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Ellsworth senior Jake Seaney (11) looks to drive against Alba in Northern Lakes Conference play.



PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS  
Madeline Boss of Charlevoix drives for a layup as Harbor Springs' Maggie Walker trails.

## Boyne City joins forces for solutions to Kirtland noise issue

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — Despite the efforts of Kirtland Products to solve the noise problem from its plant in the city's industrial park, further remedies are necessary.

That was the consensus of the city commission at a meeting on Feb. 14 at City Hall.

"I appreciate what Kirtland is doing for the community," commissioner Laura Sansom said. "But I understand the needs of people to come home after working all day and have peace and quiet."

Kirtland Products is lo-

cated in the City's industrial park and manufactures wood pellets for heating in commercial buildings and residential homes. Operations began in the fall of 2011.

The company and the city have received a number of complaints from residents who live near the area, mainly about the noise from the plant equipment.

Kirtland has responded to the complaints by purchasing and installing mufflers on its stacks and quieting shrill sounds made by other equipment. But some people say the noise remains too loud.



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

This piece of equipment dries the wood pellets. Kirtland Products installed it inside its facility before they began production to keep the noise down.

Kirtland Products chief executive officer, Leon Tupper, spoke to commission-

ers at the meeting saying the decibel readings were lower after the sound muf-

fling, but when he talked to residents the reactions differed.

"Remarks ranged from 'I can no longer hear the noise' to 'I can hear it, but I can live with it.' Reactions varied and were without a consensus."

Tupper said the company has incurred substantial expense in its attempt to correct the problems.

"We are uncertain how to proceed without clear guidelines from the city. We are unwilling to spend more," Tupper said and added: "We trust we will be able to work with the com-

See Noise—3A

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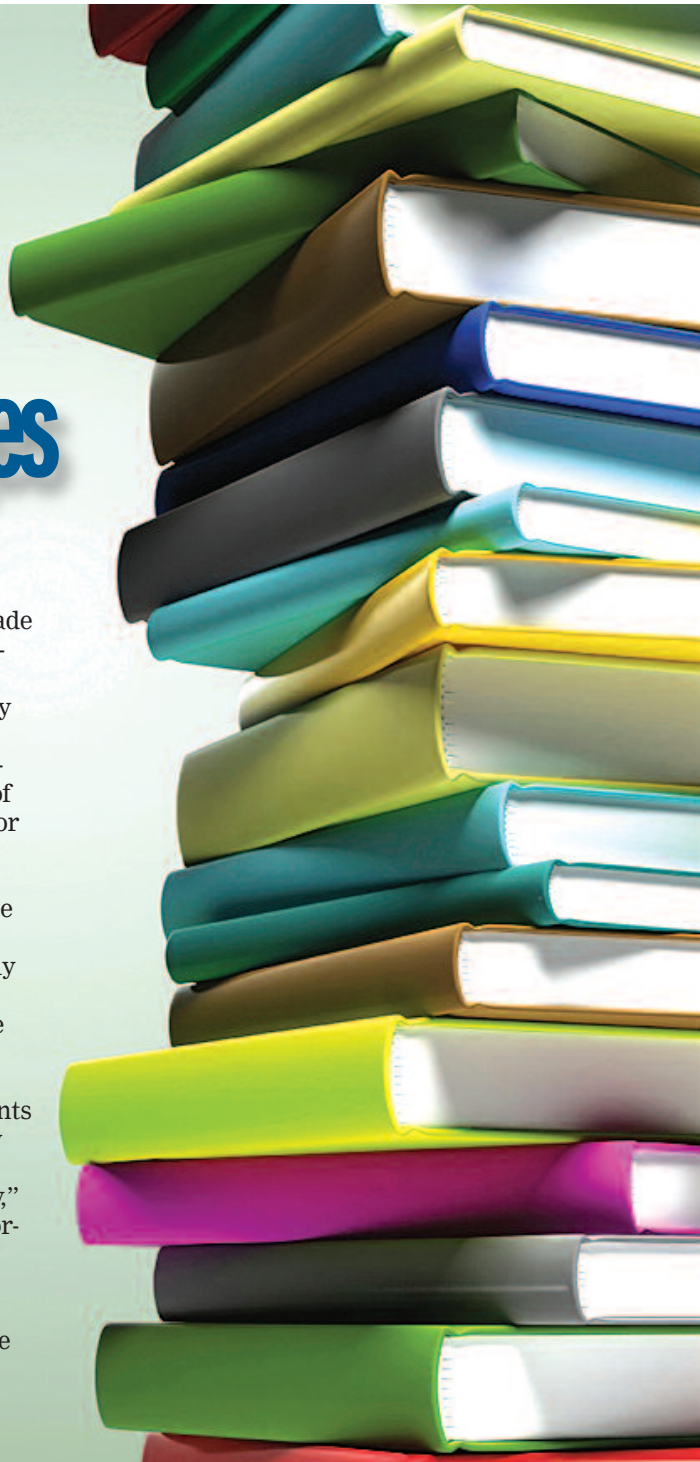
## State MEAP scores undergo reporting changes

By Jim Akans

The Michigan Department of Education has made some changes to the way MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) and Michigan Merit Exam scores are reported, creating some difficulty in comparing the recently released MEAP scores from tests students took this past fall, to scores released for previous test results. The State Board of Education recently adopted new "cutoff scores" for these semi-annual tests that are utilized to assess student population progress in the areas of math, reading, writing, science and social studies. These "cut scores" are used to separate student results into four categories; advanced, proficient, partially proficient and not proficient, and the new guidelines set by the State Board of Education raise the base performance level in each of the upper categories.

"Raising the cut scores will give Michigan parents and students a much better sense of whether they are adequately prepared for the next step in their education and a future career in a global economy," said Jennifer Sabsook, Instructional Services Coordinator with Char-Em ISD who works extensively with student achievement data. "While we anticipate an initial drop in the number of students reported as 'proficient,' we are confident this change will be temporary due to ongoing school improvement efforts and student support."

See MEAP Scores—2A



## Hayes Twp to hold Sea Gull public hearing

B. J. Conley

Hayes Township continues its pursuit of the purchase of Camp Sea Gull, a former camp for girls on the shores of Lake Charlevoix and now up for sale.

The asking price for the 20-acre lakefront property is \$6.1 million. The appraisal, however, came in at \$4 million, according to Hayes Township supervisor Ethel Knepp. The township is preparing to submit a grant application that could cover most of the price. The township would need to raise \$500,000. Results of the grant application won't be known until the fall of 2012.

"We have a lot of things going for us," Knepp said. "I think we'll score well [on the application]."

Knepp said she will run for reelection so she can follow through with the acquisition of Camp Sea Gull.

The grant is requested from the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The deadline to submit applications is April 1. At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, a public hearing is scheduled at

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Charlevoix	2/21/2011.....65.6	2/20/2012.....28	24	.....35°F	.....15°F	.....54°F (1976)	.....-24°F (1963)		
East Jordan	2/21/2011.....78.9	2/20/2012.....49.4	25	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....55°F (1976)	.....-20°F (1963)		
Gaylord	2/21/2011.....87.8	2/20/2012.....72.4	26	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....62°F (2000)	.....-31°F (1963)		
Mio	2/21/2011.....34.6	2/20/2012.....28	27	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....62°F (2000)	.....-16°F (1994)		
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Petoskey	2/21/2011.....73.9	2/20/2012.....49.7	29	.....37°F	.....16°F	.....60°F (2000)	.....-21°F (1980)		

## COUNTY RECORDS

### DISTRICT COURT

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

William John Argue II, 52, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs and to 10 days of community service work.

Steven Michael Walden, 19, Charlevoix. Sex offender failure to sign registration. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to 29 days in jail with credit for 29 days.

Christopher Lewis Yettaw, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 40 days of community service work.

Steven Charles Robinson, 21, Charlevoix. Allowed a minor to consume alcohol on premises. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Joslyn Jean Keie, 19, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$675 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 76 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Tracey Lee Cochran, 41, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$535 in fines and costs.

Angela Jean Smith, 29, Boyne City. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Andrew Francis Hendricks, 20, Highland. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to 40 hours of community service work.

Daniel James Hansma, 35, Petoskey. Driving while license was suspended. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.

Daniel James Hansma, 35, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to 30 days in jail.

Thomas Victor Dorsek, 62, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,105 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, 90 days

on electronic monitor, 60 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work, and one year on probation.

Gerard Elliot Matts, 34, Boyne City. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and to 10 days in jail.

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

Kelly Lynn Wood, 26, Kalkaska. Possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to 30 days in county jail.

Andrew Edward Higgins, 48, Sheffield, MA. Embezzlement from a vulnerable adult. Sentenced to 270 days in county jail.

Amanda Leigh Cruse, 30, Boyne City. Manufacture, use and conspiracy to commit controlled substance. Sentenced to 30 days in county jail.

Latrell Dante Carr, 37, Flint. Controlled substance - delivery, weapons-firearms- possession by a felon, habitual offender. Sentenced to 47 months minimum and 30 years maximum on Count 1; to 47 months minimum and 30 years maximum on Count 2 and 47 months minimum and 7 1/2 years maximum on Count 3 in prison.

Mitchell Daniel Chipman, 21, Boyne City. Larceny, weapons-firearms-larceny. Sentenced to 270 days in county jail.

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

Ryan Michael Hocquard, 32, Boyne City and Deanna Mary Constantino, 34, Boyne City.

Roy Douglas Buning Jr., 33, Boyne City and Molly Elizabeth Powers, 26, Boyne City.

Carl Clarence Murray, 30, East Jordan and Justine Marie Thayer, 26, East Jordan.

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

Springwater Lawn and Garden Maintenance, 03525 Boyne City Road, Boyne City by Stephen d. Howie.

Mommy's and Daddy's Cubs, 806 Maple St., East Jordan by Shonda Elaine Scott and

Michael Thomas Peters. Silent Auction Shop, 1207 Bridge St., Charlevoix by Robert Harmon

Northern Confidential Service (NCIS), 11130 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix by Brian VanMeter.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

**Monday, February 13,**  
8:41am Report of lost wallet near the 100 block of S Lake St. Was later located and returned.

11:15am Private property damage accident reported in the 100 block of River St

2:14pm Civil complaint reported in the 600 block of E Main St

2:36pm Arrested subject on warrant

3:19pm Scam letter dropped off at PD.

5:50pm Assist Sheriff Department with suspicious complaint in the area of Pinehurst Shores.

6:20pm Lodged stray cat at the shelter.

8:13pm False alarm in the 800 block of Front St

10:05pm Citation issued for Fail to Use Due Caution

**Tuesday, February 14**  
9:39am Illegal dumping of trash in the 200 block of S Lake St. Suspect located.

2:50pm Receiving calls about the hole in the ice off of Lakeshore Dr. Was Lake Association installing fish habitat.

3:54pm Welfare check on

subject in the 100 block of E Cedar St

4:42pm Assist Animal Control in the 300 block of Boice St

7:35pm Received call regarding civil custody dispute.

**Wednesday, February 15**  
3:21pm Assist Fire Dept with natural gas odor in the area of Silver and Robinson Streets.

5:25pm Report of suspicious male following young girls downtown.

7:45pm Home invasion reported in the 200 block of Franklin St

9:05pm Unlock in the 400 block of Hemlock

8:45pm Report of possible credit card fraud in the 200 block of S Lake St.

6:26am Suspicious male in the area of W Michigan and Robinson Streets.

**Thursday, February 16**  
6:26am Suspicious male in the area of W Michigan and Robinson Streets.

1:35pm Unlock in the 400 block of State St

3:30pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Boyne Av and Division St

6:40pm Alarm in the 300 block of E Division St

7:45pm Private property damage accident in the 600 block of N East St

11:05pm Report of baby crying in the 300 block of E Division St

**Friday, February 17**  
4:40pm Verbal dispute in the 300 block of E Division St

5:35pm Arrest subject for possession of marijuana and violation of restricted driver's license.

5:20pm Home invasion in the 200 block of Franklin St

6:00pm Alarm in the 600 block of Maddy Ln

**Saturday, February 18**  
2:37am Arrested subject for OWI and possession of marijuana

6:33pm Private property damage accident in the 300 block of E Division St

6:51pm Juvenile complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St

8:16pm Assist Fire Dept on Wheeler Rd

11:27pm Assist Sheriff Dept with Domestic on M-75 S

**Sunday, February 19**  
9:49am Citation issued for speed

10:30am Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance

## CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

**February 6-12**  
911 Hang Up Call.....1

Abuse.....0

Alarm.....2

Animal Complaint.....13

Assault.....0

Assist Citizen.....4

Assist Motorist.....3

Assist Other Agency.....15

Attempt to Locate.....1

Bank Alarm.....0

Breaking & Entering.....1

Car/Deer Accident.....5

Citations Issued.....32

Civil Complaint.....3

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0

Death.....0

Disorderly Person.....0

Disturbance.....2

DNR Complaint.....0

Domestic Dispute.....2

Driving Complaint.....4

Fire.....1

Found Property.....0

Fraud.....3

Health & Safety.....1

Hit & Run.....1

Intoxicated Person.....0

Juvenile.....2

Larceny.....5

Lockout.....7

Lost Property.....0

Minor In Possession.....0

Miscellaneous Criminal.....1

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....1

Operating Under the Influence...0

Paper Service.....11

Parking Violation.....0

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## ACCIDENTS & INVESTIGATIONS

### Boyne City Police Investigate Break-ins

The Boyne City Police Department is currently investigating two breaking and enterings that have occurred to residences in the 200 block of

Franklin St within the last week. Both incidents occurred during daylight hours.

We would like to remind residents to keep their

doors locked. If anyone remembers seeing anything suspicious in that area last week, or has any information that may be related, please con-

tact the Boyne City Police Department at (231)582-6611 or 911.

### Teenager injured in snowmobiling accident

On February 19, 2012 shortly after noon, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, along with the Hudson Township First Responders and Boyne City EMS, responded to a report of a personal injury

accident where the driver was operating a snowmobile.

The driver, 13 year old Claire Percival from Lansing, Michigan, was snowmobiling with her family on Slashing Road in Hud-

son Township. Claire was traveling Southbound on the edge of Slashing Road when she lost control of her snowmobile, drove down into the ditch, and struck a tree.

Claire sustained an in-

jury to her left leg as a result of the accident. She was transported to Otsego Hospital by Boyne City EMS for treatment. Claire was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

### FROM PAGE 1 MEAP Scores

The new cut scores represent a significantly higher standard for student achievement and are intended to more accurately reflect a student's progress toward college and career readiness. On some tests, students previously could have answered as few as 40 percent of the questions correctly to be considered proficient. Under the new scoring system, students will have to correctly answer a much higher percentage of questions. Michigan is one of only three states in the nation (along with New York and Tennessee) to move to this top tier level of test scoring.

The results of MEAP tests administered to students this past fall were released on Wednesday, February 8th, and some good news is that overall scores in math and reading for elementary and middle school students across the state improved, ranging from high of a 40-percent "proficient and above" rating in mathematics for students in grades 4 and 5, to a peak of 69-percent "proficient and above" in the reading category for 5th graders. With the implementation of the higher "cut scores," however, comparing these latest test results with previous periods can cause a bit of anxiety.

Sabsook observes that if a student is reported as "not proficient," it does not mean that he or she isn't gaining academic skills or knowledge expected for his or her grade

level. "It means that on the day of the test, this student was not yet proficient on the material being tested. Many students may require additional help and/or time to master these skills. Actually, by the time parents and the school receive the MEAP/MME results from the state, many students identified as "not proficient" will have closed the gap."

School districts will be examining curriculum to respond to this more challenging level of test scoring. In addition, staff will focus professional development efforts on enhancing their abilities to rise to the challenge presented by these recent changes.

To view MEAP and MME test results for individual schools and districts, visit [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)

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## FROM PAGE 1 Noise

munity to a solution.”

The issue has brought a roomful of people to two commission meetings and public hearings. One citizen who lives near the industrial park part of the year said his property is worthless right now because of the noise. He said it is his recommendation that the plant be moved and shut down until it can be moved.

Resident Julie Howard spoke about the jobs the company provides.

“We located here six years ago to raise our family. We are raising our family on less than \$50,000 a year because we love it here. . . . For somebody to come in here on a part-time basis and tell a plant to move . . . Maybe we need to look at East Jordan. They will take the plant,” Howard said to a rousing round of applause from the crowd.

City manager Michael Cain said a committee should be formed to research solutions and find experts that could advise the city, the residents and Kirtland Products about solutions. The city Economic Development Corporation and the LDFA board members voted recently to use their resources to hire experts.

The committee will be comprised of citizens, city staff, and representatives of Kirtland Products to work as a team that will find solutions to the noise and other complaints of residents.

City planner, Scott McPherson, expects the committee to have its members chosen late this week.

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# Recyclers Exceeded 10,000 lb. Carton Goal

Recyclers in Emmet, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, and Charlevoix counties have met and exceeded a challenge made by Emmet County Recycling in November: recycle 10,000 pounds of paper cartons in 10 weeks. The total actually came to 10,165 pounds.

Paper cartons include packages like milk cartons and juice boxes. The counties—which all use the Emmet County Recycling Center to process and market their recyclables—have been accepting cartons for recycling since June of 2010. Other products commonly packaged in paper cartons include half-and-half, refrigerated juices, broths and wine.

The “10 Pounds in 10 Weeks” challenge was the core of a campaign to let northern Michigan residents know that they can now recycle paper cartons. Cartons are accepted at all drop sites in Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Emmet and Presque Isle counties and curbside in areas of Emmet County with curbside recycling collection service. They go in the Mixed Containers bin along with glass bottles and jars, plastic containers and metal cans.

“The goal was set high,” said Emmet County Recycling Director Elisa Seltzer, “but then northern Michigan residents are strongly committed to recycling. At the end, the last couple of weeks were a real nail biter—we were weighing

the cartons as they were baled and since the bales are around 2,000 pounds each there were a few weeks between roughly 8,000 pounds and the final weight.”

Next, the Recycling Center will be hauling a load of cartons—now sorted from the other containers and baled—to Great Lakes Tissue (GLT) in Cheboygan. Cartons are composed of three layers: an outer, printed plastic layer, a white middle layer made up of high quality paper, and an inner layer including plastic and sometimes aluminum. GLT uses a machine called a hydro-pulper to separate the paper from the plastic and/or aluminum. They produce napkins, paper towels and tissues from the recovered paper.

Seltzer noted that carton recycling has economic as well as environmental benefits. “GLT bought the former Procter and Gamble mill, which was sitting shuttered right in the middle of Cheboygan. They brought jobs back to the town. Recycled cartons are important to GLT because they’re a lower cost feedstock, compared to virgin paper pulp. We’re so fortunate to be able to complete the recycling loop with products being made and returned to the shelves right here in northern Michigan.”

“We’d especially like to thank everyone who started recycling cartons during the challenge,” concluded Seltzer, “Keep those cartons coming!”



Brian Leslie of Emmet County Recycling tags a bale of cartons from the “10,000 Pounds in 10 Weeks” challenge period. The tag notes the weight of the bale and the date it was made. COURTESY PHOTO

## Dictionary Project Benefits East Jordan Students



Elementary School Principal Carla Winteringham with Grange President Walter Murphy, Pauline Murphy, third grade teacher Karen Jervy, Sue Stallard, Claudia Libbey, Karen Walker and Nelson Ogden distributed dictionaries to East Jordan students.

East Jordan third grade students received a special gift from Peninsula Grange at a presentation last Thursday, February 16th. As a service oriented group, Peninsula Grange, in cooperation with the Michigan State Grange and The Dictionary Project, presented dictionaries to all third grade students at East Jordan Elementary School through its Words for Thirds program.

Peninsula Grange President, Walter Murphy explained, “We know how important it is to learn to read in third grade and we believe a personal dictionary will be a great help. Bringing the book home will enable the student to learn more quickly because their ed-

ucation won’t be confined to the classroom.”

While students are in this very important development state, Grange members hope parents will encourage their children to “look it up” in the dictionary when they need to know how to spell, how to pronounce, or what a word means. With a dictionary at home, parents can spend time with their children making a game of looking up things in the book.

Through the tireless efforts of the Grange’s network of more than 300,000 volunteers nationwide, America’s oldest rural and agriculture organization has presented third grade students across the nation with more than 100,000

dictionaries. With the assistance and support of the Michigan State Grange, Peninsula Grange was proud to be able to participate in the project this year.

Established in 1895, Peninsula Grange was formed to unite citizens in improving the economic and social position of American farmers. While the Grange is proud of its agricultural heritage, they are now involved in a variety of community service projects. The historic hall is located at the corner of Looze and Advance Roads, north of East Jordan. For more information, visit [www.peninsulagrangearg.org](http://www.peninsulagrangearg.org).

## FROM PAGE 1

### Camp Sea Gull

Hayes Township Hall at Burgess Road and Old U.S. 31. This is the second public hearing of the two required by the Trust Fund.

Hayes Township wants to purchase the property to use as a public park. With 1,400-feet of shoreline the property would provide recreation for area residents and county visitors, an application draft states. Activities would include fishing, swimming, picnicking, kayaking and boat launching. The property would also

provide a trailhead, parking and facilities for the proposed Boyne City-Charlevoix non-motorized trail.

Some residents around Camp Sea Gull are opposed to using the land as a public park, partly because it may hinder the peace and quiet of the area.

Knepp is spearheading the acquisition along with township clerk, Marlene Golovich. Written comments may be directed to Hayes Township, 09195 Old U.S. 31 North Charlevoix, MI 49720, or attend the public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, at the township hall.

reporterbjh@gmail.com



Camp Sea Gull has several housing buildings that overlook Lake Charlevoix. The owners of the camp have the property for sale. Hayes Township would like to acquire it for a public park.

# 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/](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/)

**SB 0750:** Introduced by Sen. David Robertson on Oct. 12, 2011. This bill would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to increase the penalty for knowingly filing an incomplete or inaccurate campaign finance statement or report from a civil fine to a misdemeanor fine and/or imprisonment, and include a candidate among the individuals subject to the penalty; Designate failure to file required campaign statements for a candidate committee with an account balance of at least \$20,000 for two consecutive years as a felony, and provide that money in the account would be subject to seizure and forfeiture by the state; and Establish procedures for the seizure and forfeiture, including a candidate’s opportunity for an admin-

istrative hearing and an appeal to the circuit court.

**STATUS:** Passed by the Senate on Feb. 14, 2012. Referred to House Committee on Redistricting and Elections on Feb. 14, 2012.

**SB 0754:** Introduced by Sen. Mark Jansen on Oct. 12, 2011. This bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following: Require a person who applied in person to register to vote to present a picture ID and to require the application of a person who did not present a picture ID to be considered a mail registration application.

**STATUS:** Passed by the Senate on Feb. 14, 2012. Referred to the House Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

**SB 0803:** Introduced by Sen. Darwin Booher on 11-8-2011. This bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require an application to vote to include an affirmative statement by the elector that he or she is a citizen of the United States and to prohibit issuance of a ballot to an elector who did not make the statement under oath.

**STATUS:** Passed by the Senate on Feb. 14, 2012. Referred to the House Committee on Redistricting and Elections on Feb. 14, 2012.

**HB 5402:** Introduced by Rep. Rashida H. Tlaib on Feb. 15, 2012. This bill would declare that an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter shall not permit a person to adopt a dog, cat or ferret unless the animal con-

trol shelter or animal protection shelter has first searched for that person on an animal abuse registry.

**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary on Feb. 15, 2012.

**HB 5403:** Introduced by Rep. Harvey Santana on Feb. 15, 2012. This bill would require individuals convicted of animal abuse offenses to register to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental agencies to impose fees and prescribe penalties.

**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary on Feb. 15, 2012.

**SR 0118:** Introduced by Sen. Glenn Anderson on Feb. 15, 2012. A resolution to memorialize Congress to exempt Michigan from provisions of the federal



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unemployment program that are ending extended benefits for thousands of Michigan citizens.

**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Economic Development on Feb. 15, 2012.

**SB 0975:** Introduced by Sen. John Moolenaar on Feb. 16, 2012. A bill to protect religious liberty and rights of conscience in the areas of health care and medical and scientific research as it pertains to employment, education

and training, and providing or participating in health care services and to the purchasing of or providing for the purchase of health insurance; to provide immunity from liability and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Health Policy.

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# News

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## Don Kelly Antiques & Furniture Barn offer quality vintage and custom furniture

By Jim Akans

When looking to refurnish, redecorate or simply revitalize the furniture and accessory items in your home or cottage, don't miss the opportunity to check out the amazing selection of vintage and custom furniture at Don Kelly Antiques & Furniture Barn located in Charlevoix. The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. From antique wicker to Early American and European imports, the vast selection is sure to tantalize the imagination of virtually every furniture shopper.

Don Kelly founded his business back in 1985, as he recalls, "it was in a small



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Don Kelly Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix.

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room off my garage. I loved working with furniture, and while attending a furniture show I discovered a new type of finish stripper that worked extremely well. I went home, tried it out, and started my new business. It kept expanding and I moved into my current location in 1990."

Kelly adds, "Something we specialize in is wicker furniture items. People love old wicker furniture, and we also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with solid wood or very good veneers. The workmanship and

craftsmanship is excellent."

The services offered at Don Kelly Antiques & Furniture Barn also include customizing the size of furniture to match the customer's needs, and they will paint, stain and refinish items to match the customer's décor if they desire.

Don Kelly Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 8 am until noon. For additional information, please call (231) 547-0133 or visit [www.dkellyantiques.com](http://www.dkellyantiques.com).

## East Jordan City Leaders Attend Strategic Planning Session

On Saturday, February 4 the East Jordan City Commission attended a Strategic Planning Retreat from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Royal Farms in Atwood. The entire city commission, city administrator and the city clerk attended the session hosted by Ann Chastain of the MSU Extension service.

During the retreat, the City Commission held discussions on a variety of items ranging from team work and team building to addressing the make-up, purpose and function of an efficient and representative city commission and administration.

The Commission also got the opportunity to participate in leadership activities and held discussion about what they felt made a good leader.

The Commissioners were able to express the importance of putting the past behind them and moving forward in a positive nature.

The Commission held a light lunch and reconvened by enumerating their short and long term goals for the City of East Jordan.

The Commission felt that this type of session was beneficial to them, not only as a group, but also individually and decided a retreat of this sort would be something they will continue to do on an ongoing basis.

## NWS offers Skywarn spotter training classes

By Jim Akans

The National Weather Service will once again offer free "Skywarn" spotter training classes during the coming weeks at several northern Michigan locations. While open to anyone in the general public who would simply like to learn more about weather indicators and phenomenon, these classes are the first step someone needs to take in order to become an official National Weather Service storm spotter, providing attendees with basic weather observation training.

The information offered in the two hour class session includes an interactive multimedia presentation given by a meteorologist, including various images and video loops from past storms in Michigan and the Great Lakes area. Brochures are also available.

Middle and high school students are welcome to attend the classes with a parent or other adult. Because of the complexity of severe thunderstorms and the potential dangers involved, spotting is recommended for ages 18 and older.

Following is a list of Skywarn spotter training that will be held in the northern Michigan area in the coming weeks. Please note that pre-registration is not required to attend these classes.

**Bellaire** - April 17th, 6:30 pm, Antrim County Building, Commissioners Room (2nd Floor). Contact Carl Goeman (231) 533-6569

**Atlanta** - March 15th, 6:30 pm Montmorency County Courthouse, West Entrance, 12265 M-32. Contact Dave Utt (989) 785-4141

**Gaylord** - March 22nd, 6:30 pm, University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd. Contact; Mike Thompson (989) 732-6670

**Mio** - March 26th, 6:30 pm, MSE-e Conference Room, 101 Court Street. Contact; Buffy Galer (989) 826-1191

**Prudenville** - April 9th, 7:00 pm, Denton Township Fire Department, 2600 South Gladwin Rd. Contact; Eric Tiepel (989) 275-8740

**Rogers City** - April 16th, 6:30 pm, Rogers City Area Senior Center, 131 East Superior Ave. Contact; Norm Smith (989) 733-8095

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

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## Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week

### Richard Carpenter



**GRADE:** 10

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Band, Robotics, Quiz bowl

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:**  
Video Games, Anime

**FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:**

Plans to go onto programming and/or video game designing

*“Nerd herd for the win!  
Robotics for the win!” - Richard*

#### STAFF COMMENTS

*“Richey consistently brings a noteworthy point of view while planning his projects and works with resolve to see his ideas accomplished.”*

(Mr. Beckering, Art Teacher)

*“Richey has been a leader from the start with Boyne City Blaze Robotics. His level of commitment and his ability to think about what we need to do next are exceptional. At the same time he's an unselfish member who never hesitates to help out with any task. I cannot say enough about the good things Richey has done for our program!!”*

(Mr. Thomason, Robotics Advisor)

*“Richey is a hard-working student who is always looking to challenge himself. He is always willing to help out and tries to make the people around him better. He is a fine student, an excellent musician, and a great person!”*

(Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

*“Richard is a student who is involved in class and extracurricular activities on a high level. He is polite and helpful, and he is becoming a leader at BCHS.”*

(Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)



Jim Daly

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

### DAD'S LACK OF ENGAGEMENT WITH SON HAS MOM WORRIED

**Q:** My husband seems to be more interested in fixing the house and sitting down with a glass of wine each evening than interacting with our 8-year-old son. He's a good provider and a spiritual leader, but he doesn't initiate playing catch or family activities of any kind. I'm feeling resentful about this, because I grew up in a family that did all kinds of fun things together on the weekends. So what should we do?

**Jim:** Fatherhood is a very personal issue for me. My parents divorced when I was young, so I had very little contact with my biological dad. And my stepfather left when I was in fourth grade. The absence of a consistent father figure was devastating to me, as it is for so many kids.

I realize your own situation is different. It's encouraging that your husband is a good provider and spiritual leader. Perhaps he just needs some

motivation to help him engage with your son. I'd recommend two books that might be helpful. The first is “The Seven Secrets of Effective Fathers,” by my friend, Dr. Kenneth Canfield. It addresses practical matters such as protecting and providing for children (your husband seems to have a good handle on this), and also spending time with kids and getting to know them emotionally (an area that may be lacking in your household).

The second book is Tim Sanford's “Losing Control and Liking It.” Sanford suggests that a father's most important role is not to control his children, but to validate them by spending time with them and affirming them.

If your husband wants more insights after reading these books, have him contact Focus on the Family for a wide range of great resources for dads.

**Q:** When my boys, ages 5 and 7 say, “That's not fair,” I respond with, “It may not be equal, but it's fair.” We've talked before about how

they won't always get the same thing at the same time, but they will be treated fairly. I have no idea why it's worked, but the approach has been very successful for our family — in fact, they now say it to each other. What do you think?

**Juli:** As one of six kids, you can imagine how many times I said or heard those words, “It's not fair!” Whether it's a larger slice of pizza, more presents under the tree, or a later bedtime, kids will sniff out any sign of inequity. My parents usually responded with a similar line: “We won't always treat you exactly the same, but we love each of you equally.”

Although a key element of effective child rearing is consistency, parents must be flexible in applying the same principles to different kids at different times and in different situations. For example, while dishonesty should always be addressed as a serious offense, good parents must be sensitive to personality, motivation and age when deciding how

to correct it.

Punishing two children exactly the same for a similar offense would be equal, but not fair. One child may be much more sensitive to parental disapproval and be devastated by a mild scolding while her strong-willed sibling needs a dramatic consequence to get the point across. Similarly, the exact same curfew for all teenagers would not be fair because some are capable of handling more freedom than others.

It takes a confident parent to stand up against the “It's not fair!” defense. Good for you for not only holding the line, but teaching your kids that your love for them can trump even their perception of not being treated fairly.

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family, host of the Focus on the Family radio program, and a husband and father of two.

Dr. Juli Slattery is a licensed psychologist, co-host of Focus on the Family, author of several books, and a wife and mother of three.

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## Emmet among four Michigan counties to benefit from Transportation Enhancement grants

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently awarded federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) grants for projects in four Michigan counties. Three of the counties, Emmet, Leelanau and Livingston, are receiving funds for projects that will support tourism by providing residents and visitors with access to nearly 20 miles of pedestrian and bicycle paths. The fourth, Kent County, will receive funding for a project that will enhance a Grand Rapids business district by improving water quality from stormwater runoff.

“This federal funding helps pay for improvements that make a real difference in economic development and quality of life,” said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. “Transportation enhancements like these make Michigan communities

even more attractive to residents, visitors and business investors.”

Under federal law, 10 percent of federal surface transportation funds are set aside for TE projects. Administered by MDOT, the grants enable communities to invest in projects such as streetscapes and non-motorized trails. TE funds provide a maximum of 80 percent of the money required for each project, with the remainder coming from state and local government and the private sector.

In northern Michigan, the Emmet County Road Commission, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), will construct 7 miles of a 10-foot-wide trail from M-119 in Petoskey to Powers Road in Alanson. Approximately 5.5 trail miles will be constructed on a former railroad corridor owned by

MDNR, while 1.5 miles will be constructed in MDOT right of way along US-31. The project budget is \$1,345,670, including \$941,969 in federal TE funds, \$300,000 expected from the MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund and \$103,701 expected from the MDNR Recreational Trails Program.

The Leelanau County Road Commission will pave 6.5 miles of the Leelanau Trail, part of the Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation (TART) trail, from Lakeview Hills Road to Revold Road. The trail surface will be asphalt from Lakeview Hills Road to Bingham Road and crushed limestone from Bingham Road to Revold Road. The project budget is \$671,498, including \$470,049 in federal TE funds and \$201,449 in matching from TART Trails, Inc.

## DAVE Says

### get your priorities straight

Dear Dave,  
My husband's company recently told everyone that massive layoffs are coming, and they should start looking for other jobs. Right now, all of his options are out-of-town. A real estate agent told us we'd have to remodel our kitchen in order to sell the house. We've got \$3,500, but remodeling would take about \$2,000. Should we get a second mortgage to get the work done?  
Pamela

Dear Pamela,  
You might want to get another opinion. Sure, a new kitchen would be nice, but is that the end-all, be-all? Either way, there's no way I'd go into debt to make this happen. Your house isn't even on the market yet. There's no reason to fix up a house that's not for sale, especially when you only have \$3,500 to your name!

There is, for sure, a financial storm brewing on your horizon. Start right now living on rice and beans and saving up piles of cash to build a bigger umbrella.

Wait until he actually lands another job before you make any big decisions. What if something pops up where you are? If you end up moving, then you might take \$2,000 from savings to fix up the kitchen and get the house sold. Don't do it unless you're going to pay cash, though! You don't want a second mortgage hanging over your heads, making everything even more difficult.  
—Dave

### leave the 401(k) alone!

Dear Dave,  
My husband has been transferred again in his job. Right now, we have three houses and about \$60,000 in other debts. He just found out that he can borrow against his 401(k) without hardship at the beginning of the year. Is this a good idea?  
Yvonne

Dear Yvonne,  
Three houses? Do you buy a new house every time you move? You guys need to stop doing that. The “other debt” isn't the problem. It's those houses that are killing you!

I would never recommend that someone borrow against their 401(k) just to pay bills. It might be a different story if you were facing foreclosure or about to file bankruptcy, but that doesn't sound like the case here. I think you've just made some really bad decisions, and these decisions are following you around and messing up everything else.

Most of the time in situations like this I have to say: “Sell the car!” In your case, it's: “Sell the houses!” I know the market isn't great in some areas, but these things are eating you guys alive. You've got to put some effort into getting rid of them. Then, start living on a really tight budget and clean up the other debt!  
—Dave

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## Art News

### Wisser-Saworski Endowment for the Arts Established

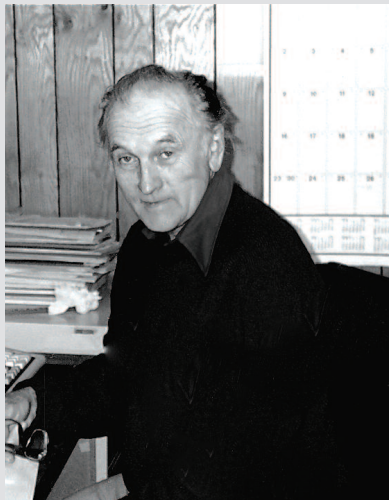
East Jordan – Art Saworski knew what he loved in life, and with the support of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, his life-long interest in the arts led to his establishment of the Wisser-Saworski Endowment for the Arts, an endowed fund at the Community Foundation. The Endowment, which was created with proceeds from Mr. Saworski's estate, will support classical art and cultural activities in the area, forever.

The fund is named, fittingly, after Mr. Saworski's mother and his grandfather, whom he cited as having a great influence on his life, exposing him to the value of music and art at an early age, and continuing to share their love of the arts with him as he grew older.

"We were so pleased to learn about Mr. Saworski's gift," said Chip Hansen, the President of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. "We work frequently with individuals and couples who give charitably throughout their lifetimes, and who are intent upon continuing to support the things they love and enjoy by making provisions for a charitable bequest in their estate plans."

Art Saworski was born in Germany in 1928 and spent his boyhood years there, moving to the United States in 1953, to enroll in college. He completed his education at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, and, upon graduation, moved to Detroit to work on the Edsel Project with Ford Motor Company. After years of visiting northwest Michigan, Art moved to Boyne Falls in 1968, where he established and operated Northwest Realty. In 1975, he became the first director of the local Commission on Aging and later worked as the director of the Charlevoix County Transit system, where he served until his retirement in 1998.

Bill Aten, the Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, knew Mr. Saworski well. "Art was a real gentleman who had an interest in so many



Art Saworski

things," Aten said, adding, "but he was especially fond of the arts."

The newly-established Wisser-Saworski Endowment for the Arts will award grants for the first time during the Foundation's upcoming grant cycle, which has an application deadline of March 1, 2012.

The new fund joins more than 230 other funds now held by the Community Foundation. Some are designated to support specific projects or causes; others are unrestricted and can be used to benefit a variety of civic, charitable, and enrichment programs throughout the county.

Founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Community Foundation is a charitable organization designed to serve as a permanent philanthropic resource for Charlevoix County. Gifts from donors are invested and, each year, income is used to make grants in support of many worthy programs. Since it began, the Foundation's assets have grown to more than \$21 million and its grants have exceeded \$11 million.

For more information about the new Wisser-Saworski Endowment for the Arts, or the Community Foundation's other funds and grantmaking activities, please call the Foundation, (231) 536-2440, or visit the Foundation's website at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org).

### Swirl continues at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Swirl continues on Thursday, February 23 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center featuring a sampling of creative appetizers and fine wines from Lake Street Market of Boyne City. Musical entertainment will be provided by vocalist Michele Walker with piano accompaniment by Young Min You. Swirl is a monthly wine tasting with music and the most recent art exhibit on display, including the Annual Juried Photography Exhibit and

"as small as a world"—the work of five artists.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with food and music running to 7:00. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 per person the day of Swirl, when available. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337 or visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org). The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

### Dessert Tasting Fundraiser



ABOVE: The Ellsworth National Honor Society helped serve up the treats at the Front Porch Dessert Tasting fundraiser. Front Row (l-r) Roger Dickenson, Nate St. Pierre, Whitney Heard, Tara Essenberg, Elizabeth Sowers, Crissa Karavas, Back Row (l-r) Nate Veldboom and Emily Veenstra.

RIGHT: Enjoying the treats at the Front Porch Dessert Tasting are Cole Essenberg, Collin Ingals, Brook Essenberg, Dutch Essenberg with his two little ones.

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### Victorious Thunder Monkeys



Pictured: The winning Boy Scout patrol, the Slightly Husky Thunder Monkeys

Local Boy Scouts performed very well at the Klondike Derby held in Pellston Michigan this past weekend. The winning patrol called "The Slightly Husky Thunder Monkeys" made up of boys from Boyne City's Troop 49 & Boyne Falls' Troop 53 came in first place. Gaylor's Pack 1 posted a first place finish for the younger Webelos Scouts. The Klondike Derby is a winter outdoor scouting skills competition. Scouts from Emmet, Charlevoix, Otsego, Cheboygan, and Antrim counties participated in the Klondike Derby with a Winter Beach Party theme. Some of the events were ice rescue and first aid associated with the rescue, snow shoe soccer, snow shoe

volleyball, fire building, snow snake, compass course, and a very unique skills challenge. In the skills challenge, scouts had to feed a bag of M&M's to a fallen scout without getting closer than 15 feet from the scout. The fallen scout could not move, but was allowed to speak and open his mouth when the food arrived. Record time was recorded by boys from Troop 7, of Petoskey's St. Francis Xavier Church. Their time was under 5 minutes. All in all, it was a very great day for all.

Results of the competition are as follows:  
In Northern Trails District the Klondike Derby was held at Pioneer Park in Pellston and hosted by Troop 2

in Pellston.

The Winning Patrols were:

**FIRST PLACE – Slightly Husky Thunder Monkeys**, Troops 49&53, Boyne City/Boyne Falls

**SECOND PLACE – Cobra Patrol**, Troop 14, Gaylor

**Third Place – Cobra Patrol**, Troop 7, Petoskey

Winning Webelos Patrols:

**FIRST PLACE – No Name**, Pack 1, Gaylor

**SECOND PLACE – Sharks**, Pack 7, Petoskey

**THIRD PLACE – Hula Boys**, Pack 17, East Jordan

**Snow Snake Winners: 120 FEET- Wolves**, Troop 23, Alden

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# Dining & Entertainment

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## DINING

### Enjoy traditional Polish cuisine & atmosphere at the Polish Kitchen in Harbor Springs

By Jim Akans

There is nothing quite as delicious, satisfying, and heartwarming as authentic Polish cuisine. The challenge is finding a restaurant in northern Lower Michigan that specializes in such traditional Polish dishes as Potato-Cheese, Sauerkraut or Meat Pierogi's, Polish Meat Goulash, Golabki (Stuffed Cabbages) Polish Kielbasa, Cutlets and Schnitzels, and Nalesniki (or Crepes)...is your mouth watering yet?

Such marvelous Polish dishes, plus many more special creations such the Pierogi Reuben Plate, and Warsaw (Wings) Pierogi, can be found at the Polish Kitchen in Harbor Springs. The restaurant's Pierogi's, which can include Potato with a variety of Cheeses, Potato Chives, Mushroom Sauerkraut and more, are also now available at Oleson's in Petoskey.

Proprietor, Rafal Bebenek, states, "Our



"The Platter" is a popular dish among the many delicious, satisfying, and heartwarming authentic Polish cuisine available at the Polish Kitchen in Petoskey.

member those good times where the family would eat real traditional Polish food. We use all homemade recipes and the only item on the menu that we do not make is the Kiel-

wiches, and Kielbasa on a bun. He affirms that the Polish Kitchen's Reuben has been a tremendous hit, "we go through dozens a day on a busy day. We also feature a kid's menu."

The Polish Kitchen opened their doors in March of 2010, and Bebenek notes that along with a scrumptious variety of Polish food, the atmosphere at the restaurant keeps customers coming back time and time again.

"We offer a real Polish dining experience," he observes. "We offer large portions of our traditional tasting food. We are told that the food is the best part as people are brought back to their younger years when they remember the home cooked meals that grandparents or parents used to prepare, as if we are taking them back in time."

Bebenek recalls that his family had thought about opening a small cafe style restaurant for many years. The opportunity arose when both of his parents lost their jobs when the manufacturing plant they worked at closed down

"So it became a family business and so far it has been a tremendous hit," he states. "The staff consists of only family as my father does the cooking with the occasional help from my aunts from Poland or my mom when she is capable of it. I run the front end of the restaurant and take care of the accounting, ordering, etc."

The Polish Kitchen can accommodate large groups for birthdays, anniversaries, wedding rehearsal dinners, business or organization meetings, and other special occasions in a special section of the facility. Hours are seven days a week 11-8 pm.

Bebenek notes that his staff will serve people all the way till 8 pm and even later if they keep on coming in; "we do not close till the last person leaves."

The Polish Kitchen is located in the Harbor Plaza right before Pleasant View Rd, and the Airport on the south side of M-119 in Harbor Springs, (231) 838-5377. Their full menu can be found at our website [www.famouspolishkitchen.com](http://www.famouspolishkitchen.com)

The Polish Kitchen's proprietor, Rafal Bebenek notes that along with a scrumptious variety of Polish food, the atmosphere at the restaurant keeps customers coming back time and time again.



restaurant is unique to the area in the sense that we bring the traditional Polish cuisine that people of the area have had before from relatives or family members who have passed on. This allows them to re-

basa. That is made in Chicago in true Polish tradition and we have had a great response from our local community."

He adds the menu also features a good selection of standard fare such as Ham, Turkey, Cutlet sand-

## Camp Daggett's Concert for a Cause

MARCH 16TH - 7PM

Looking for a good reason to get out of the house and have a fun, entertaining, and memorable evening? I have got just the cure for you! Ever hear of a band by the name of Orpheum Bell? If so, you need to see them perform. If not, you need to see them perform. It is that simple. I was extremely fortunate to book this musical group for the upcoming inaugural Camp Daggett Concert for a Cause. Our goal is to meet the increasing demand for scholarship funds so that needy families can send their children to summer camp for a week of a lifetime at Camp Daggett. Once the band learned of my intent they were more than willing to help out. How do you like that? A great band with a great heart.

Little story here: I vaguely remember my parents returning home one night from a concert held in Gaylord, MI back in the mid 70's. Mind you, Gaylord was about the size of Boyne City back then. They went and saw a little-known, country singing gal perform at the Chalet Hotel by the name of Barbara Mandrell. They both said what a spunky firecracker she was. In the next 5 years, Barbara

took the Grand Ole Opry and the country music scene by storm. After that, she and her sisters started their own primetime television show in the early 80's called Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters. Orpheum Bell is destined to become increasingly popular. I sense their "stock" is ready to split and we are very lucky to have them nearby to enjoy their unbelievable musical talents. I saw them perform at a standing room only concert at the Freshwater Studio last winter and was simply amazed and nearly awestruck by the music they had created. They really are something special and have a very unique chemistry.

So there you have it! Tickets are more than affordable for this event at \$15 for adults and \$7 per student in advance (call 231-347-9742, ext. 100). At the door they will be \$20 & \$10 respectively. The prices are a good deal in order to pack the Emmet County Community Building on Friday, March 16th at 7pm, and to make it affordable for families as well. If you have children or grandchildren that are band students bring them! This band is inspiring in many different ways.

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## PETOSKEY

### Winter Blues Festival

The 4th annual Winter Blues Festival will be held Monday through Saturday, February 20-25 in Downtown Petoskey. Celebrate winter with these wild and wacky events every day and evening throughout the week. There's something for everyone, and lots of fun for visitors to make Petoskey their destination for the President's Day week.

## EAST JORDAN

### City Commission meetings now at new location

The East Jordan City Commission meetings will be held at the East Jordan Community Center in the Senior Center, 116 Main St, Downtown at 7:00 p.m. starting February 21, 2012.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Saving the Children

Friday, February 24 Luncheon Lecture. John Drake's job as a senior executive of an international energy company based in Michigan took him to the Philippines where he saw abandoned children living on dangerous streets and begging for food not far from white sand beaches and luxurious hotels. In response, John raised money

to build a center that now houses 100 street children and orphans from age six to 18. They live in a supportive environment, attend school and receive regular medical care. Some are now in college. John will explain how his determination and the charity of others have changed many lives halfway across the globe. Noon Library conference room. Cost is \$9 including lunch. Call 231-348-6600 or email cmacinnis@ncmich.edu to reserve your place at the table. Sponsored by Northwestern Bank.

## BOYNE CITY

### Paint the Town Red

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

committee.

## 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

## 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 Leese, Margie Guyot, Jeannie Putman, Karen Kimmel, Mike Schlitt, Beverly White, Lisa Galloway, Rob Maxwell, Jay and Glenna Haney, Jordan Valley Glassworks. For additional information please check CCA website at charlevoixcircle.org

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### Looking for Volunteers

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is looking for new volunteers. To qualify as a Hospice volunteer you must undergo a criminal background check, including fingerprinting, pass a drug test, complete a 4 session training course and commit to at least 2 hours a week of volunteer time. If you are interested in being part of the training which will begin on March 1, please contact Cheri Hoffman 547-7659.

## PETOSKEY

### NCMC Family fun nights

The North Central Michigan College gym and fitness center is offering family fun nights on Wednesdays, February 29 and March 21 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Dinner and activities will be in the Student and Community Resource Center gymnasium on the Petoskey campus. Activities will include soccer, basketball, volleyball and Eclipse Ball. There will be appropriate toys and tumbling mats for toddlers and an obstacle course for children ages 7 to 11. The fitness staff will be available to help parents and their children with all activities. Participants should wear suitable gym clothing and clean, dry shoes. Cost is \$5 per family and includes all activities and a light dinner of chili or soup, crackers and bread, and applesauce. For families who wish to participate in games and activities only, the cost is \$3 per family. Coffee and hot chocolate will also be for sale. For more information, call 231-439-6370.

## EAST JORDAN

### Ice skating rink open

The ice skating rink is now open at East Jordan Community Park. With the last few days of cold temperatures, the DPW, Parks and recreation dept. and volunteers have been able to get the ice rink ready for skating. The rink is lit for night skating, so get the kids out after school and enjoy a great family activity.

## PETOSKEY

### Cooking class

Tuesdays through March 27, Crooked Tree Arts Center will host cooking classes with chefs from around the

area. 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.

## PETOSKEY

### Nursing info

North Central Michigan College's nursing faculty will hold informational sessions on 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.

## 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.

## 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 COUNTY

### Advertising funds the County News

We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening around the area in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the County News covers all of Charlevoix County. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. Our advertising rates are far less than most other papers and your message will reach readers all across Charlevoix County. The Charlevoix County News is distributed on news stands and by subscription to Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Atwood and Walloon Lake. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

## CHARLEVOIX

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## EAST JORDAN

### Fiddlers Jamboree

Saturday, March 3 the Harvest Barn Church will host the Fiddlers Jamboree. There is no admission fee (donation box at the door) Jamboree Noon - 5pm and Dance from 7 - 10pm. Everyone is welcome!

## CHARLEVOIX

### Shootout at the OK Corral

Join the Charlevoix Area Humane Society at 6pm Saturday, March 3 at the Weatherhane 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

### Maple tree tapping

Saturday, March 3rd, Noon. Join the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center for our monthly potluck program! Lunch starts at Noon. Bring a dish if you can, but it's not required. Wagbo provides drinks and table service. The program begins at 1pm with an excursion to the Wagbo Sugarbush to tap maples with the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush (FWSB). Our sugarbush is a half-mile hike from the farmhouse, so come prepared for the trip and for the weather. No experience necessary. Bring a cordless drill and 5/16" bit if you have one. For more info, call 231-536-0333 or email info@wagbo.org.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Mom to mom sale

On March 3rd from 5-7pm the Mom to Mom sale in the Charlevoix Americinn will take place, there are still spaces available! The cost to sell is \$30 and includes an entire standard room to display your sale items and then you get to keep the room for the night! For more details call Randi at 231-237-0988 for additional details. Free admission.

## BOYNE CITY

### Parking restricted

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

## CHARLEVOIX

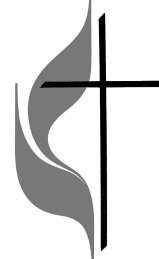
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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next "Wellness Wednesday" cholesterol screening will be from 8am until 11am on Wednesday, March 7. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting is re-

quired. However, if you are fasting an LDL and triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and pedometer as well as all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital 231-547-8906 or by email [kjacobson@cah.org](mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org) Walk-ins are always welcome.

## EAST JORDAN

### Walleye Tourney

Last Chance Walleye Tournament Saturday, March 10 to benefit Care and Share Food Pantry. 1st Place Walleye \$1,000.00 plus the winning fish will be mounted by Fish Whisperer Taxidermy in Gaylord. Other prizes include Biggest Perch - 1st \$100. Sponsored by Stark Real Estate, 2nd \$50. Sponsored by Rich Hoffman Cottage Service, Biggest Pike (hook-n-line only) 1st \$100. Sponsored by Stark Real Estate, 2nd \$50. Sponsored by Lakeside Chiropractic. There will be weigh-in station, concessions, warm-up shanty, port-a-potties located at the E.J. Tourist Park. Register/information at Tom's Bait & Tackle in East Jordan - 231-536-3521, Holiday Station Store in Charlevoix - 231-547-2821, Boyne Co-op- True Value in Boyne City - 231-582-9971. Chicken-N-Stuff will be open at 5am for breakfast.

## ELMIRA

### Donation sale & bake sale

Have gently used unwanted stuff? Please donate items to the Elmira-Warner Firefighters, all proceeds will go to the firefighters to help raise money for special items. (dress uniforms, ID Cards, Badges, Halloween Candy, food for Community Christmas party, and many other things) March 10 at Elmira Twp. Hall, 9am - 6pm. Donated items can be dropped off at the Fire Hall on Tuesday, March 6th between 6 and 9pm. Arrangements call be made if not able to make this time. Please contact Leigh-Anne Marsh at 989-370-2271

## 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, in-

cluding 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.

## EAST JORDAN

### Artist Gathering

Artist Gathering will continue during the winter each Wednesday thru March 14. They will meet at the Jordan River Art Center in the lower gallery. Fresh flowers will be provided each week. All artist wishing to be together to participate art are welcome. There is no fee or pre-registration. On occasion mini-lessons may be presented be someone attending. Some videos may be shared. The JRAC art library is available for use. When the East Jordan School is closed so is the art center. It should be noted that the summer plein aire scheduled has already been planned. For further information contact Karen Kimmell, 231-582-0683, [kakimmell@gmail.com](mailto:kakimmell@gmail.com) or Nancy Carey 231-536-7912, [ncarey@charter.net](mailto:ncarey@charter.net).

## BOYNE CITY

### BAC Moves (temporarily)

Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) Gallery at 210 S Lake Street in Boyne City has been temporarily relo-

cated 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.

## GAYLORD

### Men's conference

Get your tickets now for the Higher Call Men's Conference at the Evangelical Free Church April 21. The day long event features guests Fred Stoeker, the Stand Strength Team and David Dean. To order tickets go to [www.ahighercall.com](http://www.ahighercall.com) or phone the church at 989-732-2647. Purchase tickets before March 15 and save! \$25 if purchased by 3/15; \$30 if purchased by 4/10. After 4/10 price is \$35.

## CHARLEVOIX & EMMET

## COUNTY

### Planning begins for Project Connect

Your help is needed. Local human service agencies are once again joining forces. Planning for the fifth annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect has begun. This year the event will be held on March 21 from 10am to 5:30pm at the

Community Building at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey. Project Connect connects people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives. The planning team anticipates an event both bigger and better this year. Last year the event reached over 800 individuals. All received a wide range of supportive services. Assistance with housing, food, tax preparation, health services, and much more were provided throughout the day. Free haircuts and chair massages were available. Guests received a meal and gifts of food, personal care and household items. Individuals or businesses interested in donating items might consider conducting a drive at their business, school, or faith community. Lists of specific food, personal care, household, or other items that are most needed are listed on the United Way website [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org), under Find a Donation Drive.

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## John C. Lachman, 88

John C. Lachman of Charlevoix and Petoskey, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at Boulder Park Terrace.

The funeral service will take place in the spring of 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Interment will be in the Norwood Cemetery.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

## Robbin 'Rob' James Behling, 55

Robbin "Rob" James Behling of Boyne City died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Visitation for Rob will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City with a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

## Carol E. Fultz

(DEC. 25, 1942 - FEB. 17, 2012)

Carol E. Fultz, 69, of Boyne City, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey with her family at bedside.

She was born on Dec. 25, 1942, in Petoskey, the daughter of Harold and Lavina (Robinson) Billiau. On Sept. 4, 1968, in Troy, Mich., she married Teddy B. Fultz.

Carol enjoyed crocheting, reading, cooking, morel mushroom hunting, camping, volunteering, spending time with family, friends and her two loveable cats.

She is survived by her husband, Teddy B. Fultz, of Boyne City; six children, Susan (Alan) Kline of East Jordan, John Fultz of Pontiac, Julia Fultz of Boyne City, Linda (Mike) Helm of Polk City, Fla., Sharon Shouse of Polk City, Fla. and Sandra (Donald) Jones of Brown City; numerous grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia (Harold) Jones of Prescott and Shirley Ruffato of Shelbyville, Tenn.; as well as several nieces and nephews. Carol was preceded in death

by her parents; one daughter, Amy Fultz; one son, T. Justin Fultz; and one brother, Richard Billiau.

The funeral service will take place at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. Jennifer Saad of the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan will officiate. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

A committal service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Christian Memorial Gardens in Rochester Hills. Online condolences may be sent to [www.penzienfh.com](http://www.penzienfh.com).

## Ruth Ann (Schultz) Hartwick

(JULY 18, 1922 - FEB. 18, 2012)

Ruth Ann (Schultz) Hartwick, 89, of Boyne City, died on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012.

She was born on July 18, 1922, in Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, daughter of Edward and Alwine (Pagels) Schultz. She went to school through third-grade in Detroit and then moved with her family to Topinabee where she finished grade school. After graduating from Cheboygan High School in 1939, she attended Baker College and worked at AC Spark Plug production office in Flint.

On July 25, 1942, she married Harry C. Hartwick. They divorced years later, but not before they had five children.

Ruth went to work for Allied Signal Aerospace Company (aka Bendix, Courters, and Honeywell) in Boyne City in 1966. Ruth was part of the first group of workers responsible for organizing the UAW there, was active in the union, and held many offices of local 1403. She also received many awards for her volunteer work and helping her fellow union members. She retired in 1987 and became chairperson of UAW Retirees for Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim coun-

ties. In addition, she served as treasurer of the Democratic Party in Charlevoix County.

Ruth was most proud of the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award she received. In 1999 she was honored by Representative Bart Stupak who spoke for her in the House of Representatives and later added her to the Congressional record.

Ruth had many hobbies and interests throughout her life, but none more important than her family. She touched the lives of many and had countless friends and family who loved her very much. She was especially fond of the kind and loving staff and friends she made at Grandvue Medical Facility. Ruth had a life that she could be very proud of.

Ruth was preceded in death by her mother, Alwine; son, Tommy; father, Edward; brother, Harold; sisters, Evelyn and Helena. Ruth is survived by four children, Diana Hartwick of Boyne City, Ed Hartwick of Boyne City, Chris (Merle) Joles of Vanderbilt, Tim (Pam) Hartwick of Boyne City; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mom and grandma was a very loving person who devoted her life to her family. She will be greatly missed and can now rest peacefully with her son Tommy.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery in the spring.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ruth are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhome.com](http://www.stonefuneralhome.com). Memorial donations in Ruth's name may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

## William H. Ashley

(MAY 12, 1939 - FEB. 16, 2012)

William H. Ashley, 72, of East Jordan, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at his home.

He was born May 12, 1939,

in Middleboro, Mass., the son of Maynard and Mildred (Mitchell) Ashley. He was graduated from high school in Massachusetts before serving his country in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He graduated from Wayne State with a B.A. degree a week before his 50th birthday, and his career included working as the purchasing agent at Focus Hope in Detroit and banquet manager at Wayne State University.

On June 25, 1960, he married Carolyn Stokes in East Jordan. They made their home in Massachusetts, East Jordan, Detroit, and the final move back to East Jordan in 1998 to Carolyn's family's homestead.

Bill was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan. He enjoyed arts, ceramics, catering, mentoring, gardening and flower arranging.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn; children, Carla (Randy) Spurgeon of Dallas, Texas, Mitchell (Kathleen) Ashley of Jacksonville, Fla., Catherine (Keith) Rayner of St. Clair Shores, Christine Chipman of East Jordan; his mother-in-law, Marguerite Stokes of East Jordan; brothers, Joel (Madeleine) Ashley of East Freetown, Mass., and Peter (Mary) Ashley of Bluffton, S.C.; five grandchildren, Kevin, Kelly, Annelisa, Marissa and Phillip, one great-grandchild, Khloe. He was preceded in death by sisters, Linda Brunette and Marilyn Brodeur, and a nephew, David Stokes.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan with Pastor Ken Lein officiating.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the East Jordan Ambulance Association. The family is being served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

## Barbara Y. Erfourth, 82

Barbara Y. Erfourth of Boyne City died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements are being handled by the Pen-

zient Funeral Homes, Inc., in East Jordan.

## Edward Bruce Gardner, 74

Edward Bruce Gardner, 74, of East Jordan, died Feb. 16, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. The funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

## Merna May Dell

(MAY 5, 1917 - FEB. 14, 2012)

Merna May Dell, 94 completed her life's journey on Feb. 14, 2012, at her home, The Georgia House Assisted Living in



Charlevoix. She was surrounded by family.

A celebration of her life and a time of sharing memories were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Merna was born May 5, 1917, in Boyne City, the daughter of Fred and Sylvia Stanley. She lived in Flint during her early life, and then returned to Boyne City.

Merna married Howard H. Dell on July 11, 1937, and celebrated 61 years of marriage before his death in 1998.

Merna's kind and gentle nature touched the lives of all who knew her. She enjoyed traveling and visiting relatives with her husband, Howard. Her family was her life. She was a dedicated homemaker, a mom and friend to her children, and enjoyed sharing memories with friends and family. Merna loved sunshine, flowers, music and dancing. Her smile and laughter will be dearly missed.

Merna is survived by seven children, William (Doris) Dell of Grand Blanc, Beverly (Charles) Clark of East Jordan, Kenneth (Ann) Dell of Gallatin, Tenn., Roger Dell of Petoskey, Donald (Lisa) Dell of Shelton, Wash., Dorothy Moyer of Anson and Michael (Jean) Dell of Brutus; and 23

grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Merna was preceded in death by two brothers, four sisters, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. Merna will rest with her husband, Howard, waiting the Lord's return.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Merna are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhome.com](http://www.stonefuneralhome.com).

## Elaine Houghton

(JUNE 3, 1950 - FEB. 15, 2012)

Elaine Houghton, 61, of Charlevoix, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at her home.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Dennis Stilwell of St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey officiated. Burial will be in the Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township.

Elaine was born June 3, 1950, in Charlevoix, to Herschel and Marguerite (Kaden) Clark. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1968.

On Jan. 15, 1971, she married Albert W. Houghton in Charlevoix, and they made their home in Hayes Township just one road away from where Elaine grew up. Elaine worked at Hoskin's Manufacturing as a wire puller. She was a member of St. Francis Church in Petoskey.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Albert W.; children, Jessica Houghton of Wisconsin, Roger H. (Trina) Houghton of Charlevoix, Jamie Houghton of Oregon, Randy (Jennifer Lockery) Houghton and Ryan (Kim Biggs) Houghton, all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Morgan, Hunter, Bailey, Janessa, Arianna, Bryna, Autumn, and Zachary; sisters, Ellen Daniels and Betty Myers, both of Petoskey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Elaine Houghton. Those wanting to share a memory of Elaine, or condolences, may do so at [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com).





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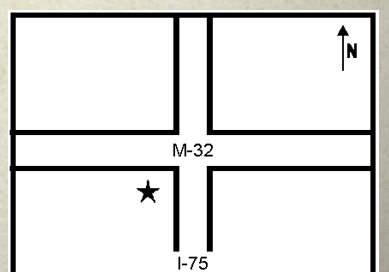


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