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Charlevoix County Commission Supports 4H

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX-Charlevoix County unanimously voted to provide funds to assist in the renovation of one of the buildings at the Emmet County Fairgrounds during the July 25 commissioners meeting. The oldest horse barn at the Fairgrounds is in the process of being renovated even though the barn is built solid. The barn has stalls that are built with dividers that reach from ceiling to floor and although it makes for a solid structure the ventilation in the building is poor and many animals have experienced respiratory issues by the end of the fair.

The \$27,000 project was originally expected to be completed in two stages. However, because of a sur-

Jack Diener Fallen Soldier Memorial Dedicated



Val Diener clutches her son's dog tags and clings to her husband, Jack, after the unveiling of "The Fallen Soldier" monument placed in Veterans Parks in Boyne City on Sunday, July 29 in honor of their son. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIOUS

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—A memorial to honor U.S. Army Pvt. 2nd Class Jackie Lee Diener, 20, the son of Jack and Val Diener, of Boyne City who gave his life in combat during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan on November 21, 2011 was dedicated in Veterans Park Sunday, July 29. The bronze statue, known as "The fallen Soldier" was carefully selected by the Boyne City War Memorial Committee and Diener's parents. The monument has room for four plaques on each side of its square base to include other Boyne City fallen soldiers in the future if necessary.

The funding for this new addition to the War Memorial Circle has been donated from the proceeds of two books written by George Lasater: "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I," published earlier this year and "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," which has been on the shelves for six years.

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This weekend's Boyne Falls Polish Festival offers a "barrel of fun" for the whole family

By Jim Akans

It's time to throw those cares away and have a genuine "barrel of fun" as the 38th annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival begins this Thursday evening, August 2nd and continues bringing non-stop Polka music, tons of genuine Polish food, and exciting activities and events





50th Annual Portside Arts Fair at historic Elm

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for those of every age through Sunday, August 5th.

The Festival kicks off with a very cool Car Show & Cruise-In on Main Street in Boyne Falls beginning at 6 pm on Thursday. Thursday is also the day the carnival rides begin running, provided by Arnold Amusements. Rides and concessions open at 5 pm on Thursday, and 11 am during the rest of the weekend.

A highlight on Friday is "Youth Day," held at the Char-Em ISD Building at the corner of Center and Maple Streets. The event includes games, refreshments, pony rides and crafts open for children up to 10 years of age, and will run from 10:30 am until noon (registration takes place at 10 am).

The Grand Royalty in this year's Grand Parade on Saturday will include the 2012 Boyne Falls Polish Festival Grand Marshals, Leon and Janet Jarema, Honored Citizen, Freda Kullik, and Little Miss and Little Mister, Riley Zbacnik and Cameron Matelski.

The Polka Tent is definitely the center of the action at the Polish

Have a genuine "barrel of fun" as the annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival begins this Thursday evening, August 2nd and continues bringing non-stop Polka music, tons of genuine Polish food, a Grand Royale Parade, and exciting activities and events for those of every age through Sunday, August 5th COURTESY PHOTO

Festival, opening Thursday from 6 pm until 12:30 am, Friday and Saturday from 10 am until 1 am, and Sunday from noon until 11 pm with live music playing and dancers dancing during most of those hours. Featured bands will include the Fabulous Oldies But Goodies Band on Thursday, the Steve Drzewicki Band, Stas Golonka & The Chicago Masters and Old School on Friday, The Diddle Styx, Stas Golonka & The Chicago Masters and Old School on Saturday, and Sunday's live music will be provided by The Diddle Styx and TNT alternating with Northern Nites.

Capping the Polish Festival off

Polish Festival Schedule of Events Inside - PG 14A!

on Sunday is one of the most popular, and undoubtedly the messiest, events of the weekend. The 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run take place on the east end of Church Street, with registration from 10 am until noon, and all types of 4-wheel drive vehicles will compete for the fastest speed through the muddy course from 1 pm until the waning hours of the day. It's an all day event, drawing nearly 1,500 viewers last year to watch the muddy, noisy fun.

So skip that trip to the lake this weekend, the Boyne Falls Polish Festival happens just once a year... don't miss it!

For additional information, visit **www.boynefallspolishfestival.com**.

Pointe is this weekend

By Jim Akans

This setting is spectacular, the art simply divine, and the experience is unlike any other open-air art fair in northern Lower Michigan.

It's the 50th Annual Portside Arts Fair, and it takes place this coming weekend, August 4th and 5th, at historic Elm Pointe located just a few minutes north of downtown East Jordan off M-66. There will be approximately 80 talented artists displaying their works during the two-day event sponsored by the East Jordan Historical Society, providing thousands of attendees a unique opportunity to browse an extraordinary display of works in a juried selection of fine arts.

The setting for the Port-

See Portside Arts Fair- 14A

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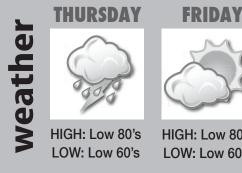


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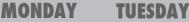
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SATURDAY SUNDAY

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LOW: Low 60's



HIGH: Low 80's

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5	82°F	54°F	95°F (1993)37°F (1972)	
6	82°F	54°F	95°F (1993)33°F (1965)	
7	82°F	55°F	97°F (1988)41°F (1969)	
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Duane L. Eggers, 72

(JUNE 29, 1940 - JULY 30, 2012)

On Monday, July 30, 2012, at 9 a.m., Duane L. Eggers, age 72, died at his home in Horton Bay. He went

peacefully into the Lord's arms in the company of his wife and son. Tom.

Duane was born on June 29, 1940, in Charlevoix County, the son of Russell and Laura (Leist) Eggers. He was raised in Boyne City, Mich., and attended Boyne City School.

He married Marie Osredkar on May 6, 1961.

He worked for Parker Motor Freight as a truck driver for 33 years, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed his work along with hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, tractors, music and family. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events and listening to Horton Creek. He was a member of the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club since 1987. He and his wife attended Trinity Missionary Church in Petoskey. He was a very kind and gentle man who loved life, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald Eggers.

Duane is survived by his wife, Marie Eggers; son, Tom (Treasure) Eggers of Charlevoix; daughter, Karen (Randy) Kruzel of Boyne City; son, Todd (Connie) Eggers of Ellsworth; brother, Ken (Bets) Eggers of Alanson; brother, Jim (Karen) Eggers of Interlochen; grandchildren, Bryan (Jammie) Eggers, Jennifer Eggers, Kayla Eggers, Keisha (Adam) Fettig, Tyler Kruzel, Trever Kruzel, Tanner Kruzel, Kevin Eggers, Brenda Eggers; great-granddaughter, Odessa Fettig; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation and funeral will be Thursday, Aug. 2, at Walloon Lake Community Church. Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. with the service at 11 a.m.

Charlevoix; five grandchildren, Eli and Sage Luedke of Tallmadge, Ohio, Guy and Mei (Wong) Gengle of Marietta, Ga., Julie (Gengle) and Mike Dobulis of Southwest Ranches. Fla., and Justin and Dana (Massey) Gengle of Duluth, Ga. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Adorian and Connor Gengle of Marietta, Ga., and Benjamin, Claire and Emily Dobulis of Southwest Ranches. Fla. He follows to eternal life his beloved wife, Nellie, and their firstborn daughter, Dr. Dorinda Luedke Miller.

Also surviving Lucky is his brother of the heart, Earl Edwards Jr., who was married to Nellie Luedke's twin, Hazel. Earl's children, Earl III, Mark and Lydia, were dear to Lucky's heart, too.

Lucky was born to Guy W. and Rose Luedke on Aug. 7, 1927. Having been orphaned at an early age, and child of the Depression era, Lucky chose to be grateful for what he had rather than think about what he did not have. He was a devout Roman Catholic and took our Father's command of charity to heart. Many people are better off today because of Lucky, and most are not aware of their benefactor. He always knew his reward awaited him. He always had his eye directed to heaven and wanted no less for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is known by his devotion to our Lord and to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lucky served 27 years in the United States Coast Guard.

Mass of Christian Burial took place Friday, July 27, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Tallmadge Ohio.

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Noirot and Karen Noirot; and one sister, Betty Lou Murphy.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. Jeff Ellis of the Walloon Lake Community Church will officiate with interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Mich. 49727. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

George J. Karl Jr., 88

George J. Karl Jr., age 88, of Eveline Township, died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City.

The Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Norma E. Wilson, 65

(SEPT. 6, 1946 - JULY 23, 2012)

Norma E. Wilson died Monday, July 23, 2012, at her home in Jordan Township, Antrim County.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1946, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of James E. and Marie (Dingman) Osborn. Norma graduated from Kearsley High School in Flint.

On May 25, 1966, in Flint, she married Daniel Wilson. They made their home in Flint and later in Birch Run.

She worked 30 years for General Motors in Flint and retired Amsterdam, N.Y., to Joseph and Anna Kalinowski. She graduated from high school in Detroit, and in 1936, was married to John A. Uhrick. They made their home in Detroit, then in Walled Lake before moving to Charlevoix in 1956. John preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1963.

Florence was committed to her family, friends and community but also loved to play bridge and rummy. Even after moving to Boulder Park Terrace she played cards almost every day. When she was younger, she assisted her husband as his office manager at their automobile dealership in Charlevoix.

Florence is survived by her children, Sylvia Beckman of Madison, Wis., and Delray Beach, Fla., Karen Foss of Mill Valley, Calif., and Charlevoix, Diane Jerome of Charlevoix and Delray Beach, Fla., and Jack, Jim and Jerry Uhrick, all of Charlevoix; a brother and a sister, both of Detroit; and 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A private service for Florence's family is planned and interment will take place at Brookside Cemetery alongside her husband, John.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Frank J. Grunow

Frank J. Grunow, a sweet, weet man physically left us on July 11, 2012. He will always be in our hearts.

will be greatly missed. Please do a kind deed for someone or something each day in honor of Frank. Rest in peace our sweet, sweet man.

Please join us at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Evangeline Cemetery, Clute Road, Boyne City for graveside service with military honors.

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

The Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Richard 'Rick' A. Fochtman Jr., 61

(AUG. 2, 1950 - JUNE 29, 2012)

Richard "Rick" A. Fochtman Jr. died Friday, June 29, 2012, at his home in Woodridge, Ill. Born Aug. 2, 1950, in Charlevoix, Mich., to the late Richard and Bonnie (Sutton) Fochtman, Rick graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1969. He attended Michigan Technological University, majoring in computer science.

Rick was employed as a systems programmer by Trailer Train Company in Chicago until 1981 and then joined Clearing Corporation, servicing the Chicago Board of Trade as senior systems programmer specialist until his retirement in 2006.

A lifetime member of the Illinois State Rifle Association, Rick served on its board of directors and various other committees and was a founding member of the ISRA Range near Bonfield, Ill. Rick was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, member of the Winfield Scott Pistol Team and the Tri-County Pistol League. He received numerous recognitions for his skills in both pistol and small-bore rifle shooting. Rick very much enjoyed working with young people. He assisted local Boy Scouts on their shooting merit badges and helped school youth with their science and electronic projects. He befriended a neighborhood vouth, mentored and guided him for many years, remaining close friends to the young man and his mother until his death. Survivors include three brothers, Gerald "Jerry" W. (Donna) Fochtman of Kingwood, Texas, David L. (Kelly) Fochtman of Arvada, Colo., and Michael A. (Norma) Fochtman of Ooltewah, Tenn.; along with nine nieces and nephews. A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Naperville Covenant Church, 1150 Hobson Road, Naperville, II1.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Retired U.S.C.G. Lt. Commander Donald 'Lucky' Luedke, 84

(AUG. 7, 1927 - JULY 24, 2012)

Retired U.S.C.G. Lt. Commander Donald "Lucky" Luedke, of Tallmadge, Ohio, and formerly of Charlevoix, transitioned to eternal life July 24, 2012.

He leaves behind his son, Philip J. Luedke and his wife, Tammy, of Tallmadge, Ohio; his daughter, Sue (Luedke) Gengle and her husband, Bill, of

Arrangements were handled by Donovan Bagnoli Funeral Home, Tallmadge.

Margaret Mae Murray, 84

(JULY 26, 1928 - JULY 28, 2012)

Mar-

garet Mae Murray of Boyne City and formerly of East Jordan, died Saturday, July 28, 2012, at



She was born on July 26, 1928, in South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, the daughter of Carl Joseph and Grace Mary (Roberts) Moblo.

She is survived by two sons, Bruce E. (Margaret) Murray of Boyne Falls and Howard L. Murray of Ohio; one daughter, Connie (Alan) Noirot of East Jordan; two brothers, Alfred (Ellen) Moblo of East Jordan and Walter Moblo of Kentucky; one sister, Mary Ann (Jim) Culp of Saranac and Florida; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Murray; one son, Gene A. Murray; three grandchildren, Michelle Murray, Alan Michael

in 1999.

Norma enjoyed her grandchildren and scrapbooking.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Daniel Wilson, of East Jordan; three daughters, Toni (Lance) Purkey of Swartz Creek, Michelle (Keith) Ellison of East Jordan and Jennifer (Thomas) Wheeler of Birch Run; one son, Jacob (Megan) Wilson of East Jordan; her grandchildren, Lance Purkey Jr., Nicklaus Purkey, Maxwell Purkey, Charlotte Purkey, Dustin Ellison, Danielle Wheeler. Dale Wheeler. Andrew Wheeler, Daniel J. Wilson and Conner Wilson; and one sister, Irene Rex, of Ohio.

The family would like to thank the nurses from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for their kindness and caring.

The funeral service was Thursday, July 26, at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. The Rev. James L. Jordan officiated with private interment at Brown Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 416 Connable Ave, Petoskey, Mich. 49770. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Florence S. Uhrick, 97

(MAY 1, 1915 - JULY 22, 2012)

Florence S. Uhrick of Charlevoix, died Sunday, July 22, 2012, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

She was born May 1, 1915, in

Frank was one of four children born to Elmer and Betty Grunow.

He is survived by his two brothers, Al (Wanda) and Bob (Marilyn), and sister, Gloria. He moved to Boyne City at the age of 14 to the family farm known locally as "Grunow Hill."

Frank proudly served his country in the Korean War (1950-1952).

He worked for many years at United Tech until he retired in 1991. Frank was best known as an incredible gunsmith, building and restoring many unique and beautiful guns. He loved to hunt is an understatement. For many years he would host "sight-in day" for friends and family - he loved you all.

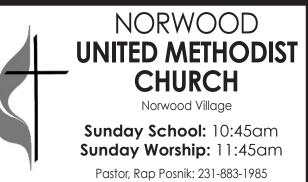
He is survived by his loving wife, Shireen, whom he happily married on June 4, 1988. He was a loving father to his children, Pam Greetis (Bill Himmelspach), Penny Grunow, Patty Rosensteel (Dave), Debbie Ruttan (Joe), Craig LaCross (Kerry), and Paul LaCross; proud loving grandpa of Carrie (Jeff) Boss, Eric (Gera) Ulvund, Erin Ulvund, Colin Ulvund, Toby Rose (Meagan), Tyler Rose, Zach LaCross and Jake LaCross; great-grandpa of Reanna, Kayli and Thomas Rose, Aidyn, Noah and Emberlle Jo Ulvund; uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many brothers- and sisters-inlaw; his special friends, Paul Barden, Mark Wuerth and Kirk Kleindschrodt; and so many, many more.

Anyone who knew Frank loved him. He had a heart of gold. He

Services in Charlevoix, prior to interment, are pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations in Rick's name to the Charlevoix Historical Society or to the charity of choice.

ANTIUUE 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. SAT/SUN AUGUST 11 & 12. ON THE SHORES OF BEAUTIFUL LAKE CHARLEVOIX IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ON LAKE STREET, BOYNE CITY walk Sales. Farmers Market, Food and Fun Cars are 25 years and older







August 2, 2012

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"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."



Beaver Island Forest View Senior Living Community celebrates 1st Anniversary!

Forest View, Beaver Island's aptly named Senior Housing Community, celebrates one year of worryfree housing for Island residents!

Nestled in the woodlands adjacent to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Forest View offers a more independent, convenient, worry-free life-style for residents, and their loved ones!

Residents (62 years of age or older, or disabled of any age) enjoy cozy com-

munity spaces for visiting, watching TV, cooking and entertaining (or all at the same time)! One and twobedroom apartments feature kitchens with roomy pantries, spacious bathrooms, and private patios. Plus indoor storage, laundry facilities and mail delivery.

Forest View currently has units available for those interested in the Island life! Imagine you or someone you love enjoying inde-

pendent, convenient,

worry-free living - no more maintenance, snow removal, or grounds care! Allinclusive utilities with rent: in-floor radiant heat (geothermal), water, sewer, and trash removal.

For more information contact manager:

Theresa McDonough at 231 448-3334 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12pm, or email theresa.mcdonough@kmgprestige.com

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES Friday, August 10 Thursday, August 2 Monday, August 6 5:00p Rummy 1p Pinochle Tuesday, August 7 Wednesday, August 8 Thursday, August 9 Friday, August 3 1p Woodcarving 7p Cribbage 5:00p Rummy 1 p Paint class NIGHT MEAL 5-6 p 11:30 Roger Hartson 1p Pinochle Day of Caring 12:15 info 5p Rummy Raffle 7p Bible Study 1p Pinochle 7p Cribbage



Remember

ers will vote Tuesday, August 7 on a millage to fund the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. This millage funds the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging that provides services to our local Senior Citizens.

Charlevoix County vot-

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News Briefs

If you need a ride to the Voting Polls on Tuesday, August 7, call the Charlevoix County Transit, 231-582-6900. They will pick you up and take you home for FREE!

BOYNE FALLS

Polish Festival

Join us for the 38th Annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival Thursday Evening, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 2, 3, 4, 5. Polka tent, Mud Run, Car show, Youth Day Friday, August 3rd, Carnival and grand parade.

BOYNE CITY Stroll the Streets

Music, fun and great times will fill the streets of downtown Boyne City starting Friday as Stroll the Streets returns for its ninth season. Aug. 3 entertainers -Rusty Heart Band, Balloon Fun with Popper and Twister Joe, Cal Manis, Debra Adamczik (caricature artist), Holly Keller & Lee Dyer, Joel Stoppel, Rustic Heart, The Kowalske Family Band, SOBO Blissfest Stage performer.

CHARLEVOIX Downtown Concert

2012 Charlevoix Concert Series Schedule at the **Odmark Performance Pavil**ion in Downtown Charlevoix's beautiful East Park

Thursday, August 9, 7pm, Petoskey Steel Drum Band (Petoskey MI) Island Percussion

Thursday, August 16, 7pm, Cairn to Cairn (Ann Arbor MI) Chamber Folk

Thursday, August 23, 7pm, Trombones Plus (Delaware OH) Jazz

Thursday, August 30, 7pm, Sister Wilene (Traverse City MI) Country

EAST JORDAN

Music in the Park Concert Series

The Music in the Park Concert Series is every June 22 with a concert in

BOYNE CITY

Evenings at the Gazebo

The Boyne Area Chamber has announced the schedule for another summer of Evenings at the Gazebo concerts. Concerts continue at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 22 at Old City Park (Corner of Park and River Streets). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but not your dogs. In case of rain, concerts will be held at an alternate location: for details, call the Chamber at 582-6222 or visit our website.

Aug. 1 - Mark Sanders Band, American roots music

Aug. 8 - Low Road Ramblers, Acoustic and Traditional Music

Aug. 15 - Kort McComber, Essence of Americana and feel-good music

Aug. 22 - Trombones Plus, Easy-listening jazz

CHX/EMMET COUNTIES **Parent Advisory Committee**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is looking for parents of children with behavioral health issues to join the Parent Advisory Committee of the Early Childhood Behavioral Health Initiative. Our aim is to enhance the availability of and the access to behavioral health services for children 0-5 and their families. For their participation, parents are given a \$50 honorarium for travel and child care per meeting. Please contact Natalie Kasiborski at

n.kasiborski@nwhealth.org or (231) 347-5144 for more information. Parents must reside in Char-Em ISD area.

CHARLEVOIX Cruise Ships Coming

Watch the Yorktown cruise ship arrive and depart in Round Lake Harbor. August 6 - arrive 7am - de-

part 5pm August 16 - arrive 7am depart 12 noon August 20 - arrive noon depart at 10:30pm

EAST JORDAN **Summer Food Service**

enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. At Boyne City United Methodist Church, 324 Park Street, lunch will be served from 11:30 am -12:30 pm, Monday through Friday, until Aug. 24.

BOYNE CITY Farmers Market

Thru 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.

EAST JORDAN **Children's book**

East Jordan author Suzanne Malpass-Rogers produces true children's books featuring animal friends and happy endings. Suzanne's books can be found Busy Bridge Gifts & Antiques in East Jordan, Local Flavor Books & Internet Café in Boyne City and many other stores across northern Michigan. Visit her website at www.straddlebooks.com to preview her latest book titled "A Lab's Tale" that takes place in East Jordan.

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 Wednesday, Sept. 5, 12 and 19. Areas north of Main Street will be picked up on Thursdays, Sept. 6, 13 and 20. For more information click here or call City Hall at 582-6597.

BOYNE CITY Senior center dinners

Boyne Area Senior Center will continue hosting night meals instead of lunches on Wednesdays. Dinner will start at 5pm and serving will continue until 6. Please join us for this endeavor and have dinner instead of lunch every Wednesday. Entertainment will also be provided each Wednesday.

BOYNE CITY

Cardboard recycling Area businesses and resi-

dents are encouraged to bring cardboard to the county recycling facility between 2 and 4 p.m. any day but Tuesday and Thursday. An attendant will be on duty operating the cardboard compacting unit during those hours. County Recycling Committee members also remind locals that the facility does not accept styrofoam. The facility is located at the rear of the **County Road Commission** garage at 1251 Boyne Ave.

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 Artists in Action

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. On August 16, DeEtta Gilland will be demonstrating her special technique of rug

week and playing this Friday at the Charlevoix High School. Friday, Aug. 3 at 7pm at Charlevoix High School. Tickets start at \$25 and are on sale now at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the Harlem Globetrotters: www.harlemglobetrotters.com

CHARLEVOIX **Canoeists paddling thru** town

Saginaw Voyagers coming to town Monday August 6th. The Saginaw Voyageurs are participating in a week long journey which will start at the Glen Harbor and travel via the inland waterways to Fort Michilimackinac. The group is made up of 14-16 men who paddle a 34' fiberglass replica of a birch bark canoe, while dressed in period costumes depicting the 1750's time period. Their motto is "we learn history by doing it, and teach history by showing it." They will be arriving in Charlevoix on Monday, August 6th between 5 & 6 pm and will be setting up camp in the north part of Bridge Park. They will be in Charlevoix only one day and plan to leave on Tuesday morning at 9am.

CHARLEVOIX Sleep

Dr. James Maas will share current sleep research with participants, 6:30pm, Thursday, August 2. Most students and adults are sleep deprived, causing reduced concentration, productivity and quality of work, as well as an increase in moodiness, stress, accidents, illness and shortened life span. Dr. Maas, together with Amber Way Charlevoix High School award winning cross country athlete and champion sleeper, will share the important information to help get the sleep you need. Dr. James Maas is currently the CEO of Sleep for Success! and the past Chairman of Psychology at Cornell University. For more information about

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Etsy, and Ravelry will be explained. Space is limited, so please call to register: 231.237.7340. For more information about this or other library events visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX **Kings Feast and Mystery** Theatre

The Front Porch Cafe of Ellsworth requests your presence for the Kings Feast and Mystery Theatre on Friday Aug 3rd at Castle Farms. Auction and mixer starting at 6 pm, followed promptly by the Kings Feast and Mystery Theatre at 7 pm. Tickets sold at Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. Single tickets \$125. Special: Table for 8 people \$800. Table for 8 with advertising \$1200. Kings Feast catered by the Blue Pelican. Mystery Theatre performed by Ransom Note Entertainment of Grand Rapids, Michigan. www.ransomnoteentertainment.com. Front Porch is a donation only, nonprofit cafe, outreaching to the regions of northern Michigan.

HARBOR SPRINGS, GAYLORD, CHARLÉVOIX Cal Tillman speaks

Don't Frack Michigan will be hosting a series of forums in August with Cal Tillman, former mayor of Dish, Texas. Tillman appeared in the movie GASLAND. He will relate his compelling story detailing the effects of fracking on his town and their efforts to fight against it.

Harbor Springs: Friday, August 3rd, 7pm, Harbor Springs High School Auditorium, 500 N. Spring Street With special performances by Breath Owl Breathe and Yesway.

Gaylord: Saturday, August 4th, 11am, Otsego **County Building Alpine** Center, 800 Livingston Blvd.

Charlevoix: Saturday, August 4th, 5pm, Charlevoix Public Library, 200 Clinton Street

CHARLEVOIX Flute choir

August 2, 2012

the Bandshell in Memorial Park. The band Charlie Witthoeft - Hipps & Ricco will take the stage at 7pm. Please see below for the rest of the concert line-up

Friday Evening 7 to 9pm at the East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park Aug. 3 Ratone-Indle Rock Aug. 10 Breathe Owl Breathe-Eclectic



Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or person up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. Breakfast will be served at East Jordan Elementary School; 304 Fourth Street 7:30am - 8:30am and lunch will be served from 11:30am - 12:30pm, Monday through Friday, until Aug. 24.

BOYNE CITY Summer Food Service

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or person up to age 26 who are

CHX/EMMET COUNTIES Playgroups

Playgroups are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, are for children aged 0-60 months and preschool-aged siblings. The summer schedule is: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson. Playgroups in Petoskey and East Jordan will resume in September. Call (231)347-0067 for more information.

hooking. For further information about this or other library events visit:

www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX Art Demo

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting an art demonstration Saturday, August 11th, six miles south of Charlevoix on US 31 at the red and white schoolhouse from 10am-5pm. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists; refreshments will be available. 231-547-2288

CHARLEVOIX

Harlem Globetrotters in town

The legendary Harlem Globetrotters will be touring Northern Michigan this this or other library events, call 231-237-7340.

CHARLEVOIX **Tech Topics**

Tech Topics is a series of computer classes demonstrating some of the ways to better utilize technology. Tech Topics will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 10:30 - noon, the first four Wednesdays in August. The line-up includes: August 1 – Online Security 101, to demonstrate some of the basic ways to protect your hardware; August 6 - Check the Facts, how to find reliable political information; August 15 – Get Creative with Digital Photos, ideas on how to actually use all those photos taken with digital cameras; August 22 -Crafters Online, Pintrest,

Northern Michigan flute choir will perform a Sunday Series Recital at 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Congregational Church of Charlevoix. The recital is free and open to the public through a grant from the Roger and Peggy Dickens Schwer Fund, administered by the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. The choir is under the direction of the conductor of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

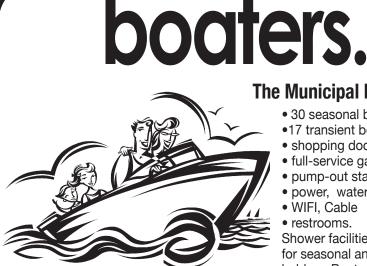
EAST JORDAN

Sidewalk sales

Downtown businesses are clearing out merchandise Aug. 17 & 18 during sidewalk sales.

Hurry in and save! Find what you need for a variety of projects.





The Municipal Harbor offers:

- 30 seasonal boat slips
- 17 transient boat slips
- shopping docks
- full-service gasoline
- pump-out station
- power, water, ice
- WIFI, Cable
- restrooms.

Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders. Boat sizes up to 60 feet.

Call 231-536-2166

At the tip of Lake Charlevoix's South arm, the Municipal Harbor has captured the attention of more than just boaters. Located only one block off Main Street, the Municipal Harbor is within walking distance to local restaurants and friendly shops.

The Tourist Park and Beach and Municipal Harbor are operated by City of East Jordan Parks Department

News Briefs

CHARLEVOIX Pool auction

On Sunday, August 5th, the event will be hosted at Castle Farms offering a quaint atmosphere with French flare. Beginning at 5pm guest will enjoy a social hour with dinner served at 7pm followed by the live auction at 8pm. The cost to attend the event is \$50 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Please contact Megan Wuerth at 547-0982 to donate to the auction or to make your reservation to attend this unique and charming event.

EAST JORDAN Visions of the Valley

The 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. Entries must be received by August 6 at the Jordan Valley Animal Clinic, 800 Water Street. 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.

BOYNE CITY bbq

Friends of the Boyne River will hold their annual barbecue on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Veterans Park pavilion in Boyne City So cial hour begins at 5 p.m. and chicken, ribs and corn will be served at 6:30. The honored member of the year will be announced, following a short meeting reviewing accomplishments of the year. New and interested members are especially invited. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For more information call 582-2434.

wine, soft drinks and special signature cocktail are included. Valet parking will be available. Price per person is \$150.00.(\$90.00 is tax-deductible). Funds will be used to support the School Nurse Project. Come by boat or by car and wear your best "Hampton Duds" casual attire for this delightful summer evening by the lake ! For more information, contact the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation office at 231-547-8502.

CHARLEVOIX Pulitzer Prize photographer and journalist

Rick Loomis, renowned photographer and journalist has traveled the world covering news and will be coming to do a presentation of his work at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. He will be bringing the work for which he was awarded the Pulitzer and clippings from his latest book. He will be showing clips of his work and lecturing to our guests on Friday, August 10. A Reception will be held at the Circle from 5 to 6:00 p.m. and the lecture and screen show from 6 to 7:30 p.m. After that the Charlevoix Circle Members will have a Q & A session and class will be held downstairs.

EAST JORDAN Book sale

Jordan Valley District Library's annual Used Book Sale is August 6-27 in East Jordan. Hundreds of hardbacks, paperbacks, VHS, books on cassette, music CDs and DVDs will be available for bargain prices. Books include Western, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Adult, Young Adult, and Children's fiction and non-fiction. Some of the books are volumes that have been discarded by the library and others are donations. Hardbacks are \$0.50 and paperbacks are \$0.25. All proceeds benefit the library. The book sale will be in the Community Room during library hours: Mon 9-7, Tue 9-5, Wed 9-7, Thu 9-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1, Sun 1-5. Contact the library at 231-536-7131 or visit the website ivdl.info.

to Veterans Park from Old City Park there would be an occasional conflict with other events that have long been held there," said Boyne City Main Street manager Hugh Conklin. "The Antique Auto Show and Flea Market is one of those events. It is a big and important event for the community and there is not enough room for it and the Market in Veterans Park." The Farmer's Market will open at 8 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. The market features more than 70 farm and craft vendors.

BOYNE CITY Ice Cream Social

The Great Bunny Ice Cream Social! August 12th 12-3pm-Boyne Area Senior Center. All donations to benefit the Charlevoix County Computer Lab located at the Senior Center. Music by Back Woods Maestros, Keeping the Dream Alive

EAST JORDAN Artist Gathering Showcase

Jordan River Arts Council's-Up North Impressions show opens Aug. 12. This is an Invitational Exhibit of work produced by local artists participating in the Jordan River Arts Council's Artist Gathering events. You will view artist's impressions of our beautiful and unique Up North venues. The show runs Aug. 12 through Sept. 16 at the Jordan River Arts Council (JRAC) in East Jordan. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday 1 -4 PM. **Opening Reception Sunday** August 12, 1-4 PM. Meet the Artist's Reception Thursday August 16, 5-7PM

NORWOOD Ethnohistory

Wednesday, August 15, 7:30pm Village of Norwood Schoolhouse, Donation. Program by Dr. Chuck Cleland. Ethnohistory: The Key to Understanding the Treaty of 1836. Focusing on the historical events surrounding the negotiation of the Treaty of 1836 between Odawa and Ojibwe people and the United States of America, retired Michigan State University Professor of Anthropology and author, Dr. Chuck Cleland, will discuss the details of the treaty bargain as well as the many ways that its stipulations and controversies have persisted.

For three days, August 17th-19th, Song of the Morning Yoga Retreat Center, in union with the yoga community throughout Michigan, will host a yoga festival for the public. Wooded or river side campsites are available as well as limited indoor accommodations for what has become the largest yoga event in Michigan. All are welcome! For further information: www.songofthemorning.org

ELLSWORTH The Heart of Our Desires

Ladies ages 12 and up are invited to attend a Ladies Weekend Friday, August 17 from 7-9 PM and Saturday, August 18 from 9-12 PM at the Ellsworth Elementary School. The event will feature the Beth Moore DVD presentation, "The Heart of Our Desires". The cost is by donation only. The school is located at the corner of Main and Church St. in Ellsworth. For more details please call Brenda at 616-848-0507.

CHARLEVOIX Stuff the bus

Join Char-Em United Way as we stuff a bus with school supplies for local children in need Sat, Aug. 18 at K-Mart plaza. Distribution of supplies coordinated with Char-Em ISD.

BOYNE CITY Summer Festival

The annual Summer Festival at St. Matthew Church is scheduled for Sunday, August 19 from 12Noon to 2:30PM at 1303 Boyne Ave. Highlighting the festival will be "Ma's Authentic Polish Dinner" with a menu consisting of golumpki, Polish sausage, pierogies, dill potatoes, cream cucumbers, dessert, and much more. Dinner ticket prices are \$10-Adults, \$9-Seniors, \$5-Children, and Free- under four years old. Larry Czerkies and The Goodwill Polka Gang will be entertaining all with live Polish music. Three silent auction tables and a live auction will feature over 125 items for bidding. Free children's games and activities, including pony rides and inflatables, are scheduled until 2PM. A children's food tent, with a variety of selections at reasonable prices, will be offered. A \$5,000.00 money raffle drawing will be held at 2:30pm. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase until 2pm. The festival is sure to be fun, family entertainment, and all are welcome to attend. More information is available at www.jamcc.org or 231-582-7718.

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and the Charlevoix Photography Club. Michigan Seasons focuses on the abundant beauty of Michigan: from the ripening greens of Spring, to the clear blues of summer, the crisp oranges of fall and peaceful whites of winter. Entries will be in the following categories: 1.Realistic Photography 2. Photographic Art. 3. Canvas Wraps 4. Youth Category (18 and under). See www.CharlevoixCircle.org or go to www.Charlevoix-Photography.com/ for information.

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. The Tech Help Sessions will be staffed by a knowledgeable staff member who will be able to answer basic questions about the library's computers, software, and applications. For example, if you have questions about Microsoft Office products, downloading eBooks, email, or the library catalog, just stop in and ask the tech guy for assistance. Tech Help Session staff is not available to support privately owned hardware and de-

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vices. For hardware assistance, ask at the information desk for a list of local providers. For more information about this or other programs at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

BOYNE CITY Farmers Market Fundraiser

The Friends of the Market are planning a special evening to celebrate our wonderful market and our local food on Saturday, August 25th. This superb seasonal meal will be prepared by Chef Michael Events of Blackbird Gardens. Wine tasting is included and we encourage BYO. Limited seating at \$75 pp Sign up at the Market Booth or contact Becky,

bsharris@charter.net.

BOYNE CITY RAMBLER DAY

The Boyne City Sports Complex is hosting Rambler day on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 10am to 10pm. The Boyne City Booster Foundation urges you to mark your calendar for this actionpacked day that will feature six school sports events ranging from soccer to volleyball and ending with the varsity boy's football game vs. Kent City at 7 p.m. Also included in the all-day fun will be face painting, carnival games, dunk tank, balloon animals, door prizes, live music, barbecue and more. You might even win \$2,000 cash or an iPad in the Ping Pong Ball Drop Raffle. For raffle tickets or information contact Megan Neidhamer

(mneidhamer@boyne.k12.m i.us) or Cathy Wonzki (gcwonski@gmail.com).



CHARLEVOIX The Go Rounds

The Go Rounds with a 14 piece orchestra of Michigan musicians are coming to perform a special Thursday night show on August 9th. All original members of the Go Rounds along with Craig Freeman - trombone, Ayako Nakamura - trumpet, Bob Lewis - French Horn, Samantha Cooper - Violin, Fiona Dickinson - cello, Bennett Young guitar/banjo, Mike Savina guitar/banjo, Drew Tyner -Keys/guitar, Mark Thompson - guitar, Matt Wood - effects, Keith Kinnear - front of house sound.

EAST JORDAN Summer Classics

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation is sponsoring the Summer Classics on Friday, August 10, at beautiful Elm Pointe located on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. The Petoskey Steel Drum Band will provide the sounds for the beach-side party that will feature a crab-boil dinner prepared by the Blue Pelican . The menu includes Mediterranean Bruschetta and Chicken Salad Cups, a King Crab Boil with shrimp, blue mussels, baby clams, smoked andouille sausage, red skinned potatoes, corn on the cob and barbequed chicken. Beer,

EAST JORDAN Relay for life

The event will take place on August 11 - 12 at Community Park in East Jordan. Teams camp out overnight with the goal of keeping at least one team member walking on the track at all times throughout the event, signifying that cancer never sleeps. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. If you would like to join the Relay for Life of Charlevoix County as a volunteer or team participant, call Owen Welsh at 231-675-3644, Michelle Reid at mailto:mreid7943@charter.net or visit http://www.RelayForLife.or g/charlevoixcountymi

BOYNE CITY Antique autos, flea market, farmers market

Aug. 11 - Farmer's Market moves downtown with sidewalk sales; Antique Auto Show / Flea Market will be held in Veterans Park. For one day only, the Boyne City Farmer's Market will be held in downtown Boyne City on Saturday, Aug. 11. This opportunity will provide a great venue for market guests and downtown businesses. The market will be set up on Water and Lake Streets, and will be just one of many events happening in Boyne City. In addition to the Farmers Market, there will be sidewalk sales from a number of downtown businesses, and the Antique Auto Show and Flea Market will be held in Veterans Park. "We knew when the Farmers Market was moved

VANDERBILT Yoga Fest



Antique Auto Show, Sidewalk Sales, Farmers Market, Food and Fun <u>Cars</u> are 25 years and older

CHARLEVOIX Call for Entry

Charlevoix Photography Club! Michigan Seasons: Aug 20 & 21. A Photography Competition and Exhibition will be presented by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days - PG SHOWTIMES: 5 shows daily: 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm 231-547-4353- hotline for schedule

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Election News AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

Primary election day on August 7 presents an opportunity to choose your local representatives who will represent your voice and make an impact on change in your community. Contested candidates in Charlevoix County, Townships from throughout the County and Banks Township of Antrim County submitted their responses to the following question:

What do you feel are the three most important issues facing your county/township and how do you plan to address those issues?

We hope the following information will be helpful for making an informed decision in selecting your local government officials on primary election day.

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By Catie L'Heureux

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

County Prosecuting Attorney

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

John Jarema *Incumbent

As the prosecutor, the three most important issues for this county are: 1) the increase in drug use



John Jarema

and crimes; 2) the number of criminal sexual conduct cases and 3) the number of domestic violence cases. The increase in drug use and domestic cases, to a lesser degree, are tied to the economy. People are out of work, drugs such as heroin are cheap and they deal the drugs to get money. Coupled with the actual drug cases, we have seen a rise in breaking and enterings, embezzlements, bad check cases etc. Being out of work creates tension which leads to domestic violence. Both of those types of criminal activity are intolerable. I have implemented pro-active initiatives to combat these by creating our own drug team-JOLT and have secured a grant along with Emmet and Cheboygan counties to have a full-time domestic violence prosecutor. As for criminal sexual conduct cases, my office has taken a tough stance on those cases by taking those to trial and seeking justice in the courtroom. If the victim will not testify, we seek convictions so the person is held accountable and has to register as a sex offender.

helpful office where people are treated with kindness and respect. The Register of Deeds office is one

of the most important of-

fices in the County. The primary function of the Register of Deeds office is to build, manage and create a land records system available to the public. Recording is a legal process directed and influenced by statutes and includes multiple steps, processes and technology. Technology will continue to transform over time and the Register of Deeds office will have to keep pace through careful management and moving forward with technology. Our economy will continue to rely on the land records system and it is important to keep accurate records. The Register of Deeds office will continue to be managed with integrity and efficiency in regards to the recording system.

Charlevoix County Commissioner - District 1

George Thomas Lasater



Virginia M. Marme

the public, but we have great county workers, whether it would be the Sheriff's Department or the Road Commission or the Commission on Aging or any entity in our County, Grandvue Hospital. We have great county workers and I think not often enough we as commissioners, we as the public, do not commend those people enough. We do not go to them and say, 'I do appreci-

ate what you do here, the Sheriff's Department, I do appreciate you Road Commission for taking care of my road and I do appreciate the COA for taking care of our seniors. I think we've got a great responsibility to grow and treat the public and treat our County employees—give them thanks, shake their hands. I think that's really important to run a good County and just part of what I would call my reason for service.

day-to-day operations of the county. Even with elected department heads; Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds the county needs the coordination and guidance of a manager reporting to the County Board. (3) County Commission meeting: The tone set at the commission meetings sets the perception of the county in our county and beyond. The contentiousness and total lack of respect shown between commissioners at board meetings is such a negative reflection --- and affects the quality of decision making possible. I believe with my experience, I can help bring civility and respect back to the county Commission without losing the needed debate of issues and consensus building conclusions.

Charlevoix County Commissioner - District 6

John Earl Haggard

(1) Tax payer dollars: Provide the services needed at reduced costs. Review those services that may not be

Larry Sullivan

I believe the major challenges facing the County are the economy, county administration, and taxation. We can take



Larry Sullivan

steps to improve our economy, by further developing our recreational facilities, such as a system of non-motorized trails, which can bring additional tourists to our area in the spring and fall months, expanding our tourism season by 3 to 4 months a year, as well as benefiting the year round residents. Another solution is a program to actively promote Charlevoix County throughout the State and the Midwest as a place to work, live and/or visit. Administration of the County implies an experienced County Administrator with experienced being the key word. In terms of taxation, Charlevoix County is in good shape financially. If we have a surplus of funds over and above having a prudent rainy day fund, we should ease up on the taxpayers of the County concerning the amount of property taxes being levied.



Allen R. Telgenhof

I believe that the three most important issues facing the county are integrity, fiscal responsibil-

Allen R. Telgenhof

ity and accountability. The actions of our current prosecutor have caused a loss of trust in the office and it is critical that trust be restored. I intend to restore integrity by telling the truth, to the public, to county commissioners and to judges. As to fiscal responsibility, I will put an end to the endless office turnover which costs the county thousands of dollars. I will also avoid needless lawsuits like the FOIA suit the county was forced to defend by our current prosecutor. I will ensure accountability by being visible in the community where residents can get their questions answered and voice concerns they have, if any, regarding the office. I will always remember that the reason voters elected me is so that I can servenot so that I can gain power.

Charlevoix County Register of Deeds

Virginia M. Marme

Charlevoix County is a wonderful place to live, work and a great place for people to visit. The Register of Deeds office has always been and will continue to be a

(1) Civil suits against the County, (2) Total Board cooperation, (3) Teamwork and input from citizens we serve. Work as a

George Lasater team and use common sense to deal with issues.

Shirlene Tripp *Incumbent Response was unavailable at press time.

Shirlene Tripp Charlevoix

County Commissioner - District 3

Rick Matelski

Response was unavailable at press time.

Ronald Reinhardt *Incumbent

(1) Roads are a high priority. County should help road commissions where possible without just handing them a blank check. (2) High government costs over the next few years. We need to not get too extravagant. (3) Try to get the board back together again. Try to be able to be civil to each other and get things done.

Charlevoix County Commissioner

- District 4

Joel Evans *Incumbent

One issue that almost every candidate would mention is for us to be fiscally responsible, relating to communication between county officials and the public. I think that's very important and in the past there has been much of the public not understanding

David Hague

Response was unavailable at press time.

Charlevoix County Commissioner - District 5

Richard L. Gillespie For me

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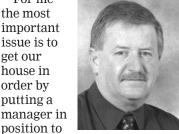
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oversee county policies and procedures. Someone needs to be a point person for the board especially to head off the discourse we have suffered for many years. After serving in the 90s and now it is very evident this change is needed. Secondly it seems to me our obligation to the public to be more open and effective is important. Instead of imposing more rules on the public I think we should be looking at the rules of play for ourselves. The taxpayer is king, or was, and I want to make sure they are seen in this light! Third, our duty is to make sure we maintain a solid foundation in facilities and support for our road commission for our taxpayers and I believe we are working toward that end.

Dennis Jason

(1) Millage: Historically, Charlevoix County had the luxury of an ever expanding S.E.V. That provided additional operating revenues without having to increase millage rates in the county. Those days have ended and now the County must be careful stewards of the county budget and I believe my past experience in business and government employment has given me the background to accomplish this task. (2) County Administrator: The County has a need for an administrator to guide the

required or John Earl Haggard of a low priority. (2) Communication between Depts: Work with Dept Heads to help all operations run smoothly and efficient. (3) State of Michigan Mandates: Enforce the Headlee Amendment and make sure if the state mandates anything that funds are provided and if not be able to stand up to Lansing and not implement them without funds.

Dennis Halverson

1) The County Board needs to get out of the business of trying to manage the day to day operations of the County.

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Dennis Halverson

liance on the "committee system" has out lived its usefulness. A professional administrator needs to be hired. 2) County government has become isolated from other governmental units and the citizens. Opportunities for collaborative ventures and openness have been ignored. I would pursue external partnerships. 3) The County Commission has suffered a loss of credibility, brought about by a series of high profile controversies. This has wasted a lot of time and money. Having a Commissioner with a new perspective and a fresh look at things is a start. I am the only candidate who has no current or past association with this County's government, I believe this is a positive.

Shirley Roloff

Response was unavailable at press time.

TOWNSHIP RACES

Bay Township Supervisor

Larry A. Moeschke *Incumbent

The health, safety and welfare of Bay Township, particularly emergency services, are my top priority. I have led our recent effort to to review the availability and cost effectiveness of an alternate emergency services provider.

Road surfaces are my constant concern. With the support of Bay Township residents in approving our road millage, we have been able to supplement the limited resources of the Charlevoix County Road Commission. I have and will continue to lead the efforts in assessing the road maintenance and repair needs of the Township.

Recreational access to Lake Charlevoix and Walloon Lake are critical to enjoying the natural resources our area has to offer. The Township recently completed a remodeling of our Lake Street access on Lake Charlevoix. I and the township board continue to look for ways to update and improve our lake accesses.

Wendy L. Simmons

I believe in the grass roots of government and the importance of townships addressing and handling local issues on a local



Wendy L. Simmons

level. Current issues facing the township that I look forward to working on are the quickest and best fire and ambulance response times for ALL residents, road upgrades, watershed, grants and special funding and the contin-

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Shirley Roloff



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Election News

ued preservation of our heritage while planning for the future in Bay Township. Each of these areas need to continually be reviewed and discussed to come up with the best viable solutions for our residence. Having a township board that is available to all residents is a must as all concerns and questions need to be answered and resolved in a timely

Township Trustee (three for two positions)

Georganna R. Monk *Incumbent

The most important issues facing Bay Township involve providing the highest quality services and infrastructure for the wel-



Georganna R. Monk

fare of our residents, while being fiscally responsible, managing growth, and following our Master Plan and Ordinances without fear of threats and litigation.

I have, and will continue to strive to promote increased communication and availability between the township board and residents. I will continue to listen to ideas and concerns and respond. Residents deserve to have their voice heard and to "see" their tax dollars at work, from small expenditures such as cemetery veteran's markers to the restoration of the township hall. I will seek alternatives to funding these services such as cost sharing, outsourcing, and grants where possible. Lastly, I strive to be proactive, not reactive regarding the needs of our township.

Bay Township is one of the most beautiful and desirable rural townships in our state...it deserves to remain so.

Renee Santina

The most important issue facing Bay Township today is public safety. Given our remote location, emergency



Renee Santina

response times must be improved upon to tant. Being retired, I will have the time to seek out and listen to issues and concerns. Having served as Chair of the Board of Review, I have repeatedly heard that it is important for the township to maximize the impact of each tax dollar. I will focus my attention on this concern by making sure that township expenditures represent the best return on investment, whether they are for road improvements, emergency services, planning, zoning or other activities the township oversees. I have also heard and observed that the township has a sound balance between residential, agricultural, forestry and watershed lands. I believe it is important that the township maintain this character and I will work hard to insure that township planning

Boyne Valley Township Supervisor

and zoning reflect this balance.

Sue Hobbs

past Town-



Sue Hobbs

ship Boards have been frugal and have built a healthy fund balance. I will keep that fund balance for emergencies while looking for ways to reduce expenditures and grow the tax base. (2) Access to Township information is not readily available to the public: The County Planning Department created a web site providing citizens access to information related to County and Township Government. Boyne Valley's page includes only the Township address, phone numbers and zoning map. I would post all ordinances, meeting times, agendas and minutes, budget and all Township information on this site. (3) Increase partnerships with other governmental units: This has become critical in acquiring State and Federal funding. I will attend meetings with regional governmental units and seek ways to save tax dollars by

Leonard Zakrzewski *Incumbent

combining services.

Response was unavailable at

and not just the rich such as annual trash pickups and not a boat launch that not even 5% of township would use. My kids always had a beach to go to as do my grandkids. A township has limited access to money unlike a county who can draw from all townships.

Ethel R. Knepp *Incumbent

I believe that it's important to continue to maintain the rural character of our community via zoning, keep our roads main-



and runners

are particu-

larly at risk

because of

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the poor

the main

road and

Patching

has become

Peter LoDico

ineffective and time consuming

for local road commission work-

keep our township in touch with

the Charlevoix Road Commission

ers. My intent is to continue to

and the steering committee. I

plan to meet with the steering

committee to plead our case to

have this project completed by

applying better quality gravel

able to use dust control more

members and the Charlevoix

each year. I would also like to be

often than we are presently doing

With the help of other board

Road Commission I would like to

heavily traveled roads. This prod-

uct is much less expensive than

asphalt, but has proven to be ef-

Response was unavailable at

St. James Township Supervisor

Response was unavailable at

Richard Speck *Incumbent

Response was unavailable at

William J. Haggard

Antrim County

Banks Township Trustee

Sheila Vander Ark-Dhillon

I think that the 3 most impor-

tant issues for Banks Township

would be 1) Services 2) Zoning 3)

and Finances in their respective

order. It seems that if you put

ting the horse before the cart.

Services first - it would be put-

(five for two positions)

fective on county roads on the

pursue the possibility of an ex-

perimental product that could

provide a hard surface on our

the fall of 2013. We are working

on improving the gravel roads by

edges.

now.

mainland.

press time.

press time.

press time.

Finances.

Mike Scripps

Ethel R. Knepp

tained for safe travel within the township, and acquire property for public access to Lake Charlevoix, remain fiscally responsible and transparent to the township residents.

Hayes Township Trustee (three for two positions)

Rich Burnett

Response was unavailable at press time.

William M. Henne

The three most important issues facing Haves Township are: 1) Parks and Recreation, 2) Planning and Zoning, and 3) Roads.

Parks and Recreation: I strongly support the acquisition of Camp Seagull for a township park. Two public hearings have shown that the overwhelming majority are in favor of it. So it was a little shocking to have one trustee vote against it after having said that he supported it. This is an incredible opportunity to have a parcel on our lake with 14 feet of frontage for public use and it's across the road from a nature preserve. I will work with the board to obtain this park.

I also support the campaign for a non-motorized trail along the Boyne City Charlevoix Road. I was on the committee to get the project moving and will continue to be involved in making it happen

Planning and Zoning: I served on the Hayes Township Planning Commission for 12 years, with five years as chair. I am a current member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I helped to revise the Long Range Plan and am quite familiar with it. I feel that good planning and zoning is vitally important to the orderly growth of our township. Roads: Hayes Township has a good road system, now being much improved with the rebuilding of Boyne City Road. I will help to continue the good work that the board has done on maintaining our roads.

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that you can actually divide and sell at one time. I think that should be smaller. There's a lot of nice building spots that are on two- and three-acre lots that are close to farmland but the farmers are not actually using it and they should be able to divide it up a little bit. And actually that's probably my big issue, what I can see going on, and we just need to get the younger people to stay or come back into this area. Jobs are big too, we need to find jobs for these younger people but that's my main issue.

Mark E. Dekorne *Incumbent

Response was unavailable at press time.

David Rasmussen

Response was unavailable at press time.

Marvin Rubingh *Incumbent

The reason that I am running for Banks Township board is to ensure that the township is run efficiently, like a business. We must make sure that all expenditures are necessary and that we keep government spending within the confines of what a government should be involved in. We also must make sure that our freedoms are preserved. Local as well as national government can unnecessarily take away our freedom. We also must keep taxes as low as possible for the residents of Banks Township.

Thank you for your trust in me as a trustee these past years. If you have any concerns, please contact me because I represent you on the township board.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Peaine Township

The issues

Bradford Grassmick

on Beaver Island are the same as the rest of the state, but magnified I struggle with putting Services by our small size. 1) We



have a sea-Bradford Grassmick sonal resident and tourist based economy with a very short season. We need to better market the wonderful recreational and ecological aspects of the island while also protecting them. Bringing more jobs to the island is our most important challenge. 2) We need to be fiscally responsible so there is money to do the marketing and advertising. This means cutting non essentials from the budget and not making poorly informed decisions that cost us money. 3) We need good government. Elected officials should act in a transparent and open manner for the good of the entire island. There needs to be open non acrimonious discussion to resolve issues. Decisions need to be based on facts and with the input of the residents and taxpayers, not based on special interests.



provide the greatest chances for our residents. Studies prove that the first couple minutes are the most important, and it is critical to receive medical attention as soon as possible. With emergency response now outsourced, we have the ability to choose the source or sources that best meet our needs. I will do my best to ensure we have access to the quickest care available. Conservation is another issue for Bay Township. We are fortunate to have two beautiful lakes in our township, Walloon and Lake Charlevoix. Through joint efforts with surrounding townships, I will ensure our ordinances reflect the best conservation efforts to preserve the quality of our lakes and streams. Land divisions and planned communities have become common topics over the last couple years, making development a key issue within the township. I will work to ensure these decisions follow the Master Plan of Bay Township to maintain the rural setting we so love, while working with the landowner to find the best solution to also accomplish their goals.

William B. Wehrenberg

I am running for office to represent the residents of Bay Township and address the issues they feel are most impor-



William B. Wehrenberg

Charlevoix Township Supervisor

Charles Center

(1) Improve maintenance of township grounds, facilities, and equipment (2) Be responsive to township residents concerns and request (3) Upgrade fire department facilities and study the feasibility of a memorial garden as a final resting place for township residents

H. Dale Glass *Incumbent

Here is what I figure are the biggest issues, or requirements for the job: Constant attention to the requirements to keep Charlevoix Township an excellent place to live and visit. Also, I feel there is a need to diversify the economic base to attract more light, clean industry as well as maintain our position as a tourist destination.

Hayes Township Supervisor

William E. Eaton III

(1) Cut spending, (2) Block purchase of Camp Seagull and (3) Only spend money that benefits all residents and not special interest group. The economy is going downhill and taxes continue to climb. Need to cut spending to lower taxes so people can afford to live in township. Inform the people of the true cost and stop special interest groups from taking over township. Spend money that benefits all residents

Douglas L. Kuebler *Incumbent

The most important thing in this township to me is keeping the township roads in good condition. everyone in some form or another uses the roads. We also need to keep the Lake Michigan shoreline and Lake Charlevoix shoreline clean and free of the phragmites weed invasion. Lower the taxes of the people, the property tax must be lowered, everyone that is a property owner would benefit from it. Having the taxes lowered will also help the local economy.

Peaine Township Trustee (six for two positions)

Charles Carey

Response was unavailable at press time.

Peter LoDico *Incumbent

As Peaine Township trustee, I have and will continue to pursue the paving of King Hwy in 2013. This highway is a disgrace to islanders and visitors who have to travel this road. Bikers, walkers

Services that are needed to enhance and protect the residents would include providing fire and safety protection, as well as taking care of our parks, cemeteries, our township hall, road upkeep, and zoning. These services face challenges due to limited finances

In Zoning, I feel we need to keep a healthy balance between personal property rights and community property rights (making sure someone's personal property rights do not infringe on community rights). A zoning structure needs to be in place to allow people a source of recourse if those rights are infringed on and needs to help maintain and protect property values.

Finally, Financing – it is a huge issue as property values are falling and revenues fall as expenses rise which brings us challenges in providing services and zoning. Grants are a likely option.

Tom L. Cooper

My biggest issue, what I'm really pushing for, is I would like to see the younger people return to this area after college or after the military and make it easier for them, make it easier for them as in housing and purchasing propertv. Right now Banks Township has an ordinance where they don't allow mobile homes, which I don't agree with one bit because I started out in a mobile home and it was the easiest way of doing it and then I changed after a few years. And another thing is dividing property. I think right now it's a ten-acre parcel is all

Ernest D. Martin

Response was unavailable at press time.

Carolyn Works

Response was unavailable at press time.

VOTE AUGUST 7th!



Election News 2012 BALLOT ISSUES

By Catie L'Heureux

The August 7 primary election offers the opportunity to vote on issues that affect your local community. The following ballot issues are presented for Charlevoix County, Charlevoix townships and Banks Township of Antrim County and will appear exactly as seen below on your respective primary election ballot. The Charlevoix County Clerk's office and the Banks Township Clerk's office provided all information.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY-WIDE BALLOT ISSUES

PARKS MILLAGE

Shall the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, be increased by .15 mills (15 cents \$.15) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2012 though 2015 inclusive, for the purpose of parks and recreation capital purchases, operating and programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .15 mill would raise an estimated \$302,777 for the County when first levied in 2012.

RECYCLING MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the County to renew the current levy of .15 mill for recycling purchases and programs. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2008, which expired in 2011.

Shall the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, be increased by .15 mills (15 cents \$.15) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2012 though 2015 inclusive, for the purpose of capital purchases and recycling programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .15 mill would raise an estimated \$302,777 for the County when first levied in 2012

crease in the 15- mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County be renewed at 0.25 mill (\$0.25 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years 2013 through 2016, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the County Transit System; and shall the County levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an esti-

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

mated \$504,628.

BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL FOR REDUCED AMBULANCE MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining an ambulance service within the township. The electors previously approved 1 mill for these purposes. As a result, this proposal is a millage reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining an ambulance service within the township, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety this millage would raise an estimated \$64,798 for the Township in 2012.

MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR LIBRARY OPERATION

The previously voted millage of

for fire protection services. The electors previously approved .7 mills for fire protection services, which will expire after the December, 2012 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .8 mills (\$0.80 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of three (3) years, 2013 through 2015 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection services, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$58,173 for the Township in 2013.

PROPOSAL FOR ROAD MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable properties in the Township be increased by up to 2 mills (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$145,434 for the Township in 2012.

HUDSON TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL FOR FIRE MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township's 1 mill for the purpose of acquiring, replacing and payment of vehicles and equipment for the township fire department, previously approved by the electors and now expired. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1 mill, Shall the previously voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Hudson Township be renewed up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for two (2) years, 2012 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of acquirement, replacement and payment of vehicles and equipment for fire and emergency protection; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$38,331?

ship of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$119,698 for the Township in 2012.

PEAINE TOWNSHIP

AIRPORT MILLAGE RENEWAL

This proposal will permit Peaine Township to restore the Township's .75 mills for airport operations and maintenance previously approved by the electors, which, expired after the December 2011 levy. The Headlee Amendment has reduced the .75 mills approved by the electors to .6906 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .6906 mills and increases it to .75 mill, restoring the .0594 mills that were reduced by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Peaine Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of up to .75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .6906 mills (\$.6906 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted .75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, on all taxable property in Peaine Township for the purpose of airport operations and maintenance and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied, this millage would raise an estimated \$55,725 in 2012, which will be disbursed to the Peaine Township and the Beaver Island Airport Commission as approved by the Township.

County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for emergency medical services, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$48,231 for the Township in 2012.

PROPOSAL TO RENEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY MILLAGE

This proposal reestablishes the .25 mills Historical Society millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2011 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the current .2474 mills that was last levied and restores the .0026 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the Beaver Island Historical Society, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$12,057 for the Township in 2012.

ANTRIM COUNTY

BANKS TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL TO RENEW ROAD MILLAGE

This proposal renews the 1 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2011 levy. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Banks, Antrim County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of two (2) years, 2012 through 2013, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$85,284 for the Township in 2012.

SENIOR CITIZEN MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the County to increase the current levy of .4 mills for senior citizen programs to .65 mills. The electors previously approved .4 mills senior millage in 2008, which expired in 2011.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging by .65 mills or \$0.65 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2012 though 2015 inclusive, for the purpose of supporting existing and implementing additional Senior Citizen programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .65 (65/100) mill would raise an estimated \$1,312,034 for the County when first levied in 2012.

SEPARATE TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, inclusive, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Charlevoix and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 5.9 mills as follows: Mills

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County of Charlevoix 4.70	
Townships1.00	
Intermediate School District	
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Total5.90	
*Note: This is a proposed re-	

*Note: This is a proposed renewal of an existing millage. All figures have remained the same.

TRANSIT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will permit the County of Charlevoix to restore the .25 mill, previously approved by the electors for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the County Transit System.

Shall the previously voted in-

.3 mills has expired. This proposal will raise the funds to continue the Library operation.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Boyne Valley, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by .3 mills, thirty cents (\$.30) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value, on all taxable property in the Township for a period of four (4) years, 2013 through 2016 inclusive, this being a renewal of its tax levy, for the purpose of funding the Crooked Tree District Library, which increase will raise in the first year of levy the estimated revenue of \$38,879.

CHANDLER TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL TO RENEW FIRE MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to renew the Township's 1 mill for fire department operations and for the purchase of fire department equipment previously approved by the electors and now expired.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Chandler, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire department operations and for the purchase of fire department equipment, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$20,537.00 for the Township when first levied in 2012.

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL FOR FIRE MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .8 mills for the purpose of providing funds

MELROSE TOWNSHIP

MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR LIBRARY OPERATION

The previously voted millage of .3 mills has expired. This proposal will raise the funds to continue the Library operation.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by .3 mills, thirty cents (\$.30) per thousand dollars (\$1000) of taxable value, on all taxable property in the Township for a period of four (4) years, 2013 through 2016 inclusive, this being a renewal of its tax levy, for the purpose of continued operation of the Crooked Tree District Library, which increase will raise in the first year of levy the estimated revenue of \$35,910.

PROPOSAL TO RENEW ROAD MILLAGE

This proposal reestablishes the 1 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2011 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the current .9622 mills that was last levied and restores the .0378 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Town-

ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

This proposal will permit Peaine Township to restore the Township's 1 mill for road construction and maintenance previously approved by the electors, which expired after the December 2011 levy. The Headlee Amendment has reduced the 1 mill approved by the electors to .9210 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .9210 mills and increases it to 1 mill, restoring the .0790 mills that were reduced by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Peaine Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of up to 1 mill, (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .9210 mills (\$.9210 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, on all taxable property in Peaine Township for the purpose of road construction and maintenance and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied, this millage would raise an estimated \$71,634 in 2012, which will be disbursed to the Peaine Township.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL TO RENEW EMS MILLAGE

This proposal reestablishes the 1 mill EMS millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2011 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the current .9948 mills that was last levied and restores the .0052 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of St. James, Charlevoix

CORRECTIONS

Last week's County Planning Commission article contained some errors: The attendant at the Charlevoix recycling facility is the only person allowed to use the new machinery because of liability issues. Charlevoix Township is the only organization committed to providing funding for the beautification program so far and the new landscaping will be maintained by Charlevoix Township not the property owners. Also the next meeting date has been changed to August 9.

In our review on the August 7 primary election candidates in the July 26 paper, Wendy L. Simmons was listed as a candidate for the Bay Township Board of Trustees. In fact, Simmons is running for Bay Township SUPERVISOR against the incumbent supervisor.

Also, Charlene M. Novotny was incorrectly listed as a candidate for Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. Novotny has withdrawn from the election. The Register of Deeds position is therefore uncontested with the only primary candidate for the office, Virginia Marme.

News

Candidates addressed issues at Forum Monday night

By Catie L'Heureux

Candidates addressed key issues at the Charlevoix County Candidate Forum on Monday, July 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix High School auditorium, 5200 Marion Center Road. The event, open to the public and co-hosted by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Petoskey News-Review, presented voters with the opportunity to hear county candidates' opinions on current county issues.

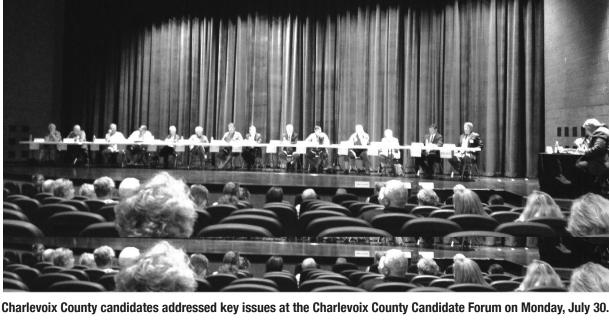
Those participating in the forum included county prosecuting attorney candidates John Jarema and Allen Telgenhof. County commissioner candidates included George Thomas Lasater and Shirlene Tripp of District 1, Chris Christensen of District 2, Joel Evans of District 4, Nancy Ferguson, Richard Gillespie and Dennis Jason of District 5, and Richard Clem, John Haggard, Dennis Halverson, Shirley Roloff and Larry Sullivan of District 6. Other candidates attended the forum as audience members: Marilyn Cousineau (uncontested treasurer position), Lawrence Feindt (uncontested surveyor position), Cheryl Potter-Browe (uncontested clerk position), Sheriff Don Schneider (uncontested sheriff position) and Ronald

Reinhardt (county commissioner, District 3 position).

Approximately 100 people attended the forum with Doug DeYoung, director of government relations of the Northern Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance, and Erin Bemis, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber, mediating discussion. Candidates were given prepared questions as well as questions submitted by audience members.

All participating county commissioner candidates were given one minute for an opening statement, during which they introduced themselves, spoke about their backgrounds, qualifications and involvement in the community. Candidates were then given one minute to answer each of seven questions on issues ranging from cash reserves, infrastructure and redevelopment projects and a new county administrator position. Other topics included technology, collaboration and consolidation of government entities and the greatest needs within their respective districts.

Attention then transitioned to the two candidates for the office of county prosecuting attorney. Jarema and Telgenhof gave opening statements and then re-



sponded to questions concerning perceived challenges of the position, their qualifications, misleading campaign advertising and their opinions on hiring a county administrator. Other topics included community involvement outside of their law professions, thoughts on the relationship between schools and the prosecuting attorney's office, whether or not they intend to apply for judgeship and concrete changes that they wish to implement if elected to office.

The forum concluded with oneminute closing statements from each of the 14 candidates. An informal meet and greet followed the forum.

A supplemental questionnaire with candidate information and responses to questions addressing key issues is posted on the Charlevoix Chamber website, www.charlevoix.org.

The Charlevoix County primary election is on Tuesday, August 7.

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is a win-win organization

By Jim Akans

It's truly a win-win organization. The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area families in need.

"The Food Pantry serves families throughout Antrim County," states Edith Plumb, a volunteer at the establishment and Secretary of the Board. "It was founded about 10 years ago and is ran by a very dedicated group of volunteers. We serve approximately 200 families in assisting

mately 700 individuals."

Proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop greatly assist in serving those family's needs. Highlights of the donated items available include just about every type of household article; including furniture, nick knacks, dishes and tools. Shoppers will also find a wide selection of toys, vard equipment such as lawn mowers, grills and even snow shovels. These goods are donated by local individuals, businesses and those from downstate who have summer residences in the area.

The facility is a large threestory building that was once a church. Inside, customers will find two levels devoted to resale displays, and one floor level for the food pantry and fellowship hall

"It is a very nice environ-

ment," relates Edith Plumb. "Our mission is getting more and more important all the time as more people are in need of assistance with the food needs. We are part of the Northwest Michigan Action Agency Food Coalition, with is a group of about 40 food pantry's in the area that cooperate with each other in staying informed about the issues affecting us."

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona. The Resale Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am until 4 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am unit 4 pm. For addi-



Ruby, Doris and Donna are among the volunteers who dedicate their

with the food needs each month, which translates into approxi-

tional information, please call (231) 587-9606.

to assisting customers at the Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop. cour-**TESY PHOTO**





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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, July 23, 2012

12:45am Assisted Sheriff Department on M-75 S

1:13am Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of N East St

3:33am Juvenile complaint in the 100 block of N Park St

10:43am Report of offensive odor coming from Park and Vogel Streets in the evening

3:04pm Complaint about speeders on Charlevoix St 4:46pm Assisted citizen

near State and Jefferson 4:58pm 911 hang up call from the 700 block of

Wenonah St 7:56pm False alarm in the 100 block of River St

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

12:12am Road hazard at Fall Park Rd and Bovne Av 12:30am Unlock in the

200 block of E Court St 12:58am Assist EMS in

the 300 block of E Division St 10:03am Unlock in the

1300 block of Boyne Av 1:00pm Bad check com-

plaint from the 100 block of F Water St

1:52pm Fraud complaint from the 200 block of Brown St

2:58pm Report of accosting a minor on W Main St

3:05pm Bad check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St

5:22pm Civil complaint in the 300 block of Silver St 7:42pm 911 hang up call

from the 400 block of Front St 8:08pm Bullying com-

plaint from the 700 block of Wenonah St

10:39pm Report of marijuana smoke in the 200 block of S East St

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

8:00am Assist Sheriff Department at Jefferson and Wildwood Harbor Rd

8:21pm Report of home being "egged" in the 900 block of West St 8:28am Missing dog from

the 100 block of W Division St

8:56am Medications stolen from the 300 block of E Division St

12:20pm Report of missing wallet from the 200 block of N Lake St

10:26am Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

1130am Report of lost purse over the weekend 8:12pm Assist disori-

ented person in the 700 block of Vogel St 8:19pm Driving complaint

received from Lake and Main Streets 11:19pm Citation issued

for speed 11:22pm Fireworks com-

plaint from the 1100 block of West St

Friday, July 27, 2012

12:20am Citation issued for speed 3:20am Juvenile com-

plaint in the 200 block of N Lake St

1:37pm Dog complaint in the 600 block of W Court St 5:45pm Unlock in the

900 block of West St 5:47pm Suspicious situa-

tion in the 100 block of E Water St

6:08pm found cell phone turned in to PD. Was returned to owner.

7:28pm Driving complaint received in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:36pm Assisted Sheriff Department with domestic in Walloon

11:50pm Citation issued for speed

Saturday, July 28, 2012

7:15am Traffic control at Front and Division Streets 11:03am Property damage accident in the 200 block of N Lake St

11:15am Destroyed yellow jacket nest in the play-

1:47pm Report of dog in closed up vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St

2:07pm Suspicious situa-

9:18pm Unlock on Water St

10:21pm Suspicious situation reported in the 800 block of S Park St

10:45pm 911 hang up from the 1000 block of First St

plaint reported on W Michigan Av

12:40am Domestic dispute in the 1000 block of First St

8:45am Assist citizen in the 600 block of Alice St

MED-CAT team visits Boyne



The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Community Assistance Team was in Boyne City July 16 to learn firsthand about projects in the community and throughout northwest Lower Michigan. Here they pose in next to the sign at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce welcoming them to Boyne City. Members of the Community Assistance Team represent all areas of the state and work with communities in a wide variety of economic development projects. While visiting Boyne City, they met with Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, toured the One Water Street project and the Dilworth Hotel, and received an update on facade projects in downtown Boyne City. Hosting the team members for their visit were the City of Boyne City and the Main Street program. COURTESY PHOTO

Sexual Assault in Eveline Twp.

Sheriff Don Schneider reports a sexual assault which took place in Eveline Township, at approximately 1:00 a.m. this date. A 37 year old female reports she had been raped by an unknown subject who she had given a ride to. The suspect subsequently stole the victim's truck and abadoned it a short distance away and stole a second vehicle that was later located in the city of Boyne City. The victim was treated at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The Sheriff's Office has a policy to not release the victim's name of a sexual assault to protect their identity. The victim is, however, a resident of Charlevoix.

Evidence collected from the scene led Sheriff's Office detectives to a subject of interest. Interviews and evidence collection continue at this time. Sheriff Schneider is confident this was an isolated incident and the public continues to be safe. Sheriff Schneider would caution citizens about offering a ride to a complete stranger because of the risks involved. We understand people, with their best intentions, wanting to help others, however, this is a prime example of what can go seriously wrong.

23rd Annual Pool Auction Takes You to France!

Plans for the 23rd Annual Auction to benefit the Charlevoix Area Community Pool are well underway. Tour de Charlevoix is the theme for this year's event and we hope you will join us for an exquisite evening of dining, dancing and premium auction items. Guests will arrive in French café attire to listen to the sounds of Hipps n' Ricco and witness the amazing talent of speed painter, Linda Boss, while enjoying delectable hors d'oeuvres prepared by Grey

Gables]. On Sunday, August son and all proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. We are planning for the best event in our 23 year history including auction items such as a two night stay at the luxurious Grand Hotel; 8 day/ 7 night stay at La Mer Guest Hotel, Key West, Florida; A romantic cruise for two on the Keweenaw Star; Dinner for six at the Weathervane and much, much more over 200 items. If you would like to contribute to this amazing evening, in support of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, auction

tion. The Pool provides an environment that promotes fun, fitness and safety in and around the water. From the young swimmers who compete on the Stingray Swim Team to the adults who participate in various water fitness programs, the Pool is a great place at any age and offers something for everyone. The vision of the Pool is to remain a vital link in our community's health, safety and recreation by providing programs that meet the changing needs of area children and adults through a safe, professionally managed aquatic facility that is accessible to all. To learn more about what your community Pool has to offer, visit www.charlevoixpool.org or call 547-0982. We welcome visitors anytime and hope to see you at the Pool!

ground at Veteran's Park

tion in the 400 block of N Lake St

Sunday, July 29, 2012

12:02am Driving com-

2:55pm Report of miss-

11:40pm Suspicious activity in the 100 block of N Park St

Thursday, July 26, 2012

2:03am Suspicious activity in the 900 block of West St

2:26am Assisted citizen in the 300 block of E Division St

6:34am Citation issued for no proof of insurance

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ing glasses

7:24pm Noise complaint received in the 100 block of N Lake St 8:04pm Property damage

accident on E Water St 8:30pm Suspicious subjects reported on Wilson St 8:42pm Report of lost backpack

5th, the event will be hosted at Castle Farms offering a quaint atmosphere with French flare. Beginning at 5:00 PM guest will enjoy a social hour with dinner served at 7:00 PM followed by the live auction at 8:00 PM. The cost to attend the event is \$50 per per-

items are still being accepted. Please contact Megan Wuerth at 547-0982 to donate to the auction or to make your reservation to attend this unique and charming event!

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County **Commission**

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prise \$10,000 donation and 4H fundraisers the fair board has already been able to purchase the materials for the barn. "The kids are really involved in this," said Agnes Shaw, Fair Board representative.

The commissioners were not expecting a request for funds but were glad to match the \$5500 provided by Emmet County. Charlevoix County 4H exhibitors consist of 40% of all exhibitors at the fair. The fair is August 17-26 and 4Hers will be asking for donations to help complete the project.

Commissioner Tripp brought up the total dollar amount needed to complete the Boyne Falls Sheriff sub-station. "I think somewhere along the line the public deserves to know what the total of the building is going to be," said Tripp.

Commissioner Rein-

Memorial Dedicated

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"Boyne City is a patriotic community, anything the committee asked for the community has never denied," said Lasater. Each plaque will include a photograph of the soldier.

The Diener family invited the public to attend the unveiling ceremony but requested that no weapons salute or taps be played and that the ceremony be kept short. Jackie was a 2009 graduate of Boyne City

hardt expressed his opinion concerning the process the commission has inadvertently taken to complete the building. "We're going to get it a little cheaper by bidding it separately. Bidding it all at once would have cost more. I think we're going to end up in better shape than if we would have bid the entire building," he said.

The commissioners were surprised in June when they discovered that the \$200,000 bid they approved for construction of the building did not include the septic system or any other 'outside' amenity. Tripp was insistent that a total on the project was necessary.

"I'm sure when this building is done we'll have a nice write up in the paper from Frank Shaler, Charlevoix County maintenance director, explaining what went into it answering all those questions," said Chairman Joel Evans.

The next Charlevoix County Commission meeting will be held on August 8, at 9:30 am

High School and a part of the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd

movie theater, "The Diener Theater", located in the Kandahar providence was also dedicated to Jackie.

The War Memorial is sponsored by the Boyne city Eagles, Boyne City Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the VFW



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Garden Club Winner

The winner of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's 2012 "Downtown Beautification" in the Municipal category is Janine Warner's creation on State Street in front of the Police and Fire Department. We missed the beautiful planters last year and were thrilled to see them reappear this season!

From left to right: **Kirsten** Berwick Co-Chair, Janine Warner designer and Susan **Flanders Co-Chair**

Volunteers Needed for Day of Caring

In honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11, hundreds of volunteers will join together on Wednesday, September 19 in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

The 9th annual Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities, community groups, families and individuals with non-profit organizations in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties that could use a hand in completing some necessary projects.

Volunteer registration is now open for Day of Caring projects. All projects are posted online through Char-Em United Way so volunteers can choose preference for projects

based on their availability, team size, and skills.

To register, volunteers should log onto Volunteer Connections, Char-Em United Way's "virtual volunteer center." All projects will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Volunteers should consider group size and availability when choosing a project. Char-Em United Way will be unable to match volunteer teams with a chosen project if there are conflicts with time availability or group size.

Volunteer teams will complete various tasks for non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies as well as home maintenance for senior individuals. Projects might incorporate painting a hallway, building shelves, organizing a pantry, weeding a garden and much more.

To register as a volunteer for Day of Caring, visit www.charemunitedway.org and click on "Volunteer". Then follow the link to our Volunteer Connections website and do a search using the key words "Day of Caring". Choose the project that best fits your skills, time availability, and group size then click on "I'm interested in this opportunity" to send Char-Em United Way an email. You will then receive a response e-mail to set up the details.

For more information contact Casey or Lisa at Char-Em United Way at info@charemunitedway.org or 231-487-1006. ###

Katherine

Dear Katherine, No, it isn't legal. If she identified herself in any way as a debt collector, and spoke with anyone but you about your debt, she has broken federal law. This is a violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. You need to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) against this collector and her com-

Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based at Fort Drum, N.Y. He died of wounds caused by enemy small-arms fire in Mandowza, Kandahar province on Nov. 21, 2011, only two months after being deployed. His mother stated that a

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tion of how responsible they are and how they would treat my property. It's not a bad idea to get some proof of them having made previous rental payments on time, either.

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An open letter to the Citizens of Charlevoix County:

At the August Primary election taking place in every township and every city through out Charlevoix County our citizens will have an opportunity to voice their support for Charlevoix County's Senior Citizens.

Jack Webb, who played Sargent Joe Friday on the popular TV series Dragnet, was famous for his standard line "just the facts, I just want the facts" Well here are some facts..... Today's seniors are retiring at a rate of 10,000/day and represent in Charlevoix County a ratio of 1 in four 4. This past year your Charlevoix County Commission on Aging served over 750 senior families and care givers and delivered over 35,000 meals on wheels, served over 31,000 meals at four Senior Centers. COA provides various levels of assistance in concert with District 3 Health Department which enabled seniors to remain in their homes instead of living in Assisted Living Complexes.

This past year as a result of input from focus groups held through out the county the COA has made changes in its operation. Programs have been eliminated not related to health care issues. Staffing levels

have been reduced in keeping with our income and a sliding fee schedule has been introduced for services related to the income of our recipients. Families below poverty levels will not see an increase in charges. Those above the poverty level will be asked to pay a small increase.

Your Charlevoix County COA has not had an increase in millage since it's inception in 2001. The millage expires this year. The COA is asking for approval of .65 mills this year. A home owner with a SEV of \$50,000.00 will be asked to pay \$32.50/year. That is less than \$3.00/month. The COA is dedicated to assisting Charlevoix County seniors in need, promoting independence and health.

In these difficult times, no single group has been challenged more than our seniors who are living on a fixed income. The COA thanks you for your support of Charlevoix County Seniors, and respectfully asks for your continued support by voting yes for the Senior Millage on the August 7 primary.

Richard Fish COA Advisory

Board Chairman



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Dear Dave,

I'm a landlord in New York, and I've always felt it's not a good idea to rely entirely on previous landlords for referrals on prospective tenants. Do you have any tips for selecting good renters?

Jean

Dear Jean,

I think you're on the right track. Most landlords aren't thorough enough with the screening process. You can't get to know someone without spending some time with them and digging into their personalities and backgrounds a little.

I have several rental properties, and here are a few tricks that work well for me. I always pull a credit bureau report on prospective renters. I also get a big deposit up front. I spend quite a bit of time talking to them one on one, as well, so with all this they'd have to be a pretty good con artist to get past me.

Another thing I do is to drive by the place they're currently living. I like to see what condition the house is in, and if they keep the yard maintained. To me, this is a great indica-

In some ways it's a leap of faith any time you sign an agreement with a new tenant. But there are things you can do in order to make a more informed decision as to whom you're doing business with. And who knows? Lots of renters appreciate knowing they have a landlord who handles things in a professional manner. Maybe these suggestions will help you both feel a little more at ease.

Good luck, Jean!

-Dave

Dave Ramsey

What the law will allow

Dear Dave,

A debt collector has been calling members of my family to get information on me. She has identified herself as collector, and I want to pay what I owe, but is it legal for them to do this? If not, what can I do to make them stop?

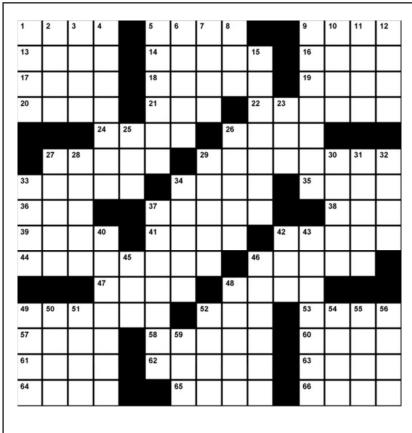


I would also advise recording the conversation the next time they call. Just tell them at the beginning that you'll be taping any interaction you have with them from that point forward, and tell your relatives to do the same thing. That way, you'll have proof of their misbehavior to hand over to the FTC or the attorney general. You might even be able to get this crooked collector shut down.

Don't get me wrong. It's perfectly okay to collect a debt. If you're a creditor or collector, it's simply money that's owed to you, and you deserve it. But you must do it within the confines of the law, and you should do it within the confines of good taste. If you owe money, you should be honorable enough to pay what you owe. But this kind of behavior is just harassment and intimidation. Don't let them get away with it, Katherine!

-Dave

* Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.



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Arts, Dining & Events ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM Art Raising Awareness for Impact of Local Foods

The local foods movement is more than just a trend sweeping the nation. Restaurants are embracing the idea of preparing foods grown locally. Consumers are searching out farmer's markets more and more to satisfy a growing desire to know where their food comes from. And it is a trend that makes a huge impact on the economies where it takes hold. Millions of dollars are spent on food in Emmet County alone, every year. Very little of it stays in the community. A group of local residents and organizations want to change that.

Scott Smith, Petoskey resident, local volunteer and photo contest committee member, shares how all of this inspired the new From Farm to Frame: Ripe Moments through the Lens photo contest and exhibition.

"In the spring of 2011, when we [Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation] first started talking about possible roles for the community foundation as part of its land use initiative, one idea we had for getting input on what people valued (and disliked) about the landscape and environment in this area was to have people (at that time, we focused mostly on young people) take pictures of features of land use that they thought were important to them, pretty, ugly, etc. As I recall, Sara [Ward] had the idea first, based on experience with previous community foundation activities. As we talked about this more and began to narrow in on "awareness raising" as an important role that the foundation could

play, the idea evolved into using these photos to stimulate a discussion that would get the photographers and others talking about what they valued and to use this to raise awareness and motivate activities to increase the things that were valued and decrease the things that were not."

Then fate gave a little nudge. Smith continues, " In the summer of 2011, Crooked Tree Arts Center hosted a 'Coffee at Ten' presentation and exhibit about a program conducted at Michigan State University where students who went on study trips overseas took photographs that in their view captured a certain number of different aspects of their experience, e.g., pretty, ugly, old, new, people, self, etc. The photos submitted by the students were "judged" by the professor, as I recall, and the exhibit comprised the top 2-3 winners in each of the various categories. I attended the presentation and was very impressed with this concept of using photography to reflect how different people saw things, and was inspired to incorporate this into our still pretty nascent idea of documenting photographically different features and perspectives of the local landscape. The idea of a juried photo contest with different categories of entries was inspired by that example, together with Crooked Tree's annual photo contests."

As the community foundation's group began to focus its' land use initiative on local farming and food production, the photo con-





Herbs, Wildwood Gardens, Petoskey Farmer's Market

test idea evolved into one that would concentrate on various aspects of local food and farming rather than land uses/landscapes overall. Sara Ward, of the community foundation, and Smith began to share the idea of a photo contest with others in the area to refine ideas of priority activities that the community foundation could support. These discussions, which included one with Liz Ahrens, executive director of Crooked Tree Arts Center. resulted in additional ideas and details that could

of local foods in our immediate area. There are folks just beginning to crawl out of the woodwork in this movement, and the group at the college, and the work that the foundation is doing, both work toward furthering that... This region has deep roots in agriculture and we're starting to tend that re-sprouting culture to achieve all these goals of local economy, local jobs, healthy eating, and less dependency on dirty resources to get the food to the plate."

And indeed, with numer-

images non-traditionally as well as traditionally. "There is a beauty in the unusual depiction; a fascination with the shapes of nature" mentions Valerie St. Pierre Smith, Crooked Tree Arts center program director. "There is expansiveness to farming, and an intimacy to cooking and sharing meals. Photographs can be a powerful medium to convey these contrasts we find our food." The contest is being juried by professional photographers Gary Howe from Edible Grand Tra-

son and farm markets, submissions are open now through September 14, 2012. Eligible contestants can submit in one of two age groups: 18 and under or amateur/professional photographers with no age restrictions. There is no residency requirement for participating; however there are size restrictions for submissions.

Schaap sums it up "It's not just about healthy eating, and being able to buy seasonal fresh foods. It's about creating a local economy that is sustainable in

Michigan native mushrooms, Petoskey Farmer's Market



A basket of oyster mushrooms at Petoskey Farmer's Market

be utilized for the photo contest awareness project.

Feeling that there was enough momentum, support, and promising prospects to carry out the photo contest this summer, with the exhibition in late fall, the community foundation granted seed money for the photo contest as part of the land use initiative. With these grant funds. the Institute for Sustainable Living, Art & Natural Design and Crooked Tree Arts Center agreed to join the community foundation in organizing the project. The idea was also planted that the photo contest and exhibit could anchor a series of related events, becoming a harvest festival/celebration of local foods: a goal that the groups organizing "From Farm to Frame..." hope will take the awareness and discussion of local foods to a higher level.

Jen Schaap, contest project manager and local foods producer at Blackbird Gardens, shares the heart of the contest's goal, "The hope is that we can deepen the understanding

ous other local businesses sharing their resources, the sponsorship for the contest and exhibition have grown. The contest and exhibit will showcase the beauty of small farms and local food through three different categories of entry: (1) local food production ("from the farm"), local food sales ("from the markets"), and local food preparation and presentation ("from the table"). All photographs must have been taken in Emmet or Charlevoix counties and must not have been previously exhibited at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Jury selected photographs will hang in an exhibition at Crooked Tree Arts Center in the Lower Level Gallery; prizes will be awarded to all winning entrants.

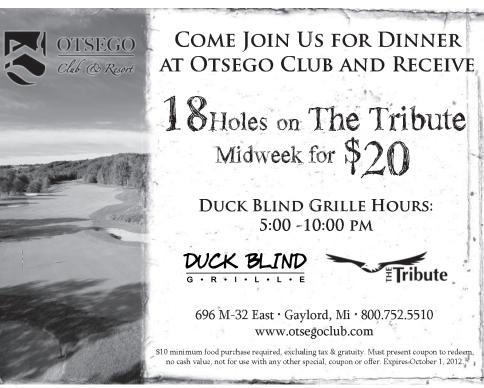
Supporting photographer efforts, local farm markets have open photo days: Aug. 4 at Boyne City and Harbor Springs, Aug. 10 at Petoskey and Aug. 11 at Pellston. Photographers are encouraged to present verse, noted artist photographer Robert deJonge and photojournalist G. Randal Goss.

Several local farms and gardens are open to the public, and make a great first stop on a photographer documenting the journey of our food. To allow photographers to take advantage of the various stages of the growing seaterms of supporting local farmers and their living wage, and sustainable in terms of how far our food travels." For more details about the contest and to submit artwork, please visit www.crookedtree.org. Questions can be directed to Jen Schaap at jen@artmeetsearth.org or by calling 616-856-1163.



Lobster mushrooms, Petoskey Farmer's Market





Arts, Dining & Events

12th annual "Ride the Charx" bicycle event takes place August 4th

By Jim Akans

It's time to "Ride the Charx," as the 12th annual charitable bicycling tour adventure sponsored by the Boyne Valley Lions Club takes place this Saturday, August 4th, departing (and returning) from Veterans Park in Boyne City.

Riders have a choice of participating in ride segments that span either 20, 43, 62 or 105-mile segments through the gorgeous northern Lower Michigan countryside. Riders will for the three longest segments will depart between 7 and 8:30 am, and those choosing the 20-mile segment will depart between 10 and 11:30 am.

Organizers relate that the 20-

mile route follows the southwest shore of Lake Charlevoix from Boyne City to the Ironton Ferry and back. This is a great route for young families as well as for those with little touring experience. Since this is an out and back route, you can turn around any time you want.

The 43-mile route goes around the main body of Lake Charlevoix. There are interesting stops along the way, including historic Horton Bay, shopping in Charlevoix, and crossing on the Ironton Ferry.

The 62-mile route starts in Boyne City and includes a section of the scenic Little Traverse Wheelway bike path along the shore of Lake Michigan, some of our favorite country roads through Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties, and the challenging climb of The Wall outside East Jordan. This route has hills! Previous riders have said, "This is a great ride. It is the hilliest metric century in Michigan. You ought to tell everyone!" OK, we are. Do you love hills? Then, you'll love this route.

For the extreme riding enthusiasts, there is a 105-mile route, which is the 62-mile route, a lunch break and then the 43-mile route.

The registration fee is \$30 per rider, and registration prior to the event is strongly encouraged. Provided for the fee will be lunch



RidetheCharxPhoto; It's time to "Ride the Charx," annual charitable bicycling tour adventure sponsored by the Boyne Valley Lions Club, taking place this Saturday, August 4th. COURTESY PHOTO

(catered by the Lions Club of Boyne City at the Veterans Park Pavilion), maps, on-the-road refreshments, SAG service with flat repairs and showers after the tour (please provide your own towel). Proceeds from the event will be

utilized to help fund the Boyne Valley Lions Club's many community projects focusing on sight preservation and restoration, as well as local youth projects.

Additional information can be found at www.ridethecharx.org

Johnsmith at Aten Place

At a time when national fame, fortune and reputation are often awarded to performers of limited talents and abilities, it is refreshing to encounter an artist whose talents have been grossly under-recognized, ignored or overlooked. Johnsmith is one such artist, and on Saturday August 4th at 7:30 p.m., Northern Michigan will have a chance to hear this gifted singer-songwriter on the Aten Place stage.

Born with a common name of John Smith, he has chosen to use a stage name of Johnsmith to help establish himself as uncommon. His music is refreshingly uncommon too, and can be best categorized as that of a bard. The role of the bard is to use their abilities to mix the mysterious alchemy of music, words, and performance to reflect the thoughts and feelings of society. John possesses these gifts in abundance. His song-lyrics are finely shaped and powerfully moving, and voiced with a spirit and soulfulness that is earned through the embracing of the joys and the pains of a life, both physical and spiritual, lived to the full. John lives on the western boundary of Wisconsin, in a home that overlooks the Mississippi River. In recent years, he nearly tours more in Ire-



land than he does in the United States. It has been five years since he last graced the Aten Place stage, and this will be his homecoming performance from his most recent Irish tour.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety plus year old oak frame barn with seating for 180, overp.m. Advanced tickets and schedule details are available by visiting www.atenplace.com . Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful set-

ting.

Randy Kaplan Playing in Charlevoix

Randy Kaplan, offbeat and funny musician, will be performing at the Charlevoix Public Library, 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5. Families will be entertained with songs from Randy's not-JUST-for-kids collection of country-blues & ragtime gems. In his songs for children and their families, Randy Kaplan blends American Roots, Country Blues, and Comedic Storytelling. He fingerpicks his way through unpredictable live shows which, in addition to his original compositions,

include Tin Pan Alley gems, Broadway numbers, Delta Blues songs, and Ragtime tunes.

"Randy Kaplan is one of those happy-they-exist people you can't quite tell is playing kids' music. And yet he is...." (NEW YORK MAGAZINE).

Randy is from Long Island, New York but has lived in Los Angeles and Lawrence, Kansas. He helped shape the LA Coffee House scene of the early 90s, but these days his gigs are mostly for the 3-8-year-old set and their families. Randy performs at venues such as Symphony Space and 92Y Tribeca in New York and The Getty Museum and McCabe's Guitar Shop in Los Angeles. This past year, Randy married Julie May of the Michigan Mays, had a baby boy (Ryland Steven), and moved to the Carthay Square neighborhood of Los Angeles with his fledgling family!

For more information about the library event, call 231-237-7350 or visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org. Visit Randy at randykaplan.com.

Petoskey Steel Drum to Perform at Elm Pointe Aug. 7 for Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's "Summer Classics"

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation is sponsoring the "Summer Classics" on Friday, August 10, at beautiful Elm Pointe located on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. The Petoskey Steel Drum Band will provide the sounds for the beach-side party that will feature a crab-boil dinner prepared by the Blue Pelican . The menu includes Mediterranean Bruschetta and Chicken Salad Cups , a King Crab Boil with shrimp, blue mussels, baby clams, smoked andouille sausage, red skinned potatoes , corn on the cob and barbequed chicken. Beer, wine, soft drinks and special signature cocktail are included. Valet parking will be available. Price per person is \$150.00.(\$90.00 is tax-deductible). Funds will be used to support the School Nurse Project.

Come by boat or by car and wear your best "Hampton Duds" casual attire for this delightful summer evening by the lake ! For more information, contact the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation office at 231-547-8502.

looking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow

of Boyne Mountain. Tickets are \$15 and go on sale at 6:30 p.m. the day of the concert, with performances beginning at 7:30

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For more information on this summer's schedule

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SAT/SUN AUGUST 11 & 12.

ON THE SHORES OF BEAUTIFUL LAKE

CHARLEVOIX IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ON LAKE STREET, BOYNE CITY

> armers Market, Food and Fun Cars are 25 years and older

A Tribute to the Big Bands

"A Tribute to the Big Bands" is planned at the Charlevoix Public Library, 7:00 p.m., August 8. Attendees will hear, and some may dance to, original Big Band themes with the live Razor Entertainment Dance Band. This Big Band Swing Party hosts a live 12 piece swing band and includes musicians playing saxophones, trombones, trumpets, piano, bass & drums. The hour and a half concert will feature chart-topping tunes from the Big Band/Swing era. The event is free of charge and will be hosted under a tent on the library grounds (bring your own chair). The Big Band Event is sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St, Charlevoix was awarded a grant this spring in support of the Jazz @ the Library program (JATL) and specifically this



Big Band event. The JATL program is a series of weekly jazz concerts highlighting professional artists who accompany the JATL Trio. Visit the library's website, www.charlevoixlibrary.org, for more details about this and other events.







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Grand Marshal's this year will be Leon and Janet Jarema. The honorary citizen will be Freda Kullik, and Cameron Matelski and Riley Zbacnik will be the Little Mister and Little Miss. PHOTO BY RYAN BOKAS

2012 BOYNE FALLS POLISH FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 2, Oldies Night

6:00 p.m. - Oldies Night in Polka Tent Opens

6:00 p.m. – Car Show/Cruise-In

7:00 – 12:15 a.m. – Fabulous Oldies But Goodies Band

Friday, August 3, Youth Day

10:00 a.m. – Polka Tent Opens Music begins at Noon 10:30 a.m. – Youth Day 11:00 a.m. – Concessions and Arnold Amusement opens 1:00 p.m. – Old-time Threshing and Steam Engine Show 4:30 p.m. – Youth Bike Parade

6:00 p.m. Horse Pull Dusk – Family Movie

Saturday, August 4, Family Day

8:00 a.m. – 5K Cross Country Run

10:00 a.m. – Polka Tent Opens Music begins at Noon 11:00 a.m. – Concessions



At Elm Pointe, 1.5 miles North of East Jordan on M-66.

Portside Arts Fair

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side Arts Fair is superb. It takes place at Elm Pointe, which is an original site of a pioneer homestead that evolved into an eleven-acre estate featuring a main residence and a lodge. The owners of the estate, Dr. and Mrs. George Westgate, granted the property to the City of East Jordan in 1972 to be "used and devoted exclusively for public purposes." Elm Pointe was officially designated as a Michigan Historical Site in 1999. Today, the main floor of the lodge is home to the East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum, featuring artifacts from the lumbering and agricultural eras, as well as railroad, military and local manufacturing memorabilia. Also on the property, The Cygred Riley Art Gallery offers an exceptional collection of paintings and crafts purchased from the winners of the Portside Art Fair each year since 1971. East Jordan

SAT/SUN AUGUST 11 &

ON THE SHORES OF BEAUTIFUL LAKE CHARLEVOIX IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ON LAKE STREET, BOYNE CITY

Market, Food and Fun!

and Arnold Amusement opens 11:00 a.m. – Grand Royale Parade

1:00 p.m. – Old-time Threshing and Steam Engine Show

2:00 p.m. – Classic Tractor Pull pre-1960

Sunday, August 5, 2012 - Family Day

9:00 a.m. – Mass for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Celebrated under the tent.

11:00 a.m. – Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

11:00 a.m. – Concessions and Arnold Amusement opens (closes 7:00 p.m.)

12:00 p.m. – Polka Tent Opens

12:00 p.m. – 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run (event runs all day) 1:00 p.m. – Old-time Threshing and Steam Engine Show

> Plastics and Charlevoix State Bank are sponsoring this year's purchases for the Gallery.

The Annual Portside Arts Fair is held on the grounds at Elm Pointe, providing a setting that "celebrates man's inspiration by nature and the desire to share that inspiration with other in a spirit of community."

Admission to the Arts Fair is free, though donations to benefit the Historical Society will be accepted at the gate. On site concessions, including a variety of American favorites and tantalizing home-made pies, will be offered for sale by the Lutheran Church. There will also be a children's activity booth on the grounds, sponsored by Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, offering a great spot for kids to take part in creating art craft items such as paper bag puppets, pinwheels, sun catchers, wind socks and more. Show hours for the 50th Annual Portside Arts Fair are from 10 am until 4 pm on Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th. For additional information, visit www.portsideartsfair.org.

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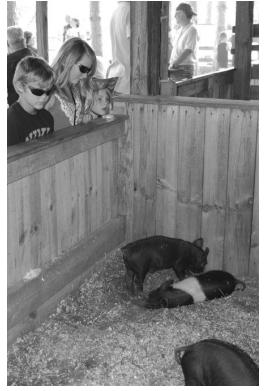
Thousands enjoy the "days of yore" at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Show last weekend



Photos by Chris Fiel

















A moment to reflect amid the festivities: The Charlevoix Ministerial Association (CMA) hosts their annual prayer tent booth at the 2012 Venetian Festival which ended this past weekend. PHOTO BY IZZY LYMAN



Red, white ,blue –The Parade brought thousands of people to downtown Charlevoix. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.





A pair of alpacas, who were ooohed and aaahed over at the Fiber Arts Festival held at Castle Farms, from the Maplewood Farm of Charlevoix. The Maplewood Farm, created by Jim and Nel Vickers, also carries wearable alpaca and llama products. PHOTO BY IZZY LYMAN



Venetian Festival is enjoyed by families at East Park in downtown Charlevoix late afternoon. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.

Charlevoix hosts one of the best fireworks displays of the summer each year during Venetian Festival. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.



Families enjoyed the carnival rides all week long. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.



Brandie Spradley and Vinyl Radio Band engages members of the audience. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.