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Number of downtown Boyne City apartments may increase

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — A rental property owner of downtown apartments requested of the city commission approval of a grant application he wants to submit to the state through Northern Homes Community Development Corporation.

Property owner Ken Kruzal and Jane MacKenzie Executive Director of Northern Homes presented the request at the city commission meeting on Jan. 24. The grant for \$70,000 would come from the state's Rental Rehabilitation Program.

"I think this grant will help to keep a vibrant downtown," MacKenzie said. "It will bring income to the downtown area and at no cost to the city." Kruzal said he has three units and wants to add two more. One of the units is

subsidized. The building is located at 310 S. Lake St. "I'm all for it," commissioner Tom Niedhamer said. "It's an example of state funds being used for the right purpose." Commissioners voted to approve the proposed Rental Rehabilitation Program grant request as proposed by Northern Homes to hire them as an independent contractor to apply for and manage the proposed grant as approved by the Planning Commission.

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sports



PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

Boyne City's Jay Redman (10) battles for the rebound with Charlevoix's Andrew Plude (21).



PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

Boyne City's Mary Myers (12) puts up this shot attempt as Charlevoix's Kelsey Way defends.

Boyne District Library offers iPads as a new learning tool

Making learning fun is the focus for Boyne District Library's children's room, where iPads are now available for children ages 12 and under, thanks to a gift from the Friends of the Library.

The iPads are loaded with educational apps designed to help children with reading, writing, science, and math, including concepts such as time, money and fractions. The apps are organized according to grade level, from pre-school through fifth grade, allowing children to focus on levels

at which they are comfortable, or to challenge themselves. "We enjoy embracing technology at the library, especially when it involves such a great learning tool," said Monica Kroondyk, children's librarian. "There are some incredible apps that just draw kids in. They don't even realize they're learning. They think they're just playing a game."

Children age five and under can use the iPads with a parent, and there are apps for children as young as three. "This is a great way for children and parents to share in the learning process," Kroondyk



Olivia Farnington explores one of Boyne District Library's new iPads, with help from Mom Alaina Farnington. COURTESY PHOTO

reinforce what they are learning at school. This also gives parents the opportunity

See **Library offers iPads— 3A**

Boyne City talks chickens

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — At the request of several residents, the city planning commission is considering an ordinance that would allow chickens within the city limits — no roosters need apply, however.

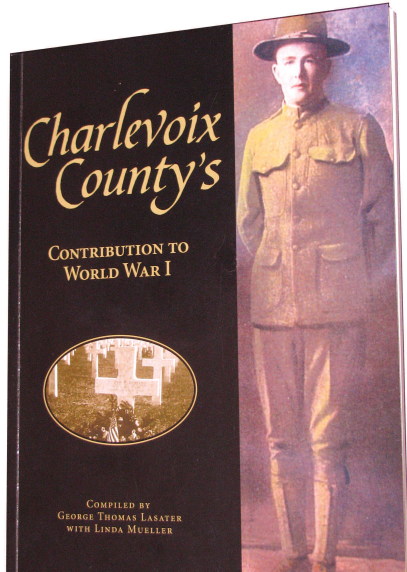
Discussions with the planning commission and the public have resulted in a number of provisions, such as enclosures for the chickens, lot line setbacks, noise levels and a limit on the number of chickens anyone may have.

Commissioners said that any ordinance drafted must be consistent with the current zoning ordinance. Commissioners were concerned about how the noise and odor levels were to be determined.

But commissioners agreed that the suggested provisions were a good starting point. Staff will incorporate the changes that were discussed into the proposed document. Eventually the ordinance language will provide a tool for enforcement.

Books memorialize local veterans

B. J. Conley



The citizens of Charlevoix County have an invaluable treasure in the books "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I" and "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II."

The books are a fascinating look at local veterans with photos and names people will recognize — McDonough of Beaver Island, Johncheck of Boyne City, Reinhardt of Boyne Valley Township, Meggison of Charlevoix, Behling

of East Jordan and Fineout of Walloon Lake.

Author George Thomas Lasater compiled the books with historian Linda Mueller. Many hours and days were spent collecting information on the veterans and their tours of duty. Copies of postcards, notes and letters, many of which were provided by the families of the veterans, are part of the books. They provide insight into the wars, the experiences the

See **Local Veterans— 3A**

Sexual abuse case moves to circuit court

A Hayes Township man arrested in December 2011 and charged with five counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and one count of use of a computer to commit a crime, has been bound over to circuit court.

Robert Russell Howard, who is represented by court-appointed attorney Kraag Lieberman, waived a preliminary examination scheduled for Jan. 31. A scheduling conference is set for Feb. 24 in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

Police arrested Howard at his residence after they discovered pornography on his computer. Police acted on a phone call from a past victim of Howard. Howard has enticed young girls into his home and video taped them for years, the caller said.

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COUNTY RECORDS

DISTRICT COURT

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

Kelly Lynn Korb, 42, Mancelona. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.
Amanda Leigh Cruse, 30, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$335 in fines and costs.
Jennifer Lynn Cooper, 47, Traverse City. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.
Matthew Phillip Holt, 40, Gaylord. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Jonathon Paul Stewart, 23, Boyne City. Assault and Battery. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and to 5 days in jail.

Stephanie Nicole Karlskin, 26, Midland. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and to pay \$15 in restitution.

Randy Alan Dagner, 30, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$855 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Daniel Bruce Hanselman, 50, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Ferol Devon Skaggs, 34, Alden. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$775 in fines and costs and to pay \$4,939 in restitution and sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 52 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

joejo20, 1124 Nordic Dr., Boyne City by Joseph Jones.
Alan's DNR Services, 03218 Springvale Road, Walloon Lake by Alan Shankleton.
Creative Business Solutions, 674 N. Ranney Road, East Jordan by Amy E. Hanchin.
Needful Things, 10990 Burnett Road, Charlevoix by Laura M. Swem.
Giftsyes, 3006 Ross Lane, East Jordan by Leroy G. Ecker and Sandra M. Ecker.

TS Services, 1378 Old State Road, Boyne City by Troy James Stone.

Don't Frack Michigan, 2189 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix by John M. Teesdale.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Elijah James Kibbe, 30, East Jordan and Alyssa Marie Anthony, 25, East Jordan.
Todd David Richards, 46, Charlevoix and Judy Marie Morris, 47, East Jordan.
Jeffrey John Anthony, 28, Boyne City and Haley Brook Bird-sall, 22, Boyne City.
Dean Wayne Rogers, 45, Charlevoix and Karla Jean Ice, 42, Charlevoix.

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

January 23-29

911 Hang Up Call	5
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Abuse	0
Alarm	4
Animal Complaint	20
Annoyance	4
Assault	1
Assist Citizen	2
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
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Death	0
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Disturbance	0
DNR Complaint	1
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Driving Complaint	1
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	0
Fraud	0
Health & Safety	0
Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	0
Juvenile	0
Larceny	3
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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, January 23

4:19am False alarm in the 400 block of N Lake St
6:07am Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
10:06am Report of lost Ipad
6:57pm Arrested subject for probation violation.

Tuesday, January 24

12:40pm Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
8:05pm Lodged stray dog at shelter

Wednesday, January 25

2:25pm Shoplifter in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:36pm Juvenile complaint in

the 600 block of N East St
6:20pm Report of larceny from the 200 block of W Lincoln
6:40pm Dog complaint reported from the 300 block of Boice St
8:41pm Arrested subject for retail fraud

Thursday, January 26

8:30am Report of suspicious subject in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av
1:47pm Report of found USB drive on Main St
2:22pm Disturbance reported in the 700 block of Wenonah St
4:28pm General assist in the 300 block of E Division St
5:21pm Report of kids playing on ice at Tannery Park
6:05pm Private property damage accident in the 500 block of Pleasant
7:10pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of Jefferson St
10:52pm Civil dispute in the 300 block of Silver St

Friday, January 27

2:50pm Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
4:00pm Kids playing on ice at end of W Water St.
4:11pm Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

Saturday, January 28

1:30pm Assist Sheriff Department on reported B&E on M-75 S
2:38pm Report of lost set of keys
9:35pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
9:39pm Citation issued for speed

Sunday, January 29

3:36am Citation issued for overnight parking (snow impound)
3:56am Citation issued for overnight parking (snow impound)
9:10am Private property damage accident in the 800 block of S Park St
12:28pm Shoplifter in the 400 block of N Lake St

Monday, January 30

10:40am Attempted phone fraud reported from the 300 block of N East St
Tuesday, January 31, 2012
4:06am Suspicious situation in the Industrial Park
2:10pm Arrested subject on warrant
3:20pm Report of suspicious situation in the 100 block of N Park St
5:15pm Unlock in the 100 block of E Water St
5:25pm General assist to subject at airport
7:35pm Civil complaint received from the 300 block of Boice St

Wednesday, February 1

4:34am Assist in the 300 block of E Division St
1:00pm Subject in to drop off found driver license. Owner contacted.
5:43pm Threats complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St
6:52pm Report of suspicious situation on Front St
7:12pm Larceny from Fall Park Rd
10:31pm Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St

Thursday, February 2

5:10am Checked on suspicious vehicle at Park near River St
5:52am Citation issued for speed
8:45am Lodged cat at shelter
9:30am Unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St
11:40am Attempt to serve subpoena in the 500 block of Division St
12:35pm Citations issued for parking in handicap spots
8:37pm Harassment complaint received from the area of Main and East Streets

Friday, February 3

2:35pm Theft reported from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
3:50pm Scam phone calls being received
4:48pm Disturbance reported in the 700 block of Brockway St.
5:35pm Vehicle parked in traffic lane on Water near East Street. Removed by owner
10:27pm Harassment complaint received from Main St

Saturday, February 4

12:35pm Report of money fraudulently taken from account.
3:07pm Well being check in the 300 block of E Division St
5:42pm Assisted vehicle in the ditch on on Lexamar Dr

Sunday, February 5

9:08am Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
12:47pm False alarm in the Industrial Park
4:30pm Civil complaint received at the PD



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FROM PAGE 1 Library offers iPads

to see what their children are experiencing with their school iPads.

Some of an iPad's regular functions have been disabled in order to provide a safe experience and keep the focus on learning. Internet searching is not available, nor is Facebook, YouTube, internet chatting, etc.

"I like to think of the iPads as the spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine go down. They really make learning very fun and easy," Kroondyk said.

FROM PAGE 1 Local Veterans

men and women encountered and the bonds that formed among them.

A nurse by the name of Bernice Prout was well liked judging from the many notes from soldiers who were wounded in France and under her care. One such note from Henry Breckinridge and dated Oct. 3, 1919 was written in rhyme:

"Prouty, Prouty kind and true, often shall I think of you. You were mighty nice to me, nice as maiden fair could be. When you skipped on toe and heel romping the Virginia reel you seemed a wild young woodland deer, your limbs so fleet, your eyes so clear.

"Now that our ways seem soon to part, the wish that rises in my heart is peace, abundance, valor to thee, sweet Prout, eternally."

Teachers of U.S. history may find the books of interest to students because of the local content.

Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I and to World War II books are available at bookstores in the area or from Lasater by calling 231-582-7001. All proceeds are donated to veteran's memorials in Charlevoix County.

the Sweeter Side of Valentine's Day

By Jim Akans

Candy and Valentine's Day are meant to go together. This Valentine's Day, over 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates will be shared as delicious symbols of love...and, about 8 billion conversational hearts will be produced this year, most of which will be exchanged as subtle messages from the heart during the Valentine's "season."

While a whole lot of candy is going to be eaten in the name of love on Valentine's Day, just where did this connection between love's favorite holiday and the sweet tooth originate?

The history of Valentine's Day itself is a bit vague. There are numerous early Christian martyrs named Valentine. Some point to one particular Roman priest called St. Valentine who allowed lovers to secretly marry. Another legend says it originates from a Roman fertility festival called Lupercalia. One thing is clear; over the centuries the holiday evolved and became associated with gift-giving,

exchanging cards, and munching lots of candy.

We do know that Richard Cadbury created the first box of chocolates back in the 1860's. While that box had a painting of Cadbury's daughter holding a kitten on the cover, the idea of shaping the box like a heart came along soon after.

Associating chocolate with romance actually has some scientific foundation. Apparently, chocolate contains substances called Phenylethylamine and Serotonin which lift a person's spirits; raising the blood pressure, increasing the heart rate and causing a mild euphoria...sounds like love to me. It also provides an energy boost, so it's not surprising chocolate has a reputation as being an aphrodisiac that dates back to the time of the Aztecs.

But Valentine's Day candy isn't all about chocolate. Lollipop hearts, gummy lips, "Red Hot" hearts and jelly beans are also popular candy choices for expressing undying love. But if any candy can claim contention to the heart shaped box of



Candy and Valentine's Day are just meant to go together, so share your heart and lots of goodies with for the one you love, and enjoy the sweeter side of Valentines Day! COURTESY PHOTO

chocolate's supreme sweet reign over the day, it is NECCO's Sweethearts Conversational Hearts.

Originally called Motto Hearts, these sugary treats were created in 1866 by Daniel Chase, brother of NECCO founder, Oliver Chase. Adorned with starry-eyed phrases such as "Kiss Me," "Sweet Talk," and "Puppy Love," adults and children alike have been slipping these goodies to their love targets for nearly a century and a half. What keeps the concept from getting stale (by the way, the actual candies have a shelf life of about five years) is that some of the sayings on the hearts

change each year. To date, NECCO has about one hundred Sweetheart sayings in inventory.

There's some sweet money in selling gift items for Valentine's Day. A 2012 BIGinsight survey finds that the average person will spend around \$126 on Valentine's Day merchandise this year, which is up nearly 8.5-percent from last year, with total holiday spending anticipated to reach \$17.6 billion. Of course, greeting cards are the most popular gift item in terms of sales units, but jewelry is expected to be a biggest hit this year, with sales in this category anticipated to reach \$4.1 billion, up from \$3.5 billion in sales

over last year. Valentine's will spend about \$3.5 billion dining out, \$1.8 billion on flowers, and \$1.5 billion on candy (not including dental bills in the coming months).

Regarding those future cavities, dental research has actually found that other "junk foods," such as potato chips and even crackers can actually cause more decay than candy. Just brush your teeth after eating treats and even sticky caramels shouldn't be a problem.

So go ahead and candy-coat it - share your heart and lots of goodies with for the one you love, and enjoy the sweeter side of Valentines Day!

Treat your Valentine to a Chocolate-Covered Boyne event

By Jim Akans

This coming weekend, find out just "How sweet it is" to enjoy downtown Boyne City, as the fourth annual Chocolate-Covered Boyne event takes place on Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th. Approximately 33

Boyne City businesses will help area residents and visitors partake in activities such as delicious chocolate tastings, discounts on chocolate treats, specialty food offerings, drawings, kids activities and more.

Indulge your sweet tooth and share the fun with your loved ones this Valentines Day and

Presidents Day weekend in Boyne City by taking part in a Chocolate-Covered Boyne, sponsored by the Main Street Program and Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Following is a list of this year's participating businesses and details of what they are offering:

- Ace Hardware - 20% off Gerber's Homemade Chocolate, and Benjamin Twigg's chocolate-cherry products
- Alpine Chocolate Haus - assorted samples of chocolates and truffles, with Valentine's specials
- B-B-Q Restaurant - half-price chocolate desserts
- Beyond Borders - chocolate-gold jewelry, smoky topaz jewelry, red ruby jewelry
- The Bird's Nest - chocolate treats
- Boyne Avenue Greenhouse - sweet treats, drawing for basket of flowers
- Boyne Trading Company - drawings for discounts of 25-50%
- Boyne Co-op True Value - dog treats
- Boyne District Library - children's story hour Saturday 10-11, display of books on chocolate (novels, cookbooks, etc.)
- Boyne Country Provisions/Wine Emporium and Market - free small chocolate bar with purchase of chocolate wine, 10% off purchase of 3 bottles of wine, free bow with purchase of wine or bubbly
- Cafi Sante - Pot de Crème, made with Belgian chocolate-\$3, chocolate hazelnut cake with cocoa butter sauce - \$4, chocolate-tini with alchemia chocolate & svvedka vanilla vodka, Godiva mocha & chocolate rim-\$6, Well & Young's English chocolate stout 25c/solo or with fruit Belgian strawberry beer-\$4
- Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff - assorted Valentine treats
- Country Now and Then/ Up A Lazy River - chocolate treats, 50% off selected items
- Dunagain's Antiques - chocolate refreshments
- Eyes on Main - cookies and brownies Friday; Saturday 'til noon
- Freshwater Studio - Wine, Women, Chocolate and Song concert with Jill Jack, Jen Sygit, and Robin Berry, 8 p.m. Feb. 11 with Ruby Williams as the opening act. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door includes wine and chocolate tasting. 582-2588 reservations.

- Huff Pharmacy - handmade chocolate truffles, Friday; Saturday 'til 2 PM
- Inspired Living - free chocolate tea sample; \$2 off any chocolate tea or teecino
- Kilwin's - fudge and chocolate treats
- Local Flavor Book Store - 25% off romance novels, 20% off drinks: mocha, raspberry white chocolate, or raspberry mocha
- Logo Pros, Northern Eagle Clothier - chocolate treats; draw for discount (10-30-50% off) at time of purchase; receive an additional draw for a future purchase
- Lynda's Real Estate - chocolate houses
- Mary's of Boyne - special indoor "sidewalk sale"
- No Boundaries - chocolate treats
- Pat O'Brien & Associates - hot chocolate
- Red Mesa Grill - chocolate quesadillas - \$3, fried ice cream with habanera chocolate sauce - \$2.50, Mexican hot chocolate-\$3, Latin-lovers' chocolate martini-\$5
- Radio Shack - 25% off cell phone accessories
- Schraw & Associates - chocolate treats (Friday only)
- en vogue salon - \$25 gift certificates for \$20
- Subway - free chocolate chip cookie with purchase of sandwich, salad, or pizza
- Sunset Grill - chocolate-covered cherry Jello shots, chocolate pudding shots, chocolate-covered chips, Dave Cisco playing Friday evening
- Thick 'n Juicy - featuring 2 burgers, 2 fries, SPECIAL chocolate shakes for \$14
- Upsy-Daisy Floral - chocolate cheesecake, drawing for Valentine's Day arrangement
- Water Street Cafi - chocolate-raspberry martinis, wine and dinner specials, live love songs by Kristin Glasgow, and their legendary Il Bacio dessert. Reservations recommended. 582-9929

For additional information, call the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, (231) 582-6222 or visit the Chamber Web site at www.boynechamber.com.

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/

HCR 0046: Introduced by Rep. Peter Pattalla on Feb. 1, 2012. A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to reconsider cuts to vocational education. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Education. **HCR 0047:** Introduced by Rep. Joel Johnson on Feb. 1, 2012. A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to repeal the provisions within the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act that allow the detention without trial of U.S. citizens suspected of being terrorists. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **SB 0787:** Introduced by Sen. Mike Nofs on Nov. 1, 2011. A bill to clarify the provisions requiring a criminal history check and criminal records check of an applicant for a license to operate a home for the aged or a foster care home. **STATUS:** Referred to Com-

mittee on Health Policy. **SB 0726:** Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones on Oct. 5, 2011. The bill would extend the statute of limitations for kidnapping, attempted murder or manslaughter from 10 to 20 years. **STATUS:** Passed roll call in Senate.

REP. GREG MACMASTER LEGISLATION:

HB 4553: Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on May 9, 2011. The bill requires continuing education requirements be met before a landscape architect's license can be renewed. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee of the Whole. **HB 5228:** Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on Dec. 14, 2011. The bill would exclude commercial vehicles weighing under 26,001 pounds from the provisions of Public Act 181 (1963). **STATUS:** Referred to Com-

mittee on Transportation. **HB 4684:** Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on May 26, 2011. The bill would provide for use of certain trails by pack and saddle animals. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation. **HB 4883:** Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on Aug. 24, 2011. A bill to modify under certain circumstances reimbursement of confinement expenses in paternity matters.

STATUS: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. **HB 4882:** Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on Aug. 24, 2011. A bill that would provide for scuba diving in the Great Lakes to search for vessels. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation. **HB 4667:** Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on May 19, 2011. A bill to provide for modification of certain association comments and restrictions.



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STATUS: Referred to Committee on Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs. Compiled by B. J. Conley 02-07-12

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Souper Bowl of Caring



Ellsworth High School's National Honor Society organized the Souper Bowl of Caring. The high school students donated nearly 1,100 canned goods and \$250 for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Ellsworth. The NHS celebrated the successful drive with an assembly last Friday.

Grand Bay Marine Expands to New Location

CHARLEVOIX — Grand Bay Marine, new and used boat dealer with locations in Traverse City and Charlevoix, is pleased to announce an expansion and move to its newly acquired 41,500 square foot store at 6472 M-66 North in Charlevoix. "We are very excited to be expanding into our new location, giving us one of Northern Michigan's largest indoor showrooms", said Liz Carney, owner and President. With plans to have up to 15 new boats in their indoor showroom, and the capacity for more, it will make a very pleasant year round shopping experience for boaters, regardless of the weather.

Vacant for three years, Grand Bay Marine has already begun renovation on the former ProBuild Lumber building in Charlevoix. The three building facility will allow Grand Bay Marine to expand its parts, service and storage business. "Our investment in Charlevoix speaks to the potential we see in this community. This expansion is a key part of our long term growth strategy, with the goal of adding jobs," said Liz Carney.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2012 and record sales in 2011, Grand Bay Marine is Regal Boat's third largest dealer in the world and Northern Michigan's largest dealer for Correct Craft's Nautique Boats, Stingray Boats and Berkshire Pontoons. Open 7 days a week and staffed by a veteran sales and service team, Grand Bay Marine invites you to visit them in either location, on line at www.GrandBayMarine.com or call 231-237-5000 for Charlevoix or 231-943-0333 for Traverse City.

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

By Jim Akans

Venus & Blue Jeans, launched by Cheryl Scheer in October of 2009, is sort of a "shabby chic" boutique, primarily focusing on consignment sales of upscale designer/brand name clothing items, from just a few years old to recently off the rack, displayed in a comfortable, easy to browse showroom on the West-side of Gaylord's downtown business district.

"We have a wonderful assortment of name-brand clothing and accessories," states Cheryl Scheer, "often including Lucky brand, Silver

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

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

The consignment arrangement at Venus & Blue Jeans is refreshingly straightforward, offering a 60/40 split between the shop and the consigner. Clothing items must be no more than a

few years old, clean, free of stains and in "ready for the rack" conditions. Clothing is kept for 60 days, and is marked down after 30 and 45 days. All consignment requests must be made by appointment

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

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



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

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Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week

Michelle Plante



GRADE: 11
PARENTS: Michael and Sandy Plante
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
 "I like to travel and explore different types of cultures. I like to go to the movies with friends, be with my family, and I love to read."
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
 "I plan on going to Michigan to become a history teacher."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Michelle is the most positive, energetic personality in this building – she also happens to be a fantastic "A" student."
 (Mr. Ames, World History Teacher)

"Michelle is a lovely young lady and a pleasure to be around."
 (Mrs. Michael-Sikora, High School Secretary)

"Michelle has developed a great work ethic to go with her incredible attitude. She is an admirable student and school citizen."
 (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

East Jordan Chamber Executive Director, Mary Faculak, named MSU Extension District 3 Council Chair

East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Faculak has been named as the new Council Chairperson for the MSU Extension District 3 Extension Council. Mary has represented Charlevoix County on the district council since its inception in January 2011. Faculak replaces Dr. Don Howard from Benzie County as the incoming chair for 2012.

Mary brings a wealth of leadership and business experience and expertise to the council. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, owns two ladies clothing stores: Mary's of Boyne and the E.J. Shoppe. She is the Executive Secretary of the Little Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Co-Chairman of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and is a Northern Community Mediation Board Member.

MSU Extension's field operations have been divided into 13 districts, each served by a District Coordinator. Each District has created an advisory council to assist MSU Extension, consisting of key stakeholders who are leaders in their communities, industries and/or organization and have a balanced membership representation from each of the nine counties in District 3. Counties in District 3 are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau and Manistee.

The council supports the educational programming of the four new Institutes in which MSU Extension



Mary Faculak

is organized:

- Greening Michigan Institute, Leverage Natural Resources & Human Assets for Prosperity
- Agriculture & Agribusiness Institute, Enhance Michigan's First Green Industry
- Health & Nutrition Institute, Improve Health & Nutrition of Michigan's residents
- Children & Youth Institute, Prepare Michigan's Children & Youth for the future

Key components of extension council functions include:

- Identifies other community organizations/agencies to collaborate in addressing specific issues
 - Assists in providing feedback about the progress of extension programming
 - Identifies potential resources and provide support for acquiring the resources necessary to address program initiatives
 - Communicates to others the availability and importance of Extension's educational programming
 - Advocates for Extension
- Faculak is a third generation on her family farm in the Charlevoix area where she enjoys taking care of her five registered Quarter Horses, working the fields on her John Deere tractor and preserving the many "classic barns" on the homestead. She also enjoys reading and writing. Mary began her new appointment on January 16, 2012 for one year.

"I am extremely pleased to have such a quality leader serving the District Council and NW Lower Michigan," said Patrick Cudney, MSU Extension's District 3 Coordinator. "Mary brings expertise, experience and a passion for the communities in NW Lower Michigan."

For additional information, visit www.msue.msu.edu or contact Patrick Cudney, District Coordinator at 231-929-3902.

DAVE Says

don't fall for same-as-cash offers

Dear Dave,
 My wife and I bought some furniture a while back on what we thought was a 24-months-same-as-cash plan. The original purchase price was \$1,600. The other day, I got a call from a collector saying that it was actually a 12-month plan, and the balance is now \$2,800. We looked at the contract, and it was our mistake on the length of the plan. Still, that makes the interest rate about 30 percent. Is there anything we can do about this?

Robert
 Dear Robert,
 This is one of the reasons I tell people to stay away from "same as cash" agreements. You may not have agreed to a specific percentage rate, and I'll bet it's something less when you factor in the time before and after the 12-month period ended. Still, I'm pretty sure that when you signed the contract you did agree to have this thing convert to a financed contract if you didn't pay it off in 12 months. These kinds of deals are really scummy. Not only have they charged you interest since the 12-month period ended, they've also back-charged you interest for the entire length of the contract!

These same-as-cash contracts are a bear trap. They're designed to mess you over big time. You can try to dispute it, but I've got a feeling you'll lose and have to pay about \$1,200 in stupid tax on this one.

Lots of people think they can pull one over on a company with the "same as cash" deal, but stuff almost always comes up—even if you don't misread the contract. I've said it a

million times, Robert. If you play with snakes, you will be bitten!
 —Dave



Dave Ramsey

a place for everything

Dear Dave,
 I've heard you talk about something you call the legacy drawer. What exactly is this, and what goes into it?

Lisa
 Dear Lisa,
 One of the best ways I know to tell your family how much you love them is by having your financial act together and organized in a central location. The Legacy Drawer is a collection of your essential financial documents in a safe place where they can find them when you die, or if you're sick or disabled.

All of the pieces of your financial life should be in this drawer: I'm talking about your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance policies, and property deeds. You should also include stuff like power of attorney statements, access information to lock boxes, and other instructions to family and loved ones.

Make sure it's really well-organized, too. It should be laid out simply enough that anyone who can read could open it up and find exactly what's needed in just a few minutes. The stress of having a loved one die or become seriously ill is bad enough. You don't want to make it any harder on them by leaving your finances in a mess!

—Dave
 *For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

WRC's 2nd annual 100 Men Campaign underway



Pictured reviewing materials for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's (WRC) 100 Men Campaign are (from left) WRC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director Chris Krajewski, Chip Hansen, Father Greg Brown, Mike Atchison, Mark Fralick and WRC Executive Director Jan Mancinelli. The agency launched the program to provide a way for men in the community to become involved in the effort to end violence against women and girls.

Last year, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) launched a campaign to engage a vital sector of the community in the movement to end violence against women and girls. Although the non-profit agency calls it the 100 Men Campaign, that did not stop them from gaining the support of 125 local men during the first year. The men who contributed helped fund a variety of awareness, education and prevention initiatives for local boys and men. Every donor also agreed to take a public stand against sexual violence by having their names published in local newspapers.

According to Jan Mancinelli, WRC Executive Director, the campaign's first year was a success. "This was a first time effort, and although we were hopeful, we had no idea what kind of support we would receive from men in our local communities," said Mancinelli. "The fact that 125 men agree these crimes are a problem and are taking steps to do something about it is very encouraging. It's fantastic!"

The Women's Center is asking men to support the campaign, again this year. "It's so critical to gain the support of men because they play a vital

role in modeling healthy, respectful relationships. And men who take a stand against sexual violence are sending an important message to perpetrators that violence against women and girls is unacceptable," said Mancinelli.

In addition to promoting respectful, nonviolent relationships, the Women's Center hopes efforts surrounding the 100 Men Campaign will help shift social norms that allow gender violence to occur. "I have been working in the violence against women movement for 33 years," said Mancinelli. "There continues to be no shortage of victims—young girls and women who have been assaulted keep on coming to the agency for help. How else can this violence stop unless we start changing how we view and treat women as a society?"

With the 100 Men Campaign, the agency seeks to gain the support of men who are willing to become more aware of the problem; model respectful, non-violent behavior; stand up for victims; and voice their disapproval of violence against women and girls. "Studies indicate that non-violent men want to help, but don't know where to start," Mancinelli explained. "Our efforts in this cam-

paign are to provide opportunities for non-violent men to learn, get educated, get involved and become a part of a movement to end violence against women and children. The numbers of violent victimization of children, mostly girls, and women are staggering. We know enough about these crimes now to work towards trying to make them stop. We need good, well meaning men to become part of the solution."

"We would love to have the support of at least 200 men, this year," said Mancinelli. "The funds raised will help us continue to increase awareness of these devastating crimes, offer community educational events and public forums, and further develop the Coaching Boys into Men program with local athletic coaches which teaches youth in the community to show respect on and off the field."

Those who make a financial contribution of \$100 or more by February 24 will have their names published in newspaper advertisements. For more information on the WRC's 100 Men Campaign, call the agency's administrative office at 231-347-0067.

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OBITUARIES

Hira D. Anderson

(DEC. 5, 1925 - FEB. 3, 2012)

Hira D. Anderson of Petoskey and Walloon Lake, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at Hiland Cottage at the age of 86.

He was born Dec. 5, 1925, to Hira and Bessie (Gardner) Anderson in Midland, Mich., where he was also raised. After high school, Hira attended the University of Michigan and was a graduate of U of M Law School.

He served in the United States Army for four years during World War II as an infantryman in the Pacific Theater.

On Sept. 8, 1951, he married Gayle Adams Gerow in Detroit. Hira worked for the Chrysler Corporation as a corporate lawyer for 34 years. As his children grew up, Hira acted as a troop leader for the Indian Guides and coached baseball leagues for many years.

He enjoyed music and was a member of the Harbor Springs Community Band, the Mackinaw City and Straits Area Band. He was also a member of the Walloon Lake Association, serving for a time as secretary and was a member of the Michigan Bar Association.

Hira is survived by his wife, Gayle, and by their sons, Paul Gerow, Peter Stanford and Scott Gardner Anderson, and daughter, Kimberly Winblad. Also surviving Hira are his eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Hira's life will be celebrated during a funeral service which will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey with the Rev. Robert Lueck officiating. Visitation will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Stone Funeral Home. Interment will take place within Greenwood Cemetery.

Those wishing to offer a memorial contribution are asked to consider the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey.

Friends and family wishing to offer condolences or share memories of Hira may also do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Andrew Thomas Priest

(FEB. 8, 2000 - FEB. 2, 2012)

Andrew Thomas Priest, 11, of East Jordan, died on Feb. 2, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born on Feb. 8, 2000, in Toledo, Ohio. Andrew was a fifth-grade student at the East Jordan Public Schools. He loved to read, work on his iPod, watch TV, swing, and ride in the family golf cart.

Andrew is survived by his parents, David and Phyllis Priest, of East Jordan; grandparents, Ed and Joyce Peter of Ellsworth and Nancy Priest of Lake Leelanau; 14 brothers and sisters, Donald "Don" Priest of Southgate, Eleanor "Ellie" (Tony) Doemer of Rochester Hills, Aaron Priest of Petoskey, Caleb Priest of Presque Isle, Maine, as well as Joseph Priest, Haley Priest, Hannah Priest, Sam Priest, Steve Priest, Maggie Priest, Jasmine Priest, Tori Priest, Tyler

Priest and Betrys Priest, all of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald Priest, and two brothers, BJ and Sean Priest.

The funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. Bart Adams officiated. Interment will be held in the spring at Atwood Cemetery, Atwood, Mich.

Memorials may be given to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Ariz. 85718; (888) HELP-MDA, 888-(435-7632). Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienf.com.

Lois M. Snyder, 93

Lois M. Snyder of East Jordan and Petoskey, died Feb. 1, 2012, at Independence Village in Petoskey.

A memorial service will take place in May in East Jordan.

Paul Harold Burkell

(OCT. 30, 1926 - FEB. 1, 2012)

Paul Harold Burkell, 85, born in Detroit, Oct. 30, 1926, son of Joseph and Lena (Strenkowski) Burkell, passed away quietly in Fort Myers, Fla., Feb. 1, 2012.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Geraldine; six children, Gayle (Morris) Vedder of McCormick, S.C., Bill (Deb) Noblett of Boyne City, Bob (Diane) Noblett of Alanson, Dawn (Don) Noblett-Griffin of Boyne City, Darlene (Mike) Burke of Fort Myers Fla., Linda (Chris) Cowles of Fort Myers Fla., and Gary Gauthier of Fort Myers, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Kristan (David) Noblett, Jesse (Victoria) Stolt, Chris (Idellee) Noblett, Nickolas Gauthier, Chase Griffin, Laura Gauthier, Marissa Griffin; and five great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Roan, Gracynn, Beckett and Liam.

Paul was a World War II veteran, Sea Bees.

He worked for Ruskin Tool and Die in Fraser, Mich., and then moved the family north and opened up his construction company, Burkell Builders.

He retired to Sanibel, Fla., enjoying living aboard their boat for many years. Paul and Gerry enjoyed great times traveling aboard their boat and later in their motor home.

Paul enjoyed projects, including building bird houses, doll houses, rocking horses and his famous wooden boats.

Paul was a wonderful husband and father. He has left behind many happy and cherished memories, his favorite line was "hmmm, something is missing," and now Dad that is you; you will be missed by all of us. Paul was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters.

Thank you to Hope Hospice for taking care of Paul until his crossover to Heaven. Dad we know you are in Heaven now and that God is taking care of you. We know we will see you again.

There will not be a service at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Hope Hospice at Shell Point, c/o The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point, 15010 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers, Fla. 33908.

Jodi Ann Brown

(DEC. 7, 1964 - JAN. 30, 2012)

Jodi Ann Brown, 47, of Petoskey, died Jan. 30, 2012, at her home.

Jodi was born on Dec. 7, 1964, in Petoskey, the daughter of Allen and Lois Kay (VanHorn) Lawson and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1983.

On Aug. 29, 1992, Jodi married Dennis Brown in Petoskey and he survives.

Jodi was the dispatcher and the head of transportation at the Friendship Centers of Emmet County and held many office positions in the home health care field.

She was a coach for Pigtail Softball for numerous years and enjoyed painting, drawing, picking mushrooms and blackberries, and loved playing various Nintendo games, especially Zelda.

Jodi is survived by her husband, Dennis; a son, Mathew; her father and stepmother, Allen and Jenny Lawson; stepfather, William Young, of Petoskey; a sister, Vicki (Ryp) Hankins, of Boyne City; a brother, Jaime (Traci) Lawson, of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; two stepbrothers, Billy Lawson and Brandon Billings; a stepsister, Tammy Poe; and by many nieces and nephews.

Jodi was preceded in death by her mother and by two daughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth.

The funeral service was Friday, Feb. 3, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey with Ryp Hankins officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey.

Chris Bulow

(JUNE 26, 1922 - JAN. 29, 2012)

Chris Bulow, 89, formerly of East Jordan, died Jan. 29, 2012, at his home in Lakeland, Fla.

He was born June 26, 1922, in East Jordan, to Lillian and Christopher Bulow.

As a U.S. Marine, he proudly served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He was a barber for many years, then worked at the East Jordan Iron Works until his retirement in 1984.

He loved his dogs, watching sports and attending music concerts.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Linda), of Stanwood; his daughter, Lynette (Renne) Girard, of Gaylord; and his loving companion of 12 years, Pauline Roelandts, of Lakeland. He is also survived by five grandchildren who called him "Pop," Kevin (Kelly) Bulow, Lisa (Rob) Brauher, Jenna Girard, Andrew (Melissa) Girard and Philip (Jennifer) Girard. He has seven great-grandchildren and one niece, Diane Scott, of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Blanche Bulow, and his twin sons, Brian and Bruce Bulow.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is planned this summer in East Jordan.

Legislative Update from State Representative Greg MacMasters

ISSUE AWARENESS

Personal Property Tax

The Governor has proposed repealing personal property taxes paid by commercial and industrial businesses while ensuring that the communities that benefited from personal property taxes do not see a major loss of revenue.

Personal Property Taxes are archaic tax structures which are very difficult to accurately assess and negatively impact Michigan's competitiveness by burdening businesses financially and in the time it takes to comply.

Several outlines for PPT elimination/reduction have been posed by various organizations, as well as the Speaker, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Snyder Administration, but none have been reduced to bill form at this time. Lastly, the Speaker and the Governor have both made it clear that it is a priority that funding for local communities receiving PPT revenue be protected.

Auto No-Fault

In 1973 Michigan adopted a "no-fault" system of automobile insurance. All motorists in Michigan are legally required (i.e. mandated) to carry a no-fault auto insurance policy on their vehicle.

The basic no-fault policy that every motorist is required to carry consists of three parts: Personal Injury Protection, or PIP; Property Protection (for damage done to other people's property); and Residual Liability Insurance (should a policy holder be sued under one of the very limited circumstances that our no-fault law allows for).

If a motorist is injured in an auto accident, the PIP portion of an injured motorist's no-fault insurance pays for his or her medical expenses, regardless of who is at fault in the accident. No-fault auto insurance pays for unlimited, lifetime medical expenses, should an individual require them. In exchange for this benefit, an individual's ability to sue has been greatly limited.

The purpose of the law was to reduce litigation costs while ensuring that individuals injured in automobile accidents received the medical care that they required. The spiraling cost of medical care has placed our current no-fault system in financial jeopardy, leading to a proposal to preserve the integrity of the system while ensuring its financial solvency.

Our current no-fault insurance may be good for some but it hurts others. The current system is not economically sustainable; the new legislation, while not perfect, is also not sustainable though is still superior to our current no-fault system. There's no doubt that this legislation, if passed, will have a financial impact on hospitals, Medicare, and other organizations, though we must work to keep those additional costs low.

I have submitted 25 questions from my constituents to the committee and have yet to see their answers and until I am satisfied with their answers addressing my constituents concerns I am a no vote.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Owed to Counties and Townships

Payments in Lieu of Taxes

(PILT) are payments statutorily required to be made by the state of Michigan to local units of government for land owned by the state and administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and privately owned land retained for long-term timber production. These lands include purchased lands, swamp and tax-reverted lands, and commercial forest reserve lands. Payments are made through line-item appropriations in the Department of Treasury appropriations act.

Prior to Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10, payments were paid in full according to a statutory formula for each type of PILT. However, due to budgetary constraints, beginning in FY 2009-10 all PILT were reduced and prorated due to General Fund reductions in the Department of Treasury's PILT appropriation levels.

In FY 2011-12, all PILT was reduced by 15.0% from FY 2010-11 levels. Under the reforms of PAs 117 and 118 of 2011, the Department of Treasury will have the statutory authority to prorate payments for all PILT, with the exception of MNRTF Purchased Land PILT.

In order to satisfy the current requirements of PAs 117 and 118 of 2011, a supplemental appropriation from the MNRTF will be required which would replace current General Fund appropriations supporting MNRTF Purchased Land PILT and increase gross funding to equal the total amount due to local units of government. The amount of additional MNRTF needed to accomplish full funding is estimated to be \$882,800 (based on FY 2010-11 full funding estimates). Approximate General Fund savings will amount to \$350,400.

While the legislature passed legislation to correct the PILT payment issue in the coming years we still need to address back payments owed to many counties and townships. This is the issue that legislators will need to work on with the Department of Treasury to ensure those payments are made. More information regarding PILT payments can be found on the House Fiscal Agency website under News and Publications.

JANUARY IN REVIEW

I would like to thank the Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association for having me as a guest speaker at their January 30 meeting at the Boyne City District Library. Some of the topics we discussed were the personal property tax, auto no-fault, and revenue sharing.

I would additionally like to thank the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce where I had the opportunity to speak at their annual dinner. Congratulations again to Dr. John Kempton who received the East Jordan Chamber's Citizen of the Year.

Earlier this past month I toured the Department of Corrections Electronic Monitoring Facility which is meant to provide community supervision staff with additional tools to more intensely supervise offenders who are not incarcerated. With the exception of prisoners living in correctional centers, tethered offenders are more closely supervised than any other offenders in the public. Because most offenders are placed on the system in lieu of prison or jail, the program is much less costly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor

It's an election year again for our new president. If you are anything like me, you are not happy with the way things are going. It is very plain to see that our leaders in office are doing a very poor job.

I can only do so much to make my life better than it is. But as far as jobs go, the environment, inflation, climate changes and a whole bunch of other important issues that I cannot do anything about myself. All we are given is the vote to make positive changes.

We need to make our vote count. How? By learning about our candidates and not paying attention to the TV. We should ignore the rhetoric and description that comes from the media. We need to get the facts by learning about the candidates.


It is obvious to me politicians only care about their pensions, their mansions, their money and their perks. I am just a concerned U.S. citizen that is concerned with the quality of life in this country and our world.


Sincerely,
 Randy Decker, East Jordan

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Jordan River Arts Council opens "Squared and Squared Again" exhibit

The Jordan River Arts Council's first exhibit of the 2012 season, "Squared and Squared Again," opens on February 12th at 1 pm with a reception for artists, family and friends.

For this exciting exhibit, the challenge was to create works of art using the square shapes of any size. Over thirty artists have met the challenge. Some artists have created two works, some related and some not, and used a variety of media, both two and three-dimensional. A wide selection of subjects was chosen.

Among the many interesting pieces is one by Mary Guntzviller of Bellaire titled "E=mc²." It utilizes mixed media work using clear plastic, with many small units and a large unit all in one. Another is a work by Kathie Briggs of Charlevoix, "Squared in Japanese," which is a fiber work of two squares in one. John Stevens has submitted a neon sculpture, "Boxed In," with three



"E=mc²", created by artist Mary Guntzviller, is among the works on display during the "Squared and Squared Again" exhibit at the Jordan River Arts Center through March 16th. COURTESY PHOTO.

squares, neon in red, yellow, and blue and a figure within.

During the opening guests will be invited to create an inch square piece using collage materials similar to those created in the "Love of

Letters" show. Guests may take them home or leave them for display. Refreshments will be served by the JRAC Board.

The "Squared and Squared Again" exhibit runs through March 16th at

Artist, John Stevens, created "Boxed In," a neon sculpture that will on display at the JRAC Exhibit. COURTESY PHOTO.



the Jordan River Art Center located at 301 Main Street in East Jordan, open Tuesday through Sunday and closed Mondays and holidays. Other times can be arranged by calling Nancy Carey, 231 536 7812 and ncarey@charter.net or Jane Diller 231 582 6399 and jjdesign@twinvalee.net. For additional information, visit www.jordanriverarts.com.

BAC Moves (temporarily)

Boyer 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.

RAVEN HILL

FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) 2nd Saturdays Starts Feb 11

The popular FAMILY AFFAIR events continue at Raven Hill Discovery Center into 2012, starting FEBRUARY 11th. Visitors can fashion a unique valentine by creating marbled paper while learning about the science of density. Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through June of 2012, each month FREE 2nd Saturdays will highlight a different science, history or art activity (AND the connections between them!), 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 every second Saturday at least from February to June of 2012. Please no organizations or groups on 2nd Saturdays - remember, it's a family affair!

consecutive year for the Second Saturday programs. This popular family event has been sponsored alternately by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and other generous donors. Because of these donations, family groups are able to strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by exploring a special learning activity each month, plus enjoy the museum, animals and the outdoor exhibits. The Center is actively seeking funding for the second half of 2012—July through December.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. For more information, call 231.536.3369 or 877.833.4254.

2012 is the third

Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2012 Juried Photography Exhibition

The Crooked Tree Art Center opened its 31st Annual Juried Photography Exhibition in the Ermy B. & Gordon B. Bonfield Gallery on January 21. The juror was Kim Kauffman of Lansing, Michigan. Kauffman also has work on exhibit in the Edith Gilbert Gallery in a show entitled "as small as a world and as large as alone..."

Awards were given to the following photographers: First Place Award sponsored by Northwestern Mutual, Stephen B. Selden, CLU, ChFC to Marianne Priest from Elk Rapids for her

work Van Road Pines, Second Place Award sponsored by Ollar Consulting to Robert deJonge from Petoskey for his work I am an Island, and the Third Place Award sponsored by Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth to Rosemary Gould from Cheboygan for her work Homage to Chihuly II.

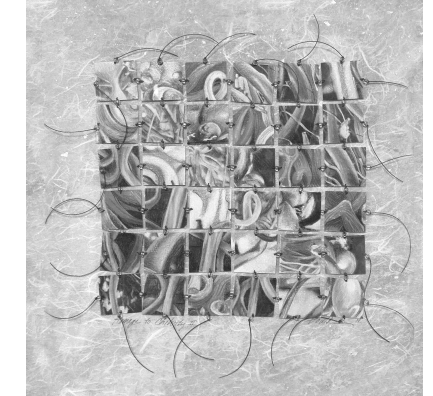
Honorable Mentions were awarded to Cherie Correll from Lake Ann for her work Island Views, Elizabeth Glass from Boyne City for her work Cosmos, Diane Gracy from Petoskey for her work Colored Season and Alan



First Place : Van Road Pines, by Marianne Priest



2nd Place : I am an island, by Robert deJonge



3rd Place : Homage to Chihuly II, by Rosemary Gould

Leese from Charlevoix for his work Sunrise Swan.

The 31st Annual Juried Photography Exhibition will be on display through April 7 and is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey Michigan 49770, (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org.

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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

Sunday Celtic Music

Gaele Gerrie-Boss hosts a Boyne Celtic Session featuring Irish and Scottish tunes played twice a month on Sundays. The next session is Feb. 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. 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.

EAST JORDAN

Biggest Loser

Murray's Bar & Grill sponsors 4-month Biggest Loser Contest. There won't be TV cameras, torturing trainers and total isolation from family members, but Murray's Biggest Loser Contest will have great healthy meals; inspirational and informational speakers; weigh-ins; prizes for weekly weight loss winners; and a generous cash reward for the "biggest loser" at the end of the 4-month contest. To participate, you must join the Murray's Biggest Loser Club for \$10. As a club member, you are invited to Murray's each Monday from Noon-1pm 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@murrayem.com, or visit <http://www.murraysbar.com>.

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.

ELLSWORTH

Measureless Love

Enjoy a ladies weekend featuring Beth Moore's DVFD series, Measureless Love at Ellsworth High school. Ladies 7th grade and up are invited to attend Feb. 10, 7-9pm and Feb. 11, 10am - 2pm. Admission by donation. Lunch and childcare provided.

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!

2011 Donations:

Cash given to programs in our community: \$22,775.00

Value of merchandise given to people in need: \$23,357.60

Since opening in 2005:

Cash given to programs in our community: \$110,175.00

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

BOYNE CITY

Sweet Celebration

Boyne City will be sweeter than normal for the fourth annual Chocolate-Covered Boyne Feb. 10 and 11. Sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will be sweeter and livelier than ever with more than 30 participating businesses. Chocolate-Covered Boyne in downtown Boyne City has a combined chocolate, Valentine theme and there will be tastings (food and drink) of chocolate treats and goodies, special chocolate desserts; displays of chocolate-themed books and even jewelry featuring chocolate. The library will be having a children's story hour, in addition to an appropriately themed book display. Several demonstrations with chocolate are also being planned. Freshwater Studio will be hosting its annual Wine, Women, Chocolate and Song concert with Jill Jack, Jen Sygit, and Robin Berry, at 8pm, Saturday, Feb. 11 with Ruby Williams as the opening act.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Sweet hearts dance

The Boyne Valley Fire and Rescue Auxiliary is holding a Sweet Hearts Dance from 6 to 11pm Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. Music starts at 7pm with two bands, Northern Nites and Rawhide. Admission is \$10 and includes music, appetizers, silent auction and drawings throughout the night.

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 perform-

ers 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 information contact Michelle Reid 231-330-3043 or 231-590-4972

EAST JORDAN

Felting Free for all

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 Streziński, 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.

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. Es-

entially, 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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Medicare 101

Are you beginning to think about Medicare? Are you getting lots of mail and don't know how to make heads or tails of it? Are you confused about all the "A's" and "B's" and "C's" and "D's" associated with Medicare? If so, this workshop is for you! Sue Graybill, certified Medicare counselor from the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, and the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP), will be presenting the workshop Medicare 101.

Wednesday, February 15, 7-9pm, East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 4th St., East Jordan

Thursday, February 16, 9:30-11:30am, Charlevoix District Library, 220 W. Clinton St., Charlevoix

Thursday, February 16, 2:30-4:30pm, Boyne City District Library, 201 E. Main, Boyne City.

All presentations are open to the public. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Call to reserve your spot today at 231-947-8920 or 800-442-1713.

CHARLEVOIX

Singles for Christ

Dinner group for all area singles 50 years and older will meet Saturday, February 18, 6pm at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Ave. Reservations required so R.S.V.P. by calling Frieda at 347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

It's Cookie Time

Girl Scouts will be taking cookie orders January 20 - February 17. Cookies cost \$3.50 a package. New this year is the Savannah Smiles cookie, a lemony delight to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting. Other varieties are Do-Si-Dos, Dulce de Leche, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints and Trefoils. Customers also have the option of purchasing cookies and donating them to the Michigan Blood Bank. Through the Girl Scout fundraiser programs, girls learn great life skills such as money management, communication skills, business ethics, goal setting and much more! Plus, girls are able to earn money to fund troop or group activities, programs and training opportunities we provide to all our girl and adult members. All of the proceeds from the cookie sale program stay in northern Michigan to help local girls and troops.

ELLSWORTH

MacMaster joins snowmobile ride

State Representative Greg McMaster will be participating in the Second Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest Breezeway Snowmobile Ride Inn on Saturday, February 18. He will ride in from the East Jordan Snowmobilers Club in East Jordan to the House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast in Ellsworth where he will kick off the Breezeway Benefit Snowshoe Challenge at 2pm. For information see Ellsworth Shiverfest on Facebook or Alana Haley 231-360-0676.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Farmers Market

The East Jordan Garden Club is sponsoring a winter Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, at the East Jordan Civic Center. It will be open the second Thursday of each month; February 19, March 8 and April 12.

BOYNE CITY

Go Red for Women

February is American Heart Month and on Fridays this month, local women can get a free blood pressure screening at Boyne Area Medical Center. Those who get screened can then get a card good for a free heart pin at CindiFranco's Cool Stuff, 309 S. Lake St.

ATWOOD

Cherry Recipe Contest

Saturday, February 25th from 10am - 1pm at Friske's Farm Market, US 31. Recipe Categories: Entrees and Sauces / Compotes. Enter your recipe by Feb. 15th and win exciting Prizes! Come for the fun and taste everything Cherry! www.friske.com for a registration packet and event details 231-599-2604

EAST JORDAN

Zentangle

February 25, 12-4 pm. Instructors Cynthia Tschudy and Babs Young. Concentration would be on teaching the basic pattern skills for building patterns for Zentangle with lots of opportunity for creativity. The last part of the session would be to show a wide variety of ways zentangle can be incorporated into different types of artistic creations. Cost: \$25. This includes a materials packet of several types of paper, black, white gray and black micro pen and a white pen. Also a small mat to mat one piece. At sign up time further information will be given. Contact instructors Babs Young, Phone 231-645-2220 or babsy@elkrapidsnet.com or Cynthia Tschudy, Phone 231 544 6167 or mailto:ctschudy@torchlake.com

CHARLEVOIX

Winterfolk Concert Series

Monday's, 6:30pm at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.
February 27: Ernie Mindel
March 26: Bob & Letty Faccett

BOYNE CITY

Blood drive

The next blood drive in the Boyne area will be held from Noon to 5:45pm 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).

CHARLEVOIX

Winter carnival exhibit

A juried all media exhibit will run through February 29 at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. Juror is Nancy Swan Drew, nationally known artist who has been featured on Home and Garden, Television and countless magazines and newspapers. Artists featured in this exciting show: A few of the well known artists in this show include: Sue Bolt, Kathie Briggs, Linda Boss, Chris Lease, Margie Guyot, Jeanie Putman, Karen Kimmel, Mike

Schlitt, Beverly White, Lisa Galoway, Rob Maxwell, Jay and Glenna Haney, Jordan Valley Glassworks. For additional information please check CCA website at charlevoixcircle.org

BOYNE CITY

Winter Farmers Market

Winter hours will be Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The market will be held in the red building next to the library.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Ride free to Senior Centers

Don't be a shut in this winter. Good food, good fun daily at any of the county's senior centers. Charlevoix County Transit 231-582-6900 provides free rides to and from any of the County's Senior Centers.

EAST JORDAN

Sno-Lovers Breakfast

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd. Adults-\$6, Kids (5-10) \$3, Under 4 Free. Every Sunday, 7am - Noon

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor farmers market

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Skinny 501c3 workshop

Think your nonprofit or small business can't afford state-of-the-art technology tools? Think again! In hard economic times, successful organizations learn to do more with less. Our Skinny 501c3 workshop series will show you how you can have up-to-date tech and still spend your money on your mission, not your tools. 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am. \$20 to register: 231-838-6460. Attend as many workshops as you like. We supply coffee, tea, and donuts. Bring your laptop if you want a hands-on experience, or just sit back and learn.

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

EAST JORDAN

Free health workshop

The East Jordan Family Health Center is hosting a free health workshop in East Jordan from March 7 to April 11 to help individuals manage chronic or long-term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until Noon in the Community Room at the East Jordan Family Health Center, 601 Bridge Street, East Jordan, MI. It is a six week workshop conducted in 2 ½ hour sessions each week. Registration for the PATH workshop is necessary and enrollment is limited. To register or for more information, contact the East Jordan Family Health Center at 231-536-2206 and ask for Pam Walsh or Connie Roland.

BOYNE CITY

Ice Out contest

The Great Lake Charlevoix Ice Out contest will be held again this winter as a fund fund-raiser benefiting the Alano Clubs of Boyne City and Charlevoix. Community members will have the opportunity to purchase guesses on the day and time the carefully selected rock, "Rocky Balboa", will fall through the ice. The person who picks the closest date and time will win \$1,000. The rest of the funds will be split between the two organizations. Rocky and a specially constructed clock will be placed on Lake Charlevoix near the marina lighthouse as soon as ice conditions allow. Tickets are available until March 15. The cost for each guess is \$2 and tickets will be sold by Alano Club board members and at participating businesses, including the Boyne Area Chamber, Local Flavor bookstore and Pat O'Brien Real Estate. Alano clubs manage facilities that host 12-step recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateen, Narcotics Anonymous, etc. to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities. For more information about this contest or the Alano Clubs of Boyne City or Charlevoix, contact Pat O'Brien at 231-582-1700 or Richard O'Leary at 231- 547- 9184.

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Busy Weekend in East Jordan

Don't let the lack of snow keep you inside. Head to East Jordan this weekend! We have activities for everyone to enjoy! Come discover all we have to offer!

Jordan River Arts Council – "Squared and Squared Again" exhibit opening Sunday, February 12 and 1:00 PM. Open daily 1-4 PM

Winter Rafting on the Jordan with Jordan Valley Outfitters for more information call 231-536-0006

Jordan River National Fish Hatchery – Open to the public 7 days per week. 231-584-2461

Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center – Felting Free-for-all, Saturday, February 11 at 12 PM. Pot Luck begins at 12 PM and the wool felting workshop starts at 1 PM. Bring a Sweater, scarf or other woolen material if you would like to embellish. Info@wagbo.org or call 231-536-0333

Raven Hill Discovery Center – 2nd Saturday Science. Free admission hours are from noon to 4 PM. create a unique valentine; explore the hands-on museum and animal indoor exhibits.

Take in the Charlevoix County Relay for Life benefit basketball game. Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 PM in the East Jordan High School Gym. East Jordan Public School Staff VS East Jordan Emergency Personnel.

Enjoy a Swiss Steak Dinner at the East Jordan United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Community Dance presented by Two Left Feet Dance Instruction in cooperation with the Pine River Jazz. Saturday, February 11 at the East Jordan Civic Center. Dance Lesson at 6:45 PM and music starts at 7:30 PM for more information call 231-547-6114

Take a hike on one of the many Jordan River Pathway Trails or Little Traverse Conservancy Nature Preserves. Stop in at the East Jordan Area Chamber for maps.

Shop and dine at the many local shops and restaurants.

Experience the Labyrinth at Community Park in Ellsworth Do some winter camping at the East Jordan Tourist Park. To make reservations visit www.eastjordancity.org.

Friday, February 10, 2012 take the family to the Family Fun Carnival at the East Jordan Elementary School from 4:30 – 8:00 PM

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.

Score funds for college at College Goal Sunday

Local events Feb. 12 at Boyne City and Harbor Springs High Schools

College-bound students and their families can get help filling out the free application for financial aid for college at two area high schools during College Goal Sunday on February 12.

Hosted by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, College Goal Sunday will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Boyne City and Harbor Springs high schools. The event is free and open to students and their families.

Trained volunteers will be on hand to help students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. The financial aid experts will be available to guide students and their parents through each step of completing and filing the FAFSA. Students under 23 years of age are encourage to attend with a parent or guardian. Parents and students should bring their completed 2011 Federal tax return (1040) if possible, or their W-2 and 1099 forms.

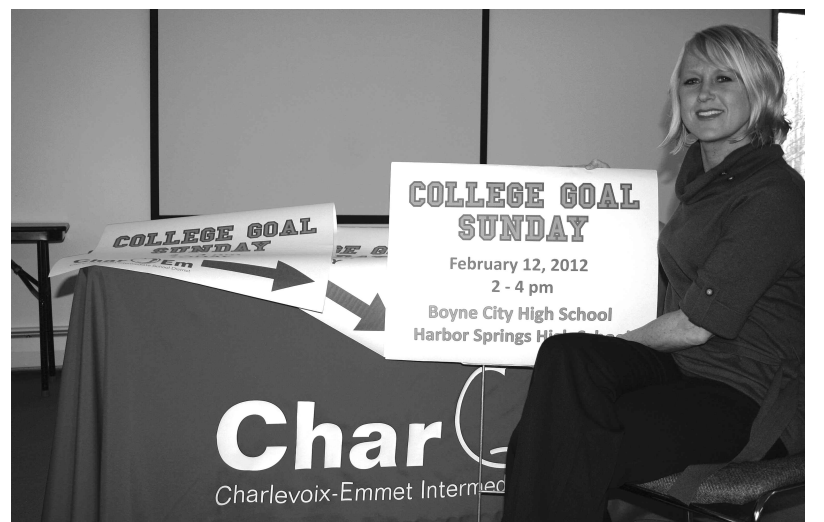
"We're excited to participate and help increase the number of

students who continue education beyond high school and earn post-secondary degrees," said Kelly Johnson of Char-Em ISD who is coordinating the regional event. "We'll have the experts on hand to walk you step-by-step through the FAFSA application process; it will be so easy!"

Johnson added that even those students not sure if they're college bound should attend. "Even if you're not sure you're going to college, you should come," Johnson said. "You can always apply for the money and decide later."

Those attending the two regional sites as well as other College Goal Sunday events throughout the state are eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship, two \$500 scholarships, and three \$250 scholarships. In addition, at the Boyne City and Harbor Springs events, participants can register for a chance to win free gas cards.

College Goal Sunday is a collaborative effort of Char-Em ISD and all 11 public schools within Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties, as well as the



Kelly Johnson of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District puts together directional signs for the upcoming Sunday, Feb. 12, College Goal Sunday at Boyne City and Harbor Springs high schools for students and families to receive free assistance in completing the federal financial aid applications to apply for college.

Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Students Financial Aid Association, and EduGuide. Additional support for the statewide activities was provided by the C.S. Mott Founda-

tion, the Lumina Foundation for Education, and the DTE Energy Foundation.

For more information, contact Johnson at 231.547.9947 or visit www.EduCash.org.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Adds New Trustees

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of two (2) new trustees; David Leusink and Barbara Malpass.

Leusink, of Charlevoix, is the President and CEO of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, a position he has held since 1998. An active community leader, Mr. Leusink is a past President of the Charlevoix Rotary Club and also sits on the Board of Directors of Northern Community Media-tion. In addition to serving on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Mr. Leusink will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee, which oversees the Foundation's grantmaking activities. "I'm very pleased to join such a worthwhile organization, and I'm looking forward to working with the other trustees to continue to advance the mission of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation," he said.

Malpass, of East Jordan, returns to the Foundation Board of Trustees for a second term of service, continuing her long history of community service. A long-time resident of East Jordan, Mrs. Malpass has served as a member of the Board of Education of East Jordan Public Schools and currently serves on the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Board. "I'm so pleased to return to the Community Foundation Board," Malpass said, adding, "it's such a positive organization and I'm ready to work with the rest of the Board to continue a long history of good work in the community."



Barbara Malpass (l) and Dave Leusink are the newest members of the Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Like Leusink, Malpass will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee.

Bill Aten, Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, is delighted with the new trustees. "Barb and Dave bring great skills and a strong service orientation to the Board table," he noted, adding, "the Community Foundation will benefit from their experience and engagement." Including the new appointments, the Foundation's Board of Trustees includes fourteen (14) members, representing all regions of Charlevoix County. Other trustees include; Connie Wojan and Don Spencer of Beaver Island; Hugh Conklin, Jim Howell, Pat O'Brien and Rachel Swiss of Boyne City; Bill Aten of Boyne Falls; Mike Hinkle, Linda Mueller and Valerie Snyder of

Charlevoix; Fay Keane and John Kempton of East Jordan.

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

Paying for College Using a Matched Savings Program

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) offers Individual Development Accounts (IDA) – a Matched Savings program. The program, called Michigan Saves, offers people the opportunity to save towards getting that degree or certification needed to reach their career goals. Enrollees make a minimum monthly deposit of \$20.00 per month for at least six months into a savings account set up jointly between the participant and the local program office. Each dollar saved is matched, up to \$1000, at a 2:1 ratio for higher education. This would result in a total of \$3,000 towards the cost of attending a college or technical school.

The program has been very successful according to Keith Greenwald, Budget/Housing Counselor at the Petoskey Office of NMCAA. "Our education IDA program encourages and makes possible enrollment in programs of all types from community colleges, vocational training programs, and even on-line education if offered by an accredited institution. Each enrollee makes a commitment to attend financial fitness classes, participate in individual budget/credit counseling, as well as make monthly deposits into their savings account."

NMCAA has received funding for this program through a grant from the Assets for Independence Act (AIFA) Demonstration Program. To be eligible, an applicant must have income within 200% of the poverty guideline or below. For example, the income limit for a family of four is \$46,100 per year. Participants must have a source of earned income.

NMCAA has partnered with Fifth Third Bank and the program is strengthened by partnerships with other community agencies. The collaborative effort brings with it a level of experience that offers insight into the challenges that account holders will face in achieving their goals. Call NMCAA at (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518 to obtain an application for the Michigan Saves IDA Program or visit their web site at www.nmcaa.net. Eligible parents can enroll to save for their child's college education. Applicants under the age of 18 must have the consent of a parent or guardian. The local office of NMCAA is located at, 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. in Petoskey.

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"It's a go" for the 2nd Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest next weekend

By Jim Akans

The winter weather outlook may be a little "shaky," but the organizers for the 2nd Annual Shiverfest say the event is still on schedule for next weekend, February 17th through the 19th, in and around the beautiful, northern Michigan village of Ellsworth.

"Unless we have snow, we will canceling the Breezeway Snowmobile Ride that was scheduled for Saturday," states Alana Haley of the Ellsworth Shiverfest Committee, "but most of the activities are still on. There may be a few alterations, such as changing the Snowshoe Challenge on Saturday to a footrace, and using vehicles instead of snowmobiles for the Poker Run on Sunday, but most of the events will proceed as scheduled."

Among those events will be the Famous Fish Dinner at the Gold Nugget Bar and Grill and 4th Annual Ellsworth's Best Dessert Tasting and Raffle at the Banks Township Hall on Friday, February 17th. There will be a Free Fishing Weekend on Ellsworth area lakes both Saturday and Sunday, concessions and a warming fire at the Ellsworth Community Park during the day on Saturday, and Saturday evening will offer a Cabin Fever Euchre Tournament at Banks Township Hall and Live music featuring the Paper Plane Pilots at the Gold Nugget Bar.

Please visit Ellsworth Shiverfest on Facebook for more information.

2nd Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest on the Breezeway! February 17 -19



The 2nd Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest is still on schedule for next weekend, February 17th through the 19th, and one thing is for sure; the always popular "Ellsworth Best Dessert Tasting and Raffle" at the Banks Township Hall will bring smiles regardless of the weather!

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

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 braving the weather sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing or ice fishing outside, or staying warm and toasty while tasting desserts or playing Euchre inside, Ellsworth's Shiverfest has something for everyone to enjoy.

Friday, February 17th
Famous Fish Dinner 5:00-9:00pm Gold Nugget Bar and Grill
4th Annual Ellsworth's Best Dessert Tasting and Raffle 6:00-8:00pm Banks Township Hall
Indulge your sweet tooth at a dessert tasting of Ellsworth's best gourmet desserts donated by our very best bakers. Includes coffee, tea and punch by free will donation. Enter the Raffle to win a dessert to take home. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Information: Alana 231-360-0676. Proceeds benefit the Front Porch Café, a non-profit community outreach.

Saturday, February 18th
Free Fishing Weekend Ellsworth Area Lakes
Try ice fishing; the coolest sport around! All fishing license fees are waived for two days with residents and out-of-state visitors allowed to enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters. Live Bait and Ice Fishing Tackle available at

Ellsworth Grocery.
Concessions and Warming Fire 10:00am-2:00pm Ellsworth Community Park
Hungry? We will have good eats under the pavilion. Cold? Grab a hot drink and warm yourself at the bonfire.
Cardboard Sled Races 10:30am Ellsworth Community Park
Create a sled out of cardboard and bring it to race! Winners in two categories: Design/Construction and Race Winner. Sled construction materials may be cardboard and tape only. Sleds may be decorated with paint, stickers, flags, etc. Wax only may be used on the running surface.
Snowman Contest 11:30 Ellsworth Community Park
Show off your snowman building skills and get creative with theme and decorations. Judging by age category.
Breezeway Snowmobile Ride In 12:00-4:00pm
Featuring the new St. Clair Snowmobile Trail connecting the Breezeway to Trail #4. State Representative Greg McMaster will ride in from the East Jordan Snowmobilers Club in East Jordan to the House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast in Ellsworth where he will kick off the Shiverfest Snowshoe Challenge at 2:00pm. Plan to stay for lunch or dinner at the Community Park Concession, The Front Porch Cafe, Ellsworth Market or the Gold Nugget prior to, during or after your ride. Information: Jerry 231-675-2828.

Shiverfest Snowshoe Challenge 1:00/2:00pm House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast
Registration begins 1:00pm. Race time 2:00pm kicked off by State Representative Greg McMaster. Your choice of 1 Mile Fun Run or 5K Race. \$5 Fun Run, \$10 5K Race entry fee benefits Shiverfest. Information: Alana 231-360-0676.
Cabin Fever Reliever Euchre Tournament 7:00pm Banks Township Hall
\$10 registration per person includes refreshment, prizes. BYOB. Sponsored by Ellsworth Lioness Club. Information: Joni 231-544-6348.
Live Music 9:30pm-1:30am Gold Nugget Bar & Grill
Featuring Paper Plane Pilots.

Sunday, February 20th
Free Fishing Weekend Ellsworth Area Lakes
See Saturday's listing for details. Live Bait and Ice Fishing Tackle available at Ellsworth Grocery.
Snowmobile Poker Run 9:00am-4:00pm
Snow or no, it's on! Five stops: East Jordan Snowmobile Club (Pancake Breakfast,) Mallard Golf (your choice,) Flight Deck Bar (your choice,) House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast (Hot Dogs and Bonfire 1:00-3:00pm,) Gold Nugget (4:00pm appetizers & prizes.) Sponsored by SCM Fireworks Committee. \$15 entry fee. Sign up at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club or Gold Nugget Bar & Grill. Information: Jerry 231-675-2828.

Six Degrees that Could Change our World



Dr. Guy McPherson

Climate change and durable communities will be the topics of a presentation at North Central Michigan College next Monday, February 13, by Guy McPherson, conservation biologist and professor emeritus from the University of Arizona. The presentation will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Library conference room.

Dr. McPherson's scholarly work has focused on the conservation of biological diversity, environmental degradation, climate change and fossil fuel dependency. He believes that we are on an extremely untenable, unsustainable pathway that is dangerously close to collapse. He lives in a straw bale house and says he is increasing his self-sufficiency through organic farming and what he calls "community resilience."

The presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a showing of a National Geographic film on climate change, "Six Degrees that Could Change our World." At 7:30 p.m. Dr. McPherson will give a talk entitled, "Climate Change and Energy Decline in Northern Michigan: How Can We Make our Communities Durable and Resilient?"

His presentation is being coordinated by Kerri Finlayson, professor of anthropology and sociology, and Seamus Norgaard, adjunct instructor. For more information, contact Prof. Finlayson at kfinlayson@ncmich.edu or Seamus Norgaard at jnorgaard@ncmich.edu.

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