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Rambler freshman **Katelyn Banner** looks to get the ball back into the infield during recent action.



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Boyne City Junior Varsity's Morgan Kelts prepares to slide into third in the Ramblers victory over Roscommon on April 16. Boyne won game one 16-0, and were up 12-9 after two innings in the nightcap when play was called. The Ramblers also split with Gaylord on April 13.

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Local News Reporter Passes Away



Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler

By Dave Baragrey

Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler, 64, died Monday morning. She has been reporting local news in Charlevoix County for the past 15 years or so.

Following the closing of the Citizen-Journal in March of 2009, I met with BJ to design her role in our county-wide newspaper. She offered to cover local city and county government. That was a great fit for us. That is always the toughest role to fill. Most writers do not enjoy sitting

through the often tedious local government meetings. However, BJ enjoyed that role. She admired local officials and treated them with respect.

She understood her role was to report the news, not to create it. She was proud of her profession and I had enormous respect for her.

Her road was not always easy though. For the past decade BJ fought with Parkinson's disease.

Though she never let the disease interfere with her work, it did drain her energy. She had to plan her

day carefully to get enough rest to allow her to attend those many, many meetings and spend the next few hours putting the article together to meet deadline.

BJ had a good sense of humor which we all enjoyed. A couple years ago she had a procedure that helped her symptoms from Parkinson's disease. It was called a Deep Brain Stimulation. This is a surgical treatment involving the implantation of a medical device called a brain pacemaker, which sends electri-

cal impulses to specific parts of the brain. Throughout this trying time she never missed a deadline. Of course when she got back home I was able to have something new to tease her about. She had another hole in her head. She laughed and I used that line with her for the next 6 months.

BJ was a valuable member of our team. She was a skilled writer, had a great attitude and loved the communities she served. She graduated from Michigan State University, School of Journalism. She was a good friend and we will miss her.

At B.J.'s request no services are planned.

EXTENDING THE VISION: Reaching every Victim

2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week starts April 22nd

By Jim Akans

The week of April 22nd through April 28th will be officially recognized as National Crime Victims' Rights Week this year, recognizing the struggles of those whose lives have been affected by criminal transgressions, and advocating their rights in our justice system. Since 1981, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has held this annual observance to help lead communities across the nation by promoting victims rights and honoring crime victims as well as those who advocated on their behalf. The theme for this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Extending the Vision: Reaching every Victim," highlighting the message that services offered by the OVC and local programs are available to each and every individual whose life has been affected as a victim of crime.

In 2010, an estimated 18.7 million violent and property crimes were committed in the United States among residents ages 12 and over. In the area of burglary offenses alone, the loss is estimated at \$4.6 billion, and the Bureau of Justice statistics revealed that violent crimes by intimate partners totaled over one-half million incidents in 2010, representing over 13-percent of violent crimes. The FBI reported 14,748 homicides in 2010, with nearly of one-third of those victims being between the ages of 30 and 39. The FBI also



"Extending the Vision: Reaching every Victim" is the theme for this year's weeklong recognition of National Crime Victim's Rights week, April 22nd through Saturday, April 28th. Here, award recipients and guests observe a moment of silence during a past year's candlelight ceremony held in Washington D.C. COURTESY PHOTO.

reported that approximately 1.4 million people were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2010.

While these are certainly disturbing statistics, the victims of those crimes far exceed these numbers, and the effects on their personal lives extends well beyond each specific crime incident. A 2003 study found that crime victims experience a much higher lifetime incidence of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) than those who had never reported being victimized. Another recent comprehensive study revealed that the lifetime prevalence of psychologi-

cal disorders in both male and female crime victims suffering with posttraumatic stress was 88 percent and 79 percent respectively, with the most common disorders being depression, substance abuse and phobia. As this study demonstrates, the emotional impact of becoming a victim of crime can be both traumatic and chronic.

Victim's Advocates work to help crime victims' work through this emotional trauma, assist when they have suffered damages other than the emotional. They also aid in

See **Crime Victims' Rights Week-3A**

Fireworks at County Commission Meeting

By Dave Baragrey

Boyne City has a fantastic fireworks display during their Fourth of July Celebration, but they didn't compare to the fireworks display at the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting last Wednesday morning.

Boyne City resident, Bob Taylor, grilled the commissioners about the proposal for Northwest Design Group for phase one of the non-motorized trail from Boyne City to US 31. Taylor questioned the board concerning a number of items in the proposal including the bid process, authorization, survey and cost to the county. Taylor's presentation lasted for about 30 minutes, but the fireworks had only begun.

Charlevoix County's chief assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara presented a list of allegations against her boss, county prosecutor, John Jarema. Fanara accused Jarema of lying to a judge and county commissioners, refusing to pay her for work she did, investigating her for fraudulently filling out time slips and spreading false rumors about her extra marital affairs.

Fanara said the problems began when Fanara asked her boss to sign her up for a student loan payback benefit offered prosecutors and assistant prosecutors. She also complained to the board about losing extra pay for serving as office manager at the Prosecutor's office.

Fanara went on to accuse Jarema of lying to Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas about the appeal in the Charles Merriman murder case that dealt with defense attorney payments to defense attorney, Dan Hartman from county funds. Fanara said, "John stated that the attorney general's office dropped

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SATURDAY



HIGH: Low 50's
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SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 50's
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MONDAY



HIGH: Mid 50's
LOW: Upper 30's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Mid 50's
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record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
19	59°F	34°F	85°F (1987)	15°F (1983)
20	60°F	34°F	88°F (1987)	14°F (1983)
21	60°F	35°F	88°F (1985)	10°F (1993)
22	61°F	35°F	89°F (1980)	15°F (1986)
23	61°F	35°F	87°F (1985)	17°F (1986)
24	62°F	36°F	85°F (1990)	20°F (1974)
25	62°F	36°F	87°F (1990)	18°F (1967)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and donors who participated in our recent Community Investment Allocation Reviews.

Thirty-four volunteers met over 3 days to review funding applications and listen to 29 local health and human service agencies present their grants. Thank You to: Board Members Steve Andraea, Dee Vincent, Barb Perreault, Joanne Curtis, Karen Sherard, Jennifer Rekasi, Bob Carlile, Betsy Britton, Marty Van De Car, Jim Rudolph, Mark Tompkins, Therese Green, Larry Hensley and Joel Schraw and to our dedicated Citizen Review Team members Lee Kramer, Dennis Halverson, Carol Jarvi, Amy Lalewicz, Doug and Jennifer Buck, JoEllen Rudolph, Bob Reedy, Jill Harrell, John Stakoe, Val Meyerson, Lisa Hoyt, Lucia West, Michelle Harrington, Emily Meyerson, Barb Wotila, Kate Scollin, Gayle Felski, Amy Tweeten and Julie Seida.

These volunteers carefully read the funding re-

quests from community agencies, considered community needs and United Way's funding priorities, and asked the tough questions to get all the information needed to make funding recommendations to our Board of Directors. They truly are stewards of our donors' investments in the community.

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to the AmericInn, which provided our meeting space, and to our refreshment donors B C Pizza, Subway, Glen's and Andy's Party Store in Charlevoix and Julienne Tomatoes, and Big Apple Bagels in Petoskey. We also appreciate the loan of a projector from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. The donations made by these generous businesses allow us to use the funds entrusted to us by our donors to directly fund programs.

Thank You to our volunteers for LIVING UNITED and helping Char-Em United Way make a difference in our community! Happy National Volunteer Week!

Martha Lancaster,
Executive Director
Char-Em United Way

Dear Editor:

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) has had the good fortune of working with many caring, talented and dedicated volunteers over the past 35 years. During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 15-21, we recognize the important role they play in helping fulfill the agency's mission of supporting women and families in northern Michigan.

This past year alone, volunteers provided more than 6,000 hours of service to our organization and their time was invested in a number of ways. Volunteers at the Safe Home help children with craft projects while their mothers attend counseling and support groups; other volunteers help answer the 24-hour crisis line and meet the day-to-day needs of these families. Gold Mine Resale Shop volunteers assist shoppers, restock shelves and work the cash register. Our Community Violence Prevention Team is composed almost entirely of volunteers who act in an advisory capacity

to assure widespread adoption of proven violence prevention programs and help promote prevention awareness in our community. Those who volunteer to serve on the agency's board of directors help set policy and long-term goals to advance the agency's mission. We also rely on RSVP volunteers to help us prepare bulk mailings.

Hundreds of individuals and families served by the WRCNM in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties benefit from the talents of our volunteers. It is with the help of dedicated volunteers who work in a variety of program areas and also assist with the critical task of fundraising that the Women's Center is able to continue providing so many vital services, year after year.

Please join us in thanking our volunteers and acknowledging their dedication and amazing accomplishments. They help us make a difference in the lives of so many people in our community.

Sincerely,
Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

Ken Winter's Heritage is Running Amuck

It all began with some email/texts, as we might imagine – think Kwame Kilpatrick and the plethora of other divulging email/texting/sexting scandals ubiquitous. The territory newspaper, The Petoskey News-Review, sensed clandestine messaging going on in a Charlevoix County Commission open public meeting via the reporter assigned to cover such assemblies, conveyed this to the editor, Jeremy McBain, and a lawsuit followed to disclose just what those messages might be. They could be terrorist threats! Extortion, embezzlement, sexual escapades, who knew? The judge's findings remain to reveal the mundane otherwise, which as I perceive were simply county and related affairs not applicable to or necessary of open discussion. Frivolous litigation, a form of barratry, seems more in order as an allegation relative to the News-Review editor's zealous crusade.

Meanwhile, back in the jurisdudent/journalistic jungle, there were other intrigues brewing. Charlevoix's Prosecutor, John Jarema, the protagonist of email texting, was soon to be accused of hazing and otherwise denigrating his Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, an allegation that included some financial irregularities. An "unexpected speech" – PN-R terminology - at a Commission meeting by Shaynee was videotaped by the waiting press cameraman, seemingly prepped beforehand to record this occurrence since reporters do not usually come video equipped but carry only small cameras or camera-equipped cell phones.

Of three Commissioners who spoke thereafter to the News-Review, Shiirle Tripp sided with Shaynee Fanara in the chauvinism implication since she herself suggested she had been so victimized for seven years, thereby justifying the civil and gender-oriented issue. We ought to be reminded here though that a reverse situation existed previously in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office. Former Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur in recent past years fired two female office workers and her then Assistant Prosecutor John Jarema for insubordination, a case that ultimately resulted in a million-dollar county and insurance payout between all three plaintiffs and the electing of John Jarema to County Prosecutor status replacing Ms. Kur. Reverse discrimination indeed, poignant pathos and irony replete. The insinuation of male hegemony is therefore a moot point by Ms. Tripp though she may have legitimate complaints of her own. In her words, "...We'll make it, Shaynee...", she prefacing this comment with the unquoted paraphrase, she, too, feels like she must fight excessively hard for things she shouldn't have to, presumably an amalgam of press and Ms. Fanara. But as to Shaynee:

Shaynee Fanara takes a medical leave of absence due to "tension headaches" caused by Jarema. Mr Jarema however states that Shaynee approached the Commission with a ploy to take severance pay in return for not involving the press – read potential/plausible extortion. The Commissioners apparently declined to award her the calculated four-year salary and vacation pay of some \$500,000, a nice little nest-egg that would be, though an allegation that Fanara vehemently denies. Neither News cameras nor reporters were on that scene though ostensibly 'twas a sequence that Commissioners would be able to confirm or deny. It would be logical to attribute some conspiracy here, some complicity between press and plaintiff since coincidence, or circumstan-

tial evidence in law terms, happens both conveniently and inconveniently, in either case something to look at in serious inquest.

Thusly the situation is likely headed to court, the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission already being involved. And here's the real shocker for all us sensationalist readers: Sexual innuendo! How could we survive without that? This press focused upon herein printed the dramatic "most egregious allegation – that Jarema spread false rumors about her having sex with a defense attorney in exchange for better plea bargains". Shocking to be sure but meretriciously welcome to all us scandal hounds. "False rumors" is seemingly a press insinuation since it's not attributed to Shaynee Fanara directly, a further suggestion of collusion. Realistically it would be foolhardy to charge such motives without some proof because presumed strength of character precludes such insouciant caprice in elected public office. One doesn't stoop so low as that unless of course this were a federal campaign issue – think Karl Rove tactics. John Jarema, in my experience and estimation, is not a petty person. I have, however, witnessed Shaynee Fanara's scruples challenged, but that's another story which Jarema did go along with in the spirit of using the bad guys' tactics to catch the bad guys – read ethics challenges regardless the so-called honor among thieves. So it goes. Catching the bad guys is their game plan. That's not my issue. Here's my issue:

The kicker here lies in the Petoskey News-Review polity. As a writer I write letters to editors, send articles, commentaries, humoresque pieces and so on which the press is naturally free to take or leave. Never before, though, had I ever had occasion to experience an editor actually demanding I stop communicating with their personnel. I quote: "...you will cease any further of these harassing and threatening communications with Miss McWhirter or any news staff member of the Petoskey News-Review". This is from editor Jeremy McBain. Note the inference inculcated in "You will", pretty much an allusion to "you vill" with a German accent. Such is the state of this press as of the recent purchase of this long-term local newspaper by an Indiana media chain, one of those Monopoly Game financial ventures though more the Marvin's Gardens type than Park Place. I suppose the implication would be that since the PN-R kind of prevailed in the email/text court case, the editor feels justified in suggesting that he might actually obtain some sort of legal protective redoubt from further "threat". My actual words to Sheri McWhirter in part were "beyond the bounds of propriety...ignominy...integrity quotient" and the like, no threats whatsoever lest one consider integrity to be a threat – perhaps so for the integrity challenged. These are hardly the hardboiled yet compassionate journalists of the past. In recent past I have enjoined Mr. McBain to engage in a "beer summit" to talk things over but to no avail there, actual hostility instead. I've been around the media business for a long time and I do know of the company man syndrome, the "us" demeanor purveyed by the press. Media entities of all stripes at once want and need public input while purveying bodyguard hands-off presentiment otherwise. Cowards and criminals enigmatically always utilize authority powers for their dirty work when they can't respond otherwise – that's where the police gain much of their prowess, i.e through pejorative subornation, intimidation, informants and so on. This odd conundrum of precluding communications, however, is, as far as I know, unprecedented. List-

ing email addresses in periodicals hardly suggests closed circuitry; in fact letters are invited as stated daily. That would, I presume, be a 1st Amendment issue. It's not my issue beyond suggesting the surrealistic Nineteen-Eighty-Four oxymoronic irony of it.

Like the animosity betwixt Arabs/Persians and Israelis/Americans there is no use trying to improve the relationship since it harkens back millennia heretofore and local judges and curmudgeons contemporarily will desist in allowing any inroads to other than uneasy but stubborn détente, one might even say over-the-top redoubt against contumacy. Such belligerent scuffles are not to be assuaged but only await further provocation. Best to let it cool down if it may but probably not happening. Local judges have not the cosmopolitan perception to allow for differing lifestyles or broader perspectives, this being largely an agrarian region, limited in worldly wise perceptions and all that, which of course is the bucolic nature most residents want to retain and tourists come to enjoy. There is hence little to be gained in either victory or loss hereabouts but for momentary buoyancy always impugned; these are not earthshaking matters. The ruins of time attest to this: mankind builds and, always infiltrated, casts asunder. Spring verdure reappears on schedule anyway, our main attraction.

Presumably this or these issues in aggregate will need to be resolved officially as is usually the case. Mediation seems unlikely at this point with such insinuations flying around like random lightning bolts. To some observers there seems to be a curse upon the Charlevoix office of Prosecutor. A former Prosecutor of the adjoining county, which shares many services, once said "We do things differently up here", up here meaning way north of Detroit and all that conurbation below the mythical line between Bay City and Muskegon dissecting the Lower Peninsula north to south, perhaps even the rest of the inveterately corrupted lower forty-eight states included. Preemption is by and large the official policy in this territory, the northern tip of the mitt, "Spoon River Anthology" withstanding, a little Peyton Place not out of place either, conservatism being the overriding demeanor. The Petoskey newspaper appears to be conjuring a bit of a curse upon itself too, though this need not be. Expect the worst, however, and you'll never be disappointed.

As this story evolves it should certainly be of evocation to observe just who is earnest and who is prevaricating, an equivocal resolve forthcoming, perhaps the best we can anticipate. Who's telling the whole truth here and who's not and to what extent? As we are getting distorted and incomplete views, one might say biased, out of context, from the News-Review, the other local presses, weekly, must suffice for rounding out the input and sorting out the facts from the fantasies. This presumably will come to pass and stand the test of time in immediacy and retrospect but may not suffice to insure future balance of legitimacy. Outcomes tend to balance themselves one way or another although the conflict seems never to resolve completely. Will we see more barratry? Will this case become the latest sensation? Will that editor join me for a beer summit? Stay tuned.

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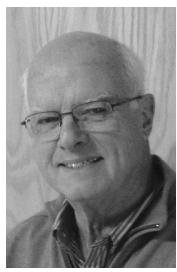
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Energy: From Carbon to Thorium

Committing our energy sources almost entirely to carbon is costing us our earthly treasures; converting to thorium would enable us to earn them back. The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to present at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, Energy: From Carbon to Thorium. The program will help people understand how Thorium can be used to save the planet and why it hasn't been widely adopted. It will be presented by Dave Robinson and combines clips from the documentary, Thorium Remix with his commentary and research. The video in its entirety will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dave Robinson, retired, was a designer in the oil industry for many years. For more information about this or other library events visit them at: www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call the Information Desk at 231-237-7360



Dave Robinson

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the ball and did not file an answer. That's not true. Our office kept receiving notices from the court of appeals stating they still had gotten an answer. We received several notices from the court of appeals that it was the county prosecutor's responsibility to answer that appeal." Fanara stated that she questioned Jarema about the delay in responding the court of appeals and he said their office is not going to answer the appeal. That wanted Hartman to get the money. Fanara stated, "I called the attorney grievance hotline to see if I had to do anything. I was hoping that he didn't lie that he didn't lie to the judge in chambers and that wouldn't have to do anything. However, they said I was obligated to grieve him. But it is not right to lie to a judge. Now, he is retaliating toward me in the worst way. He is telling people that I am sleeping with a defense attorney in order for them to get better plea deals. This is a complete lie and it's way out of line. This is both offensive to my marriage, my family as well as the integrity of my work."

Fanara also claimed that she is seeking medical treatment for tension headaches

caused by a hostile work environment. "I have a doctor, neurosurgeon and physical therapist that all say the headaches are because of his treatment."

Responding to the allegations, Jarema told commissioners that Fanara's claims are her way of putting to county on notice that she intends to file a lawsuit. He commented, "It was a well orchestrated thing today. The only time the paper (Petoskey News Review) got up to record was when Shaynee got up to speak." It was obvious that Fanara had prepared the reporter ahead of the meeting. Jarema said, "This board should know that the HR person has been involved since September. Joel (Evans) has been involved since November. It was last Monday, or the Monday before, that she made a demand of this board, a settlement demand."

Jarema told commissioners that he had met Tuesday with Fanara and county human resources director, Kevin Shepard about that demand.

The fireworks were not yet over though. Bob Taylor took the public podium once again to address a comment made by Commissioner Shirlene Tripp. Earlier in the meeting following Taylor's presentation Tripp

commented that Taylor had wasted an hour of their time. Taylor took offense to that. He said, "If she (Tripp) had done her job and not put that bogus document out where the board had to look at it, or we have to work around it, it could cost us problems with the engineering outfit. Because what has been brought up here today should have never existed... She wasted a whole lot more of our time. I don't need a commissioner like her running down what I did, calling it a waste of time."

Board chairman, Joel Evans agreed. "I guess I should have commented on that." Addressing the board he said, "Commissioners, we must respect Mr. Taylor and anybody else that comes before the board to address us or have questions. We must be very careful not to say that perhaps we wasted time." Tripp attempted to respond to Taylor's comment about the document she had circulated a few months ago. Trying to regain order, Evans asked Tripp to let him speak. As Tripp continued, Evans told her that if she continued to interrupt and speak out of turn that he would ask her to leave. The meeting quickly regained order.

RESPONSE FROM JOHN JAREMA

The Charlevoix County News contacted Mr. Jarema to follow up after the Commission meeting last week. We asked if there was anything additional he would like to add. His response follows.

"I am shocked at these allegations. In my opinion it appears that this is well orchestrated plan and it also appears that she is being counseled by an attorney. I understand that Mrs. Fanara has already made a "severance demand" of 4 years of salary and benefits."

RESPONSE FROM SHAYNEE FANARA

The Charlevoix County News contacted Mrs. Fanara to follow up after the Commission meeting last week. We asked if there was anything additional she would like to add. Her response follows.

"I am really saddened and upset over John Jarema's bullying behavior. At least four employees have left the office because of Jarema's harassment. I tried to stay working there for the officers and victims but when Jarema attacked my marriage and integrity over offensive rumors that he made up, he just went way too far. I have not sued the county, there is no pending lawsuit and my intentions are to continue working there. Please feel free to contact any police officer, I believe they will support the fact that I love my job and carry 80% of the criminal case load. I believe the police officers will say I do a great job, just as the judges have said. I want to get back to work but I just need help. I can not continue to be bullied and harassed by Jarema any longer. It makes me upset that some commissioners have known about Jarema's bullying for years but refuse to put an end to it."

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CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

filing restitution orders with the court, and in what can be the very confusing process of understand the court system; explaining the intent and meaning behind a litany of processes, such as the arraignment, pre-trial, preliminary examination or a scheduling conference.

To assist crime victims in their recovery, The Victims of Crime Act, which was passed in 1984, includes the establishment of the Crime Victims Fund, which appropriately, is financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders, not from tax dollars. Over the years, the fund has grown from \$68 million to nearly \$4 billion and supports victim compensation programs nationwide.

As technology increasingly pervades our lives, crime has unfortunately closely followed. An estimated 8.1 million adults, or nearly three-and-a-half percent of the U.S. population, became a victim of identity fraud in 2010. In just the first half of 2010, spyware infections reached approximately one of 11 households, with damages reaching \$1.2 billion. During the 2008-2009 school year, cyber-bullying affected six-percent of students ages 12 and 18, with over eight percent of male victims and nearly four percent of female victims stating they were bullied almost daily.

The tentacles of each and every crime reach far and wide. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is about raising public awareness and providing education about Victims Rights, such as the availability of Victims Advocates within local communities. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and the Victims' of Crime Act, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrvw>.

DCL, Inc. selected as Charlevoix Chamber Business of the Month

By Jim Akans

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

A privately-held company that was founded in Charlevoix by Reinhard Matye and Warner Egger back in 1981, DCL is an international leader in dry bulk loading equipment established with one simple goal; to design and build the most efficient and cost-effective solutions for dry bulk loading in any industry sector. In recent years they have brought Bay Shore Steel Works under their umbrellas, a company located halfway between Petoskey and Charlevoix on US 31.

DCL is overseen by Tim English, president, and Alec Amstutz, VP of operations. Tim English notes, "We employ 62 individuals locally, and have another 44 representatives in 34 countries. We are an international company manufacturing products for the bulk material industry, such as spouts, conveyors, gates, belts, and dust collectors. One of our specialties is Dust Control Loading (DCL), resulting in virtually dust free loading for ships, barges and trucks."

A worldwide enterprise that is based in the Charlevoix industrial park, a focus of the company's mission statement is to remain "firmly committed to the success and economic growth of our community and our state."

Tim English affirms, "Though we have



The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected DCL, Inc. as the April Business of the Month. (Left to right); Bethany Pearson (Chamber), Werner Egger (Owner), Bill Wicker (Vice President), Tim English (President-holding award), Reinhard Matye (Owner), Erin Bemis (Chamber).

grown to be an international company, Charlevoix is where we started. It's great place to live and work. We have an excellent staff and very low turnover; their talents and efficiency are a big part of our being able to compete in a global marketplace. We are also heavily involved in the Charlevoix community, being a part of many community events and organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Venetian Festival, sports booster, and many others."

The Charlevoix Business of the Month is selected by the Chamber Ambassador Committee, and represents an organization that goes above and beyond business as usual, positively impacting the community. Each Business of the Month will be a contender for the Chamber's annual Business of the Year Award. This prestigious award is presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Reception.

For additional information about DCL, Inc, visit their website at; www.dclinc.com

First Annual Smart Commute Charlevoix Week Slated for June 4-8th

A group of community volunteers are announcing their 1st Annual Smart Commute Charlevoix Challenge to take place from June 4th to June 8th. Smart Commute Charlevoix is an initiative to support businesses to encourage their employees to find alternative methods of transportation to work for one week. Alternative methods include walking, biking, carpooling, taking public transportation, etc.

Businesses can register to participate for free and will be placed into three categories (small,

medium, and large) based upon employee count. The businesses that have the highest percentage of employee participation will receive free publicity for their business, the commuter cup trophy, and t-shirts for their participating employees.

"Why wouldn't you participate," said Chairperson Bethany Pearson. "It's good for you, good for your employees, your business, and the environment-plus it's absolutely free!"

Smart Commute Charlevoix is a volunteer run organization.

The mission of the group is to promote and encourage individuals and businesses to conserve resources, promote healthy exercise, and become stewards of a sustainable lifestyle in Charlevoix. The event is sponsored by Irish Boat Shop, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Harbor Industries, Revolution Bike, Village Graphics, The City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Public Library, WATCH, and The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more about Smart

Commute Charlevoix or to register your businesses in the Commute Cup Challenge visit www.charlevoix.org/smart-commute or contact Bethany Pearson at the Charlevoix Chamber, 231.547.2101 or pearson@charlevoix.org; or Val Meyerson at the Charlevoix Public Library 231.547.2651, or val@charlevoixlibrary.org



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Downtown Divas

Enjoy Food, Fashion and Fun during the East Jordan "Downtown Divas"

At Murray's Bar and Grill • Tuesday, April 24th, starting at 5:30 pm.

By Jim Akans

Get ready for an evening of food, fashion and fun, as the East Jordan "Downtown Divas" event will be taking place at Murray's Bar and Grill next Tuesday, April 24th, starting at 5:30 pm. Those purchasing tickets for this second annual event will enjoy a wonderful fashion show, dinner, cash bar, and a chance to win some exciting door prizes plus a grand prize "make-over" valued at approximately \$700! Participating merchants will also be open after the event so attendees can do a bit of shopping in downtown East Jordan.

During the event at Murray's, a fashion show will feature models donning a gorgeous array of apparel, and if they wish attendees will have the opportunity to talk to each model and ask questions about their outfits, check out the designs and fabrics up close, and enjoy a truly interactive "Diva experience."

While attendees will have a chance at winning any of several door prizes, one lucky lady will win a "make-over" with a variety of gifts and services from all of the participating businesses including - Hair cut/Make-up from Chello's Salon & Day Spa, a fabulous Two-piece Outfit from Mary's EJ Shoppe, full Body Spray Tan from Sunnyside Up Tanning, a Presentation Bouquet from Back Door Florist & Gifts, a Purse from Busy Bridge Gifts & Antiques, Dinner for Two from Murray's Bar & Grill and two hours of Interior Design from Inner Structure. Cross those fingers, because the total estimated value of this grand prize package is \$700!

Tickets for the East Jordan



Downtown Divas event are now on sale at Murray's for \$15 per person, and that includes dinner, tax & tip, cash bar along with the fabulous fashion show and prize drawings. For additional informa-

tion contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351.

iMagine, iNspire, iNnovate

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 3-7 p.m. 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@boayne.k12.mi.us

Paper Airplane Races at Library

Charlevoix - Paper airplanes are fun for kids of any age - but especially for the ones in grades 4 - 8. The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting Paper Airplane Races, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21. Kids are invited to stop by and learn how to fold a multitude of paper airplanes and then take an opportunity to race their friends and competitors. Paper airplanes have been a

staple in many a play ground and home and offer a fun and frugal pastime for your kids. Folding paper planes offers opportunity for kids to share designs and work together to build the fastest and most aerodynamic plane in the group - and they have fun while doing it! For more information about this or other library programs for kids, call Audrey @ 231-237-7351.

Arbor Day Foundation Names the City of Boyne City as a Tree City USA Community

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service has announced that Boyne City has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA for the eighth straight year.

"We commend Boyne City's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest" said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

In observance of Arbor Day, Boyne City's annual seedling giveaway will take place this year on Thursday,

April 26th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at City Hall. This year the city will be giving away Red Pines, White Pines, White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Northern Red Oak and Butterfly Bushes. Come early for the best selection.

We are asking that each individual limit their selection of trees to a total of two bundles.

With continued efforts through Boyne City's Urban Forestry and street tree programs the city is currently taking names and addresses of city residents who would like to have a tree either planted, trimmed or removed from the city right - of - way at their property.

For additional information about any of the tree programs offered by the city, please contact Andy Kovoiski, Superintendent of the DPW at (231) 582-6597.

"Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I" will be 2nd History Speaker Series event at Castle Farms

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's 2nd History Speaker Series event of 2012 will be "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I - Including a Tour of Castle Farm's World War I Museum" on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Guest Speakers are George T. Lasater & Linda Mueller. Come by the Knight's Castle to hear Retired Sheriff George T. Lasater talk about the stories he has gathered for his latest book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to WWI". Local historian Linda Mueller, who helped compile the book, will share the history of her war-era built Castle Farms. She and husband Richard extensively restored Castle Farm's buildings and grounds between 2001 and 2005.

Linda will also share her

passion for acquiring artifacts for the Castle's WWI museum, many of which can be found in the 1918 Sears, Roebuck & Company catalog, the company which the original owner, Albert Loeb, was acting president.

The "not to miss" event will include a guided tour by Linda of the museum, as well as the opportunity to purchase both of George Lasater's books about Charlevoix County's WWI and WWII veterans.

All proceeds from the sales of the books go to benefit local veteran memorials across the county. They are \$20 (WWI) and \$35 (WWII); George and Linda will sign your books too!

For more information please call 231-582-5326. or visit www.cchs.info. This event is free and open to the public.

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Char-Em United Way Celebrates National Volunteer Week

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, Char-Em United Way is giving a special thank you to over 120 volunteers that have joined us in the past year. These individuals include Board and committee members, office and technical volunteers, Citizen Review Panel members, and Workplace Campaign Coordinators. This is in addition to the over 100 volunteers that donated over 1000 hours to Project Connect, making this community event possible again this year.

In 2009, Char-Em United Way recognized a need for a community volunteer center and started the Volunteer Connections program. Since the "virtual volunteer center's" founding, almost 70 agencies have registered, over 100 volunteer opportunities have been posted, and as of April 12, 2012, there have been 333 volunteer referrals made.

Although it's impossible to measure the true worth of a volunteer, the hourly rate developed by the Independent Sector in 2011 for one volunteer hour was \$21.79. In 2011, approximately 62.7 million volunteers contributed 8.1 billion hours of service, that's over \$160 billion worth of service!

The Corporation for National and Community Service collects information and research on volunteering in the United States. The current research is especially important because it covers a time period - September 2008 to September 2009 - in which the most severe economic crisis since World War II tested the nation's ability to support vulnerable populations and build a more secure economic future. The 2011 Volunteering in America report found that Americans have responded to the economic crisis by serving. Last year we saw the largest increase in volunteering since 2003.

Casey Adams, AmeriCorps VISTA with Char-Em United Way, proudly explained that "With more and more people out of work, many are turning to volunteerism as a way to keep their minds' sharp, gain

valuable experience for their resumes, and improve their communities. Nonprofit agencies budgets' are stretched fairly thin these days, so we are glad that Volunteer Connections is there to help."

Volunteers are the life blood of non-profit organizations. They fill a vital part of providing services to our local neighborhoods by donating their time and skills; without these selfless folks many services wouldn't exist. Volunteers are exceptional people - they are the people in our community that see a need and take action. They are people that don't have to, but want to.

Most volunteers will say that the satisfaction they receive from helping others is well worth their efforts. Recent research has found a significant connection between volunteering and good health. The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research shows that volunteers have greater longevity, higher functional ability, lower rates of depression and less incidence of heart disease. More than 62 million Americans volunteer to improve conditions for people in need and to unselfishly give of themselves. While the motivation is altruistic, their efforts are returning considerable health benefits. Just two hours of volunteering a week can bring meaningful health benefits to a person's body and mind. Civic engagement and volunteering is the new hybrid health club for the 21st century that's free to join. Social capital research shows it miraculously improves both your health and the community's through the work performed and the social ties built.

National Volunteer Week is a time to demonstrate, through action, the positive community impact that engaged individuals, families, businesses and organizations create year-round. Get involved today and search for an opportunity at Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections. You will not only help your community, but you will help yourself too!

Committee Members Needed for 9th Annual Day of Caring

The Day of Caring committee and Char-Em United Way has started planning this year's event. Day of Caring will be Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. "The one-day event is an incredible opportunity for people in our community to get involved and volunteer their time to complete projects that area non-profits and organizations just don't have the staff, funds or time to complete without help.", states Lisa Luebke, Char-Em United Way Volunteer Connections Director.

Volunteers are matched with non-profits, schools, and government agencies from all over Charlevoix and Emmet counties during Day

of Caring. With such a large geographical area, help is needed to ensure a successful event for all who are involved. The committee is seeking new members to assist with planning from the Boyne City, East Jordan, and northern Emmet County areas.

The committee will meet monthly from April through September sharing skills and ideas to organize and promote Day of Caring. Last year the committee helped bring over 500 volunteers together with more than 40 projects.

If you would like to join the Day of Caring planning committee or have ideas to share please contact Char-Em United Way at 487-1006, info@charemunitedway.org or www.charemunitedway.org

Easter Party Bike Winners



Jaeley John and Seth Vannoord trying their new bikes they won at the EJ Lions Easter Fun and Games party. More than 140 children enjoyed participating in games for candy prizes at the EJ High School April 7. The Lions Club would like to thank the EJ Public Schools for the use of the gym and the EJ Lionesses for helping with the games. The Lions also thank K-Mart of Charlevoix, McDonalds, Spicy Bob's Pizza, Rite Aid and Save-a Lot, all of East Jordan, for their contributions toward the door prizes and candy.

East Jordan City Commission Finalizing Budget

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan City Commission met Tuesday night in their regularly scheduled meeting. High on the priority list is finalizing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The city has appointed members to an Ad Hoc finance committee to review the proposed budget and fine tune the details. The budget is due to be approved by May 1, 2012.

Finance committee chair, Tony Butler told the city commission members they are almost done with the final recommendation. "One thing that we would recommend is waiting to increase the fire chief to a regular part time position," Cutler commented. "The Ad Hoc committee doesn't feel this is the right time to increase the cost by adding this position. We feel we should wait and keep the position as it currently is for now."

City Commissioner, Tom Breakey disagreed. "I feel like the emergency services are getting gutted," Breakey said. The commission voted to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee. All members voted in favor except Breakey. The City Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm to finalize the details of the budget.



City Parks Director, Tom Cannon asked the commission to reapply for a DNR waterways grant

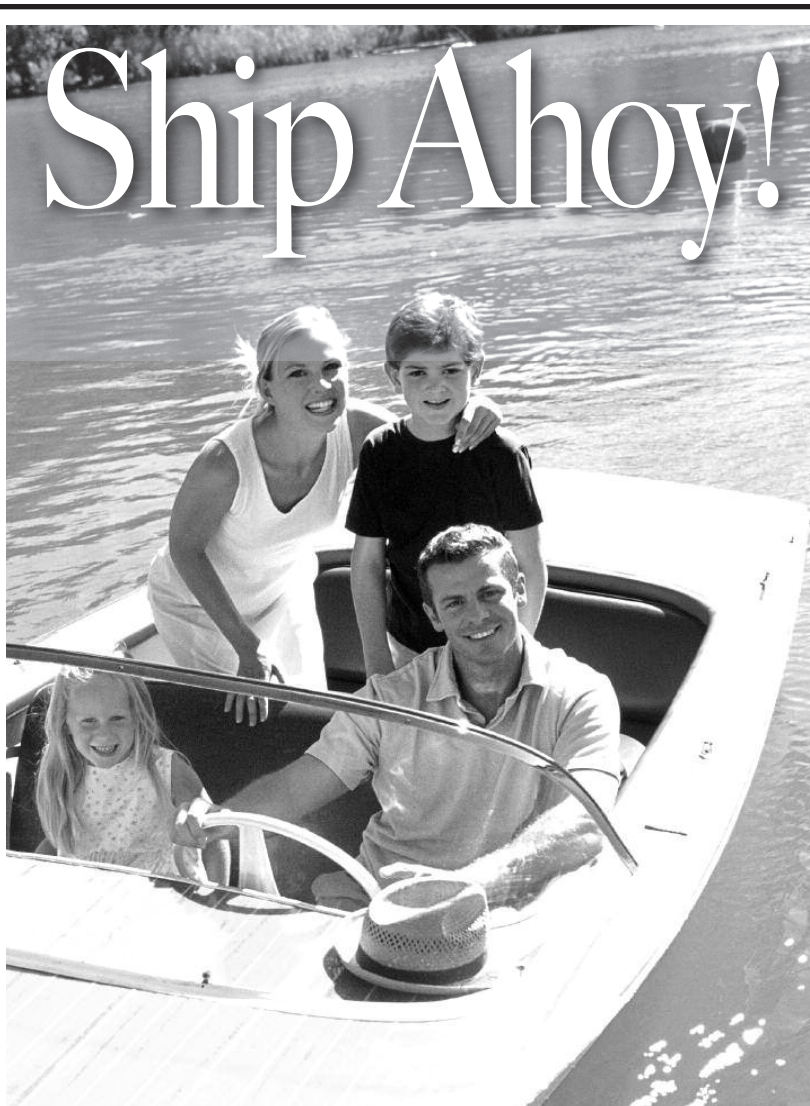
City Parks Director, Tom Cannon asked the commission to reapply for a DNR waterways grant at a 50% match. Previously, the city applied for the grant with a 60% match that was denied by the DNR. Cannon feels that the DNR will approve the grant to install a sand barrier wall at the marina if the city requests a 50% match. The commission agreed to reapply for the 50% matching grant.

"With the early spring weather, the current dredging project is running about 10 days ahead of schedule," Cannon reported. "We are just waiting on approval from

the Army Corp of Engineers to finish the project." He added, "My goal is to keep dredging permits active all the time. The low water levels and build up of silt make dredging necessary for the marina."

In other business, Dan Bennett was appointed to the Parks Advisory Board.

The next regular meeting of the City Commission is scheduled for May 8.



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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@Charlevoix-CountyNews.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.

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. The fee for the class is \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. 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.

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. 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 or phone the church at 989-732-2647. After 4/10 price is \$35.

CHARLEVOIX

Synthetics Education from BASES

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

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

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 Alano club 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.

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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. For more information or to RSVP for the party, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org, visit www.charemunitedway.org, Events, or sign up on Facebook.

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. 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.

BOYNE CITY

Craft show

April 21 is the first ever Boyne City High School spring craft show.

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. It is also a cultural, historical and art center. The Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road.

CHARLEVOIX

Winterfolk Concert

The last concert in the Charlevoix Library Winterfolk Concert series will be held on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature debut musician Ryan Luce. Ryan plays guitar and sings songs from the 1800's through today, folk, traditional, light rock and alternative music and songwriters. He may also invite some guest musicians on stage to join in the musical adventure! Following Ryan's performance, there will be an open mike time, with 5 ten-minute slots available. Sign up for the open mike begins at 6 p.m. There is no charge for the concert series... donations toward the program are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

CHARLEVOIX

County's Contribution to World War I

Attention, history buffs, the Great War comes alive again at 7pm Monday, April 23 at Castle Farms of Charlevoix. Free and open to the public, this presentation of features Retired Sheriff George T. Lasater, whose latest book is "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I." Linda Mueller, local historian and owner of Castle Farms, assisted Lasater in the compilation of the book and will join him on stage at The Knight's Castle.

CHARLEVOIX

Show and Tell

The Charlevoix Public Library is offering a fun opportunity for your child to show off their favorite toy, doll, or other personal items. Stop in with your young child, birth to 5 years old for a Special Show and Tell Story Time, 4pm, Monday, April 23. Ms. Laura will present a story time for the group and then give the kids an opportunity to share their something special with the group. For more information about this or other programs for your young child, call Laura, 231-237-7350.

EAST JORDAN

Downtown Divas

Tuesday, April 24 at Murray's Bar and Grill starting at 5:30 PM. Food, Fashions, Fun and shopping after as the participating stores/shops will be open for Diva customers! Tickets now on sale at Murray's - \$15 per person includes dinner, tax &

tip, cash bar. Participating businesses include: Chello's Salon and Day Spa, Sunnyside Up Tanning, Mary's EJ Shoppe, Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques, Inner Structure, Murray's Bar and Grill and Back Door Florist & Gifts. Grand Door Prize - One lucky lady will win a "make-over" with gifts and services from all of the participating businesses including - Hair cut/Make-up - Chello's Salon & Day Spa, New 2 piece outfit - Mary's EJ Shoppe, Full Body Spray Tan - Sunnyside Up Tanning, Presentation Bouquet drawing night/flowers at dinner - Back Door Florist & Gifts, Purse - Busy Bridge Gifts & Antiques, Dinner for two - Murray's Bar & Grill and 2 hours of interior design - Inner Structure. Total Value - \$700.

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)

GAYLORD

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 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. For information or to make reservations, contact Angie at 231-439-5213 or aross@nwm.cog.mi.us or contact Tish at the Otsego County Economic Alliance at 989-731-0287.

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 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

iMagine, iNspire, iNnovate

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 CITY

Jazz cafe

Join the Boyne City Jazz Band & the Up North Big Band for an evening of food and fun April 27 at the Eagles Hall. The Boyne City hospitality program will provide a delicious gourmet dinner including dessert and beverage for \$15. Tickets can be purchased from any band student or call Brandon Ivie, 231-439-8123.

BOYNE CITY

Swing Dance Series

April 27 - Swing Dance Series with the Up North Big Band has been moved to the Eagles hall. They will be sharing the stage with the Boyne City Jazz Band.

EAST JORDAN

Pancake Supper

Peninsula Grange is planning to have our Spring Pancake Supper on Saturday, April 28th, at our hall on Looze road. 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

EAST JORDAN

Polish Dinner

Sunday, April 29 from 4 - 7pm. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 205 Nicholls St. Great Polish Food, Live music. Proceeds benefit the Ministerial Association Helping those in need! Dinner by donation

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.

BOYNE CITY

Hydrant flushing

The Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants from April 16-30. If your water becomes discolored, open a cold water faucet, which does not have a screen, and let the water run until it's clear. For questions or concerns call City Hall at (231) 582-6597.

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EAST JORDAN

Father of the Year Nomination

East Jordan Rotary Club is now accepting nominations for the Father of the Year Award. Nominations should include: Nominee's name, address and phone number, A brief biography of the nominee, An explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year for 2012. Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to Father of the Year Nominations, P.O. Box 1324, East Jordan, MI 49727 Father of the Year will be announced at the Father & Son Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 28, at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at 6pm. Adult \$8, Students \$5, and preschool Free. Tickets available at the door, from any East Jordan Rotary Member and at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351

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

Veteran - Need a job?

If you know a Veteran in need of a job please contact Douglas W. Robinson of the Veteran's Employment Representative Workforce Development Agency. Douglas will work with local Veteran in the job search. Petoskey Office (Mon-Tue) 231-439-5219, Grayling Office (Wed) 989-348-8709 - ext. 4234, or Gaylord Office (Thur-Fri) 989-732-3886 Ext. 4234. Feel free to contact Douglas at any of these locations or by email at robinsond15@michigan.gov

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Ride free to Senior Centers

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

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor farmers market

The Charlevoix Winter Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the first Thursday of every month from 10am to 2pm, November through May.

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 amandawilk@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer.

BOYNE CITY

Little Bit of Boyne basket raffle

Each spring, the Child Study Club of Boyne City relies on the generosity of area businesses to contribute to its "Little Bit of Boyne" basket raffle and the generosity of area residents to purchase tickets for a chance to win that basket. Tickets for the basket raffle will be available from club members and at Inspired Living in Boyne City. Tickets are now on sale through the drawing on the evening of May 2. Cost is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5. For more information about the raffle or about joining this great local organization, call Neilson at 582-0542.

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.

PETOSKEY

AARP Driver Safety Program

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix & Emmet Counties (a program of Friendship Centers of Emmet County) will again sponsor the AARP Driver Safety Program, to be held on Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the library of the Petoskey Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road. The cost for the two sessions is \$12 for AARP members, and \$14 for non-members. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Call the Petoskey Friendship Center

at (231) 347-3211 or (888) 347-0369, ext. 29 to register.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Buff up Boyne

Boyne City's annual community-wide spring clean-up, will be held Saturday, May 5, from 9am to Noon. The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup. Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at noon. For more information, call the Main Street office at 582-9009, or emailmainstreet@boynecity.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Bergmann Center's Annual Dinner and Live Auction

Bergmann Center is celebrating its 10th Annual Auction! The event is held at the Community Center at the Fairgrounds in Petoskey on May 6. Browse silent and live auction items starting at 12:30 p.m. with entertainment by Donald Neidert, pianist. Dinner starts at 1:30 catered by Grey Gables of Charlevoix with the live auction beginning at 2:30pm. Auctioneer Mike Bost of Charlevoix will take us into lots of fun and bidding. Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchased by calling Bergmann Center at 231-547-2972. 100% of proceeds benefit individuals with disabilities who attend the Bergmann Center.

BOYNE CITY

Young professionals

The Chamber's new Young Professionals group will hold its next get-together from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, (Sushi Night) at Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club. Any area resident under the age of 35 is invited to attend. Organizing the new

group is Ryan Moskal, a Chamber board member who moved to the area and started Moskal Chiropractic a year ago. The main purpose of the group is to provide informal fun social events and business networking for professionals under age 35. No reservations are needed. If you can't make it but would like to be notified of future YP events, contact Ryan at 517-937-2428 or ryancmoskal@gmail.com.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Charlevoix 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.

BOYNE CITY

Mushroom Festival Committee announces entertainment

The Mushroom Festival has announced its live entertainment for this year's 52nd annual event from May 17-20. A great lineup of live music starts at 8:30 pm Friday, May 18, when the Thor-netta Davis Band performs under the heated tent in Veterans Park. Rock n' roll band Audio Circus performs at 8

p.m. Saturday, May 19. Tickets for both concerts are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. On Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., TNT & Northern Nites perform, presented by the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders. Admission is by donation on Sunday. The festival is packed with fun: carnival rides all four days, and a craft show and outdoor recreation show Friday through Sunday. Friday highlights include a morel seminar, guided hunt and the Chamber's Wine & Dine gourmet event at 5:30 at the Beach House restaurant. Saturday starts with a morel breakfast, the Lions Club National Mushroom Hunt, the Taste of Morels from noon to 3 p.m., the Great Morel Give-away at downtown stores at 4 p.m. and a Private Property Morel Hunt at 4:30.

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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Calling young artists

Do you know a high school-aged student in the Char-Em ISD who would love a chance to display their artwork in local businesses? The Leadership Little Traverse Class of 2012 invites them to be a part of Articipate, a new kind of art experience. Articipate will provide an experience to artists beyond the classroom and traditional exhibit format through an educational workshop with exposure to professional artists. Articipate includes a prize competition awarding the top finishers, including a \$500 cash prize sponsored by Sturgeon River Pottery, a 2-week exhibition at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, and more. Art will be displayed in various venues from May 18 to June 1 and will focus on 2D and 3D visual art. If you know of someone interested in entering a piece into Articipate, email info@articipateupnorth.org to receive an application.

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

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



Unity is the key in money and marriage

Dear Dave,
Does it matter whether it's the husband or the wife who keeps the checkbook and pays the bills? Lots of people say that kind of thing is the man's job, but I was curious about what you think.

Daniel
Dear Daniel,
I don't think it matters one bit, and here's why.

In each family there's a nerd and a free spirit. The nerd is good at keeping track of things and putting everything in its place. The free spirit is just the opposite. They are not detail-oriented. Now, this doesn't make them irresponsible or mean that they don't care. It's just that they aren't blessed with a gift for administration. They want things to be good and right just as much as the nerd, but they don't necessarily get a rush when the checkbook balances out.

Just because the nerd keeps the checkbook doesn't mean he or she gets to make all the financial decisions, either. In a marriage, those decisions should be made together with

input from both the husband and wife. Remember, God didn't unite some kind of joint business venture. He made you as one – together. When you do a budget each month, you should both sit down and come to a mature, reasonable and respectful agreement on where the money's going.

So, when it comes down to the act of keeping the checkbook, I think whoever is the more organized of the two should handle this duty. But if you include these other principles, you'll experience more unity in your daily lives together and have better communication in your marriage!
—Dave

Mixing friends and business

Dear Dave,
I just began a business with a friend as an LLC partnership. I know he's honest and a hard worker, but I'm still a little scared that everything will fall apart and we'll walk away mad at each other. We used a CPA to get a tax ID number and help us set up the company. Do you think we

should pay a lawyer to help us map out the partnership agreement in writing?
Mike
Dear Mike,
Drawing up a written partnership agreement may be the only shot you'd have at walking away from this venture with your friendship still intact. But I don't think you need to hand some lawyer a bunch of money to make it happen.

Chances are, your new business doesn't need that level of detail. All you need is someone to help you draw up a template that answers all the "what if" questions. This template can be as simple as a list of all the things that could go wrong and the answers to those scenarios. These would be things like death, disability, moral failure, bankruptcy, etc., and what happens if any of these occur.

You know, there are hardly ever problems in a business venture when everyone's happy and making piles of money. But it can get rough if you begin to disagree over the direction the company is taking. Or, what if personal issues make you decide you don't want to be in business with the other person anymore?

It's easy to go all pie-in-the-sky over these things, but you have to make plans for any and all of the worst outcomes, too.

—Dave

* For more financial advice please visit daveramsey.com.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENTS of the Week

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Amber Leinonen



PARENT(s):
Judy Kirkpatrick and Dave Leinonen
GRADE: 7
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Basketball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
Music, Art, Reading
FAVORITE BOOK:
The Hunger Games
FUTURE PLANS:
To be a nurse and serve her country in the military.

STAFF COMMENTS

Amber is a very conscientious, hard working student. She always has a smile and is well liked by her peers and staff. She is a pleasure to have in class. (Mrs. Knapp)

Boyne City High School

Week of March 23-28

Garrett Fogo



PARENTS:
Matt and Sue Fogo
GRADE: 9
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
• Cross Country
• Track and Field
• DECA
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
• Running
• Sports
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
• College
• Career in Business

STAFF COMMENTS

"Garrett does excellent work. He is a quiet, polite, young man and is doing very well." (Mr. Nohel, Woodworking Teacher)

"Garrett is a model student. He consistently does outstanding work and is a pleasure to have in class." (Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

"Great all around student, hard worker, good role model for students. Pleasure to have in class." (Mrs. Parker, Marketing Teacher)

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Jim Daly



Dr. Juli Slattery

CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENCE COMES WHEN PARENTS LEARN TO LET GO

Question: There's so much on the news about child abductions, murders, etc. that I often find myself in a panic when it comes to my tween girls. How can I overcome the urge to just lock them in their rooms until they reach adulthood?

Jim: We hear so much bad news today that we often feel like there's danger lurking everywhere. A survey by the Mayo Clinic revealed that these are the five things parents are most worried about: 1)kidnapping; 2)school snipers; 3)terrorists; 4)dangerous strangers; and 5)drugs.

Those things certainly are scary. But now consider the five things that, in reality, are the most likely to cause death to children under the age of eighteen, according to the Centers for Disease Control: 1)car accidents; 2)homicide — usually at the hands of someone they know; 3)child abuse; 4)suicide; and 5)drowning.

These are frightening, too, but they probably aren't the first things that come to mind when you worry about your girls. As The New York Times has observed, there's a disconnect going on here. In the age of 24-hour news, we hear horrible stories of abductions and school shooters, but the fact is that in the grand scheme of things, those things are rare — they are the worst-case scenarios. Thank goodness!

Statistically, the least-safe thing we

can do with our kids is drive them somewhere. And yet most of us do that every day. According to Christie Barnes, author of "The Paranoid Parents Guide," moms and dads are worrying more at a time when statistics for homicide, kidnapping and even traffic deaths are actually going down.

Certainly, there are dangers out there. And even if some of them are rare, we don't want our kids to be that one exception to the rule. We need to take the appropriate measures to protect them. But we also need to be careful not to be overly fearful for their safety. That can be paralyzing. It's all about finding the proper balance.

Question: Our daughter is 14 and wants to do group dates. Is that appropriate for a 14-year-old, and when would you recommend single or group dating?

Juli: As you wrestle through decisions regarding your daughter and dating, I'd encourage you to consider a few questions. First, what do you mean by "group dating"? There's a big difference between a group of 14-year-olds going to Denny's for pancakes after the school play and teens hanging out in someone's basement unsupervised. In my opinion, any mixed-gender interaction among 14-year-olds should be supervised by adults. Even the most levelheaded 14-year-old is not mature enough to

handle the emotional and physical pressures that come with an exclusive dating relationship or with unsupervised contact with the opposite sex.

Every parent will have a different opinion about the magic age when his or her daughter is ready to date, whether alone or in a group. Wise parents might even have a different answer for different children, as some mature more quickly than others. Whatever age you decide to let your daughter date, prepare her for it.

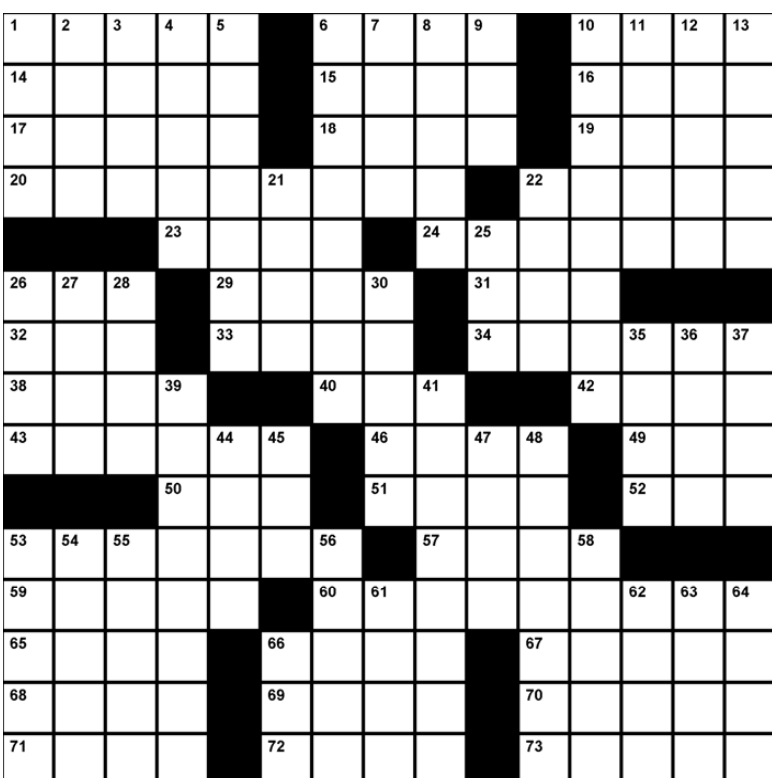
Think about it this way: Many states require 50 or more supervised hours behind the wheel, plus a written and driving test before issuing a driver's license to a teenager. Why don't we have a similar approach to dating? Observe your daughter in mixed-gender situations. How does she behave with the opposite sex? Have you talked to her about what to do if she gets into a compromising situation? Has she shared with you why she wants to date and what her standards are? Have you considered your role in helping her screen potential boyfriends and in supervising dating relationships?

Dating can be a wonderful aspect of teen life, but it is also fraught with serious dangers. Treat it that way!

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1- It's a wrap; 6- Snack in a shell; 10- Drinks (as a cat); 14- Hi hi; 15- Poet Pound; 16- A dish with many ingredients; 17- Extra-terrestrial being; 18- It's got you covered; 19- Commendably; 20- Seaport in S Crimea; 22- Be of one mind; 23- Heating fuel; 24- Historic county in E Scotland; 26- Actress Peeples; 29- Switch ending; 31- Genetic material; 32- Aries or Taurus; 33- Depilatory brand; 34- Cash in; 38- Eastern nanny; 40- Become an ex-parrot?; 42- Canadian gas brand; 43- Flowering; 46- Goddess and sister of Ares in Greek mythology; 49- Loss leader?; 50- CD forerunners; 51- Sled; 52- Charged particle; 53- Small fish; 57- Voting-pattern predictor; 59- Commerce; 60- Gus McRae's occupation in "Lonesome Dove"; 65- Architect Saarinen; 66- Prefix with meter; 67- Angry; 68- Again; 69- Defense grp. since 1949; 70- Taboos; 71- Mend with rows of stitches; 72- Ollie's partner; 73- Huge;

Down

1- Swedish auto; 2- ___ breve; 3- Agitate; 4- Lots; 5- Durable yellow fabric; 6- Resembling a monster; 7- Northern arm of the Black Sea; 8- Frog sound; 9- Bumbler; 10- C or D, for example; 11- Olds model; 12- Heaps; 13- Mends a shoe; 21- Zhivago's love; 22- Actress Heche; 25- Discount rack abbr.; 26- Final Four org.; 27- Metrical foot; 28- Asian sea; 30- Bay window; 35- Actor Morales; 36- This, in Tijuana; 37- Complain; 39- Limitation; 41- Outburst; 44- Mayberry mopet; 45- AOL alternative; 47- ___ Rhythm; 48- Marketing; 53- Lieu; 54- Boxing venue; 55- Less common; 56- Acclaim; 58- Vive ___!; 61- Kofi Annan; 62- "Give that ___ cigar!"; 63- Lots and lots; 64- Hotbed; 66- Ques. response;

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen A. Sullivan

(JULY 13, 1953 - APRIL 16, 2012)

Kathleen A. Sullivan, age 58, died April 16, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.

Kathy was born in Cheboygan on July 13, 1953, the daughter of Warren and Patricia Forster of East Jordan.

Kathy married Marc Sullivan in 1973 had a son, James Michael, daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, and granddaughter, Alexis Weaver, all from Boyne City. She also had seven siblings, Kim (Marcia) Forster of East Jordan, Suzanne Forster, of Anchorage Alaska, Leo (Kay) Forster of Cheboygan, Chuck Forster of Macomb, Tom (Cyndie) Forster of Mancelona, Pete (Diane) Forster of Petoskey and Molly (Theron) Reibel of Charlevoix; and brother-in-law, Mike (Leigh) Sullivan, of Bloomfield Hills.

Kathy graduated from Mancelona High School in 1971 and received an associate degree from Oakland Community College. She worked many years in hospital administration.

No public services are scheduled; a memorial service will take place this summer.

Those wishing to honor Kathy's memory are asked to make a donation to the family in care of Marc Sullivan, 526 North Lake St. Lot 146, Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Arrangements are being handled by Penzien Funeral Homes, East Jordan.

Robert E. Black

(JAN. 11, 1931 - APRIL 13, 2012)

Robert E. Black, Jr., 81, of Norwood, passed away Friday, April 13, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He was born January 11, 1931, in Butler, Penn., to Robert E. and Helen (Robinson) Black. Bob served with the Merchant Marine and the US Navy.

On September 29, 1949, Bob married Margaret "Sherry" Boschma. They made their home in Grosse Isle. Bob worked for McLouth Steel in Trenton for 32 years. In the early 1980's, they moved to Norwood.

Bob was a member of the Norwood United Methodist Church, the Charlevoix Senior Center and the Charlevoix Senior Bowling League. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his sons, Robert E. Black, III, and his wife Barbara of Salt Lake City, Utah, Charles D. of Norwood, James L. and his wife Nora of Kalamazoo, Mark B. and his wife Dawn of New Albany, Ind.; grandchildren, Joshua, Tyler, Libby, Samuel, Melanie, Robbie, IV, Jamie, Jr., and Christina; great-grandchildren, Ramona and Morrison; sister, Edna (James) Walsh of Wake Forest, NC; half-brothers, Billy and Donny Black of Goshen, Ind.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry, on September 9, 1998, and by his fiance, Leona Habel on March 12, 2012.

Funeral will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, April 18, at the Norwood United Methodist Church. The Reverend Rap Posnik will officiate and burial will be in Norwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 pm, Tuesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Norwood United Methodist Church.

John Lachman, 88

John C. Lachman of Charlevoix and Petoskey, died Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. A funeral Mass for John Lachman will be 2:00 pm, Friday, April 27, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Burial will follow at the Norwood Cemetery where military honors will be presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans.

Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler

(JAN 8, 1948 - APRIL 16, 2012)

Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler, 64, died Monday morning. She has been reporting local news in Charlevoix County for the past 15 years or so. She was proud of her profession.

BJ was news reporter for the Charlevoix County News. She was a skilled writer, had a great attitude and loved the communities she served. She graduated from Michigan State University, School of Journalism.

At B.J.'s request no services are planned.



MICHIGAN DNR

Best practices for harvesting mushrooms

DNR offers tips for collecting morels and avoiding poisonous mushrooms

LANSING — When collecting mushrooms, hunters should pinch them off at the stem, slightly above the soil. This technique minimizes the amount of dirt on the mushroom and encourages re-growth.

Avoid raking the forest floor, because raking has a negative impact on the ecology of the forest and over-harvests the mushrooms.

Proper collection encourages the growth of new mushrooms the following year.

Beware of poisonous mushrooms:

Some false morels are poisonous and can cause people to get sick, sometimes fatally. The Michigan State University Extension has identified at least 50 types of poisonous mushrooms (PDF) that grow in Michigan.

Location guide for mushroom hunters:

In forests where there has been a prescribed burn or wildfire, there is typically a larger crop of morels the following year.

List of prescribed burn and wildfire areas:

To find maps with suitable ORV trails, public lands available for mushroom picking and types of vegetation, check out the Mi-HUNT map application.

Those who wish to search for mushrooms for personal use on



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The DNR advises the best way to harvest morel mushrooms.

state land do not need a permit. Mushroom hunters who use off-road vehicles to get into state forest lands are reminded that ORV use in the Lower Peninsula is restricted to designated and signed trails, routes and use areas. Persons who use state forest lands for

camping are reminded they must fill out and post a free camp registration card, available at most DNR offices.

For the quickest access to this page in the future, go to www.michigan.gov/mushroomhunting

Discover a huge variety of new and vintage items for the home at Consign Design

By Jim Akans

Consign Design, located in a wonderful three level downtown Charlevoix shop (which began as Hess Furniture many years ago), features a huge array of items to furnish, decorate, or simply spice up the look of your home. Priced from under one dollar to several thousand, artwork, furniture, lighting fixtures, china, goblets and countless other home accessory items are beautifully displayed throughout the approximately 4,000 square feet of floor space in the shop.

The store is owned by Chuck and Mary Adams along with business partners Rebecca Jeakle and Melanie Morrison, and opened in May of 2007 after these entrepreneurs reviewed a City of Charlevoix study that revealed area residents felt there was a need for an affordable place in town to purchase artwork, furnishings and antiques.

"We offer just about anything for furnishing and accessorizing the home," notes Mary Adams. "While we certainly have antiques such as Depression era glass, Waterford crystal, and vintage chandeliers, we also have new items in our Interior



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Design Clearance Center which feature items that were used to furnish model homes for builders. We also have a Children's Section with items such as vintage furniture and books."

An appointment is required to submit items, though photos with a description of larger items may be sent for review.

Consign Design is located at 100 Van Pelt Place, (at the end of Van Pelt Alley off Bridge Street). As of May 1st, summer hours will begin, which are Monday through Friday from 10 am until 5:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. For additional information call (231) 237-9773 or visit www.Consign-design.net



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

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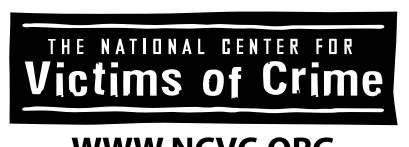
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