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Saturday bus service now available from Charlevoix County Transit



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East Jordan sophomore **Tommie Outman** shown in mid-delivery against Boyne City. Outman would pitch her way to a Lake Michigan Conference win for the Red Devils.

By Jim Akans

Starting this Saturday, May 5th, Charlevoix County Transit will begin offering Saturday bus service between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Sue Hockward, assistant manager at Charlevoix County Transit, notes this expansion beyond the organization's regular weekday service is aimed at addressing requests they have received to provide transportation availability on the weekends.

"It something we are going to try and see what response is," she states. "We will have four busses available; one each in Boyne, East Jordan and

Charlevoix areas, plus one "floater" bus. As need expands we may increase the number of busses if required."

During weekdays, Charlevoix County Transit runs approximately ten busses, operating from 6 am to 7 pm. Jill L. Drury, manager for the organization, observes that demand for bus service has increased dramatically. "Our rider-ship is growing by leaps and bounds," she states. "Our fiscal year runs October through September so we're six months into our year and our rider-ship is up 6,642 rides over the same period a year ago. We're seeing more and more requests

for transportation to work, school and for the activities of daily living such as shopping, banking and errands. I hope the Saturday service will be used for the same purposes but also to access things such as the local farmer markets, local festivals and events."

Fares for Charlevoix County Transit bus service are:

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Advance reservations are suggested, and same day calls will be accommodated as scheduling allows.

For further information, or to make ride reservations, call (231) 582-6900.



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Boyne City JV coach **Cheyenne Shumaker** (right) talk's strategy with **Kaycie Overmyer** during action at Hillman. The young Ramblers came home with a sweep.

Reverend Bart Adams named 2012 East Jordan "Father of the Year"

Each year during the Father and Son Banquet, the East Jordan Rotary Club honors a Father with its "Father of the Year Award." The Club has just announced that Reverend Bart Adams is the recipient of the 2012 award. Bart has served as the Administrative Pastor for the Lighthouse Missionary Church for twelve years. He has also been an EMT with East Jordan EMS for nine years.

The winner of the award is a father that East Jordan Rotary feels best represents what all fathers should strive to be for their sons and daughters. The Father of the Year serves his family and his community with distinction. In Bart Adams case, the EJ Rotary observes one of his most outstanding traits is his eagerness to help peo-



The East Jordan Rotary Club has honored Reverend Bart Adams with the "Father of the Year" award, which was presented at the Club's annual Father and Son Banquet. Bart is pictured here (at right) with his son Hunter, daughter Sierra, and wife Lynn during a trip to Rainbow Falls in Smoky Mountains. COURTESY PHOTO

ple.

Adams uses his experience in residential construction to lead mission's trips, and to help people in the East Jordan community with home repair jobs. He helps to meet financial needs in East Jordan through his work overseeing the benevolence fund (sponsored by a partnership of four area churches and other donations). He helps people in need through his work with the Ambulance service, and also uses his knowledge of technology to compile slide shows for families preparing for funerals. Even though he is often in the background, when he becomes aware of a need, he is quick to offer help.

Adams work ethic and eagerness to help people are a good examples to our young children. Here are some of the comments the East Jordan Rotary Club received about Bart

See Father of the Year - 3A

Buff Up Boyne set for May 5; Volunteer help is needed

It's time to give Boyne City a shine. Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring clean-up, is this Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. 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 dur-

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Get Up, Get Out, Clean Up East Jordan Event Week

Time to spruce up your business, home and East Jordan! The 2nd Annual Let's Take Action... Get Up, Get Out, Clean Up week is scheduled for Monday, May 14th through Sunday, May 20th.

The community's residents and business owners are being encouraged to participate in the many events and festivities that have been organized by the City of East

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	HIGH: Mid 70's LOW: Mid 50's	HIGH: Mid 60's LOW: Low 50's	HIGH: Mid 60's LOW: Upper 40's	HIGH: Mid 60's LOW: Upper 30's	HIGH: Low 60's LOW: Low 40's	HIGH: Low 60's LOW: Low 40's

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
3.....	65°F	37°F	87°F (1955)	13°F (1986)
4.....	65°F	37°F	87°F (1955)	21°F (1967)
5.....	66°F	37°F	86°F (2000)	22°F (1958)
6.....	66°F	38°F	86°F (2000)	18°F (1968)
7.....	66°F	38°F	87°F (1986)	20°F (1968)
8.....	67°F	38°F	84°F (1965)	21°F (1950)
9.....	67°F	38°F	90°F (1993)	23°F (1955)

OBITUARIES

William J. Bacot, 96

William J. Bacot of Charlevoix, died April 29, 2012, at his home in Charlevoix. Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Ethel Kerner, 78

Ethel Kerner of Bay Shore, entered the home prepared for her by Jesus, Wednesday April 25th surrounded by her husband and children.



Ethel had three great loves, her husband Chuck to whom she was married for sixty years, her children, grandchildren and family, and her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. She was a woman of tremendous faith having made a commitment to the Lord as a young woman, she was a woman of prayer and her greatest desire was to share the joy of knowing Jesus with everyone she met, and she did. Whether at Walmart, the doctor's office or on the street she brought into the conversation her relationship with Christ and everyone's need to know Him.

She is best characterized by the way she valued everyone no matter who you were, and her ability to always forgive no matter the offense, she lived with an unconditional love.

She was always involved in Church, teaching Sunday school, the Woman's Missionary Society or simply serving.

Ethel is survived by her best friend and husband Chuck whom she married December 27, 1951 at the church of God in Petoskey. Together they operated an adult foster care home from 1980-2010. They have one son Chuck Jr. (Diane) Kerner, daughter Lori (David) Buckner; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Syrus) Bingman, Breanne Kerner, Tanya

McMillen, Celia (Allen) Keehn; six great-grandchildren, Liam and Sebastian Bingman,

Autumn, Alexis and Addison McMillen, and Braedon Keehn; brother George Bert (Leann) Southwood; many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ethel's life was Tuesday May 1 at the Community Church of God in Charlevoix, officiated by Pastor Neil Turner. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey.

Contributions to the Community Church of God,

Charlevoix. Please sign Ethel's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Randy H. Bennett

(APRIL 1, 1953 - APRIL 25, 2012)

Randy H. Bennett, 59, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

He was born on April 1, 1953, in Charlevoix, the son of Warren "Turk" and Eulalie "Suzie" (Whiteford) Bennett. He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1971.

He married his wife, Kitty, on May 15, 1993, in East Jordan. Randy owned and operated Bennett Auto Parts & Services in East Jordan. Randy enjoyed bowling, golfing, snowmobiling and softball. He also loved watching sports and was the ultimate armchair athlete.

Randy is survived by his wife, Kitty Bennett of East Jordan; four children, Greg Bennett of Sterling Heights, Kristy Loviska of East Jordan, Wyndy Coger of New York and Scott (Teresa) Coger of East Jordan; four grandchildren, Brandon Coger, Payton Loviska, Melanie Loviska and Benjamin Loviska; one sister, Marilyn (Walter, Jr. "Butch") Goebel of East Jordan; and two brothers, Neil (Cindy) Bennett and Norman (Rhoda) Bennett, both of East Jordan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Warren "Turk" Bennett, on May 25, 2002, and his mother, Eulalie "Suzie" Whiteford Bennett, on Feb. 17, 2009.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 28, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan officiated with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the Bennett family, P.O. Box 106, East Jordan, Mich. 49727. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Robert Sayer

(APRIL 10, 1932 - APRIL 24, 2012)

Robert Sayer, 80, of Petoskey, Mich., died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

He was born April 10, 1932, in Ida, Mich., the son of Michael and Helen (Balogh) Sayer. He grew up Romulus, Mich., and graduated from Romulus High School.

He served his country in the U.S. Air Force while stationed in Arizona as an operating room assistant during the Korean war.

Robert was graduated from Eastern Michigan University and taught high school in Dearborn Public Schools his entire career, first at Fairlane Junior High, then Dearborn High School. While teaching at Dearborn High School, one of the students he coached won the Westinghouse science award. His long-time method of cross-disciplinary science curriculum to include environmental science was later adopted by the Dearborn school system.

He built three family homes, and he worked with the Friends of the Jordan of East Jordan, Mich., for 10 years until its successful preservation of the Jordan Valley watershed in Northern Michigan. He enjoyed gardening, building, fishing, nature, astronomy, teaching and mentoring and visiting with friends in East Jordan.

He and Irene M. Moilanen were married on Oct. 22, 1955, in Detroit, Mich. Following their life's work in Dearborn, Mich., they made their home in East Jordan, retiring in the summer home he built in 1962.

Besides his wife, Irene, he is survived by daughters, Andrea (Ord) Frazier of Ypsilanti, Mich., Lise D. Sayer of North Plainfield, N.J., Tamara (Steve) Acosta of Clayton, N.C., Kristin I. Sayer of Clayton, N.C.; a brother, Carl (Nadine) Sayer of LaGrange, Ky, and a nephew, Craig (Martha) Sayer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A memorial service will take place at a later time. For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Friends of the Jordan or their favorite environmental or educational charity.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Loren 'Larry' Frederick Bean

(MAY 25, 1936 - APRIL 23, 2012)

Loren "Larry" Frederick Bean, age 75, of Boyne City, died Monday, April 23, 2012, at McLaren - Northern Michigan hospital.

Loren was born on May 25, 1936, in Helena Township, the son of Charles and Lucille (Paquette) Bean.

Loren worked as a carpet installer for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Ann Bean; children, Nicole (David) Hatfield, Lori Bean and Renee Smith, Jeffery Bean and Paul Hoey, Jodi (Andrew) Plackowski, Lora (Paul) Nicholas, Linda (Scott) Swanson, Dorothy (Bobby) Zimmerman and Paula (Len) Groulx; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several brothers, sisters; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

Loren is preceded in death by his son, Allen Jones. A memorial service will be set for Loren at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Loren's name may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or McLaren -

Northern Michigan ICU.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Frances 'Franny' Louise (Wilson) Goff

(MARCH 26, 1946 - APRIL 20, 2012)

Frances "Franny" Louise (Wilson) Goff, 66, of Elmira, died on April 20, 2012, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after a short but intense battle with cancer.

Franny was born in Charlevoix on March 26, 1946, to Roy and Ethel (McWaters) Wilson. She lived in East Jordan, where she met and married her husband of 46 years, Bill Goff. After living in North Carolina and southern Michigan, they made their family home in Elmira, where Franny spent most of her life being a homemaker.

Franny enjoyed reading and crocheting but more than anything, she loved spending time with her family taking drives and traveling with her husband, visiting her children in the Soo, reading and playing with her grandkids, and card games with her sisters-in-law.

Franny is survived by her best friend and husband, Bill Goff, of Elmira; son, Charlie (Tymerlee) Goff of Sault Ste. Marie; daughter, Tammy (Jim) Hazley of Sault Ste. Marie; and daughter, Billie (Brad) Ennes of Sault Ste. Marie; and six grandchildren, Mattie, Spencer and Mya and Owen, Zachary and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ethel Wilson; two brothers, James and Sherman McWaters; and one sister, Janet McWaters.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at the Vanderbilt Community Church with a luncheon to follow at the Hudson Township Hall in Elmira.

The family wishes to extend sincere appreciation to the ICU staff of Otsego Memorial Hospital (specifically Dr. Bowman, Margaret and Beverly) as well as the entire SICU staff of University of Michigan Hospital for their support, encouragement and care.

Ann 'Rosalie' (Spaulding) DiMartino

(JUNE 28, 1928 - APRIL 19, 2012)

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly: in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Ann "Rosalie" (Spaulding) DiMartino, 83, of Boyne City, died on April 19, 2012, at home. She was born on June 28, 1928, in Norfolk, Conn., to Frederick and Ellen Spaulding. She was introduced to her soul mate of 65 years, John David DiMartino, at a birthday party given by his niece Eleanor. The two were married on June 29, 1946, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Norfolk, Conn. They moved to Grand Haven, Mich., and operated the airport for many years before making their home in Boyne City where John was the plant manager for United Technologies.

In the early days Ann worked as an AT&T phone operator. After moving to Boyne City she owned and operated a knitting store called The Calico Cat in The Dilworth Hotel with her good friend and partner Evelyn Nighbert. She also taught knitting in her home on East Main Street. She worked for many years as a representative for the Boyne City chamber of commerce and frequently volunteered at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Later she enjoyed working at Symons General Store at Boyne Mountain as well as Kaden's Clothing Store and she especially loved working at Trademark Clothiers Store in Charlevoix for her son Fred.

She loved her family and friends, and always enjoyed talking to everyone she met. She had a huge collection of teddy bears from all over the world that were gifts from her family and friends. She enjoyed bowling, playing bridge, poker and many card games, oil painting and was a friend to all dogs and animals. She was an animal activist before it was popular.

She loved spending time with her family and was extremely proud of her four grandsons. Her greatest gift was making sure her family knew how much she loved them through her actions and words. She was known for her big heart and made a positive, lasting change in the lives of many. She was a precious wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and will be missed more than words can express. She attended Mass with her family at St. Matthew's Catholic Church for many years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, John; children Cris (Dan) of Clayton, N.C., Fred of Charlevoix, Mich., Lynn (Scott) of Marshall, Mich.; and grandchildren John Michael DiMartino, Michael Anthony DiMartino, Christian DiMartino Brown and Jonathan DiMartino Brown. She is also survived by her cousin Jane Spaulding of Canaan, Conn.

She was preceded in death



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Buff Up Boyne

ing the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront. 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. Volunteers are also asked to bring their own rakes, shovels and brooms. Refreshments will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at noon.

For more information, contact Hugh Conklin at 582-9009, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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Clean Up East Jordan

Jordan and the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Events include:

Monday, May 14 – "Facelift Day": Get outside and decorate, wash windows, sweep down cobwebs, etc.

Tuesday, May 15 – "2nd Annual Trash Walk": As you walk around the town from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM bring a bag and pick up litter and dispose of it in the E.J. City Truck that will be parked in the City lot next to Galmore's, in back of the Civic Center.

Wednesday, May 16 – "City-Wide Planting" Plant trees, shrubs, your flowers, "Go Green"!

Thursday, May 17 – "East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours" Proudly sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank at Murray's Bar and Grill. \$3.00 for Chamber Members, \$5.00 for Not-Yet Members. Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar. Prizes for Best Hawaiian Shorts or Skirts.

Friday, May 18 – "Best Decorated Trash Can Contest" Award Day – 5:00 PM at City Hall on the front steps. Let the Chamber office know if you have a Trash Can that needs to be judged. 231-536-7351

Saturday, May 19 – "City Wide Spring Cleanup" Items taken at transfer station with proof of residency obtained at City Hall.

Sunday, May 20 – "Street Washing by the East Jordan Fire Dept."

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

FROM PAGE 1

Father of the Year

Adams:

- He expects us to speak kindly
- He expects a lot out of us because he believes we can do it
- He helps a lot of people, and teaches us to help other people
- He plans family trips
- He encourages us and tells us he loves us
- He is fun, and likes to play
- He is kind to his children and to other people
- When he starts something, he finishes it. He wants to get each job done as soon as possible
- He does not like to be late
- He takes us out for Chinese food
- He works really hard

It is the East Jordan Rotary's pleasure to introduce the 2012 - 92nd Father of the Year – Rev. Bart Adams!

The List of Candidates continues to Grow for County offices

The list keeps growing of candidates that will appear on the August primary election ballots in Charlevoix County. So far, 18 candidates already filed their nomination petitions with the county clerk's office to be placed on the ballot. Twelve of those candidates will seek a seat on the county commission.

Following the 2010 census, the county restructured the districts. In the 2000 census, population of Charlevoix County was 26,090. In the 2010 census the population changed slightly to 25,949, just a drop of 141 people. But the population of the city of Charlevoix dropped by 481 during that period and the county required a shift in districts. The new District 6 had no incumbent commissioner living within the district and the revised District 5 had two incumbents.

With no incumbent, District 6 is the most popular with four candidates on the ballot, so far, for the County Board seat. This is a new district drawn around the city of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township after the U.S. Census. Those candidates include Shirley Roloff, former county commissioner; Dennis Halverson, former Charlevoix police chief and current administrator with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District; John Haggard, a Charlevoix business owner; and Larry Sullivan, Charlevoix county planner.

In District 5, current commissioner, Richard Gillespie will be challenged by Dennis Jason, Planning Commission Chairman and Nancy Ferguson, a county planning commissioner. Current commissioner Bob Drebenstedt

is not expected to seek re-election in District 5.

In District 4, David Hague, retired Charlevoix County deputy, will challenge incumbent commissioner and current board chairman, Joel Evans.

At this time, current commissioners Shirlene Tripp, Chris Christensen and Ronald Reinhardt all seek re-election in Districts 1, 2 and 3 and do not face any challengers in the August primary...yet. According to the County Clerk, nomination petitions have been picked up but not yet returned for Districts 1 and 3.

In county wide offices, County Prosecutor John Jarema seeks re-election and will face a challenge from Charlevoix attorney, Allen Telgenhof. Clerk Cheryl Potter Browe, Sheriff William Donald Schneider, Treasurer

Marilyn Cousineau and Surveyor Lawrence Feindt all plan to seek re-election and are not yet challenged in the Aug. 7 primary.

Nomination petitions are available at the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office, 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix. Commissioner candidates are required to secure signatures from between three and 10 registered voters, while county-wide office seekers must acquire between 50 and 100 signatures.

Completed petitions for elected county seats must be returned to the clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, while those seeking township offices must return their petitions to their respective township clerks.

Planning Together 2012

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Banks Township Supervisor Thomas Mann hosted the third annual Planning Together Forum at the banks Township Hall Monday April 23. Thirty-five representatives from every aspect of local government were present, each giving an update and answering questions concerning their focus this past year.

High School principal Lynn Spearing proudly announced the addition of a new agriculture program this year taught by Tristan Cole.

Sheriff Dan Bean discussed the security system now in place at the Antrim County Court House.

State Representative Gregg McMasters shared with the group his efforts to "equalize the playing field" by raising state provided school funds from \$6800 to \$8100 per student. "If there's anything you need I don't care how benign it is, I'm here for you," he concluded.

Ellsworth Village Trustee and Recreation Director Erin Nickel discussed the upcoming Ellebration stating that they invested over \$2000 in children's activities at last year's Ellebration and after surveying the community concluded that it was the investment the community wanted to continue to make. Nickel also mentioned that 100 homemade pies will be needed for the festival. "I feel a negative tone is given to a message when an organization says, we can't do it without you, we can do it without you but we want to do it with you so would you contact us and help us make this a great event."

Banks Township Planning Commission Chairman Jack Costolo gave an update on the work being done on the township's Master Plan and discussed two public hearings held last month. "There's was zero discussion on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance we drafted but the anti-aircraft guns came out and the amended Recreational Vehicle Ordinance got shot down right away so at the next planning commission meeting we're going to revisit that and we're planning a summer forum to invite people in to talk about it," he said.

Antrim County Commissioner Jerroll Drenth praised the success of the recycling program. He explained that Ellsworth is one of six sites in Antrim County that house the big recycle bins which were placed in Oct of 2009. The Ellsworth site collected 61 tons of recyclables the first year and 108 tons the second. County wide over 12,000 tons were collected the first year and over 15,000 tons the second. He also explained how the millage for 911 was needed but would not increase the amount per household paid for the service. Drenth explained that the five tenths of a mill needed to fund the program would amount to \$40 per year for a homeowner whose home is valued at \$80,000, the value of the average home in Antrim County. The present system is funded through a \$1.97 per month per phone charge collected by the phone companies with the average household having two phones this comes to \$48 per year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Antrim County Soil Erosion Officer Heidi Shaffer spoke at the Banks Township Planning Together Forum on the topic of Storm Water Control. The intent of the forum is to foster an attitude of partnership and to help those involved in local government and the community recognize that they are all team members.

East Jordan Chamber of Commerce President Mary Faculak discussed events on the Breezeway, the new Ellsworth Farmers Market and the appointment of Scotty Bruce to the East Jordan Chamber Board as their agricultural representative.

Township Treasurer Katy Postmus presented the process and plan for improvements to the Banks Township Park and Township Tax Assessor Amy Jenema explained that Banks was one of the only townships in the state that had a rise in assessments. "This is a good sign, two years ago we had no new homes this year we do, by no means are we seeing a huge recovery but there are some good things happening," she said.

Mann developed the idea of the forum to foster an attitude of partnership and to help those involved in local government and the community recognize that they are all team members. "I'm really proud of our community, the only thing I really struggle with are the communication issues," Mann explained. To continue this attitude of communication Mann has set up the Banks Township Supervisor Facebook Account as well as a Banks Township Communication Group Facebook page. He hopes the social media will keep everyone informed as to the needs in the community as well as the progress officials are making on current issues.

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(l-r) Marie Millard, Ireland Adgate, Emily McGeehan, Bri Wilson

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CTAC Dancers Head to Nationally Renowned Summer Programs

January and February are incredibly busy, dream-making months for members of Crooked Tree Arts Center's pre-professional ballet program. CTAC's pre-professional dancers and their parents drive down to Chicago every weekend to attend auditions held by the finest summer ballet programs in the country. Thousands audition; only a handful are selected. The dreams of winning a spot with one of the nationally renowned programs were realized this year for nine of Crooked Tree's dancers.

In a testament to the quality of training they've received through Instructor Heather Raue and Crooked Tree Arts Center's Dance program, Michael Menghini, 14, from St. Ignace was awarded a merit scholarship to study with Suzanne Farrell in Washington DC. Marie Millard will be heading to train in New York City with the School of American Ballet on a full merit scholarship. Miss Heather, as she is known to her students, said "Our dancers are excelling nationally year after year. As an example, Suzanne Farrell accepts 25 dancers to train at the Kennedy Center each summer. Two of the 25 will be CTAC dancers!"

The pre-professional program has such an outstanding reputation that Kevin Iega Jeff, Artistic Director of Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre, makes an annual trip to Petoskey in March to hold auditions. CTAC has been one of Deeply Rooted's audition sites for several years, often times serving as the only audition venue in Michigan.

So, who is headed where this summer?

- Ireland Adgate (age 14), Boyne Falls - School of American Ballet (NYC)
- Benjamin Cheney (age 23), Petoskey - Deeply Rooted Productions (Chicago)
- Emily McGeehan (age 13), Petoskey - Pittsburgh Ballet



Ireland Adgate, Boyne Falls

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Theatre (Pittsburgh)

- Jeremiah McGeorge (age 21), Boyne City - Deeply Rooted Productions (Chicago)
- Michael Menghini (age 14), St. Ignace - Exploring Ballet with Suzanne Farrell *merit scholarship* (Washington D.C.)
- Marie Millard (age 13), Indian River - School of American Ballet *full merit scholarship* (NYC)
- Zoey Reager (age 16), Petoskey - San Francisco Conservatory of Dance (San Francisco)
- Julianne Richey (age 19), Petoskey - Deeply Rooted Productions (Chicago)
- Bri Wilson (age 16), Petoskey - Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (Pittsburgh)

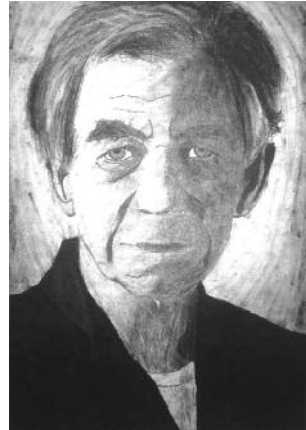
Dreams don't come cheap, though. The dancers and their families shoulder a heavy financial burden for the experience. While some dancers are offered scholarships directly from the programs that have selected them, not all dancers and not all of the costs are subsidized. CTAC's Dance Scholarship Fund was created to assist CTAC dancers with the financing of tuition and housing. Costing up to \$6,000 each summer, dancers are able to apply for assistance from the Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from the December performances of Dance the Halls as well as other annual dance performances contribute to building the fund. Individual gifts are greatly appreciated and can be made year-round.

Pride of scholarship is evident with Miss Heather. "I had the opportunity to travel to Chicago with the dancers this year, and was proud to watch them enter and leave their auditions with such confidence and professionalism. Upon viewing portions of their auditions, I was pleased to observe them standing out magnificently." Bravo to CTAC, Miss Heather and the dancers for all of their hard work.

CTAC Recognizes Area Youth Artists

On Saturday April 21 the Crooked Tree Arts Center hosted the opening of its annual Youth Art Show and awards ceremony. The Youth Art Show showcases the artwork of students in the Charlevoix-Emmet County School District.

Juried by Boyne City resident, Glen McCune, the 2012 Art Show Awards were presented as follows: The Best of Show, known as the M. Louise Herlocher Award, was presented to Jordan Meicher from Concord Academy of Boyne. First Place Award was presented to Richard Raftery from Pellston High School, Second Place Award was presented to Ketrin Hocquard from Boyne City High School and the Third Place Award was presented to Travis Laughbaum from Pellston High School.



HERLOCHER AWARD (Jordan Meicher from Concord Academy of Boyne)

High School Honorable Mentions were awarded to Monica Stokes from Boyne City High School, Sarah Hitsman from Petoskey High School, Petra Stoppel from Concord Academy of Petoskey and Eowyn Bates from Pellston High School.

Middle School Honorable Mentions were awarded to Katie Coveyou and Natalie Koeller from Petoskey Middle School, Carina from Concord Academy of Boyne and Sage Charlebois from Concord Academy of Petoskey.



1ST PLACE (Richard Raftery of Pellston High School)

Elementary School Honorable Mentions were awarded to Shelby Cooper from Concord Montessori and Community School, Laney Johnston-Bachus from Blackbird Elementary School, Ainsley Helens from Ottawa Elementary School and the first graders who created ceramic penguins at Boyne City Elementary School.

The Youth Art Show will be on display through May 12. For more information about the Youth Arts Festival please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770, call (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org. This program was sponsored in part by Jim and Patti Aiken, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and Petoskey and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



2ND PLACE (Ketrin Hocquard from Boyne City High School)



3RD PLACE (Travis Laughbaum of Pellston High School)



The Sounds of Spring

The Ellsworth Bands presented their spring concert on Wednesday, April 25th. The Fifth Grade Band, the Middle School Band and the High School Band all performed under the direction of Alison Hendry. "Fields of Clover" was played as a special tribute to the departing seniors. All proceeds from the concert were donated to Maris Spauling, a senior from Central Lake, and her fight against leukemia.

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Forage Your Food at the Wagbo Farm

East Jordan - Those interested in harvesting their own wild and free food will surely enjoy the upcoming events at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center. As part of the Plant Heritage Week from May 5 to May 13, Wagbo will host three workshops aimed at connecting people with locally available wild foods. "With the habitat diversity and the views of the Jordan River Valley, Wagbo's woods are a perfect place to experience the gifts of spring," said Fischer Jex, Wagbo's Resident Naturalist.



Maria Wesserle displays fresh morels

The first workshop will take place Saturday, May 12 at 12 p.m. It will begin with a potluck in the Wagbo farmhouse, then move outdoors at 1 p.m. for a hike through the 212-acre Wagbo property. A breadth of foodstuffs will be discussed, including wild leek, trout lily, spring beauty, cattail, wild parsnip, dandelion, and burdock- just to name a few. Resident Naturalist Fischer Jex and Wagbo Program Coordinator Maria Wesserle will explain where to find these plants, how to harvest them properly, and how to cook them into delicious meals. Samples of dandelion jam and parsnip bread will be served and recipes will be available. This workshop is free of charge, but donations are welcome.

On Sunday, May 13 Wagbo will present two leek and morel themed workshops in partnership with the Bellaire-based Institute for Sustainable Living, Art, and Natural Design (ISLAND).

The day starts at 10 a.m. with a hunt for the elusive morel. Yvonne Stephens, ISLAND Program Coordinator, will explain how to correctly identify morels and provide valuable advice on where to locate them. She will then lead the group into Wagbo's woods in search of the mushrooms. "It's an early year for morels, yet they are elusive no matter the season. I'll speak to the habitat they can be found in, and signs to watch for," Stephens said. Bring a basket, you may get lucky!

Concurrently, Maria Wesserle will lead a wild leek harvest. She will cover identification, habitat, and proper foraging etiquette. "While leek populations seem inexhaustible, in reality they are slow-growing plants, susceptible to over harvest," Wesserle said. "I will demonstrate how to harvest conscientiously so that plenty remain for future generations."

At 1 p.m. Stephens and Wesserle will demonstrate leek and morel preservation. There are many ways to preserve leeks and morels, but some methods retain the flavor and quality better than others. Stephens and Wesserle will share their personal favorites and provide samples and recipes for participants. Stephens will instruct how to safely pickle leeks and send everyone home with a full half-pint.

There is a suggested donation of \$5-10 for the morel and leek walk. The leek and morel preservation workshop costs sliding scale \$5-10. These events are independent and participants can attend either or both. However, pre-registration is required for the preservation workshop; contact Yvonne at ISLAND at 231-622-5252 or yvonne@artmeetsearth.org to register. For more information, contact Wagbo at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org.

Boyne Falls Author Releases Kids' Book Nationwide

Boyne Falls - This week, Michigan author Andrea Hotchkiss celebrates the nationwide release of her new children's book, "The Adventures of Napkin Boy and the Beads of Condensation."

The book takes young readers to Napkin Ville, home of Mr. and Mrs. Bownty and their son, Lenny. Lenny is a little different than all the other napkin kids, and even though his parents

love him, the others kids make fun of him. Readers learn how God helps him find his purpose and become a real hero in this engaging new book.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com /bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

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Hotchkiss lives in Boyne Falls, Michigan, and has always loved telling stories. She wrote this book when she was in high school and is excited to share it with young readers everywhere.

Boyne Arts Collectice to hold "Gallery Re-opening" reception on May 4th

The Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) is re-opening their Gallery at 210 S Lake Street on May 4th with a reception from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. After spending the winter months at the Made in Michigan Shop in the village area of Boyne Resorts, BAC will continue to sell some artwork at that location throughout the year.

There will be the submitted posters displayed from the South Boyne (SOBO) poster contest for the SOBO Arts Festival on June 29 and 30, 2012 for guests to view at the Friday art reception.

The local artists of the BAC membership will exhibit spring and Morel Mushroom artwork in all media in the South Gallery. The Collective will con-



Artist June Storm created this watercolor entitled "Tulips," one of the many outstanding displays on exhibit at the Boyne Arts Collective, which will hold its "Gallery Re-opening" reception on May 4th.

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tinue this visual presentation of Art during the months of May and June.

If an artist is inter-

ested in displaying art in the BAC Gallery, please contact Mary Whitlock or Elaine Case, the co-curators, at marywhitlock51@gmail.com or emcase@att.net. Volunteer docents staff the gallery.

The BAC Board of Directors is very interested in learning the public's visions for the role of the arts in Boyne City's future. Please communicate your thoughts to any board member at the reception. Take time to view the members' works now on display at 210 S Lake Street. The hours are from 2 - 6 on Friday and Saturday, also from 12 - 4 on Sundays. Please visit www.boynearts.org.

10th annual Bergman Center "Dinner and Live Auction Celebration" is this Sunday

By Jim Akans

This Sunday, May 6th, join in the auction fun and enjoy fabulous food as the Bergmann Center holds their 10th Annual "Dinner and Live Auction Celebration" at the community center located at the fairgrounds in Petoskey. This annual event typically draws over 200 attendees, and with this being the 10th year for the signature fundraiser for the Bergman Center, the excitement level and festivities are bound to be over the top.

Kim Brock, Community Relations Coordinator for the Bergmann Center, states, "We are ready to have a lot of fun this year. Last year we made over \$13,500 at the event, with 100 percent of the proceeds supporting our mission of being 'dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those we serve.'"

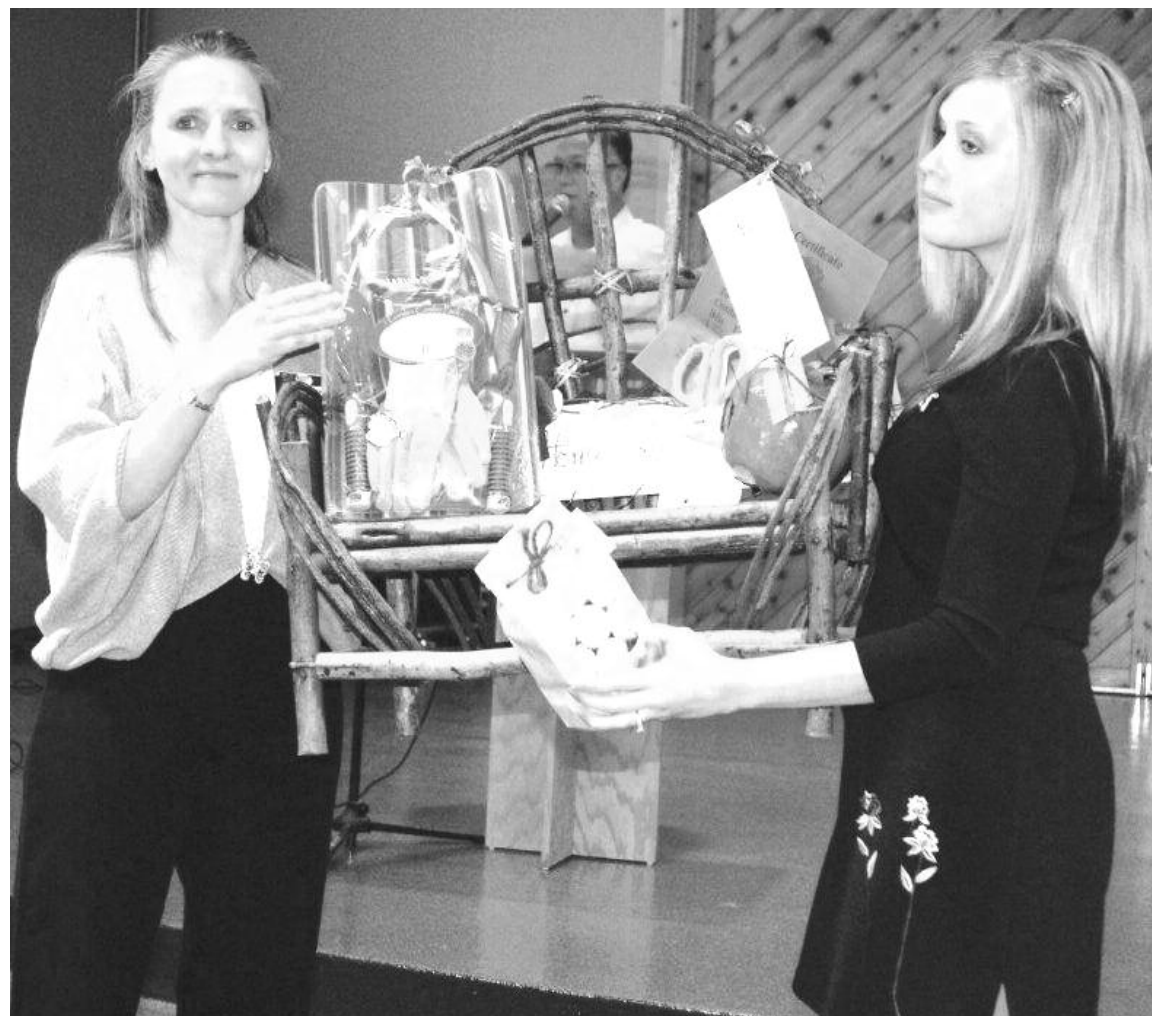
The early afternoon dinner at the event will be catered by Grey Gables restaurant, and as always, there will be lots and lots of silent, live and Chinese auction items for attendees to bid on during the afternoon, with the live auction led by auctioneer Mike Bost. Among the auction items will be a balloon ride donated by Walloon Balloon Adventures, four tickets to go sailing provided by Sunshine Charters

of Charlevoix, beautiful homemade quilts and gorgeous flower arrangements (Mother's Day is just around the corner), several gift baskets for men, women and kids, plus much, much more.

Brock notes, "The auctions provide a lot of fun, friendly competition among attendees. People always walk away from the event with great values on those auction items, and their donations are vital to our ongoing efforts here at the Bergmann Center of providing opportunities and life skills for adults who are mentally or physically challenged, supporting our "Dreams Come True" fund, and involving members of our community in our mission."

Don't miss the chance to be a part of this 10th anniversary event. Tickets are \$30 each and are available by calling the Bergman Center at (231) 547-2979 ext 10 or 11. Browsing of auction items will begin at 12:30 pm on Sunday, dinner will be served at 1:30 pm, and the auctions will begin at 2:30 pm. There will also be lots of free giveaways and door prizes, and several 25/25 drawings during the afternoon.

For further information about the Bergmann Center, visit www.bergmanncenter.org



Helping to display auction items at last year's Bergmann Center event were (from left) Sally Ruehl and Kristen Montegue. This year's 10th Annual "Dinner and Live Auction Celebration" will take place on Sunday, May 6th, at the community center located at the fairgrounds in Petoskey. COURTESY PHOTO

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Announcing the 24th annual Charlevoix County D.A.R.E. Association golf benefit fundraiser and dinner

The Boyne City and East Jordan Police Departments are pleased to announce the 25th annual D.A.R.E. Golf benefit and dinner to be held at Boyne Mountain on May 17, 2012. The golf event will be a four person shotgun scramble with tee off at noon on Boyne Mountain's Alpine Course. A prime rib dinner will follow at Eriksen's Restaurant at Boyne Mountain.

Prizes will be awarded on the par 3 holes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Korthase-Flinn Insurance is sponsoring a \$5,000.00 prize for a "hole in one" on two selected par 3 holes.

The cost for the tournament is \$80 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and a group photo for each member of your team. If you do not care to golf, dinner tickets can be purchased for \$14.00 in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

We are also seeking hole sponsors and door prizes. For \$100.00 you or your business can sponsor a hole and have a professionally produced sign by Mitchell Graphics posted on a hole. For a \$300.00

hole sponsorship you will receive an engraved plaque and two dinner tickets in addition to the advertising sign. We also have \$80.00 hole sponsorships for the prize holes such as longest drive and closest to the pin. We are also seeking donations of gifts for door prizes. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Officer Dan Mercer of the Boyne City Police Department at (231)582-6611 or Officer Clyde Payton of the East Jordan Police Department at (231)536-2274 and we will make arrangements to pick the item up.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) curriculum has been developed by educators, researchers, and drug prevention specialists and is taught by highly trained, experienced police officers. The curriculum focuses on teaching students to resist drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, and to develop self-esteem, responsibility, resisting peer pressure and making informed decisions. The decision to implement D.A.R.E. is a voluntary community decision by police,

schools, parents, and citizens.

D.A.R.E. has elementary, middle, and high school programs. D.A.R.E. mandates an intensive two week instructor training program for officers and deputies before they enter the classroom. Charlevoix County has been teaching the D.A.R.E. Program since 1988 and includes some of the first agencies in the state to implement the program.

The proceeds from this annual fundraiser are used to purchase educational materials, train D.A.R.E. Officers, purchase graduation supplies, and instructional equipment used for the D.A.R.E. Program.

Anyone who is interested, and needs more information should contact the Boyne City Police Department at (231)582-6611.

If you are unable to participate, but would still like to support the D.A.R.E. Program, you can send a cash donation to either the Boyne City or East Jordan Police Departments.

United Way Reaches Campaign Goal

Char-Em United Way marked the completion of its 2011/2012 campaign with recognition of the donors who took the campaign over the goal. Drs. Louis and Sally Cannon made a first-time donation to United Way which made the difference.

Nearly \$390,000 has been donated and/or pledged from local businesses, employees, and individuals to Char-Em United Way during its 2011-2012 Campaign. This amount will be augmented by a \$20,000 challenge grant pledged by the Frey Foundation. The total pledged is 2.5% over the Campaign goal.

"United Way focuses on two areas that are dear to our hearts, Education and Health," says Sally Cannon. "We were long-time contributors to United Way through the workforce campaign at Lou's cardiology practice in our former hometown. But we hadn't given to Char-Em United Way until encouraged to do so by a neighbor. We are happy to join the contributors to this local cause."

"We are thrilled with the success of the campaign and grateful for the generosity of the community," says Steve Andreae, United Way President. "This will enable Char-Em United Way to support effective programs that meet health and human service needs in our community. With the effects of the recession continuing to hit northern Michigan families, the need for a wide range of education, income and health services is still very high."

Executive Director Martha Lancaster added, "We are especially pleased that it was a gift from a residential donor which put us over the top this year. Last year, the capping



Drs. Sally and Louis Cannon mark completion of Char-Em United Way's 2011/12 Campaign

gift was from one of our workforce campaigns. This shows the diversity of support for United Way."

Char-Em United Way's 35-member volunteer Citizen Review Panels have just completed review of requests for community investment allocations for the coming year. The Board will make final funding decisions on May 10. United Way is continuing to accept new pledges and donations toward the 2011/2012 campaign through that date. In addition to supporting the traditional community investment allocations, campaign proceeds will support United Way's initiatives including Volunteer Connections, 2-1-1, Benefit Access, and a new Early Childhood Literacy project.

A Campaign Celebration Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday June 14 at the Ozone in the Odawa Casino Resort.

To make a donation, or for more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org or visit the website www.charemunitedway.org

East Jordan "Celebrities" to serve at Chamber's May 10th Celebrity Dinner

Past and present East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Award recipients will be serving up a fabulous menu at the Chamber's Annual Celebrity Dinner, Thursday, May 10 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Zone Sports Bar and Lounge, 214 Main Street, downtown East Jordan. The evening provides a fun atmosphere, delicious food and a chance to meet and mingle with friends and family. All tips and a portion of each meal served will benefit the Chamber's promotional expenses.

Pictured are representatives of Charlevoix State Bank, Dave Atkins and Lindsey Bassett, the 2012 Business of the Year, who will be two of the Celebrity Servers. Diners will have the opportunity to request a "Celebrity" to serve them. For more information, please contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org



County Eliminates Assessing Contracts with Cities

Two municipal managers from Charlevoix County cities approached the Charlevoix county commissioners last week not to eliminate property assessing contracts unsuccessfully with the cities. Charlevoix County commissioners decided Wednesday in a 5-1 split decision to terminate assessing contracts with Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan, despite the requests of Mike Cain, Boyne City's manager, and Rob Straebel, Charlevoix's manager.

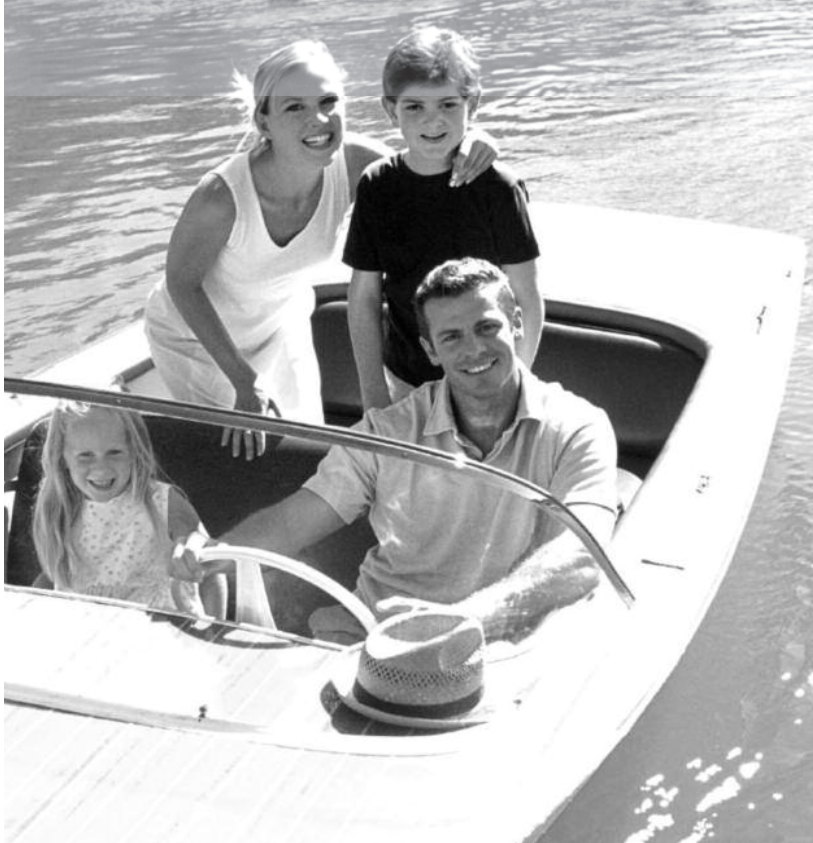
The County's Equalization Department had two people retire in the past year and have replaced the positions yet despite advertising for the open positions. The County hopes to renew a new contract once staffing is

in place.

County Commissioner, Chris Christensen said, "The County has a contractual arrangement with the three cities. We are unable to fulfill that contract due to staffing issues. The contract allows the county to stop the agreement now and we can re-enter into an agreement with the cities later this year when the staffing allows us to fulfill the obligation."

In other business before the county, the commission discussed and approved various millage proposals to be on the November ballot. It was noted that the millage for Grandview will not be renewed reducing the tax obligation for county property owners.

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Cement industry honors St. Marys Charlevoix cement plant for Environmental Excellence

On April 16, 2012, the St. Marys Cement Inc. (U.S.)/VCNA cement plant in Charlevoix, Mich., received the Land Stewardship Award from the Portland Cement Association (PCA) and “Cement Americas” magazine as part of the 2012 Cement Industry Energy and Environment Awards. The award was presented at PCA’s Spring Meeting in Chicago.

The plant was a winner in the Award’s Land Stewardship category that recognizes a plant’s efforts to protect and enhance the surrounding land.

Through numerous efforts and activities, the St. Marys cement plant improved the land around and on its property in 2011. In the past year, the company received permission from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to use residual dump material and stockpiles of cement kiln dust as feedstock in its kilns. This not only put the plant on a path to rid the landscape of a dump but also reduced its need for virgin materials.

St. Marys renewed its partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, operating and maintaining the Medusa Creek Fish Weir. The weir is located on plant property and consists entirely of quarry discharge water. In 2011, nearly 8,000 salmon were harvested, up almost 2,400 from 2010. St. Marys is also becoming known in Northern Michigan for its support of bird habitats. The plant continued its sponsorship of local wildlife habitat advocates dedicated to protecting the native loon population and provided materials and labor to construct loon nesting platforms at identified lakes and ponds, including one on the plant’s own quarry settling pond. 2011 was also the year the plant entered into an agreement with local municipalities to turn rail lines – formerly used for hauling cement – into community trails that provide local residents a pathway connecting them to Fisherman’s Island State Park, which adjoins the St. Marys plant as well as connecting Lake Charlevoix with Lake Michigan.

“St. Marys and other cement manufacturers recognize the need to protect our nation’s ecological assets and are committed to making their local communities better places to work and live,” said Brian McCarthy, PCA president and CEO. “Cement manufacturers strive to leave the earth they impact a better place for future generations.”

The Energy & Environmental Awards honor individual cement facilities that exemplify the spirit of continuous environmental improvement and support this spirit with action. These plants go beyond government regulations and local laws to ensure that their processes contribute to making their communities better places to live and work. Five categories are recognized: Outreach, Environmental Performance, Land Stewardship, Innovation and Energy Efficiency. Additionally, PCA presents a special honor to a plant demonstrating excellence in multiple categories.

The awards program was created in 2000 by the Portland Cement Association as part of its environment and energy strategic plan for the U.S. cement industry. The awards honor activities conducted during the previous calendar year, and the program is open to any cement manufacturing plant in North America. Judges for the 2012 E&E Awards Program included representatives from U.S. EPA-ENERGY STAR, Wildlife Habitat Council, U.S. Geological Survey, World Wildlife Fund and “Cement Americas.”

About PCA
Based in Skokie, Ill., the Portland Cement Association represents cement companies in the United States and Canada. It conducts market development, engineering, research, education, and public affairs programs. More information on PCA programs is available at www.cement.org.

For more information, please contact Patti Flesher, 847-972-9136, pflesher@cement.org

Lower Income, Tough decisions... But the Budget is Set

By Dave Baragrey

East Jordan – Facing a struggling economy and a lower tax base from dropping property values, the East Jordan City Commission tightened its belt and approved a budget for the next fiscal year Tuesday night. The budget was approved by a vote of 6 to 1. Tom Breakey was lone no vote.

Like most cities around the state, East Jordan is facing lower revenues from property taxes and state funding while costs continue to increase. The city commission appointed an AD HOC Finance Committee to look at each line item in the budget to evaluate where they could make the budget work. The AD HOC committee presented their finding to the commission who approved the new budget at this week’s meeting. The committee includes City Commissioner’s Paul Timmons, John Doebel and committee chair, Tony Cutler.

However, not all commissioners agreed that the committee was the best solution for solving the budget crunch. City Commissioner, Tom Breakey said, “We established this AD HOC finance committee instead of asking the City Administrator and department heads to determine the budget. I propose that we dissolve the AD HOC committee as soon as the budget is finalized.” Breakey added, “I don’t think it’s right, plain and simple.”

Timmons responded, “We brought the City Administrator and department in to finalize line items. The AD HOC finance committee has helped us find things we may have missed in the past.”

City EMS employee, Neil Booze spoke to the city commission expressing concern over their intent to eliminate any raises for city employees. Booze stated, “There are just two full time non-union employees at the city operated EMS. Shouldn’t we get the same consideration as union employees? If



Neil Booze asked the city commission to treat non-union staff fairly.

you approve this budget with no increase, only the non-union employees will be affected.” The city of East Jordan is still in negotiations with the labor union. Commissioner Tom Breakey suggested the board should agree to allow the same increase for non-union employees as the union agrees to. Commissioner Tony Cutler agreed. Cutler said, “This would be a best practice for city employees.”

The proposed budget does not include a pay raise but can be amended by July 1, 2012 if necessary. The board agreed that it is the intent of the city to treat all employees fairly.

Volunteer Assistant City Airport Director, Tom Sheridan, reported on progress at the city airport. He informed the commis-

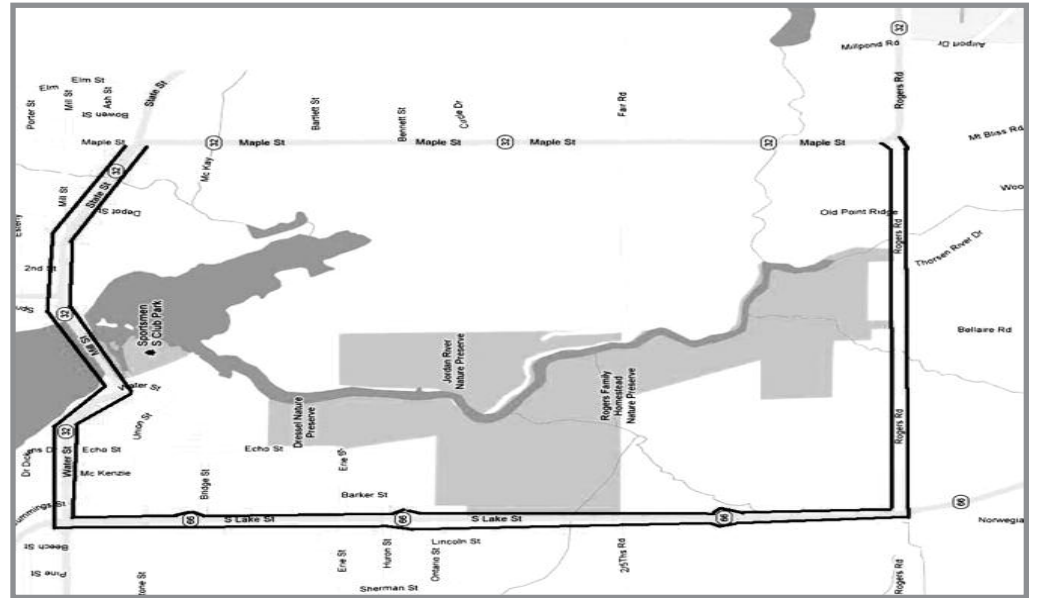
sion of the upcoming Young Eagles Fly-in on May 26 at the airport. This is an exciting event for young people that are interested in flying and for the East Jordan airport. The Young Eagles are sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association.

City Administrator, Bob Anderson, reported that MDT is beginning work on M-32 on Wednesday, May 2. They expect the road project to be completed by June 8, 2012. The city is creating signs to assist residents in the best way to visit businesses within the construction zone. All businesses are expected to remain open during the construction period.

The next meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for May 15 at 7:00 pm.

M-32 work resumes in East Jordan May 2nd; detour route designated

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced that work will resume on Wednesday, May 2nd, on a project to remove and replace box culver and reconstruct the pavement on M-32 from East Jordan to Airport Drive. This work requires a detour for motorists headed to East Jordan that will use Rogers Road and M-66. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times. The estimated completion date for this project is June 8th.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Gunfight at the not-so-ok corral

Let’s elucidate, shall we? Press (daily) files FOIA against prosecutor, gains access through judge to email texting in part, full disclosure awaits. No Kwame Kilpatrick moments here. Daily press editor refuses beer summit with this journalist who publishes article in weekly press. Then allegations arise shortly thereafter of assistant prosecutor alleging abuses by prosecutor, while daily press alleges sexual insinuations by prosecutor against assistant who claims mental strain due to long term harassment. Missive to reporter who follows these stories begets running to editor who insists this journalist cease and desist from all communications – read, press refuses man bites dog story.

Local lawyer, transplant, files for campaign for challenge to prosecutor’s office with apparent full blessing of daily press, which simultaneously bemoans closed meeting of prosecutor and commission members. If it smells like a rat it very likely is a rat. It all adds up to conspiracy. Premeditated ulterior motive. Stories appear in both weekly papers, former a reiteration of daily press, indeed a collaboration of printing presses under aegis and emendation by daily press editor. Other weekly paper runs interviews with prosecutor and assistant. Thus daily press and one weekly appear to be in collusion with judge and lawyer bidding for of-

fice. This is how it looks below the surface of onslaught of allegations and seemingly coordinated political moves. Assistant prosecutor is alleged to have requested some half million dollar settlement from commission as retirement from position, else she would approach press, request denied, press coverage followed concomitant with original court plaint for emails. It seems like a semi-logical stream of events designed to set the stage for hostile takeover.

Why, otherwise, would such concatenation of events build up if not for designed results? Are we reading too much into this? I think not. Coincidence, circumstantial evidence in legalese, may be discounted but looms large anyway. With elections looming and last minute – read October Surprise – motions ricocheting like gunfire, public perceptions so often amenable to suggestion, it does assume the appearance of crusade to negate status quo to point of public disfavor. Timing is everything in politics. Smear campaigns tend to persevere. Sensationalism tactic affixed to sentimentality begets indignation by the public, voting public that is. Exacerbated by press this can lead to erroneous resolves – remember the WMD blitz that allowed a now 9-year war in Iraq.

The wag the dog made-for-TV drama of bin Laden’s killing came at a time also suited to election schematics. Recall that there was no body, no video, no audio, no photographs, at-sea burial, top secret except for TV dramatization from a far distance. It makes exciting television news which is pretty much

staged entertainment these days in lieu of in-depth coverage. This is what we are getting from the daily press and one weekly, a coordinated move to accomplish – what? The obvious, a different prosecutor. Why? Ah, that remains to be seen. Someone stands to gain in any number of possible outcomes, whether vindictive, ostensible, or calculated. Likewise this play takes on the gnarly imagery of Grade B

movie script. The trouble with Grade B entertainment is that it tends to stick in the mind as pulp fiction with marginal actors and directors. But it makes the big screen here in the hinterlands anyway. Watch this one as it has to come to a court discovery sequence – too many cutting accusations not to. And by then it will be election time. See what I mean, Verne?

- Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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EAST JORDAN

SAVE-A-LOT

We would like to let you

know that SAVE-A-LOT Food Store, Car Wash and Fast Fill gas station will all be open during the up-coming road construction.

CHARLEVOIX

Golf and Kids

College educator 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.

PETOSKEY

AARP Driver Safety Program

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix & Emmet Coun-

ties (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 CITY

Computer classes

Free computer classes Boyne District Library. Change of class time May 4 only, will be 2pm. Classes held every Friday at 1pm. For information call 231-582-7861

CHARLEVOIX

First Friday business

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

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.

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@boyncity.com.

LAKES OF THE NORTH

Looking Beyond the Landscape

May 10, How Our Landscapes Impact Birds, Butterflies, and Other Wild Creatures. Join Matthew Bertrand of the Grand Traverse Conservation District and Heidi Schaffer of the Antrim Conservation District for an inspiring exploration into how our landscapes impact the wild creatures around us, focusing on how native plants support birds and butterflies. You'll also learn how partners in the Grand Traverse Regional Invasive Species Network (ISN) are working to keep our region's natural areas

healthy, and what we need from you to be successful in the effort. \$5 suggested donation. Recommended for adults. Lakes of the North Clubhouse, 6330 Pineview Drive, Mancelona.

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 JVLFC 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

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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

Roquette Burger Bistro named one of the 25 best burgers in the Midwest

In the June 2012 issue of Midwest Living Magazine Roquette Burger Bistro was named one of the top 25 burgers in the Midwest. A list of 130 finalist was compiled and narrowed down to 25 and Roquette Burger Bistro made the cut. The issue is on newsstands now.

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 6:30 pm. Thirty years of writing and activism in the areas of energy and environment, in addition to skillful creation of audio visual presentations, have made Mr. Sinclair's presentation on climate change and alternative energy one that has been called excellent and hilarious. 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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Brides-to-Be - Wedding EXPO

Brides-to-be from all over Northern Michigan are invited to attend the Northern Michigan Wedding EXPO on Sunday, May 20 at Boyne Mountain Resort. 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. Pre-Register on-line at www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com. Registration is free, but required.

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.

BOYNE FALLS

Morel Fest Wine & Dine

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

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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

EAST JORDAN

Mother/Daughter banquet

The East Jordan Lions Club will be hosting the 44th annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 12 at the East Jordan High School. Dinner will be served at 6pm and is being prepared by Chef Joe Krumholz of the Jordan Inn and served by the East Jordan Lions with help from friends and family. The doors will open at 5:30p.m. Dinner will be followed by recognition of past Mothers of the Year, entertainment by East Jordan Seniors Sarah DeHaan and Martina Peterson and the announcement of the 2012 Mother of the Year. Please join us for this event as we say thank you to all mothers for their commitment to their children as well as to the community of East Jordan. Tickets are available from any East Jordan Lion and are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students. Preschool children will be admitted free of charge.

CHARLEVOIX

2nd Annual Quilters' Cruizine

Hearts To Holly Quilt Shop is offering their 2nd Annual Quilters' Cruizine. We provide a bus that takes you from our shop to Cousin's Quilt Shop, Delphine's Quilt Shop and The Quilt House where you will see some great demos, beautiful trunk shows and be fed some scrumptious meals. There will be ample opportunity throughout the day to shop, relax and be entertained by our Quilt Divas. Join us Monday, May 14 from 9am until 6pm for a fun filled day. Cost is just \$65. Call Hearts To Holly for more information 231-547-2729. Seats are limited so don't delay.

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 Thoretta 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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NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Call for Exhibitors - Wedding EXPO

Exhibitors will visit with brides-to-be from all over Northern Michigan at the Northern Michigan Wedding EXPO on Sunday, May 20 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Interested in having a booth at this show? Current exhibitors include Bridal shops, Florists, Photographers, Caterers, Hall Rental, Decorators, Wedding Planners, DJ's, Entertainers, Limo Services, Travel Planners, Reception Venues and more. Contact Dave Baragrey at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com 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.

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

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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 driver's license. For your convenience, once the marina office is open for the season in May, they will carry stickers and will be open evenings and weekends. Annual stickers can also be obtained by mail; contact City Hall for information, 231.582.6597.

CHARLEVOIX 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.

PETOSKEY

Mother & Daughter Weekend

Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, big sisters, aunts plus their daughters, sisters and granddaughters ages 7 to 17 are invited to an activity-packed weekend at the 2nd annual Mother & Daughter Weekend at Camp Daggett, Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 20. Again, there will be wonderful activities including smores

and singing around the campfire, high ropes activities, bracelet weaving, scrapbooking, Petoskey buddy stones and jewelry, book reviews by McLean & Eakin, an in-house beauty afternoon provided by Talulu Beauty Lounge (some charges apply), a pontoon boat ride, karaoke and great food. Cost is \$150 for mother/daughter, plus \$50 for each additional daughter. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Fee includes lodging, food and all activities, unless otherwise noted. For additional information, contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188. To register, please contact Jen Tarquini at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742.

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 Plan-

ners, 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

BOYNE CITY

Plant sale

The Boyne Valley Garden Club's annual Shrub and Perennial Sale is now in progress. Order forms are available from club members, Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne Co-op True Value, Upsy-Daisy Floral and Boyne City Ace Hardware. You may also call 582-9373 to request an order form. Orders must be paid in advance by May 24. Orders then must be picked up from 9am to noon behind Boyne Avenue Greenhouse.

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

Bob Carey Memorial Golf Scramble

The MSU Top of the State Alumni Club announces the 2012 Bob Carey Memorial Golf Scramble will take place on Saturday, June 16 at the Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix. Shotgun start at 8am followed by lunch, prizes, and networking at 12:30pm. Player cost: \$100. Hole Sponsorships: \$100. All proceeds go to benefit the Top of The State Scholarship Award to an incoming MSU student. To register or for more details call Steve Seely 231-499-3674 or Jeff Wellman 231-582-0097. Go Green!

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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Jim Daly

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



Dr. Juli Slattery

SENTIMENTS ARE MORE VALUED THAN GIFTS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Q: My siblings and I want to give our mom a nice Mother's Day. But we want to do something more creative than just taking her to lunch. Do you have any suggestions?

Jim: I'd take the opportunity to just talk to her. Tell her why you love her and what you appreciate about her. For some reason, that's hard to do, even with those closest to us. We often take the people we love for granted.

One day, when I was 7, I felt especially lonely. My dad was out of the picture, and my mom was at work. My older siblings were home, but busy with their own activities. So I moped around the house, loudly exclaiming, "Nobody loves me!" Much to my dismay, no one wanted to join in my pity party.

So I packed a sweater and a snack and eventually ended up at the restaurant where Mom was working. I walked up to her and said, "Mom, nobody loves me!" She was stuck with a customer, so she told me to go sit in her car. I ate my snack in the front seat and fell asleep.

The next thing I knew, Mom was gently tucking me into my bed at home. Despite my whining earlier in the day, I felt very loved, and very safe, in that moment.

I wish I could share this story with Mom today. But she passed away many years ago. There's nothing wrong with dinner or flowers on Mother's Day. But if you can recall stories from childhood that convey how much you felt loved by your mom, that will likely be the best gift she could possibly receive. Give it a try!

Q: My adolescent daughter frequently hits her siblings. She is the oldest child. I am at a loss as to what the best consequence is for this type of behavior. Where do I begin?

Juli: This is obviously behavior that you don't want to tolerate in your home. When an older child hits younger siblings, it's called bullying and should be treated that way.

Often parents treat all bad behavior with the same response. They punish their kids identically whether they spill the milk, forget to make their bed or tell a lie. The problem with this approach is that children are not able to distinguish between behaviors that are merely annoying and those that are completely unacceptable.

Hitting her younger siblings should be treated as a very serious violation of family rules. I recom-

mend that you and your spouse sit down with your daughter, state clearly that you will not allow her to hit her younger siblings and spell out the way you expect her to behave as the oldest child. Let her know what consequence she can expect if she does it again. Make the consequences painful, like, "You will be grounded from everything but school for a week."

As firm as you should be in setting your expectations and enforcing consequences, also give your daughter the opportunity to share with you why she is hitting her siblings. Younger children can very skillfully needle their older siblings and act like innocent victims in the process. For example, they may be reading her journal or teasing her about her acne. Perhaps you need to respect your daughter's growing independence by making her room off-limits to siblings, or giving her unique privileges that she can earn through responsible behavior.

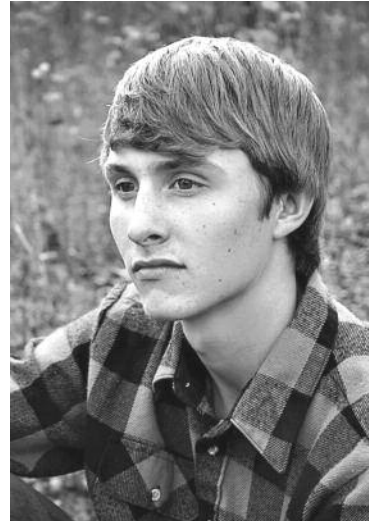
One final note ... until things settle down, don't give in to the convenience of letting your adolescent daughter baby-sit her siblings, even for 10 minutes. Free baby-sitting isn't worth adding fuel to the fire.

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Brandon Hejka Named Outstanding Student

Boyer City High School Building Trades Honors East Jordan Student

Brandon Hejka of East Jordan, a senior at East Jordan High School, has been named among 15 participants as the Outstanding Student for 2011-2012 in the Boyne City High School Construction Trades Program, which admits students from East Jordan and Boyne Falls as well as Boyne City. Hejka received the award at the Char-Em ISD Career & Technical Education Recognition Dinner, held on May 1st at the Boyne Mountain Conference Center.



Brandon Hejka

The program constructs a new single-family home from the ground up during each school year. The home is then sold essentially for the cost of materials, the proceeds from which are then used to purchase materials for the next season's project. This year's project was an approximately 2000 square-foot, three-bedroom, three-bath home with full basement and garage located in Boyne City.

"Brandon displays a great knowledge of the construction field as well as a tremendous work ethic," said Todd Shumaker, Program Instructor. "He also demonstrates great leadership skills, and I will typically pair him with others who are not as knowledgeable and he does a great job of bringing them along."

Hejka is the son of Mark and Kim Hejka, who own Hejka & Sons Construction, LLC of East Jordan. He will enter the Architectural Construction Technology program at Baker College in Cadillac this fall.

STUDENT of the Week

Boyer City High School

Irene Seaver



PARENTS: Wade and Lynn Seaver
GRADE: 9
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Drama, DECA
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Sports, Reading, Playing Guitar, Hanging out with friends
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: I want to become a lawyer and then eventually a Supreme Court Justice.

STAFF COMMENTS

"Irene is a model student. She works hard and always has a positive attitude." (Mr. Bryant, Physical Science Teacher)

"Very pleasant young lady. Seems mature beyond her years. Excellent student." (Mr. Nohel, Woodworking Teacher)

"Irene takes her education seriously; she makes good comments in class, and asks good questions." (Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

"Irene is an exceptional US History student. She brings with her unique life experiences that give her different perspectives to our class material. Thanks for sharing your experiences Irene!" (Mrs. Deming, History Teacher)

"Irene is a new member of the Pride Team. She is a quiet leader and always has something valuable to contribute to our meetings." (Mrs. Place, Media Center Specialist)



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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Frustration along the way?

Dear Dave,
 I'm about to complete Baby Step 3. I've been very intense about following your plan, but I was wondering if there's ever any kind of frustration or letdown after you've come this far.
 Rasheed

Dear Rasheed,
 You're right. The beginning three Baby Steps are very intense. First, you get \$1,000 in the bank—\$500 if you make less than \$20,000 a year—for a beginner emergency fund as fast as you can. Then, pay off all your debts, except the house, from smallest to largest, and after that you finish out your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses. This is a real whirlwind of activity, because everything should be wrapped up in an aggressive, we've-got-to-get-this-done kind of attitude.

I guess if there's a letdown it could come from the feeling that once you're out of debt except for

your house, things should kick into overdrive and you'll become instantaneously wealthy. That just isn't realistic. But it does remove a ton of stress from your life, and you'll experience a sense of freedom that you've never felt before.

As for frustrations, they'll be fewer because a huge cause of stress and frustration will disappear after you gain control of your money and get out of debt. You may feel like things aren't moving fast enough, but things never seem to move fast enough when you're intense and really into what you're doing!
 —Dave

Time to play it smart!

Dear Dave,
 Our son is 21, and he's embarking on a career as a professional soccer player. He'll only be making about \$30,000 a year, and we want to know how we can help him manage this money and not get caught up in the idea that he has to live a glamorous lifestyle.
 Karen

Dear Karen,
 "Glamorous" isn't the word I'd use to describe a \$30,000-a-year job, even for a 21-year-old. I think the biggest thing here is to make sure he develops some emotional maturity and uses basic, common-sense guidelines to help keep things in perspective. If he makes a habit right now of budgeting and living on less than he makes, he's going to have a lot easier time later on if he starts raking in the big bucks.

Help him prepare his heart for two things. First, that a career as a professional athlete will probably be a short run. Enjoy it, be smart, then prepare to move on to the next part of your life, and develop a different career track.

The second thing is that even if he beats the odds and ends up making a ton of money, he's got to view the money as a responsibility and a privilege. This is when the common sense and maturity really come into play. You can't run out and buy a bunch of houses and cars and expect even big money to last for long!
 —Dave

** Dave Ramsey is America's most trusted voice on money and business. He's authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5,000,000 listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

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Charlevoix Community Foundation Awards Environmental Grants

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded five grants to area environmental organizations last week. Recipients of the grants include the Friends of the Boyne River, the Lake Charlevoix Association, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, W.A.T.C.H., and the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy.

The foundation accepts grant applications throughout the year, with deadlines being March 1 and October 1. This spring, the foundation disbursed a total of \$19,500 from the Ethel Coeling Environmental Fund to support the following projects:

Improvements to a nature trail on the Boyne River by the Friends of the Boyne

Creation of a digital media presentation by the Lake Charlevoix Association

Conducting a shoreline survey on Lake Charlevoix by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

Supporting environmental education training for teachers of students in grades 3-8 by W.A.T.C.H.

Implementing interpretive signage at the Postle Farm Preserve by the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy

Since 2004, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has distributed 71 environmental grants to 25 area organizations and municipalities. That comes to a total of \$302,941 given to help protect and preserve natural resources in our region. Each year, the com-



The Little Traverse Conservancy recently installed new signage for preserves on Beaver Island. A portion of the cost was covered by funding from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. In 2012, utilizing community foundation funds, the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy will also implement interpretive signage at its Postle Farm Preserve.



Preserving our environmental heritage is important to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which recently disbursed \$19,500 in funds for the spring 2011 grant cycle to five area environmental organizations. Here, Cindy Mom of the Little Traverse Conservancy walks on a boardwalk that was built with foundation funds at the Susan Creek Nature Preserve.

the public access of the lake. Similar work was done on the Little Sand Bay Preserve, including new signage that highlights the area's natural features.

Doug Fuller, Director of Stewardship for the Little Traverse Conservancy says, "We couldn't have done all that we've done without the support of the community foundation. We are very excited about the improvements."

Radke says the projects that have recently been completed will facilitate greater enjoyment of the resources available in our area. Radke adds, "So many organizations in our region are doing exceptional and important work on behalf of conservation and environmental protection. It is a privilege for the community foundation to be a part of this work."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds—all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

munity foundation is able to distribute from \$40,000-\$60,000 in grants to environmental projects that promote the following: restoration and stabilization of resources, education of children and adults, scientific research and planning, marketing and raising awareness, and promoting wise land use.

Much of this is thanks to the foresight of Charlevoix County resident Ethel Coeling, who set up an endowed fund with the community foundation that has grown to nearly one million dollars. Coeling, who was born in Ellsworth and retired in Norwood, spent much of

her adult life living and traveling abroad. However, when it came time for her to make her last wishes, she choose to support the community and environment of the Great Lakes Region that she loved, and set up the Ethel Coeling Environmental Fund at the community foundation.

Maureen Radke, Program Officer, explains the importance of the fund. "Our environmental resources are like the 'calling card' of Northern Michigan—they are why people live here, why they want to visit, why they come to play and enjoy the water and the beauty. The

environment is important here not only for the natural beauty and enjoyment it provides, but because it is so closely tied to our economy and livelihood as a community."

A 2011 grant to the Little Traverse Conservancy helped fund trail improvement projects for two preserves on Beaver Island. This project was just completed in April of this year. The Barney's Lake Preserve now has the most extensive trail system of any of the preserves on the island, and includes new interpretive signage, extensive loops, and a new parking lot, as well as new boat storage racks near

Discover a treasure at Finders Keepers Antiques & Consignment Shop

By Jim Akans

Located in downtown Indian River, Finders Keepers Antiques & Consignment Shop is fascinating stop for shoppers looking for a wide array of resale items and beautiful antiques.

"We specialize in a bit of everything," observes owner, Cindy Burkhart. "Highlights of our inventory include antique collectables, infant through adult clothing items, vintage clothing, jewelry, hats, gloves, shoes, furniture, glassware, kitchenware, pottery and more."

Burkhart points out that the inventory is constantly changing, so a single visit to

the store simply isn't enough...another special find is always showing up. She also relates that customers routinely comment about the clean, orderly arrangement of the store, the friendly welcoming atmosphere, and the high quality, value-priced selection.

"We are always running some type of sale," Burkhart notes, "and customers appreciate how our inventory is constantly changing."

The shop accepts consignments on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and requires that items be in excellent condition and display shelf ready. Clothing must be freshly cleaned, ironed and on hangers. Consignments are dis-

played for up to 60 days, and if the item does not sell, it is returned to the consigner. They also offer new clothing items obtained through distributor buy-outs, and have a huge range of glassware, from entry level to high-end pieces.

Finders Keepers Antiques & Consignment Shop is located at 3639 S. Straits Highway in Indian River, and is open Tuesday thru Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. For additional information call (231) 238-5000 or visit finderskeepersconsignment.net



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4th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne a record success!

Approximately 1,300 people attended the 4th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event last Thursday evening, April 26th, a record crowd for this yearly event. The number of vendor booths also topped the record chart, with 97 area merchants, eateries, organizations and non-profits welcoming attendees and offering information about their products and services.

More than 60 door prizes were awarded, and Boyne City resident Gail Farley won the event grand prize of two round-trip tickets from Pellston to Chicago on Lakeshore Express. Boyne resident Bob Greenwalt won the 50-50 prize of \$336.



Friends and business associates often meet up at the Boyne Chamber Business Expo, such as (from left,) Cindy and Ed Grice, Debbie and Tom Neidhamer and Bill Aten did at this year's event

If you didn't make this year's event, be sure to make a note to stop by the

5th annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne next spring!

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Glen's Market drew a crowd at their Taste of Boyne booth at the Business Expo, greeted here by Boyne City Schools students Sydney Fisher (white top) Kiana Kuhs (red top), and Ondrea Eaton (behind Kiana and Ondrea...she is giving the thumb up sign).



Josh Grove talks to area residents about his new Boyne Parasail business that will be operating from downtown Boyne City this summer.



Sun For the Soul's Anama Boutique presented an ongoing fashion show during the four-hour Boyne City Business Expo.

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