with the Free Fishing Weekend and a Snowmobile "FUN-RUN." For information see Ellsworth Shiverfest on Facebook or Alana Haley 231-360-0676.

BOYNE CITY

Paint the Town Red

The annual Boyne City Booster Foundation's Paint the Town Red night will be held on February 25 at the Boyne Mountain Resort's Civic Center from 6:30 to midnight. It will feature live and silent auctions, a light dinner and cash bar, and entertainment by "Soul Street", a five piece Detroit-based Motown band. Proceeds from this community event will provide funding for programs and activities in the Arts, Athletics and Academics for students of Boyne City Public Schools. Tickets for this event are \$50 per person. They can be purchased at Local Flavor and from members of the Paint the Town Red committee.

CHARLEVOIX

Shootout at the OK Corral

Join the Charlevoix Area Humane Society at 6pm Saturday, March 3 at the Weathervane restaurant for Shootout at the OK Corral. The fund-raiser will be a gunsmoking good time with dinner starting at 7pm. Help us figure out who dunnit and have a great meal with good friends at the same time. Tickets are \$75 per person, available at the Humane Society and the chamber offices in Boyne City and Charlevoix. For more information, call Jodie Adams at 231-582-6774

BOYNE CITY

Parking restricted

The Boyne City Police Department and Department of Public Works would like to remind vehicle owners that parking on the streets is restricted during the winter months. There is no parking on the city streets between 2am and 6am. This is to allow the street crews to plow and get all the snow removed from the streets. Parking is available in the municipal lots through town. Vehicles left parked on the streets overnight, can be ticketed and/or towed at the vehicle owner's expense. If you have any questions about where you can park, please call the Police Department at (231)582-6611.

EAST JORDAN

Artist Gathering

Artist Gathering will continue during the winter each Wednesday thru March 14. They will meet at the Jordan River Art Center in the lower gallery. Fresh flowers will be provided each week. All artist wishing to be together to participate art are welcome. There is no fee or pre-registration. On occasion mini-lessons may be presented by someone attending. Some videos may be shared. The JRAC art library is available for use. When the East Jordan School is closed so is the art center. It should be noted that the summer plein aire scheduled has already been planned. For further information contact Karen Kimdell, 231-582-0683, kakimell@gmail.com or Nancy Carey 2 3 1 - 5 3 6 - 7 9 1 2 , ncarey@charter.net.

BOYNE CITY

BAC Moves (temporarily)

Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) Gallery at 210 S Lake Street in Boyne City has been temporarily relocated to the Boyne Mountain's "Made in Michigan" Shop for January, February, and March. The Shop is located on the second level of the building across from the Lift Ticket Counter on Village Lane. Made in Michigan Shop is open Sunday - Tuesday 12 - 5pm and Wednesday - Saturday 12 - 8 PM. Every Friday and Saturday from 5 - 7pm there is Beer and Wine Tasting at the shop. BAC artists will demonstrate a variety of art techniques every weekend at the Made in Michigan Shop on Friday and Saturday from 2 - 6pm and on Sundays from Noon - 4PM.

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Women's Center receives community awareness project funding

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) has received funding to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The funding is from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

The week of April 22 – 28, 2012, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This annual observance, first designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, seeks to increase general public awareness of, and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim."

Since 2004, the NCVRW Community Awareness Project has provided financial and technical assistance to 530 communities. OVC also promotes National Crime Victims' Rights Week by sponsoring a Resource Guide that contains educational content, campaign materials, artwork, and public service announcements to increase general public understanding of crime victims' rights and concerns and to educate crime victims and survivors about available resources.

NCVRW Community Awareness Project funding supports community collaboration on victim and public awareness activities and innovative approaches to victim outreach and public education about victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year. The WRC was one of the 82 projects recommended by the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators and selected for funding by OVC for 2012 from the 146 applications that were submitted nationwide.

According to Joye Frost, Acting Director of OVC, the Community Awareness Project helps generate widespread public awareness of crime victims' rights and needs, and the importance of engaging all Americans in victim assistance efforts.

"Recent studies show that too many crime victims and survivors do not avail themselves of the many services in our communities that can help them through very devastating experiences. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is our opportunity to support public awareness of crime victims' rights and the critical, often life-saving, services provided by thousands of programs across our Nation to help crime victims," Frost said.

According to Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director of the WRC, the Community Awareness Project that will be sponsored in the agency's 5-county service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties will reach out to local residents and provide information regarding crime victims' rights and services in partnership with county Prosecutor's offices and their Crime Victim Rights Advocates.

"The support from NAVAA and OVC for our 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will help us help crime victims," Mancinelli said.

For additional information about 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or about victims' rights and services in northern Lower Michigan, contact the WRC at 231-347-0067, or visit their website at wrcnm.org. For information about national efforts to promote 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the Office for Victims of Crime Web site at <http://www.ovc.gov>.

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute funds from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. All of the funds for VOCA programs come from criminal fines and other penalties paid by federal criminal offenders and not from taxpayer dollar

Health Insurance Program for Michigan enrollees: contact the Health Department for premium refund

If you are eligible for or currently enrolled in HIP Michigan, you may be eligible for a refund of part of your monthly premium under a new Northern Health Plan program administered by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

The Health Insurance Program for Michigan—or HIP—is part of the Affordable Care Act signed into law in 2010. It provides affordable, high quality health coverage to Michigan residents who have

been uninsured for six months and have an eligible pre-existing condition.

Under the Support Program administered by the Health Department, qualifying individuals will be reimbursed one-third of the money they pay for HIP Michigan Insurance. For example, a 44 year old paying HIP Michigan premiums of \$296 per month for insurance would get \$98.67 back each month if they qualify for the program administered by the Health Department.

"We're pleased to offer refunds to HIP Michigan enrollees," said Bruce Miller, Executive Director for the Northern Health Plan, which serves an eight-county region across the tip of the mitt. "Affordability is the number one issue for income families seeking health insurance. This program can help."

It's easy for HIP Michigan enrollees to get their refunds, according to Valeri Ramage, the local Coordinator of the Northern Health Plan.

"First enroll in HIP Michigan and pay your first premium. Then bring your receipt to the Health Department along with documentation of your income. If you qualify, we will cut you a check for your refund."

To see if you qualify for partial reimbursement of your HIP premium, call Valeri Ramage at 231-547-7665 during regular business hours. For more information about HIP Michigan, call 877-459-3113 or visit www.hip-michigan.org.

Long Walks are Beneficial for Cardiovascular Fitness

By Donna Brown

It is very essential that we follow a good diet with some light exercise. Exercise is very much beneficial to possess good health. People in order to gain material success forget their health. If you do not want to live in a land surrounded with medicine and illness, then you need to maintain your own health. Whenever we suggest our kith and kin to follow some good exercise in order to gain good health, they tend to neglect it with long list of excuses. And the very first excuse in the list is lack of time. Time factor is the major reason, where people curtail their necessity and run after material benefits. I have always believed that once you're physically fit, it is very easy to reach your goals. Some light and simple exercises will help you to maintain good health. You may follow the rule of cardiovascular fitness that is very much essential in having good health. People often get confuse when they assume cardio exercise as some heavy exercise which requires heavy efforts. Cardiovascular fitness is one part of cardiovascular exercise.

There is no need to get confused between both the terms. Cardiovascular fitness is usually termed as the efficiency of your circulatory system and heart with respect to the intake of oxygen and transmitting it to all organs of your body. As we all know that the cardiovascular system and respiratory system of our body comprises of blood vessels, heart, lungs, and blood stream. Cardiovascular system supplies nutrition and oxygen to your tissues. Cardiovascular systems also help in flushing out all waste products from the body. For our body to maintain normal metabolism, it has to intake oxygen in the blood stream. The oxygen is taken in by lungs and then pump-up by the heart to all organs and tissues. Thus, it is essential for our body to intake sufficient amount of oxygen. Cardiovascular fitness is a simple method to stay fit and provide ample amount of oxygen to all organs of the body. Certain activities those are included in cardiovascular fitness walking, jogging, aerobics and skipping.



Cardiovascular fitness should possess certain properties like; they should last for a time span of twenty minutes. It should be moderate and practiced regularly. Walking is considered as, one of the best cardiovascular fitness. Walking early morning has proved beneficial for the improving the heart functions. It is more admired by people suffering obesity as, it effortlessly reduces the weight. Walking faster improves the blood circulation system of the body, as well as it helps in proper breathing. You can control the level of blood pressure

and cholesterol with regular walking exercise. Cardiovascular fitness is generally very useful in maintaining good health. You can definitely possess good health, but it is necessary to maintain the consistency in health.

Donna Brown is a health researcher in health and fitness. She writes about nutritious food, dental care to fit healthy. Get more information about Cardiovascular system, Cardiovascular exercises, Cardiovascular fitness and early symptoms of diabetes on www.medicine2life.com.

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East Jordan Annual Chamber Dinner and Awards Banquet held at Castle Farms

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The 2012 East Jordan Chamber of Commerce community award winners were;

Ambassador of the Year
Darrin Podskalny

Spirit Award
MI Farm Market

Renaissance Award
East Jordan Health Center

Business of the Year
Charlevoix State Bank

Citizen of the Year
Dr. John Kempton

By Jim Akans

Castle Farms was bustling with excitement last Saturday evening, January 28th, as over 200 people gathered for the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Banquet. Evening festivities included a delicious dinner prepared by The Blue Pelican Inn located in Central Lake, live and silent auctions, and the presentation of this year's community awards.



The 2012 Ambassador of the Year Award was presented to Darrin Podskalny, shown here with East Jordan Chamber representative Tammy Jackson (at left), and House District 105 Representative Greg MacMaster and East Jordan Chamber Director Mary Faculak (at right).



Dan McKinnon (Executive Director of East Jordan Health Center) receives the 2012 Renaissance Award for the East Jordan Health Center.



Charlevoix State Bank was named the 2012 Business of the Year by the East Jordan Chamber. Pictured from left; Mike Hinkle (President of Charlevoix State Bank), Greg MacMaster, Tammy Jackson, Dave Atkins (Vice President Charlevoix State Bank), Mary Faculak, and Richard Hodgson (former Chairman of the Board, Charlevoix State Bank).



The final award of the evening, the 2012 Citizen of the Year, went to Dr. John Kempton (center). Mark Penzien, the 2011 Citizen of the Year award recipient, stands at Dr. Kempton's left.



Members of the MI Farm Market (from left) Patricia Bruce, Satin Sutherland, Ray Bruce and Scotty Bruce received the 2012 East Jordan Chamber's Spirit Award at last Saturday's event.



The live auction was led by Scott McKenzie, shown here with Heather Jackson (East Jordan City Treasurer) helping to promote one of the auction items; a chance to become a Celebrity Bartender for a night (plus dinner for four) at Murray's in East Jordan.

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