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City Council Halts Fireplace Project

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—Charlevoix City Council members heard comments for two hours from agitated residents concerning the 20 foot fireplace that was approved at a special council meeting on August 9 to be constructed in East Park.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. had a difficult time controlling the passionate crowd of nearly 200 people that gathered in the usually sparsely populated council quarters. He was interrupted a multitude of times as he tried to explain the events leading up to the ap-

proval of the structure, the intentions of the council as they considered constructing it, and the options the council currently has before them.

"We held four meetings with the possibility of public comment. The council had the best intent for the community and the people who put them in office. They did the best they could based on the comments they received," he said.

He then called for public comment in the form of "constructive criticism" and informed the public that the topic was placed on the agenda as a discussion to consider

changes to the fireplace, a statement that was met with much out of turn comment.

"We are here to talk about some revisions we could make to this," he said.

Residents posed questions as to why it is being built at all, accused the council of pushing the project through under the carpet, threatened lawsuits, accused council members of being arrogant and bowing to an ultimatum, and expressed disgust at the precedent of burning fossil fuels and cutting

See *Fireplace Project*—5A



The City Council Chambers was standing room only for Tuesday night's city council meeting where Mayor Boogie Carlson and Charlevoix city council members heard from business owners and residents that were concerned about the 20' fireplace planned for construction in East Park

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION
SEPT. 4, 2012

Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with City Police

By Dave Baragrey

The City of East Jordan and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the City of East Jordan Police Officers agreed to terms on a collective bargaining agreement (CBA). The City Commission ratified the agreement at Tuesday night's meeting.

The CBA is a two-year agreement ending June 30, 2014. The contract agrees to a 1% raise each year of the agreement and modifies the health insurance coverage to

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A Life That Models Servant Leadership Presented by East Jordan School's New Superintendent

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan Public Schools has a new Superintendent and he is filled with conviction, overflowing with new initiatives and just plain excited about the potential of his students and the part he has been invited to perform in molding them.

Jon D. Hoover graduated from Elk Rapids High school in 1973, received his bachelors from Alma college, taught in the St Louis and Midland Public Schools as an elementary teacher, served as Superintendent of Alanson Public Schools, then returned home to Elk Rapids and served as Superintendent there until he retired in 2009 after 31 years as an educator to spend more time with his family. "It was the easiest yet hardest decision I ever had to make, I wasn't done being an educator but I wanted to be the dad my children deserved," he said.

In June of 2010 he was called by past Superintendent Chip Hansen and asked to serve as the interim Superintendent until a permanent replacement could be chosen. Hoover spent six months in East Jordan and fell in love with the staff, the

board and the community.

This past June Hoover received another call, this time from the school board asking if he would consider coming out of retirement. "There are only

two school districts that I would have come out of retirement for, my hometown, Elk Rapids and East Jordan and that's because of the people," said Hoover.

Since June, Hoover has been very busy working with staff and the school board to put some exciting new initiatives in place as well as beefing up some programs that have al-

ready been established.

One of the most exciting new programs is The International Baccalaureate program, which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. This program provides world-class training for the teachers by actually sending them abroad to study and learn how the rest of the world approaches teaching.

"Our belief is that as they see international education in action along with the training and the people they meet, they will bring back an energy and passion that will be a real difference maker in the lives of our children," said Hoover.

Within three years every elementary and middle school teacher will be trained to teach using the best ideas, methods and materials in education the world has to offer. This year the school system will be opening a new Montessori based preschool option for East Jordan families. The program will include instruction in Spanish. Also, a new music program for

See *Superintendent*—4A

"Helping our students to believe in themselves the way I do and the staff does, helping them to understand that they are great and wonderful and mean everything to us. If we do that everything else takes care of itself," – Superintendent Jon Hoover.



East Jordan Public schools new Superintendent. Jon D. Hoover, is filled with conviction, overflowing with new initiatives and just plain excited about the potential of his students and the part he has been invited to perform in molding them. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS

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OBITUARIES

Charles H. Butcher Jr., 85 (AUG. 22, 1927 - SEPT. 2, 2012)

Charles H. Butcher Jr., of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at the age of 85, after a courageous, summer-long battle with cancer.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the VFW Post 1153, with the Rev. David Behling officiating. Military honors will follow on the front lawn, presented by Charlevoix Area Veterans. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton, Mich.

Charlie was born Aug. 22, 1927, in Fenton, Mich., the son of Alice E. (Walter) and Charles H. Butcher Sr. He graduated from Fenton High School in 1945. He was a World War II veteran, having served as a corporal in the Army Air Force in the capacity of flight engineer and crew chief in the European Theater. In 1954, he received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

Having a long-time love of northwest Michigan and its lakes, Charlie moved to the East Jordan/Charlevoix area in 1985. He was a member of the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club, the East Jordan Sportsman's Club, and the National Rifle Association. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 1153, Charlevoix, a member of the American Legion and an honorary member of the Marine Corps League, with whom he worked passionately on the Toys for Tots program. Charlie was filled with peace at the end of his life, having put his trust in the Lord for salvation three weeks prior to his passing.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy (Dave) Everhart of Laingsburg, Mich.; son, Charles H. "Chip" (Deborah "Scottie") Butcher III, of

Baker City, Ore.; grandchildren, Michael (Megan) Everhart of Vista, Calif., Jennifer Everhart and her fiancé, Tim Chase Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; step grandson, Matthew (Emily) Clark of Bartow, Fla.; former wife, Shirley E. Butcher of East Jordan; special friend, Joan Lemerand of Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1153, P.O. Box 313, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

If you'd like to share a memory of Charlie, or condolences, you may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Paul E. Willson, 66

Paul E. Willson of East Jordan, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

No services are planned at this time. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Louis G. Holm, 68

(SEPT. 10, 1943 - AUG. 31, 2012)

Louis G. Holm of Ellsworth, passed away Friday, Aug. 31, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Winchester Funeral Home. Pastor Dean Landry will officiate, and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Louis was born Sept. 10, 1943, in Detroit, the son of Louis and Edith (Russell) Holm. He grew up in Charlevoix, and went to Charlevoix Public Schools. He served in the U.S. Navy. A plumber by trade he retired in 2005.

Louis loved spending time with and fishing with his grandchildren. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, and was always there to help a friend in need. He and Sally enjoyed their winters in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

He is survived by his soul-mate, Sally Moran, of Ellsworth; sons, Jeffery (Lisa) Holm of Vanderbilt, Brian (Violet) Holm of Boyne City; stepson, Craig (Melissa) VanTiel of Vanderbilt; grandchildren, Zachery and Katie, Cooper and Phoebe, Alisha, Summer and Dominic; great-granddaughter, Madi-

son; Sally's sons, Brian (Beth) Moore of Grand Rapids, Kevin (Bambi) Moore of Boyne City, and their children, Christopher, Derrick, Abby, and Jake; brothers, Gene (Barb) Holm of Port Charlotte, Fla., Arthur (Joyce) Holm of Charlevoix, Walt (Jane) Holm of Ellsworth; sisters, Louise (Bob) Bella of Charlevoix, Joyce (John) Sarter of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Sharon (Eric Lord) Carnes of Fruitport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Louis Holm, c/o Jeffery Holm, P.O. Box 452, Vanderbilt, Mich. 49795.

Ardis Marie (Schneider) Merrill, 91

Ardis Marie (Schneider) Merrill, wife of the Rev. Donald H. Merrill, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, surrounded by her entire family. Her death was gentle and loving as her family touched her, sang hymns, shared memories and prayed.

Ardis loved Bible study and teaching, singing, reading, sewing, knitting and crocheting, needlepoint, gardening, traveling, and the color blue. She especially loved her family: Donald, her husband of 67 years; children, Lisbeth (Thomas) Byerley of Dimondale, Ray (Suzanne) of Howell, Christine (Darrell) Seering of Lake, Margaret (Richard) Arnold of Poolesville, Md., and John (Natalie) of Mooresville, N.C. She was also a very proud grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Born to Arthur and Louise (Bieri) Schneider, third of eight children, in Lowell, Mich., in 1921, she earned her B.S. from Western Michigan University in 1964 and her M.S. from Michigan State University in 1969.

With her husband, Donald, she lived in Watervliet, serving with her husband at United Methodist Churches in Ravenna, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Petoskey. After retirement in 1986, she and her husband continued to travel while making a summer home at Lake Louise, near Boyne Falls, and a winter home in Lakeland, Fla. Since 2003, they have resided at the Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids.

Services took place at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Clark Memorial Chapel. A second service took place 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, corner of S. Cedar Street and Mount Hope Avenue, Lansing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark Memorial Benevolence Fund, Clark Retirement Community, 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506.

There will be a private interment of Ardis' ashes in Mason at a later date.

Oscar Bradford 'Brad' Ward, 70

Oscar Bradford "Brad" Ward, 70, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

Arrangements are pending at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Patricia Marie Weinert, 80

(April 1, 1932 - August 30, 2012)

Patricia M. Weinert of Boyne City was called to her heavenly home Thursday, August 30, 2012 at the age of 80.

Patricia was born on April 1, 1932 the daughter of Leslie and Betty (Young) Daniels in Hastings, Michigan where she grew up and attended school.

March 19, 1952 Patricia married Donald H. Weinert in Battle Creek. The couple made their home in the Lansing area for more than 50 years. Don owned several Pharmacies in Lansing where Patricia assisted in day to day operations. She was an active lady with a warm heart and personality to match. She put these gifts to use by pursuing a second career in Real Estate, maintaining her license for at least 15 years.

Patricia's foundation in life was her deep and abiding faith in Christ and her love for her family. She was blessed with a gift and talent for expressing her faith and her love of life through the written word. Writing prayers, poems and short stories was a true passion

and over the years she was lucky enough to see some of her works published. She also enjoyed gardening and in her younger years golf and bowling.

Patricia is survived by her children, Robert G. Weinert of Lansing, Gail (George) Foster of East Lansing and Kimberly Smith of Petoskey and by her grandchildren, David Hopper, Rochelle (Jeff) Hosler, Laura Foster and Hannah Smith and by her great granddaughter, Charlotte Hosler. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald on September 29, 2007 and by three brothers and one sister.

Those wishing to honor Patricia's memory with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

A funeral service celebrating her life was held on Sunday, September 2, 2012 at 2pm at Stone Funeral Home.

Donis K. 'Lucy' Anderson, 85

(APRIL 26, 1927 - AUG. 29, 2012)

Donis K. "Lucy" Anderson of Charlevoix, died Aug. 29, 2012.

She was born April 26, 1927, in Detroit, the daughter of Raymond and Gladys (Dandell) Staley.

Lucy married Dale J.P. Anderson in East Detroit in 1948. They made their home in Mount Clemens in 1953. She worked for Michigan Bell Telephone and later was a supervisor for the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

In 1984, Lucy moved to Northern Michigan, where she was the park manager at Lake Michigan Heights in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Barnard of Charlevoix, Sharon Anderson of Petoskey, Shelly (Glenn) Paramo of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Karlee (Scott) Philp, Katie, Jessica and Abby Paramo, all of Charlevoix; great-granddaughter, Chelsea Susan Philp. Lucy's husband, Dale, preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1965. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Kelsey, in 2012, and sister, Patricia Kreger.

Visitation was Friday, Aug. 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. There will be no funeral. Burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery in Mount Clemens.

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Community Service Announcement

DRIVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM

What: AARP Driver's Safety Program
Why: Anyone 50 & older wanting to drive longer and safer
When: September 19th and 20th, 12:30-4:30
Where: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix
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Contacts: AARP: 1.888.227.7669 Bob Fournier (volunteer Instructor) 1.989.255.4399 or (toll free) 1.888.494.0096

The AARP Driver Safety program is an 8 hour classroom refresher for motorists aged 50 and older. There are no test requirements. The course will provide a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help everyone adjust to normal age-related physical changes. Participant will get a certificate and many auto insurance companies give a discount for completing the course. You do not have to be a member of AARP; bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

Healthy and Active Brains

In order to maintain your brain power into old age, we'll look at some ways to help increase your mental agility. Some of the most important things are to engage yourself in activities that are intellectually stimulating, try to keep a positive outlook and stay socially active! Exercise is important, too, not only for your intellectual health, but to help stave off diseases like osteoporosis. A simple act like walking about 4 miles per week can decrease your later chances of developing dementia by fifty percent! That fact alone has been very motivating for me.

Tips for Keeping Your Brain Healthy Into Your Later Years

1. Improve your memory by doing activities such as spelling exercises; spelling forces you to mentally "see" words, and something as simple as learning a new word every day can help you to be stronger cognitively and improve memory.
2. Make good use of the internet to keep your brain active - read world news, learn new things, read blogs - just make sure you're doing NEW things on the internet. This helps to keep you engaged, involved in issues, and just the simple process of searching on the internet has been found to stimulate decision making and reasoning in the brain.
3. Listen to music and learn

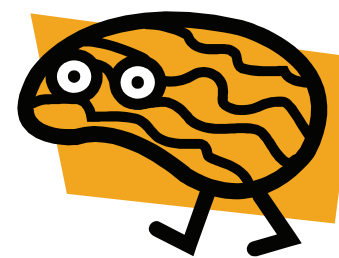
lyrics to songs, this helps not only to improve your mood, but helps memory as well.

4. Learn one new thing every day! Ok, so there is an old wives tale that if you learn something NEW on a Friday, you will get another wrinkle. So, to be on the safe side, learn something new every day except Friday... I don't want a bunch of wrinkles named after me!

5. Stay socially active, find something you love to do and join a class or other type of group that is doing the activity you enjoy. Take a class if you can afford to do so, otherwise, join a social group (churches can be a good source of activities). Taking classes at community centers can be a cheaper alternative to college classes. Finding others who share the same interests you do can help you to build friendships. Being socially active keeps you involved and healthier.

6. Take a 20 minute nap in the afternoon - finally! An easy one! Studies have shown that just a short nap in the afternoon (especially if you have taken a class or been socially active in the morning) can produce nearly as much skill-memory enhancement as an entire night of sleep.

7. Exercise! We all need to do it, but sometimes it can be hard to get motivated. Just a simple walk of about four miles per week greatly decreases your chance of developing dementia. If you want



to, you could combine taking a class and exercise. There are lots of great yoga classes and exercise classes (even for beginners) available through community centers. I recently looked into a group here in Ne-vada called "The Nevada State Troupers" (Dancing Grannies type group)... anything that will interest you, be fun to do and keep you active is a GOOD thing! And you will find yourself feeling less stress as well from the exercise, another good benefit!

8. Laugh as often as possible, and think positive! You know that "self talk" that goes through your head, when it becomes negative (and at times it will)... try to think of something new. Try to distract your mind from the negative to something positive. Laughing will boost your immune system as well as releasing endorphins, the "feel good" chemicals in your body.

These are just a few of the suggestions you can find online to keep your brain "young". Try HubPage.com for more.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 6 1p Pinochle 7p Cribbage	Friday, Sept. 7 Craft Class 9:30 am 5:00p Rummy	Monday, Sept. 10 1p Woodcarving 1p Pinochle 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, Sept. 11 1 p Paint class 5p Rummy Raffle	Wednesday, Sept. 12 Brown Bag Bingo after lunch	Thursday, Sept. 13 11:30 Roger Hartson 1p Pinochle 7p Cribbage	Friday, Sept. 14 Craft Class 9:30 am 5:00p Rummy
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 6 Wii Bowl	Friday, Sept. 7 Cousins 11-12 p Backwood's Maestro 11- 12 Bake raffle	Monday, Sept. 10 Bingo	Tuesday, Sept. 11 Wii Practice	Wednesday, Sept. 12 10-11 Exer. Class Brown Bag Bingo	Thursday, Sept. 13 Wii Bowl	Friday, Sept. 14 Backwood's Maestro 11-12 Bake Raffle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 6 GAME DAY!	Friday, Sept. 7 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Gail Williams Bingo / gift raffle	Monday, Sept. 10 8-1 walking FOOT CLINIC & B/P MEAL DRAWING	Tuesday, Sept. 11 11am line dancing 12:30 Bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, Sept. 12 MOVIE & POPCORN 1pm	Thursday, Sept. 13 GAME DAY!	Friday, Sept. 14 10:30 AVB.MEETING 11:am Tag-A-Longs Gift raffle
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LAPOINTE - EGGBRECHT

Kathy and Al Dewey of Central Lake, MI and Chuck and Mary LaPointe of Central Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Mae LaPointe, Mechanical Engineering student at Michigan State University, to Ryan David Eggebrecht, Graphic Artist and graduate of Central Michigan University, son of David and Kelli Eggebrecht of Kewadin, Mi. Their wedding will take place in May 2014.



CIESIELCZYK - EGGBRECHT

Carey and Nichelle Ciesielczyk of Northwood, MI are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kara Mia Ciesielczyk, a Clinical Exercise Physiologist at Boston Medical, to Wesley Matthew Eggebrecht an Illustrator at Converse Inc, of Ellsworth, Mi son of David and Kelli Eggebrecht of Kewadin, Mi. A September 2013 wedding is planned. The couple will continue living and working in the Boston, Ma. area.

Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord

By Jim Akans

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

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

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will



have next, it changes every day."

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

to check out the latest inventory.

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

East Jordan Superintendent

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elementary students has Hoover singing its praises. The Orff-Schulwerk music program combines music, movement, drama, and speech into lessons that are similar to child's world of play.

For students who struggle with the 'you have to learn the way I teach' model of mainstream education, a school that focuses on 'I will teach the way you learn' is in the making. "We are in the process of researching an alternative high school," said Hoover. "Students will be entering into a learning environment that meets the individual needs of each student and emphasizes project based learning," he said.

Students will have to apply and go through an interview process to get accepted into the new school, each student will be provided an individual learning plan and expected to make a commitment to learning. "There are just too many of our young people that slip through the cracks and that's not acceptable," said Hoover. Hoover was instrumental in starting the Sunrise Academy in Elk Rapids in 2002.

The school is projected to start January of 2013. Under Hoover's watchful eye the school's food service program is converting to a 90% fresh food menu with plans of progressing to 100% over the course of the school year. Traditionally the school offers 10% fresh foods and 90% processed foods. This summer Hoover and the kitchen staff, including a new chief the school system stole from one of the local restaurants, have been upgrading equipment and planning meals that give the kids an upscale café feel when they enter the cafeteria.

"We want it to be like you're walking into a restaurant, where the

front end help is kind and courteous and the back end help is creating food that is not only healthy but visually inviting," said Hoover.

The kitchen will also be providing a catering and bakery service to the community. The service will be available for any event and the school already has two jobs lined up. The middle school robotics program and video production class will be "doing more and better," according to Hoover. The video clip on the front page of the school's new webpage was filmed, edited, directed and produced by last year's class. "We plan on utilizing the kid's talents to do things like this," he said. "We're wanting to shoot for amazing."

In an attempt to foster servant leadership Hoover has initiated a program he calls the Peru Project. The project is really an outgrowth from his own life. His family visited Peru early this summer and out of that trip came an idea for a school program that will promote higher GPA's, better behavior and school pride with a 10-day humanitarian trip to Peru for all seniors at the end of the school year. "If we can get them to those countries you know they're going to look at the news differently, they're going to look at their lives differently," he said.

In spite of all of his enthusiasm and zeal Hoover understands there will be challenges and that the biggest obstacles to making East Jordan Public Schools one of the best doesn't lie with the budget, the board or the food program but in the students themselves.

"Helping our students to believe in themselves the way I do and the staff does, helping them to understand that they are great and wonderful and mean everything to us. If we do that everything else takes care of itself," said Hoover.



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EJ City Commission

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be identical to other city employees. The insurance coverage is now the same for all city employees, union and non-union. Starting wage for city policeman is \$17.84 per hour.

Recently hired East Jordan City Administrator, Chris Yonker met with EMS staff and representatives of several area townships within the EMS service district to open dialogue between the city and townships about EMS services that the townships contract for with the city. The group discussed more transparency about EMS and their organization and financial condition. The township representatives asked that the city commission consider creating an independent

EMS Authority. The commission also discussed the future of the former EMS building. An appraisal service valued the building at \$65,000.00. The city commission directed the Yonkers to offer the property for sale. The sale of the property could help offset the deficit created by EMS. The commission agreed that the property should be sold if there are no pending plans for use of the building. A local machine shop and manufacturer have both expressed an interest in purchasing the building. The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for September 18, 2012 at 7:00pm at City Hall.



The Horton Bay community celebrated its annual Horton Bay Labor Day Bridge Walk in a candle light procession last Monday, September 3.

Horton Bay Bridge Walk is Labor Day Tradition

By Catherine L'Heureux

“Once again we have survived another summer of love, boats, traffic jams, people looking for Ernest Hemingway and the crazy antics of those lost people we call tourists,” says G.T. Long, speaking in jest of the town’s many visitors. “This morning I saw them all heading to this other bridge that sounds like a hamburger.”

This was no “Big Mack” for tourists heading across the Mackinac Bridge. This was the “Big Hort,” the annual Horton Bay Labor Day Bridge Walk last Monday, September 3.

More than 120 people celebrated the Horton Bay community in a candle light procession across the Horton Bay Bridge. Participants received a certificate of completion and afterward indulged in free ice cream cones from the Horton Bay General Store, 5115 Boyne City Road.

G.T. Long helped establish the local tradition 35 years ago. On Labor Day in 1977, Long was having coffee with seven friends at the Horton Bay General Store when former Detroit Tigers catcher Bill Freehan rode by on his bike, calling to the group, “Did you guys walk the bridge this morning?” No Mackinac Bridge Walk for this

group. Their response: “We’ve got our own bridge and we’re going to walk it with candles tonight!” The eight friends crossed the Horton Bay Bridge together as promised and the event grew every year, with over 1000 people in attendance during the fourth Bridge Walk. Now, the annual promenade continues to be the town’s spunky tradition.

Last Monday, the “Big Hort” pre-bridge crossing ceremony included prayers from Pastor Tim Wright of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church and singing of the national anthem. Long spoke amid cheers from the candlelit crowd and highlighted the importance of community in Horton Bay.

“What is in Horton Bay is a special spirit, where if you miss morning coffee in the General Store there’s Chip and Tina checking on you to make sure you’re alright, where you can dial the wrong number and still talk to somebody for a half hour, where you can ride down the street in your car and not use your turn signals because everybody knows where you’re going anyway,” he said. “Yes folks, we have a special spirit. So tonight, hold your candles high and let’s walk this bridge proudly and take back this land, which is our land!”

Earlier in the day, the Horton Bay United Methodist Church, 04691 Boyne City Road, hosted more than 200 people at its eighth annual Labor Day Pig Roast.

Dinner included barbeque pork, corn, homemade pickles and 32 homemade pies. The event also featured five booths with crafts and homegrown produce, as well as Ann and Will Rowland of Gaylord performing their “Midwest Folk” music.

Half of proceeds from the Labor Day Pig Roast will benefit missionaries, while the remaining 50 percent supports the cost of running the event.

Jeannie Babbitt, co-owner along with her husband of the Horton Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast, 05757 Boyne City Road, is a member of the Labor Day Pig Roast Committee. She underlined the Committee’s true motivation for organizing the event every year.

“We don’t do this for profit,” she said. “We do this for the community.”

The Labor Day festivities—Pig Roast and Bridge Walk alike—brought families and friends together, proving that the tight-knit community of Horton Bay is more fun and more vibrant than ever.



Bob Bergman talks to Anthony and Melissa Lucas owners of the Charlevoix Cab Company about the many pros and cons of the fireplace. Bergman wanted to educate the public not sway their opinion of the project.

Fireplace project

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down trees in a ‘green’ community park.

Few residents offered options to remedy the consequences of a project that has already incurred \$40,000 in expenses but some included a smaller fireplace, a different location, and using the current foundation as a petunia bed.

The Mayor dispelled rumors concerning the cost of laying the pipes to the project and the idea that because the fireplace was donated in memory of someone that it was a memorial. He cited examples of benches in the park that are there as a result of donations in memory of someone.

After almost two hours of comments, a motion was made by Councilman Lyle Genett to halt the project and direct city staff to revise the fireplace plan considering location, height and protecting the Round Lake views. The motion passed unanimously and a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Earlier In East Park An informal poll taken at the fireplace construction site indicated that most people are in favor of the fireplace if it were tucked away somewhere else in the park.

“What they’ve done in this park is beautiful and I’ve enjoyed it,” said Joe Snover, a frequent visitor from Farmington Hills, MI. “But you can’t improve on that view.”

“I don’t think it’s a very wise decision to block the view of Round Lake. Good God, that’s why we’re here, it is a shame,” said Carl Van Donelen of Boyne City. Betty Phillips a current resident of Brownstown, MI and a past resident of

Charlevoix felt that a fireplace would be an “attention getter” and a “focal point” and that it would be a positive addition.

One visitor to Charlevoix who repeatedly commented on the beauty of the park wondered if the same people who designed the park in the first place were behind the construction of the fireplace, “a little history goes a long way.”

“It’s a cool idea but it’s going to block the view. It would be nice to find a happy medium,” said new Charlevoix resident Valerie Schaefer.

Marie Smith of Chicago who has been vacationing in Charlevoix for fifty years said, “There’s only one Charlevoix and Round Lake Harbor in the world.” Smith expressed a desire to see something lower in stature like a fire pit.

“Placement is crucial, if they wanted to put it someplace they could put it further down in the park, it would be used better that way,” said Todd Warner, Owner of Todd Warner Gallery. “The sheer size of the piece is the problem, we just don’t want the view blocked, it’s gorgeous and we’re known for our view.”

The placement of the four sided fireplace isn’t the only problem residents and business owners are disgruntled about. How swiftly and quietly the project gained approval has left them feeling as if the project was a clandestinely handled.

“We thought this would be a long process. How can you go to one meeting and it’s not on the agenda, then come back two weeks later and it’s too late,” said Kathy Ackerman, owner of Round Lake Gallery.

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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. Sept. 7 entertainers – Kellerville, Off Duty, Rustic Hearts, Bliss Fest Performer in SOBO

CHARLEVOIX

Sunset cruise

The Charlevoix Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraising Sunset Cruise aboard the Keweenaw Star on Thursday, September 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Historical narration along various shorelines included. Tickets: \$25 per person, available at the Harsha House Museum, 103 State Street, Monday-Saturday 1-4 p.m. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

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.

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 lunch

Boyne Area Senior Center has finished a highly successful summer program of evening meals instead of lunches on Wednesdays - but now it's back to lunches at noon Monday through Friday. Suggested donation for lunch is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$6 for those under 60. For more information call coordinator Terri Powers at (231) 582-6682.

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 & Hand-crafted 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 and the Ellsworth Market takes place on Tuesday evenings from 5 - 7pm.

EAST JORDAN

Leaf Peeker Craft Show

Crafters are needed for the Leaf Peeker Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 10 am - 4 pm in downtown East Jordan. The craft show is being held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival. Outdoor and indoor spaces are available. For more information contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351 or e-mail at info@ejchamber.org.

BOYNE CITY

Hazardous waste

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

EAST JORDAN

Pumpkin Fest & Leaf Peek-ers meeting

The committee has been meeting to set plans for this year's Pumpkin Fest and Leaf Peeker Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 20. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 6 at 8am in the E.J. Community Center (Senior Center). If you would be interested in helping with an event please call the Chamber Office at 536-7351 or join us at the meeting. The Committee is looking for a family friendly, band to play in the bandshell the day of Pumpkin Fest from 1-4 PM. If you would be interested please contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351 or email at info@ejchamber.org.

PETOSKEY

Homebuyer workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), a certified HUD housing counseling agency, will be presenting a three day workshop on Homebuyer Education. This 8 hour workshop will be held September 4 and 6 from 6pm to 9pm; and September 11 from 6pm to 8pm. This course will teach you the basics of the home buying process including options for low income and moderate income families. The workshops are offered free to the public at 2202 Mitchell Park, Suite 4. Attend all three workshops to get your certificate of completion! To register or to find out about future workshops, please call 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Area Organizations Asked to Submit Project Ideas

Charlevoix County organizations are asked to submit requests for help with their organization's needs. Each year, the current Leadership Charlevoix County class completes a Community Service Project over the nine-month course, in which they select a pertinent need within the county and work together to address that need. The project addresses an issue that class participants are passionate about. Submitting a request helps to create awareness for your organization's needs. If you would like to submit a need or a project idea, visit the Submit a Need page at www.leadershipcharlevoixcounty.com. If you have any questions, contact Program Coordinator Mishelle Shooks at mshooks@c3f.org or call 231.536.2240.

CHARLEVOIX

Material Obsessions

Material Obsessions, the exhibit of Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, features a unique array of imaginative and inventive textile art pieces. Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists meet monthly at the Charlevoix Public Library for learning and support. Together, this group of artists meets to promote the freedom of expression, experimentation, and individual style among participants. These artists have demonstrated their commitment to using textiles as a vehicle for visual expression and have created a unique display. The opening reception, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, is an ideal time to meet the artists and view their work. Material Obsessions will be on display at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St. through October; call the library for further information, 231-237-7340.

CHARLEVOIX

Biz breakfast

Everybody's favorite monthly breakfast meetings will resume next Friday, September 7th at Castle Farms from 7:30-8:30am. Different breakfast dishes will be served from an assortment of restaurants in the area. Five different speakers will give us an end of the summer wrap up. Breakfast is \$7 for Chamber members and \$10 for not yet members.

BOYNE CITY

Eagles fundraiser

The Eagles, who are known for their generosity in hosting fund-raisers for local causes, will host an event on Sept. 7 that will raise money for their own building fund. The band Audio Circus will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m., and there will be a \$10 cover charge. Food and drinks will be available, and the event is open to the

public.

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch music

Our new season of the Back Porch Community Music Series will begin on Saturday, September 8th. The music begins at 7pm and our first gathering will feature Melissa Welke. Melissa is from Indian River and works in Petoskey. She began her song writing shortly after she bought her first twelve string guitar as a gift to herself, for graduating from nursing school. Never intending to write music, the guitar was her constant companion while she traveled the U.S. working as a travel nurse. When she was not working, she was playing music. Believing that music can connect people, she writes of difficult times and humorous situations, all the while, making the listener realize, that life really is full of choice. Always an optimist, she touches the lives of many people not only the ones closest to her. Her song and vibrant personality will keep you coming back for more. The Community Music Series will be held at the Charlevoix Senior Center building on the second Saturday of each month, September through May. The featured performer will share music from 7 to 8:30pm followed by a circle jam session with musicians and poets. Suggested donations are \$5/person, \$10/family; all donations are for the scheduled performers. Light refreshments available at no charge.

BOYNE CITY

Community Potluck Picnic

Mark your calendar for the 7th annual Boyne city Community Potluck Picnic at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at Veterans Park. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages; hot dogs will be provided along with music, face painting, children's games, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, barbershop singers and a softball game. Contact the Boyne Area Chamber for details, 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets Extends Schedule

The sound of music on Friday evenings in downtown Boyne City will be heard a few weeks longer this summer. Due to popular demand, Stroll the Streets will not be ending the Friday of Labor Day weekend. Instead, two additional Fridays have been added and Stroll the Streets will continue through Sept. 14. "Stroll the Streets was scheduled to end Friday, Aug. 31, but there have been so many requests, we have decided to extend the season," said Main Street manager Hugh Conklin. "The one comment we have been hearing more than any other is the sadness people have that Stroll the Streets is ending. We decided 'Why not give it a try and see if extending the season two more weeks is successful?' If it is, great; if it's not

that's okay, but we won't know until we try. For Sept. 7 and the 14 the number of musical entertainers will be scaled back from the 6 to 8 groups featured each week in the summer. There will be four groups, one each on the 100 and 200 blocks of Water and Lake streets.

PETOSKEY

Nehemiah Project open house

The Nehemiah Project in Petoskey is holding an Open House Sunday, September 9th from 11:30am to 3:30pm. The Nehemiah Project provides shelter and food for the homeless people, men, women, and children, in our community. This Open House is to thank those churches and people who have helped in the past and show them what has been accomplished. It also gives other interested and caring people a chance to visit and tour the facility. The Nehemiah Project has been serving the homeless since 1988 at 36 Bridge St. in Petoskey. Come visit. Light refreshments will be served.

PETOSKEY

YouthBuild

Petoskey YouthBuild is now recruiting for our next session which starts September 10. We are seeking young people between the ages of 18-24 to participate. This is a great opportunity for someone to complete their GED or better their basic skills, get some job training, and earn a little money. YouthBuild helps young people earn their GED or improve their basic skills in reading and math, trains participants in the construction trades, and teaches work readiness and leadership skills. If you or someone you know is interested in getting more information about YouthBuild, you can pick up an application at any Michigan Works Service Center, call (231) 622-8920 or visit our website, www.nwm.org/youthbuild.

CHARLEVOIX

LEGO club

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce LEGO Club @ the Library. The LEGO Club will be meeting this fall in the Youth Activity Center, the second Monday of each month, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kids will be able to utilize the library's giant LEGO table and collection of LEGOs, including new kits to help spark kids' creativity. For information about this or other youth activities at the Charlevoix Library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call, 231-237-7350.

EAST JORDAN

Freedom Festival meets

The first meeting for the 2013 East Jordan Freedom Festival will be Monday, September 10 at the East Jordan Police Dept. conference room, at 6:30 PM. We would welcome anyone to join us. Many hands make light work! It's a great way to be part of a community event!

CHARLEVOIX

Software, the Basics

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting fall computer training classes. All library computer training takes place in the Coeling Computer Lab at the Library, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The classes are designed for those who have basic computer skills (use a mouse and search the internet) and are ready to learn a little more about specific applications. Microsoft Word 2007 Basics, September 10 and 12, will focus on basic documents and formatting. QuickBooks: Just the Basics, September 26, will introduce participants to the basics of this business accounting software. Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics, October 8 and 10, will focus on basic spreadsheet operation and basic formulas. The instructors ask that all students register for computer classes by calling: 231-237-7340. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W Clinton in downtown Charlevoix and can be visited

at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Lifeline Screening

Area residents can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture Sept. 12 at the East Jordan Civic Center. Packages start at \$149. All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Pre-register online at www.lifelinescreening.com or call 877-237-1287.

CHARLEVOIX

Womens club meeting

The Sept. 12 luncheon meeting of the Women's Club will feature a guided tour of Castle Farms in Charlevoix, including the gardens, Garden Railroad and a view of the museum collections, followed by luncheon. The tour begins at 10:30am and will last about 1½ hours. Cost of the tour and luncheon is \$25. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes (and wheelchairs are available for those who need them). Please make your reservation with Sally Hunt at 231-348-8183 by noon on Sept. 5. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GAYLORD

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class begins Sept. 12 for 9 weeks. 6:30-8pm at Evangelical Free Church, M-32 East. To register call 989-732-2647

BELLAIRE

Elders Project

Terry Wooten will workshop and discuss The Elders Project, a program he developed to connect area students with elders in the community Sept. 12 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Bellaire Community Hall, 202 North Bridge St. Students conduct interviews, and turn the transcribed rough prose into free verse poetry using the elders' own words—their stories preserved in a unique form for generations to come. Donations appreciated. A partnership of ISLAND and Parkside Arts Council, with support from Applesauce Inn Bed & Breakfast, and Fischer Insurance. For more information please call (231)622-5252 or email mary@artmeetsearch.org

BOYNE CITY

Settlers to Sidewalks

Boyne City history book, "Settlers to Sidewalks," written by former Boyne City Elementary School teacher Bob Morgridge, is now available at the Chamber office for \$15.

CENTRAL LAKE

Food Preservation

Thursday, September 13 learn about food Preservation: Can and Freeze Applesauce. From 6pm to 9pm at Brown-Bromelmeier Residence, 890 North Buhland Road. Come learn how to can and freeze applesauce from organic apples; or if you know how, come join in the fun of a community canning party. Organic produce, organic sugar, canning jars and lids will be provided. Each participant will prepare and can applesauce hands-on, and take home a share of the jars at the end of the class. There will also be take-home info and resources available. Class size is limited. Cost is \$15-25, sliding scale. Pre-registration is required. A partnership of ISLAND, the Bromelmeier-Brown family, NMSFC, and USDA NRCS. For more information please call (231)622-5252 or email mary@artmeetsearch.org

BOYNE CITY

Aviation Safety-Education Seminar

Boyne City Municipal Airport (N98), 1040 Main Street. Sponsored by the Boyne City Airport & the Boyne City Airport Advisory Board. Thursday, September 13, 6:30pm. Admission to this program is free. Topic: The Results of small Pilot Deviations. Attendance counts toward credit for the FAA Wings Program. Register for this and other programs at www.faasafety.gov

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, August 27, 2012

2:37am Suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of State St
 10:45am Found sunglasses and lighter turned into PD
 6:19pm Child welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St
 7:55pm Report of car speeding on Wenonah St
 9:34pm Suspicious situation in Veteran's Park
 11:25pm False alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

3:17am Report of water overflowing at Avalanche
 11:19am Report of attempted phone scam from he 600 block of Alice St
 11:32am Arrested subject for possession of marijuana in the 400 block of N Lake St. Was also given tickets for speed and no proof of insurance.
 1:03pm Report of larceny of utilities from the 300 block of E Division St
 2:43pm Citation issued for speed
 3:52pm Assist EMS in the 400 block of N Lake St
 4:13pm Arrested subject for Domestic Assault, Resisting and Obstructing, Interfering with 911 call, and Probation Violation in the 300 block of Silver St.
 9:07pm Unlock in the 100 block of N Park St

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

8:53am gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
 11:05pm Report of lost credit card
 11:24am Civil complaint received from the 400 block of State St
 12:52pm Unlock vehicle in the 100 block of E Water St
 13:05pm Report of dog locked in vehicle in the 700 block of Vogel St. Gone on arrival.
 4:40pm Civil complaint received from the 100 block of E Michigan Av
 6:35pm Car Deer accident on State St near Cozy Nook Ln
 6:48pm Found dog in the 100 block of E Water St
 7:40pm Assist to Fire Dept in the 300 block of Boice St
 8:54pm Dog complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
 9:09pm Barking dog complaint from the 600 block of Boyne Av
 9:49pm Suspicious noise coming from Avalanche
 10:51pm Suspicious situation in the Industrial Park
 11:05pm Report of suspicious noises in the 300 block of McKinley St

Thursday, August 30, 2012
 5:45am False alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
 10:45am VIN Inspection in the 100 block of E Michigan
 12:55pm Request for civil standby in the 300 block of Silver St
 1:05pm Unlock vehicle in the 400 block of Silver St
 5:35pm Larceny from vehicle reported in the 900 block of Wilson St
 7:52pm Disturbance reported in the 100 block of E Water St
 8:24pm Civil dispute in the 800

block of State St
 8:54pm Civil dispute in the 800 block of State St
 10:32pm Motorist Assit at Lewis and Division

Friday, August 31, 2012

2:13am Citation issued for defective brakelight
 5:41am Arrested subject on warrant in the 200 block of N Lake St
 7:35am Request for civil standby in the 300 block of Silver St
 8:20am Suspicious vehicle reported in the Industrial Park
 9:38am Civil standby in the 300 block of Silver St
 1:45pm Found credit card in the 200 block of S Lake St. Owner located.
 2:07pm Report of lost money in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 3:39pm Report of Domestic Assault that occurred in the 200 block of Front St on August 29.
 3:55pm Report of truck loosing trash from bed on Boyne Av
 8:14pm Assist Sheriff Dept on N Addis Rd
 8:34pm False alarm in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 9:45pm Domestic Dispute and MDOP in the 900 block of Roosevelt St
 11:11pm Report of loud music in the 200 block of S Lake St

Saturday, September 1, 2012

7:04am Arrested subject for OWI on N Lake St near State St
 8:20am Found keys turned in at PD
 11:00pm Unlock vehicle at Park and Vogel Streets
 2:03pm Citation issued for disregarding stop signal at Lake and Water Streets
 5:03pm Unlock vehicle at Veteran's Park
 7:44pm Civil standby in the 900 block of Roosevelt St
 9:04pm Report of found syringe in the 300 block of E Division St
 9:20pm Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 S

Sunday, September 2, 2012

12:51pm Civil dispute over flip flops in the 700 block of Wenonah St
 2:00pm Found paycheck turned in at PD. Owner notified
 9:48pm Suspicious males reported in the area of W Main St

Police respond to suspicious accident

Sheriff W.D. Schneider advises at approximately 8:30pm on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of North Magee Rd. and Chandler Hill Rd. in Chandler Township. The driver of the vehicle called a tow truck, but fled the scene on foot when the tow truck driver became suspicious.

A brief search of the area located the suspect driver who was hiding in the woods near the accident. The driver was Eastbound on Chandler Hill Rd. and failed to stop at the intersec-

tion of North Magee Rd. The driver lost control of his 1992 Buick Lasabre and put it into the ditch, coming to rest after striking a tree.

An investigation of the scene suggests alcohol and excessive speed are the cause of this crash. The driver was identified as 61 year old Thomas Kortes of Sarasota, Florida. This investigation remains open pending blood test results.

CoastGuard responds to boating accident

On August 29, 2012 at approximately 3:00 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a lakeside residence on Oys-

ter Bay, Lake Charlevoix, for a single person boating accident.

The United States Coast Guard was called around 1:30 a.m. for an unattended dinghy doing circles in Oyster Bay. Upon their arrival they could hear the victim moaning from shore. Shortly after, they saw him going from house to house where he was eventually let inside by neighbors. This is where the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office discovered the man.

John Paul Silva, age 44 years old, from Grosse Pointe Farms was operating his 10'2" Zodiac sometime before 1:30 a.m. in Oyster Bay. Silva struck a

sailboat ejecting him from his vessel. He then swam to shore where he was discovered by a lakeside residence who called 911.

Silva was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released for minor injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident which remains under investigation.

One injured in scooter accident

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on September 2nd, 2012, at approximately 5:15pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Boyne City and Boyne Falls EMS, along with

Boyne City Fire Dept. responded to a report of a personal injury accident in Bay Township. Gretchen Nicolette, 57 years old of Grand Rapids was riding a scooter on a driveway off of Ruffed Grouse Lane when she lost control of the scooter in loose gravel and crashed the scooter in the driveway. Gretchen was knocked unconscious and also received some minor abrasions on her arm. Gretchen was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. Gretchen was transported by EMS personnel to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment.

Front Porch Cafe celebrates Birthday



Members of the staff of the Front Porch café in Ellsworth celebrated the donations only restaurant's fourth birthday Saturday August 31. After four years the restaurant is "going strong" said Event Coordinator, Shiellia Dhillion. "The regional and community efforts to keep this place going and the love and commitment of everyone has been the most rewarding aspect of this establishment," she said. The restaurant has paid its mortgage in full and are now planning to initiate some renovations. The first fundraiser will be held at the Banks Township Hall on October 20 at 6:00 P.M. Ellsworth funeral director John Hastings will be roasted by his peers. The event is a pot luck with the Front Porch providing the meat. A live and silent auction will be held. Photo by Tina Sundelius

DAVE Says

Dave Ramsey



Buy it or turn it in?

Dear Dave,
 I made the mistake of leasing a car a while back, and the lease is up in about nine months. Should I save up the money between now and then to buy it, or save as much as I can to pay down my student loans?
 Aaron
 Dear Aaron,
 At the end of a lease the price for which you can purchase the car is called the residual value. This amount is preset when you lease the vehicle. So the big question right now is, what's the car actually worth?

If the company thought it would be worth \$12,000 and it's actually worth \$14,000, that would be a good deal, and you'd want to buy it instead of turning in the car. Even if you were going to turn around and resell it, you'd still want to go ahead and buy. Another big thing is that I'd never tell you to finance a car after the lease term. There's no difference between that and walking onto a car lot

and financing any other \$12,000 car.

Look at it this way. You basically have a \$12,000 car loan right now, and you'd only be changing the format from leasing to payments if you financed the thing. Should you keep this vehicle? Only if it's a small percentage of your income. If you make \$60,000 or more, I'd probably say save up, pay cash, and keep the car. But if you're making closer to \$30,000 the answer is no.

—Dave

Fun to date, but not to marry

Dear Dave,
 I'm dating a man who is really exciting and fun, but he has well over \$100,000 in debt. He has nice cars, a boat and he travels a lot, and he does it all on credit. He wants us to get married, but his view of money worries me. What should I do?

Vickie
 Dear Vickie,

The fact that you're worried about this situation means you realize that fun and exciting don't necessarily translate into being wise. I'm sure he's a nice guy, but your concern tells me that you two are from completely different planets when it comes to handling money. And that can be a death knell to a marriage.

Disagreements over money and finances are the number-one cause of marital strife and divorce in North America today. Fighting over debt and the stress brought on by financial problems will take a heavy toll on any relationship. When you're not on the same page with how to handle your money, you're not on the same page of life. How you spend your money says volumes about who you are, where your values lie, and what's important to you.

This guy is fun because he's impulsive and has a lot of toys. But the fact that he's gone into debt for this lifestyle also means he's a little boy and not a responsible man. And unless you guys can get on the same page with how money is handled, I would strongly advise not going forward with a wedding.

For this to get serious and turn into marriage material, one of you will have to change. Either he'll have to straighten up and start behaving wisely with money, or you'll have to agree to enjoy living deeply in debt.

—Dave

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Stroke and Osteoporosis Screenings offered in East Jordan next Wednesday

Residents living in and around the East Jordan, Michigan community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. East Jordan Civic Center will host Life Line Screening next Wednesday, September 12. The site is located at 101 Civic Center

Lane in East Jordan.

Four key points every person needs to know:

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability
- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior

to their stroke

- Preventive ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke
- Screenings are fast, noninvasive, painless, affordable and convenient

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such

as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Free Clinic Receives Donation from Eagles



Boyer City Eagles Club FOE 1583 representative Jim Magill presented a check for \$8,297.89 to benefit the Boyne Area Free Clinic. Accepting the check on behalf of the clinic was George Lasater, Chairman of the Board, Kathy Helsley, Clinic Manager, and Rex Judkins, Clinic Treasurer. The Eagles raised the money at a fundraiser for the clinic on August 18. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIOUS



Announcing the Holly Daze Event invitations are ready to be mailed is Tina Foltz, a Charlevoix Area Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation Department employee, dressed in authentic Renaissance attire. Holly Daze is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at Castle Farms.

Renaissance Theme Set For Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Holly Daze Event

Don't miss out on the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Annual Holly Daze event scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at the majestic Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Attendees will be awed by a Renaissance theme from the moment they arrive and throughout the entire evening from the decorations, ambience and food presentation. Holly Daze has become known as the kick-off to the holiday season in our area and this year's event will live up to that expectation. Celebrate with your family, friends and neighbors with a spectacular silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails before enjoying a Renaissance themed dinner and live auction with auctioneer Scott MacKenzie. Proceeds from this year's Holly Daze will be used to support the purchase of special surgical equipment for the new minimally invasive spinal surgery now being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Items for both the silent and live auctions are needed. To donate an item, please contact Faye at the Foundation Office.

Invitations and registration for reservations are now available. To request an invitation or to reserve a table, call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation office at 231-547-8502.

Children's Support Program Begins

Program Offers Emotional Support to Children Who Have a Loved One Diagnosed with Cancer

Petoskey - McLaren Northern Michigan is offering a program to provide emotional support to children (ages 5-12) who have a parent or other loved one diagnosed with cancer.

The six-week program is called CLIMB®, which stands for Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery. Through CLIMB®, art and play activities help children to understand and develop coping skills. This free community service is funded by McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation.

"The goal is to help children identify and express the complex feelings they may experience during this difficult

time. If there is a child who may benefit from support in navigating their way through a loved one's cancer diagnosis, please know this resource is available," said Amy L. Juneau, an oncology social worker at McLaren-Northern Michigan.

Through CLIMB, children will learn: Cancer is "not their fault." They are not alone. About cancer and treatment options. How to express their feelings. How to manage anger. How to communicate effectively with loved ones with cancer.

The program will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, September 10, 17,

24, and October 1, 8 and 15 at the Community Health Education Center (CHEC) building located across the parking lot from the main entrance to McLaren-Northern Michigan.

CLIMB was developed by The Children's Treehouse Foundation, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the emotional support of children who have parents or grandparents with cancer.

For more information or to enroll a child in the CLIMB® program, please contact Amy Juneau, at 231.487.4015.



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Sit back with a good book and celebrate National Literacy Month

By Jim Akans

Frederick Douglass observed, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." Whether turning the crisp pages of a fresh new book, the dog-eared yellowing leaves of a treasured favorite, or cradling an electronic reader while stretching out on a comfortable chair, there is nothing quite like the adventure, imagination, and lessons a good book can relate. It is the tale, the prose, the emotion, and the vivid birth of the mental imagery extracted from mere letters arranged on paper (or LCD screen) that transport the reader from one reality to another, and leave life richer for a very modest effort.

September is designated as National Literacy Month, and while that's an excellent reason to grab a book and celebrate, it is also an occasion to take a look at literacy in America.

According to the National Center for Family Literacy, over 30 million Americans have reading skills below basic literacy levels... that's about 14 percent of our country's population. The group, ProLiteracy Worldwide, defines literacy as the ability to read, write, compute, and use technology at a level that enables one to reach his or her full potential. In a society rapidly moving toward an information and service based economy, literacy so defined is becoming more important to the health of the society with each passing year.

Statistics confirm that literacy can have a huge impact on a country's economic stature. The U.S. Census Bureau found workers 18 years of age and over with a bach-



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elor's degree earn an average of \$51,206 a year, while those with a high school diploma earn an average of \$27,915 and those without earn an average \$18,734 per year.

ProLiteracy Worldwide found that annual health care costs in the U.S. are four times higher among those with low literacy skills (as compared to those with high level skills), and that over 60 percent of inmates in state and federal corrections facilities can barely read and write.

The observance of National Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity to contact your local library, schools, and non-profit organizations such as the United Way and ask about ways you can contribute through financial or book donations, or volunteer opportunities, to promote literacy programs in your area. Such efforts help to ensure these programs continue to operate and inspire literacy growth in your home community. Support legislation that promotes

education and literacy, these are the building blocks for America's future.

Victor Hugo stated, "To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark."

Take the time to read a good book, encourage other to do the same; keep the fires of freedom of the imagination burning brightly.

ELLSWORTH A full slate of activities abounds for Ellsworth's Farmer's Market

As the harvest season continues to grow the Ellsworth Farmer's Market will continue to feature a full slate of musical entertainment and activities through Tuesday, October 16th. Market Master Shannon Fender invites area residents and visitors to attend the weekly market held on Tuesday s from 5 - 7 PM across from the Ellsworth High School on the Breezeway (C-48).

Fender states "It is the mission of the Ellsworth Farmer's Market to have this event become one of Ellsworth's signature events. I am very appreciative of the many individuals who have stepped forward this year to donate their musical and storytelling talents and the community organizations who provided special events. We are always in need of more vendors and we extend a huge invitation to everyone to make a point to enjoy this weekly family friendly event in their town."

For complete schedule of events please visit <http://www.ellsworthfarmersmarket.net> or call Market Master Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ellsworthfarmersmarket

EAST JORDAN Leaf Peeker Craft Show

Crafters are needed for the Leaf Peeker Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 10 am - 4 pm in downtown East Jordan. The craft show is being held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival. Outdoor and indoor spaces are available. For more information contact Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351 or e-mail at info@ejchamber.org.

BOYNE CITY Stroll the Streets Extends Schedule

The sound of music on Friday evenings in downtown Boyne City will be heard a few weeks longer this summer. Due to popular demand, Stroll the Streets will not be ending the Friday of Labor Day weekend. Instead, two additional Fridays have been added and Stroll the Streets will continue through Sept. 14. "Stroll the Streets was scheduled to end Friday, Aug. 31, but there have been so many requests, we have decided to extend the season," said Main Street manager Hugh Conklin. "The one comment we have been hearing more than any other is the sadness people have that Stroll the Streets is ending. We decided 'Why not give it a try and see if extending the season two more weeks is successful?' If it is, great; if it's not that's okay, but we won't know until we try. For Sept. 7 and the 14 the number of musical entertainers will be scaled back from the 6 to 8 groups featured each week in the summer. There will be four groups, one each on the 100 and 200 blocks of Water and Lake streets.

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Boyne Community Potluck Picnic this Weekend

The 7th annual Boyne Community Potluck Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 9th in Boyne City at the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion in Memorial Park.

The theme for the picnic is "An Old Fashioned Family Picnic." The day is planned to have activities for all ages and it is always a lot of fun for everyone. It is also a great opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors and to make new friends.

The festivities start at 1:00 p.m. Boyne Mountain will provide hotdogs for all and everyone is asked to bring along a dish or two (to serve 6-8) and your own beverage. Special treats of popcorn and cotton candy will be provided.

The musical keyboard of Roger Hartson will be

featured throughout the afternoon and a Barbershop Quartette will be singing. Girl Scouts will be doing face painting and the Boyne City Kiwanis Club will provide games for all the children.

The "Friends of the Boyne District Library" will be holding a drawing for their Quilt Raffle in the afternoon. A softball game is planned for 3 p.m.

If you need more information on the picnic please contact the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce at 231-582-6222. It takes many people to put on the picnic and volunteers are always needed, especially for set up and break down. If you would like to volunteer to help this year or to join the committee for next year please call Carol at 582-7042.

Patrons Enjoy Exhibit at Peery Art Gallery



Harbor Springs - Area art lovers came together to meet the staff of the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum at Michigan State University. Local summer residents Linda and Bill Demmer of Lansing and Harbor Springs planned a wonderful Sunday Event. Michael Rush, Founder and Executive Director, Marcia Crawley, Director of Development, Sandra Szymanski, Development and Membership Coordinator and Mark Terman, MSU Development Office were invited to come to this area to share an update on the new museum that will open at MSU this fall. Linda and Bill Demmer, Demmer Corporation, hosted a dinner at their cottage in Harbor Springs. Guests included local friends and supporters of Michigan State University and the Cultural Arts. The management team from the Broad Museum presented a film documenting all the exhibit rooms of the new museum and the many educational and cultural exhibits that will be possible at the Eli and Edythe Broad Museum.

Guests were first invited to enjoy the arts. The event started on Sunday afternoon with a visit to the Peery Art Gallery in Harbor Springs with a cocktail reception and viewing of an exhibit of the work of Artist James Peery. This exhibit was the first stop for guests to meet and greet the visiting members of the Broad management team. Next on the agenda was a short walk to Linda and Bill Demmer's Cottage for a specially prepared "Perch Dinner" served under a tent in the beautiful gardens at the Demmer Residence.

Michael Rush kept the attention of all guests with charm and as he eloquently spoke and educated the guests on what this new museum will add to the reputation, education and enjoyment of cultural arts to all who attend and visit the MSU Campus. Art lovers from across the nation and world will come to visit this magnificent structure designed by Pritzker Prize-Winning architect Zaha Hadid. The 40 million dollar museum is scheduled to open on November 9, 2012. We urge you to read more on this magnificent museum which will bring visitors from around the world to visit MSU and the State of Michigan. Read and see more: broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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Lights Out Across the Bay

In Petoskey, million-dollar experiences are not reserved for sunset alone, and on Saturday, Sept. 8, you can find out why.

Mary Stewart Adams, Program Director for Emmet County's International Dark Sky Park at the Headlands, is working in cooperation with the City of Petoskey's Department of Parks and Recreation to host an evening of stargazing at Petoskey's Bayfront Park, in the "land of the million dollar sunsets." To highlight the beauty of the dark sky, the lights will be turned off to allow participants to get a better view of what's overhead but oftentimes out of sight due to light trespass. This free program takes place from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Ed White softball field near the clock tower at the Petoskey waterfront.

"This is your chance to learn basic constellation identification, as well as to enjoy the stellar highlights of the season, which include the Summer Triangle, the richest part of the Milky Way stars, the planets Saturn and Mars and more," said Adams. Adams said the program will also introduce a community-wide dark sky challenge in the planning stages for next year. "In 2013 we will host a 'Lights Out Across the Bay' challenge between Harbor Springs and Petoskey, so this Saturday's event gives

us an opportunity to raise awareness about what we're missing when the outdoor lights are spilling up into the night sky. It's also just a really good time to get outside under the stars for awhile," she said. Participants are to gather at the softball ball field at the waterfront and are invited to bring a picnic and picnic blanket and beach chairs for comfortable viewing overhead. Binoculars and telescopes are welcome, though not required. (Please note that in the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled for October.)

The Emmet County-owned Headlands became the 6th International Dark Sky Park in the U.S. and the 9th in the world in May 2011, and each month free programs are held for the public. Visit www.emmet-county.org for 2012 programs and more information, email darksky@emmetcounty.org, or call (231) 348-1704. The county sends regular email blasts as well with information about night-sky observation opportunities and celestial events; to register, use the contact information above. The park is located about 2 miles west of downtown Mackinaw City. For more information about the Headlands, visit www.emmetcounty.org/darksky-park/. The next event at the park is Sept. 22.

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