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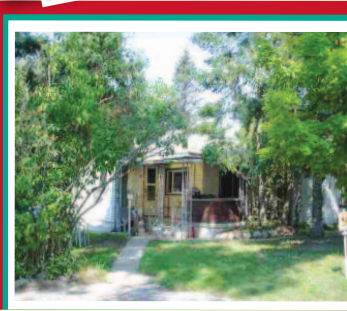
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County transit sees rise in ridership, Saturday service planned

BOYNE CITY — The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging held its monthly meeting at the Boyne City Senior Center on March 19.

The county's transit manager, Jill Drury, presented ideas for the transit to serve seniors and the general public. Drury plans to add Saturday service for all residents beginning in April.

In addition, the transit makes trips to Petoskey and Gaylord once a month and to Traverse City. The next trip to Traverse City is April 19. The transit bus will make two stops, one at Munson and a stop at the mall.

Rides are free for people 60 years of age and older. The Commission on Aging formerly funded seniors, but COA director Jack Messer

said the COA does not have adequate funds to continue that service. County transit now funds the senior riders.

Drury said that the number of people using the buses is rising. Last year 26,876 riders used the county transit. This fiscal year that began on Oct. 1, 2011 up through February, 12,578 people have used the service.

The county transit began in

1980. It has 17 ADA accessible buses and operates on Beaver Island as well as the mainland. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fare for trips fewer than 15 miles is \$1.50 and for trips over 15 miles the fare is \$3.00 for the general public. To schedule a ride call 231-582-6900. For Beaver Island the number is 231-448-2026.



Charlevoix County Transit manager, Jill Drury, (standing) talks with members of the Commission on Aging advisory board at a meeting of the COA in Boyne City on Monday, March 19

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CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO

Charlevoix Chamber's 2nd Annual Business Expo & Job Fair is the biggest networking event of the year



WHEN: March 23 & 24
WHERE: Castle Farms

By Jim Akans

Whether a business owner, consumer or job seeker, don't miss the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business Expo & Job Fair, the biggest networking event of the year taking place at Castle Farms on March 23rd and 24th.

Erin Bemis, president & CEO of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, states,

Whether a business owner, consumer or job seeker, don't miss the 2nd Annual Business Expo & Job Fair, the biggest networking event of the year taking place at Castle Farms on March 23rd and 24th. COURTESY PHOTO



"This event was a huge success last year. This year, we have increased the number of vendors from 65 to approximately 85 booths, and those will include local businesses and non-profits, as well as businesses from downstate and around the northern Michigan area. We will also be hosting a job fair, matching employers and potential employees. There is currently a huge skill gap in the market, especially in trade industry, and there are many full and part time opportunities available, including several seasonal businesses looking for employees."

These community wide events will start off with a Business-to-Business networking session on Friday night from 5-9pm. Business representatives from the entire region are expected to be in attendance, which makes this the largest business-to-business networking event in Charlevoix County. Admission is just \$10 per person, and there will be tons of door prizes, excellent catering by Giuseppe's Italian Grille, a cash bar, a sneak peak of Saturday's Expo and more.

Bemis adds, "This event is designed to network businesses with other businesses. We have expanded the time this year as we found people

See **Business Expo**—9A

Citizens Committee seeks noise level experts

B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — The citizens committee formed to work with Kirtland Products on the noise that the manufacturing of wood pellets makes has met a couple of times and has sent out letters to firms that specialize in noise solutions.

The citizens committee has received two responses that are under review. The committee decided it has no problem with the meetings being open to the public, however they retain the right to close a meeting if they feel it is necessary.

The committee is an advisory committee only and therefore does not come under the rules of the Open Meetings Act. It was set up as an advisory committee, but because there were questions about the meetings being open to the public, a motion to declare it advisory was passed by the city commission to clarify the matter.

Banks Township Day Park improvements progress

By Tina Sundelius

The Banks Township Board of Trustees held two public hearings at its regularly scheduled March meeting, a hearing to discuss final plans for the township day park and a hearing to review the general budget.

Improvements to the Banks township day Park on Banks Township Park Rd and the means to finance them were discussed for more than three hours. There are four grants that the township could apply for to assist in the financing of

See **Banks Twp Day Park**—4A

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COUNTY RECORDS

DISTRICT COURT

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

David Charles Atchison, 47, Mancelona. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$335 in fines and costs.

Timothy Lee Noirot, 45, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs and to 14 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 13 days.

Aron Daniel Barnes, 20, Mt. Morris. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$1,150 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for 124 days, 15 days of community service, and six months in jail.

Erik David DeHaan, 18, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property. Sentenced to pay \$1,175 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve four days, 350 days held in abeyance, and 15 days of community service work.

Derek Allen Boyer, 19, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property. Sentenced to pay \$1,185 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 44 days, 305 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and 24 months on probation.

Donald Edward Abbey, 45, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense. Sentenced to pay \$1,435 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for two days, 333 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and 24 months on probation.

Alan Leroy Barnes, 68, Boyne Falls. Wildlife hunting and discharge of gun within safe zone. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Thomas Eugene Bergmann, 59, Charlevoix. Trespass. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

David Glen Hillberg, 38, East Jordan and Wendy Gayle Vanderstel, 46, East Jordan.

Craig Allen Stutzky, 52, Boyne City and Kristen Cherie Spears, 29, Boyne City.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Simply North, 1597 LaLonde Road, East Jordan by Mariya Sinclair

Cabin Fever Arts & C.R.A.P., 03229 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix by Jeff Dickson and Margaret Dickson.

V.I.P. Pizza, 5793 Loeb Road, Charlevoix by Chris Sarasin Enterprises, Inc.

The Clothing Company, 339 Bridge St. by Jacqueline Dipert. Neumanns Own Home Improvements, 213 Bridge St., East Jordan by Jon Neumann.

Mitten's Frozen Yogurt Bar, 07050 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City by Janet Brethaupt. CM Design, 1215 Pleasant Ave., Boyne City by Christopher M. Meads.

Lundholm Performance Engineering, 08987 See Road, Charlevoix by Robert A. Lundholm III.

Alternative Finance Solutions, 2596 M-75 South, Boyne Falls by Joseph Richards.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, March 12

1:57am Arrested 2 subjects for MIP and a third for MIP and MDOP to vehicle in the 600 block of E Main St

10:21am Report of low hanging limbs on Call St

5:33pm Responded to civil complaint in the 500 block of Groveland St

5:55pm Unlocked vehicle at Lake and Main St

6:49pm Received animal complaint from the 300 block of E Division St

Tuesday, March 13

11:32am Welfare check in the 300 block of Silver St

4:25pm Hit and run property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:23pm Assist Sheriff Department with OWI arrest

Pedestrian Injured in School Bus Accident

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX — A downstate man was injured when he was hit by a Charlevoix Public Schools bus Thursday, March 15 while crossing Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. Grass Lake resident Jon Edward Stasevich, 60, was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital by ambulance where he was treated and released.

The bus was filled with students heading home after a half day of school when the accident happened around 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of Bridge and Clinton Streets. No one on the bus was injured. Substitute

bus driver James Gilbert Bearss, 75, of Charlevoix, was headed east on Clinton Street and turning left (north) onto Bridge Street when he hit Stasevich who was in the crosswalk, knocking him to his knees.

According to Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan, Bearss did not stop the bus, but continued on to Charlevoix Elementary School to drop off students. Officers who were flagged down at the scene were waiting for Bearss when he arrived at the school.

According to police, Bearss reported that he didn't see Stasevich until the last minute in the crosswalk.

He saw him fall but didn't stop because he felt pressed to get the children to the elementary school to meet other buses. Bearss was cited for failure to stop and identify at a traffic crash.

Standard procedure for a bus driver that has an accident is a drug test. Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik said he doesn't anticipate that the results of the test will be positive but has placed Bearss on administrative leave. "We're still investigating, waiting for the drug test results to come back and for the ticket to be resolved."

Wednesday, March 14

10:10am Citation issued for operating ORV in roadway instead of to the far right

12:31pm Noise complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St

12:47pm Unlock in the 100 block of E Main St

12:53pm Found trailer plate dropped off at PD. Was returned to owner.

3:24pm Health and safety issue reported at Veteran's Park

4:34pm Property damage accident at Main and Park Streets

6:12pm Citation issued for speed

8:45pm Report of intoxicated subjects in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:05pm Report of noise and civil complaint from the 300 block of E Division St

Thursday, March 15

9:20am Assist subject in retrieving stolen property from the 500 block of Knollwood

11:31am Request for welfare check in the 500 block of N Lake St

1:49pm Salvage vehicle inspection

1:50pm Civil standby in the 600 block of W Court St

5:12pm Citation issued for speed

5:33pm Citation issued speed and fail to obtain Michigan License

6:41pm Report of lost items from the 100 block of Cherry St

6:58pm Harassment complaint received from the 800

block of S Park St
7:05pm Civil custody issue in the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, March 16

9:30am Report of medication missing from the 200 block of W Court St

12:57pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

6:45pm Assist other agencies near Springwater Beach

7:38pm Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance and No License

Saturday, March 17

2:10am Assist State Police at Boyne Mountain

3:12am Assist Sheriff Department on domestic dispute on M-75 S

10:50am Subject burning leaves in the 700 block of Wenonah St

5:18pm Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

6:35pm Report of suspicious activity in the area of S Park and Division St

8:49pm Arrested subject for OWI

9:01pm Report of bottle rockets at Rotary Park. Was model rockets.

9:50pm Report of intoxicated male in the 400 block of N Lake St

Sunday, March 18

2:28am Report of intoxicated loud subjects in the 700 block of S Lake St

10:45am Citation issued for speed

11:20am Abandoned vehicle located in the middle of Court and Lynn Streets

11:51am Intoxicated subject in the 400 block of N Park St

3:14pm Subject burning leaves in the area of State and Park Streets

5:47pm 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 600 block of Beardsley St

6:43pm Report of male drinking in beer on bench in the 400 block of N Lake St

7:00pm Intoxicated male reported in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:39pm Verbal dispute in the 600 block of N East St

10:35pm Report of dog bite in the 600 block of Forest Av

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

March 5-11, 2012

911 Hang Up Call.....2

Abandoned Vehicle.....0

Abuse.....0

Alarm.....8

Animal Complaint.....15

Annoyance.....1

Assault.....1

Assist Citizen.....2

Assist Motorist.....1

Assist Other Agency.....13

Attempt to Locate.....1

Attempted Suicide.....0

Bank Alarm.....0

Boating Accident.....0

Boating Violation.....0

Breaking & Entering.....1

Citations Issued.....33

Civil Complaint.....3

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0

Death.....0

Disorderly Person.....0

Disturbance.....0

DNR Complaint.....1

Domestic Dispute.....3

Driving Complaint.....6

Fireworks Complaint.....0

Found Property.....0

Fraud.....2

Health & Safety.....1

Hit & Run.....1

Intoxicated Person.....2

Juvenile.....3

Larceny.....3

Lockout.....4

Lost Property.....1

Mental Subject.....0

Minor In Possession.....0

Miscellaneous Criminal.....3

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....0

Operating Under the Influence.....0

Paper Service.....11

Parking Violation.....0

Personal Injury Accident.....1

Personal Protection Order.....0

Private Property Accident.....1

Property Check.....1

Property Damage Accident.....1

Prowler.....0

Road Hazard.....4

Snowmobile Violation.....1

Stalking.....0

Suspicious Situation.....6

Threat.....0

Traffic Stop.....86

Trespassing.....1

Unknown Accident.....1

Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0

Vehicle in the Ditch.....7

Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....2

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Sugaring Season underway at Wagbo Farm

Rising temperatures and melting snow signal the beginning of the maple-sugaring season in

Northern Michigan. The Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush (FWSB), an all-volunteer group

organized by the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, have been preparing all winter for this moment.

The recent warming trend means that sap will soon gush from the trees, and FWSB volunteers will spend long hours boiling it down into maple syrup. Approximately 600 taps were placed this year, and with an average annual yield of one quart of syrup per tap, the FWSB hopes to produce around 150 gallons of syrup. However, in order to produce one gallon of syrup about 40 gallons of water must be boiled off. Which means there's a lot of work to be done in the "sugar shack" - the small building that houses the evaporator in which syrup is produced.

Further complicating matters is the fact that mild winters often result in a lower sugar content in the sap, which means more boiling and more work to produce the same amount of syrup. In addition, the rapidly rising temperatures may cause the trees to bud, effectively ending the sap run and sugaring season.

However, the FWSB crew remains optimistic that they will have a good time despite weather-related challenges. "We have a new evaporator this year. It's smaller and more efficient. There's more work space, more room for tours- it's much more user-friendly," said Carl Eklund. "It's very enjoyable being here. Hard work- but very enjoyable. The camaraderie is second



A counter full of freshly bottled syrup from the Wagbo Farm. COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Reddy, a visitor from Vermont, stokes the fire under the evaporator. Wagbo Farm will hold an open house on Saturday, March 31st from 10 am to 3 pm that will feature live music, sugar shack tours and syrup tastings, a maple syrup-themed bake sale, and a drawing for maple syrup gift baskets. COURTESY PHOTO



to none. The guys and gals involved in this operation are great," said Paul Michael. Other volunteers echo the same sentiment, saying it's not just about the syrup produced, but about the camaraderie and friendship. Still, syrup production is the ultimate goal, and FWSB volunteers enjoy the fact that their hard work earns them a share of maple syrup.

"Some people devote long hours to the operation and go home with way more syrup than they can use in a year! Other people just stop by to watch how it all works," Maria Wesslerle, Wagbo Program Coordinator said. "This is a great place for the community to learn about the sugaring process. The sugar

shack is usually open for tours, and at the end of March we're holding an open house."

The open house will take place on Saturday, March 31st from 10 am to 3 pm and will feature live music, sugar shack tours and syrup tastings, a maple syrup-themed bake sale, and a drawing for maple syrup gift baskets.

If you are interested in working with the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush or would like more information on the open house, please call Wagbo at 231-536-0333 or email info@wagbo.org.

Services and Benefits Fair for military veterans at North Central Community College

North Central Michigan College is collaborating with the State of Michigan's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the state's Workforce Development Agency to offer a unique, one-day services and benefits fair for military veterans and their families. The event will take place on North Central's Petoskey campus on Wednesday, March 28, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Library conference room.

The benefits fair offers veterans of all ages and branches of service the opportunity to meet one-on-one with state, local and college representatives to ask questions related to VA benefits for education, training and health care, legal issues and other service-related matters. No appointments are necessary.

Veterans and their families are also invited to attend a college lecture series presentation at 7 p.m. that evening on the college campus by Marine Sergeant Dakota Meyer, recent

recipient of the Medal of Honor. His presentation is offered to the community by the college at no charge. Tickets are required and will be available at the benefits fair. They will also be available at North Central's offices in Petoskey, Cheboygan, Gaylord and East Jordan.

Veterans' service officers with a compassionate understanding of the problems which confront veterans, widows, widowers, and children will be on hand at the services and benefits fair to apply specialized knowledge in the best way to meet the needs of each veteran or other beneficiary who comes to the event for assistance. Veterans' service officers know the extent, the meaning and the application of laws that have been passed by the U.S. Congress in the interests of veterans and their dependents. They also know the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws.

The Veterans Services Division of Michigan's Workforce Development Agency, is charged with helping Michigan veterans and their eligible spouses find employment or start a business. The division will have representatives at the fair to provide a variety of services including the following:

- Advice on career opportunities for veterans
- Tips on resume writing and job search strategies
- Access to MiTalent.org, the State of Michigan's career portal
- Help with scheduling appointments for individualized counseling in finding a job or job training.

A staff of 60 employment specialists work at 85 Michigan Works! Agency offices around the state to help veterans find jobs or get the training they will need to get a job.

Education specialists will be available at the fair to talk about various educational programs, including veteran edu-

cation benefits, GI Bill, Post 9/11, Yellow Ribbon, Chapter 30, and Chapter 33.

Representatives from the VA Health Care System will be available to help resolve concerns about any aspect of a veteran's health care experience, particularly those concerns that cannot be resolved at the point of care. VA Health Care System patient advocates listen to any questions, problems, or special needs and refer the concerns to the appropriate Medical Center staff for resolution.

Veterans will also be able to ask questions about legal matters: how to clear up outstanding warrants by participation in a Veteran Treatment Court, how to obtain community service in lieu of fines, waive child support for dependents past the age of majority, or to enter into payment plans with very low monthly payments.

For more information contact Charles MacInnis at 231-348-6839

COA meeting covers many topics

B. J. Conley

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging advisory board welcomed new board member Jerry Kelts of Boyne City. Kelts was on the Boyne City Public School board and is active in the community.

COA director Jack Messer presented a draft annual report for 2011 to the board and asked for comments.

"I thought it was very concise," board chairman Richard Fish said. "I didn't have any problems with it."

The other board members agreed and approved the draft of the report.

Messer reported on the new method the COA is implementing known as the income based fee structure.

This is only one of the steps the COA is taking in its effort to save money.

"We're doing everything we can to save money," Messer said. "The bottom line is we're burning through the fund balance."

Operational expenses are a large part of the COA's budget, nearly half of a million dollars. Operational expenses include staff pay and benefits, office equipment, utilities and such.

County commissioner and liaison to the COA Richard Gillette asked about the millage and a discussion ensued that Messer will take a suggested millage request to a county commission meeting for its approval.

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TRACKING LEGISLATION

A weekly compilation of selected bills, resolutions and actions of the House and Senate in the state Legislature. To see more detail contact www.legislature.mi.gov/

HB 4647: Introduced by Rep. Kurt Heise on May 17, 2011. A bill that would allow expert witness testimony to be presented by video communication equipment. STATUS: Passed by the House and Senate. Awaiting enrollment.

HB 5473: Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin on March

15, 2012. A bill that would specifically inquire whether a driver license applicant wishes to participate in organ donor registry; require and prohibit issuance of license if applicant fails to respond. STATUS: Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 0756: Introduced by Sen. Howard Walker on

Oct. 13, 2011. A bill to prohibit cell phone use while operating a vehicle if an individual is issued a level 1 or 2 graduated driver license. STATUS: Referred to Committee on Transportation on March 15, 2012.

HB 4618: Introduced by Rep. Margaret O'Brien on May 5, 2011. Property tax

exemption for property housing elderly or disabled families; provide retroactive approval under certain circumstances. STATUS: Bill ordered enrolled on March 15, 2012.



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Frank H. Case

(SEPT. 28, 1927 - MARCH 18, 2012)

Frank H. Case, 84, died peacefully Sunday, March 18, 2012 at his home in Sandusky, Mich. Mr. Case lived in Sandusky the past 57 years and was previously from the Charlevoix area.

He was born Sept. 28, 1927, in Rochester, Mich., son of the late Frank G. and Marian (VanHorn) Case Sr.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II 1945 to 1946. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1947. He married Thurl L. Kane on Oct. 11, 1947, in Charlevoix. Mr. Case was a former member of Sandusky Jaycees, Sandusky Fire Department and served on Sandusky City Council.

Frank worked 10 years for Farm Bureau and 30 years as a salesman for Jensen Bridge and Supply Company in Sandusky until his retirement in 1993. He enjoyed fishing and golfing.

He is survived by his wife, Thurl, of Sandusky, Mich.; son, Ronald Case, of Grand Island, N.Y.; daughter, Laurie and Peter Pterneas, of Centerline, Mich.; grandson, Ryan and Helen Case, of Lockport, N.Y.; granddaughter, Karen Case, of Norwalk, Conn.; great-granddaughter, Connie Lin Case, of Lockport, N.Y.; sister, Shirley Hallett, of Denver, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert, Peter, Ross, Leland and Harry Case.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Sandusky First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Douglas Richardson officiating. Burial of remains will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Sandusky, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to United Hospice Service, 2770 Main St., P.O. Box 307, Marlette, Mich. 48453.

Arrangements were handled by the Marsh Funeral Chapel in Sandusky, Mich.

Douglas Arden Hausler

(DEC. 18, 1934 - MARCH 16, 2012)

Douglas Arden Hausler, age 77, of Boyne Falls, passed away Friday, March 16, 2012, at his home.

Douglas was born on Dec. 18, 1934, in Petoskey, Mich., the son of Otto A. and Erma A. (Massey) Hausler. He grew up in Boyne Falls and attended Boyne Falls Public School graduating in 1953.

On Feb. 24, 1956, he married Phyllis Harris of Boyne City in Gaylord, Mich. They made their home in Boyne Falls. He was a lifetime member of Local 324 International Union of Operating Engineers, working on I-75 for many years. For several winters, Doug kept the streets of Boyne Falls clear of snow and ice. He also spent several years in construction at the Harborage Marina in Boyne City and for Poquette Leasing in Petoskey.

In his early years, Doug spent his free time taking flying lessons and was close to obtaining his pilot license. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking and spent many years sight-seeing in the Upper Peninsula and Canada with his wife. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and visiting with friends.

Doug is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and their children, Carol (Albert) Moss of Kalamazoo, Linda (William) Balog of Boyne Falls, Douglas (Wilma) Hausler of Mount Juliet, Tenn., and John (Maureen) Hausler of Boyne Falls; grandchildren Mark Moss, David (Shelby) Moss, Jennifer Moss, Scott (Jessica) Balog, Wendy Balog, Michelle (Lucas) McCarry, David (Suzanna) Shah, Karen (Lyonell) Turner, and Miriah Hausler; great-grandchildren Alex, Lindsey, Hannah, Mariah, Kayla and Jonathan. He is also survived by his sister, Maryann (William) Zimmermann of Petoskey, and many nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tues-

day, March 20, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with Pastor Paul Wise officiating. Family visitation will be at 9 a.m. and open visitation begins at 10 a.m. The family will attend a private burial in the afternoon at the Boyne Valley Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations are directed to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, Boyne Falls United Methodist Church building fund, or Boyne Valley Township Fire and Rescue, EMS.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Doug are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Ira Wayne Breneman

(JUNE 16, 1918 - MARCH 18, 2012)

Ira Wayne Breneman, age 93, of Boyne City, died Sunday, March 18, 2012, at his home.

Ira was born on June 16, 1918, in Detroit, the son of Ira Wayne Breneman Sr. and Lila Malvinia (Smith) Breneman. Ira graduated from North Western High School in Detroit and attended Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Va. He then served in the Army during World War II. Ira was captain in an airborne unit and saw action in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, France and Germany.

Ira was the owner and operator of Impact Promotions, Inc., based in Detroit. He has been a longtime member of the Boyne City Rotary Club, lifetime member of the Detroit Yacht Club and served many years on the board for Camp Quality during his early years.

Ira is survived by his wife, Wendy; children, Mary Linda, Grace, Anne (Richard), Wayne (Toni) and Sally (Lou); eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack.

A funeral service will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at St. Matthew Church in Boyne

City with a gathering of family and friends from 4:30 p.m. until the time of service. The Rev. Duane Wachowiak will be officiating.

The family requests memorial donations in Ira's name are directed to Camp Quality.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ira are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Kenneth H. Brill

(MAR. 5, 1927 - MAR. 14, 2012)

Kenneth H. "Coach" Brill, 85, of Charlevoix, passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at Hiland Cottage - Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey. Ken was born on March 5, 1927 at home in Greene County, Ohio, the son of John H. and Bertha (Koogler) Brill. He grew up in Beavercreek, Ohio graduating from high school in 1945. Fifteen days later, he was drafted into the US Army, where he proudly served his country during WWII. After leaving the service, he attended the University of Dayton where he graduated with a BS in Education in 1951.

While in college, he married Sue A. Griffith in 1949. Ken and Sue had four children and were married for 42 years. On December 11, 2011, Ken married Suzanne A. Muma, his best friend for over 20 years.

Ken was a beloved high school teacher and coach for 21 years, teaching earth science and biology and coaching varsity basketball, baseball and track. On May 28, 2006, he was inducted into the Preble County Athletic Hall of Fame, Lewisburg, Ohio. After retiring from teaching in 1975, he moved to northern Michigan, where he ran the Price Brothers Lodge and served as a morel mushroom and fishing guide. From 1979-1998, he served as Executive Director of the Bergman Center for individuals with disabilities, and continued to be an integral part of the Center for the rest of his life.

He was a member and former president of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club for 30 years. He was an advisor for the Charlevoix Kiwanis "Aktion" Club and worked with troubled youth as a volunteer with the Charlevoix County Probate Court.

In retirement, his hobbies were many: Hunting mushrooms, agates, and Petoskey stones, carving walking sticks, gardening, fishing, camping, painting and writing. He wrote 16 books called "Just Stuff" and an unpublished novel called "Yellow Bird."

As a teacher, coach, mentor, and friend, Ken touched many lives, and he felt that the greatest accomplishment of his life was making a difference in others' lives. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ken are encouraged to do so at www.facebook.com/In-MemoryofKennethHoward.

Brill.

Ken is survived by his wife Suzanne; his children Becky (Steven) Voice of Boyne City, Robert (Debbie) Brill of Petoskey, Bonnie (Jerry) Saylor of Indian River, and Beth (Barry) Gilmer of Ewart; step-children Joshua (Allie) Muma of Traverse City and Kristy (Mike) Evjen; his sister Thelma Bahns of Waynesville, Ohio; grandchildren Josh, Samantha, Jordan and Taylor Voice, Robert and Lucas Brill, Alisa Winslow, John Taylor, Cassie Levely, Kelly Taylor, Jake, Zach, Kendra Ryan, Adam Shimmons, and Haley and Caleb Evjen; eleven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his step-father Fred Deger, step-brother Elwood Deger, and his loyal four-legged companion of 14 years—his dog Cricket.

A celebration and remembrance of Ken's life will be held at 2:00 pm on March 31, 2012 at First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, with Pastor David Tuggle officiating. Military Honors will be presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting memorial contributions be made to the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix, Michigan or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey, Michigan.

James Dickey Kline

(OCT. 25, 1921 - MARCH 4, 2012)

James Dickey Kline, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Walloon Lake, Mich., passed away peacefully, March 4, 2012, at Boynton Beach, Fla.

Jim was born Oct. 25, 1921, in Wesleyville, Pa., the son of Harriet and Herbert Kline.

He grew up in Erie, Pa., and graduated from Millcreek High School. He received his metallurgical engineering degree from the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was manager of the University of Michigan football team.

On June 10, 1944, he married Mary Peirsol in Ann Arbor, Mich. Jim was an explorer scout leader and a civil defense policeman.

He was an avid boater all of his life, and spent many trips cruising the Great Lakes on his boat "Sweetie." Jim was a member of the United States Power Squadron and taught many boating courses. He was a long-time member of the Buffalo Yacht Club and the Gulf Stream Yacht Club. He was a member of the Masonic Temple, the Elks and the Eagles.

Jim is survived by his children, Martha (Bill) Grose of Michigan, James (Kay) of Wisconsin, and William of Florida; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his brother, Herbert; and his dear friend and traveling companion, Sally McDermott.

Donations can be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy.

FROM PAGE 1

Banks Twp Day Park

the parks much needed improvements. Board members were concerned about being fiscally responsible in choosing a grant that was not paid for by taxpayers or using government monies, as well as being responsible about the amount of money the township would be required to contribute to the project. The board decided that the township could afford to invest \$25,000 over two years into the project and that it would apply for the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and the Recreation Passport Grants. The township would only be required to match 25% of the overall cost of the project giving the township \$120,000 to spend on the park if the grants are approved.

"I'm in favor of the Passport Grant, I love the fact that those are all voluntary paid fees, not taxes or government money," Katie Postmus, Township Treasurer said.

The board has agreed that the park needs to address drainage issues, beach enhancement, and the slope reinforced. Other amenities like picnic tables, grills and a host of handicap accessible expenses were placed in order of necessity based on expense. Receipt of the grants will allow the park to maintain its secluded, rustic nature while improving the quality of livability and sense of place. Public comment agreed with the decision of the board.

Ellsworth resident, Jerroll Drenth commented, "Some improvements would be great, keep it rustic but I'd be in favor of beach enhancements and drainage improvements."

There was no public comment during the budget review hearing. The only changes to the budget were the establishment of a vehicle fund.

"I really think this is important so someone in the future don't go through the same thing we did last year," said Thomas Mann, Township Supervisor, referring to the difficulty the board had financing the new fire trucks.

In an effort to save taxpayers money and prevent an increase in the fire millage, Trustee Marvin Rubingh proposed that a gift of \$20,000 be transferred from the general fund to the fire fund. The present millage is set at 1.0mils was cited to be raised to 1.25mils in order for the fire departments to meet their budget. The board passed the proposal, split the difference and the fire budget was approved with a 1.10mil. All other budgets were approved as is.

The April board meeting is set for April 16 at 7:30. A Planning Together meeting is set for April 23 at 6:30. Township clean up day is set for May 12 and runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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EAST JORDAN

Little league signup

Sign up March 22, 5pm - 8pm and March 24, 10am - 1pm held at the East Jordan High School. All age divisions. For more information contact Ruby at 536-3012

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.

PETOSKEY

Cooking class

Crooked Tree Arts Center will host cooking classes 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

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 23 and 24. Performance times are 7 p.m. 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

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 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 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

Regional 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.

EAST JORDAN

Movie at the Library

Free movie "Hop" Sunday, March 25, 1:30pm at the Jordan Valley District Library community room.

CHARLEVOIX

Winterfolk Concert Series

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

PETOSKEY

Hospital Announced Name Change

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital announces that it will join other McLaren Health Care hospital subsidiaries in adopting the McLaren name. After evaluating the results of a community survey regarding a potential new name for Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adopt McLaren - Northern Michigan, the name overwhelmingly favored by survey respondents.

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

Prom dress exchange

A Prom Dress Exchange is taking place 4 - 6pm, Wednesday, March 28 at the Charlevoix Public Library. This is the place for teens to select, try on, and go home with the perfect dress for prom - and it's free! A variety of dresses will be available to try on in designated dressing rooms. If it fits, and you like it, take it home! "Like new" dresses have been donated from previous prom and wedding attendees. If you or someone you know has a formal dress hanging unused in a closet, now's the time to clean it out and donate it to the library so someone else can wear it. Dresses are accepted, on a hanger, in "like new" condition at the Youth Department of the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St. For more information about this or other library programs call 231-237-7350.

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.

BOYNE CITY

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CHARLEVOIX

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ELLSWORTH

Spring Break

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

BOYNE FALLS

Spring Break

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

EAST JORDAN

Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, April 3 from Noon -

5:45pm at the East Jordan Civic Center. Sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church.

CHARLEVOIX

Easter egg hunt

Here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the Charlevoix trail! That's right; the Easter bunny is coming Saturday, April 7th to help celebrate the 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2:00 p.m at East Park in downtown Charlevoix and is free for children up to 10 years old. Energize for the Easter Egg Hunt with the Bunny Luncheon being offered from 11am to 1:30pm at Stafford's Weatherlane Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious meal with your family, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Picture This. Please call 231-547-4311 for reservations. The Easter Egg Hunt divides children into four age groups including, 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt is sponsored by Northwestern Bank and will include 4000 eggs filled with Kilwin's candy and various other prizes. So bring your Easter egg basket and be sure to arrive ready at 2:00 p.m. sharp so you don't miss out!

WORLDWIDE

Easter

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Donations for Cancer

Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders provide help to cancer patients. To donate contact Gail Farley, 231-582-2424

BOYNE CITY

Free tax preparation

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

CHARLEVOIX

Free tax preparation

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Ride free to Senior Centers

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

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.

BOYNE CITY

BAC Moves (temporarily)

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

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. Tickets are \$30 if purchased by 4/10. After 4/10 price is \$35.

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>

CHARLEVOIX

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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-11590332

EAST JORDAN

Money Smart

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30pm - 8pm. Jordan Valley District Library. Free to registrants. Presenter: Wanda Repke, MSU Extension Educator, Greening Michigan Institute & Financial Education Programs. Learn the importance of building & maintaining a good

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PETOSKEY

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

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Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

By Jim Akans

"We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn't typically find in a resale shop," observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. "Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day."

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of

the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program.

The Shop began operating under the direction of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in 2005, being re-organized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated inventory from local residents and businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who attend St. Francis in Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

"What truly sets our shop apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer," states Grissom. "The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store."

And this coming weekend, those values will be even more outstanding as New Beginnings will be holding a half-off sale on Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th, on everything in the store in order to make room for their new spring inventory.

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 4 pm. For additional information, visit



Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY SR.

www.holychildhoodchurch.org and follow the New Beginnings

Thrift Store link or call (231) - 348-2980.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

REBUTTAL TO THE PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW EDITORIAL AS TO JOHN JAREMA

"Prosecutor Jarema's Hostility Unwarranted"

Further to article printed Friday, March 16, 2012

Mitchell Jon MacKay

Underdeveloped perceptual processes may lead to pettiness and meanness and often enough to self-righteousness. This may be detected in such editorials as the governing consortium of the News-Review has editorialized, viz. "Our View". This case still baffles due to the reasoning or lack thereof behind a Freedom Of Information Act demand for certain email text messages having occurred during a county meeting, insinuating legal issues for access requested and denied. The gist seems to have been one of open meetings procedures which may be thwarted by means of email and texting, a precept that has yet to be tested with any thorough dissection apart from this one court case of late which basically decided nothing beyond the conflict. The judge, Charles Johnson, merely reiterated the dialectic put forth from either side and called that a ruling. Insight remains to be

discerned in such matters. The small town court of inquiry is not equipped for such discovery. This matter will imminently arrive at the Supreme Court level in whatever format survives, the current incarnation seeming intrinsically more a personal onslaught than a principled complaint.

But it needn't. Common sense issues usually fall back on the Bill of Rights proclamations of personal freedoms albeit a little strained when attempting to reconcile current disagreements in language designed two-plus centuries ago pre-television, even radio, let alone text messaging. Righteous indignation by the newspaper hierarchy at something being hidden from plain view has merit if such information will have effects upon the social order, someone's personal freedom, or any other deleterious motive of concern. This does not appear to be the case with messages sent during a council meeting. There is no smoking gun apparent, simply business of county, hardly a Kwame Kilpatrick scandal though perhaps the PNR cavalry envisions it as such with their specious shibboleth of Responsibility. The charge of Un-

warranted hostility appears to some observers to be the position of the newspaper and not the prosecutor. But as with a confrontation over parking or property rights between neighbors or constabulary, the judge resorts to chastising on a household level as if the consoling yet dictatorial parent resolving the puerile altercation in stentorian hauteur, casuistry in polarized viewpoint.

Though it seems much ado about nothing such matters do take on a weighty encumbrance when the pettiness quotient rears and self-righteousness utilizes the perverted version of due process to dictate resolves, the procedure come to be known as "the court", which is of course one judge hired or elected by the county. There is no such entity as "the court". As to whether the court is "honorable", the distinction is demanded, not freely bestowed. This is the only instance of royalty carried over from old English courts to the burgeoning New World.

Ignorance as a noun is derived from the verb to ignore, that is to sidestep full recognition of issues and maintain mumpsimus or ad-

herence to erroneous or muckraking principles long discounted. An ancient Greek term, Anosognosia, implies denial, dogged determination in view of obvious - to others - negligibility. To many this affair seems picayune and senseless and a waste of time. "Grimthorpe" is a noun/verb implicating building processes not adhering to current standards, in this instance no standards having been set since this is all too new. To Grimthorpe something prior to standards of construction is to build a crooked house. This appears to be what is happening here and the precedent is a misconstruing of rationale, dogmatically demanding fealty to a bureaucratic decree as yet undecided in ramifications. Transparency may be wanted in thwarting outright illegal or nefarious actions but we have no need of glass houses unless mundane voyeurism, like Reality TV, comes fully to prominence.

Truly there is a danger lurking in what cannot be fully seen. The "evidence" in this Jarema versus News-Review operetta though is hardly worthy of a court case. The principle may indeed be decided

higher up and filter down in declension through the strata but interpretation will remain murky as applied to provincial magistrates and provocateurs. What the "free press" has done in actual terms here is abet blocking of dissemination since with such rulings as Johnson has handed out the curtailing of information will become the norm simply to avoid further thrust and parry charades. That is the legacy the News-Review has created to date. The epitome of hypocrisy, the apogee or furthest point from perceptivity, is found in accusing others of that which oneself is guilty. Cognitive Dissonance leads to "Adaptive Preference Formation" in psychological terminology, which equates to self-righteousness if we note the hauteur inclusive in supposed principles of freedom of information. Freedom is thereby stilted. This is the, again, ancient Greek observance of enantiodromia or opposite consequence of that intended. One more strike against the Constitution.

AN OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE CHARLES JOHNSON

Charles Johnson, Judge, Emmet County, Petoskey, MI 49770

Good Day Mr. Johnson:

Having written to you before of matters of court, namely the Reggie Burke travesty, there ought to be expressed some background on the Jarema-News Review issue being contended of late.

Foremost, the newspaper has no longer roots in this area but is a subsidiary of a Southern conglomerate publishing service, Schurz Communications of Indiana with holdings throughout the country.

Ken Winter may have been a bit taciturn at times but having at least hailed from Lansing and having put many years of service in locally, he at least may be considered a well-integrated citizen of this area. No local reporters in the employ of the

PNR would have been retained by the new ownership had they opposed any new company rules and restrictions.

Came Jeremy McBain to the totalitarian position of editor in chief, and I can attest that he is indeed the bane implied. He is a churl and dedicated to myrmidon status for his company-man employment.

Other personnel follow suit and many come through the parent company. The unavoidable implication is one of collusion between court and press, not at all a healthy environment, stifling and exclusive.

Moreover this is not the first time that Mr. Jarema has experienced confrontation with the legal old guard locally, now compounded with inroads of antipathy from elsewhere.

Scrutinizing the PNR articles as to the decision of "the court", in essence your version of what is right and not the court that employs you, actually we taxpayers footing the bill, I find discrepancies and oxymoronic statements, non-sequiturs and illogic. The decisions as printed read akin to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party summation. You say alternatively that John Jarema is within his rights withholding information and remiss in so doing, chastising the newspaper for this while giving credence to their having done it, a legal miasma.

There is such a concept as being on the job too long. The court, the black robe et al, is supreme in said courtroom where honor is expected, indeed enforced. The press, however, is free, or so we think it to be, to express opinions otherwise, and I dare say we the voting public

have same freedoms.

To wit, I do not agree with the summing statements and aver that the judgment needs to be reversed, transferred to another jurisdiction for a second opinion. Perhaps a jury trial is wanted, let the public itself decide the merits and demerits of FOIA requests via the inference of text messaging in conference halls, its relevance, its pitfalls, its integrity &c. Such a nit-picking altercation reduces the function of court and press to puerility and caprice, hardly a standard to continue yet such judgments may tend to prolong the stare decisis, a tragedy in the making. The NPR, touting in self-aggrandizement its victory, reeks of cronyism. And over what? Text mail. Who really cares and why? It's personal, not for public emendation - as in Free Speech.

John Jarema is a fair man whom I've dealt with effectively in my researches into the workings of the court system locally via several cases, FOIAs being freely purveyed. Frivolous FOIAs, however, with no apparent justification, are anathema to legal findings and reflect pettiness on the community generated by the suing entity, the press which no longer represents our area. Think of this. You are dividing a community through siding with the outside influences. When a company is sold it no longer exhibits the integrity of its founders. Frankly I find this court unjust and guilty of hamartia, this newspaper biased and irresponsible.

Respectfully,
Mitchell Jon MacKay

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Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week Carly Kruzel



PARENTS: Lisa and Ken Kruzel
GRADE: 9

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Volleyball, Tennis
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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
Sports, Being with friends,
Swimming Dancing,
Cheering at Boyne competitions

CARLY SAYS
"I love Boyne City High School and all of our Boyne Pride!"

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
"I plan to go to college for at least four years. Also get a good job and have a great family."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Carly did an exceptional job in US History and Geography A. Keep up the good work!" (Mrs. Deming, History Teacher)

"Great student – positive attitude, hard worker, friendly and smart! Way to go Carly." (Mrs. Hertel, Spanish Teacher)

Carly is a hard-working young lady with a great attitude towards academics, athletics and the arts! She has lots of spirit and is a positive addition to BCHS. (Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH; Odawa Casino Resort

By Jim Akans

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected Odawa Casino as the March Business of the Month, recognizing the organizations longstanding commitment in helping to make Charlevoix an outstanding community in which to live, work and play.

Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Odawa Casino will celebrate its 5th anniversary this June. Odawa Casino features nearly 1,300 slot machines, dozens of table games and a poker room, three dining venues, two retail outlets, a nightclub, a lounge, a multi-purpose events center and an off-site 137-room hotel.

Odawa Casino employs over 550 great team members year round with an increase during the summer season



The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected the Odawa Casino as the March Business of the Month. COURTESY PHOTO

to approximately 650 team members. Odawa Casino appreciates the recognition extended by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please visit www.odawacasino.com.

DAVE Says

protection from credit sharks?)

Dear Dave,
Is there some way to put a block on a credit report prior to sending a kid to college, so that the credit card hustlers can't get to them?
Trevor



Dave Ramsey

Mario

Dear Mario,
I like not having a car note, too. I'd walk, ride a bike, or drive your car with a great, big smile on my face before I picked up a car payment!

As new, young doctor you've probably got six figures in student loans hanging over your head right now. So you need to get out from under all that before you start thinking about driving something fancy. If this car is truly on its last legs, then I'd say save up for a few months then upgrade to a good, reasonably-priced, used car.

Just remember, a Mercedes or BMW doesn't prove you're a doctor, and it doesn't mean you're a good doctor, either. You just need to worry about what's smart for you instead of what other people think!
—Dave

* For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

Dear Trevor,
No, there's not. Unfortunately, in today's culture that's part of becoming an adult. When you hand them car keys there's no way to put a block on how they drive. And when they turn 21, there's no way to put a block on what they ingest.
About the only thing you can do is to teach your kids to the best of your ability, and be a good parent and good example. Teach them why debt is dumb, and show them how it eats away at their ability to save money and build wealth.
And for goodness sake, don't use credit cards yourself. Kids can smell a hypocrite a mile away!
—Dave

worry about your wallet, not your image

Dear Dave,
I'm a new doctor, and I drive a car that has over 200,000 miles on it, is 10 years old, and a few dings in the doors. I've heard image is everything when you're a doctor, but I like not having a car payment. Should I just get over being self-conscious about my old car?

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EAST JORDAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT; Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging

By Jim Akans

The Ambassadors of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging has been selected as the Business Spotlight of the Month. As the establishments name reveals, the Jordan Inn offers a versatile range of services to their guests, as owner Joe Krumholz affirms.

"The Inn is many different things to many different people. It offers a Victorian era charm as a great bed and breakfast setting, and is a very popular spot for wedding gatherings, meetings, birthday and anniversary celebrations, lodging, fine dining, a place for groups of friends to meet during a Jordan River adventure, and much, much more. We are currently the only hotel in East Jordan, and we also regularly offer a wide variety of live musical entertainment; everything from the classics to classic rock and roll."

Krumholz relates that the Jordan Inn was originally the home of William Pitt Porter, one of the areas first lumber barons and founder of the East Jordan Lumber Yard and later the Cannery.

"At that time," he observes, "East Jordan



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was the place to be in northern Lower Michigan as it offered many employment opportunities. Lumbering, the lumber yard, a chemical plant, the East Jordan Iron Works, and the cannery were among the many industries that offered employment in this area."

The Jordan Inn has served as a hotel and restaurant since 1911.

"Very few additions have been made to the structure since that time," notes Krumholz. "When I purchased the building in 2000 it was condemned, and it took three years of renovation work, much of which I did myself, to get the facility ready to open again."

Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging features 11 guest rooms, each presenting a unique and distinctive theme such as the French Country Room, the Hunt Room, and the Golf Room. The restaurant offers a selection of award-winning soups every day, with an amazingly affordable all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar combination offered for just \$4.50. The Inn's delicious soups have won the annual Soup Cook-off to benefit the local food pantry the past five of eight years, and they have also been a top competitor in the annual Chef's Challenge, which benefits Challenge Mountain, for the past five years.

Among the tantalizing entrees featured at the Jordan Inn are nut-encrusted white fish, hand cuts of beef including fillets, New York strip and rib-eye, mouth water-

ing chicken cordon blue, and much more. The excellent food service is also available for catering. Music aficionados can enjoy "Open Mic" performances every Tuesday evening, there is a 10-week concert series planned for this coming summer on Friday evenings, and the proprietor can arrange for live music to accompany any event clients reserve for the facility.

Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging is also active and supportive of both the East Jordan and Boyne Area Chamber of Commerces, and have consistently been involved in several area fundraisers and community events such as the annual Boyne City Christmas Dinner, Challenge Mountain, Boyne Country Community Center, the annual Mushroom Festive, and much more.

The Inn is open seven days a week from 9 am until 3 pm Thursday through Saturday evenings from 5 to 9 pm, and are open at other times by reservation for multi course fine dining as well as live music if desired. They are located at 228 Main Street in East Jordan, and can be contacted by calling (231) 536-9906.

The spotlight business of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce is sponsored by the Charlevoix County news. We congratulate Joe Krumholz and the entire staff at the Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging for being selected as this month's spotlight business.

Charlevoix History Preservation Society film presentation explores Eisenhower election & presidency

On Monday, March 26th, The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will present its first history series speaker event of 2012; "Seeking



Dr. George Colburn

Charlevoix County's Views of The Eisenhower Election."

The event, which will take place at the Boyne District Library Community Room starting at 7 pm, will feature a sneak preview of Dr. George A. Colburn's new documentary film on the Eisenhower election and presidency. His program will be a two-hour special on television; however for CCHPS, this special preview will be limited to the first hour - on why Ike ran, and how he won.

Dr. Colburn invites you to enliven the presentation with some good "Ike" tales. You may even be invited to be included in this film, scheduled to air on public TV in the fall. Too young to remember? No matter your age, everyone is invited to attend this preview, to learn about one of our nation's most notable presidents, and share views on this history-based documentary program.

George A. Colburn, Ph.D., is President and Director of Operations for Starbright Media Corporation. His best-known national television credit is as SMC's writer and producer of a major documentary series on Dwight D. Eisenhower's military and political careers, 1941 - 1961. Produced in association with Gancie Television, and entitled "The Eisenhower Legacy," the five-hour series was hosted by Gen. Colin L. Powell. Dr. Colburn's credits as an independent producer include more than two dozen national, media-based educational programs, linked to major documentary series.

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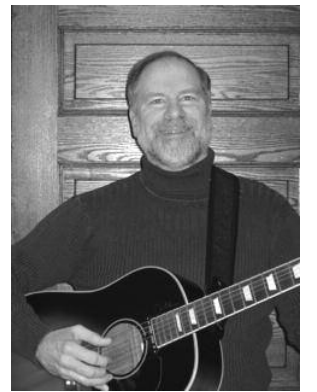
The workings of the Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant are now underway!



The contestants are: (from left) Sarah Dehaan, Shelby Elzinga, Calli Kujat, Jordyn Bacchus, Rachel Neal, Samantha Gardner, Lissa Vincent, Martina Peterson, Emily Crick. This year's pageant will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st at the East Jordan High School auditorium. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, March 29th!

WinterFolk Concert Series continues into Spring

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the continuation of the WinterFolk Concert Series, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. The WinterFolk Concerts celebrate local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the evening with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share talents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to 5 performers.



Bob Fawcett

March 26 will feature Bob Fawcett who will serve up his gumbo of original songs, lyrically rich, and seasoned with humor, harmonica riffs and finger-style guitar. Ryan Luce will highlight the April 23 concert with his unique style. This final folk concert is funded through a donation from Rick Potter. The library will utilize

the memorial gift of sound equipment, honoring Sandra Marquardt who loved and appreciated this concert series. This memorial donation, from friends of Sandy and Friends of the Library, will benefit the library for years to come by providing a wonderful atmosphere for the concert series. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

Alternative Spring breaks to be held across Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

Char-Em United Way is sponsoring Alternative Spring Breaks for area high school and college students. "You don't have to travel to a foreign country to have an Alternative Spring Break experience," points out Casey Adams, United Way's AmeriCorps VISTA. "This project gives you the opportunity to stay home and help right here in Charlevoix and Emmet counties."

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

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

If the weather is permitting, all four projects will go ahead as planned. Each destination will provide lunch and refreshments and all volunteers will get a free United Way T-Shirt and water bottle. Pre-registration is required so all interested volunteers should contact Casey Adams at vista@charemunitedway.org or call Char-Em United Way directly at 231-487-1006.

FROM PAGE 1 Business Expo

wanted to stay longer last year. There will also be live music by nationally recognized musicians Memarie Gayle and Chris Calleja from 8:30 to 11 pm,

complete with dancing and a cash bar." Saturday's Expo and Job Fair is free of charge and open to the public, and will run from 10 am to 5 pm. Over 100 businesses will be giving away products and samples, and offering discounts to those in attendance. "The goal is to increase awareness of business

community. Many people may have seen or heard of a local business but don't know what they offer and are about. This is an opportunity to learn about those businesses, and raise awareness of the importance of shopping locally." "If you are going to attend one event this year to help grow your business, this is that event," affirms

coordinator Bethany Pearson. Tickets for the Business-to-Business night are available by calling the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101 and will also be available at the door at Castle Farms. All attendees must have a ticket to enter.

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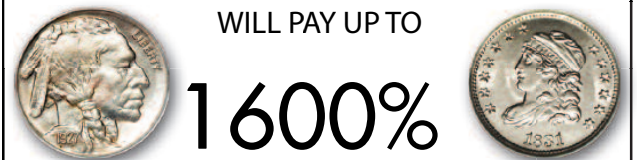
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