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Charlevoix Area Garden Club sponsors community beautification program

Once again, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club is encouraging the even further beautification of Charlevoix by sponsoring a program to reward those merchants who have the most attractive out-

door natural plant displays. The plants can be either in a window box or container located outside the business or in a garden. Judging is based on four categories; color, texture, originality

and design and scored from one to five with five being the highest.

The garden club will judge the displays on July 9th and award the certificates for first, second

and third places on July 10th. If you would like to participate in this year's Beautification Project, please call Kirsten Berwick at 231.547.3526 or Susan Flanders at 231.547.4887.

It's all about Business Success!

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce announces new "Success Partnership Program"



The East Jordan Chamber has launched the "Success Partnership Program," designed to help cultivate success for entrepreneurs starting a new business, as well as for existing businesses looking for some guidance in these economically challenging times. Mary Faculak (at right) is executive director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. John Kempton (left) is chairman of the Success Partnership Program.

PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

By Jim Akans

"Success brings success," affirms Mary Faculak, executive director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. And at a Chamber retreat held this past January, attendees launched an idea for a new program designed to help cultivate success for entrepreneurs starting a new business, as well as for existing businesses looking for some guidance in these economically challenging times. The program is called the "Success Partnership Program," matching business mentors, each with expertise in one of four key topic areas, with business professionals who enroll in the program. Success Partnership

Program is being offered free of charge to all East Jordan Area Chamber members.

Dr. John Kempton, chairman of the 13 member volunteer Success Partnership Program committee, states, "This new program stems from one of the East Jordan Chamber's goals to encourage 'economic gardening' in this community by cultivating and nurturing the success of new and existing businesses in the area. The first step is completing an intake form, which is a self-assessment tool that allows the participant to take a good look at where they are, how they got there, where they would like to be, and what are their priorities."

Based on that information, the

participant is matched with a volunteer mentor from the program's committee who has expertise in the area the new or existing business needs assistance with. Dr. Kempton stresses that confidentiality an integral part of the entire program, with a confidentiality agreement being signed between business participant and the Success Partnership Program committee at the onset.

The key areas of expertise available to the program participant are:

- Marketing and Promotion
- Organizational purpose, vision and goals as well as business leadership

See **Success Partnership** - 4A

COUNTY COMMISSION MAY 23RD MEETING

Charlevoix County Commissioners Put Park Program on August Ballot

By Tina Sundelius

Charlevoix - The Charlevoix County Commissioners voted to place a parks millage on the ballot, heard a drug report from the Charlevoix Sheriff's Department and Commissioner Shirlene Tripp spoke to her peers and the public concerning "behind the scenes" activities.

The Commission voted three to one in favor of placing a .15 mil on the August 2012 primary ballot. If approved by voters the millage would not increase taxes because the Grandvue millage has expired and this millage would replace it. "We are not asking any more than county taxpayers have been paying in past years," said Commissioner Ron Reinhardt. "This gives the people of Charlevoix County an opportunity to say we are willing to spend this money, it's not just six people on a board spending it."

The decision to hire new civil counsel was referred to committee and will be discussed this week. A Charlevoix firm, Young, Graham, Elsenheimer and Wendling is being considered. The county has retained the Petoskey office of Plunkett & Cooney temporarily as civil counsel.

In February 2010 Charlevoix Sheriff's department and the East Jordan and Boyne City police departments joined forces to fight drugs in Charlevoix County. "In the first ten months we handled one hundred and sixteen cases, that's five times as many as the year before," explained Sheriff Don Schneider in his drug report to the commission. The Joint Operational Law (Enforcement) Team, JOLT, has benefited the County by clamping down on drug sales and as a result is able to solve other crimes as well. "It's a bigger picture than just drug enforcement; we're solving so many more B and E's. The rate of those investigations has gone up 50%," said Undersheriff Chuck Vondra.

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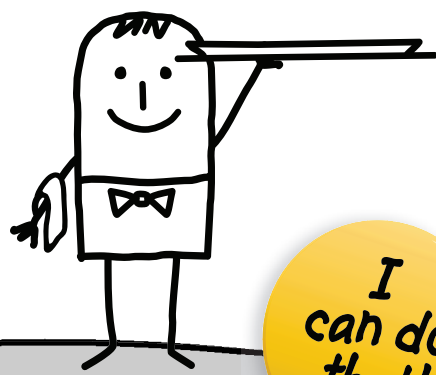
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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Ann (Speet) Baillargeon

(AUG. 20, 1934 - MAY 23, 2012)

Marilyn Ann (Speet) Baillargeon - our wife, mother and grandmother entered her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

She was born Aug. 20, 1934, in Fremont, Mich., to John and Anna Speet. Marilyn was the second of three girls; Fonda Deur and Carole Poel preceded her in death. In her younger years she excelled in women's softball, making the roster of the Muskegon Lassies.

Marilyn was a member of Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix. She loved her family and grandchildren, spending time in Florida, especially on the beach.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joseph; children, Joseph and Debra Baillargeon of Holland, Jeffrey Baillargeon of Brutus, James and Jacqueline Baillargeon of Birmingham, Mary and Scott Kerschner of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, Bruce Poel, of Holland, sisters-in-law, Doris DeLong and Virginia Bayne of North Muskegon; grandchildren, Joe and Lisa Baillargeon, Sarah and Randy DeVries, Tom Baillargeon, Chelsea and Samantha Baillargeon, Garrett Kerschner; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place at her request and a memorial service will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Fremont at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, One Hiland Drive, Petoskey, Mich. 49770.

Those wishing to share a memory of Marilyn or a condolence with the family, are invited to sign the online register book at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Harvey Lee Coates

(JULY 19, 1976 - MAY 22, 2012)

Harvey Lee Coates, 35, of Boyne City, was born in Fayetteville, N.C., on July 19, 1976, and passed away on May 22, 2012.

A memorial service will take place 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at Boyne City Early Learner's

Building located at 321 S. Park, St. Boyne City.

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Harvey, a 1995 graduate of Boyne City High School, was the second son born to Roy Eugene and Kae Hi Coates who, along with his sister Tina Lee Coates, have preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife, Erica Coates; children, Kael and Tyla Coates; brother, Roger (Kim) Coates; sister, Cheryl (Lane) Young; uncles, Mitch and John Coates; aunt, Cheryl (Parks) Pyle; and several nephews and nieces whom he cared for and loved like his own children.

Let us never forget and let us always keep smiling. A special page has been created at www.facebook.com/HarveyLeeCoates for anyone who would like to leave their comments.

The family also requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Roger Coates as a trust fund for Harvey's children will be established.

Funeral arrangements have been provided by Stackus Funeral Home. Funeral services will be reserved for family at a later date.

Kenneth McGeorge, 86

A graveside service for former Boyne City resident Kenneth McGeorge, 86, will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. A luncheon will follow at the VFW hall in Boyne City. Mr. McGeorge passed away on Feb. 15, 2012, at his home in Marquette.

Peter Battiste, 68

Peter Battiste died on May 7, 2012, at age 68, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility from dementia.

He was the father of Brien Peter Battiste, the son of Norma and William P. Battiste Sr., the brother of William P. Battiste Jr., and half brother of Nicole, all now deceased.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Mary; his siblings Eve, Sue, Phillip, Ann, Lea and John; and his stepmother, Margaret.

He grew up in Boyne City where he learned to ski at Avalanche, Thunder Mountain, and Boyne Mountain ski areas. As a youth, Peter was active in Boy

Scouts of America and was recognized by being inducted into the Order of the Arrow. His many interests included bird watching, boating and especially Michigan history.

From his days as a NCAA ski racer at the University of Colorado, through his years as a director of ski schools, and ski equipment representative, Peter lived and breathed skiing. As a long-time resident of Harbor Springs he was instrumental in the development of the Northern Michigan Ski Academy, a volunteer-run program for children throughout Northern Michigan. He started annual racing events, most notably the Tecnica Cup. The Tecnica Cup serves as the championship event for more than 300 young skiers who participate and race in Northern Michigan Ski Academy programs each season.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Peter Battiste Memorial Fund at the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union to benefit Peter's daughter, Elizabeth. Checks can be mailed to MSUFUCU at P.O. Box 1208, East Lansing, Mich. 48826

Frank Hrushka, 97

Frank Hrushka, formerly of Boyne Falls, died May 21, 2012, at home in Seminole, Fla.

No services are planned.

Versile Klooster

(March 30, 1917 - May 23, 2012)

Versile Klooster, 95, of Banks Township, died Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at his home.

He was born March 30, 1917, in Banks Township, the son of Alex and Hattie (DeYoung) Klooster.

On March 27, 1943, he married Katherine Sitzema at the home of her parents in Banks Township. They made their home on the Klooster Farm in Banks Township.

Versile was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aircraft mechanic in New Guinea.

He was employed at the East Jordan Iron Works for 25 years, retiring in 1980.

Versile loved his family and enjoyed farming, gardening, playing cards, shooting pool and

mowing his lawn.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; children, Ray (Carol) Klooster of Wildwood, Fla., Marcia Klooster of Lake City, Jerry (Louise) Klooster of Ellsworth; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Ralph "Bud" (Laurel) Sitzema, of Garden City, sisters-in-law, Patricia Sitzema of Muskegon and Jennet Sitzema of Ellsworth. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sally Klooster; brother, John Klooster; and sister, Julia Sage.

The funeral service was Saturday, May 26, at Belltower Reformed Church with the Rev. Jared VanNoord officiating. Burial in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests Belltower Reformed Church.

Dudley Eldred Crocker

(Dec. 7, 1922 - May 22, 2012)

Dudley Eldred Crocker, age 89, of Boyne City, died Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Dudley was born on Dec. 7, 1922, in Hancock, Mich., the son of James and Pearl (Warne) Crocker. He grew up in Hancock and graduated from Hancock High.

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On Sept. 21, 1946, in St. Terrecia, Detroit, he married Delphine Mary Messner, who preceded him in death in 2008.

Dudley and his wife loved to take rides and enjoy the countryside. He always had a dog or two that he cherished. Dudley and Dell would travel to the U.P. to get his favorite food, chicken pasties, with ketchup. There were always three boxes kept for him at Grandvue. Dudley was a great guy.

Dudley worked for Cadillac Motors for 35 years until he retired. Dudley also worked 18 years for Boyne Mountain at Boyne Country Sports and as a maintenance man for Chase Bank. He enjoyed woodworking, building furniture, bowling and skiing.

A funeral mass was held Thursday, May 24, at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. The Rev. Dennis

Stilwell served as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dudley's name may be directed to St. Matthew's Church or Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Dudley are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Michael Edward Haddix, 47

Michael Edward Haddix of East Jordan died Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Patricia (Murphy) Kay

(MAY 16, 1944 - MAY 5, 2012)

Patricia Kay, 68, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away at her home on May 5, 2012. She was born in Charlevoix, Michigan on May 16, 1944 to Archie and Georgia (Parsons) Murphy. Pat worked at Cloverland Electric Company for many years. She was also member of the Board of Directors for the Sault Co-op Credit Union for over 25 years. She was involved with the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Road to Recovery, Relay for Life in Charlevoix County, and active with the Quilting Divas. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and crafts. She enjoyed helping others and helping organizations.

Surviving Pat are her brothers Walter R. Murphy of East Jordan, Michigan, Wayne A. Murphy of Milford, Michigan, and sister Linda Murphy of Culpeper, Virginia. Pat is also survived by many members of extended family and friends. Preceding Pat in death are her parents and her sister Ella May Murphy.

Visitation will be held at Hovie Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Friday June 1, 2012 from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Memorial services will be held at 6:00 P.M. at Hovie Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Gabbard officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hills Cemetery in East Jordan. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 550 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Relay for Life of Charlevoix County, East Jordan, Michigan.

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Grand opening held at Sommerset Pointe's Blue Harbor Grille



By Jim Akans

Last Thursday evening, May 24th, a grand opening celebration was held at the new Blue Harbor Grille at Sommerset Pointe. The event took place in conjunction with the Boyne Area Chamber's Business After Hours gathering, and a ribbon cutting ceremony was performed officially designating the new restaurant as "open for business."

The Blue Harbor Grille at Sommerset Pointe is a Tapas themed restaurant. Menu highlights include Beef Short Ribs, Garlic Smashed potatoes, Cajun

Shrimp, Roasted Peppers and Onions with Penne Pasta, Seared Boneless Whitefish with Roasted Tomato Sauce and Spicy Pecans, Char-Grilled New York Strip Steak with Creamed Spinach and Roasted New Potatoes.

The Blue Harbor Grille represents a major expansion of the bar and kitchen facilities for Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club. Situated on a gentle promontory of Lake Charlevoix's southwestern shore, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina is a gorgeous and intimate northern Lower Michigan destination. Situated near

Boyne City, Sommerset Pointe's spectacular settings blends an authentic maritime atmosphere with a wide array of contemporary amenities.

Blue Harbor Grille is located at 4547 Lake Shore Road near Boyne City. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday from 11:30 am until 9 pm. Reservations are requested for dinner service, and can be made by calling (231) 582-9900. For additional information about Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club and the Blue Harbor Grille, please visit www.sommersetpointe-yachtclub.com.



The Blue Harbor Grille at Sommerset Pointe opened in grand style last Thursday. Local community leaders joined the staff to cut the ribbon at the opening of the new Blue Harbor Grille at Sommerset Pointe. Pictured (l-r): Ron Grunch, Mayor of Boyne City; Mary Faculak, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce; Russell Miller, Sommerset Pointe & Charlevoix Country Club Executive Chef; Fred Taylor, Sommerset Pointe Owner & Developer, & Owner of Charlevoix Country Club; Evan Chappuies, Sommerset Pointe General Manager; Heather Chappuies, Sommerset Pointe Event Manager/Member Director; Jim Baumann, Boyne City Chamber of Commerce; Kelley Wallace, Charlevoix Country Club Event Manager; Therese Smith, Sommerset Pointe Interior Designer; Dayna Atkins, Sommerset Pointe Business Manager for SPYC & Charlevoix Country Club; Lisa Hoyt, Petoskey Chamber of Commerce.



Darryl Parish, a Volunteer Stream Monitor for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, holds a monofilament cluster found along the Boyne River. Clusters like these are potentially fatal to marine wildlife and can take over 500 years to decompose. COURTESY PHOTO

"Friends of the Boyne River" keeping the Boyne River tangle free

Thanks to the partnership of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Boat U.S. Foundation's "Reel In and Recycle!" campaign, the Friends of the Boyne River were able to install a new monofilament collection container along the Boyne River. The program was designed to make proper disposal of monofilament more accessible to anglers on our local lakes and streams. When improperly discarded, the line can fatally entangle wildlife and is a danger to boaters and swimmers.

Widely used by anglers, monofilament is a strong, thin, durable line that is nearly invisible in the water. However, those same qualities can make it extremely hazardous to wildlife when left behind. Ac-

cording to the Michigan Clean Marina website, "it is estimated that ingestion of, and entanglement in, marine debris causes the deaths of more than 1 million birds and 100,000 marine mammals each year." Inappropriately discarded monofilament often accumulates in popular fishing areas and may tangle around boat propellers and aquatic life, while taking over 500 years to decompose.

Monofilament line, which is the only type of line collected through the program, can be recycled regardless of weight and test strength. Additional collection sites installed last summer include Ryde Marina in Alanson and the Burt Lake State Park in Indian River.

Can't find a collection bin? Anglers can also mail used monofilament line directly to Berkley's Monofilament Recycling Center at the following address: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA, 51360 or call 1-800-237-5539 to request a free, pre-addressed postage paid boxes for the return of used fishing line and spools. The Berkley Conservation Institute, a branch of the popular monofilament fishing line manufacturer, provides the recycling service to create artificial underwater habitat structures. Once in the water, these structures attract fish and plant growth that rejuvenate areas devoid of the natural cover essential to the growth and development of a healthy

fish population.

The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council speaks for our members including full-time and seasonal residents, lake associations, and businesses. We work to maintain the environmental integrity and economic and aesthetic values of lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water in Northern Michigan, as well as statewide and throughout the Great Lakes Basin. As the lead organization for water resources protection in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties, the Watershed Council is working to preserve the heritage of Northern Michigan – a tradition built around our magnificent waters.

NCMC begins summer hours

North Central Michigan College announces summer hours for the business and administrative offices, library, fitness center, gym and bookstore. North Central administrative and business offices, including student services, are open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. until noon. These hours are in effect until Monday, August 20th, when regular business hours resume.

The library at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey is closed until June 1, and will reopen on Monday, June 4, at 8:30 a.m. Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The library will close at noon on July 27 and will reopen August 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Summer hours for the fitness center and gym in the Student and Community Resource Center are Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. In August, the fitness center and gym will be open weekdays only. Pickle Ball will be offered Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. throughout the summer. Family Fun and Fitness Wednesdays begin on Wednesday, June 20 and run through August 29, 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Activities will include soccer, basketball, volleyball and Eclipse Ball. There will be appropriate toys and tumbling mats for toddlers and an obstacle course for children ages 7 to 11. Cost is \$5 per family and includes all activities and light refreshments. Call 231-439-6370 for details. Regular hours resume Tuesday, September 4.

The College Store hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. until noon until August 31. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, September 4.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey. Through its University Center partnerships, students can take courses leading to certificates, bachelor's and master's degrees from participating universities. North Central's Corporate and Community Education offers non-credit job skills training tailored to meet individual needs. In addition to its main campus in Petoskey, North Central offers classes, academic advising, testing and other services in Cheboygan, Gaylord and East Jordan.

County Commission

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The sheriff told the commission that the bottom line was that many people dealing drugs don't want to deal in Charlevoix County because of the team. The sheriff also discussed the problem of enforcing medical marijuana violations and the heroin epidemic. Vondra told the commission that he offers free drug testing kits to anyone who asks. He supplies the kits to the schools doctors and parents and that the availability of the kits has contributed to the success of the drug awareness program the JOLT team offers. "These kids don't come from

seedy backgrounds they're not thugs and the like, they're nice kids that don't say no," said Vondra.

Commissioner Shirlene Tripp opened a statement to the commission and the audience with, "I think it is time for the public to know what is going on behind the scenes." Tripp then read a letter that disclosed that she has just learned of decisions made by members of the board that occurred without the approval of a majority or knowledge of the public. She stated that Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema has lied to her and the board

concerning charges brought against her by him regarding invoices for mileage. She states, "He is being vindictive and will again cost this county more money." Tripp then asked why she did not know of illegal and inappropriate behavior on Jarema's part concerning one of his employees being forced to fill out false time slips and run his personal errands. She stated that one commissioner knew as far back as two years ago how poorly the prosecutor's staff was being treated and questioned his silence on the matter. She listed the names of seven employees that have left the prosecutor's office as a result of bullying. "I am appalled that one of us knew about this but did nothing."

Tripp stated that Jarema has

made Charlevoix County a laughing stock and has cost unnecessary money so he could 'mess' with the Petoskey News Review. "Our county deserves a civil counsel and a Board of Commissioners that will look out for the county," she said. Tripp accused Jarema several times of lying, not looking out for the best interest of Charlevoix county and unethical behavior. "I am sorry that he is friends with some of you but his behavior was unethical, and I am grieving him on all these matters."

Jarema said the matter involving the false claim for mileage was reported to the State Police by two citizens. Once the investigation is completed the State Police can request a warrant from the Prosecutor's office. Tripp

claims there was a sealed agreement by the Prosecutor's office to repay some of the funds. Jarema said the agreement was made between Tripp's attorney, Mary Beth Kur and chief assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara that there would not be further prosecution or charges. The agreement is neither lawful nor ethical. Jarema said, "My chief assistant prosecutor should have known that. She can't tie the hands of the public from demanding she repay the rest of the amount."

The next Charlevoix Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at 9:30 A.M.

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Three receive college scholarships from Christ Episcopal Church



CHARLEVOIX—Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix awarded three college scholarships to area high school seniors. Luke Hawley of East Jordan High School, Christina Russell of Charlevoix High School, and Mikayla Thorman of Ellsworth Community High School were this year's recipients.

Luke Hawley has been accepted at Alma College and will be studying for a degree in Sports Medicine. Christina Russell has been accepted at Northern

Michigan University and plans to begin studying for a degree in Elementary Education. Mikayla Thorman has been accepted at North Central Michigan College and plans to begin studying for a career in medicine. She is the Ellsworth Community High School Valedictorian.

In addition to these three scholarships, last year's recipients were given \$1,000 to assist them in their second year of studies. These students are Brianna Balogh who is studying at Lake Su-

perior State University, Caleb Crouch who is studying at Michigan State University and James Gaudette who is studying at Illinois Institute of Art.

This is the second year that Christ Episcopal Church has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend institutions of higher learning. The committee members for 2012 were Ed Bahr, The Rev. John David, Ann Hollis, Nancy Porter and Dick Southby.

LEFT: Pictured with scholarship awards are (from left) Luke Hawley (East Jordan High School), the Rev. John David (Rector of Christ Church), Mikayla Thorman (Ellsworth Community High School) and Christina Russell (Charlevoix High School).

Success Partnership

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Financial planning, budgeting and projecting - Retail fundamentals such as customer service and human resources

"There may be situations where the program participant will work with more than one mentor," notes Faculak. "The range of expertise and knowledge among these volunteer mentors is extremely impressive. Each has come forward to offer their services to this new program because they are dedicated members of our community and our committed to helping businesses achieve success."

Typically, mentors and business professionals will meet three times, with visits two to three weeks apart. The Success Partnership Program is designed to provide an

objective, third party look at a business's strengths and weaknesses, and the mentor may also provide additional resources that may be able to assist the program participant such as services offered by SCORE and the NLEA.

Mary Faculak observes, "This is an excellent example of community collaboration. The mentors volunteering their time, talents and expertise have a deeply felt commitment to helping the East Jordan business community move forward in a positive fashion. The central message of the Success Partnership Program is that we don't have to do it alone; success does truly bring success."

For information about the Success Partnership Program, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351.

"Get your gear on" at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan

Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that



Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, high quality, military grade items are available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods. PHOTO BY DAN KLATT.

supply the government with equipment."

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military in-

signia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers... the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. They are open seven days a week from 9 am to 7 pm. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.

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

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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Has the limit passed?

Dear Dave,
I bought a car a few years ago and purchased new wheels for \$1,100 on credit. I haven't paid the bill, and now collectors are trying to settle with me. I think the statute of limitations has expired. Should I still pay the debt?
Brian

Dear Brian,
I always look at things like this through two or three lenses. One has to do with your credit. Another is the legal aspect, and the third is this: What's the right thing to do?

The right thing to do is pay the debt. You took the wheels, so you need to pay for them. You could probably scratch together \$1,100 and make this whole thing go away. I'm pretty sure a lot of legal and collection costs, as well as interest, have been added over the years. But at this point, you can probably get them to settle for the original amount owed.

Now, can they still chase you under the statute of limitations? That's a matter of state law, and since I'm not an attorney, I'm not up to speed on every law from state to

state. Besides, I don't like the idea of using that kind of argument to get someone out of debt.

Honestly, this is the real world we're talking about, Brian. You're going to have to deal with this, because even if there is a statute of limitations, most collectors will still try to chase you to the ends of the earth. And for \$1,100 you can get them out of your life and erase a big black mark from your credit. It's always better to have a transaction listed as "bad debt that has been settled" rather than simply "bad debt."

And by the way, it's also the right thing to do!
—Dave

No secondary policy necessary

Dear Dave,
I'm a doctor, and I've been at my current job for six months. I'm scheduled to make \$190,000 this year, and my husband and I will be debt-free in a few months. My employer provides disability insurance free of charge, but if I stop working for this company I'll no longer have the in-

surance. Should I get my own policy instead of the one at work?
Laura

Dear Laura,
Unless you become seriously ill, it's easy to get long-term disability insurance. You could find it through some of the medical associations, or you could find it the way your employer found the policy you have now—through an independent broker who shops and makes a market for you.

But at this point, I wouldn't run out and buy another policy. If you're getting it free of charge, let your employer handle the work. Then, if you ever sense things are going downhill at your job, you can start shopping for a long-term disability policy at that point. Right now, there's no reason to pay out of pocket or have a second one.
—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 Entrepreneurship. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

STUDENT of the Week

Boyne Falls Elementary Zofia Wasylewski



PARENTS:
Frank and Anna

GRADE: 1st

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?
Actress

FAVORITE BOOK:
Magic Treehouse

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:
Acting, dancing, and cooking

SCHOOLACTIVITIES:
Writing and reading are my favorite things

STAFF COMMENTS: Zofia is an attentive student that is always willing to participate in class and help others when needed. She is a nice girl and always has a smile on her face. Keep up the great work and positive attitude Zofia. (Heidi Held-Hinkley)

Boyne City High School Zeek Beek



PARENTS:
David and Ellen

GRADE: 12th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Baseball, Soccer, Student Council

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:
Friends, Xbox, Disc Golf, Snowboarding

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
Attend MSU; pursue Spanish & Psychology; hopefully work with kids

STAFF COMMENTS:

"Great student; very respectful; understands what it means to be a Rambler." (Baseball Coach Shumaker)

"Zeek is positive, motivated, mature and spirited – and an excellent role model at BCHS." (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to all the "Stars" of the Co-curricular banquet

Dear Editor,

Wow, What a night! Congratulations to all the "stars" of the Co-curricular banquet at Boyne City High School on May 16th. I always have known that Boyne has a lot to be proud of, but this event continues to show what great things we do accomplish in this special little berg. The event was sponsored by the Booster-Foundation, an amazing group who continue to give the students of this town an incredible edge with all the added benefits that they fund. An amazing 255 students were honored for their roles in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts, from the highly competitive DECA, the District Champion Boys Basketball, the newly formed Robotics Team, and everything inbetween. The talented group was then treated to a fabulous buffet put on by Boyne's astounding Hospitality Class under the direction of the well known chef Mr. Dennis Chrisman. In the spirit of the baseball/softball season, they hit it out of the park!

Some of the proudest moments were all the academic excellence achievements on a per team basis. I don't believe it is easy for these students to go to

school all day, practice all afternoon, and still have time to balance 3.2+ grade-points in todays competitive learning environment. But we heard it over and over that BCHS kids were among the top of the conference for that balance, and for that we as a community can all be very proud.


It was also very refreshing to see the Booster-Foundation honor their John Hunt Booster of the year award to probably their youngest member ever, Mr. Eric Calo. Having personally been involved in a lot of committees over the years it is always fun to have new people get involved. If you ever get to meet Eric, you will know why this special group chose him, as he always is smiling, and always seems ready to help anyone, anytime! Congratulations Eric.

So, once again Boyne City Public Schools got to showcase just how special they are, why they are at the top of the area for programs, and just how the talented kids in this little town are growing up to be true leaders. Congratulations to you all, you truly deserve your recognition. Boyne Pride!

Sincerely,
Marty Moody


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





FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



WHEN BUILDING STEPFAMILIES, ALLOW STEPKIDS TO SET PACE

Q: My wife and I are both divorced and trying to raise a blended family. Is there any advice you can give me on how to help our children bond with our spouse?

Juli: The wedding ceremony may have made you a blended family, but developing those deep bonds of connection takes a lot more time. Ron Deal, founder of Successful Stepfamilies, offers the best advice that I've ever come across.

He encourages stepparents to be very careful about trying to hard too develop a parent-child relationship. Although stepparents have authority in the home, much like teachers do in a classroom, the affection and connection associated with "Mom" or "Dad" takes a long time to form and may never form. Deal recommends that you let the kids set the pace for the relationship.

Resist the urge to speed up the relationship-building process by buying big gifts or insisting on lots of one-on-one time. Children who are in the midst of adjusting to divorce and remarriage have a lot of mixed feelings and confusion about loyalties and how much to love each adult in their lives. Don't ever try to replace your stepchildren's biological mom or dad or be critical of them. One of the most wonderful things you can do for your stepchild-

ren is give them permission to love all of the adults in their lives.

It is also wise to allow the biological parents to do the majority of the active parenting, like discipline and enforcing consequences. Although both parents are involved in rule setting, the biological parent should do the heavy lifting, particularly early on.

For more tips on thriving as a stepfamily, you will want to check out www.successfulstepfamilies.com.

Q: I thought life would slow down when school ended for the summer, but it seems like our family is running faster than ever. My husband's work schedule is relentless, and I've taken on a part-time job. And we're always running the kids to various summer activities. I don't think they even consider this a "break," and I'm afraid all of the activity is going to have a negative impact on them.

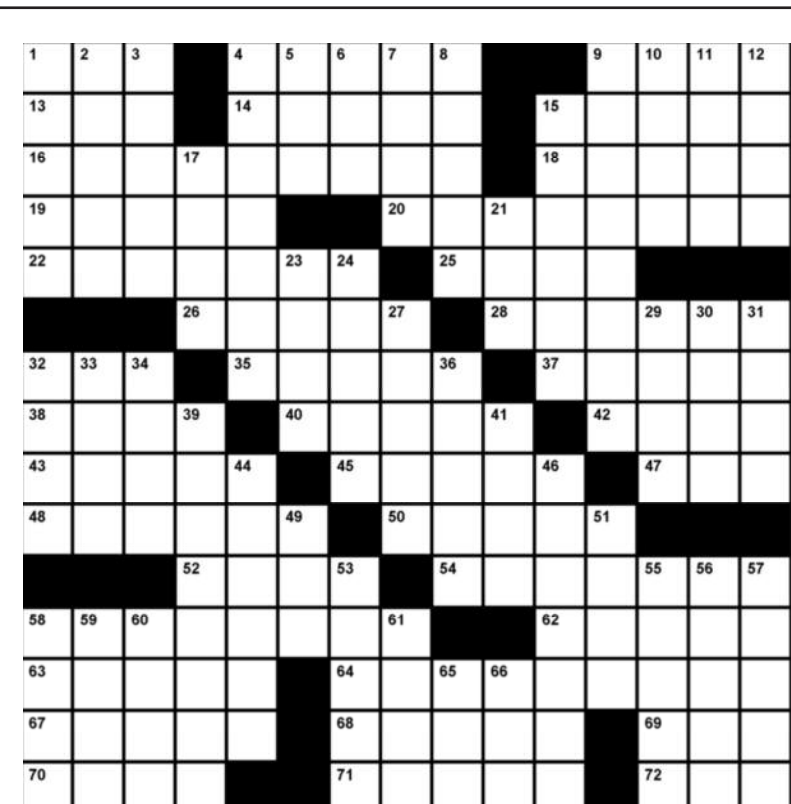
Jim: As parents, it often seems like we're running at a constant sprint. From the minute our feet hit the floor in the morning, it's a race to get to work, get the kids ready, take them to where they need to be, and then start checking off the long list of appointments in our daily planner. And then we do it all again

tomorrow.

We live lives of stress, and that can impact our kids. They see us running around in a constant state of panic, and they pick up on it. Many children become stressed themselves in this kind of environment, and will carry that stress into their adult lives.

The American Academy of Pediatrics released a study showing that today's children are much more stressed, busy and even depressed than ever before. The research shows that we aren't giving our kids enough time to simply play and relax. And they're certainly not going to learn how to do it by watching their overcommitted parents. I'm not suggesting that you neglect your responsibilities. But it would be a good idea to find some creative ways to slow down — not just during these summer months, but all year. For your own health, as well as that of your kids, make sure that rest and relaxation are a part of your family's routine. Depending on their age, your kids might already be firmly entrenched in the "always running" mentality. It's up to you and your husband to help them reset the pace. We all need a little down time once in a while!

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Christensen Awarded Meritorious Service Award

County Commissioner, Chris Christensen has been selected by Merit Network as the recipient of its 2012 Meritorious Service Award.

In their role of promoting the advancement of networking in Michigan, Merit seeks to identify and support organizations and individuals that enhance their work through the use of networking and related technology. The awards program brings recognition to organizations and individuals who are particularly accomplished in this way, both to honor their achievements and to serve as an example and inspiration for others.

Merit has selected Christensen for this award to recognize his enthusiastic involvement in the Merit community. They ex-

pressed appreciation for his engagement with other Members, and his advocacy on behalf of Merit and its community. Merit also expressed their appreciation for Christensen's vision and a strong understanding of what broadband can mean to rural and Northern Michigan.

Christensen received the award at the Merit Member Conference held May 23-24 in Ypsilanti, MI at Eagle Crest Conference Center.

Merit Network is supplying a broadband connection throughout the state of Michigan. Christensen's involvement with the network will help develop Charlevoix County into one of the "most connected" counties in the state.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee Distributes \$16,000 in Grants

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has distributed \$16,000 in grants to six local nonprofit agencies to fund programs that benefit young people.

Started in 1992, the YAC was organized to engage local high school students in philanthropy. Sixteen (16) students, representing Beaver Island, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and North-west Academy high schools, comprise the group. "The YAC is filled with talented and committed young people who do a great job evaluating grant proposals and making award decisions," noted Jennifer Booher, the Foundation's YAC Program Associate.

Organizations submitting proposals for consideration by the YAC are also required to appear before the group for a formal interview. "The interviews really help us to become more familiar with the nonprofit agency and the project they're proposing for funding," noted Brandon Arp, a Charlevoix High School junior and YAC member. The following agencies received YAC support:

Child and Family Services of NW Michigan (\$1,552) to support foster parent recruitment and retention programs.

Health Department of NW Michigan (\$1,500) to provide mental health consultations for children ages 0-5, and (\$2,273) to support the Safe Routes to Schools planning processes in Charlevoix and East Jordan.

Jordan River Arts Council (\$675) to provide materials for JRAC's School Bead Project for local 5th Grade students.

Manna Project (\$4,000) for supplies for the "Backpacks for Kids" program.

MSU Extension/Charlevoix



Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee members (l-r) Emily Crick (East Jordan HS), Jill Solomon (Boyne City HS) and Brigid Gillespie-Cushman (Beaver Island CS) worked recently with the group at the Manna Food Project.

County 4H (\$4,000) to provide scholarships for low income youth to attend summer youth camps.

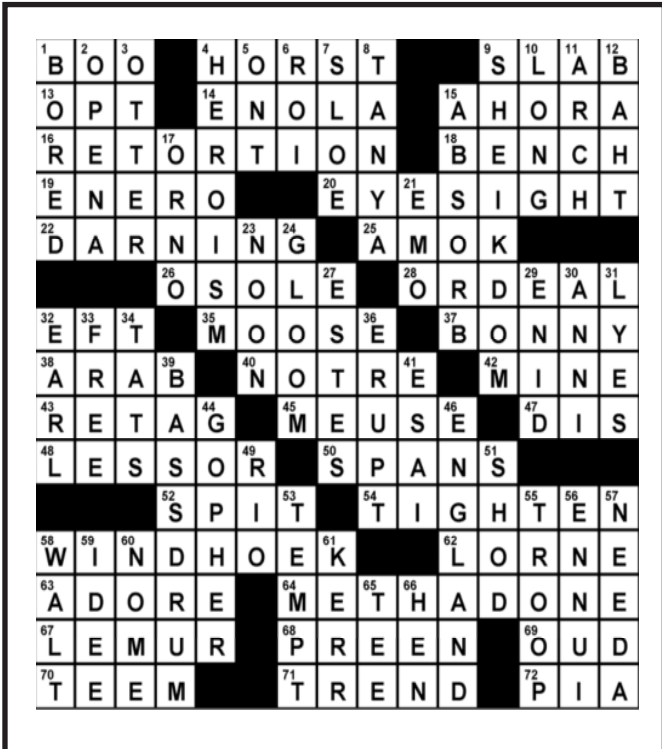
Raven Hill Discovery Center (\$2,000) for the free "2nd Saturday" program for students and families.

Casey Keane enjoys the experience too. A junior at East Jordan High School, Casey is completing her third year as a YAC member. "The thing I enjoy the most about YAC is getting the opportunity to see and experience the positive impact that our grants have on the organizations that are helping and providing great experiences for youth in our area," she noted.

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.

To learn more about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, including how to make a gift to the Youth Fund, please visit the Foundation online at www.c3f.org, or contact us at 231-536-2440.



BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, May 21, 2012

- 8:43am Unlock in the 100 block of Trent St
- 9:37am 911 hang up from the 800 block of S Park St. All OK
- 12:45pm Parking complaint received in the 100 block of S Park St
- 3:45pm Bike abandoned in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 6:00pm Civil complaint in the 200 block of E Water St
- 10:25pm Found dog at the Mushroom Festival and returned to owner.
- 10:30pm Motorist assist in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 11:27pm Report of disturbance in the 500 block of Jersey St

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

- 6:21am Citation issued for no proof of insurance
- 6:56am Citation issued for no proof of insurance
- 7:23am Citation issued for no seat belt
- 7:52am Citation issued for no seat belt
- 8:00am Found mountain bike turned into PD. Was later claimed by owner.
- 9:42am Report of phone lines down across Oak Street.
- 1:52pm Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
- 2:40pm Welfare check on citizen in the 400 block of McKinley St. Was transported to hospital by EMS.
- 2:45pm Arrested subject for felonious assault
- 10:05pm Report of dog bite that occurred in the 300 block of N East St

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

- 2:12am 911 hang up from the 400 block of Front St
- 3:02am Checked on suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of State St
- 6:06am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 7:03am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 7:23am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 7:45am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 7:54am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 8:51am Citation issued for no proof of insurance
- 9:13am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 9:33am Citation issued for no seat-belt
- 10:56am Request for welfare check in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 11:13am Report of lost purse downtown. Was later found.
- 1:57pm Report of subjects speeding on Charlevoix St near the city limits
- 3:29pm Report of harassment complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 5:04pm Dog left in car in the hot sun in the 300 block of Boice St. Owner located.

Thursday, May 24, 2012

- 1:24am Citation issued for no proof of insurance
- 7:40am Unlock in the 400 block of High St.
- 8:11am Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 8:13am Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of Harris St
- 10:50am Citation issued for speed.
- 10:52am Animal complaint received from the 200 block of E Main St
- 11:24am Complaint of horses defecating at Tannery Beach.
- 12:06pm Investigation of suspicious odor in the 100 block of E Water St
- 2:55pm Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Robinson St
- 6:51pm Mailbox hit in the 800 block of W Division St
- 11:14pm Report of vehicle with loud exhaust in the area of W Division and Hull St

Friday, May 25, 2012

- 1:29am Found subject sleeping in dugout at T-ball fields.
- 1:44am Citation issued for no proof of insurance.
- 6:27am 911 check in the 400 block of Front St
- 9:44am Report of disturbance in the 200 block of N Lake St.
- 10:15am Citizen in to report ongoing problem with fireworks being shot off on Groveland St and landing in the yards of neighbors.
- 11:26am Unattended 1 year old child found wandering parking lot on silver St
- 1:51pm Assist consumers Energy in the 100 block of N Park St
- 2:04pm Report of dog attacking another dog in the 100 block of E Main St
- 2:52pm Damage to vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 5:07pm 911 hang up from the 500 block of N Lake St
- 7:30pm Suspicious situation at Peninsula Beach

Saturday, May 26, 2012

- 2:17am Citation issued for Expired Plate
- 3:42am False alarm in the 300 block of E Water St
- 8:20pm Arrested subject for MIP/Probation Violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 10:42am Citation issued for speed, window tint and no proof of insurance
- 10:44am False alarm on W Water St
- 11:09am Property damage accident at Water and Park Streets
- 12:29pm Unlock at Veteran's park
- 2:25pm Civil complaint reported in the 100 block of Trent St
- 4:07pm False alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 4:14pm Gasoline drive off from the 400 block of N Lake St
- 9:12pm Disturbance reported in the 500 block of Jersey St

Sunday, May 27, 2012

- 2:29am Report of disturbance in the area of Maple and Pleasant St
- 9:20am Report of possible house fire near Glenwood Beach. Was brush pile.
- 12:58pm Report of lost keys in the

- 5:00pm Report of assault that had occurred the night before
- 10:26pm Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St
- 10:26pm Report of disturbance in the 300 block of Silver St

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Alarm.....	9
Animal Complaint.....	21
Annoyance.....	1
Assault.....	2
Assist Citizen.....	4
Assist Motorist.....	4
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Boating Violation.....	3
Breaking & Entering.....	0
Car/Deer Accident.....	9
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Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	0
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Disorderly Person.....	0
Disturbance.....	0
DNR Complaint.....	1
Domestic Dispute.....	2
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Fireworks Complaint.....	1
Found Property.....	18
Fraud.....	1
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Women's Center recipient of Handbags of Hope donation



The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) received a large donation of fully stocked purses from the Southern Michigan non-profit Handbags of Hope, to benefit survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Accepting the donation are WRCNM staff Danielle Ross, Leslie Turovaara, Lisa Devergilio and Jackie Bobcean of Handbags of Hope, Sue Bissell and Gail Kloss.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) received dozens of fully stocked purses from Handbags of Hope, a project created in Southeast Michigan. The donation coincided with Mother's Day and will benefit survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault at the WRCNM's Safe Home and in the counseling program. Handbags of Hope organizers make purse deliveries twice a year to domestic abuse programs and women's shelters throughout Michigan. The WRCNM has

been a regular stop on the bi-annual donation circuit. This particular statewide delivery included more than 1,000 purses filled with everyday essentials and comfort items such as a wallet, toothbrush, hairbrush, moisturizer, nail file and deodorant. The purses are helpful to survivors, especially those who have been in highly controlled relationships and may not have owned a purse, as well as for those who arrive at the Safe Home in haste without having had the opportunity to bring per-

sonal possessions.

"It's fun to put the purses together and I really like to make the deliveries, myself," said Jackie Bobcean who started Handbags of Hope several years ago with childhood friend Lisa Devergilio. Because they now collect, fill and deliver more than 3,000 handbags a year, the two women depend heavily on volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Last year the WRCNM's Safe Home provided refuge to 135 survivors of domestic

abuse and their children. The agency also provided support, counseling and advocacy to an additional 529 domestic abuse survivors and 312 sexual assault survivors. The purses donated by Handbags of Hope help provide these survivors with a little bit of hope as they work to rebuild their lives. For information on WRCNM programs and services, call their administrative office at 231-347-0067 or visit the agency's website at wrcnm.org.

Research shows that Seniors who Own Pets are Healthier and Happier

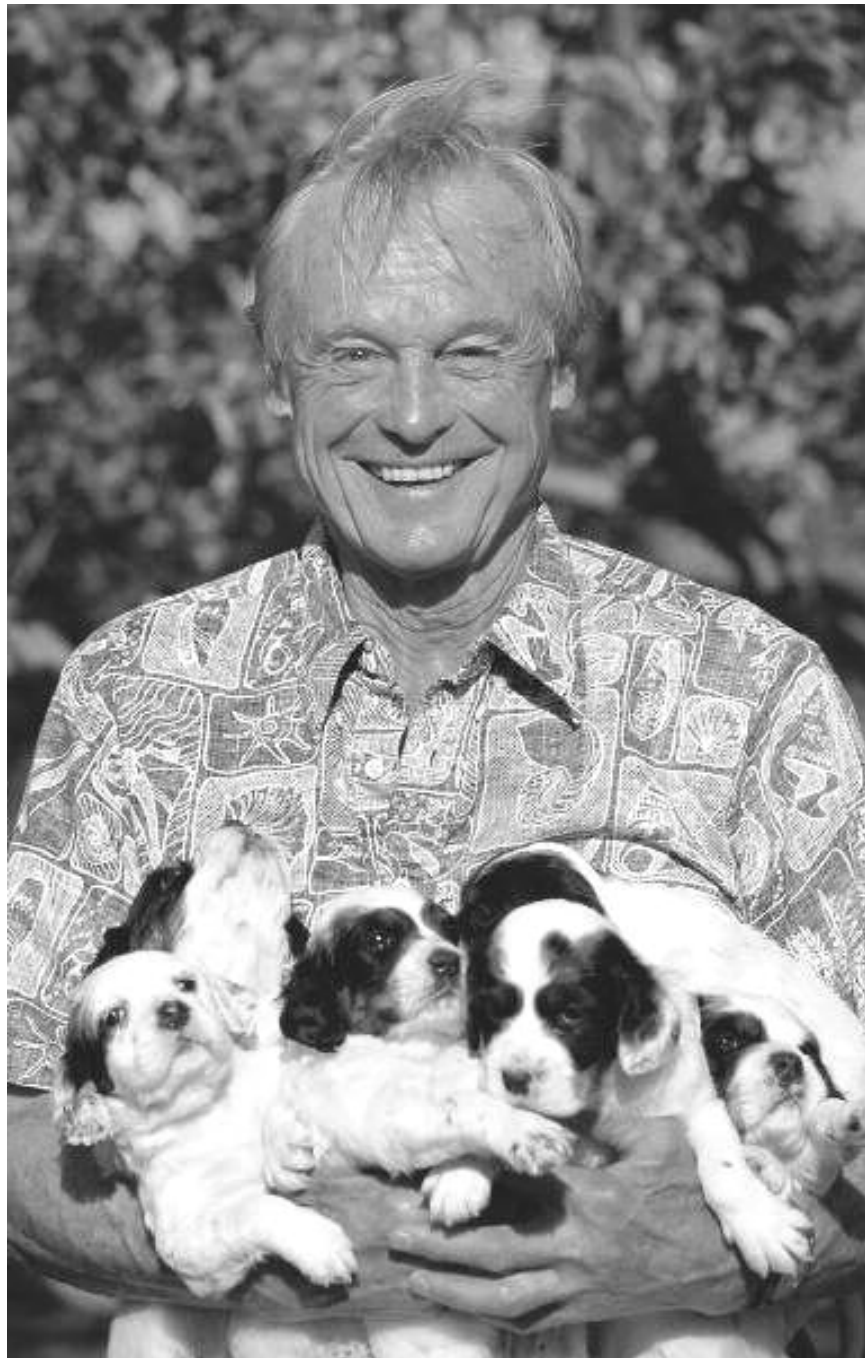
By Leslie Knopp

What could be better than walking the dog on a beautiful day in northern Michigan? Or letting the cat out to keep you company in the garden? Pets give us so much unconditional love and attention, and they're certainly able to lift your spirits on even the worst day. But who knew that owning a pet benefits your health too?

This is especially true for the elderly. Extensive research has shown that seniors who own pets tend to have lower blood pressure and cholesterol, shortened hospital stays, increased socialization and might be less susceptible to bouts of depression. Walking a dog encourages exercise, and caring for any animal fosters the caregiving side of a person by fulfilling our natural nurturing instincts. In fact, many assisted living facilities are allowing dog visits because the interaction with the elderly can be therapeutic in lifting their spirits and brightening their days, reducing stress, anxiety and loneliness.

Diane Pomerance, PhD, is a renowned pet expert who has published seven books on various topics of owning pets. She believes the most important thing owning a pet offers people of any age is loyal companionship. This can be important for seniors who have lived long enough to survive the loss of beloved family and friends. Not only do pets provide comfort during times of grief, but caring for a pet gives a person a reason to get up every day and reduces feelings of isolation and loneliness. Loneliness can be prevalent in the lives of seniors, and pets are able to fill that gap by being needed, offering unwavering love and steadfast support to their owners.

Pets are very rewarding, but they also require proper attention and care. If the senior in your life decides to become a pet owner, it is important to help determine the best pet by using the physical capabilities of your loved one as a critical guideline. Owning fish can offer the same feelings of calmness, stress relief and other benefits discussed above, but cleaning and maintaining a fish tank might require assistance not readily available. Cats are somewhat easy, as the attention they require is minimal compared to dogs that need to be walked daily. For the elderly choosing dogs, Dr. Pomerance



recommends animals that are a bit older themselves and already well-trained, instead of puppies. She is also an advocate of the elderly rescuing appropriate animals from shelters, believing these angels are saving a life and enriching their own.

If your elderly loved one seems a bit lonely or in need of something that provides a sense of purpose, consider helping choose a pet. Pet owners will tell you that nothing compares to the unconditional love that pets freely give, forging a unique bond that tran-

sends the barriers human-to-human contact can present. To rescue an animal in the Charlevoix area, visit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society (www.charlevoixhumane.org) and for other locations, contact your county's animal shelter for references and adoption.

Leslie Knopp is the owner of Comfort Keepers, serving all of Northern Lower Michigan. To learn more, contact 231.487.9044 or petoskeymi@comfortkeepers.com.



Charlevoix Farmers Market to Accept Bridge/Credit Cards

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will begin accepting Bridge Cards and Credit/Debit cards at the market starting on Thursday June 7th.

Individuals can come down to the market, swipe their desired card, and receive tokens that can be used to purchase any item at any vendor booth without any fees.

"Our goal with this program is to make it easier for people to access local, fresh, healthy foods," said Market Manager Bethany Pearson.

The Charlevoix Farmers Market is the first in the area to provide this service to its customers. Other communities in Michigan who have implemented this program have seen up to a 700% increase in revenue for local farmers over a 5 year period.

If successful, the Charlevoix Market could be selected to participate next year in a program called Double Up Food Bucks in which the state of Michigan would match all of the funds for those using their Bridge Card at Farmers Markets, essentially rewarding them for spending their funds on local, healthy prod-

ucts. The Charlevoix Farmers market is also incorporating activities into the market this year including story hour, live music, health screenings, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, recipe exchanges, and a variety of seminars. For a complete list of activities visit www.charlevoix.org or stop at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for a schedule.

"We have gone to great lengths this year to make sure that we have something for everyone at our market for little to no cost," said Pearson. "It truly is going to be a family friendly atmosphere."

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will take place every Thursday from 9-1. The market is held in downtown Charlevoix from June through October and at the Charlevoix Public Library from November of 2012 until May of 2013.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the new program at the Farmers Market please contact Bethany Pearson at 231-547-2101.

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EAST JORDAN

Raven Hill summer hours

Summer hours for Raven Hill Discovery Center are 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday, as well as noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. Summer hours last through Friday, August 31st. Raven Hill is also always open by appointment. Remember, too, that FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays continue at least through November of 2012. The next event is Saturday, June 9th with free admission and highlighting papermaking. Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through November, each month free 2nd Saturday will highlight a different science, history or art activity (and the connections between them!), as well as allow families to explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the outdoor exhibits. FREE 2nd Saturday hours are from noon to 4 pm. Bring the whole family or make it a special event for parent and child. There are always fun problem solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every second Saturday. Please no organizations or groups on 2nd Saturdays, remember, it's a family affair! Raven Hill Discovery Center is a regional science and technology center. It is located on 157 acres in a rural area of northwestern Lower Michigan next to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve.

BOYNE CITY

Rubbish collection

Rubbish collection will begin in early June in the City of Boyne City. The first pickups will take place in areas on and south of Main Street on Wednesdays, June 6, 13 and 20; and Sept. 5, 12 and 19. Areas north of Main Street will be picked up on Thursdays, June 7, 14 and 21; and Sept. 6, 13 and 20. For more information click here or call City Hall at 582-6597.

BOYNE CITY

Hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste collection will be held from 9am to 2pm June 9 in the Charlevoix area and Sept. 8 in Boyne City. Call 582-6193 to schedule an appointment.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Needs Volunteers

If you enjoy the petunias encompassing Charlevoix every summer, we would love your help! Keep Charlevoix Beautiful is seeking volunteers for some tasks to kick this petunia season off right. Any and all help is appreciated, but specific things that need volunteers: Rototilling the beds, bringing coffee (treats) to weeding crew in the mornings, helping with fertilizer for the Petunia Truck, and helping with various plant day and picnic tasks. Please email amandawilkin@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for your help!

EAST JORDAN & ELLSWORTH

Farmer's Market

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Committee Members Needed

The Day of Caring committee and Char-Em United Way has started planning this year's event. Day of Caring will be Wednesday, September 19, in honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. The committee is seeking new members to assist with planning from the Boyne City, East Jordan, and northern Emmet County areas. The committee will meet monthly from April through September sharing skills and ideas to organize and promote Day of Caring. Last year the committee helped bring over 500 volunteers together with more than 40 projects. If you would like to join the Day of Caring planning committee or have ideas to share please contact Char-Em United Way at 231-487-1006, info@charemunitedway.org or www.charemunitedway.org

CHARLEVOIX

Stars for Hospice

The 29th annual Hospice

of Northwest Michigan Stars for Hospice Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, June 1 at 5:30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Your reservation provides you with an evening of fun, food and friends including cocktails, station style dining, the Wall of Wine, games, raffles, restaurant and golf frenzies, a live auction and entertainment by nationally renowned comedian Dr. Brad Nieder - who has been described as Ray Ramano with an MD. He'll have you rolling in the aisles! We have great auction items that you won't want to miss. Seating is limited. Please call 231-547-7659 for information or to make a reservation.

EAST JORDAN

Variety Show

Rotary Variety Show this year is scheduled for Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th at 7 p.m. in the community auditorium. A silent auction will precede the show beginning at 6 p.m. in the lobby. Tickets are \$8 each and are available at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank, Glen's Market, Huntington Bank or from a Rotarian.

BOYNE CITY

Mardi Gras in June

The Boyne City Yacht Club will host the Mark Madness Regatta and Cajun Shrimp Boil for the benefit of Challenge Mountain's Adaptive Sailing program on June 9 in Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City. The event serves about 200 Cajun Shrimp Dinners and it is open to the public while reservations last. They can be purchased online by June 2 for \$30 per person or by check (made out to "Challenge Mountain"), 929 Dam Rd, Boyne City, MI 49712. More information is available by calling Dave Malusi at (231) 582-5998. This year promises to be a blast with the return of "Creole du Nord" and their traditional New Orleans style music. Two local chefs (The Wine Emporium's Nathan Bates and The Jordan Inn's Joe Kromholz) will be preparing the meal and the menu will offer other items in addition to shrimp (also a vegetarian offering). Visit www.mardi-grasinjune.com for more information and online tickets.

CHARLEVOIX

Family Fun Run

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be hosting its first annual 1.5 mile "Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse 5210 Family Fun Run" on Saturday, June 9. The 5210 theme promotes 5 fruits and vegetables, no more than 2 hours of screen time, 1 hour

of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks per day. The fun run will begin at 9am with registration starting at 8am. There will be a \$15 pre-registration fee (\$20.00 after May 18) for each family which includes a healthy, colorful breakfast and opportunities to try fun activities including Karate, Yoga, and Dance after the walk. Local area high school students will have a "face painting" booth and each family will take home a cherry or grape tomato plant. Local author and cartoonist, Dick Evans will read from his new book "Discover the Magic of Rainbows" which promotes colorful, healthy eating. He will also conduct fun, informal classes on the "art of cartooning". All proceeds from this event will benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse Program which currently employs four full-time school nurses who cover Bellaire, Boyne Concord, Boyne Falls, Central Lake, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, NW Academy, and St. Mary's School in Charlevoix. Please visit cah.org to pre-register online or call or email Kathy Jacobsen RN at (231) 547-8906, <mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org>

STATEWIDE

FREE Fishing Weekend

June 9th - 10th, Two days twice a year families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan Fishing, for FREE!!! All fishing license fees will be waived for these two days. For more information visit www.michigan.gov/dnr

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 & BAYVIEW

Performance & Lecture

Performance Sunday June 10, 7pm at the John M. Hall Auditorium. Lecture Series: Carmina Burana, the Manuscript and the Music. Tuesday, May 29 from 6:30-7:30 PM (please arrive by 6 PM) at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. Carl Orff created the exciting chorus and orchestra setting of the 13th century poetry from the manuscript known as Carmina Burana. The history of the manuscript, its notation, poets and composers will be discussed by Dr. Robert Pattengale, Professor Emeritus of Minnesota State University, Moorhead. Pattengale received his Ph.D. in Musicology from the

University of Michigan and taught music history and directed early music ensembles throughout his career. Matthew Hazelwood, Music Director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, is honored as Music Director Emeritus of the Battle Creek Symphony and currently serves as Music Director of the Colombian Music Education program, Batuta. Hazelwood will discuss Orff's setting of the music, which ranges from Gregorian chant to folk songs and choruses which are rhythmically exciting and energetic.

CHARLEVOIX

Art class

Mike Coltman - Pastels, Brush & Palette Knife - Monday June 11 & Tuesday June 12, 5-9pm at the Circle of Arts.

PETOSKEY

Champions of Character awards banquet

Beyond The Scoreboard will be hosting its eight Annual Champions of Character Awards Banquet at 6pm on Monday, June 11 at the Emmet Country Fairgrounds Community Center. This annual banquet recognizes area individuals, coaches, athletes, officials, sport leaders and others who through their actions have demonstrated, educated, mentored, or encouraged good sportsmanship through youth or interscholastic sports.

PETOSKEY

Athletic character workshop

Beyond the Scoreboard is hosting Harold Slemmer, Executive director of Arizona High School Athletic Association to present a workshop titled, Developing a Strategic Plan for Implementing a Character Based Curriculum Within Your Athletic Program" Tuesday Morning, June 12th, 9am - Noon at the Petoskey City Building, 101 East Lake St. Cost is \$10 (Pay at the door) Continental Breakfast

BOYNE CITY

Young professionals

The Chamber's Young Professionals group will hold its next get together Thursday, June 12, at Cafe Sante. It starts with socializing from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by sit-down discussion from 6 to 6:30. Appetizers are provided. Any area resident under the age of 35 is invited to attend. No reservations are needed. If you can't make it but would like to be notified of future YP events, contact Ryan Moskal at 517-937-2428 or ryancmoskal@gmail.com.

EAST JORDAN

Freedom Festival

June 14th - 17th, Something for each member of the family or group. Four days of music, food and fun.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

June 15th - August 31st, each Friday, 6pm to 9pm. Each Friday night, Stroll the Streets of downtown Boyne City from 6-9 pm and listen to music ranging from traditional folk to jazz and rock. Watch performing arts, enjoy refreshments and take in the sights and sounds of summer in beautiful Boyne City.

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

Pink Ribbon Bike Ride

June 16th, This is a Pedaling for a Purpose event in memory of Kathleen McDonald and an annual event raising funds for breast cancer support programs from Charlevoix to Boyne City. You can choose to ride 7, 20, 42 or 65 miles. Visit www.bike4cancer.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Summer Solstice Art Show

June 16th - 17th, The 14th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show will take place downtown Charlevoix at East Park. Show hours are Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. The show features quality art displayed on the shores of scenic Round Lake Harbor.

BOYNE CITY

Bike4Breast Cancer Ride

June 16th, Veterans Park. Support local breast cancer programs while enjoying the Pink Ribbon Ride! Prizes for highest individual fundraising efforts. Schedule: 7 am - 55 mile Registration. 7:30 to 9 am - 42, 20, 7 mile Registration. Lunch beginning at 12:15 pm for Riders and Volunteers. Pre-ride registration is \$30 per cyclist or \$30 minimum in sponsorships, \$50 per family - 2 adults (children 13 and under included). On-site registration is \$35 per cyclist, \$60 per family. Registration available online at www.bike4breastcancer.org

GAYLORD

Wings Over Gaylord

June 16-17 "Wings Over Gaylord" at the Gaylord Regional Airport. Northern Michigan's best air show.

BOYNE CITY

Young Americans perform

The Young Americans bring their high-energy singing and dancing performance to the Boyne City Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16. This year, all advance tickets must be ordered by calling the Young Americans box office at (231) 526-3152 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission is \$30 for preferred seating, \$22 for adult general seating and \$12 for students. Don't delay - this concert always sells out. After 10 days of performances around Northern Michigan, the Young Americans begin their season of dinner theater at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs on June 22, continuing through Aug. 25.

EAST JORDAN

M-32 work

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will remove and replace a box culvert on M-32 and reconstruct the pavement 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 project is estimated to be completed by June 8.

EAST JORDAN

Watershed programs

Young Friends of the Jordan 2012 Summer Program for grades 4 - 8. Two Sessions - 6 Classes, 9 AM - 1 PM Daily Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Session 1: June - 25, 27, 29 & July - 9, 11, 13. Session 2: July - 16, 17, 20 & July - 23, 25, 27. Space is limited to 20 students for each session. For more information feel free to contact John Thompson: jdthomzoo@charter.net or 231-222-0237 or Fischer Jex: fischer@wagbo.org or 231-536-0333

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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.

MACKINAC ISLAND

63rd Annual Lilac Festival

June 8th - 17th, Flowers, food, games and parades commemorate these scented flowers all week long on historic Mackinac Island. Visit www.mackinacislandlilacfestival.org for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market

June 8th - October 31st, (Wed. Sat.), 8 am to Noon in Veteran's Park. From the garden to your table. It doesn't get any fresher than this. Come browse in our lovely town on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

CHARLEVOIX

Summer Open House

The Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Chamber is excited to announce its newest initiative, the first-ever Welcome to Summer Charlevoix Open House. The new event is scheduled to take place from 5 to 9pm on Monday, June 18th. Help us welcome the summer season by offering great deals, specials, prize drawings, snacks, refreshments and activities. The Open House will follow the Summer Solstice Art Show taking place on June 16th & 17th, and will coincide with the season premier of the "Movies by the Marina" series sponsored by Huntington Bank and the DDA. The feature film is The Lion King which will play in the performance pavilion in East Park beginning at 8:45pm that evening. The Charlevoix Summer Open House will offer an evening of great shopping, dining, and entertainment for the entire family. But we can't do it without your participation, so please contact Shelly at the Chamber to register as a participating business. Summer is here, and it's time to celebrate. Contact the Chamber today!

CHARLEVOIX

Women Can/Women Do

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) will host its sixth annual Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheon at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The luncheon will take place from 11am to 1:45pm, Wednesday, June 20. Seats are a minimum donation of \$150 per person. For information or to reserve a seat, call the WRCNM Administrative Office at (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

Circus

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is bringing the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus, to Veterans Park in Boyne City on Tuesday, June 26. There will be two scheduled performances at 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets will be available soon from the Boyne Area Chamber office at 28 S. Lake St.

EAST JORDAN

Circus

Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combination Circus is

coming to East Jordan, Wed. June 27 for 2 big shows (5:00 & 8:30 PM) under the Big Top at East Jordan Community Park, 805 Maple Street, sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. A representative from the Chimera Promotions will be calling our local Chamber businesses to ask for sponsors to purchase Children's tickets. Note the name(s) of the tele-marketing firm and the circus. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at 536-7351

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Downtown Beautification Project

Once again the Charlevoix Area Garden Club is encouraging the beautification of Charlevoix by sponsoring a program to reward those merchants who have the most attractive outdoor natural plant displays. The plants can be either in a window box or container located outside their business or in a garden. Judging is based on color, texture, originality and design and scored from one to five with five being the highest. The garden club will judge the displays on July 9th and award certificates for first, second and third places on July 10th. If you wish to participate in the year's Beautification Project please call Kirsten Berwick at 231.547.3526 or Susan Flanders at 231.547.4887.

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

CHARLEVOIX

Technology Help

The Charlevoix Public Library is launching a new service this summer to assist patrons with some basic technology questions. Tech Help Sessions will be hosted in the library's Coeling Computer Lab, 10:30 - noon, each Tuesday from June 19 through August 28. For more information about this or other programs at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Results of May 27 Bass Tourney

Despite the windy and rainy conditions, the Great Northwest Bass Anglers held their first tournament of the season on Paradise Lake on Sunday, May 27th. Roger Cicotte and Goober Berry took first place, bringing in 10 smallmouth weighing 29 pounds 9.5 ounces. Second place was Jerry Hepner and Andy Colyer. They had 10 smallmouth weighing 28 pounds 6 ounces. Third place

was Jack Caverly and Doug Robinson. Their weight was 25 pounds 9 ounces. Big Bass of the tournament was caught by Goober Berry. His small mouth bass weighed 4 pounds 2 ounces.

The next club meeting will be at the BRI in Boyne City, June 7th, at 7PM. If you are interested in learning more about the club, please contact Dan Miller at 231-350-0118

Connect Michigan Releases Small Business Technology Report

Report illustrates how small Michigan businesses increasingly rely on high-quality Internet connections to stay competitive and take advantage of growth opportunities

Lansing, MI — Connect Michigan today released Broadband: Empowering Small Businesses to Grow and Thrive. Data, collected in this report indicates that small businesses are the core components for fostering economic vitality statewide.

The report is online at: <http://www.connectmi.org/policy>. "Michigan businesses with less than twenty employees provide 30% of Michigan's jobs," said Eric Frederick, State Program Manager for Connect Michigan. "Broadband and technology can help these establishments remain prosperous and grow creating a stronger and more robust Michigan economy."

Key findings from this report: About two out of three Michigan businesses with fewer than 20 employees use broadband, which is significantly lower than among larger Michigan businesses

Fewer than one-half of small Michigan businesses have websites, and they are also significantly less likely to allow their employees to telework or use Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to communicate compared to businesses with 20 employee or more

Nearly four out of five broadband-connected businesses with fewer than 20 employees (79%) go

online to buy or place orders for products or services, the most popular online application among these businesses

Broadband-connected Michigan businesses with fewer than 20 employees report median annual revenues of approximately \$300,000, compared to just \$100,000 among similarly-sized competitors that do not use broadband

Statewide, nearly three out of ten (29%) businesses with fewer than 20 employees earn at least some of their revenues from online sales; on average these businesses earn about one-third (34%) of their revenues from online transactions

Statewide, businesses with fewer than 20 employees generate nearly \$6.9 billion in online revenues for Michigan

Availability is the main barrier reported by one in ten small Michigan businesses that do not subscribe - this translates into approximately 6,000 Michigan businesses that could go online if broadband were available to them

The report was released today at the Michigan Collaborative Broadband Committee (CBC) meeting in Lansing.

The CBC is a group of representatives from K-12 education, higher education, broadband service

providers, non-profits, tourism, business, agriculture, government, and other organizations that have an interest in improving Michigan's broadband availability and encouraging meaningful adoption.

"High-speed broadband is an essential catalyst for the growth and expansion of small businesses here in the state of Michigan," said Tremaine Phillips, Chief Program Officer with the Prima Civitas Foundation. "Cloud computing and telecommuting can greatly reduce the capital expenditures of small businesses and start-ups. While ultra-high-speed broadband is becoming increasingly available, businesses that are unable to utilize these tools are placed at a competitive disadvantage globally."

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About Connect Michigan: As a public-private partnership, Connect Michigan partners with technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities to accelerate technology in the state. The work of Connect Michigan is made possible by support from the Michigan Public Service Commission. For more information about what Connect Michigan is doing to accelerate technology in Michigan's communities, visit www.connectmi.org.

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Playing a "whale drum" is just one of a fascinating array of interesting and informative exhibits and activities that are fun for the entire family to explore at Raven Hill Discovery Center. The regional science and technology center is geared up for the summer, with expanded hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Summer hours last through Friday, August 31st. COURTESY PHOTO

Raven Hill gears up for 21st summer season

Treat yourself and your family to an afternoon or a day of fun and exploration at Raven Hill Discovery Center this weekend and this summer. Located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road and in Mile 15 of the Breezeway, Raven Hill helps visitors build connections between science, history and the arts in an interactive learning environment. On Tuesday, May 29th, summer hours will go into effect and the Center will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Summer hours last through Friday, August 31st. Raven Hill is also always open by appointment.

In addition to the hands-on museum and the exotic animals, visitors can also explore the outdoor exhibits. Families can spend time in the one-room Schoolhouse, explore the Tree House, walk the Labyrinth, see the geologic history of the earth on the Exploring Beyond Jurassic Park, wander through the Ancient World, discover alternative

energy in the Energy House, be a musician in the Earth Tones Music Garden and enjoy Smallville with its miniature houses. Visitors can also register for science, history and art classes.

Remember, too, that FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays continue at least through November of 2012. The next event is Saturday, June 9th with FREE ADMISSION and highlighting paper-making. Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through November, each month FREE 2nd Saturday will highlight a different science, history or art activity (AND the connections between them!), as well as allow families to explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the outdoor exhibits. FREE 2nd Saturday hours are from noon to 4 pm. Bring the whole family OR make it a special event for parent and child. There are always fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every second Saturday. Please no organ-

izations or groups on 2nd Saturdays - remember, it's a family affair!

Raven Hill Discovery Center is a regional science and technology center. It is located on 157 acres in a rural area of northwestern Lower Michigan next to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. It is also a cultural, historical and art center. Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Classes are available for children 4 to 14 and for adults.

For more information and a list of classes, interested parents and adults can check out the Center's website at www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org, phone 231-536-3369 or call 877-833-4254 toll free.

East Jordan Rotary Club Plans 6th Annual Variety Show

The East Jordan Rotary Club is at it again . . . putting their creative heads together to plan the 6th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7:00 p.m. each night.

Long-time Rotarian Chip Hansen will serve as the Master of Ceremonies again this year. "We've got a great group of Rotarians and guests performing again this year," he noted, adding, "the show has become a hot ticket throughout northwest Michigan, which is testimony to the quality of the production." The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, as well as a live pit band. "The chorus and the band carry the show," Hansen said. "Our musicians fly in from all over the country, and they're absolutely top notch," he concluded.

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort, too. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the show's Production Team. "The Production Team is responsible for selecting the chorus medleys, writing the skits, managing the rehearsals, and more," Aenis said. Penzien agreed, noting, "We have as much fun putting the show together as we do performing the show." "Every show is different," Aenis added, saying, "we've got a lot of creative and talented people on the planning team, and there is never a shortage of great ideas."



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEN AENIS.

The 2011 Rotary Show featured a healthy dose of slapstick comedy.

A silent auction precedes each show, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium lobby. The pre-show begins at 6:15 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bud Bechtol, Bob Bryan and the rest of the Rotary Swing Band. Tickets are priced at just \$8 each, and are available in East Jordan at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank, Glen's Market and Huntington Bank. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities.

According to Chip Hansen, the show generally sells out. "We really appreciate the support of the community," he said.

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of all the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year, including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

Char-Em United Way Day of Action on June 21st Promotes Literacy

Fewer Americans today are likely to earn a diploma than their parents, a distinction not shared by any other industrialized country. Char-Em United Way will join organizations nationwide in celebrating a Day of Action on the longest day of the year, June 21st, to work to meet this growing community need.

Locally, Char-Em United Way will partner with local libraries, schools, and other agencies to promote reading and learning skills with area children. Volunteers are being recruited to read to children at several sites on June 21. People interested in volunteering can learn more about this opportunity at www.tinyurl.com/volunteerconnections.

"We are excited to promote our second annual Day of Action," says Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "The longest day of the year is a great time to renew our community's focus on education and we encourage everyone to take action. You can volunteer to read to kids, write a letter in support of early childhood education funding, donate books to a local school, or make a financial contribution to our education efforts."

Volunteer readers on Day of Action will be matched with local summer schools,

day care centers, and libraries. This is a critical time for reading activities, as research from the National Summer Learning Association shows, students also lose more than two months in reading achievement over the summer months.

"Developing reading proficiency at an early age is a key factor in high school graduation," continues Lancaster. "Students who aren't strong readers by 4th grade are at risk of educational failure and are more likely than their peers to drop out of high school. We believe - with the help of local volunteers - we can put local kids on the path to success."

The Day of Action is only one piece in United Way's Education Initiative. The organization is also seeking volunteers to make a year-round commitment to read to, tutor, or mentor youth in a variety of settings. Members of United Way's "Literacy Corps" will be provided with training and support and placed in programs needing their help.

If you are interested in helping with the Day of Action activities or becoming a mentor, tutor or reading aide on an ongoing basis, email vista@charemunitedway.org or call 231-487-1006. Volunteer opportunities are listed under the Volunteer tab at www.charemunitedway.org.

Flags Fly High at Raven Hill Discovery Center Thanks to Great Lakes Energy Grant

Raven Hill Discovery Center recently received a \$1,500 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund to fund a new exhibit called High Flying Flags.

The High Flying Flags exhibit includes international flags representing thirty countries. The colorful flags hang from the newly opened Great Room. The flags will be part of a scavenger hunt activity for students and teach-

ers to utilize while visiting Raven Hill.

Raven Hill has received various Great Lakes Energy People Fund grants over the years to enhance its learning center. Members of the Great Lakes Energy support the People Fund by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities

that benefit people in communities served by the cooperative. Please contact Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, or visit gtlakes.com for details on how to contribute to this worthwhile program.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is located at 4737 Fuller Road near East Jordan. The regional science and technology center is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday and from noon to 4pm on

Saturday. Visit ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org for more information.

RIGHT: Students from Cheboygan Elementary marvel at the newly opened High Flying Flags exhibit at Raven Hill Discover Center near East Jordan. The exhibit was funded by a \$1,500 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.





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Charlevoix Memorial Garden Open to Public

The Charlevoix Garden Club maintains the Memorial Garden which is one of the oldest gardens in Charlevoix (established in 1977.) It is located at the east end of Dixon Avenue and was totally renovated in 2010. The garden is open to the public 24/7 for contemplation or to rest during a long walk.

Anyone is welcome to make a contribution to the Memorial Garden as a tribute to a friend or a loved one who has passed away. The garden now memorializes more than 200 people. To remember a loved one, contributions may be sent to the "Charlevoix Area Garden Club" in care of Nancy Fowler, 409 East Dixon Avenue,

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Two weeks ago, eleven members of the Memorial Garden Committee met to manicure and clean the gardens readying it for the planting of many flats of annuals following Memorial Day.



Circle of Arts Offers Summer Youth Arts Camp

The Charlevoix Circle of the Arts is offering a six week Arts Camp for children ages 6-14 years old beginning July 2.

Circle Camp will start and end each day at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts building at 109 Clinton St., but campers may venture out exploring all the cultural richness Charlevoix and surrounding area has to offer. It is a general day camp with a focus on the arts including painting, photography, exercise, drawing, acting, food preparation, scrap booking and much more. Campers will also get plenty of exercise playing games in the park or at the beach.

The Circle Camp schedule includes a wide variety of art from painting to food preparation. The Circle of Arts has assembled a group of creative counselors to help campers learn and explore art.

For more information, to register a camper or to volunteer to help with the program, call the organization's office at (231) 547-3554.

The schedule follows:
Monday, July 2 thru Friday, August 10
Description of sessions/dates
Times: AM (9:00 - 12:00) PM (1:00-4:00)

Week 1: Monday, July 2—Saturday, July 7 (no class on July 4th)
AM: PAINTING with Patti. Ages 7-10. Acrylic painting on canvas - nature subjects
PM: TAI CHI & MORE with Nancy. Ages 6-14. Exercise while learning more about the Japanese culture.

Week 2: Monday, July 9—Friday, July 13

AM: PHOTOGRAPHY (field trips each day, bring own camera) Ages 10-19. Several instructors teaching techniques for beautiful photos to frame.
AM: INDIAN LORE- "SPIDER'S LUCK" with Char Lyn. Ages 9-12. Native Americans good luck charm,



Tammy Bier gave children a demonstration and each student took home a piece of pottery on a field trip to Bier Gallery.

make paper mache' spiders!
PM: IMPROVISATIONAL THEATER with Julie. Ages 8-14. Games & skits will help develop acting skills.

Week 3: Monday, July 16—Friday, July 20

AM: PAINTING with Lori. Ages 6-12. Enjoy a new experience with Lori Bolt's painting techniques!
PM: YOGA & HULA HOOPS with Heidi. Ages 9-14. Exercise, coordination, play, connecting with the natural world around them.

Week 4: Monday, July 23—Friday, July 27

AM: BASIC DRAWING with Jeanie. Ages 10- 14. For beginners to express art in a simplified way with various media
PM: PAINTING with Patti. Ages 10-14. Acrylic painting on canvas—nature subjects

Week 5: Monday, July 30—Friday, August 3

AM: CLAY with Melissa Ages 6-12. Hand building with earthenware and polymer clay
PM: CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS. Ages 10-14. Creative writing about yourself and artistically exhibiting for an Open House.

Week 6: Monday, August 6—Friday, August 10

AM: CLAY with Melissa Ages 6-12. Hand building with earthenware and polymer clay
PM: PAPER MACHE' PUPPETS & MORE with Eva. Ages 9-14. Puppets, skit, decoupage box, frames & much more!

SATURDAY SESSIONS (9am-12pm)

July 14: "MAGIC SCRATCH" with Nancy. Ages 6-10. "Hatch" butterflies from scratch! GAME DAY - Ages 6-12 Try your hand at board games & more!

July 21: "STICKY ART" with Nancy. Ages 6-10. Create hanging window art!

July 28: PAPER CRAFTING with Melissa. Ages 9-14. Scrapbooking, rubber stamping, journaling & more!

August 4: TASTE OF RUSSIA with Rafina. Ages 9-14. Learn about Russian culture through food preparation, dance, geography & more!

August 11: PAPER CRAFTING with Melissa. Ages 9-14. Scrapbooking, rubber stamping, journaling and more! GAME DAY - Ages 6-12. A variety of board games & more!

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One of the CCA Youth Camp Classes prepare to go on a field trip.



Visions of the Valley

The 8th Annual Friends of the Jordan Photography Contest

With hundreds of acres of rolling hills, cool forests and miles of clear clean river and streams, the Jordan Valley is a natural treasure. To promote the value of this pristine area, the Friends of the Jordan is sponsoring its annual photography contest with the theme "Portraits of Nature". All photographers amateur, professional, young and old, locals and seasonal visitors are encouraged to enter. Pictures of activities, scenery, flowers, animals and the changing seasons of the Jordan are all eligible and images from all seasons are encouraged. The only requirement is that the pictures are taken in the Jordan River watershed area. Refer to the FOJ website at www.friendsofthejordan.org for a map of the watershed.

There will be at least 12 prizes awarded including a Youth Award for a person under age 18. Monetary awards have exceeded \$1200 in each the last 3 years

thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. The winning photographs will be published in the 2013 calendar. An exhibit of all entries and an awards ceremony will be the centerpiece of A Celebration of the Natural Wonders of the Jordan River Watershed, an annual community event planned for Saturday September 22, 2012.

Photo entries must be un-matted 8"x10" prints. A \$5 entry fee must be submitted with each photo however, to encourage more youth participation; students under 18 may enter 2 photographs for free. Entries must be received by August 6, 2012 at the Jordan Valley Animal Clinic, 800 Water Street, East Jordan.

Entry forms for the contest are available on the FOJ website, www.friendsofthejordan.org, or can be obtained from Jordan River Animal Clinic or by calling 231 536-9947.

Artists in Action hosts three artists at the Charlevoix Public Library

The Artists in Action at the Charlevoix Public Library is hosting three artists who will be in the lobby of the library this summer demonstrating their talents. This series highlights artists who set up a small work area in the library to share their craftsmanship with the public. The artists will be in the main lobby 2 - 4pm the third Thursday of the month. The artists will be creating while the public watches and will be eager to answer any and all questions

about their work. June 21 will show off the talented Josh Skeel, with his ink and watercolor drawings of super heroes and comic book stars. On July 19, Tom Kaufman will be on hand twisting together his funky wire sculptures. Then on August 16, DeEtta Gilland will be demonstrating her special technique of rug hooking. For further information about this or other library events visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Portside Art Fair reception

Portside Arts Fair: The Fiftieth Year Retrospective Show at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 N. Main St.

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Ferry as they headed to Bellaire for the day. The members own vehicles that were produced at least one hundred years ago. These luxury automobiles are trimmed with brass ornaments and trim. The members are from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio,

Missouri, Wisconsin and New York. Some local members include Pat Ainslie from Boyne City, John & Jackie Roberts from Petoskey. Tony & Bonnie Pienta from Portage are also members of the group. Tony grew up in Northern Michigan.



Sen. Walker, guests remember Michigan's fallen soldiers

LANSING—State Sen. Howard Walker stands in the Senate chamber Thursday with Joe Coullard, left, and Dan Inglis, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #180 from the eastern Upper Peninsula.

guests for the Michigan Senate's 18th Annual Memorial Day Service. Michigan's military heroes who defended freedom and sacrificed their lives in the past year in the war on terror were honored during the special ceremony.

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