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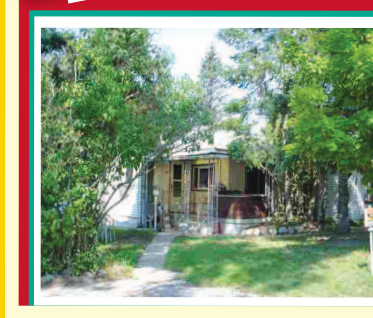
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## Tickets now on sale for 2012 Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant

By Jim Akans

Tickets are now on sale for the 2012 Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant, to be held on Saturday, April 21st at the East Jordan High School Gymnasium. The annual pageant, now in its 24th year, is open to any East Jordan area girl between the ages of 17 and 19 with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and each contestant will receive some level of scholarship award.

"This is not a beauty pageant," notes Miss East Jordan Board Member, Patti Tison, who has been involved with this annual event since the beginning. "This is first and foremost a scholarship pageant. I started the event with Nancy Sherman after we attended



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA PIECHOCKI - MISS EAST JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The contestants vying for the 2012 Miss EJ titles are; (from left) Sarah Dehaan, Shelby Elzinga, Calli Kujat, Jordyn Bacchus, Rachel Neal, Samantha Gardner, Lissa Vincent, Martina Peterson, Emily Crick.

a similar pageant in another town, which was smaller than East Jordan, so we thought we could organize something like that here. We have always limited the number of contestants to a

maximum of nine, and we have senior boys serve as escorts during the evening, and award two scholarships to boys as well." This years contestants will participate in several segments, in-

cluding talent, casual modeling along with a short speech on a subject the judges provide, a for-

See *Miss East Jordan Pageant*—5A

## THE HUNT IS ON!

Easter Egg Hunts offered in several area communities

By Jim Akans

While it's certainly fun searching for Easter eggs at home, kids can also join their friends in making gathering eggs a group activity during several community Easter egg hunts being held this Saturday. Here is a listing of where and when some of those events will be taking place;

**BOYNE CITY;** Young State Park hosts children from ages one to 10 for an egg hunt at 11 am on Saturday, April 7th, in the day use parking area. Parents and friends can enjoy a bonfire, hot cocoa and cookies while the kids hunt for eggs. This event is free, but vehicles must have a recreation passport, which can be obtained at the park for \$10. Info: 231-582-7523.

Also on: April 7th, The Community Church of Christ will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 2 to 4 pm at the church located at 777 Vogel Street. The church will also have an Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am on Easter Sunday (April 8), followed by Easter Worship Service at 11 am.

**CHARLEVOIX;** The Easter bunny is coming to town on Saturday, April 7th to help celebrate the 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 pm at East Park in downtown



Charlevoix and is free for children up to 10 years old. 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!

You may want to energize for the Easter Egg Hunt with the Bunny Luncheon being offered from 11 am to 1:30 pm at Stafford's Weath-

ervane 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.

**EAST JORDAN;** The Lions Club will host an Easter Party at the East Jordan High School Gym starting at 10 am on Saturday, April 7th. While there won't be an actual egg hunt at the event, there will be lots of exciting games for the kids, candy prizes, and even a bike give-away!

## City Commission Looks at Funding Exterior Improvements of Residences

By Dave Baragrey

East Jordan – At the City Commission meeting Tuesday night the East Jordan City Commission discussed a plan to help city residents fund improvements to the exteriors of their homes.

The city finance committee presented the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. During the discussion, finance committee member, Commissioner Tony Cutler introduced a plan to help homeowners fund improvements to the exteriors of their homes. Though still in the discussion and planning stages, the plan would fund improvements for city homeowners to the roof, siding and facades of their homes. The idea of the plan is to improve the look of the homes within the city.

Cutler said, "Of course, there would be eligibility requirements that may be based on the quality of the home, how long the resident has lived in the city and that it is a principal residence." He went on to explain that there may be other requirements but that the committee and the city commission would continue to look at the plan and find a way to make this work. "This would in all likelihood be a reimbursement plan," Cutler said, "and may require an

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## COUNTY RECORDS

### DISTRICT COURT

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

Derek Charles Turbull, 35, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$775 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day for credit, 30 days held in abeyance with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work.

Morganne Rene Moody, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 30 days hours of community service work.

Douglas James Campbell, 14, Beaver Island. Minor purchasing alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 30 hours of community service work.

Cassey Dale Simons, 31, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 91 days.

Robert Edward Lee, 58, Vanderbilt. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve seven days, 83 days held in abeyance and to one year on probation.

Michael Jay Smith, 58, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$700 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail, serve 10 days on work release, 160 days on a monitor, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Kevin Michel Kemp, 52, Charlevoix and Candith Louise Jacquith, 53, Charlevoix,

David Jay Roskamp 57, Kentwood and Deborah Marie Des Rochers, 50 East Jordan. Thomaa Paul Lewandowski, 46, Beaver Island and Veronica Lynn Bigelow, 38, Beaver Island.

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

Simply North 1597Lalonde Road, East Jordan by Marilyn Sinclair.

Buy Local 231, 209 Elm St. Charlevoix, 209 Elm St., Charlevoix by Laurie Lesser Hodgson.

Artistic Creation 1207 Bridge St., by Robert Harmon.

Totally Todd, 2757 Vance Road, East Jordan by Todd Hart V.

Wright Services, 2505 Sequonota, East Jordan by Kyle Wright.

K & L Marine of Machine, 01855 Jenkins Road by Kyle Robert Lockman.

Charlevoix Actual Services, 188 N. Ranney Road, East Jordan by Wilson Christner.

Mielke Insurance Inc, JPW Services, 5607 Maple Hill Road, Petoskey by Joseph P Wonnacott.

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## CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

**March 26-April 1, 2012**

911 Hang Up Call	.....2
Abandoned Vehicle	.....1
Abuse	.....1
Alarm	.....5
Animal Complaint	.....13
Annoyance	.....1
Assault	.....0
Assist Citizen	.....1
Assist Motorist	.....2
Assist Other Agency	.....8
Attempt to Locate	.....0
Attempted Suicide	.....0
Bank Alarm	.....0
Boating Accident	.....0
Boating Violation	.....0
Breaking & Entering	.....0

Car/Deer Accident	.....7
Citations Issued	.....8
Civil Complaint	.....2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	.....0
Death	.....0
Disorderly Person	.....0
Disturbance	.....2
DNR Complaint	.....1
Domestic Dispute	.....1
Driving Complaint	.....2
Fireworks Complaint	.....0
Found Property	.....2

Fraud	.....0
Health & Safety	.....2
Hit & Run	.....0
Intoxicated Person	.....0
Juvenile	.....1
Larceny	.....5
Lockout	.....3
Lost Property	.....0
Malicious Destruction of Property	.....1
Mental Subject	.....0
Minor In Possession	.....1

Miscellaneous Criminal	.....0
Missing Person	.....0
Noise Complaint	.....2
Operating Under the Influence	.....0
Paper Service	.....9
Parking Violation	.....0
Personal Injury Accident	.....0
Personal Protection Order	.....0
Private Property Accident	.....0
Property Check	.....0
Property Damage Accident	.....2
Prowler	.....0
Road Hazard	.....0

Stalking	.....0
Suspicious Situation	.....13
Threat	.....0
Traffic Stop	.....42
Trespassing	.....1
Unknown Accident	.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch	.....0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	.....2

## Former Police Chief runs for county commission seat

### B. J. Conley

Former City of Charlevoix police chief and past president of the Charlevoix Public School board of education Dennis Halverson is a candidate for the county board of commissioners.

Halverson would represent the newly created district that includes the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township. He was the longest

serving Chief of Police in the state of Michigan. Some highlights of his career are that he is a graduate of the 160th session of the FBI National Academy; he was one of 600 police officers nationwide to assist in security at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and he coordinated the Michigan investigation into the homicide of Jon Benet Ramsey.

Halverson currently works with the Charlevoix-Emmet

Intermediate School District. His work includes assisting area school districts with emergency planning and training.

Halverson advocates the state idea of partnerships among local governments. He lives in Charlevoix with his wife, Joy, and has two grown children.

"My family supports my involvement in local government. My wife has always supported me."



Dale Halverson

## Readers spot "April Fools Day" articles in last week's edition

Several Charlevoix County News readers called our bluff, spotting a few April Fools Day articles located throughout last week's edition. The April Fools edition has become an annual tradition at this, and many newspapers throughout the coun-

try each year. The inclusion of those fictitious features is intended to celebrate the spirit of April Fools Day, and we apologize if they inspired any undue concern on the part of the reader.

Just in case you missed the edition, or weren't

sure about the validity of one or two of the articles, the following features were purely presented to honor the traditions of April Fools Day;

- Presidential election postponed!
- Warning: Bearsquatch is back in area!

- Northern Michigan's newest cash crop; cotton? The Charlevoix County News continues to provide the most accurate coverage of news, sports and events in the Charlevoix County area...at least until next April 1st!

## FROM PAGE 1 Funding

oversight board and of course a cap on the fund."

City Commissioner, Mark Penzien commented, "This plan has value to both the home owners and people throughout the city. It could help improve the property values throughout the entire town."

In other budget discussion the commission considered a plan to hire part time officers to help the city police department instead of paying overtime to

current full-time officers.

In other business, the city commission is considering the purchase of tablets or laptop computers that could be used during the meetings for commissioners to review documents under consideration during the agenda instead of printing the hundreds of pages of needed to review



PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY  
East Jordan City Commissioner, Tony Cutler presented a plan to help city residents fund improvements to their homes.

for each meeting. The commission also considered a resolution to pay off bonds

early for the water and sewer resulting in a reduction in resident's water and sewer bills.

Long time resident, Bernie Hammond addressed the commission about a millage question that passed in 1969 to keep .5 mill aside for the purchase of trucks and equipment for the city fire department. The commission will have the city attorney look at this and report at the next meeting.

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## A new face and a facelift for the Ellsworth Farmer's Market

Shannon Fender has been hired to serve as the Ellsworth Farmers Market "Market Master". Fender recently attended the Michigan Farmers Market Association "Boot Camp" conference in Lansing for two days of training, classes and networking on signage, vendor licensing, market development and community involvement. She is currently working with the Ellsworth High School Agricultural Class students to involve them with the market development and to help out throughout the summer events. New banners and marketing promotional materials are being developed to help increase vendors and customers to the event.

The vision for the "new" Ellsworth Farmer's Market is to create a signature event for the community that will offer local vegetables, fruits, crafts and either music or a theme night such as Kids Night, Health Awareness Night or Master Gardner Night. Individuals and families are being encouraged to come to the market and plan on spending the evening shopping, enjoying music and activities in Ellsworth.

When asked about her new position and thoughts regarding the market, Fender commented, "I feel that with the support of the Village, the school and the community, the Ellsworth Farmer's Market will become a major event on the Breezeway for the Village of Ellsworth and local producers and crafters. I am looking forward to a fun-filled summer of Tuesday evenings."

The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments provided a grant to the Village of Ellsworth to fund the Market Master position this year and to develop a successful business market plan that will ensure the future of this community event.

The "new" 2012 Ellsworth Farmer's Market promises to offer a summer schedule of great produce, products and events that will showcase the many agricultural and hand-crafted amenities in the area. The market is the only evening farmer's market in the region, held Tuesday evenings from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM beginning June 12, 2012 on C-48 "The Breezeway" at the corner of Church Street and Main Street.



Shannon Fender has been hired to serve as the Ellsworth Farmers Market "Market Master".

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For more information to become a vendor, or performer, contact Shannon Fender at (231) 536-7351, (231) 536-7952 or you can e-mail Shannon at ellsworthfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

## Easter treats are sweet at Alpine Chocolat Haus

By Jim Akans

It's the perfect place to shop for Easter treats. The Alpine Chocolat Haus offers a delicious array of handmade chocolates, caramel corn, and tasty caramel apples and more...just the ticket for making sure baskets are brimming with delightful goodies this coming Easter Sunday.

The sweet, inviting aroma of freshly made chocolate confections immerses the senses upon entering the Alpine Chocolat Haus in downtown Gaylord or Boyne City. Spread out before the defenseless shopper awaits a vast assortment of handmade dark, milk and white chocolate truffles, creams, clusters, caramels...chocolate covered fruits, pretzels, potato chips...potato chips?!

"Chocolate covered potato chips are our number one seller," observes owner, entrepreneur and Chocolatmeister, Bruce Brown. "It is a combination of sweet and salty flavor that once you try, it's very hard to resist."

Bruce Brown has been churning out chocolate treasures and assorted other confections in downtown Gaylord since opening his shop on Pearl Harbor Day back in 1985. Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, he had spent eight years as an assistant manager for a F.W. Woolworth store in that Upper Peninsula community before moving to Gaylord.

Bruce recalls, "I heard there was a chocolate store for sale in Gaylord and ended up purchasing it. At that time the chocolate was purchased from a downstate vendor. The problem was, people would travel to Gaylord from downstate and they wanted to buy something that was truly from northern Michigan."

A short while later, Bruce met "Katie," his mentor in the art of chocolate making. For nearly forty years prior, Katie and her husband had been chocolate makers extraordinaire, and now she was prepared to share those tantalizing recipes and preparation secrets.

"She also knew where we could buy equipment to make those chocolates," Bruce states, "though we didn't think we could afford it. Amazingly, she said she didn't want to charge for her assistance. If it wasn't for Katie, we wouldn't be here today."

Over the next three decades, the Alpine Chocolat Haus expanded from producing delicious treats using that initial equipment, capable of producing about sixty pounds of chocolate a day, to utilizing a pair of much larger machines capable of making up to 600 pounds of chocolate in a day.

Bruce Brown's heartfelt passion for supporting community organizations, such as the Gaylord Little League, Community Schools, and the United Way is deeply rooted in his family's experience while he was growing up in Sault Ste Marie.

His father worked at Algoma Steel across the bridge in Sault Ste Marie, Canada. When Bruce was ten years old, his dad became seriously ill with diabetes, resulting in series of several operations on his feet, which eventually led to the amputation of both legs below the knee. The community rallied around the distraught family, holding a spaghetti dinner that earned enough proceeds to pay a substantial portion of their outstanding medical bills.

Bruce relates, "The way that community came together to help my family is something I will never forget. I learned first hand how a community can help and I think the support I give today is my way of continuing to pay that back."

The community has also helped to keep the marvelous assortment of delectable goodies offered by the Alpine Chocolat Haus flowing for over a quarter of a century, both by their continued patronage of the establishment, and in assistance early on from the local business community.

"There were times in those early years," Bruce states, "when we struggled to keep going. One time when we desperately needed a loan, the bank and their board of local businesspeople came through in approving us. If it wasn't for that, we would have closed our doors a long time ago. It's so very important when local people help each other by buying locally...as it keeps their hard-earned money in their own community."

Charles M. Schultz once wrote for the character Lucy in his wildly famous Peanuts cartoon series that "All you need is love...but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." The love of chocolate is alive and well at the Alpine Chocolat Haus.



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

The Alpine Chocolat Haus offers a delicious array of handmade chocolates, caramel corn, and tasty caramel apples and more...just the ticket for making sure baskets are brimming with delightful goodies this coming Easter Sunday.

## Classic Instruments in Boyne City Expands to new Location!

Classic Instruments in Boyne City designs and manufactures instrumentation products and accessories for automotive, recreational, and marine markets. They offer catalog products that include round gauges and direct fit kits for popular hot rod vehicles as well as award winning custom instruments, both retrofits and custom design. The company is constantly innovating new products for the hot rod industry. They were named to Inc 500's "Top 5000 America's Fastest Growing Private Companies" list for multiple years in a row, and are a member of the 2010 class of "Michigan 50 Companies to Watch". The company has grown immensely over the past few years, so much in fact that they are moving locations!

They purchased the building at 826 Moll Drive in Boyne City's industrial park. Significant changes to the interior reflect Classic Instruments personality. By the end of March, they will have new carpet, paint and office furniture. The move will take place in three phases, the first being the sales department, marketing department and technical support in early April. That initial move will be followed by the machine shop and customs department in May. Once the machine shop and engineering department are moved, efficiency improvements and line design will begin to prepare for moving the production line. Many changes are in process to help them be more efficient and further improve their product quality, including a new state of the art calibration station.

This move will help improve their manufacturing process and organization. The building gives them space to work efficiently in each department, yet still remain a tight knit company. Classic Instruments is excited and they invite everyone to tour their new facility!

Classic Instruments contracted the remodeling through local carpenter, Cliff Parker.

To learn more about Classic Instruments visit: [classicinstruments.com](http://classicinstruments.com).



New Classic Instruments' facility in the Boyne City Air Industrial Park

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Remodeled office space will reflect the company's personality.

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

**HR 0192:** Introduced by Rep. Bruce Caswell on Feb. 22, 2011. This bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to provide that indebtedness should be deducted from the value of in the of the estate.  
**STATUS:** Referred to committee on Judiciary.

**SB 1033:** Introduced by Sen. Vincent Gregory on March 21, 2012. Allows for specialty plates to recognize women

veterans.  
**STATUS:** Referred to committee on transportation.

**HB 5505:** Introduced by Rep. Mark Meadows on March 21, 2012. A bill that would promote buy Michigan first program to encourage the purchase of agricultural products from farms within this state.  
**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 5506:** Introduced by Mark Meadows on March 21, 2012. A bill to establish a grant program, for the purchase of local products by schools.  
**STATUS:** Referred to Committee on Appropriation.

Compiled by B. .J. Conley  
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## Annual Youth Arts Festival begins at Crooked Tree Arts Center

For over thirty years, Crooked Tree Arts Center has been showcasing the art of area students in the Charlevoix-Emmet County School District through the annual Youth Arts Festival. Beginning Saturday April 21, the 2012 Youth Arts Festival kicks off with the public opening of the Youth Arts Show in the galleries at CTAC from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. All events are free and open to the public. Exciting Festival programming for this year includes:

- Tuesday April 10, 9:00am - Friday April 20, 5:00pm: Young Writers Juried Expo Submissions accepted, online [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org)
- Saturday April 21, 2:00pm-4:00pm: Public Opening Youth Art Show exhibits, CTAC galleries
- Saturday April 21, 10:30am: Portfolio reviews begin with Kendall College of Art and Design, CTAC Visual Arts Room (sign-up sheets begin at 10am)
- Saturday April 28, 1:30pm-3:30pm: Youth Collage Performance, CTAC Ross Stakes Theatre
- Friday May 4: Winning Young Writers Expo entries published, Petoskey News-Review
- Saturday May 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm: Young Writers Awards Ceremony, CTAC Edith Gilbert Gallery
- Saturday May 12: Final day of Youth Arts Show exhibit, CTAC galleries

Crooked Tree Arts Center will again be working with the Kendall College of Art and Design to offer scholarships to high school students interested in attending Kendall. These scholarships are intended to offset the cost of tuition. Kendall College of Art and Design will offer portfolio reviews begin-

ning at 10:30 am in the Visual Arts room, in the basement of CTAC. Students can sign up outside the Visual Arts room door beginning at 10 am when the building opens.

A new addition to the Youth Arts Festival this year is the Youth Collage Performance, scheduled from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday April 28. The performance will feature Crooked Tree Arts Center's Jazz Band, Strings students, and dancers, Little Traverse Youth Choir, and Acting Up - A Teen Improv' Group. Each of the performing groups will be showcased in a round-robin arrangement.

"Bringing together students from the different youth arts groups to be showcased in one performance is an exciting idea. It will be a treat for the students to be able to see other youth groups perform and it will be especially impressive for the audience to see the variety and depth of talent in our communities' young performers," stated Crooked Tree Arts Center staff member and 21st Century Arts Program Coordinator Marty Samson.

For all the young writers in the area CTAC, in conjunction with the Petoskey News-Review, is hosting the 10th Annual Young Writers Juried Exposition. Elementary, middle and high school writers in the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, or home school students in Charlevoix or Emmet Counties, are invited to submit one work of poetry, prose, or one of both.

Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 pm, the Young Writers Expo awards reception will be presented in Crooked Tree Arts Center's Edith Gilbert

Gallery. Refreshments will highlight the work of Boyne City Culinary Arts students. All winning young authors will receive a writing journal and have an opportunity to read their work publicly. High School winners receive monetary prizes: 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25.

"One of the best ways to develop literary skills for a young author is to share his or her work publicly. From putting their ideas on paper to seeing their work published in the newspaper, the Young Writers Expo gives children and teenagers in the community an opportunity to experience the writing process from beginning to end.", states Megan DeWindt, Crooked Tree's coordinator for the program.

An invitation is currently open to all area teachers and home school families to involve their students in the program. All work must be submitted by a parent or teacher on-line through Crooked Tree's website, [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) from 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 10 through 5:00 PM on Friday, April 20. For writing requirements and more details about the Young Writers Juried Exposition, please visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or contact Megan DeWindt at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231 347-4337.

With all the great events, now is the time to save the date and celebrate the work of our area student artists at Crooked Tree Arts Center. More festival information can be found at [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org).

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## East Jordan Freedom Festival

### 2012 East Jordan Freedom Festival to add additional day

The East Jordan Freedom Festival Board of Directors has officially added another day of activities to the schedule of events. The 2012 Freedom Festival will kick off on Wednesday, June 13 at 5:00 PM with Olde Fashioned Kids' Games in downtown East Jordan. A range of games including Saw Dust Search, Bean Bag Toss, Balloon Toss, plus much more will be offered. The games will be followed by a Wii - Just Dance Competition in the band shell at 7:00 PM. The dance competition is open to all ages and the winner will take home the Wii Gaming System and a Just Dance game.

The evening events move to Gemini Lanes on Main

Street at 9:00 PM for Glo Bowling. Early sign-up is encouraged as there is limited space -Bowlers will need to wear bowling shoes and they can be rented from Gemini Lanes for \$1 and the cost per game will be \$1. Bowlers will bowl 2 games and prizes will be awarded throughout the event.

The Freedom Festival runs June 13th through June 17th in East Jordan with activities for the entire family. Visit the website at [www.eastjordanfreedomfestival.org](http://www.eastjordanfreedomfestival.org) or call The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 231-536-7351 for a complete listing of events or for more information.

## A Sense of Scale

The Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (NOMAC), which meets the first Thursday of every month, is hosting a talk at Raven Hill Discovery Center on April 5 at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker will be David Rodgers, Professor of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, Michigan. His talk is titled "A Sense of Scale", which puts into perspective the vast distances of space and time. Rodgers will take about 20 minutes at the beginning, while there is still daylight, to do an outdoor demonstration of "The Thousand-Yard Model", more popularly called, "The Earth Is A Peppercorn". The weather is forecast to be beautiful and this demonstration will get everyone thinking about

the enormous distances involved just in our own solar system. The group will then move back inside for the remainder of the program.

After the indoor program, those interested will move out to the Center's Moon Base to view the night sky through the Center's 16-inch reflecting telescope, if the weather permits. Anyone interested in learning more about telescopes & astronomy and exploring our universe is welcome to attend. Attendees are also invited to bring their own telescopes. Raven Hill has one of the best observing sites in all Michigan with its dark sky and low horizons. Call 231.536.3369 or go to NOMAC's web site at [www.nomac.net](http://www.nomac.net) for more information.

## Miss East Jordan Pageant

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mal wear presentation, and there are also individual interviews with the judges. The director for this year's pageant is Angie Nachazel.

At the end of the evening, each contestant

will receive some level of scholarship award. The proud recipient of the 2012 Miss East Jordan title will receive a \$1,500 scholarship along with several prizes, the First Runner-up will receive a \$1,000

scholarship, Second Runner-up an \$800 scholarship, and the remaining contestants will each receive a \$600 scholarship.

"After all these years being involved with the pageant," Tison reflects, "I still absolutely love being a part of it. It's great to work with these girls and be able to offer these scholarships. This event is always the talk of

town in East Jordan each year. We only sell up to 500 tickets, and it is a sell out every year."

So don't wait to purchase a ticket or you might miss out. Tickets, which are \$8 each, are available from any of this year's contestants, and are also available at the EJ Shop and Esson Hair Salon.

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## You belong at your library this National Library Week, April 8-14

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Today's libraries help level the playing field by making both print and digital information affordable, available and accessible to all people. Libraries provide cultural heritage and genealogical collections, materials in print and electronic formats, job seeking resources, and many creative and resourceful programs.

Libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge. The strength of libraries has always been the diversity of their collections and commitment to serving all people. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians by celebrating the place where we all belong.

"Today's libraries pro-

vide a wide range of opportunities for people with diverse needs and interests," says Valerie Meyerson, Library Director at the Charlevoix Public Library. "That means providing their communities with tailor made collections, services and programs for all people in the community."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information and to find out what's happening during National Library Week, visit one of the many local libraries in the area: Boyne District Library at [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org), Charlevoix Public Library at [www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org), Crooked Tree District Library at [www.crookedtreelibrary.org](http://www.crookedtreelibrary.org), or Jordan Valley District Library at [www.jvdl.info](http://www.jvdl.info).

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# Arts, Dining & Events

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## National Library Week highlights Boyne District Library visit from PaleoJoe

To Celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14, Boyne District Library will host paleontologist, author and storyteller Joseph Kchodl, known as "PaleoJoe" on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The whole family is invited to come to the free program, featuring a "real dinosaur digger."

The winners of the library's National Library Week Bookmark Contest will be announced at the start of the program. Children submitted entries in three age groups (K-1, 2-3 and 4-5), and a winner from each age group will be announced.

"The winners will have their artwork on display for a whole year, as these will be the library's official bookmarks for the year," said Monica Kroondyk, children's librarian. "We had so many great entries, it was difficult to choose just three."

In addition, each winner will receive 25 bookmarks featuring their design, as well as a book of their choice. All entries will be displayed in the children's room at the library through April 30.

PaleoJoe's entertaining educational style is sure to capture the imaginations of those attending the program, as it has with the tens of thousands of children he has spoken to in schools and libraries in Michigan and surrounding states. He will bring dinosaurs to life with a T-Rex tooth, a Velociraptor skull and a variety of other amazing fossils. With PaleoJoe's high-energy program, students see, hear and experience the fascination that dinosaurs and fossils bring.

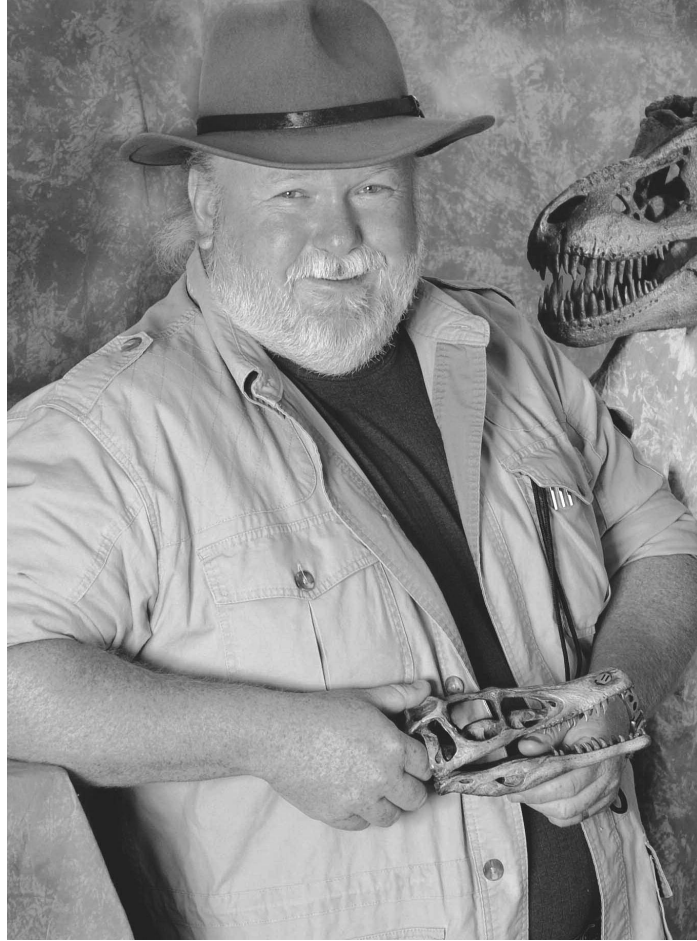
Dinosaurs, however, are not the sole focus of the program. "I want kids to be excited about science, not just paleontology," Kchodl says. "It's just great to inspire kids and get them to want to read and learn."

PaleoJoe takes students and adults on a wild ride through the ancient world while describing and reinforcing the importance of reading. He also gives insights into the mind of a writer, as he describes his adventures that sometimes appear in his work.

Kchodl has written several books about fossils for adults, including "The Complete Guide to Michigan Fossils," as well as books for children. The chapter book series for children in second through sixth grades, "PaleoJoe's Dinosaur Detective Club," follows the adventures of two children who help PaleoJoe solve prehistoric mysteries. "Hidden Dinosaurs" is a dinosaur hunting and fossil collecting hide-and-seek book for children, filled with dinosaur rhymes and interesting dinosaur facts.

In addition to speaking and writing about fossils and dinosaurs, Kchodl continues to hunt fossils, and says, "Yes, I am a real dinosaur digger." He continues to dig with world-renowned paleontologists and has discovered ribs of an 11 million-year-old rhino in Nebraska, remains of a 60-foot long Camarasaurus in Utah, and helped a team recover a Tyrannosaurus Rex in Montana.

For more information, call the library at (231) 582-7861, or visit [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).



To Celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14, Boyne District Library will host paleontologist, author and storyteller Joseph Kchodl, known as "PaleoJoe" on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. COURTESY PHOTO

## Boyne Area Alano Club to hold spaghetti dinner fundraiser

The Boyne Area Alano Club will host a spaghetti dinner on April 19 at St. Matthew's Parish Hall to raise funds to support Unity Hall, a meeting place in Boyne City for several 12-Step addiction recovery programs. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is a charitable donation at the door.

The Boyne Area Alano Club is a non-profit organization whose main focus is to financially support and manage a safe and caring meeting place for people suffering from addictive, compulsive or other behavioral problems. It is currently home to an average of 60 meetings per month with an average monthly attendance of 760.

"With Unity Hall, our community has a place where 12-Step meetings can thrive, where voices can be heard and problems shared, and where addiction is recognized without prejudice," said Alano board president Richard Fish. "Unity Hall is a place where those affected by addiction can find real answers and the comfort of knowing they are not alone."

Contributions to Unity Hall are always appreciated. They can be mailed to: Boyne Area Alano Club, P.O. Box 406, Boyne City, MI., 49712.

## Purchase tickets now for the 36th Annual Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party

By Jim Akans

Now is the time to purchase tickets for the upcoming 36th Annual Knights of Columbus "Cash Raffle Party," which will be taking place on Saturday evening, April 21st, at Castle Farms Knights East Garden. This yearly fundraiser, sponsored by the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172, features an evening of fabulous food and refreshments, live music, and over \$14,750 in cash prizes!

"We believe this is the best party that takes place in

Charlevoix County each year," states Steve Seely: who co-chairs the event along with fellow Knights of Columbus officer, Roger Nesburg. "And it keeps getting better and better each year. Last year we raised over \$10,000 which we allocated to 22 area organizations in need, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, 4H Youth Programs, the Mariners, area schools, the Charlevoix Food Pantry, the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful campaign and many more. We have also established a program to help purchase gas cards for area veterans

who need to travel to hospitals.

Seely reflects that when this annual fundraiser began 36 years ago, the grand prize for the evening was a new car.

He smiles, "Vehicles were about \$5000 back then, so we changed the event to a cash party as the years went by. By popular request, we have changed the format of the twenty random drawings this year so that those will be drawn as winning ticket pulls. 'Showdown drawings' will be for the major prizes only."

And there will be plenty of cash drawings during the

evening. There will be (20) \$250 prizes, four 50/50 drawings, and four major drawings; a Grand Prize of \$5,000 – Second Prize of \$2,000 – Third Prize of \$1,000 – Fourth Prize of \$750 – and a Fifth Prize of \$500.

But that's not all. A luscious array of delicious gourmet foods will be offered by "Catering by Matter of Taste!" from 6:30 to 10 pm. Steve Larson of Disc-O-Necton will be back again this year DJ'ing some great music to dance to from 6:30 to 11:30 pm, and there will be two mixed cocktail bars and a beer/wine bar from 6 to 11

pm

So join the "Best party in Charlevoix" and a terrific community fundraising event on Saturday, April 21st at Castle Farms Knights East Garden. Tickets reservations at \$150, which admits two people, are on a first come-first served, and includes food, entertainment and a beverage allowance. To purchase a ticket, please contact

Steve Seely at (231) 499-3674 or Ed Linse at (231) 547 4526.

## Raven Hill Announces April Events

Raven Hill is open every day from noon to 4 p.m. through Saturday, April 7 so families can treat themselves to an afternoon of fun and exploration at Raven Hill Discovery Center. Visitors can build connections between science, history and the arts in an interactive learning environment. In addition to the hands-on museum and exotic animals, guests can spend time in the one-room schoolhouse, explore the new tree house, see the geologic history of the earth on the Exploring Beyond Jurassic Park outdoor exhibit, stroll through various cultures in the Ancient World, play music in the Earth Tones Music Garden and take a peek at the Center's Energy House, which is solar powered.

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts has granted a 2012 award to Raven Hill Discovery Center for Blurred Boundaries: Modern Interpretations of Ancient Megaliths. This is the twelfth consecutive grant awarded to Raven Hill by MCACA and will allow Raven Hill to expand its Ancient World area with five new megaliths. Megaliths (big rocks) are large stone sculptures or groupings of rocks originally placed for sacred celebrations or to honor something or someone. Two professional artists will create and install their modern interpretations of well-known ancient megaliths. The other three megaliths will be created from submitted miniliths chosen by students and community members, who are invited to bring their modern inter-

pretations of ancient megaliths by April 21, or design and build a miniature of their modern interpretation of an ancient megalith right at Raven Hill over spring break. The activity is \$3 above admission cost. All submitted miniliths will be on display April 22nd to May 1st at Raven Hill. A committee of experts will choose three miniliths to be "enlarged" and installed in the Ancient World exhibit in June. The five new megaliths will be unveiled at a grand opening September 16, 2012.

The Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (NOMAC) will meet Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 pm at Raven Hill Discovery Center. The program is titled, "A Sense of Scale" and will be presented by David W. Rodgers, Professor of Chemistry and Earth Sciences at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and

Then, the popular free Second Saturday events continue at Raven Hill Discovery Center with the next event on April 14th. Visitors can explore surface tension with "Swirling Milk." Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, each month free 2nd Saturdays highlight a different science, history or art activity (and the connections between them!), as well as allow families to explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the outdoor exhibits. Free 2nd Saturday hours are from noon to 4 pm. Bring the whole family or make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities

and interests. Please no organizations or groups on 2nd Saturdays – remember, it's a family affair!

On Sunday, April 22nd, join friends and neighbors for an Earth Journey at Raven Hill to celebrate Earth Day. Between noon to 4 pm, visitors will be able to pick up a passport and walk the grounds at Raven Hill. Special Earth Journey t-shirts will be available for \$6 each while supplies last.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is a regional science and technology center. It is located on 157 acres in a rural area of northwestern Lower Michigan next to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. It is also a cultural, historical and art center. Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. The Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. Can't make it during regular hours? Call to schedule an appointment at your convenience. For more information, phone 231-536-3369 or toll free 877-833-4254 or check the Center's website: [www.RavenHillDiscoveryCenter.org](http://www.RavenHillDiscoveryCenter.org)

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## BOYNE CITY

### Leaf Pickup

City of Boyne City 2012 Spring City Wide Leaf Pickup, weekdays through April 30. The City will pick up leaves during the above scheduled days only. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Biodegradable paper bags are available at Boyne Co-Op, and Boyne Ace Hardware.

## 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 Weather-vane 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!

## EAST JORDAN

### Easter Fun and Games

Sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club. Saturday, April 7 at the East Jordan High School. Starting at 10am and the cost is free. There will be Fun, Games, Candy and Door Prizes. For more information call Bill Dunson at 231-536-2848

## 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.

## BOYNE CITY

### New nature area

The Friends of the Boyne River have another idea to ensure that Boyne City and its surrounding area protect the environment while providing recreational activities. Nancy Cunningham of Friends of the Boyne River spoke to the city commission at a recent meeting and was granted city approval to use the site, which is on city land. The land is located on a slope and an adjacent wetland along the river at the east end of the Industrial Park. This project will consist of constructing boardwalks and steps around the wetland and establishing a rain garden that helps to prevent soil erosion. The path will be approximately 900 feet long. Grant funding is now being sought to finance construction.

## 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

### Boat launch permit stickers now available for 2012

Annual boat launch permit stickers are now available for 2012 at Boyne City Hall. These stickers are good for launching at either the small launch at the marina or the north launch near Glen's Market (attainment of a sticker does not include the overnight parking fee). To obtain your annual permit, you will need to present your current boat registration and driver's license. For your convenience, once the marina office is open for the season in May, they will carry stickers and will be open evenings and weekends. Annual stickers can also be obtained by mail; contact City Hall for information, 231.582.6597.

## EAST JORDAN

### Woodcock Walk

Saturday, April 14th, 7pm. Join the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center for our monthly potluck program! Dinner starts at 7pm. Bring a dish to pass if you can, but it's not mandatory. Our program begins at 8pm with an evening viewing of the spectacularly dramatic courtship display of the

woodcock. Find out why they are nicknamed "the Little Brown Ghost" as we sneak through forest and field to experience our local harbingers of spring. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to encounter the wild animals that live in the Jordan River Valley. Great for individuals, couples, and families! Located three miles south of East Jordan. For more info, call 231-536-0333 or email info@wagbo.org.

## IRONTON

### Benefit at Joppa House

The Front Porch Pickers are doing a benefit for the Joppa House of Charlevoix On Saturday, April 14. Come and join us at the Ironton Church. 5:30 to 6:45 for hot dogs, burgers, and refreshments. 7pm the music starts, gospel and much more. Donations accepted for the Joppa House. The primary purpose of the Joppa House is to provide a safe, rehabilitative, and structured Christian environment for those at risk.

## EAST JORDAN

### Little League signup

Last Chance Sign up April 14, 10am - Noon, held at the East Jordan High School. All age divisions. For more information contact Ruby at 231-536-3012

## CHARLEVOIX

### BookTalkers

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 April 16, the BookTalkers will meet to discuss *The Blind Assassin*, by Margaret Atwood. Romance, suspense, and science fiction are elements that blend to produce one of Atwood's most original (and Booker Prize-winning) works. The novel begins with Iris telling of her sister Laura's death. But, as the reader expects to settle into Laura's story, Atwood introduces a novel-within-a-novel. It is a story told by two unnamed lovers who meet in a dingy backstreet room. After the first chapter, Atwood returns to Iris, whose husband's body is discovered in a sailboat. This story turns out to be not at all what it seems: classic Atwood, classic fiction. Then on May 21, the BookTalkers will be discussing *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. For discussion questions, visit the book discussion page on the library's website: [www.charlevoixlibrary.org/books-movies-music/book-discussions](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/books-movies-music/book-discussions).

## CHARLEVOIX

### Free Varicose Vein Screening

A free screening for those interested in finding out more about venous disease will take place Thursday, April 19 from 4pm to 7pm at the new medical office complex on Charlevoix Area Hospital's campus. Hosted by Charlevoix surgeon, Marc Lame MD, the event will give patients an opportunity to learn about risk factors, prevention, spider and varicose veins, and treatment options including the new VNUS Closure procedure. Everyone is welcome to participate, and there is no charge or obligation. Those wishing to attend should make an appointment by calling Monica at the Charlevoix Surgeons Office, (231) 547-2812.

## BOYNE CITY

### Kindergarten Round-up

Concord Academy will host a kindergarten round-up April 19, 9am - Noon and 1-3pm at the school, 00401 E. Dietz Rd. Take the opportunity to have your child individually tested and meet with the teacher. Young 5's class is also available. Call for an appointment, 231-582-0194.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Cash Raffle Party

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the 36th annual Cash Raffle Party at Castle Farms. The event is April 21 from 6pm - 11:30pm. Tickets for two are \$150 and includes food, entertainment and a beverage allowance. \$14,750 will be awarded in prizes this year including a grand prize of \$5,000. This is a community fundraiser! All cash party proceeds stay in our community and fund charitable good works and youth programs for all! Please help them help others! In 2011 the Knights supported over 22 area programs with cash proceeds from this party. For tickets contact Steve Seely: 231-499-3674, Ed Linse: 231-547-4526, Gabe Campbell: 231-547-9739, John Haggard: 231-547-4046, Roger Nesburg: 231-547-5111, Paul Hoelderle: 231-547-6127

## 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

### Synthetics Education from BASES

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

## 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 credit history. How to address credit deficiencies. How to get and review your credit report. How to shop for and use credit card responsibly. Call library at 231-536-

7131 to register

## BOYNE CITY

### Spaghetti dinner

The Boyne Area Alano Club will host a spaghetti dinner on April 19 at St. Matthew's Parish Hall to raise funds to support Unity Hall, a meeting place in Boyne City for several 12-Step addiction recovery programs. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30pm. The cost is a charitable donation at the door.

## 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... 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](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org), visit [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org), Events, or sign up on Facebook.

## BOYNE FALLS

### Chefs Challenge

April 20-21 at Boyne Mountain. This year's event is looking like the best yet! We hope you won't pass up the opportunity to support Challenge Mountain by attending this wonderful celebration of Michigan agriculture, awesome producers and chefs!

## CHARLEVOIX

### K of C Cash Raffle Party

Reserve your ticket today. Sponsored By the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172. On Saturday, April 21 from 6-11:30pm at Castle Farms Knights East Garden. The event costs \$150 per ticket, Admits Two. Donation includes all food, entertainment and beverage allowance. Over \$14,750 in Cash Prizes! 26 Prizes To Be Awarded. All religions and denominations welcome. This is to Celebrate Spring! Music by Steve Larson of Disc-O-Necture back again from 6:30-11:30pm. Catering by Matter of Taste! Luscious array of delicious gourmet foods. Serving from 6:30 - 10pm. Two mixed cocktail bars and a beer/ wine bar to serve you! Serving from 6 - 11pm. To purchase your ticket now please contact one of these Knights or any area Knight. Ticket reservations are first come-first served. Steve Seely: 231-499-3674, Ed Linse: 231-547-4526, Gabe Campbell: 231-547-9739, John Haggard: 231-547-4046, Roger Nesburg: 231-547-5111, Paul Hoelderle: 231-547-6127

## BOYNE CITY

### 50's Party

Rock around the clock April 21 at the Eagles hall, 6pm - Midnight. Live music, twist contest, prizes, auction, celebrity performers, cash bar and food available. Come dressed as a 50's or 60's personality for a chance to win prizes. \$6 donation. All proceeds go to N. Michigan cancer crusaders

## EAST JORDAN

### Kindergarten Round Up

April 24th and 26th from 11am - 7pm. Call East Jordan Public School to make an appointment. 231-536-7564

## BOYNE CITY

### Community open house

Come and see what Concord Academy has to offer April 26, 7-8pm. Concord academy is located at 00401 E. Dietz Rd.

## BOYNE CITY

### Business Expo/Taste of Boyne

Thursday, April 26. \$5 admission includes all Taste of Boyne booths. One of the largest business networking events in Northern Michigan is held on the fourth Thursday of April in Boyne City. In 2011, the third annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Boyne attracted a crowd of 1,000 people to visit 85 exhibitor booths. This exciting Expo is presented by Northwestern Bank and includes great food, networking, music and business exhibits from 3 to 7pm. It

all happens at the former Carter's Store on M-75 South.

## BOYNE CITY

### iImagine, iInspire, iInnovate

Boyne City Public Schools Announces its 1:1 iPad Initiative for the 2012-13 School Year. After much research and debate, BCPS is moving forward in implementing a 1:1 iPad initiative for the 2012-13 school year. The district plans to showcase how the iPad will be used in the classroom during the Boyne City Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, April 26 from 3-7pm at the old Carter's building. Parents, community members and other curious onlookers are encouraged to stop by the BCPS booth to experience how students utilize iPads in the classroom and have a chance to 'try their hand' with an iPad. It truly is transforming the way students learn! For further information, please contact Erin Luckhardt at [eluckhardt@boyne.k12.mi.us](mailto:eluckhardt@boyne.k12.mi.us).

## EAST JORDAN

### Mother of the year

East Jordan Lions Club is looking for nominations for the 2012 "Mother of the Year". Please keep in mind that this person should be someone who is currently or has been working/helping children in a positive way in our community. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please submit their name with a brief (200 words or less) summary of why you feel they deserve this honor to: East Jordan Lions Club, P.O. Box 845 East Jordan, MI 49727. Nominations must be received no later than April 30, 2012.

## BOYNE FALLS

### 2012's Biggest Economic Development Event!

Join 500 business and community leaders all interested in the economic vitality of our region at the 2012 NLEA Annual Luncheon, Friday, May 4th, at Boyne Mountain Resort. This year's event is gearing up to be the biggest in our history with knowledgeable guest speakers, inspiring awards and recognition of outstanding projects and people throughout the NLEA region. Call 231-582-6482 for more info.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### County Commission Seats

All six districts for the County Board of Commissioners, as well as the county prosecutor, clerk, sheriff, surveyor, treasurer, registrar of deeds and drain commissioner. Lots of opportunities if you'd like to run for office. The deadline for potential candidates to file is 4pm on Tuesday, May 15th.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Circle Summer Camp

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is now accepting applications for instructors and Aides for the Circle Summer Camp for July 2 through August 10. The camp will offer 10-12 different sessions. For more information, please visit [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).

## EAST JORDAN & ELLSWORTH

### Farmer's Market

Both the East Jordan and the Ellsworth Farmer's Markets are looking for vendors for the upcoming Summer market season. Produce & Handcrafted items are welcome at both locations. For information on the East Jordan Market contact Laurie Wakeham at 231-536-2636 or for the Ellsworth Market contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351. The East Jordan Market takes place every Thursday from 9am - 1pm starting in May and the Ellsworth Market takes place on Tuesday evenings from 5 - 7pm starting in mid June.

## CHARLEVOIX

### First Friday business

The next breakfast will be May 4th at Giuseppe's Italian Grille sponsored by Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center.

## BOYNE FALLS

### Morel Fest Wine & Dine

Tickets are now on sale for the 7th Annual MorelFest Wine & Dine at the Beach House Restaurant at Boyne Mountain (439 E. Deer Lake Road) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18. Admission is \$40 per person, including tax and gratuity. Sponsors of this gourmet event are the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Mountain and Bayside Beverage. Reservations are required. This event sells out every year, so don't delay. Call the chamber to purchase tickets, 231-582-6222.

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## OBITUARIES

### Patricia A. Dillon, 67

Patricia A. Dillon of Charlevoix, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

Services are pending. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

### Arthur Roy Ranger III

(APRIL 10, 1959 - MARCH 30, 2012)

Arthur Roy Ranger III, 52, of Big Rapids and formerly of Charlevoix, died Friday, March 30, 2012.

He was born on April 10, 1959, at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, the son of Arthur A. and Patricia (Ratigan) Ranger. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1977. He received his bachelor of science in land surveying in 1981 from Ferris State College.

He married Beth Ward on June 6, 1981, in Big Rapids.

Upon graduation, Art was employed by Wightman & Associates in St. Joseph, Mich., until he received his professional license in 1985. They moved to Charlevoix where Art worked in his father's company, Ranger Engineering. In 1994, Art started Ranger & Associates, Inc., a stand-alone land surveying business.

Art was a longtime member of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors. He was first and foremost a surveyor and an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing.

Art is survived by his wife, Beth Ranger, of Big Rapids; his parents, Alvin and Patsy Ranger, of Charlevoix; sister, Corinne (Paul) Vita, of Saratoga, Calif., and their children, Jonathan and Julia; two brothers, Robert (Lisa) Ranger of Midland, Mich., and their children, Scott and Alissa, and William (Amy) Ranger of Traverse City and their children, Max, Emma and Isabelle; and special nieces "daughters," Emily, Leslie, Laura and Elizabeth, who shared their lives with Art and Beth at various times.

A private family-only memorial service is planned. Memorial contributions may be directed to Little Traverse Conservancy or donor's choice. Arrangements by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

### Olive Margaret Bernier

(AUG. 22, 1919 - MARCH 12, 2012)

Olive Margaret Bernier, age 92, of Boyne City, died Monday, March 12, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Olive was born on Aug. 22, 1919, in Detroit, the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Smith) LaCross.

Olive lived in Ecorse and married Russell Van Horn in 1939; together they raised four sons. Olive moved to Boyne City in 1970 following Russell's death.

She then married Murray Northup who preceded her in death.

In 1974, Olive met and married Walter Bernier. Olive and Walter enjoyed 37 years doing painting, pottery, wood crafting and cooking. They were

known locally and participated in many art shows.

Olive is survived by her children, Juanita, Ron (Gail), Greg (Lori), Gary (Mary Ann); stepson, Michael (Sonja) Bernier; grandchildren, Rusty (Debbie), Matt (Jennifer), Elliott, Kara, Mike, Dan, Mandy (Charles), Brian (Tanya), Catherine and Mike; five great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Russell Van Horn, Murray Northup and Walter Bernier; son, Russell; and granddaughter, Marisa.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for the outstanding care given Olive the past few years.

A private family service will be held later this spring.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

### Genevieve 'Jennie' Richards

(AUG. 23, 1917 - MARCH 22, 2012)

Genevieve "Jennie" Richards, age 94, of East Jordan and formerly of Drayton Plains, Mich., died on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in Johnstown, Colo.

Jennie was born on Aug. 23, 1917, in Pontiac, Mich., the daughter of Adam and Mary (Stempkowitz) Walenski.

She married Vernon Richards in March 13, 1937, in Pontiac and took up residence in Drayton Plains. She worked at Pontiac Motors for many years and after retirement moved to East Jordan.

Jennie had many talents and interests but her family was always her first priority. She was an excellent cook, especially noted for her Polish dishes. Her hobbies were, which included but not limited to, sewing, crocheting, knitting and quilting. Many in the family have been blessed with something made lovingly by Jennie's hands. She was much loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Jennie is survived by one son, James (Terri) Richards, of Johnstown, Colo.; two grandchildren, Amy Lee (Todd) Forsten of Clarkston and Adam (Amy) Richards of Linden; four great-grandchildren, Michaela, Jacob, Jami and Rachel; one sister, Mary Ann Cox of Ortonville, Mich.; one son-in-law, Skip Osborne of East Jordan; and one daughter-in-law, Sharon (Jim) Merrow of Fenton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Richards, and two children, Betty Ann Osborne and Gary Richards.

A celebration of Jennie's life was held Saturday, March 31, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. Kenneth H. Lein of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan officiated.

Memorials may be given to the Kingfisher Foundation at Halcyon Hospice, 209 Main Street, Mead, Colo. 80542.

## Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation Announced

### 1910 Waterworks Building preservation recognized

Governor Rick Snyder and Gary Heidel, executive director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, announced the selection of the 2012 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation.

The State Historic Preservation Office initiated the award program in 2003 to recognize outstanding historic preservation achievements reflecting a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many cultural resources that document Michigan's past. Previous recipient projects include private residences whose owners used state historic preservation tax credits, the excavation and study of the Riley Mammoth Site in Saranac, the rehabilitation of the Argonaut Building in Detroit, the long-term preservation of the Northern Michigan Asylum in Traverse City, Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project in Niles, the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, and the Point Betsie Lighthouse rehabilitation.

"The preservation of historic buildings and archaeological sites is vital to maintaining a sense of place in our state," said Snyder. "This year's recipients understand the power of historic places to attract business and tourists and the difference they make in our communities."

"The people and organizations we are recognizing this year have invested money, time, talent, and hard work to make their projects a reality and to preserve these important historic places," said Heidel. "Each re-

ipient has had a positive impact on Michigan."

The 2012 recipients are: Keweenaw National Historical Park, Quinn Evans Architects, Yalmer Matilla Contracting, Inc., and the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission, for the rehabilitation of the Union Building, Calumet

Swanee, Incorporated and Barry Polzin Architects for the rehabilitation of the Richter Brewery, Escanaba

G. A. Haan Development, U.P. Engineers and Architects, and Oakwood Construction for the rehabilitation of the Adams and Masonic Temple Buildings, Sault Ste. Marie

City of Boyne City, C2AE, Richard Neumann Architect, and Graham Construction for the rehabilitation of the Boyne City 1910 Waterworks Building, Boyne City

Eastside Armory LLC [Gillespie Group], Studio Intrigue Architects and Kincaid Henry Building Group for the rehabilitation of the Lansing Artillery National Guard Armory, Lansing

Michigan State Medical Society for stewardship of the Michigan Medical Society Building, East Lansing

"We see the results daily of how historic preservation transforms communities," stated State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway. "The Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation give us an opportunity to recognize some of the people behind the projects that are

making a difference to Michigan."

Recipients will receive their awards at a public ceremony in the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m.

To learn about previous Governor's Award projects, go to: [www.michigan.gov/shpo](http://www.michigan.gov/shpo).

The State Historic Preservation Office is financed in part with federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The office receives federal financial assistance for identification and protection of historic properties. The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.\*

\*MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).

# Spring ushered in like a lion, but the lamb has arrived!

By Jim Akans

What a glorious spring to be in northern Lower Michigan. Basking in the glow of predominately sunny skies and 50-ish temperatures, it's not easy (or necessarily good for the soul) to recall that the month of March truly arrived like a lion; with freezing cold temperatures and nearly two feet of snow on the ground in many parts of the area.

Yet by mid month, the thermometer has skyrocketed into the lower 80's, the snow retreated like the bashful lion in the Wizard of Oz, and lamb chops were destined for the renewal of the backyard outdoor grilling season. Could this early start to the spring season be a sign of the summer to come?

"Overall," states Jim Keyser of the National Weather Service office near Gaylord, "The spring looks to be above normal temperatures, with plenty of warm days ahead that will be above our typical high temperatures...though of course we will still see some colder weather now and then. At this time, our normal highs are in the 40-degree range and we are starting to see daily temperatures exceed that. This is also the "fast track" time of year in terms of the rise in average daily temperature highs, going up about one degree every two to three days for the next couple of weeks."

Keyser points out that area residents experienced temperature variations during the month of March that most folks don't typically see in a single month.

"Here at the weather center, we saw a 99-degree spread between the lowest temperature, which was minus 17 degrees Fahrenheit early in the month, to a high of 82-degrees in the middle of the month. People always like to talk about the weather, and that is an interesting statistic to bring up during those conversations."

Another fascinating fact is that when the northern region experienced those 80-degree-days, the normal high during that time should have been in the 30's. Keyser says don't blame these aberrations on Pacific basin phenomenon such as La Nina or El Nino.

"While we have been in a La Nina pattern the last couple of years," he explains, "that pattern has weakened and our weather is in a neutral period...right where it should be without those ocean-atmospheric effects. During that recent unseasonable warming trend, the cold air simply retreated well into Canada, as if Mother Nature forgot what



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

**A warmer spring on the horizon? "Overall," states Jim Keyser of the National Weather Service office near Gaylord, "The spring looks to be above normal temperatures, with plenty of warm days ahead that will be above our normal high temperatures."**

time of year it was!"

While most will happily accept the generally above normal spring temperatures, there is concern that area fruit crops, which have begun budding due to the warm summer-like days, will become vulnerable to freezing nighttime temperatures that may come our way in the next several weeks. It remains to be seen how this will affect area fruit trees and primarily depends on how many cold nights show up, and just how cold those nights are.

While Keyser relates that there are still question marks surrounding predictions for the upcoming summer months, the weather service has a high level of confidence in their prediction of a warmer than usual spring.

"We had a warm fall and winter," he states, "and now we are looking at a warm spring. For April that means instead of looking at average highs in the 50's we should be seeing more average high temperatures in the 60's. In May, instead of average highs in the 60's, we should see a few more days with highs in the 70's. We may also be looking at higher than normal precipitation, but with less than normal snowfall over the winter and a rapid melt in March, that extra precipitation would be a good thing for ground moisture."

So get those golf clubs, watercraft, and backyard barbecues ready. Even if those extra warm temperatures don't arrive as predicted, the lion of the winter has likely lost its roar.



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# News

## DAVE Says

Dave Ramsey



### Get moving!

Dear Dave,  
My husband works two hours away from home. He gets up at 3 a.m. and doesn't get home until 7 p.m. We have a fully funded emergency fund, and he makes \$95,000 a year. My parents' place is an hour from his job, and they've offered to let us live with them. What do you think of this idea?

Jessica  
Dear Jessica,  
Why don't you just sell the house and move closer to where he works? If he makes that kind of money and you've got your emergency fund in place, you should be able to handle moving costs. I've got to be honest, I'd do the two hours to work and two hours home drive maybe once before I'd begin seriously

looking for a place much closer.

Right now, you guys don't have a life. And moving in with your parents wouldn't be much better. That poor guy practically lives on the road, and I'm sure you both want more quality time together. He sounds like a great guy, though, to be willing to go through all that. He's busting his tail and doing what it takes to provide for his family, but there's just no reason for either of you to go through this kind of pain and inconvenience.

Get your house on the market, and find a little rental near his job for now. You can rebuild part of your emergency fund if necessary, but if I'm in your shoes, I'm going to fix this logistical nightmare as fast as humanly possible!

—Dave

### Teaching and tough love

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I need to update our will, but we're not sure how to divide the money. All of our children are grown, including my three stepsons. The problem is that two of my stepsons are irresponsible with money and are drug users. Do you have any advice?

Colleen  
Dear Colleen,  
Typically, if you give money to a drug user they'll use it for one thing: drugs. Your goal as a parent is to love them and teach them to the best of your ability. Buying their drugs upon your death doesn't fall into either of those cate-

gories. There's absolutely nothing wrong with you deciding not to leave them any money as long as they're involved in this kind of activity.

If it were me, I'd have a reading of the will when the changes are made. Then, I'd sit down with the family members and explain why you've updated the will in this manner. Let them know you love them and want what's best for them, but you and your husband have decided you're not going to take a chance on funding any misbehavior on their part.

Make sure you let them know, too, that things can change if they change. They might be mad and fuss about it, but that's okay. Let them be mad. It's perfectly all right for you to attach stipulations to any inheritance they might receive, especially when it's for their own good!

—Dave

\* For more financial help, please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

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### STUDENT NEWS

## STUDENTS of the Week

### Boyne Falls Public Schools

#### Austin Harmon



#### PARENT(S):

Pat Harmon and Rebecca Palmiter

#### GRADE: 6

#### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Playing basketball, reading

#### HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Hunting, fishing, Mich. State Athletics

#### FAVORITE BOOK:

Last of the Breed by Louis L'Amour

#### FUTURE PLANS:

Becoming an Engineer

### STAFF COMMENTS

Sixth-grader Austin Harmon is passionate about a lot of things... reading books by Louis L'Amour and Gary Paulsen; playing dodge ball, baseball, and basketball; watching Michigan State athletics; hunting at the family cabin; out-of-door adventures; telling jokes; and doing well in school. His naturally competitive nature drives him to do his best in everything. When it comes to school, Austin works hard and always does his best. He listens well and participates and is a natural leader in the classroom. He cares about his progress and definitely understands that being "successful in life" begins with the choices that he's making right now. His future is bright! Austin, congratulations on being this month's Student of the Week! (Ryan Book)

### Boyne City High School

Week of March 23-28

#### Colton D. Mooney



#### PARENTS:

Sherri Hallman and Daniel Mooney

#### GRADE: 12

#### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

"This year I participated in Varsity Soccer, NHS, and Jazz Band plus several community activities such as Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra, a Jazz Combo, and Cross Country Skiing."

#### HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

"I have a lot of hobbies and interest. My main interests are of the outdoors. I enjoy spending time outside and exercising to stay in shape. Snowboarding, skiing, soccer, pick-up basketball, football, anything that gets me off the couch I'm down for."

#### FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

"Once I graduate high school I plan on continuing my education by attending Michigan Technological University. There I will get my masters in Mechanical Engineering so I can someday impact society with a positive outcome."

### STAFF COMMENTS

"Colton has an extremely positive attitude and sets a good example for other students." (Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

"Colton has a very bright future ahead of him. He is goal-oriented and a driven young man. Reach for the stars Colton!" (Mrs. Deming, Psychology Teacher)

"Colton is a creative, enthusiastic student who is highly self motivated and goal oriented. He is both respectful to adults and respected by his peers." (Mrs. Heath, English Teacher)

### Boyne City High School

Week of April 2-6

#### Jay Redman



#### PARENTS:

Nick and Julie Redman

#### GRADE: 12

#### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Varsity Basketball  
Football  
Track  
Pride Team  
Camp Daggett Counselor

#### HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Sports  
Hanging out with friends

#### COMMENTS:

"Want to thank the community for all of their support this year during sporting events, really helps us players out during competition." FANS THANK YOU

### STAFF COMMENTS

"Jay is an outstanding person to highlight in hopes that underclassmen strive to rise to his level." (Mr. Calcaterra, Visual Imaging Teacher)

"Jay is a good role model for students. He makes good decisions and is a great leader." (Mrs. Parker, Accounting Teacher)

"I have enjoyed having Jay in class. He is a positive, conscientious student who does an excellent job of balancing his academic expectations with healthy doses of extra curricular and social activities." (Ms. Heath, English Teacher)

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Jim Daly



Dr. Juli Slattery

### Adoption a deeply rewarding choice for many parents

**QUESTION:** My wife and I have a 2-year-old of our own, but now we're considering adopting another child. Frankly, we can't decide if we should pursue it or if we're simply setting ourselves up for a lot of stress and heartache.

Jim: Adoption is a major undertaking, and there are many things to consider, as you well know. But with planning and a lot of prayer, it can be a beautiful thing.

Dr. Debi Grebenik is a licensed social worker and the executive director of a foster care and adoption agency. Her years in the field have led her to identify several traits of successful adoptive families.

First, according to Dr. Grebenik, the adoption journey begins with a commitment for life. In many ways, adoption is similar to marriage — it calls for love and understanding in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer. There will be unforeseen detours, mountaintop experiences and challenges along the way. But adoptive parents who begin the

process with this rock-solid commitment are more likely to see it through.

In addition, adoptive parents, just like all parents, must be prepared to love their child unconditionally. You probably already know that some kids have deep emotional wounds after spending years in foster care. They may display manipulation, defiance, aggression, depression and other challenging behaviors. A parent's unconditional love may be the only lifeline they have as they emerge from an unstable environment and learn what it means to be part of a permanent, stable family for the first time in their lives.

There are difficulties associated with adoption, but they are not insurmountable. And the blessings and rewards far outweigh the challenges for those who are willing to take the plunge. For more resources on this issue, visit [www.icare-aboutorphans.org](http://www.icare-aboutorphans.org) or [www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com).

**QUESTION:** I am a single mother, and due to the economy, I am really struggling to make ends meet.

Should I move back in with my parents until things get better?

Juli: Your question is becoming more and more common as many single parents face the realities of a tough economy and the unceasing demands of raising children by yourself. Unfortunately, there is no one-size-fits-all answer. There are, however, some principles to consider that might help you make your decision.

It can be a true blessing for everyone when generations of a family live together. In many parts of the world, this is the norm. It can provide a wonderfully rich environment for children to grow up knowing their grandparents and having empathy for the older generation. It also gives grandparents a wonderful outlet to love and invest in their grandkids, as retirement often allows for more time. And it would give you, as a busy mom, another set of arms to help with cooking, homework and loving.

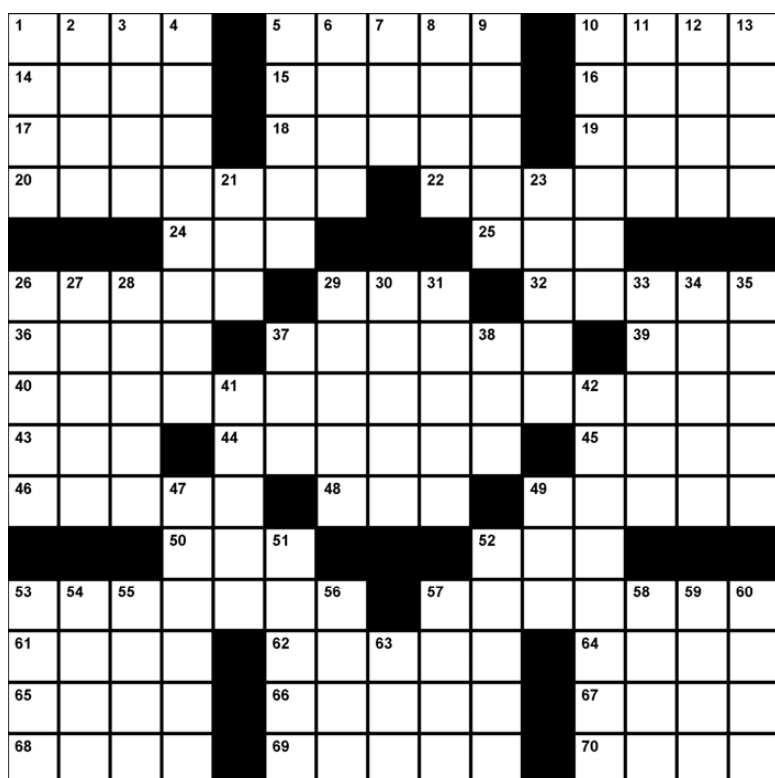
There are, however, some potential problems that you want to investigate before making the decision to

move in with your parents. Many of these relate to boundaries and expectations. For example, how much would your parents like you to contribute financially? What expectations do they have regarding keeping the house clean, bedtimes and whether or not they are full-time babysitters for your kids? To what extent do they have the authority to discipline your children? What if they disagree with your parenting style? What if they don't approve of other choices you make for your family? How will you resolve these conflicts?

However stressful these conversations may be to initiate, they are absolutely essential to confirming whether or not moving in with your parents is a good idea. Do the work up front to avoid creating a situation that could eventually end up destroying your relationship with your parents.

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### Crossword Puzzle



#### Across

1- Scarf; 5- Skin openings; 10- An apple \_\_\_\_.; 14- Buck follower; 15- \_\_\_\_ Gay; 16- Emperor of Rome 54-68; 17- Miss; 18- 1961 Heston role; 19- Start of a counting rhyme; 20- Expressive of love; 22- Cleansing preparation; 24- Frozen Wasser; 25- Israeli submachine gun; 26- Clear as \_\_\_\_; 29- Hair goo; 32- Small hand drum; 36- Subterfuge; 37- Sullenly ill-humored; 39- Former nuclear agcy.; 40- Like afterschool activities; 43- Digit of the foot; 44- Alarms; 45- Actress Campbell; 46- Abrasive mineral; 48- HST's successor; 49- Feels for; 50- DDE opponent; 52- Tomcat; 53- Specter; 57- Of great size; 61- Nobleman; 62- Get to know; 64- Accent; 65- Choir member; 66- \_\_\_\_ con pollo; 67- Slang expert Partridge; 68- Abound; 69- \_\_\_\_ lift?; 70- Go out with;

#### Down

1- Room in a casa; 2- Composer Khachaturian; 3- Slamin' Sammy; 4- He owns the place where backpackers crash in Europe?; 5- Nobles; 6- Just; 7- Fabled bird; 8- Some Ivy Leaguers; 9- Hindu ascetic; 10- Hemoglobin deficiency; 11- Abstruse; 12- Cartoonist Peter; 13- Spool-like toy; 21- Black gold; 23- Early Mexican; 26- Aggregate of qualities that make good character; 27- Full-bosomed; 28- First name in cosmetics; 29- Melon, e.g.; 30- Made a mistake; 31- TV producer Michaels; 33- Farm machine; 34- Depart; 35- Green \_\_\_\_ is the place to be; 37- AT&T rival; 38- Bro's counterpart; 41- So far; 42- With undiminished force; 47- Without pattern; 49- Op. \_\_\_\_; 51- Ganet; 52- District in Tokyo; 53- Land map; 54- Gap; 55- Commedia dell' \_\_\_\_; 56- Nothing more than; 57- Stepped; 58- Asta's mistress; 59- Monogram ltr.; 60- Gospel singer Winans; 63- 100 square meters;



# News

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## County Board Meets with Planning Commission

Once a year the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meet with the County Planning Commission to share ideas and review items of interest.

Planning Director, Larry Sullivan reviewed a 14-page report of activities from 2011 with both boards. The report highlighted items including a Capital Improvement Plan, the Recreation Plan, a Land Use Plan, Economic Development Plan, Solid Waste Plan and administrative items.

Chairman of the Planning Commission, Denny Jason, said, "It is important for us to meet with County Commissioners to find out what you want us to focus on this year."

Jason went on to say, "Our top priority in the upcoming weeks is to finalize a plan of capital improvements to recommend to the board of commissioners." The capital improvements plan should be completed by mid-May. Other top priorities for the planning commission are completing the Recreation Plan and the Land Use Plan.

Jason asked the County Commissioners for input on what they would like to see from the Planning Commission.

County Commissioner, Chris Christensen said, "I would like to reshape the Planning Commission. I would like to see them be pro-active instead of reactive. In 2011, we spent 2.5 million dollars with no plan in place...2.5 Million dollars! If we had a model in place we could plan for these expenses."

County Commissioner, Shirlene Tripp said, "At the Michigan Association of Counties conference they told



Planning Director, Larry Sullivan reviewed a 14-page report of activities from 2011 with the Planning Commission and County Board of Commissioners.

us that our lakes are our biggest asset. We should do everything we can to protect out lakes."

County Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt said, "Farming is the second largest industry in our state. We should do what we can to develop this industry."

County Commissioner, Joel Evans said, "I would like to see our county help small growers to build and promote local farm markets."

Planning Commission member, Tom Wieland said, "I like what is happening in Ellsworth. Area growers have a local garden to use at Ellsworth school lunch."

Planning Commission member, Nancy Ferguson informed the group that the Front Porch Café uses many locally grown products at their

restaurant. Another local example is the county jail owns a garden plot that is tended by inmates and the vegetables are used at the jail.

County Commissioner, Rich Gillespie said, "We need to protect our large land parcels for farmers. In too many communities these large farming parcels have been sold and parceled for housing developments. Once that happens, they can not be returned to large farm use."

County Commission Chair, Joel Evans commented, "We commend the Planning Commission for their efforts in 2011. They have a full plate of activities and we look forward to working together to plan growth in the county in the future."



Charlevoix Municipal airport

COURTESY PHOTO

## Charlevoix airport funding change

B. J. Conley

The plan for the renovation of the terminal at Charlevoix Municipal Airport remains the same, but the federal aid for the project has an increase in costs.

The Federal Aviation Administration changed its funding from \$95,000 to \$90,000, meaning the city and the Michigan Department of Transportation will need to increase its

portion by.

The terminal building is located on the south side of the airport off U.S. 31. The terminal building includes public waiting areas, pilot's lounge, bathrooms and administrative offices. The airport manager is Matt Bailey.

The municipal airport currently has two charter based operators at the airport, Island Airways and Fresh Air Aviation. Both companies offer flights to and from Beaver Island.

## Michigan FSA Reminds Producers of Approaching Deadline for CRP General Sign-up

Farm Service Agency Michigan Executive Director Christine White today reminded landowners, farmers and ranchers in Michigan that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up 43 ends on Friday, April 6. Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up may enroll at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office where their farm records are maintained.

"I strongly encourage all interested producers to contact the county office before the April 6 end of CRP sign-up deadline," said White "Any offer that is not submitted by this April 6 deadline will not be considered for acceptance during the 43rd sign-up for CRP."

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling eligible land in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

Producers are also encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

"So far, the 43rd sign-up for CRP has been very successful and we anticipate landowner interest in the program to continue

throughout the sign-up period," said White. "I can't stress enough the need to act now rather than wait until the deadline date so that our staff can provide the much-deserved individual attention to all producers interested in the CRP program."

Michigan currently has 222,100 acres enrolled in CRP. On Sept. 30, 2012, 18,000 CRP contract acres expire in the state. Producers may choose to re-enroll their land or sign up for new acres that qualify for the program. Contracts range from 10-15 years. The competitive selection is based on factors such as land that erodes easily or where habitat for rare or game wildlife can be assured.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp> for additional information regarding CRP.

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## Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment helps Mio area residents buy and sell quality goods

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately eight years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated group of thirteen volunteer from the Mio area.

"We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who receive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great resource for



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Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices.

people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. For additional information, please call (989) 826-1503.

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

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## EASTER FUN FACTS

# Here Comes Peter Cottontail

### Why are bunnies, baskets, bonnets and eggs part of the Easter celebration?

By Jim Akans

Easter is one of the most reverent of Christian holidays. A celebration of the resurrection of Christ, it is also a day that has become steeped in traditions of colorful eggs, baskets brimming with treats, fanciful bonnets and of course, the bounding, goodies-bearing bunny that literally brings visions of sugar plums to children's imaginations each Easter morning.

How did these seemingly unrelated traditions become such an ingrained part of the Easter celebration?

The egg has long served as a symbol of fertility and rebirth. Long before Jesus walked the earth, ancient Greeks, Chinese and Egyptians would dye eggs to symbolize the re-

birth of the spring season after the starkness of winter. Early Christians adopted this practice of using dyed eggs to symbolize the resurrection of Christ, and in transforming the ancient Pagan holiday of Eastre into the observance of Easter, the decorated egg became a part of the celebration.

In Medieval Europe the consumption of eggs was strictly forbidden during Lent, so they were often boiled in order to preserve them until they could become a staple of the Easter meal. In early England and Germany, the practice of rolling these hard-boiled eggs down a hill was established as an Easter morning game for children and was said to symbolize the rolling away of the rock from Jesus tomb. The practice was

brought to the United States in the early 19th century, and a short time later Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, started the tradition of holding an "egg roll" for children on the White House lawn, which continues to this day.

Also a timeless symbol of fertility, the "Easter Hare" seems to have originated in Germany, where this fabled bunny would lay eggs (rabbits must have been quite different back then) on Easter morning for children to find. This tradition emigrated to America as part of the German culture, becoming a popular part of the Easter celebration shortly after the Civil War.

Placing Easter eggs into "one basket," along with many other treats, is a custom that has evolved from the early Christian practice of bringing large baskets of food to church to be blessed by priests after the Lenten fasting period. The "grass" at the bottom of those baskets heralds from a Dutch tradition where children would place eggs on Easter Sunday in "nests" of colored grass, which actually was grass in earlier times.

Since the 16th century, donning a new set of clothes has been a part of the English Easter celebration. The idea of an Easter bonnet was popularized by the legendary songsmith, Irving Berlin in his 1933 hit song; Easter Parade. Soon, "all hats were on" during the Easter Holiday, and women and girls would put on wide brimmed, lavishly decorated bonnets to celebrate the joy of Easter season. The Easter bonnet, however, is a tradition that is slowly fading as society becomes increas-



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ingly casual about such fanciful things.

Let's not forget the Easter lily. Said to symbolize the purity, innocence and virtue of the Virgin Mary, the lily has been called the "white-robed apostles of hope," and were reportedly found growing in the

Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's crucifixion. Churches have traditionally surround altars and crosses with Easter lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. This beautiful, bright, trumpet-shaped white flower is a reminder that above all,

the celebration of Easter is about rebirth of life and spirit.

"Easter morn with lilies fair fills the church with perfumes rare, as their clouds of incense rise sweetest offerings to the skies.

Stately lilies pure and white flooding darkness with their light, bloom and sorrow drifts away on this holy hallow'd day.

Easter Lilies bending low in the golden afterglow, bear a message from the sod to the heavenly towers of God."

-Louise Lewin Matthews

## Why does the date of Easter Sunday change each year?

By Jim Akans

This coming Sunday, April 8th, is Easter. In 2011, Easter Sunday fell on April 24th, on April 4th in 2010, and it will occur on March 31st in 2013. So why does Easter Sunday vary by as much as a month over the course of a few years while holidays such as Christmas, Valentines Day and Veterans Day remain the same every year, and Thanksgiving, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day usually fall within the same week each year?

Turns out, the date of Easter Sunday is calculated to occur on the first Sunday following or on the first full moon of spring, a season ushered in by the vernal equinox. This "moveable" date of Easter was established back in the 4th Century by the First Council of Nicaea; a council of Christian bishops convened by Roman Emperor Constantine. The logic was that Jesus was crucified just before the Jewish Passover, and that holiday occurs on the 14th or 15th day of the first month of spring. Back in those days, Jewish months started when the moon was new, so being about two weeks later, Passover would coincide with the first full moon of spring. So that seemed like the proper time to set for Easter Sunday.

There it is; the date of Easter is tied to the cycle of the moon. A simple look at the calendar, however, is a much simpler way to keep track of the ever-changing date of the celebration of Easter Sunday with each new year.

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