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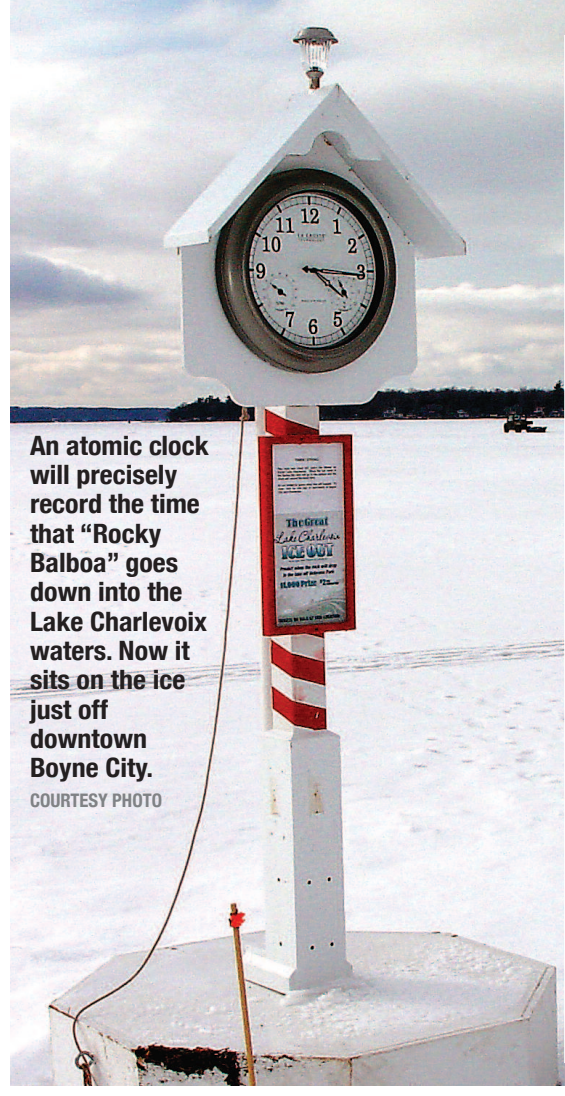
Ellsworth senior Emily Veenstra looks to go to work as Boyne Falls freshman Raegan Pedigo defends. Ellsworth went on to capture the district title.



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PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

Boyne City freshman Maceo Vroman glides towards the hoop as East Jordan's Matt Bolser looks on during District Tournament action.



An atomic clock will precisely record the time that "Rocky Balboa" goes down into the Lake Charlevoix waters. Now it sits on the ice just off downtown Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO

You could win \$1,000 in the Great Lake Charlevoix Ice Out... Ticket deadline is March 15th

You could win \$1,000 if you can guess when the Great Lake Charlevoix Ice Out rock and clock will fall through the ice this spring. But don't delay - March 15 is the last day to buy \$2 tickets.

It's all done for fun and a good cause - the Ice Out Contest is a fund-raiser benefiting the Alano Clubs of Boyne City and Charlevoix. Alano clubs are corporations separate from Alcoholics Anonymous, which provide meeting places for 12-step substance abuse programs such as AA.

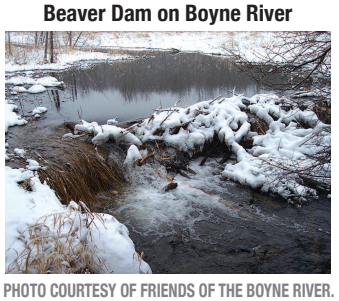
The ice device sits on the frozen lake just off downtown Boyne City, marked in bright red with a carefully selected rock, "Rocky Balboa," at its base. Rocky is tethered to an atomic clock

that will record the precise time the ice goes out and Rocky goes down. In 2011 Rocky's predecessor, J. Alfred Proofrock, went to his rest at 8:22 a.m. on April 10.

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.

Tickets are available for \$2 per guess in Boyne City at the Boyne Area Chamber, Ace Hardware, Local Flavor Bookstore, Pat O'Brien Real Estate and Boyne Marathon (next to Glen's Market). In Charlevoix, tickets are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber, Villager Pub and Holiday Gas Station.

For more information, contact Pat O'Brien at 231-582-1700 or Richard O'Leary at 231-547-9184.



Beaver Dam on Boyne River
PHOTO COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE BOYNE RIVER.

Friends of the Boyne River plan nature center

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY—The Friends of the Boyne River have another idea to ensure that Boyne City and its surrounding area protect the environment while providing recreational activities.

Nancy Cunningham of Friends of the Boyne River spoke to the city commission at its February 28 meeting. The site of the project is on city land so FOBR needed commission approval of the proposed

See **Nature Center—2A**

Weeklong Irish Heritage Festival in Boyne City begins this Sunday

By Jim Akans

This year marks the fifth year that Boyne City has celebrated their annual Heritage Festival, and the second year the event has been expanded to a weeklong presentation of festivities. Those activities events will kick off this Sunday afternoon, March 11th, with a Celtic Music Session at the Boyne District Library Community Room, from 1 to 3 pm.

"We will be having two Celtic music jam sessions this year, and all musicians are welcome to join in," states Irish Heritage Festival Chairperson, Linn Williams. "The first will be on Sunday the

11th at the Boyne District Library and the second will be the following Sunday, March 18th at Freshwater Studio. When we started the Irish Heritage Festival it was a single night with the Heritage Dinner that we offer on Saturday evening. We expanded the festival last year to a full week, and that tradition continues this year."

The annual Irish Heritage Festival is a celebration of Boyne City's Irish foundations, which began when Irish immigrants John and Harriet Miller settled in Boyne City back in 1856. The Boyne City Main Street Program produces the event under the leadership of event chairman Linn Williams.

The Irish Film Fest is another highlight of the Irish Heritage Festival folks of all ages look forward to. This year, two films will be shown

at the Boyne District Library Community Room, the first on Monday, March 12th, and the second on Tuesday.

Williams notes, "The first film is "Leap Year," a romantic comedy set in Ireland about the Irish myth that only on leap year may a girl ask a boy to marry her. The film on Tuesday evening will be "A Shine of Rainbow," which is the story of a little Irish orphan boy and the challenges he and his new family face. When I previewed this, I immediately watched it again!"

Another highlight event this coming week will be an Irish History Program presented by historian and documentary filmmaker, Dr. George Colburn, PhD. The fascinating program, "The Battle of Boyne Reexamined," looks at a very famous battle

See **Irish Heritage Festival—7A**



Activities and events will kick off on Sunday afternoon, March 11th, and continue through Sunday, March 18th. COURTESY PHOTO

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weather	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	snowfall	record temps
	HIGH: Upper 30's LOW: Upper 20's	HIGH: Low 30's LOW: Low 20's	HIGH: Low 40's LOW: Mid 30's	HIGH: Low 50's LOW: Low 40's		

Day	Avg.	High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
3/8	39°F	18°F	82°F (2000)	-17°F (1982)	
3/9	39°F	18°F	75°F (2000)	-16°F (1963)	
3/10	40°F	18°F	66°F (1977)	-9°F (1972)	
3/11	40°F	19°F	69°F (1973)	-7°F (1992)	
3/12	40°F	19°F	68°F (1995)	-15°F (1980)	
3/13	41°F	19°F	70°F (1995)	-3°F (1992)	
3/14	41°F	20°F	74°F (1995)	-8°F (1993)	

COUNTY RECORDS

DISTRICT COURT

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

William David Baker, 31, Boyne Falls. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Susan Marie Sharpe, 59, Petoskey. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Kyle Lee Winstone, 26, Boyne City and Rachel Star Moblo, 26, Boyne City.

Robert Arthur Flore, 30, East Jordan and Danielle Rene Major, 29, East Jordan.

Joseph Lyman Battle Jr., 38, Charlevoix and Shawn Elizabeth Adams, 33, Charlevoix.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Joey Rocks, 6245Pincherry Road, Charlevoix by Joseph Michael Farley.

Ingalls Building Services, 06430 Fraley Road, Boyne Falls by Clint Ingalls.

Charlevoix Hotel, 101 Michigan Ave., Charlevoix by Northern Quarters Management LLC.

Rob Bellinger Builders, 29780 Barneys Lake Road, Beaver Island by Robert Bellinger.

2 Girls & a Broom, LLP, 101 Ainslie, Charlevoix by Sarah A. Thorne and Deborah S. Bowman.

Tapawingo, 00970 Marina Dr., Boyne City by Blake Operations, LLC.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, February 27

1:59am Returned found purse to owner in the in the 800 block of S Lake St

10:50am Received bad check complaint from the 100 block of E Water St

12:31pm Report of large fire in the area of Pleasant and Terrace. Owner was asked to put it out due to wind conditions.

12:55pm Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

4:29pm Welfare check on fisherman near the river mouth. Moved to safer ice.

4:40pm Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St

7:05pm Arrested subject for OWI and refusal of PBT at Lake and North Streets

8:42pm Civil complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, February 28

1:56am Assist fire Department in the 400 block of N East St

8:15am Driving complaint received on Boyne Av. Made contact with driver.

3:54pm Trespass complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St

11:00pm Assist EMS in the 300 block of Vogel St

Wednesday, February 29

5:49am Civil complaint in the 300 block of Silver St

8:20am Met citizen at animal shelter to lodge a cat.

10:38am 2 vehicle property damage accident at Lake and Ray Streets

11:08am Report of open door in the 400 block of E Main St

10:04pm Report of disturbance in the 200 block of Franklin St

11:17pm False alarm reported in the 400 block of N Lake St

Thursday, March 1

2:30am Attempt to locate an overdue motorist. Located in the 100 block of E Main St

7:05am Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of S Lake St

7:26am Report of suspicious vehicle near the airport

10:53am Report of subjects plowing snow across Elm St

1:41pm Assist to Sheriff Department on Snyder Rd

2:00pm Report of contractor fraud and larceny from the 300 block of W Division St

3:52pm Unlock at the river mouth

6:10pm Report of dog running at large in the 500 block of Jersey St

10:55pm Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St

11:34pm Civil complaint in

the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, March 2

6:51am Road hazard near the intersection of Boyne Av and Beardsley St. Removed

8:30am Suspicion of drugs in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. None located.

8:56am Subject with contraband located in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

3:13pm Driving complaint received on Boyne Av

3:45pm Dog running at large in the 500 block of Jersey St

4:16pm Subject arrested on warrants

10:31pm Report of lines down at Main and Harris Streets

11:51pm Report of tree on house in the 900 block of Roosevelt St

Saturday, March 3

1:01am Report of trees on lines at Mechanic and Bay Streets

1:36am Report of tree on lines in the 300 block of McKinley St

2:03am Tree on lines at Marshall and Anderson Roads

2:41am Trees on line with arcing and sparking at Earl and Alice Streets

2:47am Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St

4:29am Tree on lines at Pleasant and Lincoln

5:44am Tree down on lines on Poplar St near Brown St

7:42am Tree down in road on Line St

8:00am Report of subject plowing snow into road on Hull. Snow was gone on arrival.

8:55am Tree blocking Charlevoix St near city limits

9:19am Report of tree down on Glenwood Beach

10:05am Tree down on S Lake St near Ann St

12:22pm Trees down on lines on W Michigan near John St

3:30pm Snowmobiles on the sidewalk on park St

5:08pm Report of branches hanging on wires in the 800 block of S Lake St

Sunday, March 4

3:48am Citation issued for parking violation

1:21pm 2 vehicle property damage accident Boyne Av/ E Main St. Citation issued

3:45pm Report of Domestic violence in the 500 block of Jersey St

8:00pm Report of subjects with flashlights on Leroy St. Was the power company.

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

February 20-26, 2012

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Two-car accident on US-131 leads to vehicle rollover

On Friday March 2, 2012, at approximately 11:45 a.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Melrose Township EMS, and the Melrose Township Fire Department were dispatched to a two vehicle personal injury accident on US-131 near Bear River Road in

Melrose Township.

A 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche was traveling Southbound on US-131 when the driver crossed the centerline, striking a Northbound vehicle. The 79 year old driver of the Avalanche was identified as Peter Spangus, of Boyne Falls,

and was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

The driver and passengers of the Northbound vehicle were not injured. The driver of the 1996 Chevrolet Utility Truck was identified as Mark Heinzel, age 58

of Rogers City, he rolled his truck while attempted to avoid a head on collision with the other vehicle. Passengers, Glen Heinzel and Glenn Schultz also from Rogers City, did not sustain any injuries in the roll-over accident. This incident is still under investigation.

Boyne City's Park Street reconstruction up for grant funds

City approves purchase of state land

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — The city just received notification that a grant for more than \$500,000 to reconstruct south Park Street will be awarded to the city. The grant request was originally turned down by the state in the fall of 2011. This grant combined with 22 other grants totals \$4.5 million that the city has received since 2005.

"This is very exciting news," city manager Michael Cain said at a Feb. 28 city commission meeting. "It will be a complete reconstruction project. The city will rebuild Park Street from Water Street to Pine Street both over the ground and under."

The city's share of the total cost of the \$719,000 project is approximately \$215,000. Cain said businesses and the downtown Boyne District Library have wanted the improvements for some time. The city hopes to have the

funds from the state in May and if the funds arrive in May the city will begin construction in the fall.

In another recent development, the state Department of Natural Resources offered two parcels of state land to the city for a total of \$16,000. The land contains approximately 2,900-feet of frontage on the north side of the Boyne River.

"These parcels add to many that we already own along the river and build towards our ability to create a river based recreation system in our community," Cain said in a memorandum to the board of commissioners.

"This would be a public asset under local control that could benefit countless generations to come. These acquisitions allow us to control and protect both sides of the river in certain locations and expand our reach along the river in others," he said. The commissioners agreed and approved the action.
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PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY
Boyne City manager Michael Cain had the pleasure of informing the city commission and citizens on Feb. 28 that a \$504,000 grant is heading to Boyne City from Lansing.

Alternative Spring breaks to be held across Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

Char-Em United Way is sponsoring Alternative Spring Breaks for area high school and college students.

"You don't have to travel to a foreign country to have an Alternative Spring Break experience," points out Casey Adams, United Way's AmeriCorps VISTA. "This project gives you the opportunity to stay home and help right here in Charlevoix and Emmet counties."

This year there will be a variety of different projects across Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The first is the Bergmann Beautification Project which will be held at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix on Thursday April 5th from 10-4. Second, the Raven Hill Discovery Center in East Jordan needs help with their Blurred Boundaries: Ancient to Modern Megaliths exhibit. This will involve recreating fa-

mous rock sculptures from across the world on the 2nd and 3rd of April from 10-2. Third, the Emmet County Recycling Center in Petoskey is planning an environmental-based project at their facility from 9-4. Finally, the Habitat for Humanity needs assistance improving bookcases for the homes they build as well as other projects around the ReStore in Harbor Springs on April 5th from 9 to 2.

If the weather is permitting, all four projects will go ahead as planned. Each destination will provide lunch and refreshments and all volunteers will get a free United Way T-Shirt and water bottle.

Pre-registration is required so all interested volunteers should contact Casey Adams at vista@charemunitedway.org or call Char-Em United Way directly at 231-487-1006.

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Nature Center

Boyne River Nature Area. The land is located along the river in the east end of the Industrial Park. The area is a wetland.

This project will consist

of constructing boardwalks and steps around the wetland and establishing a rain garden that helps to prevent soil erosion. The path will be approximately 900-feet long. The proposed pathway will not be wide enough to allow for bicycle use. The boardwalks would be floating boardwalks across the wetland area to the Boyne River edge.

"Students can learn

about wetlands and the importance of preserving them," Cunningham said. "It's another enhancement to what Boyne City is."

FOBR will apply for foundation grants to help with costs of construction. Volunteers perform the work with businesses sometimes assisting with the equipment needed in construction. Cunningham estimated the cost of the project at \$50,000.

The Nature Area would take advantage of an existing ravine that slopes down toward the river and connects to a short, narrow pathway that parallels the river at the base of the hillside, according to the FOBR website. For more information on FOBR contact its website at: friendsoftheboynriver.org.

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Nate Cadwell embraces the world from a positive perspective

By Jim Akans

24 year-old Nate Cadwell is a 2006 Pellston High School graduate, and he and his twin brother Joe, live with their adoptive parents, Sam and Barb, in the Carp Lake area. Nate has also become a very familiar face to visitors entering the Meijer Store in Petoskey, where he works as a greeter in the truest sense of the word. His smiling face and warm, outgoing personality are a welcoming first stop as shoppers walk through the door intent on their daily errands; a task that always seems much more enjoyable after a few friendly and helpful words from Nate.

"I like working at Meijer very much," Nate beams.

"The people at Meijer are like family to me. I enjoy talking to people who come into the store. I feel very glad to have a job like this at a time when a lot of people are hurting and don't have jobs."

His father, Sam, adds, "The people at Meijer have gone out of their way to be helpful and supportive. Nate has come to know a lot of people. Friends tell us that they shop at Meijer because they know Nate will be there to greet them."

There is something else; Nate and his brother bring their incredibly powerful and positive spirit into the world from their perspective in a wheelchair. They both have Cerebral Palsy, a disease that has afflicted them since birth, but never slowed either of

them down.

"We had originally brought Nate and Joe into our home when they were 18 months old and (their caregivers) needed someone to take care of the boys for about three weeks," recalls Barb Cadwell. "They were taken in and out of our home several times in an attempt to reunite them with their birth mom. That didn't work out, and we adopted the boys when they were eight years old. At that time, they were absolutely identical, and the only way anyone could tell who was who was by the color of their wheelchairs!"

A characteristic that made Nate easy to spot was the huge interest in he took in sports. Following that passion, he became the assistance coach of the Pellston Girls Volleyball team when he was a sophomore.

"One day my dad told me the Varsity Volleyball coach asked him if I would like to help coach the team," Nate recalls. "Neither my dad or I knew much about volleyball, but we decided it would be fun to give it a try anyway!"

He ended up serving as assistant coach for the next five years, and once the sporting bug had hit him, he began attending Pellston Varsity Basketball games in 2004. Two years later, the Pellston Hornets honored Nate by presenting him with a "#1 Hornet Fan" award.

Cliff Haas, owner of Hamill's Carpet in Petoskey and Pellston Varsity Basketball coach for the past nine years, states; "Nate has been there by the bench at the games for as long as I can recall. Every year he starts out asking me if we are going undefeated this season. He's excited that we came very close to that this year."

He adds, "Nate is such a sincere person and he has a huge heart. He loves people and the sport of basketball. Every year, we have Nate come into the locker room before a game near the end of the season and he gives the team a pep talk. It is something we all look forward to."

Nate's father, Sam, affirms, "There are times when the team starts falling behind when some of the teammates will get things going by saying 'we have to win this for Nate.'"

While his motivation and encouragement are a courtside

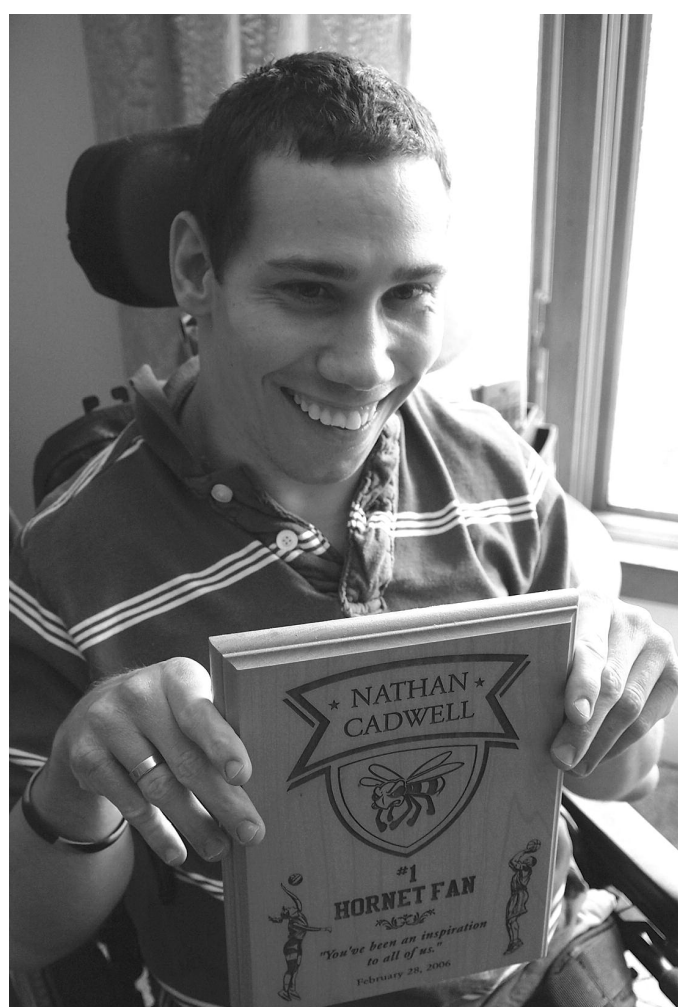


PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Nate Cadwell proudly displays his "#1 Hornet Fan" award, presented to him by the Pellston Hornets Varsity basketball team. Nate is a familiar face to those who visit the Meijer Store in Petoskey, where he works as a greeter in the truest sense of the word.

BUILDING A NEW HOME FOR NATE AND JOE



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Nate & Sam Cadwell will soon have a home of their own. This 1,400 square foot Cape Cod style residence is under construction on a corner of the Cadwell's property in Carp Lake, and is expected to be completed by early fall.

Nate and Joe Cadwell are just a few months away from enjoying a home of their own.

Back in 2009, Sam Cadwell arranged to move a 1,400 square foot Cape Cod style home from the Monroe Lake area to a corner of the family's property in Carp Lake. Since that time, several people have been hard at work getting the home ready for Nate and Joe to move into.

"I've had help from friends, neighbors, relatives...just about anyone I can get to stop by and join us," states Sam Cadwell. "A carpenter friend of ours, Jeff Murray, has been our biggest helper, and works on the place about 20 hours a week."

Much of the work has focused on adapting the home to a universal design, which allows wheelchair accessibility throughout. A garage has also been added, and the upper level is being converted into an apartment for the caregiver.

"We are hoping to have everything completed by late summer or early fall," Sam notes. "Nate and Joe are excited with the idea of having some additional independence living on their own, and feeling more like they are truly a part of our community."

If readers would like to donate items or help on the house, please call Sam or Barb Cadwell, 231-537-4628.

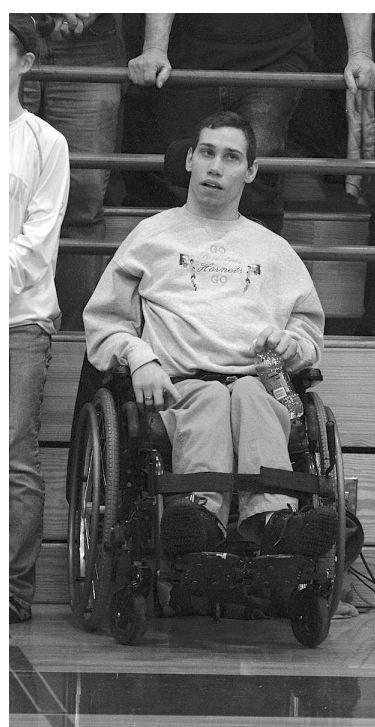


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Nate at his regular spot near the team bench during Pellston Hornets basketball games.

Christmas, which was a few months away. I blew by that goal a few weeks later and ended up participating in the State Tournament down in Kingsley where I lifted 205-pounds. Actually, the most I ever benched pressed was 335-pounds, which was a state record in my class."

Sam adds, "What he isn't telling you is that he only weighed about 110-pounds at that time!"

Nate always has some advice to give to the Hornet basketball team, and often before the game begins the officials will go over to Nate and tell him 'if we hear anything out of you - you're out of the game!'"

It's all in good fun, of course, and to my knowledge Nate has never actually been asked to leave the game...but he does take a very active interest in what is happening on the court.

"It's very important that during tournament time if a team makes mistakes and loses one game...they are out," Nate advises. "I have always wanted to go down to the Breslin Center (State Championships in East Lansing) to see the Hornets play. I think this year we may have a good shot at it."

On Tuesday the Associated Press rated the Pellston Varsity team in the Class D state standings. Nate's unstoppable optimism seems on track for an upcoming trip to the MSU campus.

inspiration for the Hornet players, Nate has also applied his leadership skills to his own sports accomplishments. In 2003, he enrolled in a weightlifting class to try his hand at bench pressing.

He reflects, "I began with the 45-pound bar and kept adding weights. The coach told me he thought it would be very good if I could work up to 200-pounds by

TRACKING LEGISLATION

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HB 5448: Introduced by Rep. Judson Gilbert on March 1, 2012. A bill that would allow a tax levy by the board of county road commissioners to raise money for electors residing outside of the jurisdiction of cities and villages. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 5449: Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin on March 1, 2012. This bill would require law enforcement and investigators to obtain consent or a search warrant to access or disclose certain location information obtained

through the GPS system. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HR 0194: Introduced by Rep. George Barnett on March 1, 2012. A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. **STATUS:** Adopted by the House on March 1, 2012.

HB 5448: Introduced by Rep. Judson Gilbert on March 1, 2012. Allow county road commissions to levy taxes on property to raise money for county roads outside of cities and villages and regulate expenditure of money raised.

STATUS: Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HR 0192: Introduced by Rep. Greg MacMaster on Feb. 29, 2012. A resolution to urge the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to increase their commitment to the preservation of shipwrecks and artifacts in the Great Lakes in a manner that keeps this work and any artifacts within Michigan. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and outdoor recreation.

HR 0193: Introduced by Greg MacMaster on Feb. 29, 2012. A resolution to urge the Governor to work with Michigan's universities and historic preservation groups, the Consulate General of France in Chicago and the Great Lakes Exploration Group to develop a public-private partnership to ensure that the archaeological efforts to locate and preserve the artifacts of the Griffin remain entirely a Michigan project. **STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and outdoor recommendation on Feb. 29.



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SR 0124 : Introduced by Sen. Darwin Booher on Feb. 29, 2012. A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact a new federal farm bill that ensures the long-term stability and success of our nation's

agricultural food and energy system with programs that empower farmers to better manage risk. **STATUS:** Adopted by the Senate on Feb. 29, 2012.

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It was 20 years ago today...

How the price of some basic items has changed over the past two decades



Gallon of Milk
then: \$1.09
Now: \$2.98



Oreo Cookies
then: \$1.99
Now: \$2.98

By Jim Akans

Conversation starters have been much easier to come by in the past few weeks. I'm not talking about the latest "news" in the political arena, rather it's the cost of a product that literally moves us all and seems to increasingly fuel the banter between friends and new acquaintances alike; the price of a gallon of gas.

According to GasBuddy.com, the average price of gallon of regular gas on Monday, March 5th was just over \$3.92 - up forty cents from a year ago, and the prospect of cresting the dreaded \$4 per gallon mark looks inevitable in the very near future. It is a difficult prognosis indeed for a nation already struggling to make ends meet; one that makes a soul yearn for a time when less of those hard earned dollars slipped away just to cover the cost of life's basic needs.

That pondering led me back to a time 20 years ago today for a quick look at the cost of some commonly purchased items in 1992. To get a perspective on the average Michigander in terms of "wallet power" during this two-decade comparison, I checked the U.S. Census reports on median household income. It seems that in 1992 a "median" family earned

about \$45,364 a year, and it was about the same, sitting at \$45,413 in 2010. Now median income peaked upwards of \$53,000 back in 2007...but we won't be going there.

Okay, so we have about the same amount of income as we did 20 years ago today... what about the change in the cost of some commonly purchased items?

Oreo's - Happy 100th birthday to Nabisco's Oreo cookie. Back in 1992 consumers were paying about \$1.99 for a 20-ounce package of these cookie jar faves, and a check at the local supermarket last week showed it would take \$2.98 out of my wallet for a smaller, 15.5-ounce pack. That translates to 10-cents an ounce in 1992 and 19-cents an ounce today...or about double the cost to the consumer.

Kellogg's Corn Flakes - Ah, a Michigan born and baked breakfast staple. \$1.99 would get you an 18-ounce box in 1992, and today that same size box is just \$1.88... yeah! This is the only item surveyed that resulted in a drop in price over the last 20 year, down about 5-percent.

The McDonalds Hamburger - Not the Big Mac or the new Double Fillet of Fish (really?), but the plain old, basic hamburger with pickle, ketchup, mustard and onion cost 59-cents in 1991

(as close as I could find to 1992 pricing), and today that same lunchtime snacker cost 89-cents. Bottom line, these burgers are up about 50-percent during this 20 year period.

The 1st Class Postage Stamp - This little sticker would send a regular letter anywhere across the country back in 1992 for 29-cents, and today that same journey requires an outlay of 45-cents. Even with the 55-percent increase in price... that's still a pretty nice bargain.

Loaf of Bread - A daily food staple if there ever was one (except for those on a low carb diet of course). This item set consumers back 75-cents in 1992, and today, the standard grocery store price for a loaf of bread hovers around \$1.98, up about 164-percent...with the consolation that there are plenty of places to find bread below this average price.

Gallon of Milk - Milk builds strong bones, and back in 1992 the price for a gallon of delicious milk was about \$1.09, and today that same gallon runs in the neighborhood of \$2.98, up about 175-percent. The good news is sales on milk often bring that price closer to the \$2 mark, which is still about double the price of a few decades back.

A Dozen Eggs - These have also just about doubled in price over the last 20 years, with the average price in 1992 at about 85-cents a dozen, and today it'll take approximately \$1.68 to purchase this item at the grocery store.

Pack of Cigarettes - I know, this doesn't necessarily fit in the commonly purchase items scenario, but it does have much of the same taxing and even purchase location characteristics of the final item I will look at, so what the heck! Back in 1992, Google Answers says smokers would spend about \$1.79 for a pack of 20 cigarettes, and today it takes about \$6.50 for that same amount of smoke. That's up around 265-percent, and enough to buy about a gallon and a half of gas...at least for now.

About that gallon of gas. Well, in 1992 a gallon of regular was sitting at \$1.05 or so, and now at \$3.93, the increase holds the record of the common items discussed here, coming in at a nearly 275-percent about the price 20 years ago today. With a potential for an even further increases in the coming months, it may be wise to start stocking up on Corn Flakes this summer...just go easy on the milk.

Good Samaritan Furniture & More offers quality finds in downtown Ellsworth

By Jim Akans

"Our inventory at the Furniture & More showroom changes daily and is priced to move," states Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Food Pantry/Resale Shop, an affiliate of the Furniture & More store in downtown Ellsworth. "We offer a wide variety of very nice quality furniture, home décor accessories and appliances, and the proceeds from the sales are utilized to help our Food Pantry serve area families in need."

The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan Furniture & More showroom is located at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth, and opened their doors about two years ago. Since 1990, Good Samaritan Family Services has been helping area families in times of need through a diverse offering of services, including a Food Pantry, guidance for new mothers, providing clothing, coats and shoes, assistance with home heating, and more. The Furniture & More showroom, managed by Evie Snyder, helps to support the Good Samaritan Family Services mission.

Peterson notes, "This is a great place to shop and browse for items for the home or

cottage. We are located in a beautiful, original building in downtown Ellsworth that was home to the Shooks Market for many years. People enjoy the ambience of the showroom, with vintage wood flooring and several living area vignettes we have set up. While we have a wide variety of items on display, and if there is something in particular a shopper is looking for that we don't currently have, we will put them on a waiting list and give them a call when an item that fits their needs comes in."

The showroom is full of gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate the home. The items are donated by local individuals and businesses, and donations are accepted during normal business hours.

The Good Samaritan Furniture & More Showroom is located on Center Street in Ellsworth diagonally across from the Front Porch Café. The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday. For further information, call the showroom at (231) 676-3339 or visit www.thegoodsam.org.



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Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week Alex Stutzman



PARENTS: Robert and Laura Stutzman
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band – trumpet, Quiz Bowl, Nerd Herd First Robotics Team – programmer
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Video Games, The Internet, Being a nerd
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Video game programmer, Video game developer, Being involved with creating video games

STAFF COMMENTS

"Alex is a great student! I appreciate his keen sense of humor, his attention to detail and his ability to shine when called upon! Great job Governor Stutzman!" (Mrs. Deming, Government Teacher)

"Alex is a very dependable student. He always has good ideas and great insights into the material we cover. His participation in Robotics has been fantastic, the dedication he shows and the effort he makes in accomplishing the tasks we attack speak well of his future. Many dream of the future, Alex works at making the future of his dreams." (Mr. Thomason, Robotics Advisor)

"Alex is a hard-working young man. I am impressed with the activities he has chosen to participate in and the amount of effort he puts into everything that he does. He is a great asset to BCHS!" (Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)



Jim Daly

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with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

DAD CONCERNED SON WILL MAKE SAME MARITAL MISTAKES HE DID

QUESTION: Our son just got married, and while he and his wife obviously love each other, I'm worried about their long-term prospects. He travels a lot, and there are so many temptations out there. How can I help him avoid the same terrible mistakes I made as a younger man?

JIM: At Focus on the Family we hear from many hurting people whose homes have been destroyed by infidelity. However, no matter how great the temptations out there, your son needs to know that disasters like this can be avoided.

You can encourage him in that regard, but it's a battle he must fight himself. Marriage counselor David Sanford has noted that nobody wakes up one day and suddenly decides to have an affair. Infidelity takes root in the heart and mind long before the physical act.

The opposite is also true. Marital fidelity starts well before marriage. It begins as a promise we make to ourselves — to be a person

of character. Being faithful is a lifelong commitment. It means seeking the best for your spouse and your family on a daily basis, at home or on the road.

Dr. Sanford has outlined several steps to help strengthen marital fidelity. These include affirming and listening to your spouse, seeking to meet her needs, and setting healthy boundaries for relationships outside the home. Hopefully your son is doing these things.

On the other hand, marital fidelity weakens when you devalue or avoid your spouse, instead focusing on yourself. It might start when a husband looks at pornography online, or when a wife gets too close emotionally to a male co-worker. But it always ends in heartache.

Even for those who have broken the bonds of marital trust, there is hope for healing and restoration. But the path is long and painful. It's so much better not to start down it in the first place.

QUESTION: Because of the downturn of the economy,

I've found myself the primary breadwinner in our family. I grew up in a very traditional home, so this is an unknown for me. I can already tell it's causing friction with my husband. What do I do?

JULI: The Pew Research Center reported that in 2007 approximately 22 percent of wives earned more than her husband, so you're not alone. While there's nothing morally wrong with a wife being the primary breadwinner, it does present some unique marriage challenges. These difficulties are not often discussed because they represent traditional ideas that are not considered "PC." Politically correct or not, the problems are real.

Regardless of who earns more money, the fundamental needs of men and women in marriage haven't changed. A man needs to feel like a competent contributor and protector of his family. For the past several generations, the fundamental way men have measured their role as husband and father is how

they provide financially. When he's unemployed, or his wife outearns him, a husband's confidence can take a big hit. One of a wife's primary needs in marriage is to feel protected by her husband. This is echoed in the storybook romances of knights in shining armor rescuing damsels in distress. Although you may not feel like you (BEGIN ITALS)need(END ITALS) rescuing, your heart probably longs to rest in your husband's strength.

When a woman outearns her husband, these primary needs can easily go unmet. He feels useless, and she starts to resent having to carry the whole load. If by choice or necessity you continue to be the breadwinner, I recommend that you address these issues with your husband, perhaps with the help of a counselor. Making sure that both of your emotional needs are met will determine the health of your marriage.

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DAVE Says

question about home's value

Dear Dave,
We keep getting offers in the mail from a law firm that offers to protest the assessed value of our home for property tax purposes. They say that we'll pay them nothing if they can't save us money, but if they do the fee is 50 percent of the property tax savings. Do you think it's ethical to dispute these findings, and are these services legitimate?
Kristen

Dear Kristen,
There's no real problem with this, so long as there are no up-front fees. The real question, though, is whether your assessment is accurate.
First, there would have to be some kind of basis for the protest — like if your assessment is really out of line compared to similar homes in the neighborhood. Usually, they aren't assessed at 100 percent. But if you discovered that a comparable home was assessed at 73 percent and yours was based on 82 percent, then you'd have both an ethical and legal right to protest the assessment.

I think one of two things will happen. If you talk to this firm, you're either going to find out that there's something going on with the tax base that makes them think they can actually reduce the numbers, or they're going to try and hit you with a "processing fee" or some other kind of garbage.

If this is the case, you should just walk away.
—Dave

lost job, might move



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,
The job I have currently is about to be phased out, and I'm looking at two other offers. The pay for both is the same. One is short-term, nine months to a year, and it has a per diem so I wouldn't have to move. The other job would last much longer, but I'd have to move and that would throw me about \$3,500 further into debt. This company acts like it doesn't want to help with the moving expenses, but I think I'd like the job better. What do you think I should do?

Michael
Dear Michael,
I'd move. And I'd also try to negotiate the heck out of this company and get them to foot some of the bill for the move.

If you're valuable enough, and they like you enough to want you on their team, then I'd use that as a negotiating point before accepting the position. Tell them that you really want the job and you're excited about it, but the only thing holding you back is \$3,500 in moving costs.

You never know until you ask. And at that point they may see the wisdom of kicking in some cash to make it easier for you to decide!
—Dave

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This year's cook-off categories were Entrees and Sauces/Compotes. Judges Ron Jolly, WTCM, Babette Stenius-Stolz, Petoskey News Review, Julia Drost, Rowe

Inn and Chef Henry Bisson, Lulu's Bistro, had the challenging task of selecting this year's winners.

Winners for the Entrée category:
First Place: Kathy Floyd of Charlevoix with Southern Cherry Fried Chicken.
Second Place: Katie McLeod of East Jordan with Holy Mole' – Chicken w/ Cherry-Infused Mole'.
Third Place: Betty Renner of Central Lake with Cherry BBQ Pork Sandwiches.

Winners for the Sauces & Compotes category:
First Place: Kathleen Bowman

of Boyne City with Cherry Harvest Compote

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This year Friske's is celebrating 50 years of being a family-owned business! Attendees at the cook-off enjoyed tasting all the cherry flavors at the first special event of this monumental year of celebration.

For more details and pictures from the contest, please visit www.friske.com



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The New Alpine Sports Haus Pub inside Alpine Tavern & Eatery holds grand opening weekend

By Jim Akans

Since opening their doors in 2007 just one block south of the heart of downtown Gaylord, the Alpine Tavern & Eatery has become a prime destination for area residents and visitors seeking an absolutely delicious selection of "casual American fare" at very reasonable prices. Now there is twice as much to celebrate, as the new Alpine Sports Haus Pub is now officially open inside of the Tavern & Eatery, and a grand celebration is on deck for this coming weekend, March 8th through the 11th.

Co-owner James Hickey states, "During our Grand Opening will be offering food and drink specials, have ongoing promotional item give-aways, plus a very special raffle drawing. The grand raffle prize is four tickets to a Tiger game at Comerica Park plus \$100 in spending money, second place is a Redwings Championship Mirror, and third is an Appetizer Party for 15 people. We will be selling tickets all weekend long, and the drawing will be held during the Sports Wrap program at our establishment on Monday night."

The weekend will also offer a fantastic opportunity for patron to check out the new Alpine Sports Haus Pub. Throughout the winter, crews have been hard at work converting the building which previously housed Play it Again Sports into the new pub.

The new addition merges seamlessly into the adjoining Alpine Tavern & Eatery, adding approximately 1,500 square feet to the facility, which now includes a 16-seat bar area and brings 85 additional seats for diners. The sports theme décor features ten large screen televisions around the perimeter of the new addition, and Hickey notes there will also be a shuffleboard arriving soon.

"As with the Alpine Tavern & Eatery," he affirms, "we offer a fun, friendly atmosphere for our guests to enjoy. Our larger space allows us to accommodate larger gatherings right here in town. People can watch virtually any sporting event they can imagine on our large screen televisions, and we also offer interactive television trivia and more. We feel this sports pub theme is a niche that needed to be filled here in downtown Gaylord."

Alpine Tavern & Eatery and the Alpine Sports Haus Pub menu feature a tantalizing assortment of sandwiches, specialty pizzas and homemade soups. The restaurant also offers a selection of freshly prepared salads (they even make their own dressings and sauces at Alpine Tavern), tasty appetizers, and a full selection of beers, wines and spirits are available.

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



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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town Gaylord. In late 2008, familiar faces James and Colleen Hickey joined the partnership team.

"We enjoy being a part of a locally-owned and operated business here in Gaylord," states Colleen Hickey. "This is a very community-oriented place to live

and work, and the Alpine Tavern & Eatery, being a family-owned operation, has become a part of that character. We are very excited about the changes we have been making."

Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and check out the Grand Opening of new Alpine Sports

Haus Pub inside the Alpine Tavern & Eatery. For those eagerly anticipating St. Patrick's Day this year, the Alpine Tavern & Eatery and Alpine Sports Haus Pub will be featuring live music, plenty of Irish food and drink, and loads of fun from 4 pm until midnight on Saturday, March 17th.

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BOYNE CITY IRISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Celtic Music Session at the Boyne District Library Community Room, 201 E. Main St., 1-3 p.m. All musicians are welcome to join in.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Irish Film Fest – “Leap Year” at the Boyne District Library Community Room, 201 E. Main St., 7 p.m. “Leap Year” is great fun, based on the Irish tradition that allows a woman to propose to her love on Leap Day. Stars Amy Adams.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Irish History Program - “The Battle of the Boyne Reexamined,” presented by Dr. George Colburn, PhD,

a historian and documentary filmmaker. Held at the Boyne District Library Community Room, 201 E. Main St., 6:30 p.m., followed by...

Irish Film Fest – “A Shine of Rainbows” at the Boyne District Library Community Room, 7:30 p.m. “A Shine of Rainbows” is a poignant story about an orphan boy, his new family, and the challenges that confront him. Stars Aidan Quinn.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Business After Hours – Boyne Area Chamber networking event hosted by Lynda’s Real Estate, 27 S. Lake St.; complimentary admission, hors d’oeuvres and refreshments, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

St. Patrick’s Day Weekend Celebration at Café Santé begins today, featuring Irish folksingers Sean and Patrick Ryan from 8 to 11 p.m. Also house-made corned beef Irish dinner, logo glasses with Irish beer pints after 6 p.m., and \$3 Irish whiskey or Potcheen shots. Located at 1 Water Street, details at www.cafesante-bc.com.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Spring Warm-Up at the Boyne City Farmers Market adjacent to the Boyne District Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fun and educational event for the whole family - learn about Alpaca wool, have your children plant seeds, see spinning wheel demonstrations, learn about the maple syrup process, view a hoop house and learn how it works, take an old-fashioned carriage ride and enjoy hot

chocolate afterwards.

Children’s Story Time and Movie at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St. Irish Story Hour at 10 a.m. followed at 11 by “Darby O’Gill and The Little People,” a classic film with more leprechauns than you can count!

Genealogy Workshop - Trace your family lineage in the “Olde Country” with genealogists from the Charlevoix County Genealogy Society. Held at the Boyne District Library Community Room, 201 E. Main St., 1-3 p.m.

Irish Heritage Dinner featuring a six-course traditional Irish feast, Irish step dancers, Celtic music and song featuring the Hooligans. Held at the Eagles Community Room, 101 River St., 5-8 p.m. Admission is \$15 for

adults if paid by March 13 and \$20 after. Admission is \$8 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Tickets are available at the Boyne Chamber, Eagles Hall, Local Flavor, and Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Celtic Music Session at Freshwater Studio, 217 S. Lake St., 1-3 p.m. All musicians are welcome to join in.

Irish Heritage Festival

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that took place across the Boyne River in Ireland back in 1690. The presentation will also be held at the Boyne District Library, beginning at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 13th, prior to the “A Shine of Rainbows” film presentation. Next weekend, the Irish Heritage Festival will dig in with a St

Patrick’s Day Weekend Celebration at Café Sante on Friday and Saturday, a children’s story time and movie (the classic “Darby O’Gill and the Little People”) at Boyne Library on Saturday morning, followed by a chance to trace your family lineage in the “Olde Country.

“It will be a genealogy workshop offered by the Charlevoix County Genealogy Society,” explains Williams. “It will take place at the Boyne District Library from 1 to 3 pm, and is a wonderful opportunity for anyone in the community to come in and trace their Irish heritage.”

Appropriately taking place on Saturday evening, March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day 2012, the Festival’s anchor event, the Irish Heritage Dinner, will get underway at the Eagles Community Room at 5 pm. The evening will feature a six

course traditional Irish feast prepared by the Boyne City Culinary Arts Class, and will include tasty Irish Stew, corn beef and cabbage, vegetables, salad and choice of deserts. Irish beer and whisky tastings will also be available.

Williams adds, “The evening will also feature a group of step dancers from the Antrim County Concord Academy, and music from the Celtic band the Hooligans, both of which have provided entertainment at the dinner for the past five years.”

Admission to the Irish Heritage

Dinner is \$15 for adults if paid by March 13 and \$20 after. Admission is \$8 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children ages 5 and under. Tickets will be available at the Boyne Chamber, Eagles Hall, Local Flavor, and Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River.

For a full schedule of events and further information about the festival call the Boyne City Main Street Program at 231-582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-582-6222, or visit www.boynechamber.com.

Artists in Action Announced

Due to the positive response to the Artists in Action at the Charlevoix Public Library, three more artists will be in the lobby of the library this spring. The series highlights artists who set up a small work area in the library to share their craftsmanship with the public. The artists will be in the main lobby 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. the third or fourth Thursday of the month. The artists will be creating while the public watches and will be eager to answer any and all

questions about their work. March 22 brings in Chris Abramowski and her spinning wheel, showing off the art of spinning yarn. On April 19, Cynthia Postmus will be on hand with her beautiful hooked rugs, demonstrating the art and design of rug hooking. Then on May 17, Deb Franzoni will be quilting with the English paper piecing method. For further information about this or other library events visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.



John Sheets, demonstrating the art of fly tying. COURTESY PHOTO

Meet the 2012 East Jordan Freedom Festival Executive Board Members



The members of the 2012 East Jordan Freedom Festival Executive Board taking a break from festival planning. The board has been meeting monthly, planning the 2012 East Jordan Freedom Festival scheduled for June 13 – 17, 2012 in East Jordan. Look for many new events and expanded returning events. Become a friend on facebook. From left (seated) Denise Brown-Pajtas: Vice President, Courtney Fender: Secretary, (standing L to R) Shannon Fender: President, Heather Jackson: Treasurer. COURTESY PHOTO

First Annual Camp Daggett Concert for a Cause – March 16th

Looking for a good reason to get out of the house and have a fun, entertaining, and memorable evening? On Friday evening, March 16th, come celebrate an early St. Patrick’s Day at the first annual Camp Daggett Concert for a Cause held at the

Emmet County Fairgrounds. This fundraising event will feature Orpheum Bell, a multi-talented band from Ann Arbor. Their music is a unique mix of Eastern Folk and country with a hint of gypsy that pleases the senses of all ages. Proceeds from this event will support scholarships for children to attend Camp Daggett.

Hors d’oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks will be served as refreshments between musical sets. Call 231-347-9742 ext. 100 to make a reservation and receive a discount! Reserved ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students (high school-aged or younger). Admission prices at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

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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 1/2 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.

EAST JORDAN

Business after hours

March 8 sponsored by Boyne Gazette at the Jordan Inn, 5:30 - 7:30pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Photography Classes

March 8 (Saturday), 10am - 3pm with an hour break for lunch at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. PHOTOSHOP: SELECTING and RETOUCHING I will be using Photoshop CS-5, but most of the same tools are in Elements. We will learn how to make selections to isolate areas of an image. Then we will use cloning, blurring and healing tools and techniques to clean up and perfect images. Laptops are welcome. Charlevoix Photography Club Founding members \$30.00 / members \$35/non-members \$50

CHARLEVOIX

St. Mary's Fish Fry & St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Dates for the Lenten Fish Fry are March 9, March 23, and March 30 from 5:30-7:30. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be March 18th from 12-3pm. Adults are \$10, Seniors are \$7, Children are \$5 or a family is \$30.

EAST JORDAN

Walleye Tourney

Last Chance Walleye Tournament Saturday, March 10 to benefit Care and Share Food Pantry. 1st Place Walleye \$1,000 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

PETOSKEY

Home show

March 9—10. Little Traverse Association of Home Builders Annual Home Show at North Central Michigan College's Main Campus.

CHARLEVOIX

Music

Back Porch Coffeehouse Music Events presents Shady Hill with special guest Dave Eggebrecht! Saturday, March 10, 7pm at Charlevoix Senior Center Building. The featured performers will share their music from 7 to 8:30pm. Following the scheduled performers, we will have a circle jam session. Suggested donations for the evening are \$5/individual, \$10/family.

BOYNE CITY

Irish Heritage Festival

Boyne City's Irish Heritage Festival includes a full range of themed events from March 11 through March 18. This is the fifth year of the celebration of Boyne City's Irish foundations, which began when Irish immigrants John and Harriet Miller settled here in 1856. In addition to a dinner on March 17, the festival includes two Irish films, two Celtic music sessions, a history program on "The Battle of the Boyne Revisited," and a genealogy workshop to provide help tracing family lineage back to the "Old Country." Local businesses will be offering some special Irish items, and decorating their establishments in suitable Irish décor. The Boyne City Main Street Program produces the event under the leadership of event chairman Linn Williams. The Irish Heritage Dinner will be the highlight of the festival from 5 to 8pm on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17 at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. It is a traditional six-course Irish feast prepared by high school culinary arts students, as well as Irish step dancers and Irish music and song from the Hooligans. Admission is \$15 for adults if paid by March 13 and \$20 after. Admission is \$8 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Tickets will be available at the Boyne Area Chamber, Eagles Hall, Local Flavor, and Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River. See the full schedule at www.boyneirishfestival.com.

BOYNE CITY

The Great American Ice Out

You could win \$1,000 if you can guess when the Great Lake Charlevoix Ice Out rock and clock will fall through the ice this spring. But don't delay - March 15 is the last day to buy \$2 tickets. It's all done for fun and a good cause - the Ice Out Contest is a fund-raiser benefiting the Alano Clubs of Boyne City and Charlevoix. Alano clubs are corporations separate from Alcoholics Anonymous, which provide meeting places for 12-step substance abuse programs such as AA. The ice device sits on the frozen lake just off downtown Boyne City, marked in bright red with a carefully selected rock, "Rocky Balboa," at its base. Rocky is tethered to an atomic clock that will record the precise time the ice goes out and Rocky goes down. In 2011 Rocky's predecessor, J. Alfred Proofrock, went to his rest at 8:22 a.m. on April 10. 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. Tickets are available for \$2 per guess in Boyne City at the Boyne Area Chamber, Ace Hardware, Local Flavor Bookstore, Pat O'Brien Real Estate and Boyne Marathon (next to Glen's Market). In Charlevoix, tickets are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber, Villager Pub and Holiday Gas Station. For more information, contact Pat O'Brien at 231-582-1700 or Richard O'Leary at 231-547-9184.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

Lynda's Real Estate Service will host the Boyne Area Chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30pm Thursday, March 15, at 27 S. Lake St. Glen's Market is cosponsoring the mixer and will provide hors d'oeuvres. There is no charge for admission or refreshments and the public is welcome to attend. Lynda's Real Estate Service has six full-time Realtors with more than 100 years combined experience who are ready to help you meet your real estate needs. Whether buying or selling, they are here to show you the Lynda's advantage. One call to Lynda's Real Estate Service can get you started. You will find them right in the heart of it all in downtown Boyne City, overlooking beautiful Lake Charlevoix, where the mighty Boyne River meets the lake. For more information about Lynda's, call 231-582-9555 or visit www.lyndasrealestateservice.com. For more information about Business After Hours, call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222.

EAST JORDAN

Ice skating rink open

The ice skating rink is now open at East Jordan Community Park. 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. 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.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Parking restricted

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

EAST JORDAN

Artist Gathering

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

BOYNE CITY

BAC Moves (temporarily)

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

Friday and Saturday from 2 - 6pm and on Sundays from Noon - 4PM.

GAYLORD

Men's conference

Get your tickets now for the Higher Call Men's Conference at the Evangelical Free Church on Sunday, March 18. Pajama Game is a musical and a romantic comedy that takes place in 1957 in a pajama factory where the workers are demanding a 7-1/2 cents an hour pay raise. It was a movie with Doris Day as well as on Broadway. It was also given the Tony Award in 2006 for best revival, when it starred Harry Connick Jr. Tickets are \$5 or \$10 for patrons (center, main floor) and are available at Local Flavor.

CHARLEVOIX

College Night

Students and parents will have a unique opportunity to explore a wide variety of higher education options at the Fourth Annual Northern Michigan College Night on Thursday, March 15th, from 6:30-8pm. The free college fair will be hosted by Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix. Designed for high school juniors, sophomores, and their families, College Night introduces students and their parents to representatives from approximately 50 post-secondary institutions. Participants will receive important information about educational planning, gather literature, speak one-on-one with representatives from these institutions, and visit displays from various colleges, universities, and the armed forces. For more information, students may contact Charlevoix High School at 231-547-8206.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market plans Spring Warm Up

You'll be more than a customer when you visit the March 17th Boyne City Farmers Market! The Market is celebrating Boyne City's Irish Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with demonstrations and fun activities centered around "warming" up for spring with a local, down home flavor. You will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about Alpaca wool
- Have your children plant seeds
- See live spinning-wheel demonstrations
- Learn about the maple syrup process
- View a hoophouse and learn about its use;
- Take an old fashioned carriage ride and enjoy hot chocolate afterwards in the Red Barn.

As always, the Market will feature fresh, local grown greens, cheese, poultry, meats, breads, canned goods, home-baked sweets and more. The Market will continue through early spring until the outdoor Market opens on May 2. The community has made it clear they support and encourage a year-round market. The Boyne District Library is also featuring Children's Irish Crafts, Stories and Movies from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a Genealogy Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information contact Farmers Market Manager Becky Harris at 231-330-2704.

BOYNE CITY

Pajama Game

Mark your calendar for this year's spring musical at Boyne City High School. Students from the drama program will produce the musical "Pajama Game" in the Performing Arts Center on March 17, 18, 23 and 24. Performance times are 7 p.m. except for 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. Pajama Game is a musical and a romantic comedy that takes place in 1957 in a pajama factory where the workers are demanding a 7-1/2 cents an hour pay raise. It was a movie with Doris Day as well as on Broadway. It was also given the Tony Award in 2006 for best revival, when it starred Harry Connick Jr. Tickets are \$5 or \$10 for patrons (center, main floor) and are available at Local Flavor.

CHARLEVOIX

St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner

Annual fundraiser for the St. Mary parish and school Sunday, March 18 Noon - 3pm. Adults \$10, Seniors, \$7, Children under 14, \$5. Take out available.

CHARLEVOIX

BookTalkers: The Emperor of all Maladies

Charlevoix Public Library Booktalkers is a group of readers who love to read different books each month and then gather to discuss them. The BookTalkers meet 6pm on the third Monday of each month. New members are always welcome. On March 19, The Emperor of all Maladies will be the topic of discussion. A magnificent and profoundly humane "biography" of cancer—this book follows the disease from the first documented appearances thousands of years ago through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it, to a radical new understanding of its essence. Physician, researcher, and award-winning science writer Siddhartha Mukherjee examines cancer with a cellular biologist's precision, a historian's perspective, and a biographer's passion. The result is an astonishingly lucid and eloquent chronicle of a disease that humans have lived with—and perished from—for more than five thousand years. On April 16, the BookTalkers will meet again to discuss The Blind Assassin, by Margaret Atwood. For discussion questions, visit Book Discussion page on the library's website: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

PETOSKEY

Budgeting workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency will be hosting a workshop on Budgeting on March 20 from 6pm to 9pm, as part of a series of six workshops on financial fitness. This workshop is offered free to the public at NMCAA, 2202 Mitchell Park. To register or to find out about future workshops, please call (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

PETOSKEY

NMCM Family fun nights

The North Central Michigan College gym and fitness center is offering family fun nights on 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 apple sauce. 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.

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CHARLEVOIX & EMMET COUNTY

Project Connect

Mar 21, 10am - 5:30pm. Local human service agencies are joining forces with Project Connect in which they connect people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives. The event is set up for people in both Emmet and Charlevoix Counties as a way to make an immediate difference in the lives of many. Project Connect is a project of the Poverty Reduction Initiative and Homeless Continuum of Care workgroup of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating body.

CHARLEVOIX

Business after hours

Regional business after hours on March 23 at Castle Farms, Hosted by Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, 7 - 9pm

CHARLEVOIX

Winterfolk Concert Series

March 26: Bob & Letty Faccett, 6:30pm at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

MANCELONA

Wall Repair and Painting workshop

NMCAA in Petoskey will also hold a Wall Repair and Painting workshop on March 27 at 201 E. State Street from 6pm to 9pm. To register or to find out about future workshops, please call (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

EAST JORDAN

Spring Break

Begins Friday, March 30, School resumes Tuesday, April 10.

BOYNE CITY

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CHARLEVOIX

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ELLSWORTH

Spring Break

Begins Friday, March 30, School resumes Tuesday, April 10.

BOYNE FALLS

Spring Break

Begins Friday, March 30, School resumes Tuesday, April 10.

EAST JORDAN

Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, April 3 from Noon - 5:45pm at the East Jordan Civic Center. Sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church.

WORLDWIDE

Easter

Easter is April 8. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

BOYNE CITY

Free tax preparation

The Boyne District Library is hosting a free tax preparation service from 10am to 3pm Mondays and Thursdays. The service is provided by volunteers and the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency. To be eligible for this service, income guidelines are \$22,340 for one person, \$30,260 for two and \$46,100 for four. Call the library at 231-582-7861 for an appointment.

CHARLEVOIX

Free tax preparation

Free tax preparation and e-filing is now available for low income households at the Charlevoix Public Library. The service is available by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Sunday afternoons. Please call 231-237-7340 for your appointment. The service is brought to the library through a partnership with the North West Community Action Agency.

CHARLEVOIX

Scholarship to local graduates

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce raises funds every year from the silent auction at the Annual Gala and Awards Ceremony to award local graduates scholarships for future education. Requirements include:

1. Must be a graduating high school senior who is planning to attend an accredited vocational school, community college or university.
2. Must be accepted to an accredited two or four year institution of higher learning (college or vocational school).
3. Must have a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average (GPA)
4. Must be either an employee of a company which is a member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce or the child of an employee.
5. Immediate family members of the Chamber's Selection Committee members are ineligible to apply for the Chamber Scholarship.

Applications are due on April 16th at 5pm and can be downloaded here: <http://www.charlevoix.org/General/scholarship.htm>

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Synthetics Education from BASES

This link just came out recently through the Partnership for DrugFree.org and is an audio / slide share program on synthetics. Very appropriate for all parents, adults who work with teens and older teens themselves so they have accurate information about these new emerging drugs that are being abused. www.slideshare.net/PartnershipDigital/parents360-synthetic-drugs-bath-salts-k2-spi-ce-115903321

PETOSKEY

Instant Wine Cellar

Char-Em United Way is planning their 2nd Instant Wine Cellar party on Friday, April 20 at 7pm at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. The night will feature a chance to win a collection of wine or 99 Bottles of Shorts Beer and will include live entertainment from Northern Michigan's own Boyne River Remedy. Entry into the event is either a bottle of wine, a six-pack of craft beer or \$15... With the purchase of raffle tickets, guests have a chance to "Win an Instant Wine Cellar - or 99 Bottles of Craft Beer" from the donated beverages as well as many other fantastic prizes. Adding to the entertainment, there will be a silent auction, Stafford's hors d'oeuvres, as well as a cash bar. All proceeds from the Instant Wine Cellar event will support Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program. Volunteer Connections is a virtual volunteer center which promotes volunteerism in the community and helps people find opportunities that meet their passion and interests. For more information or to RSVP for the party, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org, visit www.charemunitedway.org, Events, or sign up on Facebook.

Mediation with East Jordan schools, teachers failed

B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Public School District and its teachers still have no agreement, despite mediation.

"The parties are still negotiating over compensation, insurance and a variety of other language issues," Mary Lieberman said. Lieberman represents the teachers.

The attorney for the school district, Eric Delaporte, said the teachers wanted several changes to the agreement. He said he looked at those changes and agreed with them.

"They still didn't sign it," Delaporte said. "I don't know what they want."

Lieberman said the proposal presented by the Association include no "new" costs to the District, zero

percent on salary and major concessions in the employees' insurance benefits, as well as employee contribution toward their health-care. "This proposal is very affordable to the District and actually creates quite significant savings.

More mediation may be tried and/or the issues may go to a fact-finder.

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Area Libraries to offer Mango Languages to patrons free of charge

Have you always wanted to learn a foreign language, but never took the plunge? Are you planning a trip to a foreign country and need to learn a few crucial phrases? Mango has everything you need and is available free of charge at area libraries.

Boyne District Library, Crooked Tree District Library, and Petoskey District Library now join Charlevoix Public Library in offering this service to their patrons.

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system that teaches real conversation skills for practical communication. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appre-

ciation for cultural nuance and real-world application that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture.

The system is completely web-based and remotely accessible, so with your library card, you can learn anywhere you have an internet connection. And with Mango Mobile Library Edition, library patrons can download an app from iTunes at no charge. Choose from 39 guided language experiences, 15 English as a second language experiences, and different levels of fluency.

"We are thrilled to add our library to the growing list of libraries across the country who have added Mango to their resources," said Cliff Carey, Boyne Dis-

trict Library director. "Some people need to learn a second language for business or travel reasons. Others just want to because they think it would be interesting. No matter the reason, learning the language should be fun. With Mango, it definitely is."

To learn more about Mango and get a preview of what the program has to offer, visit www.boynelibrary.org, www.petoskeylibrary.org, www.charlevoixlibrary.org, or www.crookedtreelibrary.org. You can also visit the company's website at www.mangolanguages.com.

Founded in 2007, Mango Languages is recognized as a leading provider of online language learning services

to libraries, government agencies, corporations and the general public. Designed by a team of linguists, teachers, software developers, human interface specialists, writers, voice talents and designers, the company's award-winning language learning system has drawn acclaim from prominent national and international reference groups, educational resources, Web organizations and travel guides. For more information, visit www.mangolanguages.com or follow Mango Languages on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mangolanguages.

OBITUARIES

Gerri (Finch) Creasey

(AUG. 27, 1935 - MARCH 3, 2012)

Gerri (Finch) Creasey, 76, of Charlevoix, passed away March 3, 2012 at her home.

She was born August 27, 1935, in Battle Creek to Dr. D.L. and Dorothy (Wilder) Finch. Gerri graduated from Lakeview High School in 1953, and attended the University of Michigan. She completed her education as a Registered Nurse at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo in 1957.

Her nursing career included being a private surgical nurse, a Psychiatric Nurse at the Traverse City State Hospital, and an orthopedic surgical nurse in several hospitals in Michigan and Illinois. Gerri was active with the Borgess Service League in Kalamazoo and participated in both their Follies and Fashion Shows.

She married Paul J. Creasey, Sr. in 1974 and moved to San Francisco, Calif. where together they enjoyed a working relationship with The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company for 23 years. After retirement they moved to Charlevoix, and spent winters in Marco Island, Fla.

Gerri's love for animals was well known and her friends often said, "When I die, I want to come back as one of her dogs." Knitting, crafts and flowers were a passion with her.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy (Wilder) Finch in 1964, and father, Dr. D. L. Finch in 1999.

Surviving are her husband Paul J., Creasey, Sr. of Charlevoix; son James Landau Harris of Kalamazoo; stepchildren, Melissa Jayne Creasey and Paul John "Chad" Creasey, Jr. both of Grand Rapids, and Helen Jessica (Creasey) Shutter of Denver, CO; three granddaughters and two grandsons.

A memorial service will be 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 8, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Reverend Gayle Gennett officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4:00 until the time of the service. A celebration of life service is planned for the summer of 2012.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: American Cancer Society, or to a charity of choice. Those wanting to share a memory of Gerri, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Glenna Gillespie, 89

Glenna Gillespie of Boyne City died Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A funeral service for Glenna will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. The Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Michael Allen Anderson

(NOV. 2, 1952 - FEB. 28, 2012)

Michael Allen Anderson, age 59, of Boyne City, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Michael was born on Nov. 2, 1952, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Arvid and Dorothy (Hill) Anderson. Following graduation, Mike joined and served in the United States Army. On June 12, 1993, he married Barbara DeNike at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

Mike worked for the City of Boyne City for 30 years until he retired. One of Mike's passions was being an EMT and he volunteered for the Boyne City E.M.S for 15 years.

Mike enjoyed spending time with his dog, Woobie, and was looking forward to getting his motorcycle out this spring and going for some rides.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Melissa (Jeff) Rasmussen, Christopher Anderson, Kevin (Angela) Kelley and Jennifer Kelley; grandsons, Andrew Anderson, Zachary Mannes, Mason Anderson and Dylan Anderson; and sister, Janine (Larry) Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Kathleen and Beverly.

A celebration of Mike's life was held Monday, March 5, at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City with pastor David Behling officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family in care of Barbara Anderson.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Mike are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Dolores 'Dee' Jankowski

(DEC. 4, 1945 - FEB. 26, 2012)

Dolores "Dee" Jankowski, 66, of Petoskey and formerly of Boyne Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital at the age of 66.

Dee was born on Dec. 4, 1945, in Hamtramck, Mich., the daughter of Phillip and Lillian (Carlson) Jankowski Sr. Dee grew up in Hamtramck and attended Boyne Falls Public Schools after she and her family moved to Boyne Falls in 1959.

In 1973, Dee went to work for Honeywell and worked there for 38 years before retiring in 2011.

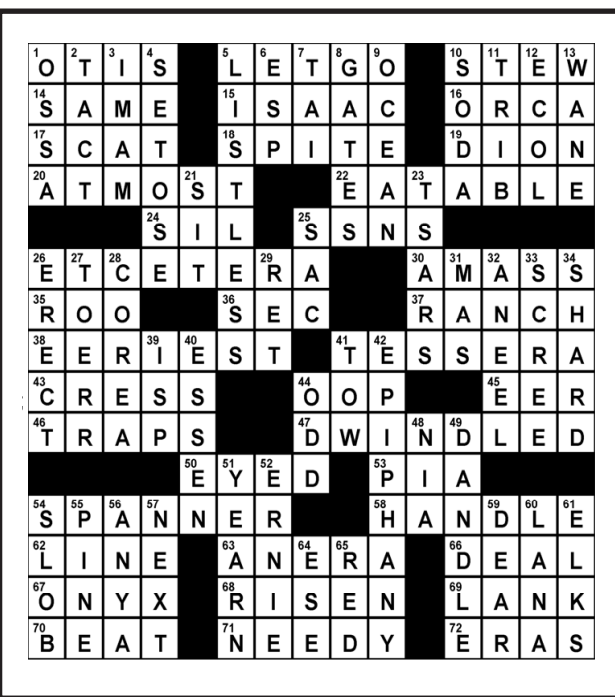
Dee was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls, and was an avid collector of Angel memorabilia and enjoyed road trips, and playing online games. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends and keeping up with them on Facebook. She adored the time she spent with her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

She is survived by her six siblings, Mary (Bob) Kucharek of Elmira, Phyllis (Richard) Marchinkewicz of Boyne Falls, Betty Ann Jenson of Boyne Falls, Mildred Florenski of Petoskey, Helen (James) McGinn of Fairfield, Ohio, and Wilbur (Carol) Jankowski of Petoskey; and by many nieces; nephews; and great-nieces and -nephews.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Steven J. Jankowski; and two brothers, Phillip Jankowski Jr. and David P. Jankowski.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 3, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. Burial will be in the St. Augustine Cemetery.

Donations in Dee's memory may be directed to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.



Charlevoix Teacher Nominated for Teacher of the Year Award

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The lobby of the Charlevoix elementary School filled with grandparents and parents watching buses through the large plate glass windows while teachers, eyes glazed over from a long day, march their lines of winter clad students outside to wait. The excited children bounce up and down to get the attention of the adults. When another line of students enters the lobby following their teacher, she turned, spoke to each child making eye contact, gave them hugs and smiled as they lingered to say just one more thing to the person they had spent all day with. Aha, this must be the person I've come to talk to, Michigan's Teacher of the Year nominee, Shelly Novotny.

Novotny has been teaching for 20 years, the last 11 in Charlevoix where she has taught every grade from kindergarten to fifth except the fourth, however, most of her time has been spent with grades first and second. Novotny has been nominated for the Outstanding Person in Education Award three times and is now in the running for Michigan's Teacher of the Year (MTOY).

"Having a personal relationship with every kid in the class is the secret to having a successful classroom," said Novotny.

The main factor that Novotny claims influenced her decision to become a teacher was her fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Keifer. Novotny struggled in school until Mrs. Keifer changed her world.

"She loved me, thought I was smart, and taught me so much in just one year. By the end of the year, I had become a reader and that feeling was amazing," she said.

Novotny remembers an old cast iron bathtub Mrs. Keifer had in her classroom, placed there so students like Novotny could curl up and read. It worked for her and she has hauled one just like it to the eight different classrooms in the four different schools she has taught in with the intention of inspiring new readers.

Incorporating her personal philosophy



Michigan Teacher of the Year Nominee, Shelly Novotny, talks with students at Charlevoix Elementary School where she teaches third grade.

of teaching into her classroom isn't hard and it is welcomed by her students.

"Creating an environment where students are happy can really affect how they achieve academically," she said. "I feel that relationship and laughter are keys to a great classroom."

If awarded the position of Teacher of the Year, Novotny's responsibilities would consume as much as a week of every month. She will be expected to attend monthly State Board of Education meetings as the voice of the teacher and is responsible to prepare and present monthly reports to the Board as well as numerous other speaking engage-

ments across the state serving as an ambassador for all Michigan teachers. She would end her tenure by participating in the International Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Charlevoix Elementary will receive a financial award as well, presented to the school by MEEIM Insurance Company, one of the programs sponsors. Many gifts are presented for the teacher's use in the classroom including a classroom technology package. Professional development would be provided to Novotny who is then expected to bring that new learning to other teachers in the district.



"Spring forward" as Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am this Sunday

By Jim Akans

Daylight Saving Time (DST) will begin at 2 am this Sunday morning, March 11th. After fiddling with all those buttons and knobs before going to bed this Saturday night, the clocks around the house shouldn't need to be reset again for quite a while as the DST period extends from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November (the 4th this year), or nearly nine months. If that seems like a longer stint than it was a few years ago, those instincts are right on target.

DST reaches back to the time of Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested in an essay titled "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" back in 1784, that moving the clock ahead an hour each spring would save candle wax. It took awhile for the idea to take hold, with the first Daylight Saving Time being imposed in the United States during World War I to help alleviate the effects of wartime coal shortages and nightly air raid blackouts.

The practice of moving clocks forward an hour in the spring and back again in the fall was spotty for a while, with Congress reinstating the concept from 1942 until 1945 to, once again, save energy during wartime. Some states continued this ritual after World War II, and some did not. When Congress made this seasonal time warp official by the passing of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, only Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana decided to opt out.

Prior to the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October, so the duration was about a month less than it is now. With three-quarters of the year on the DST clock, it makes one wonder if it wouldn't make more sense to forget about "falling back" altogether.

Proponents for DST argue the extra hour of sunlight saves energy, cuts down on crime, and boosts the economy. Those opposed cite the havoc shifting time twice a year has on the internal body clock, disrupting sleep patterns and biochemical, psychological and behavioral processes.

Perhaps the problem isn't the hour shift; it's the actual time designated for this shift to occur. Why not make the change effective at 4 pm on a Monday, bringing the much-anticipated 5 pm end of the workday around a whole hour earlier every spring? This might make Daylight Savings Time a very popular idea, indeed.

For now, don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this coming Saturday night. Hopefully the programming instructions for the DVD player are still close at hand.

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