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## Grand Bay Marine in Charlevoix announces expansion

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"We are very excited to be expanding into our new location, giving us one of Northern Michigan's largest indoor showrooms", said Liz Carney, owner and president.

Grand Bay Marine has begun renovation on the former ProBuild Lumber building. The three-building facility will allow Grand Bay Marine to expand its parts, service and storage business. With plans to have up to 15 new boats in their indoor showroom, and the capacity for more, it will make for pleasant year-round shopping experience for

boaters, regardless of the weather.

"This expansion is a key part of our long term growth strategy, with the goal of adding jobs," said Carney.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2012 and record sales in 2011, Grand Bay Marine is Regal Boats' third largest dealer in the world and Northern Michigan's

largest dealer for Correct Craft's Nautique Boats, Stingray Boats and Berkshire Pontoons. Open 7 days a week and staffed by a veteran sales and service team,

Visit Grand Bay Marine, a member of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, online at [www.GrandBayMarine.com](http://www.GrandBayMarine.com) or call 231-237-5000.

## Next weekend's 2012 Chef's Challenge fundraiser an epicurean delight!

By Jim Akans

It may very well be one of the tastiest fundraisers of the year. Next weekend, April 20th and 21st, prepare those appetites for a feast because that is the date for 2012 Chef's Challenge event, a fundraiser for the non-profit Challenge Mountain organization. Taking place at Boyne Mountain resort, the Chef's Challenge event has been heralded as Michigan's premier epicurean gathering, focusing on Michigan made dishes prepared by area chefs and culinary students, plus a tantalizing assortment of local wines and beverages from microbreweries. What a delicious way to sample some of the finest foods and drinks our wonderful state has to offer.

Mike Hurchick, event co-chair, states, "This is our 5th year for this event, which was started by Joe Briedenstien as a fundraiser for Challenge Mountain. Chefs Challenge also coincides with Michigan Splendor week, which fits perfectly for an event that promotes Michigan chefs and culinary programs."

Chefs Challenge weekend kicks off on Friday, April 20th, with the "Future Chefs" Challenge competition starting at 6 pm in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. High school student teams will prepare hors d'oeuvres for a "Peoples Choice" award and for a panel of celebrity judges. The evening will also feature the Chefs Challenge Taste of Michigan competition; designed to showcase Michigan food and drink products through creative meal applications. Chefs from Michigan es-



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tablissements will prepare an entrée created with indigenous Michigan products paired with a Michigan wine and micro-brew. Event attendees will vote for the "Peoples Choice" award, and a panel of judges will select the contestants who will appear in Saturday's "Iron Chef" style competition.

Hurchick relates, "The two final chefs in Saturday's competi-

tion will have no clue what they will be cooking. They are given 45 minutes to come up with as many plates as they can; hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, dessert...and they will be judged by professional chefs and writers. The winner will become the 2012 Chefs Challenge winner, which has become a highly prized title."

Other activities and events on

Saturday, April 21st will include a series of food seminars and demonstrations at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center from 9 am to 3:45 pm, a forum for Michigan food vendors to display the wide variety of quality Michigan farm products from 9 am to 3 pm, and a Center-of-the-Plate Compe-

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Assist Other Agency	15
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Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	3
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Driving Complaint	4
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Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	1

## E-Mails Released by Judge in Petoskey News Review suit Against Charlevoix County

By Dave Baragrey

Emmet County Circuit Judge Charles Johnson has ordered Charlevoix County officials to release to the Petoskey News-Review two e-mails between the county prosecutor and a member of the board of commissioners.

The newspaper sued the board and the prosecutor last year, accusing them of violating the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. The paper had asked for six e-mails to determine whether prosecutor John Jarema and County Commissioner Chris Christensen had e-mailed each other during board meetings.

Emmet County Circuit Judge Charles Johnson had ordered the re-

lease of one message dealing with an embezzlement investigation and portions of a second message that raised concerns about another commission member.

The judge ruled that four other messages could remain private.

The Charlevoix County News requested copies of the e-mails from the Charlevoix County Clerk. Details of those two e-mails follow.

One of the e-mails was a real estate listing that Christensen, a Realtor at Lynda's Real Estate Service, had sent to Jarema detailing a home in Boyne City.

The second e-mail was sent from Christensen to County Commissioner Joel Evans and copied to County Prosecutor, Jarema. The text

of the e-mail said, "Joel, Here is an issue. In accordance with County policy I am making my concerns known to my immediate supervisor (which is you). Please contact me with any questions. Sincerely, Chris Christensen, Commissioner, District #2."

This e-mail included an attachment of an article that appeared in the Petoskey News Review on April 25, 2012 titled "Planner Gets Heat from Commissioner"

The result of the lawsuit was that the Petoskey News Review received a copy of a real estate listing and a copy of an article that they had published in their own newspaper.

## Boyne City Commission reviews proposed street improvements, Kirtland Products progress, and approves fiscal year budget

By Jim Akans

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10th, starting at 7 pm.

Among items discussed the Boyne City Commission meeting Tuesday evening was a review of four Park Street redesign options between Ray and Water Streets during City Manager, Michael Cain's report. These options will be presented at public information meeting on Thursday, after which will be refined and presented to public at later date. Work is anticipated to begin in late July or early August.

Cain also noted that the city will be conducting fire hydrant flushing between April 16th and April 30th. He advised that if residents experience sediments stirred up in water during this process that they run a faucet with aerator removed (such as at an outside faucet or laundry faucet), until water runs clear.

Regarding the Kirtland Products update, Hugh Conklin said the committee is focusing on the noise issue at this time, and that the DEQ is being extremely helpful and expressed they are very open to com-

munity input. The committee also met with Centennial Systems, a company that has vast experience in air emissions and noise issues, and the consensus of the committee is to re-issue the RFP. Commissioners expressed they are pleased with the progress at this time.

Proposed changes for the DDA/Main Street budget were discussed. City Clerk/Treasurer, Cindy Grice stated that after budget reviews held in March, the revenue figures appeared overstated. This was confirmed and a new budget was submitted and reviewed with the commissioners. There were also various expense item increases in engineering and development items that were reviewed during the meeting.

In a public hearing portion of the meeting, Michael Cain stated that the proposed fiscal year 2013 Budget provides all services the city currently provides, with no millage increase, and a one percent increase for water and sewer rates each. Commissioner Gaylord suggested retaining existing loader equipment in service for an additional year rather than utilize funds included in budget to purchase a new loader. This will

be considered at a future meeting.

Commissioners voted to adopt a Resolution to establish the 15.5 millage rate for City of Boyne for 2012/2013, the same rate as the previous year, which Cain stated is the lowest it has been in 35 years. Commissioners also adopted the General Appropriations Act and Fee Schedule for 2012/2013.

A proposal was presented by Harbor Master, Barb Brooks for a consideration to adopt a set of revised Rules and Regulations governing the harbor area, marina operation, marina facilities and boat launches. The biggest changes proposed were changing the start day for collecting fees; from May 15th to "opening day" to allow collection fees earlier if spring weather allows. Other major change was to eliminate the no camping provision on the marina property, to allow the opportunity for camping in instances such as when large events take place. Commissioners voted to adopt the revised Rules and Regulations.

Commissioners concluded the meeting by approving, with Commissioner Gaylord opposing, a proposed EMS Interlocal Agreement with neighboring townships.

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## Leadership Charlevoix County Focuses on Arts, Culture & Philanthropy

Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) participants recently met for session seven, "Arts, Culture and Philanthropy." The first part of the session was held at the Governmental Center for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in East Jordan and continued with an art and history tour around Charlevoix County.

The session allowed participants to get a hands-on experience in the grant-making process as Chip Hansen and Maureen Radke, both from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, orchestrated an official grant-making session. Following this activity, Chairman Derek Bailey from the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians spoke to the class with an informative discussion about the history of the Odawa culture.

Later in the day, participants utilized the Charlevoix County Transit buses to explore art galleries and gain exposure to some of the art and history exhibits around Charlevoix County. Participants were given the opportunity to speak with historians from the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society as well as members from Freshwater Studio, the Boyne Arts Collective, and the Jordan River Arts Council.

The exposure to these groups and galleries helped the participants gain a better understanding of some of the



The Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2012 with Chairman Derek Bailey at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Governmental Center in East Jordan (from left) Thomas Cannon, Cathy Dewey, Sara Kessler, Bethany Pearson, Betsy Granstra, Sheri McWhirter, Erin Nickel, Laura Potter, Sue Hocquard, Jill Drury, Jennifer Kenney, Jennifer Sabsook, Chairman Derek Bailey, Darcie Dietrich-Buell and Christopher Faulknor. COURTESY PHOTO

strengths of Charlevoix County as well as where the needs lie in terms of leadership on boards and committees.

The next session will take place on April 18th when the participants will

discuss the topic of environmental and natural resources

## 2012 Northern Michigan Bridal Expo to be held on May 20th at Boyne Mountain Resort

By Jim Akans

It's springtime in northern Michigan, and love is in the air. That means it is time once again to present the 2012 Annual Northern Michigan Bridal Expo, sponsored by the Charlevoix County News, Weekly Choice newspapers and Boyne Mountain Resort, featuring a wide array of area merchants and wedding service providers who will be gathering at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center on Sunday afternoon, May 20th from 1 to 5 pm.

"This is a 'must attend' event for couples planning to exchange wedding vows within the next year or so," states Cindy Akans, event coordinator. "Planning and exploring ideas for a wedding is a fun experience, and often the more 'lead-time' a couple allows will maximize their options for their big day."

In addition to a host of wedding-related vendors that will include caterers, wedding gown shops, florists, wedding

planners, wedding cake designers, facilities for holding a wedding and/or reception, and more, activities will include a live bridal fashion show that has been a hallmark of the afternoon during previous expos.

"This year's Expo at Boyne Mountain promises to be entertaining, informative, and exciting," notes Cindy Akans. "It's a fun, free and a fabulous way to explore the possibilities for creating a very special, and memorable wedding day."

The 2012 Northern Michigan Bridal Expo is free to attend. If your business supplies products or services for area weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, bachelor or bachelorette parties, reserve your booth space now for this exciting event.

For more information, please checkout Facebook at Northern Michigan Bridal Expo or contact Cindy Akans at (989) 858-3910 or email Cindy@WeeklyChoice.com.

## OBITUARIES

### Theodore 'Ted' Traviss, 76

Theodore "Ted" Traviss of Boyne Falls and Zephyrhills, Fla., died April 7, 2012, in Zephyrhills.

### Dr. Hylon John Heaton Jr.

(JULY 10, 1913 - APRIL 5, 2012)



Hylon John Heaton Jr., age 98, of Boyne City, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 5, 2012, at the Sterling House care facility in Saginaw.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the Boyne City United Methodist Church. The Rev. Wayne McKenney will be officiating. Interment will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Dr. Heaton was born July 10, 1913, in Boyne City, the son of Hylon J. Heaton Sr. and Francis Mildred (Dornburg) Heaton. He graduated from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine and practiced in Boyne City until his retirement in 1974.

He was an active member of the Boyne City United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and serving on the board. He was active in the Order of Masons. He served on the Boyne City School Board and was instrumental in building of the current elementary school and junior high school. He enjoyed the sport of archery and was an active member of the Snowbell Barbershop Chorus. He was an active woodworker and avid golfer up until spring of 2011. He celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2006. He sorely missed his wife, Vivian Meyer, after her death in 2007.

Dr. Heaton is survived by his children, Wanda (Ronald) Warezak of Linwood, Mich., Hylon III of Grand Blanc, Emilie Heaton of Melbourne, Fla., and Wendel (Vickie) Heaton of Clark Lake. A son, Alan Meyer, died as a baby in 1954. It always brought a smile to his face when he talked of the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren he could claim. "If it wasn't for him none of them would exist!"

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the

Boyne City United Methodist Church. Envelopes for memorials are available at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, where visitation will take place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

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

### Charles Edwin 'Shod' Bergmann

(APRIL 22, 1925 - APRIL 6, 2012)

Charles Edwin "Shod" Bergmann, 86, of Charlevoix, died Friday, April 6, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born on April 22, 1925, in Charlevoix, the son of Fritz and Sybel (Cook) Bergmann. He graduated from Charlevoix High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On June 17, 1949, in Charlevoix, he married Betty Potter and raised four children.

Charles worked as a cabinet finisher for Freedman's, now known as Harbor Industries, in Charlevoix. He retired in 1984. In later years, he enjoyed making fudge as the co-owner of the Island Fudge Company in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for nine years.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Charlevoix. Charles enjoyed playing cribbage, fishing, hunting and gardening.

He is survived by four children, Daniel (Susan) Bergmann of Ketchikan, Alaska, Michael (Jo) Bergmann of Bay City, Alvin "Blue" (Debra) Bergmann of Juneau, Alaska, and Lisa Bergmann of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Brenna (Chadwick) Corder of Topsham, Maine, Jessica (Jonathon) Geary of Juneau, Alaska, Amanda (Zachary) Kohan of Juneau, Alaska, Scott (Chantil Davies) Bergmann of Juneau, Alaska and Amy Bergmann of Juneau, Alaska; five great-grandchildren, Betty Corder of Topsham, Maine, Jayme, Justin and Jordan Geary of Juneau, Alaska, and Gavin Kohan of Juneau, Alaska; one brother, Alfred Bergmann, of Charlevoix; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Bergmann, on Oct. 2, 2003, and six brothers.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Chip Sauer will officiate with military honors and interment taking place at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in

Charlevoix.

Memorials may be given to Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

### Hugh 'Brad' Sweeney

(SEPT. 4, 1954 - APRIL 5, 2012)



Hugh "Brad" Sweeney, 57, of East Jordan, died Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Harper University Hospital in Detroit.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1954, in Detroit, the son of Hugh G. and Elizabeth (Haas) Sweeney. He grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1973. Brad graduated from Central Michigan University in 1982, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

On May 26, 1984, in East Jordan, he married Lynn Sweet. They made their home in East Jordan.

Brad worked as a computer implementation manager for numerous hospitals. He enjoyed camping, golfing and friendly harassing of those he loved. He loved to spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Sweeney, of East Jordan; two daughters, Nastassia Sweeney of Manton and Bailey Sweeney of East Jordan; one granddaughter, Madeline Sweeney, of Manton; his father, Hugh G. Sweeney, of Novi; two sisters, Lorna Sweeney of Detroit and Karen (Mark) Knight of Canton; and one brother, Bill Sweeney, of Orlando, Fla. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Sweeney.

A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. The Rev. James L. Jordan will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the time of service on Wednesday. Memorials may be given to the Sweeney family. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Patricia Ann Dillon

(APRIL 13, 1944 - APRIL 1, 2012)

Patricia Ann Dillon, 67, of Charlevoix, died peacefully on April 1, 2012, at the Vital Care Highland Cottage in Petoskey.

Pat was born April 13, 1944, in Charlevoix, the second youngest child of James and Alice Sherwood. A graduate of Charlevoix High, she earned an A.A. in psychology from North Central Michigan College.

Pat was employed at Hoskins Manufacturing, KHQ and Ward's Marina before starting her own cleaning business and eventually opening My Sister's Closet and Charlevoix Antiques.

Pat served as president of the VFW Auxiliary and secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary and was very active in both. In addition, she worked with several area nonprofits.

She enjoyed activities such as snorkeling, rock collecting, gardening and playing cards. Pat was very creative and artistic and enjoyed creating jewelry, stained glass, painting and sewing. She enjoyed dancing, good music, good jokes and spending time with her friends and family.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, James and Alice Sherwood; brothers, James and Stephen; sisters, Lois Sanchez and Mildred Sherwood; and children, Alice, Delbert and Donald Dillon.

Pat is survived by her daughters, Katherine Greene and Christine Lennon, and sons-in-law, John Lennon and Henry Gambill; her grandchildren, Isabella and Sadie Lennon and Zane Greene, her nieces, Deborah Sanchez, Diana Stark and Jodi Kutz; her nephews, Jim Sanchez and Rick Dillon; as well as several grand and great-grandnieces and -nephews.

The family will host a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the VFW hall in Charlevoix with luncheon to follow. Memories are welcome. Pat asked that any donations be made to the humane society.

### Alma 'Irene' Glazier

(MAY 22, 1916 - MARCH 30, 2012)

Alma "Irene" Glazier, 95, of Boyne Falls, died Friday, March 30, 2012.

Mrs. Glazier, the daughter of Mose Benjamin and Inez (Field) Watson, was born in Vanderbilt on May 22, 1916.

She was a member of the Vanderbilt Community Church and the 4-H Club.

On June 15, 1941, in Vanderbilt, she married Alva Glazier. In addition to raising their family, the

couple also farmed and gardened all of their lives. Alma also enjoyed sewing, reading and traveling. Mrs. Glazier was preceded in death by her husband, Alva, in July of 2001.

The funeral service took place on Thursday, April 5, at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, with the Rev. John Bifoss officiating. Burial took place at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Glazier is survived by six children, Fred of Boyne Falls, Thomas (Dawn) and Robert (Sharon), all of Boise, Idaho, Kathie (Richard) DeNise of Rudyard, Kenneth (Nanny) of Boyne City and Gerald of Gaylord; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, Alma was also preceded in death by her son, Brad in 2006, and her sisters, Doris Glazier and Elizabeth Matts.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Alma Irene Glazier may be made payable to Friends Helping Neighbors, c/o Kim Matz, 6912 Matz Road, Boyne Falls, Mich. 49713.

Friends may share memories with the family or offer condolences online at [www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com).

### Lana Louise Gregware

(OCT. 16, 1951 - APRIL 2, 2012)

Lana Louise Gregware, age 60, of Boyne City, died Monday, April 2, 2012.

Lana was born on Oct. 16, 1951, in Petoskey, the daughter of Don Sr. and Agnes (Wicker) May.

Lana is survived by her two children, Tina Minard and Matt Gregware; four grandchildren, Hannah Minard, Gracey Valance, Maddox Fitzpatrick and Eli Giddis; brother, Don May Jr.; two nephews, Shayne May and Scott May. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Earl Gregware, on June 18, 2011.

A memorial service was Thursday, April 5, at the First Baptist Church in Boyne City with Pastor Jeff Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family and sent in care of Don May Jr. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Lana are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com). Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.







# Health & Wellness

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## April is Alcohol Awareness Month

### “Do Your Part” To Prevent Underage Drinking



Youth violence, traffic crashes, property crime, treatment, and medical aid due to underage alcohol use, cost the state of Michigan \$2 billion annually. Underage drinking only happens because adults allow it, because someone over the age of 21 has purchased, provided, or assisted an underage person to obtain alcohol. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is encouraging all adults to “Do Your Part” in preventing underage drinking.

“Underage drinking is a major public health concern,” said Erika Van Dam, Family & Community Health Supervisor. “Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in northern Michigan. It’s especially troubling since youth who start to drink before age 15 are seven times more likely to experience alcohol problems as adults.”

Although strides are being made to reduce underage drinking, the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that 69 percent of Michigan high school students, 9th through 12th grade, reported having at least one drink during their lifetime. For high school seniors the rate is higher at 77 percent. In addition, 35 percent of those high school seniors reported drinking alcohol within the past 30 days.

Numerous communities are holding town meetings about un-

derage drinking around the state during the months of March and April, including Petoskey. SAFE in Northern Michigan hosted a Town Hall Meeting last week to increase community awareness of underage drinking, identify how underage drinking affects the community, and brainstorm possible solutions. Preventing abuse of over-the-counter and prescription drugs was also discussed. Over 40 attended the program in Petoskey, which included a panel of legal, health, education, and prevention professionals.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Community Health worked with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop a video that focuses on the fact that, as adults, we all have a role in preventing underage drinking. We may be parents, siblings, or other family members. But it’s also beyond family. Coaches, teachers, law enforcement, clergy and retailers can have an impact as well. Regardless of our roles and identities, adults interact with youth on a regular basis and everyone can help send a clear message that underage drinking is unacceptable.

For video examples of what individuals can say in their unique roles to discourage underage drinking, go to

[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) and click on the “Do Your Part” link. Here are some ways adults can send a clear message and “Do Your Part”:

- Parents can set clear rules and expectations that in their family it is not OK to drink before the age of 21
- Teachers can set rules in their classrooms that talking about parties that occurred over the weekend and involved drink-

ing is not allowed  
- Coaches can set clear standards that drinking by team members is not allowed, and enforce consequences.

Van Dam reminds anyone over 21 that it is never OK to purchase or supply alcohol to a minor. For additional information, call Van Dam at 231-347-5832 or visit [www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas). The Health Department of

Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

## Annual County Health Rankings released

### According to this year’s reports, rankings for the four counties in the local Health District rose from 2011:

**ANTRIM COUNTY:**  
ranked at 45 of 82 Michigan counties up from 48.

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:**  
ranked at 14, up from 18 last year

**EMMET COUNTY:**  
ranked 7, up from 9

**OTSEGO COUNTY:**  
is ranked 51, up from 57.

A new set of reports released today rank the health of nearly every county in the nation and shows that much of what affects health occurs outside of the doctor’s office. For the third year, the County Health Rankings confirm the critical role that factors such as education, jobs, income, and environment play in how healthy people are and how long they live.

Published on-line at [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org) by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the County Health Rankings are based on the latest data available for each county. It is the only tool of its kind that measures the overall health of each county in all 50 states on the multiple factors that influence health. It includes snapshots of nearly every county with a color-coded map that compares each county’s overall health with other counties in each of the 50 states. People can compare how their county is doing in areas like diabetes

screening rates or number of uninsured adults to national benchmarks.

“The County Health Rankings are important because they help us identify factors that are making it difficult for residents to maintain a healthy lifestyle and understand how we compare to other counties in the state, said Linda Yaroch, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “It’s encouraging to see improvement across the Health District.”

Each county’s rank reveals a pattern of strengths and weaknesses. The County Health Rankings reveal that all counties have areas where they can improve, even those that are the healthiest.

Some highlights of what counties look like nationally:

- People are nearly twice as likely to be in fair or poor health in the unhealthiest counties;
- Unhealthy counties have significantly lower high school graduation rates;
- Unhealthy counties have more than twice as many children in poverty;
- Unhealthy counties have

much fewer grocery stores or farmer’s markets; and

- Unhealthy counties have much higher rates of unemployment

“It’s easier to be healthy if you live in a supportive, healthy community,” said Yaroch. “Health is impacted by where you live, work and play.”

She said the County Health Rankings are just one of a dozen types of indicators being studied in a major “healthy community” assessment underway in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. Other categories of data are: demographic characteristics, socioeconomic characteristics, health resource availability, quality of life, behavioral risk factors, environmental health indicators, social and mental health, maternal and child health, death, illness, and injury, infectious diseases, and sentinel events. The Health Department is facilitating the “Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships” model with financial support and leadership from Charlevoix Area Hospital, McLaren-Northern Michigan, Otsego Memorial Hos-

pital, and the Northern Health Plan.

“The approach combines studies with stories,” said Jane Sundmacher, who is leading the project. “Data collection is well underway across the Health District. Now we’re planning how to collect themes in our communities, insights about quality of life, and community assets through broad-based county-level committees.”

These committees are just getting organized and anyone interested in participating can contact Sundmacher at the Health Department at 231-347-5041 or [j.sundmacher@nwhealth.org](mailto:j.sundmacher@nwhealth.org).

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# Health SERVICES

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[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)

**HOME HEALTH CARE**  
Northern Management Services  
657 Chestnut Ct., Gaylord  
989-732-6374  
[www.northernmanagement.org](http://www.northernmanagement.org)

**HOSPICE**  
Hospice of Michigan  
1723 W. M-32, Ste. B  
Gaylord  
888-247-5701  
[www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org)

**HOSPITAL**  
Mercy Hospital  
1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling  
989-348-5461  
[www.mercygrayling.com](http://www.mercygrayling.com)

**Charlevoix Area Hospital**  
14700 Lake Shore Dr  
Charlevoix  
231-547-8630  
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1029 Gornick Ave., Gaylord  
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[www.ihtwellnessshopgaylord.com](http://www.ihtwellnessshopgaylord.com)

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**Four Star Nutrition**  
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Jordan Valley Rehabilitation Center  
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Otsego County Commission on Aging  
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**Crawford County Commission on Aging**  
308 Lawndale St., Grayling  
989-348-8342  
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## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

### Call for Exhibitors - Wedding EXPO

Exhibitors will visit with brides-to-be from all over Northern Michigan at the Northern Michigan Wedding EXPO on Sunday, May 20 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Interested in having a booth at this show? Current exhibitors include Bridal shops, Florists, Photographers, Caterers, Hall Rental, Decorators, Wedding Planners, DJ's, Entertainers, Limo Services, Travel Planners, Reception Venues and more. Contact Dave Baragrey at [Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com) or phone 989-732-8160. Registration includes exhibit space plus display ad in the Wedding Planning Guide. EXPO begins at 1pm. Door prizes drawn throughout the day. Fashion show at 3pm. Grand Prize drawing at 4:45pm. Sponsored by BOYNE and the Charlevoix County News. Registration deadline is May 3.

## BOYNE CITY

### Park Street Reconstruction Project meeting

The City of Boyne City received some good news recently when officials learned that they have been awarded a Downtown Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to reconstruct South Park Street between Water and Pine Streets. A public information meeting has been set for Thursday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in the community room of the Boyne District Library to discuss the project. Representatives from the City and its engineering firm C2AE will share information and address questions regarding the project, including preliminary plans and the process.

## 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](mailto: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 refresh-

ments. 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 for Little League is April 14, 10 AM - 12 PM, held at the East Jordan High School. All age divisions. For more information contact Ruby at 536-3012

## EAST JORDAN

### 2nd Saturday at Raven Hill

RAVEN HILL Discovery Center's free Second Saturday events continue on April 14th. Visitors can explore surface tension with "Swirling Milk." Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, each month free Second 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. Second Saturday hours are from noon to 4 p.m. 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 - 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 is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road.

## 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.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Needs Volunteers

If you enjoy the petunias encompassing Charlevoix every summer, we would love your help! Keep Charlevoix Beautiful is seeking volunteers for some tasks to kick this petunia season off right. Any and all help is appreciated, but specific things that need volunteers: Rototilling the beds, bringing coffee

(treats) to weeding crew in the mornings, helping with fertilizer for the Petunia Truck, and helping with various plant day and picnic tasks. Please email [amandawilkin@gmail.com](mailto:amandawilkin@gmail.com) to sign up to volunteer.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org)>books-movies-music>book-discussions.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Your retirement: Boom or Bust

Charlevoix Public Library Presents Your retirement: Boom or Bust. Tuesday, April 17, 6:30- 8pm. Please register: 231-237-7340. Are you 50 years old or better? This presentation is organized to provide direction on how to get control over the management and oversight of your retirement assets. Learn how to differentiate between your assumptions about the future and what you actually do know and how to apply an "adaptive" investment strategy.

## 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

### Boating and personal water safety class

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is offering a boating safety and personal water

safety class for individuals and families. This class will be offered on Thursday, April 19th from 6-8pm and again on Saturday, April 21st from 4-6pm. Course content will include boating safety information and skills as well as personal water safety as it relates to activities in and around pools and lakes. During the class individuals are encouraged to participate in real-life simulations that will teach them how to be safe as well as how to respond to life threatening situations. Therefore, participants are asked to bring their Personal Floatation Devices (life jackets), swimsuits as well as a change of clothes and shoes. The fee for the class is \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Participants are encouraged to get in the water but it is not required. The class is limited to 30 people per session. For more information or to register, call Al Gooch at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, 231-547-0982. For more information regarding Pool programs and services visit [www.charlevoixpool.org](http://www.charlevoixpool.org).

## 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

## GAYLORD

### Men's conference

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

## CHARLEVOIX

### Scholarship to local graduates

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

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

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

## CHARLEVOIX

### 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)

## CHARLEVOIX

### Sea scouts

Charlevoix Sea Scouts are looking for boys and girls between the ages of 14-21 who are interested in becoming members of Ship 11. Sea Scouting is organized to promote citizenship and boating

skills through instruction and practice. Ship 11 has its own sailboat for training and practice. For more information: Contact Skipper Scott Stebe, 231-675-5806 or at [ghettomutt@gmail.com](mailto:ghettomutt@gmail.com)

## 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 6:30 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. Contributions are always appreciated. They can be mailed to: Boyne Area Alano Club, P.O. Box 406, Boyne City, MI., 49712.

## PETOSKEY

### Instant Wine Cellar

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

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## 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

## CHARLEVOIX

### Singles dinner

Singles for Christ dinner group for all area singles 50 years and older will meet Saturday, April 21st, 6pm at Kelsey B's, 230 Ferry St. After dinner, Card & Game Night at Lucy's! Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Restaurant reservations are required so RSVP by calling Frieda at 231-347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com

## EAST JORDAN

### Miss East Jordan Pageant

The Miss East Jordan Pageant will be April 21 at 7pm at the East Jordan High School in the Community Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from any contestant, the EJ Shoppe or Essence Hair Salon. Contestants are: Jordyn Bacchus, Emily Crick, Sarah DeHaan, Shelby Elzinga, Samantha Gardner, Calli Kujat, Rachel Neal, Martina Peterson and Lissa Vincent.

## EAST JORDAN

### Celebrate Earth Day at Raven Hill

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.

## EAST JORDAN

### Kindergarten Round Up

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

## EAST JORDAN

### Business after hours

April 25 sponsored by Peninsula Grange and held at the Grange Hall, 5 - 7pm (Please note a change to the April BAH date)

## EAST JORDAN

### Employer Forum

Encouraging Entrepreneurship & Solutions for Success in Business. The Annual Employer Forum provides support for regional businesses. On Wednesday, April 25 the Annual Employer Forum will be held from 11:30am to 4:30pm at Treetops

## EAST JORDAN

### Resort. The Employer Forum is an annual program designed to support and encourage the regional small business community to grow and prosper. The event is \$20, includes lunch and networking, and reservations are required by April 18. The Employer Forum will feature three presenters. Denise Hansen, Marketing Consultant, will focus on driving traffic to your business and getting your product or service sold. Barb Jourdan and Beth Kelly, HR Specialists, team up to teach how to create a high performance workforce. Joel Schultz, Regional Director for MI-Small Business and Technology Development Center, will host a panel discussion with 5 different manufacturer, retail and recreation/tourism businesses that have success stories through the use of the MI-SBTDC. This event is pre-approved by the HRCI for 3.5 general recertification credit hours. The Employer Forum is the result of a combined effort by regional and local agencies all with the mission of supporting small business. Partners include Northeast Michigan Works, Northwest Michigan Works, North Central Michigan College, Northeast Michigan Consortium, Otsego County Economic Alliance, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, WDA State of MI Veteran's Services and the event is made possible through the Regional Entrepreneurial Collaborative Grant. For information or to make reservations, contact Angie at 231-439-5213 or aross@nwm.cog.mi.us or visit www.gaylord-otsego.com/Employer%20Forum.cfm or contact Tish at the Otsego County Economic Alliance at 989-731-0287.

## 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 and 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.

## BOYNE FALLS

### Cake bake

Pack 53 is hosting a Feller's Cake Bake at 6pm Wednesday April 25, at the Boyne Falls School. The Feller's Cake Bake is where the boys and their male role models bake a cake together and bring them to the cake bake auction to raise money. This is one of the fund-raisers that helps send our scouts to summer camp. So come and enjoy yourselves and have fun bidding on our great cakes the scouts have made.

## BOYNE CITY

### Early Learners Program and Kindergarten

The Boyne City Public Schools are reminding parents that now is the time to register for their Early Learners Program and Kindergarten. The Early Learners Program is for children who will be ages 3 to 5, and Kindergarten is for those who will turn 5 before December 1. Early Learners Registration Night is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at the Early Childhood Building, 321 S. Park St. For further information call 231-439-8178. This program is flexible, allowing parents to pick their own hours and days. There are separate classrooms for 3 and 4 year olds, field trips, weekly visits to the library, a computer in each classroom and many other program highlights. If you believe your child is ready for kindergarten and he/she will turn 5 years old before December 1, 2012 register to attend one of the following kindergarten round-up sessions by calling 439-8300.

April 25 - Morning Session, 9 to 11 a.m.; Afternoon Session, 1 to 3 p.m.  
April 26 - Morning Session, 9 to 11 a.m.; Afternoon Session, 1 to 3 p.m.  
April 27 - Morning Session, 9 to 11 a.m.

## BOYNE FALLS

### More! Fest Wine & Dine

Tickets are now on sale for the 7th Annual More!fest 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.

## BOYNE FALLS

### Wedding EXPO

Visit with all the best wedding related businesses in Northern Michigan at the Northern Michigan Wedding EXPO on Sunday, May 20 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Tons of prizes, food and fun. Free admission. Brides-to-be from all over Northern Michigan can Pre-Register at www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com and get an extra entry into the Grand Prize Drawing. EXPO begins at 1pm. Door prizes drawn throughout the day. Fashion show at 3pm. Grand Prize drawing at 4:45pm. Current exhibitors include Bridal shops, Florists, Photographers, Caterers, Hall Rental, Decorators, Wedding Planners, DJ's, Entertainers, Limo Services, Travel Planners, Reception Venues and more. Sponsored by BOYNE and the Charlevoix County News.

## EAST JORDAN

### Canister day

The East Jordan Freedom Festival will be holding Canister Day on Friday, May 25 at 8 locations in East Jordan. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would be interested in taking a one (1) hour shift between 12 - 5 PM, to help raise money for the fantastic fireworks display scheduled for Saturday, June 16th please call the Chamber Office at 231-536-7952. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Northern Lights Celebration

St. Mary School of Charlevoix will be hosting their 17th Annual Northern Lights Celebration on Friday, June 29th at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The event will include unique auction items from various surrounding communities and includes our signature Children's Art Gallery. For more information on the event, contact St. Mary School of Charlevoix at 231.547.9441.

## WALLOON LAKE

### Kayak for a cause

Kayaking enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 4th annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake, a fundraising event for the Camp Daggett Adventure Center (CDAC), Saturday, July 21 and Sunday July 22 from 9:30am until 4pm each day. Beginners and advanced adult kayakers will paddle the 30 miles along the beautiful Walloon Lake shoreline and raise much needed dollars for scholarships for children to attend Camp Daggett Adventure Center programs. You must register by June 15 to receive your free team shirt. For more information, contact Karen Marietti, CDAC director, at 231-347-9742, ext 117 or karen.marietti@campdaggett.org



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## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### Downsizing house to get out of debt?

Dear Dave,  
Is it ever a good idea to sell your home and buy a smaller, less expensive one in order to get out of debt more quickly?  
Autumn

Dear Autumn,  
It's a good idea in some situations. If you don't really like the house, or maybe you were thinking about selling it anyway, then I'd say go for it. It would also be a smart move if you simply have too much house and the payments are eating you alive.

I usually recommend that your monthly mortgage payment or rent be no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay. If your house payments are taking 40 to 50 percent of this figure, then it's time to unload the house.

But selling your home can be a tough thing emotionally.

I'd never advise someone to sell the place they love and move down in house if their payment is reasonable. In these situations there are usually other areas where you can cut back, keep your home, and still get out of debt in a reasonable amount of time.  
—Dave

### Boundaries ...

Dear Dave,  
I'm getting married to a wonderful man, but his 19-year old daughter from a previous marriage is very irresponsible. She doesn't want to make her own car payments and doesn't want to work. Lots of days, she sleeps until noon and just lies around the house. He agrees that he's been too lenient and that she needs to grow up, but doesn't want to pull the rug out from under her. What do you think?  
Kelly

Dear Kelly,  
There are two problems here. One is financial in nature, and the other is a lack of boundaries. You're walking face-first into both of them.

Marriage counselors will tell you if you can agree on four things – religion, money, children and in-laws – then you've got a good chance of having a successful marriage. You've got two of these yanking your chain right now - money and children - and they're both wrapped up in one spoiled little girl. If you and dad really want to show her that you love her, you'll make sure she starts learning some character and discipline.

I'd strongly suggest that you and your fiancé go through pre-marital counseling to make sure you're on the same page when it comes to handling this and other issues. You might also want to read the book Boundaries by

Dr. Henry Cloud, together. Then, the two of you will have some tools to sit down and create a reasonable timeline for her re-education. Her dad, not you, needs to present this to her and explain that he's made some mistakes by not requiring her to grow up and learn self-sufficiency. Then, he can lay out the ground rules and a monthly timetable.

It wouldn't be cruel to require her to get a job during the first month, along with getting out of bed by 8 a.m. every day. During the second month, you could also require her to do some work around the house to help out. During month three she could be required to pay rent. This way, you're stepping up the expectations gradually to the fifth or sixth month, when she's moving out and taking care of her own responsibilities.

It's all about love, Kelly. But it's also about boundaries and expectations that will prepare children to function in the real world.  
—Dave

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### DNR NEWS

## Department of Natural Resources Starting to Enforce Controversial Swine Invasive Species Order

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is using the state Invasive Species Act to expand its jurisdiction beyond hunting and fishing to farming operations. Their controversial Invasive Species Order (ISO) prohibits certain pigs the agency deems "feral." The way it is enforcing the rule even domesticated pigs under human husbandry are suspect. Farmers, ranchers and game preserves with successful small businesses are now threatened with economic and criminal sanctions, based on the physical characteristics of their swine.

Implementation of the ISO, as of April 1st, not only takes private property without compensation it also denies farmers of fundamental private property rights and the right to make a living. It will reduce or eliminate customer access to heritage breed pork, a product that has become increasingly popular with health conscious consumers and restaurants across the state.

The ISO allows DNR to seize and destroy pigs raised by Michigan farmers; Michigan DNR has publicly stated they will not compensate farmers whose pigs are destroyed. Possession of prohibited swine after April 1, 2012 is a felony with penalties of up to two years in jail and \$20,000 in fines.

Attorney Joseph O'Leary is suing the DNR on behalf of four of the aggrieved business owners. He explains, "Wildlife is owned by the state; it is the role of the DNR to regulate and control state property. Livestock on farms is privately owned and properly belongs in the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. When a governmental agency blurs these lines, people had better wake up and take notice because at that point we are all in a lot of trouble."

Game preserve owner, Greg Johnson, reports that these special interest groups find it easier to get their way by pressuring state employees, rather than representatives elected by the people. "The DNR is waging a propaganda campaign of outright lies, which has already driven many

farmers out of business. We are not swimming in feral swine—there is no feral hog problem in Michigan." Johnson reports his business has already dropped in half as a result of the state led smear effort, and the three dozen or so private hunting preserves have dwindled down to a handful.

The Michigan Pork Producers Association and other large agribusiness interests, as well as conservation groups have worked together with the DNR to push for the ruling to be implemented. For the factory pork breeders, this is about eliminating the competition. The ISO ensures consumers will only have the choice of pork raised in confinement, known as confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

For more than a decade, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has worked politically to drive private hunting preserves out of business. However, the Michigan state legislature repeatedly rebuffed their attempts. Elected officials recognize how important private property rights are, and they were unwilling to prohibit landowners to raise and harvest animals in open areas. Now, backed by large Agribusiness interests in the state, DNR has done an end run around participatory democracy and declared swine with certain characteristics "feral" which not only includes animals raised at hunting preserves but thousands of other small farms across the state.

"The DNR has strayed into the unfamiliar territory of agriculture regulation. Given the nebulous and open ended description by which pigs are targeted, farmers fear for their futures," says Pete Kennedy, Esq., President of the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund.

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund defends the rights and broadens the freedoms of family farms and protects consumer access to raw milk and nutrient-dense foods. For more information go to [www.farmtoconsumer.org/michigan-swine-iso.htm](http://www.farmtoconsumer.org/michigan-swine-iso.htm)



Jim Daly

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

### TEEN HAS MORE INTEREST IN TEXTING THAN FAMILY

**QUESTION:** My teenager is constantly texting or on the phone and is not showing any interest in doing things with the family. Do you have some suggestions on how we can re-engage our child and help her want to do things with the family again?

**JULI:** No doubt about it, technology is a significant obstacle for communication in the average American family, especially with teens in the home. Here's a two-prong strategy to deal with it:

First of all, set boundaries on the use of technology in your home. Don't make this about your teenager; make it about the kind of home environment that you want to establish. Some reasonable and helpful boundaries include no technology at meal times, during carpool, or in the bedroom. Set those boundaries for yourself as well as for your kids.

Honestly, I am just as guilty as my 13-year-old son is when it comes to letting technology interrupt family time. Sure, I don't text some-

one every three seconds or play video games, but how often am I pulled away from my family to check email or take a quick call?

Second, make family time a priority. Often, we as parents decide to have family time on the spur of the moment when our schedule finally clears. We expect our kids to drop everything and be excited about bonding with Mom and Dad. Plan regular family times during which your kids know that you expect them to be engaged. These can include a dinner routine of talking about your day, Friday night game or movie nights, or a planned weekend getaway.

Don't take it personally if your teen still prefers her cell phone to you. Even when your kids are less than enthusiastic about a family event, it still provides a critical connection with you.

**QUESTION:** In order to tighten up the family budget, we recently got rid of our premium satellite TV package and switched to basic cable. But that's not cheap, either. Can you suggest other ways to

trim our entertainment budget without going totally TV-free?

**JIM:** First, let me say that there are worse things than going TV-free. The Daly household eliminated the nightly TV routine from our home long ago, and we haven't regretted it for a minute. Don't knock it 'til you've tried it!

However, if you're not ready to take that step, there's still a way to enjoy TV without paying for it on a monthly basis. The New York Times reports that a growing number of families are saving money by canceling their cable service altogether and attaching a good, old-fashioned antenna to their TV sets.

There are a number of TV antenna models available, and a decent one will generally cost anywhere between \$25 and \$150. But that's a one-time expense. There's no monthly fee after that. Of course, you won't get the wide variety of sports, movies and other programming that cable offers. But you'll get more than enough channels to keep up with the news and weather, and

maybe a few of your favorite shows. And if you live in a large urban area, your choices expand dramatically. The Nielsen Group reports that there are more than 40 free broadcast channels available in Los Angeles, for example.

Just think — your parents and grandparents survived for decades watching only a handful of channels on broadcast TV. I doubt whether any of them would suggest they were somehow "missing out" by not having hundreds and hundreds of channels to choose from. You and your family might consider the same arrangement ... and save yourselves hundreds of dollars a year in the process!

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

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

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### Crossword Puzzle

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#### Across

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#### Down

- 1- Swedish auto; 2- Ingrid's "Casablanca" role; 3- Enter; 4- First to be bowled over?; 5- Riding; 6- Old stringed instruments; 7- Debate side; 8- Corrida cries; 9- Lucky charm; 10- Social outcasts; 11- Bumpkin; 12- Lendl of tennis; 13- Fast time; 21- External; 23- A Musketeer; 25- Ceded; 27- Basic; 28- Animated; 29- Put a new price on; 31- Algonquian language; 32- Brewer's need; 33- Angry; 34- Break off; 36- Baby blues; 40- White poplar tree; 41- Tempest; 44- Russian metal urn; 47- Least difficult; 49- Hidden; 50- Boot part; 53- Blender brand; 54- Tubular pasta; 55- Not "fer"; 56- Crown of the head; 57- Gunk; 59- Emperor of Rome 54-68; 60- Med school subj.; 61- Dissolve, as cells; 64- Egg head?;



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## Alano Club to host Spaghetti Dinner at St. Matthews

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.

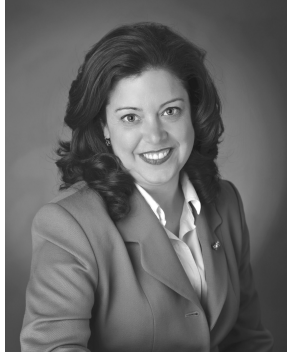
"With Unity Hall, our

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.

## Registration deadline is April 18th for Annual Employer Forum

By Jim Akans



**Business Consultant Denise Hansen will be among the featured presenters at the 2012 Employer Forum at Treetop Resort talking place on April 25th. The registration deadline for this event is April 18th.** COURTESY PHOTO

Whether an existing business or entrepreneur gathering information in preparation for a new business launch, you won't want to miss this exciting and informative opportunity to attend the annual Employer Forum to be held at Treetops Resort in Gaylord on Wednesday, April 25th. However, the April 18th deadline for registering to attend this half-day event is fast approaching, and the very reasonable \$20 fee includes lunch, plenty of networking opportunities, and a wealth of valuable business information that will be presented during the afternoon by the forums two guest speakers and an employers panel.

The first presenter will be Business Consultant Denise Hansen, owner of Impact Retailing LLC, who has been in the retailing field for over 20 years. She has worked with such retailing giants as Walt Disney Company and Victoria Secret, and topics during her "Generate Traffic and Get it Sold" segment at the forum will include "providing a rich customer experience," "realizing higher traffic levels," and "creating an interactive experience."

Barb Jourdan and Beth Kelly will join forces at the forum for a segment entitled "Creating a High Performance Workforce, offering insights on leading HR practices based on their extensive research and professional experience. They have provided human resource services to several small to mid-sized organizations, enhancing employee productivity and maintaining employment compliance.

The final presentation of the afternoon; "Small Business Success Stories & Working with the MI-SBTDC" will be a Northern Michigan Employer's Panel moderated by Joel Schultz. The panel, consisting of John McLeod of Classic Instruments, Scott Newan Bale of Shorts Brewery Company, Geri Koutnik of Fox Run Golf Club, Steve Fun of Funky Fish & Friends, and Mary Faculak of Mary's EJ Shoppe and Mary's of Boyne, will address marketing issues, payroll management, inventory rotation, and even cash flow on a tight budget.

Organizers state that the goal of the Employer Forum is to have "attendee's walk away at the end of the Forum with a good understanding of what small business services and tools are available to them and speak to some experts who can provide them with small business counseling, training and market research."

This Employer Forum is the result of a combined effort by regional and local agencies, all with the mission of supporting small business. Partners include Northeast Michigan Works, Northwest Michigan Works, North Central Michigan College, Northeast Michigan Consortium, Otsego County Economic Alliance, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Workforce Development Agency, state of Michigan and Veteran's Services. It is made possible through the Regional Entrepreneurial Collaborative Grant.

The 2012 Employer Forum runs from 11:30 am until 4:30 pm on April 25 at Treetop Resort. To register please contact Tish at the Otsego County Economic Alliance at 989-731-0287 or email tish@gaylord-otsego.com by April 18th.

## Challenge Mountain Resale Shops in Boyne City and Petoskey

By Jim Akans

In 1984, the Challenge Mountain 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization was founded to raise funds to develop an adaptive ski program to allow physically and mentally challenged individuals enjoy the thrill and excitement of the sport of downhill skiing free of charge. With a motto of "If I can do this I can do anything!" the Challenge Mountain organization grew over the years to include Summer Games, Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Camp Quality, Winter Games and much more.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. The 6,600 square foot facility in Boyne City and 4,200 square foot facility in Petoskey each present a seemingly endless array of men's, women's and children's clothing items, books, music, furniture, linens, glassware and other household items to select from.

The Boyne City store is located at 1158 S. M-75, just east of Boyne City toward Boyne Falls (where the facility was actually once located), and the Petoskey



**Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission.** COURTESY PHOTO.

store is at 2429 US 31 North across from Houghton Gas.

Each store is open Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4 pm, and on

Saturdays from 10 am until 3 pm. For additional information about Challenge Mountain, please call (231) 582-5711 or visit [www.cmski.org](http://www.cmski.org).

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# HIDDEN TREASURES

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

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<b>Challenge Mountain Resale</b> 1158 S. M-75, Boyne City 231-582-5711 <a href="http://www.challengemtn.org">www.challengemtn.org</a>	<b>Bergmann Center Resale Shop</b> 8888 Ance Road Charlevoix 231-547-9624 <a href="http://www.bergmanncenter.org">www.bergmanncenter.org</a>	<b>Pineview Military Surplus</b> 7328 Old 27 North, Frederic 989-348-8300	<b>Angels at Work Resale</b> 1523 S Otsego Ave. Gaylord 989.448.8615	<b>Habitat for Humanity Restore</b> 8460 M-119., Harbor Springs 231-347-8440	<b>Challenge Mountain Resale Shop</b> 2429 US31 North, Petoskey 231-348-3195 <a href="http://www.challengemtn.org">www.challengemtn.org</a>
<b>Good Samaritan Furniture &amp; More Store</b> 6517 Center St. Downtown Ellsworth 231-588-2208 <a href="http://thegoodsam.org">thegoodsam.org</a>	<b>Kelly's Antiques &amp; Furniture Barn</b> 06176 Old US 31 S., Charlevoix 231-547-0133 <a href="http://www.dkellyantiques.com">www.dkellyantiques.com</a>	<b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 1361 Pineview Dr. (near Lowes) Gaylord 989-705-1747 <a href="http://www.goodwillnmi.org">www.goodwillnmi.org</a>	<b>Venus &amp; Blue Jeans</b> 340 West Main St.. Gaylord 989-731-2600 <a href="http://www.venusandbluejeans.com">www.venusandbluejeans.com</a>	<b>Mancelona Food Pantry &amp; Resale Shop</b> 201 N. Maple St., Mancelona 231-587-9606	<b>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center</b> 1600 Anderson Road Petoskey 231-348-6947 <a href="http://www.goodwillnmi.org">www.goodwillnmi.org</a>
<b>Consign Design</b> 100 Van Pelt Pl., Charlevoix 231-237-9773 <a href="http://www.consigndesign.net">www.consigndesign.net</a>	<b>ELLSWORTH</b>	<b>Great Rooms Quality Pre-Owned Furniture</b> 148 W. Main Street Gaylord 989-745-5184 <a href="http://www.greatroomsgaylord.com">www.greatroomsgaylord.com</a>	<b>Four Seasons Resale of the North</b> 111 E. Main Street Gaylord, MI 49735 989.306.1482	<b>MIO Strawberry Patch</b> Downtown Mio 989-826-1503	<b>Strawberry Patch</b> Downtown Mio 989-826-1503
			<b>HARBOR SPRINGS</b>	<b>PETOSKEY</b>	
			<b>New Beginnings Thrift Shop</b> 650 W Conway Rd., Harbor Springs 231-348-2980	<b>MKR Consignments</b> Clothing, Home Furnishings, Décor 2010 Harbor-Petoskey Road Petoskey 231-881-6130 <a href="http://www.MKRConsignments.com">www.MKRConsignments.com</a>	

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# Boyne Falls Public Schools are **LIVING UNITED**

Staff of Boyne Falls Public Schools were the winners of the United Way

"Lesky Lunch Challenge". This award, sponsored by the Lesky Agency and

MEEMIC Insurance, honors the local school district with the greatest support for the annual United Way campaign.

"To encourage participation in our annual campaign, Char-Em United Way and the Lesky Agency put

out a challenge to schools," states Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "The winner would receive lunch for its entire staff."

United Way staff was on hand, along with Gary Lesky of the Lesky Agency, to thank Boyne Falls teach-

ers and staff. "This is a great opportunity and my pleasure to thank the staff of Boyne Falls schools for their generous support of the United Way," said Lesky. "MEEMIC Insurance has a long history of providing coverage for teachers and this is one

way we can give back to them."

"Boyne Falls Public Schools took the challenge to heart and, with 50% participation, they generously donated a total of \$915. This is a 340% increase in donations over last year," says Karen Sherwood, Boyne Falls Superintendent. "Our teachers and staff see how great the need is in their community. They see how the sacrifices families make to pay the rent or make sure the heat stays on comes before new shoes, school supplies and even food. And they see first hand how this impacts their students."

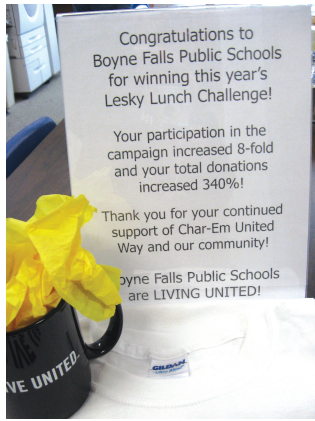
"We are pleased by the response of all the schools who conducted United Way Campaigns this year, especially knowing the financial challenge our schools and teachers are facing," says Lancaster. "Our Education Division includes all the public schools in the two counties, as well as North Central Michigan College. Together, school staff donated nearly \$16,000 to our campaign this year. The Lesky Challenge is a fun incentive to encourage giving by school staff."

Other schools which increased their giving to United Way this year were: North Central Michigan College, Boyne City, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, and Char-Em ISD. Concord Academy Petoskey conducted its first ever campaign this year.

"The United Way campaign is now at 99% of our ambitious \$380,000 goal and, while we are optimistic about reaching our goal, the local economy has definitely impacted donations," continues Lancaster. "We hope that individuals and businesses in our community will step up and help us meet the growing needs of our community."

The funds will stay local to support effective health and human service programs which impact the education, income and health needs of the residents of Emmet and Charlevoix counties. In addition to funding services of other agencies, United Way provides lead support for the Volunteer Connections program and the 2-1-1 information and referral system. A new initiative this year focuses on early childhood literacy, a great interest to school staff.

Tax-deductible donations to the campaign continue to be accepted at P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770 or online at [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org). For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006, email [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org) or find them on Facebook.



Honoring Boyne Falls Public School staff for winning the Lesky Lunch Challenge for their United Way campaign results are: Jill Patton, Boyne Falls Counselor and Gary Lesky, Lesky Agency.



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