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Hayes Township will seek Camp Sea Gull grant

B. J. Conley

The second public hearing at Hayes Township Hall was filled with citizens, many of whom made comments on the township's potential purchase of Camp Sea Gull.

The 20-acre former camp for girls has 1,400 feet of Lake Charlevoix shoreline. It is located off of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

The comments from the audience were mostly favorable for the township's purchase of the property, but a

number of those who attended the meeting spoke against the purchase. Mark Dorn is with a group that has formed known as "The Committee to Protect Hayes Township" comprised primarily of residents who have lake-front homes.

"It's unfair. The process is broken. There is a lot of data people don't have access to," Dorn said.

Dorn mentioned other needs the township should be concentrating on. "We need the money for roads and a park will lower property values," he

said. "The property doesn't have to have anything developed on it."

Raechel Wright of Water and Air Team Charlevoix, or WATCH, disputed the claim that a public park would lower property values.

"In fact, it's been shown that a park can raise property values," she said.

The township's board of trustees approved submission of a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund that may pay



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

Many citizens attended the second public hearing at the Hayes Township Hall on March 7. The hearing was held to take comments on the Township Board's proposed purchase of Camp Sea Gull.

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PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

Boyne City coach Nick Redman goes over instructions with Rambler seniors Keegan LaBlance (left) and Jay Redman against TCSF.



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PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE

Boyne Falls senior Forrest Williams goes up for a layup in action against Central Lake in District Tournament action.

Girl Scouts Celebrate 100 YEARS

B. J. Conley

Girl Scouts from the Charlevoix County area gathered in the Boyne City Elementary School gymnasium on March 12, to join with Girl Scouts around the nation for a celebration of the 100th year of the founding of the organization

in 1912. Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors from ascending age groups were represented at the event.

"There were about 175 Girl Scouts at the celebration," Tamara Whitley Girl Scout leader said. Cadettes Emily Pentecost and



Approximately 175 Girl Scouts and Troop Leaders celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts at Boyne City Elementary School on March 12.

PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

Girl Scout Cadettes, Emily Pentecost (left) and Hailey Judkins (right) show the many badges they have earned and celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts on March 12 at the Boyne City Elementary School.



Hailey Judkins are both proud of the badges they have earned. Emily's mother Yvonne Pentecost is a troop leader.

"I like it. Girl Scouts teaches responsibility and respect," Pentecost said.

The mission of the Girl Scouts is the same in many ways as it was when the Girl Scouts held its first meeting on March 12, 1912. It is dedicated to developing girls in the 3 C's — courage, confidence and character. The founder was Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low of Savannah, GA., according to a story in the "Los Angeles Times."

At the national level the organization launched "ToGetHerThere," with the goal to achieve "balanced leadership" or "the equal representation of women in leadership positions in all sectors and levels of society" within one generation.

Now, for the cookies.

Judge issues opinion on FOIA matter

B. J. Conley

PETOSKEY — Emmet County Circuit Court Judge Charles Johnson issued his Opinion in the case of "The Petoskey News Review v. The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners." The case included the Office of the Prosecutor.

The Opinion of March 9, was a mixed bag with both parties prevailing on different issues. The case began when the newspaper requested emails between county commissioner Chris Christensen and prosecutor John Jarema. Jarema informed the newspaper that the emails did not contain county business. The newspaper filed a lawsuit in the fall of 2011.

The Charlevoix commissioners and the Prosecutor attempted to meet with the paper's publisher to try and find a solution prior to a lawsuit, but they received no response, Jarema said.

Judge Johnson

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East Jordan 3/14/2011.....79.2	3/12/201172.2					
Gaylord 3/14/2011.....78.5	3/12/201199.2					
Mio 3/14/2011.....25.6	3/12/201148.9					
Onaway 3/14/2011.....67.3	3/12/201165.2					
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COUNTY RECORDS

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Steven Matthew Sulz, 29, Central Lake. Delivery/manufacture of marijuana. Sentenced to a minimum of 30 months and a maximum of 8 years in prison.

Gary Arthur Barnes, 50, Mt. Morris. Larceny. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months and a maximum of 60 months in prison.

Kristi Brewer, 25, Charlevoix. Possession of controlled substance – narcotic. Sentenced to 14 days in jail.

DISTRICT COURT

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

John Earl Bradley, 51, East Jordan. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Adam Joseph Smith, 27, Charlevoix. No license for body art facility. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Lyndsey Ann-Marie Nickle, 20, East Jordan. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Angela Jean Martinchek, 28, Charlevoix. Failure to report accident. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Melisa Sue Girard, 30, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$335 in fines and costs.

Sara Lynn Idolski, 21, Boyne Falls. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pat \$200 in fines and costs.

Michael Norman Johnson, 44, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs.

David Matthew Piechocki, 28, Mancelona. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$925 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days, 46 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Ryan William Brewer, 30, Mancelona. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$925 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail

with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 47 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Brandon Joseph Murray, 25, East Jordan. Child abuse 4th degree. Sentenced to pay \$1,225 in fines and costs, and to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 17 days, 163 days held in abeyance and 18 days months on probation.

Brandon Joseph Murray, 25, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated, 2nd and possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$1,200 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for 17 days, serve 40 days, 278 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and 18 days on probation.

Christopher Michael Vandercook, 22, Boyne City. Animals – leaving the scene of a dog bite. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Casey Glen Crain, 34, Charlevoix. Embezzlement. Sentenced to pay \$925 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 42 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.

nah St., Boyne City by William John Argue II.

Rollin Scone Baking Company, 12171 N. Country Club Drive, Charlevoix by Nancy A. Hunter and Don Hunter.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, March 5

1:11am Assist Petoskey DPS with vehicle chase on Camp Daggett Rd

3:21am Motorist assist on State St near Call St

5:38am Disturbance in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

9:28am Report of lost wallet in the downtown area over the weekend.

10:15am Driving complaint received from the 1000 block of S Lake St

12:40pm Harassment complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St

1:11pm Credit card fraud reported from the 400 block of S Park St

2:42pm Assist to Sheriff Department in the 100 block of N East St

6:37pm Assist to DHS in the 500 block of W Michigan

9:55pm Vehicle blocking road at Silver and Charlevoix Streets. Was removed by owner.

Tuesday, March 6

11:10am Unlock in the 1000 block of S Lake St

4:29pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St. Subject returned and paid.

6:16pm Unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah St

5:48pm Line down at Grant and Lincoln. Was cable

7:15pm Citation issued for running red light and No Proof of Insurance

8:17pm Juvenile complaint in the 700 block of S Lake St

9:24pm Dog bite reported in the 300 block of State St

11:57pm Domestic violence

reported in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av

Wednesday, March 7

8:08am Ice shanty left on city property. Was removed by owner.

12:18pm Larceny reported from the 400 block of N Lake St

1:50pm Report of 2 missing black labs. Later returned home.

8:15pm Report of 2 subjects urinating in public in the 100 block of N Park St

Thursday, March 8

1:55am Found open car door in the 100 block of E Main St

7:01am Citation issued for expired registration and expired license

11:32am Report of tree down on residence on Grove-land St

11:48am Report of MDOP in the 100 block of S East St

12:42pm Driving complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St

1:33pm Subject in to report his truck shot with BB's in the 100 block of S East St

4:03pm Investigated domestic violence complaint in the 100 block of N Park St

4:47pm Report of unattended child in vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:43pm Arrested subject on felony warrant

Friday, March 9

1:22am Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 400 block of Harris St

9:16am Parking violation reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

11:27am Report of missing Lab/shepherd mix from Grunow Dr

11:57am Request for unlock in the 100 block of W Court St

3:01pm Custody dispute in the 900 block of Brockway

4:00pm threats complaint received from the 1000 block of Boyne Av

Saturday, March 10

2:12am Arrested subject for OWI

7:10am Citation issued for expired plate

1:55pm Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance

2:24pm Citation issued for no seatbelt

5:32pm Citation issued speed

Sunday, March 11

10:45am Dispatched sick fox on Forest Park Ln

12:00pm Assist Sheriff Department with report of subject possibly through the ice near Young State Park. False alarm.

3:20pm Vehicle blocking road on Vogel St. Had subject remove it.

5:12pm Report of dog running at large in the area of East and Collings St. Unable to locate.

5:37pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

February 27-March 4, 2012

911 Hang Up Call.....4

Abandoned Vehicle.....3

Abuse.....0

Alarm.....12

Animal Complaint.....10

Annoyance.....2

Assault.....0

Assist Citizen.....7

Assist Motorist.....7

Assist Other Agency.....14

Attempt to Locate.....5

Attempted Suicide.....0

Bank Alarm.....0

Boating Accident.....0

Boating Violation.....0

Breaking & Entering.....0

Car/Deer Accident.....9

Citations Issued.....9

Civil Complaint.....6

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....2

Death.....0

Disorderly Person.....0

Disturbance.....1

DNR Complaint.....0

Domestic Dispute.....0

Driving Complaint.....0

Fireworks Complaint.....0

Found Property.....0

Fraud.....2

Health & Safety.....1

Hit & Run.....0

Intoxicated Person.....1

Juvenile.....3

Larceny.....8

Lockout.....6

Lost Property.....0

Malicious Destruction of Property.....1

Mental Subject.....0

Minor In Possession.....0

Miscellaneous Criminal.....0

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....1

Operating Under the Influence 0

Paper Service.....9

Parking Violation.....0

Personal Injury Accident.....0

Personal Protection Order.....0

Private Property Accident.....8

Property Check.....8

Property Damage Accident.....6

Prowler.....0

Road Hazard.....21

Stalking.....0

Suspicious Situation.....7

Threat.....1

Traffic Stop.....37

Trespassing.....1

Unknown Accident.....1

Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0

Vehicle in the Ditch.....12

Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

Boyne Falls teen injured in single vehicle accident.

On Monday March 5, 2012 at 2:52 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on Old Mackinaw Trail at Sheriff Road in Boyne Valley Township. At about 11:50 a.m., 18 year old Steven Boris of East Jordan was driv-

ing a 1998 Jeep Cherokee Eastbound on Old Mackinaw Trail when he drove into a snow bank, on a curve, and became stuck. He was rocking the vehicle back and forth attempting to get it unstuck when his front seat passenger, 17 year old Kristine Henson of Boyne Falls, struck her head on

the dashboard injuring her forehead and neck. Henson was not wearing a seatbelt at the time and would have avoided injury had she been wearing one.

The occupants of the vehicle returned to school and did not report the crash until later that day when Henson was

taken to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by her mother. Henson complained of head and neck pain.

The Sheriff's Office wishes to stress the importance of wearing seatbelts to avoid injuries and save lives.

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agreed that emails 1-4 did not have to be turned over to the newspaper, but ordered the county to comply with the newspaper's request for two of the six emails, one concerns a criminal case Jarema is working on and the other email contains county personnel issues. The judge ordered punitive damages to the newspaper.

***RIGHT:** Related comment from Chris Christensen.
reporterbjh@gmail.com

Comment from Chris Christensen

I am grateful the Court looked at the information and agreed with Mr. Jarema and I that the only e-mail sent during the meeting was in fact generated by the MLS System and not subject to FOIA request. What is unfortunate is that Mr. Jarema and the County had advised the PNR in our responses that this was the case, however they chose to challenge those facts.

The Court held that the issue of the e-mail sent during the meeting is private, as we have stated all along. The Court stated that Mr. Jarema has to turn over a redacted e-mail which pertains to a current embezzlement case, that is still on-going. As soon as that case is finished, a full disclosure will be forwarded in the PNR. Lastly, regarding the personnel issue, the Court

again agreed with us that an attached document is also protected. However, the Court stated that we should have provided the email as it basically served as a cover letter to the attached documents.

As to the punitive damages, I have spoken to Mr. Jarema and he understands the decision of the Court and respectfully disagrees with its interpretation of some of the facts. The Court has mandated a redacted version of one email which deals with an on-going criminal investigation. Mr. Jarema stated he believed, that based on his research, this information was fully exempt from the disclosure during the criminal case, and the Court found it was only partially exempt. Mr. Jarema is passionate in prosecuting cases and is extremely careful and mindful

that both sides are entitled to a fair and impartial jury which is not influenced by the media. Since Mr. Jarema has acknowledged it was his decision to withhold the information during the ongoing investigation he has offered to pay the punitive fine himself.

In regards to costs and sanctions issue, both sides of this case have yet to discuss the details. I am hopeful that we can work this out without further involvement of the Court and optimistic that we can identify a fair and conclusive end to this issue.

Sincerely,
Chris Christensen

FROM PAGE 1 Sea Gull Grant

for 75 percent of the project. The Sea Gull owners have priced the property at

\$6.1 million, but a recent appraisal placed a figure of \$4 million on the property. If the DNR Trust Fund is approved, the township must contribute \$500,000. Hayes Township supervisor Ethel Knepp said the

township has some money saved and has been looking for a site for a public park for years for people to enjoy.

Paul Hoadley is Hayes Township assessor. "I'm all for the public

park. It's the only property that has that much footage left. We'll never see this again and once it's gone, it's gone."
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Three's Company

Eta Nu Charities, Girl Scouts, Litzenburger

The Boyne Eta Nu Charities delighted Litzenburger residents of Boyne City with a scrumptious Breakfast and Dinner. This year's breakfast feast of homemade muffins, egg casserole, baked ham and fruit disappeared fast. Eta Nu's Breakfast Chair, Nancy Shear, committee members Allison Mellon and Jan Basham said the volunteers had fun with the theme, decorations, and the residents enjoyed the fresh flower centerpieces long after the event. Helpers were Susan Light, Martha McKernan, Lorraine Rauen, Marilyn Rhadigan, Joanie Schumann and Char Wehner.

The annual Dinner Chair, Phoebe Wietzke, committee members Anne VanZandt, Martha McKernan, Bedonna Perish, Kathleen Sheehan and Char Wehner, mentioned it was an evening of all kinds of extra support from Girl Scout Troop 10539 Cadettes. Girl Scouts, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Sydney Hausler and McKayla Neer, set the tables and helped with room service by delivering meals to residents not able to attend. Leader, Melanie Hausler said the Girl Scouts love being a part of Eta Nu activities and they look forward to clowning around on July 4th. Clowns for a Cause supports Boyne City Fireworks, and other fundraising opportunities.

Eta Nu's fundraiser, Lights of Love event is to raise funds for Hospice of Northwest Michigan. The same Girl Scout troop that helped at the Litzenburger Dinner sang songs during the Lights of Love ceremony. These 6th grade Girl Scouts have shared their time and will be wonderful future members of Boyne Eta Nu Women's Club. Members of the Girl Scouts that volunteered their time are: Madison Bates, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Sydney Hausler, Samantha Hawver, Katie McHugh, McKayla Neer, Aurora Seelye, Hannah Smith, Alexis Weaver, Bella Wilson, Lizzie Yell, and Co-Leader: Michelle Seelye. The time these young girls volunteered will credit each of the



Members of Boyne Eta Nu are pictured at Litzenburger Place at the annual breakfast where they threw a party for the residents. Eta Nu members include from left, Nancy Shear, Char Wehner, Allison Mellon, Susan Light, Joanie Schumann, Marilyn Rhadigan, Lorraine Rauen and Martha McKernan.

Scouts with Leadership hours that earn each girl extra badges and pins.

Boyne Eta Nu Women's Club members actively contribute to the Boyne area through many other service projects and fundraisers. Over the past 20 years, Eta Nu has contributed a total of over \$150,000 to 35 different organizations in the Boyne area. Projects evolve to meet the community's changing needs, for example our "Dress for Chill fundraiser" which provides new coats and outerwear to Boyne Elementary School kids in need. Currently Eta Nu Chair, Joanie Schu-

mann and Marilyn Rhadigan are planning a Fashion Show, May 22, 2012. Eta Nu Charities presents "Spring Fashions North of the 45th" at the Historic Perry Hotel. Proceeds will benefit four organizations that serve critical needs in our community: the Boyne Area Free Clinic, Boyne Dress for Chill, The Manna Food Project and Women's Resource Center.

As you look around Boyne, you will see and hear about many contributions from our active women, who help make the community a great place to live.



Charlevoix Chamber to Host Biggest Networking Event of the Year

On Friday, March 23rd the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Regional Business After Hours in conjunction with their 2nd Annual Business Expo and Job Fair. The event is from 5-9pm with an Expo Celebration party to take place afterwards from 9-11pm at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The event will feature dozens of door prizes, excellent catering by Giuseppe's Italian Grille, and nationally recognized musical duo Chris Calleja and Memarie Gayle. Attendees will also get a chance to preview the 2nd Annual Business Expo and Job Fair which will take place at the Castle the following day.

"If you are going to attend one event this year to help grow your business, this is that event," said coordinator Bethany Pearson. "We're expecting to have as many as 600 business representatives, government officials, and community minded citizens attending."

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for \$10. All attendees must have a ticket to enter. For questions or to purchase a ticket, contact Pearson at pearson@charlevoix.org or by calling 231.547.2101.

BUSINESS NEWS

Boyne City REALTOR, Marty Moody, attains Brokers License

By Jim Akans



Marty Moody, a licensed REALTOR for Lynda's Real Estate in Boyne City since 2004, has recently attained his Brokers License, one of the highest levels of achievement in the real estate industry. COURTESY PHOTO

Marty Moody, a licensed REALTOR for Lynda's Real Estate in Boyne City since 2004, has recently attained his Brokers License, one of the highest levels of achievement in the real estate industry.

"Attaining a brokers license provides the qualifications to own and operate a real estate operation," notes Lynda Christensen, owner and broker of Lynda's Real Estate. "In order to achieve a brokers license an agent must meet established guidelines in regards to number of completed sales and hours worked in the real estate business, complete an intensive 90 hours of class

work, and pass a very difficult and lengthy test. It is quite an accomplishment to attain a broker license, and I am very proud of Marty and the long hours he has put into this achievement."

Moody is a Boyne City native; a graduate of Boyne City High School; been married to his wife Connie for 27 years, has four beautiful daughters: Brittney, Kristin, Morganne and Cassidy. He has served on the Boyne City School Board for the over 14 years, worked with the Boyne City Community Christmas for 20 years, and has volunteered in various capacities in the Boyne City school system and community for a long, long time.

He is a member of several professional real estate organizations and associations, including MAR, NAR, the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of REALTORS, the Northern Michigan Multiple List and he holds an ABR designation.

Lynda Christensen adds, "Marty has experience in all facets of Real Estate. It doesn't matter if someone is looking for a \$50,000 home or a million dollar estate, a business or a rental. Marty prides himself in the service he provides to all of his clients. He is passionate about Boyne City and works diligently at keeping Boyne City the small-town-home town that it is."

Charlevoix Library hosts Artists in Action

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.

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HB 5457: Introduced by Rep. Kurt Heise on March 6, 2012. A bill that would exempt veterans organizations from property taxes under certain conditions.

STATUS: Referred to Committee on Tax Policy

SB 0778: Introduced by Michael Kowall on October 26, 2011. This bill amends part of the Inland Lakes and Streams act to read that unless a recorded deed,

recorded easement or other dedication expressly provides otherwise, a public road end could not be used for boat anchorage, mooring or docking of a vessel between midnight and sunrise and any activity that obstructed ingress to or egress from an inland lake or stream.

STATUS: Ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor on March 12, 2012.

HB 5459: Introduced by Rep. Paul Opsommer on March 8, 2012. Before a public body holds an emergency public meeting that does not comply with the 18-hour posted notice requirement, the public body shall notify the Secretary of State of its intent.

STATUS: Referred to Committee on Oversight, Reform and Ethics.

HJR RR: Introduced by

Greg MacMaster on March 8, 2012. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state Constitution of 1963 to require that all local school districts receive the same amount of total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes.

STATUS: Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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OBITUARIES

Leona C. Habel, 79

Leona C. Habel, 79, of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, March 12, 2012, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11:00 am, Saturday, March 17, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Rap Posnik of the Norwood United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Leona was born in Charlevoix on November 14, 1932, the daughter of Charles and Emma (Brown) Warner. On January 14, 1949, she married William F. Habel in Charlevoix. They made their home in Scottville for a few years where she worked at the Stokley-Van-Camp canning factory. After they returned to Charlevoix, Leona worked as a housekeeper for private residences. As a senior citizen, Leona earned her G.E.D. in 1988.

She was a member of the Norwood United Methodist Church and served as its treasurer, a member of the Barnard Grange, the Charlevoix Senior Citizens and the Senior Bowling League. She loved music and playing piano, and often times joined in the Warner family band, and her brother's band, Jasper and the Tag-A-Longs.

Leona is survived by her sons, Bill (Jean) Habel, James (Tosca) Habel all of Charlevoix, Allen (Penny) Habel of Petoskey; daughter, Sandra (Mike Wilson) Santure of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Billie Jean, Willie (Becky), Tony (Lori), Joshua (Charmain), Spring (Rich), Brook, Allen, Tyler (Rachel); fourteen great-grandchildren; fiancé, Bob Black of Norwood, sisters, Lucille Anderson and Irene Nadeau.

Leona's husband, Bill, preceded her in death in 1990. She is also preceded in death by her brothers, Homer, Burton, Dixon, Harrison, Jasper, Harley, Everett, Doyle; and sister, Lyde Mae.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norwood United Methodist Church, or to the family of Leona Habel.

Those wanting to share a memory of Leona, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Jake G. "Chum" White

(JAN. 22, 1922 - MARCH 11, 2012)

Jake G. "Chum" White, 90, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, March 11, 2012, at Sunnyside in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11:00am, Wednesday, March 14, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Greg Culver will officiate. Military honors will be presented by the Charlevoix area veterans at Brookside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, Tuesday at the funeral home.

Chum was born January 24, 1922, in East Jordan, the son of Jake and Hazel (Cross) White. He moved to Charlevoix early on and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1942.

Chum was a Coxswain the US Navy from 1942-45, during WWII. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre, and in the Philippine Liberation.

In May 23, 1947, he married Ruth M. Hoffman in Charlevoix.

Chum worked as a commercial fisherman most of his life aboard the Hazel W. He also worked at the Belvedere Golf Club Pro Shop. He was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, the Belvedere Golf Club, and was a 60 year member of the B.P.O.E.

Chum is survived by his daughters, Debra (George) Ogg of Canton, Lisa Johnson of Calif.; grandchildren, Corrina (Steve) Troost of Dearborn, Christopher (Angel) Marks of Coopersville; great-grandchildren, Kristina (Jon) Bos, Casey and Emily Troost all of Dearborn, Steven Troost of Howard City; great-great-grandchildren, Brooke and Dylan Bos of Dearborn; sister-in-law, Donna White; nephew, Mark; nieces Helen, Barbara and Cathy; long time friend, Marge McGhan of Traverse City.

Chum's wife Ruth preceded him in death on

January 5, 1999; granddaughter, Jennifer Heid; brother, Mark; sisters, Barbara and Ruth.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, One Hiland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49720. Those wanting to share a memory of Chum may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Michael C. Lehman

(FEB. 7, 1934 - MARCH 10, 2012)

Michael C. Lehman, 78, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 16, at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Peter Elliott will officiate. A luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. Burial will take place later this spring at the Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Mike was born Feb. 7, 1934, in Munith, Mich., the son of Ralph C. and Carrie (Huttenlocher) Lehman. He grew up in Detroit and spent his summers on the family farm in Waterloo, Mich. He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 1953. After high school, he proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1957.

On Feb. 7, 1959, he married Barbara Wiland at Ascension Lutheran Church in Detroit. They made their home in the Detroit area before moving to Charlevoix in 1972.

Mike was a plumber by trade, retiring in 1996. After retiring, he went to work at the Chicago Club in Charlevoix as a groundskeeper. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Barb; daughters, Kim (Steve) Francisco of South Haven, Chris Lehman of Durham, N.C.; son, Keith, of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Abby Larson and husband, Tom, of South Haven, Lindsay Francisco and fiancé, Rob Bodtke, of South Haven, Amanda Austin of Clinton Township, Bridgette Austin of Potterville; sisters, Shirley (Manuel) Azuara, Sally Sauer; brother, Robert (Linda) Lehman; sister-in-law, Audrey Lehman; nephew, Jeff Ermler his wife, Sue, and their children, Megan and Cody Ermler; also numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother, Chuck, in 2002.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Larry D. Stout

(OCT. 6, 1951 - MARCH 9, 2012)

Larry D. Stout, 60, of Walloon Lake, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at his home surrounded by his family.

Larry was born on Oct. 6, 1951, in Detroit, the son of Louis and Beverly Jean (Wright) Stout and was raised in Garden City, Mich., and attended the Garden City West High School.

In December of 1968, Larry entered the U.S. Army and served two tours in Vietnam as a mine sweep specialist, receiving his honorable discharge in January of 1972.

On July 8, 1977, Larry married Nancy Lemanski in Belleville, Mich., and together spent 34 wonderful years.

No matter where Larry went, he made friends. He was known for being a real practical joker and if you went camping with him, you had to go through the "Ugga Bugga Boo" initiation. Larry loved playing Santa at Christmas. He enjoyed pontooning with his grandchildren and was an influential person in their lives and the lives of his nieces and nephews and will always be remembered as being a real positive and generous person.

Larry was a member of the Boyne City

American Legion, the Petoskey Snowmobile Club, St. Francis Xavier parish, volunteered at Brother Dan's Food Pantry, and was the head Kahuna of The Royal Order of King Tut - Chapter: Ugga Bugga Boo. He enjoyed camping, golfing at Springbrook, fishing, hunting, garage sales, snowmobiling, and being the head fryer at Brother Dan's Friday Fish Fry.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three daughters, Heather (Brian) Kelly of Grand Haven, Mich., Jeannine Stout of Boulder, Colo., and Diane (Bruno) Oliveira of Birmingham, Mich.; four grandchildren, Griffin Kelly, Colin Kelly, Amelia Kelly and Stella Oliveira; four sisters, Mary Faye Gismondi, Shirley McCarthy, Laura (Gary) Halama, and Tishia (Tony) Pontius; one brother, Dero (AJ) Stout; three sisters-in-law, Mary (Dan) Moelering, Pat Koc, and Sue (Tony) Jurewicz; and by a brother-in-law, Frank (Jen) Lemanski.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Beverly, and brother, Garrett Stout.

A memorial Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey with the Rev. Dennis Stilwell officiating. The family will receive friends 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, with the rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Gilbert "Bud or Abe" Whittet

(MAY 10, 1929 - MARCH 7, 2012)

Gilbert "Bud or Abe" Whittet, age 82 of Petoskey died Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Bud was born on May 10, 1929 in Kalamazoo, MI the son on Gilbert and Carrie (Lyons) Whittet.

Bud is survived by his wife Beverly; children; Belinda (Ken) Slager, Dana (Kris) Whittet; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; son Troy Whittet.

The family honored Gilbert's life with a gathering of family and friends Saturday, March 10 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Ruth G. Boyd

(MAY 30, 1927 - FEB. 26, 2012)

Ruth G. Boyd, 84, of Gladstone, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at Saint Francis Hospital in Escanaba.

She was born May 30, 1927, in Highland Park, the daughter of Harold and Bertha (Anderson) Brostrom.

On Aug. 14, 1948, she married Francis A. Boyd in Highland Park.

They made their home in Southfield before moving to their farm in Charlevoix in 1968. In the early 1990s, they moved to the Ellsworth area for about seven years, then on to Treary in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, spending the last few years in Gladstone.

Ruth was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix, and she volunteered at the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth.

She is survived by her husband, Francis A., of Gladstone; sons, Gary F. Boyd, Dennis A. Boyd; daughter, Susan A. (David) Brown of Austin, Texas; grandsons, Gary S. and Craig S. Boyd, Jared and Justin Brown.

visitation was Friday, March 9, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A graveside service will take place in the spring at the Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 North, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720. Those wanting to share a memory of Ruth, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

An upbeat, personalize shopping experience at Four Seasons Resale of the North

By Jim Akans

It's the newest resale shop in the north, with a Grand Opening taking place this coming weekend at Four Seasons Resale of the North in Gaylord. Located at 111 E. Main Street near the corner of North Center Street, the 2,100 square foot facility is renovated, decorated to the tee, and brimming with quality items ranging from adult and children's clothing and accessories, books, CD's, DVD's, household knick-knacks, artwork and more.

"Our focus is on providing an upbeat shopping atmosphere," states owner, Terie Rogers. "We offer a very personalized, interactive shopping experience for our customers. If they don't happen to find what they are looking for, we will keep an eye out for those specific items when searching for future inventory."

Rogers states that she is always on the lookout for items for her shop, constantly perusing places like Craigs List, garage and estate sales, and even great deals at other shops in the area.

She notes, "I look for items that are of good quality, which I can purchase and have a small mark up, and still offer to my customers at an exceptional value."

And the values at Four Seasons Resale of the North are truly a bargain hunters dream. Examples include a wide selection of jeans and pants for just \$3.50 each - hardcover books at \$1.50 - and softcover books for just 75-cents. The store will also offer some new items, including handbags, scarves and even tools in the near future.

The layout inside Four Seasons Resale of the North is spacious and open, providing easy wheelchair access. While consignment sales are not offered, Rogers notes that item donations are always graciously accepted and she will consider pick-up for those items within a 50-mile radius of the store. The shop will also be accepting credit cards for orders over \$15.

Early spring hours at Four Seasons Resale of the North are Monday and Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm, and Sunday from noon until 5 pm. For additional information, contact Terie Rogers at (989) 306-1482.

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EAST JORDAN

Students vs. Staff Basketball Game

The Staff of East Jordan Schools will take on the Varsity Basketball Seniors in a benefit basketball game March 20 at 7pm. All proceeds benefit the Senior All-Night Party. 50-50 raffle, bake sale, auction and more.

CHARLEVOIX

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

Dates for the Lenten Fish Fry are 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.

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 "Olde 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. 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.

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

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EAST JORDAN

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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

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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 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 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.

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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 Mar-

ket! 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 Man-

ager 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.

EAST JORDAN Little League Signup

Sign up March 17, 10am - 1pm, March 22, 5pm - 8pm and March 24, 10am - 1pm. All sign-ups will be at the High School. Any questions please contact Ruby at 231-536-3012.

EAST JORDAN School musical

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company-Featuring East Jordan Middle & High School Students presents: "Rue's Muse: Bad Reviews" An Original Musical Comedy showcasing your favorite Broadway hits. March 17th at 7pm. March 18th at 2pm. March 23rd & 24th at 7pm. March 25 at 2pm. Purchase Tickets at the door: \$5 Students/\$7 adults. All shows at the East Jordan Community Auditorium

CHARLEVOIX Little league signup

Charlevoix Little League will be holding on-site registration Saturday, March 17th and Saturday, March 24th from 9am - Noon at Charlevoix High School. Participants can also register on-line at www.eteamz.com/charlevoix. Registration deadline is March 31st. Registration is for Baseball and Softball, boys and girls ages 7-15. Questions? Call John Hann at 348-8522 or email him at jhaan@rayder.net

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 NCMC 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.

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 Business EXPO Celebration

Charlevoix Chamber to Host Biggest Networking Event of the Year. On Friday, March 23rd the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Regional Business After Hours in conjunction with their 2nd Annual Business Expo and Job Fair. The event is from 5-9pm with an Expo Celebration party to take place afterwards from 9-11pm at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The event will feature dozens of door prizes, excellent catering by Giuseppe's Italian Grille, and nationally recognized musical duo Chris Calleja and Memarie Gayle. Attendees will also get a chance to preview the 2nd Annual Business Expo and Job Fair which will take place at the Castle the following day. "If you are going to attend one event this year to help grow your business, this is that event," said coordinator Bethany Pearson. "We're expecting to have as many as 600 business representatives, government officials, and community minded citizens attending." Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for \$10. All attendees must have a ticket to enter. For questions or to purchase a ticket, contact Pearson at pearson@charlevoix.org or by calling 231.547.2101.

CHARLEVOIX Expo and Job Fair

The Expo and Job Fair is open to the public free of charge on Saturday, March 24th from 10am to 5pm. Over 100 businesses will be giving away products and samples, and offering discounts to those in attendance. Job seekers can talk with 100 local businesses as they prepare for a busy summer season.

CHARLEVOIX Winterfolk Concert Series

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Across

1- Apply powder to oneself; 5- Sacred song; 10- Cutting remark; 14- Buck follower; 15- Cloth; 16- Baseball family name; 17- Mentor; 18- Mental disorder; 20- Stench; 22- Half and half; 23- Pays to play; 24- ___ voce; 26- Compass dir.; 27- Curled-under hairstyle; 30- Dramatize; 34- Move with a bounding motion; 35- Civil disturbance; 36- Also; 37- Ancient Athens's Temple of ___; 38- Tendon; 40- Dispatched; 41- Call ___ day; 42- Puts on; 43- Fancy home; 45- Marmoset; 47- Red-faced; 48- Monetary unit of Afghanistan; 49- Composer Bruckner; 50- Dam extending across the Nile; 53- Hesitant sounds; 54- Decree; 58- Coarse-grained dark bread; 61- Composer Khachatourian; 62- "From ___ according to his abilities..."; 63- Utah's ___ Mountains; 64- Roster; 65- Little one; 66- Doles (out); 67- Pest control brand;

Down

1- License plates; 2- Stuck in ___; 3- Actress Petty; 4- Gives advice; 5- Dispenser candy; 6- Condescending; 7- Hershey's bell town; 8- Crescent-shaped figure; 9- Bumped into; 10- Fred Flintstone's best friend; 11- Bunches; 12- Thick cord; 13- Purchases; 19- Attacks; 21- Monetary unit of Nigeria; 25- Bulb cover; 26- Tardiest; 27- Braid; 28- Artery that feeds the trunk; 29- Beam of light; 30- Filled pastry crust; 31- First-stringers; 32- Fable; 33- Carried; 35- Hosp. workers; 39- B & B; 40- Norm; 42- Intoxicated; 44- Foot covering; 46- Cochise, for one; 47- Having a handle; 49- Ain't right?; 50- Assist, often in a criminal act; 51- Kill; 52- Very bad; 53- Ashtabula's lake; 55- Camaro model; 56- Roman censor; 57- Counterfeiter catcher; 59- Derelict; 60- ___ Kapital;

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The electric meter fits into the special base, which has a utility/generator transfer switch for safe operation of your portable generator. The switch prevents both sources from feeding power into the home at the same time and creating a dangerous situation. It also prevents power from back-feeding into the power line.

Installation of the meter base and generator wiring work should be done by a licensed electrician. A professional can help size a portable generator to safely meet your emergency needs and will ensure the work is done safely and correctly.

The meter base is rated for a 200-amp service with a 100-amp maximum for the generator input. The top of the meter base is locked and the bottom area is left accessible for wiring in the portable generator.

Instruct your electrician to install the necessary equipment that will enable you to safely and quickly connect and disconnect the portable generator during an emergency.

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State-of-the-art American Waste Recycling Facility is one of only two in the nation

By Jim Akans

It's an unassuming looking structure located in an industrial park just south of the Traverse City Regional airport. Yet it is one of only two such state-of-the-art recycling and recovery projects currently under operation in the entire United States, the other not surprisingly situated in the leading edge community of San Jose, California. What makes this 4.5 acre, \$12 million facility so unique is that is designed to actually sort recyclable material directly from a bags of everyday trash, ultimately recovering about 50-percent of recyclables from that waste stream that would normally

end up in landfills. "Innovative recycling technology is expanding at an unprecedented rate," states Kelly Ignace, director of marketing and public relations for American Waste. "Originally recycling efforts were directed primarily in high density popu-

lation areas in the country... that is starting to change. Part of that is because more people are asking for recycling in more rural areas. Another factor is the economy, as people have a growing desire to waste less. They are more aware of what they are spending money on and want to have a say in where the waste from those products is ultimately going."



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Recyclable materials recovered from raw trash running through the processing equipment is baled and ready to ship to recycle vendors... a much more economical and environmentally friendly destination than the landfills where this material would otherwise be destined.

lity will allow.

Recently, I was part of a group of fourteen community members from Otsego County who attended a tour of the American Waste facility in Traverse City. Otsego County is currently looking at ways to improve the availability and effectiveness of recycling in the county, with a proposed en-

hanced recycling program planned for voter consideration on the upcoming November ballot. The approximately one-hour tour of the facility revealed an impressive investment by American Waste, aimed at keeping as much trash out of area landfills as current



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

On the left, employees begin the recyclables recovery process on the Pre-Sort conveyor line. To the right, the Post-Sort line returns material that has been processed through the recovery equipment...note the substantial reduction in material volume.

technology will allow. "We are the only facility in the country that can process three separate waste streams utilizing a single processing line," Ignace observes. "Those streams are Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Single Stream Recycling, and Construction & Demolition Materials. Our MSW process recovers about 50-percent recyclables from typical curbside trash pick up. The Single Stream processing can recover 98-percent recyclables by volume from unsorted materials the consumer drops off at their local recycle stations."

The key word here is "unsorted." While Ignace notes that efficiency is increased when glass is separated from other recyclable materials such as plastics, metals, cardboard and paper, gone are the days when the consumer was required to sort through these different types of materials before dropping off them off at their recycling center.

The sorting equipment line at the American Waste facility is a marvel to behold. It combines an array of electronic, optical and mechanical processes

working in concert with a team of approximately 20 employees stationed at various stages along the line. These integral processes divert recyclables to appropriate channels as the raw materials pass along a conveyor belt. The facility employs about 80 people in total, running two shifts per day.

"Recycling is not only the environmentally conscientious thing to do," Ignace notes, "it can also be a more economical way of dealing with waste in areas where recycling options are available. It can keep an overall waste bill lower when someone is able to separate recyclables from trash, and those materials are able to be re-used rather than become buried in a local landfill."

American Waste serves customers throughout northern Lower Michigan in an area extending from Manistee on the southwest, east to near Roscommon, and north to the Mackinac Bridge. For further information and additional images of the American Waste facility visit GoLocalGoAmerican.com on the web.

Leadership Charlevoix County needs your help

Members of the inaugural Leadership Charlevoix County class are helping to support the Boyne Area Free Clinic through a community service project, and they need you. One objective of the project is to "spruce up" the clinic. A beautification event is being planned for April 28 at the clinic. The class will be enlisting local high school students to help with the physical transformations, and community support for in kind donations for items such as paint, paint brushes, and art work.

The class is excited about all aspects of this service project. "Our Leadership Class believes we chose a very deserving agency for our community project. We look forward to working with the Clinic," said Jennifer Kenney, Leadership Charlevoix County participant.

The purpose of this event is to provide an inviting environment for the clients the clinic serves by painting, updating the décor and grounds. "Our class is excited to get youth volunteers to work with us on improving the overall appearance of the Clinic. It will be a very rewarding project for everyone involved," stated Sara Kessler, Leadership Charlevoix County participant.

The Leadership Charlevoix County class consists of 14 participants from our community. The purpose of this class is to cultivate new, emerging leaders from our area, to strengthen individual leadership abilities, and to create awareness of leadership opportunities in our communities. The program is a partnership of the Boyne, Charlevoix and East Jordan Area Chambers of

Commerce, with support from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce. It was made possible by a generous grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Part of the participation requirement of Leadership Charlevoix County is for every class to identify a community need and develop a project around that need. The Boyne Area Free Clinic provides free medical services to the uninsured in our area who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare. This class chose the Clinic because of its selfless gift to our community and is helping the clinic with strategic initiatives, grant writing, and this beautification project.

The class will be contacting the local schools to invite students to participate. They will also be looking for in

kind donations for items such as paint, paint brushes, and art work. If you are interested in this

volunteering opportunity or have more questions feel free to contact Sue Hockward, Leadership

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BOYNE CITY

Young Professionals group begins

Ryan Moskal & the Boyne Area Chamber is holding an organizational event to see if there is local interest in starting a Young Professionals group. The first meeting will be a no-host social mixer starting at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Sunset Grill, 5 West Main Street. Sunset Grill will provide complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Organizing the

new group is Ryan Moskal (pictured), a Chamber board member who moved to the area and started Moskal Chiropractic a year ago. The main purpose of the group is to provide informal fun social events and business networking for professionals under age 35. "It will be great to give like-minded young professionals the opportunity to not only make professional bonds but social ones as well," Moskal said. No reservations are needed for the March 29 event. If you can't make it

but would like to be notified of future YP events, contact Moskal at 517-937-2428 or ryanmoskal@gmail.com.

EAST JORDAN

Spring Break

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

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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.

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.

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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ELLSWORTH

Spring Break

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BOYNE FALLS

Spring Break

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

CHARLEVOIX

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-spice-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@char-unitedway.org, visit www.charunitedway.org, Events, or sign up on Facebook.



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Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week David Rushlow



PARENTS: Gordon and Debbie Rushlow
GRADE: 11
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Robotics Team – Boyne Blaze, Drama Jazz Band, National Honors Society
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Motorcycling, Wakeboarding, Snowboarding, Waterskiing, Interested in anything mechanical

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

“Attending Michigan Tech for a 4-year mechanical engineering degree and possibly University of Michigan for a Masters degree in aerospace. I want to be an aerospace engineer.”

STAFF COMMENTS

“David is involved with many programs; he has a positive attitude, and is a fitting candidate.” (Mr. Calcaterra, Visual Imaging Teacher)

“David is one of the more academically motivated individuals in the student body at BCHS. He makes great effort to both internalize material and to make determine how it is applicable to him as a person. In addition, David is mature, polite, and helpful. It is about students like David that we say things like, He will accomplish whatever he sets his mind to.” (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

“David is willing to take on any project; he is responsible and fun to be with – great student!” (Mrs. Place, Media Center Specialist)

“David is a dedicated, multitalented student. He brings enthusiasm and energy to each of his interests. David is able to both lead and follow direction and is an asset in carrying out any school project. He has been a core contributor to our new robotics team while being in drama and carrying a college prep course load. David is one of those students you look forward to hearing from in the future because you know he’ll be doing something great! We’re proud of you David.” (Mr. Thomason, Robotics Advisor)

“David is bright, energetic, creative, always willing to help out, and always seems to be smiling and enjoying life. He is the Band’s low brass section leader and a major contributor to our band’s success. Keep it up, David!” (Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

East Jordan wins the last Char-Em Quiz Bowl Tournament

The third time was the charm as the East Jordan A team, after finishing second in the last two tournaments, blew away the competition in the last Char-Em ISD Quiz Bowl Tournament of the year. As the day started though, it looked like more of the same as East Jordan began the first round with a close loss to a more than worthy, Petoskey Concord A team. But that would prove to be the only loss as East Jordan climbed into the semi-finals to beat an undefeated Petoskey Con-

cord B team, followed by a rematch redemptive win over Petoskey Concord Team A. A big congratulations goes to Charlevoix’s Northwest Academy as well for making it to the semi-finals for their first time this year. Other teams who participated in this tournament include Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Boyne City. “A special thank you to North Central Michigan College for hosting all of the Char-Em Quiz Bowl tournaments this year, especially Charlie MacInnis,



East Jordan team members taking top position in the Char-Em ISD Quiz Bowl Tournament, the last of the school year, were (from left) Joel Liesenberg, Calli Kujat, Tyler Hines and Tyler Danner. COURTESY PHOTO

Yolonda Barrette and Randy Cole,” said Char-Em ISD Quiz Bowl Tournament organizer Dave Snyder.



Jim Daly

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

Parents Must Carefully Foster Self-Esteem in Kids

QUESTION: I often hear about the importance of boosting a child’s self-esteem. But how can I accomplish that with my son without making him self-absorbed or self-centered?

JIM: Instilling a sense of self-esteem in children is a critical task for parents. And you’re right — there’s a big difference between healthy self-esteem and destructive selfishness. Like you, many moms and dads find themselves asking how to find the right balance.

Dr. Kevin Leman, a frequent Focus on the Family broadcast guest, suggests that parents can cultivate healthy self-esteem in their kids by learning “the A-B-Cs.”

The letter A stands for (BEGIN ITALS)acceptance(EN ITALS). We might not always approve of our children’s choices or behavior, but we always need to let them know that we love and accept them unconditionally. In other words, you can tell your son that playing video

games for six hours a day is unacceptable. But don’t give him the impression that (BEGIN ITALS)he(EN ITALS) is therefore unacceptable.

The letter B stands for (BEGIN ITALS)belonging(EN ITALS). We can give our kids a sense of belonging by creating a sense of community within the family. It’s important that we give our sons and daughters a voice in family decisions when appropriate, that we listen to what they have to say, and that we support them in their activities.

Finally, the letter C stands for (BEGIN ITALS)competence(EN ITALS). We can give our children the gift of competence by allowing them to experience life firsthand. This means we need to avoid being overprotective. And we should fight the urge to do for our kids what they can do for themselves. Even when they make mistakes, they’ll be gaining life experience that will boost their sense of self-worth in the long run.

Acceptance, belonging and confidence ... if we can

instill these A-B-Cs in our kids’ hearts and minds, we’ll be setting them on the road to healthy self-esteem.

Q: Every now and then, my 5-year-old daughter cries (usually when she doesn’t get her way) and says things like, “Nobody loves me!” My family has a history of depression, and I wonder if my daughter’s behavior is normal or if it is a sign that she is depressed.

Juli: You are wise to be sensitive to signs of depression in your daughter. However, the behavior you are describing sounds like a normal 5-year-old reaction. Children are not as sophisticated in muting their feelings as we are as adults. That’s why they are so much fun to be with! Within a 10-minute span, they can experience elation and devastation, feel love and hatred, and think you are both the best mom and the worst mom in the world. Even so, a 5-year-old can

be depressed, and it’s good to know what to look for. If your daughter were depressed, her feelings would be less situational. In other words, she would be down, expressing sad feelings even when good things are happening around her. You might also notice changes in appetite and sleep patterns. Depressed children sometimes withdraw, get panicky, and lose interest in things they used to enjoy. If you consistently notice these symptoms in your daughter, seek help from a professional counselor or her pediatrician.

You also want to be careful not to overreact when your daughter displays negative emotions throughout the normal course of daily life. If you go overboard with consolation and comfort when she makes statements like, “Nobody loves me!” you may reinforce that behavior. She needs a steady supply of love and affection from you, not just when she is showing negative emotion.

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DAVE Says

why the need for a fresh monthly budget?

Dear Dave,
I was wondering why you recommend doing a fresh budget every month. Once you’ve figured out your expenses and income, won’t the same budget work month to month?

Kara,
Dear Kara,
I understand what you’re saying, but if you look closely at every month, you’ll see pretty quickly that they’re not all created equal in terms of expenses. On top of that, if you work a commission-based job, your monthly income will fluctuate throughout the year.

Now, there are some things that will remain pretty standard. A few things like your rent or mortgage payment will probably be the same month to month. But what about things like utilities and food? Chances are your electric or gas bills will be higher during certain months as you heat and cool your home depending on the weather. What about holidays and special occasions? It’s likely you’ll end up spending more on food, gifts and related items around Thanksgiving and Christmas or other months when family and friends have birthdays and other events.

These are just a few of the reasons it’s a good idea to customize your budget every month. A good, accurate monthly budget should always reflect your reality, Kara. Not only will this give you a more realistic idea of where your money is going,

but the knowledge also helps you control your money instead of it controlling you!



Dave Ramsey

does payment to collectors end the debt?

Dear Dave,
One of my husband’s credit card bills was turned over to a collection agency. They’ve offered three different payment options. If we accept one of the options, does this mean the original creditor accepts the agreement as well?

Cheryl,
Dear Cheryl,
In a situation like this, the collection agency either owns the debt outright or they’re directly representing the credit card company. This is pretty much standard operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.

I’d go ahead with the deal they’ve offered that makes the most sense for you guys. You’ll have a ding on your credit report, showing settlement on a defaulted credit card, but it’s really no big deal since you’ve already got a mark against you for having it turned over to collections.

Want another piece of advice? Never use credit cards again!

—Dave

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Dinner highlights this weekend's Boyne City Irish Heritage Festival

By Jim Akans

The 2012 Boyne City Irish Heritage Festival is underway, and there are plenty of exciting activities and events yet to come this weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, don't miss the St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration at Café Sante featuring a rousing selection of tunes from Irish folksingers Sean and Patrick Ryan from 8 to 11 pm each evening. Food and beverage will include a house-made corned beef Irish dinner, and of course, Irish beer and whiskey.

Saturday will feature a daylong celebration at the Irish Heritage Festival. It starts out with a Spring Warm-Up at the Boyne City Farmers Market, adjacent to the Boyne District Library, from 10 am until 2 pm. This is a fun and educational event for the entire family, with an opportunity to learn about Alpaca wool, see spinning wheel demonstrations, learn about making maple syrup, and kids will have a chance to plant some seeds for the spring season. There will also be a chance to enjoy an old-fashioned carriage ride and sip a cup of delicious hot chocolate afterwards.

Children can also sit back and enjoy Story Time and a Movie starting at 10 am at the Boyne District Library. The film will be the classic "Darby O'Gill and the Little People." Adults will also want to stop by the Boyne District Library between 1 and 3 pm

for a Genealogy Workshop. Led by genealogists from the Charlevoix County Genealogy Society, this is a wonderful opportunity to trace family lineage under direction of the experts.

Linn Williams, Irish Heritage Festival Chairperson, states, "I will be giving short reports on our 'First Families' project at both the genealogy workshop on Saturday, and at the dinner on Saturday night. We have identified a possible five families who came into what is now the Boyne City area in the 1850-60 time period, probably just after our first permanent settler in 1856, all from Ireland."

She adds, "We have some basic information about them, but would like to send out a call to see if any current residents have knowledge of a relationship to them. I have the names, with children's names and probable birth dates, and the 1870 census indicates they lived in one of the two townships from which Boyne City was formed. I am hopeful someone(s) might step up and identify themselves."

On Saturday evening, March 17th 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



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG WILLIAMS

Boyne City Irish Heritage Festival is underway, and a highlight of this weekend's excitement is the annual Irish Heritage Dinner on Saturday evening, complete with live music and entertainment by step dancers from the Antrim County Concord Academy.

deserts. Irish beer and whisky tastings will also be available.

Linn Williams notes, "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."

Sunday, the 2012 Irish Heritage

Festival will wrap up with a Celtic Music Session at Freshwater Studio from 1 to 3 pm. All musicians are invited to join in the jam and send this year festival home with a spirited live music session.

Admission to the Irish Heritage Dinner is \$20 for adults, \$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.

Chicago Dance Company to Hold Auditions at CTAC

Petoskey – Deeply Rooted Dance Theater of Chicago will hold a master class for Crooked Tree Arts Center's pre-professional ballet students on Saturday, March 17. The master class will also serve as an audition for the Deeply Rooted Summer Dance Intensive. Area pre-professional dancers who are interested in auditioning are invited to join the master class.

The Deeply Rooted Summer Dance Intensive is a rigorous, pre-professional, technical and artistic training program with performances and matriculation opportunity into Deeply Rooted Dance Theater. The four week program consists of daily (except Sunday) training in Graham-based and Horton-based modern dance, Ballet, African Pyragramac technique, Contemporary Movement and body conditioning. The program runs June 25 through July 21, 2012.

Kevin Iega Jeff, Artistic Director of Deeply Rooted has captivated audiences with his direction and choreography for over 25 years. A New York native, Jeff attributes his excellent artistic record to training at some of the nation's top artistic institutions including: Bernice Johnson's Cultural Arts Center, New York City's High School for the Performing Arts, Darvash Ballet School, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, and The Juilliard School. In 2005, he was named one of The Juilliard School's 100 Outstanding Alumni in celebration of the school's 100th anniversary. It's an honor he shares with actor Robin Williams and musician Wynton Marsalis, to name a few.

Mr. Jeff will be accompanied and assisted by former CTAC student, Hannah Bianchi. Hannah began studying ballet at age three at Academie de Ballet in Chesapeake, Virginia. In 2004, she moved to Northern Michigan where she continued her dance training under the direction of Heather Raue at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Hannah also had the pleasure of assistant teaching with Ms. Raue for six years. She attended summer programs with The Kirov Academy of Ballet, Joffrey Midwest, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater and the Ailey School. In 2011 she was invited to join Deeply Rooted Dance Theater's second company. Last September, Hannah moved to Chicago and is currently training and working with Deeply Rooted while she continues teaching with ARCC Ballet and Dance. "Hannah is CTAC's first student to dance professionally and I could not be more proud. She was an enormous asset to our program. Not only was she a role-model on stage as a dancer and in the studio as an assistant teacher, her positive, high-energy, and enthusiastic demeanor has encouraged many young dancers in our community to follow in her footsteps. She is very well received by her new dance family and continues her passion for teaching in Chicago schools", said Heather Raue, CTAC Dance Director.

Area dancers interested in attending the master class/auditions should speak with Heather Raue at the Crooked Tree Arts Center to register. Please call 231-347-4337. The class/audition will be held Saturday, March 17 from 11-1 p.m. in the lower level dance studio at CTAC, 461 East Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770. Dancers should wear leotard and tights or fitted attire, and are expected to dance barefoot. There is a \$25 fee for the audition/headshot.



Boyne Carnival Weekend Celebrates the approach of Spring

By Jim Akans

From March 16th through the 18th, Boyne Mountain will once again be the site of a legendary party of epic proportions. This is where Mardi Gras meets the mountain. Outrageous and crazy become the norm for the weekend, from skiers and snowboarders in costumes to the always hilarious Slush Cup. The Victor warming house is the place to be for on-hill mayhem.

With roots going all the way back to the early days of Boyne Mountain and the original "Snow Bunny Ball," Carnival Weekend continues to offer an exciting selection of events that bring out the wacky side of skiing. The weekend schedule of events will include:

FRIDAY, MARCH 16:

- 9am-9pm: Skiing and snowboarding
- 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm: Zipline Adventure Tour, a 2.5 hour tour down the mountain, through the trees and over slopes. Advance reservations required.
- 11:30am-5pm: Outdoor cookout on the Mountain Express Deli & Provisions patio featuring a fire pit, burgers, brats, hot dogs, beer, wine and Bloody Mary's
- 1pm-6pm: Twin Zip Rides, a 780' zipline
- 7pm-10pm: Hipps n' Ricco performs in Everett's
- 9:30pm-1:30am: Mac Daddy Band performs in the Snowflake Lounge (free entry, 21+)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

- 9am-4:30pm: Skiing and snowboarding
- 9am-4:30pm: On-hill party at the Victor warming house
- 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm: Zipline Adventure Tour, a 2.5 hour tour down the mountain, through the trees and over slopes. Advance reservations required.
- 11:30am-6pm: Outdoor cookout on the Mountain Express Deli & Provisions patio featuring a fire pit, burgers, brats, hot dogs, beer, wine and Bloody Mary's
- 12pm-10pm: Complimentary Bus Service to and from Boyne Mountain
- 1pm-7pm: Twin Zip Rides, a 780' zipline
- 2:30pm: Adult costume contest at the Victor warming house - prizes include a 2012/13 BOYNE Gold Pass, gift cards and more!

- 3pm-6pm: Michelle Chenard
- venture Tour, a 2.5 hour tour down



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COURTESY PHOTO

performs on the Mountain Express Deli & Provisions patio

- 6pm-1:30am: The Great Carnival Bash in the Civic Center featuring eXperience DJ, northern Michigan's most exciting DJ entertainment, from 6-9pm and the Mac Daddy Band from 9:30pm - 1:30am, prize giveaways, party favors and cash bar (free entry, 21+)
- 7pm-9pm: Ben Overbeek performs in the Snowflake Lounge (free entry, 21+)
- 9:30pm-1:30am: Natural Born Suspects perform in the Snowflake Lounge (free entry, 21+)

Kids and Teen Activities (ages 5-20):

- 8:30am-10am: Registration for kids races, Civic Center west lobby
- 10:30am: Kids NASTAR Super-G on Thunder
- 12pm: Kids Long Jump Competition, North Boyne
- 1pm: Kids Silly Slalom Race, North Boyne
- 1:30pm: Kids Seal Slide, North Boyne
- 3pm: Awards for kids races, bottom of North Boyne (location weather permitting)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18:

- 9am-4:30pm: Skiing and snowboarding
- 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm: Zipline Ad-

the mountain, through the trees and over slopes. Advance reservations required.

- 10am-3pm: Twin Zip Rides, a 780' zipline
- 11:30am-5pm: Outdoor cookout on the Mountain Express Deli & Provisions patio featuring a fire pit, burgers, brats, hot dogs, beer, wine and Bloody Mary's
- 12pm-2:30pm: Slush Cup, lower McLouth (registration on-hill prior to the event). All Slush Cup participants receive a commemorative t-shirt

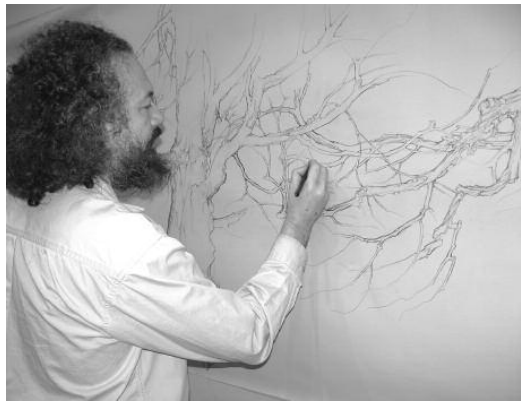
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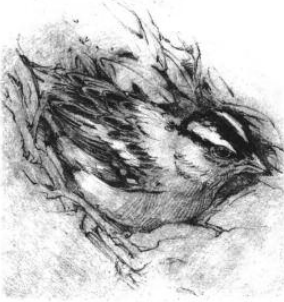
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Coffee at Ten Featuring Ladislav Hanka

On Tuesday, March 13, Ladislav R. Hanka, a Kalamazoo artist whose work is currently on display at the Crooked Tree Arts Center's exhibition "as small as a world and as large as alone..." we be giving a Coffee at Ten presentation in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at CTAC. Hanka is among four other artists whose work was selected to create an artistic experience borne out of close observation of the world around us; a silent world of detail and private atmospheres, like the moment something catches your eye as you walk in the forest.



"I have known Lad for many years now" explains Gail DeMeyere, Visual Arts Director / Curator at CTAC, "He is many things... a Renaissance man, a fine artist, a scientist, a prolific writer and now an active bee keeper. Some of the etchings that he has on display were placed within beehives for months while honeycombs clustered over the surface of the work. Lad then removed the etchings and placed them in frames. Created were collaborations of bees and Hanka in this encaustic preservation of the master's hand."

Other artists whose work is on display are: Harry Boyer of Harbor Springs displays glasswork of exquisite detail; Caesar Citraro of Petoskey delicately transposes moments in time to oil on canvas; Martha Fieber of Manistique creates mind-boggling landscapes in thread; and Kim Kauffman of Lansing has re-created and raised the bar on the world of still life photography.

The exhibition will run through April 7. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information please call the Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

By Jim Akans

Situated in a beautifully renovated mid-20th century home just south of the center of the pleasant community of Mio, O'Brien's Restaurant offers an unexpected, and truly memorable, dining experience that is unique, elegant and most of all; delicious.

Under the careful and expert guidance of Dan and Betty O'Brien, who have over 40 years of experience in the restaurant business that includes operating establishments in Breckenridge, Colorado and Key West, Florida, O'Brien's places their focus on ambience, service and high quality meals Dan prepares using only the finest of ingredients. The reasonably priced fare includes a wonderful range of beef, chicken, seafood dishes and more, plus a selection of house specialties that reflect the O'Brien's 20 years of service in Key West's food service industry.

"This is truly a remarkable adventure in food," remarked my wife, Cindy, during our recent visit to O'Brien's. "Each course is absolutely delicious, and leaves you eagerly anticipating the next."

Another regular O'Brien's patron noted, "It's like receiving a plain paper wrapped box in the mail, and upon opening, finding a glittering array of treasures within."

The dining experience at O'Brien's opens with a basket of fresh homemade breads and an accompanying trio of butters; plain, cinnamon and garlic. Next up is a seven-item relish tray, with refreshing choices of carrots, coleslaw,

cottage cheese, applesauce, black olives, "hotty-totty" pickle slices, and corn relish.

For the main course, we split the prime rib (seasoned and slow roasted to perfection) and blackened Mahi-Mahi (the perfect light, yet firm and slightly spicy complement). Don't miss the opportunity to check out "Dan's Tasty Taters," a longstanding family recipe that will leave you searching your plate for one last bite.

Save room for dessert, because O'Brien's Key Lime Pie is simply out of this world good. The secret recipe was reportedly passed to Dan from a friend down in Key West, and Northern Michigan diners are now the blessed beneficiaries of this exchange.

O'Brien's Restaurant is truly a family owned and operated establishment, with Dan and Betty at the helm and their son and daughter, Vincent and Peggy, handling bartending and customer service roles respectively.

The ambience is unique, elegant and comforting. The establishment is split into two interior dining areas plus a screened in outdoor "Florida Room." The décor is highly detailed with a variety of vintage china, stemware and accents, creating the perfect atmosphere for enjoying a fabulous and intimate dining experience.

"Drive a little and enjoy a lot" is O'Brien's on-the-mark promotional slogan, and considering the journey through the gorgeous Northern Michigan countryside leading to Mio is a feast for the senses as well, I would highly suggest enjoying the wonderful drive,



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as well as the excellent adventure in food that waits at the journey's end.

O'Brien's Restaurant is located at 320 S. Morenci (M-33) in Mio, across from the County Courthouse and di-

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THE GREENEST DAY OF THE YEAR

St. Patrick's Day has a very colorful history indeed

By Jim Akans

While a patron saint of Ireland, the hero of St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick himself, was actually born Maewyn Succat, the son of a wealthy landowner, in Britain somewhere around 385 AD. He was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland during his impressionable mid-teens, and spent several years in slavery herding sheep.

Maewyn returned to Ireland when he was in his 30's and became a bishop, adopting the Latin name Patricius, later shortened to Patrick. St. Patrick is said to have used the three-leafed clover, or shamrock, to symbolize the concept of the holy trinity in his ministry. St. Patrick is believed to have passed away on March 17th in the year 461 AD, and thus it is on the oc-

casional of his death that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year.

Among the many legends attributed to St. Patrick is that he drove snakes out of Ireland, an act refuted by modern science. However, it's the fabled four-leaf clover, also known as a shamrock, which has put much of the green into St. Patrick's Day over the years.

The image of the precious shamrock was widely popularized to baby boomers in America by "Lucky the Leprechaun," who first appeared on children's cereal boxes back in 1963. Children pursued Lucky who lamented they were "always after me Lucky Charms," a sugar and grain version of his pot o' gold, consisting of "magically delicious" stars, moons, hearts and espe-

cially hard to find green clovers, or shamrocks

Now there never was an actual "Shamrock Plant," it is a word with roots in the Irish "seamrog" which means "little clover." Clover there is plenty of, with hundreds of varieties, though the true "Irish Shamrock" as identified by Nathaniel Colgan in the late 1800's, is the Trifolium repens, a creeping White Clover.

A white shamrock?

Well no, the flower is white, but the familiar leaf is as green as the Emerald Isle itself. This particular species was held in high esteem by the early Celts of Wales, and represented a charm against evil spirits.

Three-leaf shamrocks from St. Patrick's times have sprouted into the lucky four-leaf clover variety much sought after today. They are considered a symbol of good luck and good fortune that according to some estimates can be found only once among 10,000 of the regular three-leaf brand choking off the grass in many a lawn.

The color blue also has a place in St. Patrick's lore. According to legend, St. Patrick preferred blue as the color of his vestments. Green actually didn't become associated with St. Patrick's Day until the 19th century. In early Ireland, green was the imagined color of fairies and immortals, and was used by farmers to encourage crops to grow.

Today, green is everywhere on St. Patrick's Day.

Enjoy the "luck of the Irish" on Saturday, March 17th – it's St. Patrick's Day!



We have green beer, green hair, green water in the Chicago River, green clothing worn somewhere to keep from getting pinched, and of course, green shamrocks.

So grab some green and

enjoy the luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day. As one popular Irish toast proclaims: 'may the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.'

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