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Rayder Sydney Carlson (5) battles for position with Elk Rapids (11) Mylia LaPoint. Charlevoix was victorious 3-1 in the LMC match-up.



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Tanner McCune of Boyne City recently signed her National letter of intent to play basketball at Oakland Community College.

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4TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF BOYNE

"Mingle & Munch" at one of Northern Michigan's largest networking events

By Jim Akans

Approximately 96 local businesses and non-profits, and 12 area eateries will be on hand this year at the 4th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event, to be held at the site of the former Carter's Store in Boyne City this Thursday, April 26th, from 3 to 7 pm. Organized each year by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, with the 2012 Expo presenting sponsor being Northwestern Bank, this annual event has grown to attract over 1,000 attendees offering the opportunity to learn about local businesses, enjoy a fantastic selection of foods and beverages offered by local restaurants, and spend the afternoon and early evening networking among fellow business representatives, friends and community members.

Jim Baumann, executive director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, states, "This will be our biggest Expo ever, with an increase of ten vendor booths over last year's event. This is also the first time we will be holding a grand prize drawing, which is two round-trip tickets from Pellston Airport to Chicago Midway Airport aboard Lakeshore Express airlines."

Taste of Boyne food and beverage vendors this year, each of which will be offering tasting samplings, will include;

- The BBQ
- BC Pizza
- Boyne Community High



Boyne Community High School's Team Hospitality will be among the 12 area eateries that will be on hand this year at the 4th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event. COURTESY PHOTO

- School's Team Hospitality
- Bella Vita
 - Blue Harbor Grill at Somerset Pointe
 - Boyne Country Provisions/The Wine Emporium
 - Glen's Market
 - Green Plate Catering
 - The Jordan Inn

See *Boyne Business Expo- 4A*

EMS Services Join Forces

At the Boyne City Commission meeting Tuesday night the commission voted to approve a joint service agreement between Boyne City EMS and Boyne Valley EMS. The city's EMS Director, John Lamont proposed a joint operating agreement between the Boyne City EMS and the Boyne Valley Township EMS. The unified operation will provide both areas of service with a licensed ALS response system as required by the state of Michigan.

Each EMS system will operate separately servicing geographic areas closest to each base. Boyne Valley EMS will service the east side of the district and Boyne City the west side of the district. The joint agreement will also provide backup ALS service to each other. When one is in service, the other can cover the district with an ALS transporting vehicle.

The unified system will improve the quality of service without increasing the cost. The entire service area will have ALS transport available at all times. The joint operating agreement is for one year and will be the service areas will be determined by each EMS director.

Boyne Valley EMS Director, Bruce Giem agreed that the plan will benefit the residents of both communities both in quality of service and cost savings.

Scott McPherson, City Planning Director spoke for the Kirtland Citizen's Committee that is considering plans to reduce the noise

See EMS Join Forces - 9A

Allen Telgenhof announces candidacy for office of Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

Charlevoix lawyer Allen Telgenhof filed as a Republican candidate for the office of Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney. He will challenge incumbent John Jarema. Telgenhof, 48, is a partner in the firm of Telgenhof & Snyder, P.C. He previously was a partner in the Charlevoix firms Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder, P.E. and Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.

He has practiced primarily in civil and criminal litigation and has over 20 years of trial experience. Telgenhof graduated from Michigan State University in 1987

and cum laude from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1989, where he also served on the law review.

Telgenhof was elected to the school board in his hometown of Clio in 1992, and in Charlevoix, shortly after his move to the area, in 1994. While in Clio, he founded the Clio Area Education Foundation and served three years as its president. He served



Allen Telgenhof

two terms on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education, including six years as board president.

He also is the Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach, the play-by-play radio announcer for Charlevoix High School basketball and football, and previously was a sportswriter for the Charlevoix Courier. Telgenhof served as a

district and regional chairman of the Michigan Baseball Coaches Association, on the Charlevoix Schools Foundation Board, the Charlevoix Public Schools District Steering Committee and the Charlevoix City Planning Commission.

Telgenhof has been married to his wife, Judy, for 25 years and they have four children - Ty, 21, Allyson, 20, Will, 15, and Luke, 13. He was recognized as the Clio Area Schools Alumnus of the Year in 2000.

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	HIGH: Low 50's LOW: Low 30's	HIGH: Low 50's LOW: Low 30's	HIGH: Low 50's LOW: Low 30's	HIGH: Low 50's LOW: Low 30's		

	2010-11 Amount	2011-12 Amount
Atlanta	4/25/2011.....65.1	4/23/2012.....59.5
Charlevoix	4/25/2011.....86.2	4/23/2012.....47.4
East Jordan	4/25/2011.....104.4	4/23/2012.....72.2
Gaylord	4/25/2011.....123.6	4/23/2012.....103.1
Mio	4/25/2011.....63.8	4/23/2012.....50.2
Onaway	4/25/2011.....72.8	4/23/2012.....68.6
Petoskey	4/25/2011.....95.7	4/23/2012.....73.8

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
4/26	62°F	35°F	88°F (1986)	20°F (1958)
4/27	62°F	35°F	86°F (1990)	20°F (1967)
4/28	63°F	35°F	88°F (1986)	20°F (1982)
4/29	63°F	36°F	88°F (1970)	19°F (1977)
4/30	64°F	36°F	87°F (1970)	19°F (1956)
5/1	64°F	36°F	85°F (1951)	22°F (1963)
5/2	65°F	37°F	85°F (2010)	21°F (1990)

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

April 16-22, 2012

911 Hang Up Call	3
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Abuse	0
Alarm	3
Animal Complaint	17
Annoyance	1
Assault	2
Assist Citizen	0
Assist Motorist	3
Assist Other Agency	13
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	1
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	1
Car/Deer Accident	4
Citations Issued	23
Civil Complaint	6
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0
Death	1
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	2
DNR Complaint	1
Domestic Dispute	4
Driving Complaint	1
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	1
Fraud	2
Health & Safety	2

Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile	1
Larceny	2
Lockout	4
Lost Property	0
Malicious Destruction of Property	0
Mental Subject	1
Minor In Possession	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	2
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	0
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	21
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident	2
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident	2
Property Check	2
Property Damage Accident	2
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	7
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	4
Threat	3
Traffic Stop	84
Trespassing	0
Unknown Accident	2
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	1

Local man injured in Boyne Valley Twp. one vehicle accident

At approximately 1:05 a.m. on Saturday April 21, 2012, Deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a personal injury accident with entrapment on Renkie Road near Grygier Road in Boyne Valley Township.

The driver and only occupant of the 2002 Ford F-150 pickup was identified as 26 year old Robert Richard Noeske of Boyne City, Michigan. Noeske had recently left a friend's house and lost control of his pickup truck. His vehicle went off the road and struck several trees before rolling onto it's driver side.

Boyne Valley Fire and Rescue used the Jaws of Life to safely remove Noeske from his badly damaged vehicle. He was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by Boyne Valley EMS for treatment of his injuries.

This accident remains under investigation and alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor.

Eric Cooper, 50

Eric Cooper died April 19, 2012, at his home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

Arrangements are by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Phyllis Jean Fitzpatrick, 92

Phyllis Jean Fitzpatrick was born May 24, 1919 to Phillip and Jean Millward of Lansing. As a child, she learned to play cards and fish with her father and grandfather who lived with her family. Her mother taught her the art of cooking and a love of flowers.

After attending Lansing Community College, Phyllis worked as a secretary at Oldsmobile.

On October 7 1961, she married Doyle Fitzpatrick. They built a home on Beaver Island and in 1968, it became their permanent residence after she and Doyle retired. Phyllis' greatest loss was the death of Doyle on October 15, 1989.

Phyllis enjoyed traveling, gardening, photography, fishing, reading and assisting at the Beaver Island Library, and working to protect Beaver Island's natural habitat. She was a cancer survivor and gave generously to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Phyllis is survived by Doyle's children, Leland (Kay) Fitzpatrick, Colleen (Donald) Lackey, Marsha (Robert) Huston and Susan Fitzpatrick; grandchildren, Mark (Jennifer) Alverson, Matt Alverson, Sarah (Josh) Paulk, Andrew (Alison) Lackey, Shannon (Adam) Riegle; eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside memorial service at 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 16, at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

Many thanks to the Commission on Aging, the Helping Hands ladies, the Beaver Island Health Center, and her devoted, loving and caring Beaver Island and Traverse City friends that made it possible for her to pass away in her home overlooking Saint James Harbor.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Beaver Island Medical Center, PO Box 146, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Donna Mae Palmer

(AUG. 31, 1947 – APRIL 14, 2012)

Donna Mae Palmer, 64, died Saturday, April 14, 2012, at her home in East Jordan.

She was born on August 31, 1947, in Manistique, the daughter of Emmanuel J. and Violet V. (Moore) Soulliere.

She is survived by two children, Jeffrey Brandon Palmer of Charlevoix and Kathy Jo Palmer of Battle Creek; one sister, Norma (Douglas) Potter of East Jordan, three brothers, Ray (Karen) Soulliere of East Jordan, Joseph (Judy) Soulliere of Petoskey and James Soulliere of Petoskey. She was preceded in death by her father, Emmanuel Soulliere in 1969 and her mother, Violet Wagner in 2001.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 3:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

William F. Hengel Jr.

(AUG. 4, 1941 – APRIL 18, 2012)

William F. Hengel, Jr., 70, died on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at his home in East Jordan.

Born on August 4, 1941, in Detroit, the son of William F., Sr. and Geraldine (Aulph) Hengel. Bill retired in 2001, as a senior designer for General Motors after 42 years. He enjoyed anything mechanical, woodworking and cars.

Survived by two daughters, Tracy (Joseph) Raona of Rochester Hills and Lindsey (Daniel) Ronnenberg of Irmo, South Carolina; four grandchildren, Luciano, Santino, Vittorio and Noelle; one brother, James (Kristine) Hengel of Romeo; and his faithful dog, Henry.

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A memorial service was held Saturday, April 21, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., in East Jordan.

Joyce Ruhling

(APRIL 10, 1943 - APRIL 18, 2012)

Joyce Ruhling, 69, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at McLaren - Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on April 10, 1943, in Boyne City, the daughter of Roy and Inez (Jaquay) Zinck. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1962 and later attended Delta College in University Center, Mich.

She married Martin Earl Ruhling Jr., on Nov. 24, 1962, in Boyne City. They had two children, Martin Earl IV and Angela Marie. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 2001.

Joyce had worked at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for many years. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, gaming, shopping and spending time with family.

Joyce is survived by two children, Martin Earl Ruhling IV and his wife, Donna, and Angela Marie Ernst and her husband, Rick, all of East Jordan; four grandchildren, Jake, Emilee, Isis and Nigel. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Bernadine J. 'BJ' Hetler

(JAN. 8, 1948 - APRIL 16, 2012)

Charlevoix resident Bernadine J. "BJ" Hetler, 64, died Monday April 16, 2012 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.



At the time of her passing, BJ was surrounded by love: family and friends gathered around her and her cherished cat, Rebecca, was curled up beside her on the bed.

Born January 8, 1948, to Joe and Lillian Hetler, Bernadine (called "Bunny" by her family) joined older brother David in the family's southeast Michigan home. They later moved to Boyne City and Newberry. David reminisced that their childhood was wonderfully All-American: playing street games like kick the can and flashlight tag with the neighbor kids, family trips to the Michigan State Fair, annual attendance at the Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade and many special gatherings with their extended family.

BJ had a keen mind, a gentle touch and a wicked sense of humor. With her translucent skin, sparkling eyes and expressive countenance, BJ was a winsome beauty—a tiny package of iron cloaked in velvet. She remained a bit of an enigma even to those who knew her well: open but mysterious, quiet but opinionated, serious but at times endearingly goofy. Her wit was razor sharp and she was a wonderful sparring partner for any verbal fencing.

She had a tremendous life-long passion for the written word. A talented and respected writer, BJ received her BA in Journalism from Michigan State University. She had an ability to ask tough questions for news stories as well as a talent for penning engaging columns and editorials. Over the years, she was a staff writer and columnist for the Petoskey News Review and reported on local politics and community news for the Charlevoix Courier, the Citizen-Journal and the Charlevoix County News. BJ authored many nationally published articles on some of the area's most notable news stories for the Associated Press.

Well traveled and well read, BJ possessed an insatiable curiosity about the world around her. She was active in local and national politics.

BJ met physical challenges with grace and fortitude. Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at a

relatively young age, she maintained a sense of optimism and kept moving forward with dignity and perseverance. Her willingness to undergo experimental treatment at the University of Michigan and her bravery in fighting this insidious disease were an inspiration to all who knew her.

For those who loved her, the only negative thing one could say about BJ was that she was notorious for her inability to arrive anywhere on time—"BJ Time" was characteristically late (often quite late). Friends joked that she would probably be late for her own funeral, but she got the last word (and the last laugh): there will be no funeral (at her request).

BJ was preceded in death by her parents, to whom she was devoted. She is survived by her brother David Hetler and his wife Barb. She was cherished as "Aunt Bunny" by her nieces and nephews and "Great Aunt Bunny" by their children.

Also surviving are her canine companion, Dylan and her best cat confidant, 18 year old Rebecca.

In addition, she leaves behind a large group of friends who loved her madly and without reservation.

BJ's family and friends thank the wonderful caregivers on the 3rd floor of NMH for making her comfortable and safe during the last week of her life. In addition, special thanks to Drs. Call and Galloway from Northern Michigan Hematology and Oncology. We are especially grateful to Dr. Galloway for her insistence that calls be made to bring people to BJ's bedside early Monday morning—it was a blessing to be with our darling BJ as her beautiful soul took flight.

Those wishing to honor BJ in memoriam may do so with contributions to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society (614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712).

Alfred J. Shafer

(AUG. 22, 1940 - APRIL 17, 2012)

Alfred J. Shafer, 71, of Echo Township, died Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at his home.

He was born Aug. 22, 1940, in Chestonia Township, the son of Norman and Marion (Watros) Shafer.

On Jan. 23, 1962, he married Darlene Hersha in Alba and they made their home in Echo Township.

Al was employed by the East Jordan Iron Works for 31 years, retiring in 1999.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing mechanical work and hunting mushroom rooms.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene; children, Susan (Duane "Dale") Arnott of East Jordan, Karen (Robert) Herrmann of Boyne City, Brenda (Tim) Kassuba of Arvada, Wyo., and Kimberlyn Shafer of East Jordan; seven grandchildren, Julie Shafer, Timothy Kassuba, PFC Michael Kassuba (National Guard), Brittany Herrmann, Katelynn Herrmann, PVC Justin Arnott (U.S. Army, Afghanistan FOB BO), Jennifer Arnott; three great-grandchildren, Jessa, Jorja and Jonah; sisters Mary (B.J.) Gates of Lakeview, Ind., Norma (Paul) Bowers of Loves Park, Ill.; brothers, Robert (Linda) Everett of Cadillac, Dale (Cathy) Everett of East Jordan, Willard (Jean) Shafer of East Jordan. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Robert L. Everett, and three brothers, James Shafer, Don Everett and Jerry Everett.

The funeral service was held Saturday, April 21, at the East Jordan United Methodist Church with the Rev. Celia M. Hastings and the Rev. Rap Posnik officiating.

Burial will be in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the Banks Township Historical Society.

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Women's Center to hold local film screenings of documentary Miss Representation May 2 and May 9

Miss Representation first premiered in the documentary competition at the Sundance Film Festival where it caught the eye of OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network. It made its television debut as part of the OWN documentary film club in October 2011, with over 1.3 million people tuning in to its multiple airings. Additional screenings with corporations, non-profits, religious groups, government organizations and communities are happening every day all over the world.

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) will hold two local screenings of Miss Representation (90 min; TV-14 DL). The first screening will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, at North Central Michigan College library in Petoskey. The second screening will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at Charlevoix Public Library. An informal discussion lead by WRCNM staff members Chris Krajewski, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director and Dar Charlebois, Community Prevention Educator will immediately

follow both showings. There is no charge to attend the screenings; donations will be accepted at the door, yet are not required. Support for both events comes in part from the WRCNM's 100 Men Campaign, Zonta Club of Petoskey, Progressive Women of Charlevoix County and Charlevoix Area Zonta Club with support from Lakeview Dentistry, Mason & Kammermann and Central Drug Store.

Miss Representation exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film, written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful herself.

Miss Representation includes stories from teenage girls and provocative interviews with politicians, journalists, entertainers, activists and academics like Condoleezza Rice, Lisa Ling, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric,



Jennifer Siebel Newsom (right) who wrote, directed and produced the documentary, Miss Representation, is shown on the set during filming. Photo is courtesy of MissRepresentation.org.

Rachel Maddow, Rosario Dawson, Jackson Katz, Jean Kilbourne, and Gloria Steinem. The film offers startling facts and statistics that will leave audiences shaken and armed with a new perspective.

"We are thrilled to have so many outreach opportunities for Miss Representation. This film was made to be a change agent in our culture, to inspire both women and men to recognize women's collective voice,

leadership capacity and equal rights," says Newsom who wrote and directed the documentary.

In a society where media is the most persuasive force shaping cultural norms, the collective message that our young women and men overwhelmingly receive is that a woman's value and power lie in her youth, beauty, and sexuality—and not in her capacity as a leader. While women have made strides in leadership over the past few decades, the

U.S. is 90th in the world in terms of women in national legislatures, women hold only 3% of clout positions in mainstream media, and 65% of women and girls have disordered eating.

The distribution of the film Miss Representation has been the catalyst for a social action campaign led by MissRepresentation.org. The campaign seeks to empower women and girls and provide them with new opportunities to realize their full potential.

MissRepresentation.org is igniting a cross-generational movement to shift the cultural mindset of communities, interrupt and stop patterns of sexism, change the way women and girls are represented in the media and ensure a tipping point that will lead to gender parity in leadership throughout the United States.

For details about the local screenings, contact the WRCNM at (231) 347-0067 or online at wracnm.org.

Seely Earns Premier Advisor Designation and V.P. Promotion from Wells Fargo Advisors

Wells Fargo Advisors has once again designated Steven W. Seely as a member of the firm's Premier Advisors Program, a distinction that reflects his achievement of professional success through a consistent commitment to client service. In addition, Mr. Seely has been promoted to Vice President-Investment Officer, effective immediately.



Steven W. Seely

"Steve is among a select group of professionals at Wells Fargo Advisors who have achieved the status of Premier Advisor by consistently demonstrating his willingness and capacity to understand his clients' life goals, as well as an ability to develop and execute plans designed to help clients achieve their aspirations," said Jim Hays, president of the Wells Fargo Advisors Private Client Group. "Steve's high level of commitment to his clients sets a standard and serves as an example for others. We are very proud to have Mr. Seely on our team."

To qualify for the Premier Advisors Program at Wells Fargo Advisors, Financial Advisors must demonstrate a high level of production and a commitment to professional service. The Premier Advisor Program represents the best of the best advisors at Wells Fargo Ad-

visors.

Seely has been a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors for 12 years and has 38 years experience in the financial services industry. He has an Undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and Graduate degrees from Central Michigan University and the University of Oklahoma.

Seely lives in Charlevoix. He is on the Board of Directors with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce; Trustee with the Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus; Lay Minister with St. Mary's Parish; Certified Coach/Masters Racer/Alpine Official-United States Ski and Snowboard Association; Certified Instructor and Accredited Trainer-Professional Ski Instructors Association; and Certified Handicap Official-United States Golf Association and Golf Association of Michigan.

MDOT says: Be aware of glare

A motorist is making his morning trip to the office. As he turns east, the sun glare temporarily blinds him. Struggling to see, he reaches for his sunglasses and notices what appear to be brake lights on the vehicle in front of him. Hitting the brakes, it takes a couple nerve-racking moments for him to realize nothing tragic happened, and he safely makes his way to work.

Because the sun rises and sets closer to the horizon and almost exactly east and west in the spring, driving can be difficult and, in some cases, dangerous. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers these tips for safe spring driving:

Adjust the time that you travel to and from

your destination;

-Wear a good pair of sunglasses and drive slower than you usually do; and

-Keep the windshield clean as the sun's glare can make dirt more obvious.

"Using any or all of these tips, especially in early spring, can make our roads safer," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Stuedle. "Another good way to deal with the bright sunlight is to allow more space between you and the vehicle in front of you."

Intense glare from the sun on the horizon has the potential to blind drivers, causing unexpected slow downs. Other potential safety hazards exist every year as well, like wet, fallen leaves and frost.

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Boyne City Students Compete in State Career Development Conference

Over 2,500 High School Students Come Together to Become the Future Leaders of the Workforce

In Dearborn, March 9, 2012: Over 2,500 students from high schools and career and technical centers from all parts of the state attended the Michigan DECA's 69th Annual State Career Development Conference. This event is the only opportunity in Michigan where future marketing leaders can come together to prepare for their careers. These future leaders competed for their chance to represent Michigan at DECA's International Career Development Conference being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 27th - May 1st.

At the Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference, students had a chance to compete in over 40 competitive events. The leaders in the field of marketing education, in cooperation with marketing professionals working in every industry, have designed these events to contribute to the development of skills necessary for careers in marketing, management, mer-

chandising and entrepreneurship. Regardless of the event students compete in, every competition provides a constructive avenue for individual and team expression, initiative and creativity, self-image and success patterns.

Over 450 business professionals donated their time as judges for the competition aspect of the conference. These business professionals met one-on-one with the students, and evaluated the student's marketing abilities. Business professionals from companies such as Visteon, DTE Energy, T.J. Maxx, J.C. Penney, Ford Motor Company, Finish Line, and SEARS come back year after year to interact with Michigan's finest marketing students.

DECA is the only international student organization operating through schools to attract young people to careers in marketing, merchandising, management and entrepreneurship. Its purposes are

to teach occupational proficiency, and to promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in our free, competitive enterprise system.

This year Boyne City High School had 22 students win their regional event and qualify for the state competition, which nearly doubles their number from last year. Five of these students received finalist medals at the state competition Shelby Adams, Clifford Meier, Ian Pritchard, Joey Hepner, and Collin Ulvund. Shelby Adams and Clifford Meier teamed up to compete in the Travel and Tourism event, Ian Pritchard and Joey Hepner teamed up to compete in the Hospitality Services event and Collin Ulvund competed in the Hotel and Lodging Management Individual series event. Collin Ulvund took placed first in his event qualifying him for the International Career Development Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

STUDENTS of the Week

Boyne Falls High School

Mackenzie Crego



GRADE: 11

STAFF COMMENTS:

As a Junior in High School, Mackenzie has extended his responsibilities to Teacher's Aide for elementary students. In this role, the teachers describe him as: reliable, caring, dependable, and responsible. Mack is always willing to assist within the classroom, or on the playground. Mackenzie also displays these character traits with peers, and adults. When I think of Mackenzie, I see a polite, thoughtful and respectful young man, with a great sense of humor. (Michelle Woodard)

Boyne Falls Elementary

Megan Pickering



GRADE: Kindergarten

PARENTS:

Cathy and Gene Pickering

FAVORITE BOOK:

Ringo.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Megan wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up, so she can help her dog!

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Megan enjoys playing with babies, playing in the sand, and she likes fish.

STAFF COMMENTS

Megan is a great helper in the classroom. She gets along well with everyone. Megan has worked very hard this school this year. We are all very proud of her accomplishments! (BETH MEIER)

Boyne City High School

Jacob Looze



GRADE: 12

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

• Football

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

• Golf
• Hunting
• Football

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

• Community College

COMMENTS:

"Chef Crissman is the man!"

STAFF COMMENTS

"I love having Jacob in class. He is a great kid, works hard and has a great sense of humor. Keep up the good work!" (Mr. Crissman, Hospitality Teacher)

"Jacob shows improved maturity and leadership." (Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

"Jacob has been doing an exceptional job in Government. He is a pleasure to have in class and is working towards meeting his goals of being a successful student. Keep up the good work Jacob!" (Mrs. Deming, Government Teacher)

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Don't stay down!

Dear Dave,
I just lost my job due to company-wide layoffs. I have an emergency fund, but I'm losing my health insurance. Our state has a program that covers children's healthcare in these kinds of situations. Would it be okay to accept this for my kids until I find another job and things get better?

Paul
Dear Paul,
There's absolutely nothing wrong with accepting help when you're down or struggling. On the other hand, to define yourself as being down or struggling is a really bad thing. By this, I mean you should never just sit there, consider yourself helpless, and expect someone else to take care of you. Remember this: everyone falls down. Loser's stay down, but successful people get back up!

If I woke up one morning and realized I had no insurance or couldn't feed my family because I'd lost my job, I'd be out looking for work all day long, every single day. If that didn't work, I'd pack everyone up and go find another place to work and live.

At the very least I'd map out a plan to work and make money somewhere else during the week, then come home weekends.

You sound like a good dad, and I love the fact that you're thinking about your kids. Do what's necessary to take care of them right now, even if it means getting help from the state. Make sure you're out there busting it, and trying to make something happen in the job market, too. You shouldn't still be living this way six months from now!

—Dave

Treat them the way you'd want to be treated...

Dear Dave,
I have tenants who have been perfect in paying rent on time for almost a year. Last month, the woman lost her job, and when I went to collect the rent the other day, she said she didn't have any money. I'm pretty sure they used part of it for a car payment and the electric bill, and I know they need these things. Still, I'm torn over how to handle this and how lenient to be.

Alex

Dear Alex,
You're right, what they spent the money on were things they needed. At the same time, they probably knew the rent was due and when it was due. Since you know about their situation, and you're their landlord, it might be a good idea to offer to try and formulate a plan that would help them get through this tough time.

If it were me, I'd sit down with them and make a budget and list of priorities. Food comes first, water and electricity after that, then rent, and finally the car. Get into their business a little, and find out what else is going on in their lives. You have to be fair and firm to be a quality landlord.

I'd be willing to cut them some slack if they're cooperative and honestly have to choose between feeding their kids and paying me. But if they insist on misbehaving with their money or having parties on the weekend, I'd have no problem telling them to find another place to live.

The biggest thing is to treat them the way you would want to be treated if the roles were reversed. I think most people want to do what's right, but you want to feel good about extending mercy when, and if, it's appropriate.

—Dave

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1- Group of tents; 5- Assert as a fact; 10- Chapter of the Koran; 14- Et ___; 15- Artery that feeds the trunk; 16- Chicago paper, for short; 17- Hazard; 18- Grain to be ground; 19- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 20- Unemployed person?; 22- By and large; 24- Express; 25- Coffee container; 26- Molars, e.g.; 29- Tee follower; 32- Intimidate; 36- Edison's middle name; 37- House in D.C.; 39- Anaconda; 40- At the same time; 43- Clean air org.; 44- Light up; 45- Carry on; 46- Domingo, for one; 48- Sprechen ___ Deutsch?; 49- Bold; 50- Comparative suffix; 52- Mouth, slangily; 53- Burn without flame; 57- Fate; 61- Of moderate temperature; 62- Rum cakes; 64- Nice notion; 65- Ballerina Pavlova; 66- Bring together; 67- Meat dish; 68- Hammer end; 69- Locations; 70- British nobleman;

Down

1- Singer Vikki; 2- That's ___!; 3- Atomizer output; 4- Republic in S Asia; 5- Cautious; 6- Anecdotal knowledge; 7- "Exodus" hero; 8- ___ boy!; 9- Island in the East China Sea; 10- Breastbones; 11- Language of Pakistan; 12- Monetary unit of Cambodia; 13- Competent; 21- Encouraging word; 23- "As You Like It" forest; 26- Be silent, musically; 27- Bolt to bond; 28- Perrier rival; 29- Makes well; 30- Affectation of sophisticates; 31- Words on a Wonderland cake; 33- German submarine; 34- People and places, e.g.; 35- Delicious; 37- Letters on a Cardinal's cap; 38- ___ kwon do; 41- Fathered; 42- Bursting forth; 47- Person in the petroleum industry; 49- Beetle juice?; 51- Picture puzzle; 52- Approvals; 53- Exchange; 54- Long luxuriant hair; 55- Writer Sarah ___ Jewett; 56- Hindu princess; 57- Go out with; 58- Bean sprout?; 59- Approach; 60- Shout; 63- Mouthpiece of a bridle;

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Jim Kosloskey taught a Palette Knife Painting Class April 23 & 24 at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

Jim has won many awards for his palette knife technique and style. In addition to his painting, he is a very well known musician and entertained and cooked one of the evenings to entertain his students. Jim recently had a song recorded and his Crazy Legs Bar-B-Q Sauces are extremely popular items sold. Jim is a multi-talented artist and his students love his classes.



Boyer Business Expo & Taste of Boyne

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Mackinaw Trail Winery
- Spicy Bob's Italian Express
- Sunset Grill

There will be a cash bar with soft drinks, Michigan wines and Short's Brewery beer on draft, music and announcements from A+ Digital DJ's, new vehicles on display from Bob Mathers Ford, Dave Kring Chevrolet and Fletch's GMC Buick Audi, and free wi-fi for exhibitors, courtesy of Radio Shack and AT&T.

There will be a free parking shuttle service available, courtesy of Charlevoix County Transit, so if the Carter's lot is full, attendees can park right next door at St. Matthew Catholic Church or the Road Commission and ride a shuttle to and from the Expo. Event organizers extend their thanks to St.

Matthew Church and Charlevoix County Transit System for making this very convenient service possible.

Baumann adds, "This event is always a lot of fun for everyone involved. It's also a great way for local businesses and organizations to present what they offer to over 1,000 people in just a few hours. Attendees often come away from this event saying they didn't realize we had so many businesses in the area, or didn't understand what some of those businesses or organizations offered."

The Expo and Taste of Boyne takes place on Thursday, April 26th from 3 to 7 pm at the former Carter's Store on M-75 South. The admission price of \$5 includes a Taste Card to sample each of 12 Taste of Boyne participants. For details and a list of exhibitors, visit www.boyneexpo.com or call 231-582-6222.



The 4th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event will be held at the site of the former Carter's Store in Boyne City on Thursday, April 26th, from 3 to 7 pm, offering attendees a fantastic opportunity to enjoy foods and beverages offered by local restaurants, and spend the afternoon and early evening networking among fellow business representatives, friends and community members. COURTESY PHOTO

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CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Golf and Kids: Building a Lifetime Value System, 6:30 p.m., May 3: College educator and coach Dean Davenport will address how golf can introduce and emphasize a value system that will last a lifetime.

Pajama Jam Comedy Show, 6:30 p.m., May 4: Kids, wear your pajamas and bring your parents for this classic, creative and fun show with Joel Tacey.

Genealogy in an Internet World: Hands on Practice, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., May 7: Come work on your personal genealogies and get your questions answered right then by the experts.

Genealogy Interest Group, 6:00 p.m., May 10: Come learn about researching veteran's records with a special guest from the veteran's administration.

Stories with Jean Bolley, 4:00 p.m., May 15: Join Mother Goose for some international folktale fun with special guest storyteller, Jean Bolley.

Warren Holmes: His Life and Work, 6:30 p.m., May 15: Warren Holmes is the original 1927 architect of the Charlevoix Public Library. Come hear Jean Bolley, Professional Storyteller, will tell the story of her uncle's life work.

Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, 1:00 p.m., May 16: Join local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs, for this informal group to discuss art and help each other with ideas and projects.

Quilters and Friends, 10:00 a.m., May 17: Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a morning work group. Bring your project and equipment.

Artists in Action: Spinning, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., May 17: Stop by the lobby for a quick demonstration on how to quilt with the English Paper Piecing Method, with Deb Franzoni.

Saturday Story Time, 10:30 a.m., May 19: Play "Ms. Laura Says," listen to stories and music, learn finger plays, and spend time with friends and family. Call for information: 231-237-7350.

BookTalkers Discussion, 6:00 p.m., May 21: Join the Charlevoix Library BookTalkers for a discussion of State of Wonder, by Ann Patchett.

How to Invest in a Complex World, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., May 22: Please register, 231-237-7340, for this how-to presentation that will explain the basics of creating a well diversified portfolio. Provided free of any sales pitches by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

Sweet Spot: Basic Diabetes Education Classes, 6:30 p.m., May 24: Come learn about diabetes.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

MUG: Mac Users Group, 5:00 p.m., every Monday: This group will gather to share tips and problem solving using Macs.

Story Hour w/ Ms. Laura, 10:30 a.m., Every Thursday: Play "Ms. Laura Says," listen to stories and music, learn finger plays, and spend time with friends and family. Call for information: 231-237-7350.

Writers Group, 6:00 p.m., Thursdays: All writers welcome - published, unpublished and novices - for support and gather new ideas with other writers.

All events are at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 231-237-7340.

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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.

EAST JORDAN

Kindergarten Round Up

April 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)

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. 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

iImagine, iInspire, 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 infor-

mation, 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.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market plans special event on last day at Red Barn

Outdoor market opens in Veterans Park May 2 and 5. Good Bye Red Barn, Hello Outdoors is a special event planned for Saturday, April 28, for the final indoor version of the Boyne City Farmers Market. Join us for the last Red Barn Market Day, 10am - 2pm next to the Boyne District Library. Share a recipe using your favorite spring produce. We'll post them on a board and share them online. Children will create a mural of the upcoming goodies the outdoor season holds. Bring a lawn chair, we'll provide the lemonade. The market starts its outdoor season Wednesday, May 2 and Saturday, May 5 from 8am to noon in Veterans Park on Lake Street. The Wednesday-Saturday schedule will continue through October. Visit www.boynefarmersmarket.com or call 231-582-9009 for further information.

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.

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

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.

BOYNE CITY

Leaf Pickup

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

CHARLEVOIX

Artist Call for Entry

Charlevoix is noted for its miles of petunia lined streets, beautiful parks and exquisite public and private gardens. We invite you to bring the color and the beauty of blooms alive inside the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. This will be an all media exhibit. Artwork submitted should depict flowers and or gardens and the deadline for entry is April 30. The only other requirement is the use of color. Floral arrangements using natural and or dried materials may also be sub-

mitted. The show will open on May 19th.

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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Veteran - Need a job?

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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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

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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

Coach Dean Davenport will address how golf, taught in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf program, can introduce and emphasize a value system that will last a lifetime. The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to present Golf and Kids, 6:30pm, Thursday, May 3. Come to hear all the details and learn of the several types of scholarships available for the passionate junior golfer. Parents and children are welcome. Dean Davenport has coached with the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association for the past 16 years. His program has been named one of the top 13 junior golf programs in the United States. He is the retired Director of Athletics at Ferris State University. For more information about this or other library events, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-237-7340.

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX

First Friday business

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

BOYNE FALLS

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

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CHARLEVOIX

Pajama Jam Comedy Show

The Charlevoix Public Library welcomes all families, 6:30pm, Friday, May 4 to wear their pajamas and become part of a great show. Joel Tacey and the Pajama Jam Comedy Show are in town. Joel brings eight classic and creative children's bedtime books to life in this belly laughing show. Dazzling tricks and big surprises will have kids and parents crazy about reading and laughing out loud! While optional, everyone is encouraged to wear pajamas or bring pillows to the show. For more information about this or other fun family programs at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-237-7350.

EAST JORDAN

American Girl Doll Tea Party

Jordan Valley Library Friend's annual tea party on Saturday, May 5, 1:30-2:30pm at the East Jordan High School. Admission is \$3 per person which includes a door prize ticket for a handmade book tote. Enjoy tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts. Please bring your own tea cup. View the American Girl Doll collection on display. Proceeds benefit JVL children's programming. For more information, call Kim at 231-536-3282.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house open

The Open Door Christian Coffee House is opening at the Senior Center. Watch for upcoming schedule.

CHARLEVOIX

Design in Textiles class The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is hosting a class featuring Kathie Briggs, Design in Textiles, Art Quilts 101 Saturday, May 5 from 10am to 4pm. Please check our website for details of all classes: www.charlevoixcircle.org or call 231.547.3554.

BAY HARBOR

Kentucky Derby party

Bay Harbor Equestrian Center is hosting a Kentucky derby party May 5, 4-7pm. Entry is by donation. Watch the race on big screen TV's in the outdoor arena. Enjoy food & drinks including mint juleps. Award for most creative derby hat. Proceeds benefit the exceptional riders program.

EAST JORDAN

Spring concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band is presenting its spring concert, Landmark Anniversaries, on Sunday May 6, at 3pm in the East Jordan High School Auditorium, under the direction of Rebecca Palmiter. The Band will play selections honoring the Girl Scouts' 100th anniversary, the Northern Michigan Flywheelers 25th anniversary, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, and 175th year of Michigan statehood. The doors will open at 2:45pm and admission is free. Donations are always welcomed. For more information call Rebecca Palmiter at 231-582-3734 or Leslie Cunningham at 231-547-2145.

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.

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CHARLEVOIX

Global Climate 2012

On May 8 Peter Sinclair, creator of the hugely popular blog and YouTube series Climate Denial Crock of the Week, will bring his multimedia presentation Global Climate 2012 to Charlevoix. The event will take place at the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30pm. His informal, good-humored delivery and his striking, clear graphics and animations, make difficult concepts easy to see and grasp. Global Climate 2012 is sponsored by WATCH, the Water & Air Team Charlevoix, which has protected the natural resources of Charlevoix County since 1983; and the Progressive Women of Charlevoix County.

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 ryanmoskal@gmail.com.

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.

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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 COUNTY

Committee Members Needed

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, in honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. 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 231-487-1006, info@charemunitedway.org or www.charemunitedway.org

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Seats Open for Charlevoix County Elections

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.

EAST JORDAN

Business after hours

May 17, sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank held at Murray's Bar & Grill, 5 - 7pm.

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 Thornetta 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 Giveaway at downtown stores at 4 p.m. and a Private Property Morel Hunt at 4:30.

BOYNE CITY

Mushroom Festival includes music, food and morel hunting

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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@articipateup-north.org to receive an application.

CHARLEVOIX

Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance

The Walk will be held at East Park on Saturday, May 19th. This is a fun walk (approximately 1/2 mile) that will begin in Charlevoix's beautiful East Park, wind through downtown and end in East Park. Join us after the walk for an Autism celebration. Registration begins at 9am with the walk starting at 10am. Fees are \$20 for an adult and \$10 for a child 12 and under. For more information or to register contact Rachael Olson at 989-732-6295 X3614 or rolson@norcocmh.org

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

Clean up week

Let's Take Action... Get Up, Get Out, Clean Up, East Jordan. Event scheduled for May 14th to 20th. As spring arrives it's time to take action and get our homes, businesses and community ready to greet visitors. The city of East Jordan will hold the 2nd annual citywide clean up event. May 14, Face-lift Day. May 15, Trash Walk. May 16, City-Wide Planting. May 17, Business After Hours. May 18 - Best Decorated Trash Can Contest. May 19, City Wide Spring Cleanup. May 20, Street Washing by the East Jordan Fire Dept.

EAST JORDAN

Plant flowers

Once again it is time to think of Spring Flowers and the City of East Jordan DDA Flower Boxes on Main Street. We hope that all spring planting can take place by Thursday, May 24. If you are interested in planting and maintaining a "Flower Box" please contact Tom Teske at 231-536-4428 or mobile 734-604-6872

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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Coping with loss; a crime victim's personal journey

Paula Andresen shares thoughts on living through the heartache five years after the murder of her niece; Mary Babb

By Jim Akans

It has been just over five years since the tragic day in early January of 2007 when Tom Babb shot and killed his wife of seven years, Mary Babb, in the parking lot in front of her workplace at the Morning Sun newspaper in Mt. Pleasant. It was a single, horrible and senseless act of domestic violence that in seconds left the couple's young son, Sam, without loving parents to raise him, family and friends without the beautiful, witty, and gifted young woman of just 30 years of age to love and grow with, and a sometimes personable, though troubled alcoholic father and estranged husband incarcerated for perhaps the rest of his days.

Paula Andresen, Mary Babb's aunt, visited the Gaylord area, where Mary and Tom lived, for a conference earlier this year to speak about coping with life as a co-victim of an act of homicide, and we sat down prior to her address to talk about dealing with life after the murder of her niece a half decade later.

"Mary and I were so close," Paula immediately revealed, "and she was a joy from the day she was born. She was both the daughter I never had, and my friend. Violence had never been a part of my life before this happened. Mary's murder broke me; my spirit, beliefs...shattering everything I thought I knew into a zillion pieces. Sam, who was just three years old at that time, kept us all going; family and friends, and that gave us all a purpose to see this horrible, unthinkable tragedy through."

Mary and Tom Babb's story, unfortunately, follows an all too common scenario in extreme domestic violence cases. Paula spent countless hours after Mary's murder channeling her grief into research, and among her early discoveries was a statistic that an average of three women in the U.S. are killed each day by an intimate partner, and that Mary was one of approximately 50 women in Michigan who died in 2007 at the hands of men who claimed to love them.

Paula notes that the year

following Mary's passing was a "Year of firsts," beginning with family member's exposure to the legal process.

She recalls, "Some family members were there for all of it, from the beginning, starting with the arraignment. I did not want to face any of it, couldn't, and especially Tom and having his lawyer try to somehow excuse his actions. Mary's murder took place in broad daylight and in front of witnesses so there was never any doubt that Tom had murdered her. I did not plan on attending any of it, until Larry Burdick (Isabella County Prosecutor) said he needed the family presence there. If they needed me then I guess somehow I was going to do it. And I did."

Tom Babb, who never demonstrated a sense of remorse over the murder of his wife, was eventually sentenced to serve 52 to 77 years in prison for his crime, over a process that lasted nearly two years. In the meantime, friends and family members faced what was perhaps the most dreaded event in their "year of firsts."



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

The week of April 22nd through the 28th is designated as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Paula Andresen, who's niece, Mary Babb, was shot and killed by her husband Tom in January of 2007, spoke at a conference in Gaylord earlier this year about coping with life as a co-victim of an act of homicide.



Mary Babb with her son Sammy, shortly before her tragic and untimely murder at the age of 30. COURTESY PHOTO

ect." (Andersen's well written and heart touching account of her experience, "Remembering Mary," was published in an essay collection entitled "When One Door Closes - Reflections from Women on Life's Turning Points").

Mary Babb's life deeply touched and enriched the lives of her family and countless friends, and has raised the awareness of domestic violence issues across the nation over the five-plus years since her tragic murder in January of 2007. During this week which is being recognized National Crime Victim's Rights Week, may Paula's thoughts and Mary's memory inspire, comfort and perhaps even prevent the occurrence of domestic violence homicide in years to come.

In regards to coping with her grief, Paula Andresen reflects upon a timeless verse known as the Serenity Prayer:

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,

Courage to change the things

which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish

the one from the other. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking, as Jesus did, This sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it, Trusting that You will

make all things right, If I surrender to Your will,

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

A website, "Mary's Dream; Living without fear" can be visited at www.marys-dream2008.org. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and the Victims' of Crime Act, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrv>.

"After making it through the Year of Firsts," Paula relates, "it was now time to face the first anniversary of her death. Life still stops for me as the anniversary approaches and when the day arrives, no matter what you do, you can't stop reliving the day. Hopefully that will get better one day. It's been over five years so I don't know..."

Her advice for others who are trying to manage life after becoming the co-victim of a crime against someone they know and love:

- No matter how horrible and negative everything is, there is still some good to find to hold on to help you through this nightmare. You can and will get through this even though it feels impossible.

- Take each day one day at a time - don't look at everything on the horizon that has to be faced. Each step you take accomplishes just a little more strength to face the next. It is amazing what you are able to accomplish when you make up your mind you are going to do it.

- Allow yourself to grieve and don't think there is something wrong with you because your pain is so excruciating and that others think you should be able to

get over it. When your heart is filled with pain and sorrow, embrace it, and then walk through it.

- Find some purpose for your grief and so some good for the greater good. The project for Sammy (a three-part book/project that began shortly after Mary died) kept me going through the hardest times in the beginning. Editor's note; Legislative efforts also resulted in the enactment of House Bill No. 4453, known as Mary's Law, which provides for the use of GPS devices for abusers in domestic violence cases, alerting the victim's pager when the abuser enters any established "safety zone."

- Remember to b-r-e-a-t-h-e (Paula credits yoga and meditation for helping her through the process). Stay focused on the positive to help you through the hard times.

"Another factor that needs to be addressed is stress," Paula observes, "and the effects it can have on your health even when you really believe you are working at it and handling it. At times, the stress level was over the top. I made a conscious effort to work at handling my stress, and doing all the things they recommend, from yoga and meditation to writing and the Sammy Proj-

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Boyne City Students Visit Italy During Spring Break

During the week of Spring Break, 2012, eight students from the Boyne City High School Western Civ. program traveled to Italy under the direction of teacher Chris Ames. The students, who had been studying the foundations of western civilization, including the formational contributions of Greece and Rome, were about to put their classroom instruction into real world practice.

Traveling first to Venice, the group was able to see one of the most unusual cities in the world. One of the primary headquarters of the Italian Renaissance, Venice became a backdrop for numerous schools of art and architecture. With its canals, narrow alleys and gondolas, students were treated to a view of Venice as it existed 500 years ago.

The group then traveled by train to Florence, home of Michelangelo and DaVinci. Students spent time visiting the Duomo Chapel, the Ponte Vecchio bridge and numerous galleries. One of the best moments in both cities was the "wandering tours" – getting lost among the old streets of the cities and seeing them as the historical centers that they are.

Finally, ending up in Rome for the last four days, the group toured every major site in the city: The Colosseum, The Forum, Palatine Hill, The Roman Baths, Trevi Fountain, The Spanish Steps, Trajan's Market, Piazza Novana, Marcello's Theatre, Constantine's Arch, The Circus Maximus, La Boca de Veritas and (just ask them) more Gothic and Romanesque cathedrals and chapels than one could count. Perhaps the highlight, however, was the private four hour tour of the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican museums (including a trip to the top of the dome on St. Peter's).

Ames said, "It was a fantastic group and I was very pleased that our kids would choose to not only spend the money on something like this, but take their spring break for such an educational purpose. No other school in our region offers a trip program like this – London, Rome, Washington DC, Boston...and it is a definite testament to the academic focus of our program."

The trip was supported by the Boosters, the Board and the parents.

The Art Institute of Michigan Team Wins 5th Annual Chefs Challenge

Boyne Falls – The team from The Art Institute of Michigan in Novi was named winner of the 2012 Chefs Challenge this past weekend at Boyne Mountain Resort edging out a team from Odawa Casino & Resorts. Last year, The Art Institute placed second in this competition. The team from Marquette High School was named winner of the student competition on Friday night. Other teams included those from Boyne City High School and Petoskey High School.

On Saturday, April 21, seven (7) teams from around Michigan served up mini plates which were evaluated by an esteemed group of culinary judges to determine the top two teams. Those teams provided the "iron chef" style entertainment for diners by cooking up as many as five menu items, incorporating a variety of Michigan products, which were then judged in front of the crowd to pick the top team.

This year's Chefs Challenge judges included Barb Tholin, Edible Grande Traverse; Chef Angus Campbell, Secchia Institute for

Culinary Education; Chef Matthew Millar, Reserve Wine & Food; Chef Nathan Mileski, Northern Michigan University; Chef Rob Haney, retired pastry chef; and author Ruth Mossok Johnston. Other judges, for the student competition and/or Saturday afternoon tastings, included Chef Ray Sierengowski, Meijer; David Coker, Dine Michigan; and Chef Robb White, Culinary Institute of Michigan. Chef Chris Kibit, professor at Northern Michigan University in Marquette once again served as liaison to the judges. Chef Michelle Bommarito served as emcee for the evening's activities.

During the public tasting earlier in the day, "People's Choice" awards were presented in several categories:

- Craft Beer: Short's Brewery
 - Wine: Good Harbor Vineyards
 - Spirits: Piece of Cake Distillery
 - Pastry: Clever Cakes & Confections
 - Educational Institution: Macomb Community College
- The Chefs Challenge competition, inspired

by the cult sensation Iron Chef America and the famous "Secret Ingredient," is the culinary must-attend event of the year in Northern Michigan. The food competitions are designed to showcase Michigan food and drink products and their creative applications in a meal. It is an opportunity for Michigan establishments to showcase their talents and gain exposure for their establishment, while raising funds for Challenge Mountain.

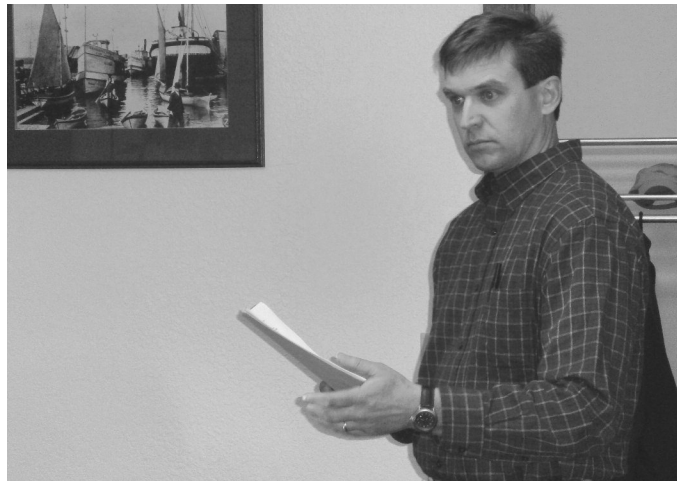
The entire weekend benefits nearby Challenge Mountain – a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which provides adaptive outdoor recreational opportunities to people with special needs and their families, free of charge. For more than 25 years, Challenge Mountain has been dedicated to providing a venue for sports, outdoor recreation and leisure skills to those with physical disabilities or mental challenges, and to create happy, healthy and longer lives.

For more information on Chefs Challenge, log onto www.Chefs-challenge.com. For more on Challenge Mountain, visit www.cmski.org

FROM PAGE 1 EMS JOIN FORCES

from the Kirtland Products plant. The committee has interviewed four consulting companies and has received bids to conduct a study of how the situation can be improved. The committee consulted with the state Department of Environmental Quality for advice to better understand the impact. The committee is recommending they hire Resource Systems Group (RSG) of White River Junction, Vermont.

Ryan Giem, committee member, made a presentation to the city commission on how RSG will conduct the study. The consulting group will conduct a noise study at Kirtland Products while the plant is in production and evaluate the impact of the noise pollution and how to best resolve the issue. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will fund the study. Estimated cost is \$14,800. The City Commission voted to recommend to the EDC that they hire the Vermontcom-



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pany to conduct the study. The study could begin as soon as May 1, 2012. Once RSG completes the study they will provide the results to Kirtland Products and make suggestions how the manufacturer can improve the noise pollution.

In other business, the city commission approved a liquor license for The Thirsty Goat. The new restaurant is owned by Brian Asher and is scheduled to open around June 1, 2012. The new business will be located at 220 Lake Street. Asher said, "We want to have a Northern

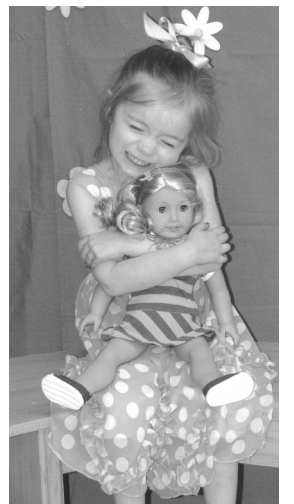
Michigan theme, using food products from local growers. It will be a family friendly environment. We are opening a game room for families to enjoy." Asher also expects to open the upper level of the facility for occasional banquets or sporting events. Main Street Director, Hugh Conklin and Chamber Director, Jim Baumann both spoke in favor of the new business. The commission approved the request.

The next city commission meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Annual American Girl Doll Tea Party scheduled for May 5

Spring has arrived and it's time to celebrate with the Jordan Valley Library Friend's annual tea party on Saturday, May 5, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the East Jordan High School. Admission is \$3.00 per person which includes a door prize ticket for a handmade book tote. Enjoy tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts. Please bring your own tea cup. View the American Girl Doll collection on display. Enter the drawing for a chance to win American Girl Doll McKenna and American Girl Doll items. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each (X80391). Create a one-of-a-kind bookmark and take pictures in the photo corner. At 2:45 p.m. the movie Barbie and The Three Musketeers, 81 minutes, will be shown, free of charge, in the community auditorium. Come and enjoy this fun multi-generational event. Proceeds benefit JVLFC children's programming. For more information, call Kim at 231-536-3282.

BELOW: Past winner Natalie Hawkins hugging her new Lanie doll.



Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances, furniture, racks and racks of clothing, shoes, tools, home accessories, jewelry, toys and more... even a special area devoted to wedding dresses.

"We have just about everything here but

food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every day."

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale. Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inventory.

A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. For additional information call (989) 732-9500.



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South Arm Classic Logo Unveiled

The 2012 South Arm Classics Committee recently unveiled its official logo that will be used on all festival promotional materials. East Jordan

High School sophomore Daniel Hunter, son of John and Connie Hunter, presented the logo design to the Classics Committee at a later winter meeting. Lau-

rie Hodgson of North Bays Design Group added a few technical touch-ups. The two are shown in Memorial Park with the South Arm Classics official logo. This year's event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 13-14 in downtown East Jordan. It will feature a Classic Boat Show, Car Show, Microbrew Festival, Tractor Show and Vintage Trailer Show; Friday night will feature a Chicken Bar-B-Que and concert in the Bandshell. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or www.ejchamber.org



Volunteers are needed for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Volunteer Stream Monitoring program events; out on the streams on Saturday, May 19 and in the lab on Sunday, June 3. COURTESY PHOTO

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Volunteers Needed

for Stream Monitoring Program Free Training Series

Volunteers are needed for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Volunteer Stream Monitoring program events; out on the streams on Saturday, May 19 and in the lab on Sunday, June 3. A half-day training session will be offered on Saturday, May 12 for individuals, families, and business teams that have a passion for protecting our local rivers and streams. The training includes both indoor and outdoor components that cover all aspects of the monitoring program, including program history and goals, monitoring protocols, sampling methods, and basic aquatic macroinvertebrate identification. "Monitoring is an important way to obtain baseline and trend data about our local rivers and streams", states Kevin Cronk, Monitoring and Research Coordinator. "Consistent monitoring information is needed in order to make informed resource decisions. It helps us protect our high quality rivers and streams and points out areas where more effort

should be made to restore and protect these vital water resources." The Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program began in 2004 with just four volunteers monitoring Stover Creek in Charlevoix. Since then the program has continued to grow. In 2011, the Watershed Council was awarded a grant from the Michigan Clean Water Corps to expand the Program to include monitoring on the Maple and Sturgeon Rivers. Currently, over 100 volunteers are monitoring 37 sites on 15 different rivers and creeks. Any person or group willing to devote a small amount of time and energy to conduct simple stream checks in wadeable rivers and streams on a bi-annual basis (May and September) can become a Volunteer Stream Monitor. The spring monitoring events will take place on the following dates:

Petoskey. FIELD DAY - Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at various local streams in Northern Michigan. INDOOR SORTING & IDENTIFICATION DAY - Sunday, June 3 from Noon - 3:00 p.m. Due to construction at NCMC's lab, the location will be determined at a later date. Attending all three sessions is recommended, but not required. There is no fee for attending the monitor events, however advanced registration is appreciated. To register for the training or for more information, please contact Dan Myers at 231-347-1181 ext. 116 or e-mail dan@watershedcouncil.org. You can also learn more about the program and review the 2012 Volunteer Stream Monitoring Report at www.watershedcouncil.org/protect and click on the "Volunteer Stream Monitoring" tab.

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