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Lame Duck Charlevoix County Commission Postpones Appointments until January

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The October 24 meeting of the Charlevoix County Commissioners was crowded and the microphones didn't work properly. While the audience strained to hear, the Commissioners postponed the ap-

pointment of new committee members for the second time, discussed the construction of a garage on Beaver Island and approved the Unified Storm Water Ordinance intergovernmental agreement.

Under the recommendation of the county's civil council the

Board of Commissioners postponed the appointment of twenty-one empty committee seats on thirteen different county committees until after January 1. "I was concerned that the old board was making appointments for the office that was taking terms during the new board," said Bryan gra-

ham, County Civil Council. "Do you really want a lame duck board to make appointments that will be serving the community for the next six years to come?"

Normally, when vacancies occur on county boards the County Commission directs for volunteers in the community

to fill those positions. Some of the committee openings have been advertised in the paper since July. The Commissioners normally make committee appointments in October of every year. At the October 10 meeting

See County Commission - 9A



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Crunch Time

On behalf of the Charlevoix County News, Izzy Lyman contacted the campaigns of Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, in September, to ask them two questions about Northern Michigan. Sean Fitzpatrick, the Michigan communications director of "Romney for President" responded on behalf of the candidate. Despite repeated attempts by Lyman - via email, twitter, phone, and even a trip to the Petoskey Democratic National Committee's headquarters - the Obama campaign did not respond and were alerted, in late October, that the Charlevoix County News would be running the Romney campaign's responses.

However, the President was enthusiastically received when he spoke last year at Northern Michigan University in Marquette about the National Wireless Initiative. AT NMU, President Obama described the surroundings as "beautiful" and the people as "really nice," and he playfully chided Green Bay Packer fans.

As of this writing and according to pollsters, the president was in a dead heat

See Crunch Time - 6A



By Jim Akans

In case you have missed the underlying message behind those seemingly endless stream of political ads, this coming Tuesday, November 6th, is Election Day. That means that soon the propaganda will indeed end (for a while,) but more importantly, it means it's time to vote.

A person's right to vote in America has been an ongoing development. Originally, most states only allowed Caucasian males over 21 years of age that owned real property or had "sufficient wealth for taxation" the right to vote. The United States Constitution provides that individual states set voter qualifications, but after the Civil War, several constitutional amendments and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 gave the federal government broader authority in the voting process. Among those are:

- The 14th Amendment, Section 1, in 1868 - "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the

United States..." - defining who is a citizen and protecting their rights is essential in establishing their right to vote.

- The 15th Amendment in 1870 - "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or

abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." - expanding voting rights to minority males, though it kept it exclusive to males.

- The 19th Amendment in 1920 - "The right of citizens of the United States to vote... shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." - extending the right to vote to women.

- The 24th Amendment in 1964 - The right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax." - aimed at cutting out the practice of charging a fee at polling stations.

- The Voting Rights Act of 1965 - this landmark piece of legislation empowered the federal government to take charge of the voting

See Just Vote - 6A

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Charlevoix Council Recalls Begin

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—Citizen Julee Roth filed a recall petition Monday with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office asking the voters of the third ward of Charlevoix to recall City Councilman Jill Picha. The recall petition is a reaction to the attempted construction of a donated fireplace in East Park. Construction was halted after residents spoke out against the project, most of them having no knowledge of it before construction began.

The Michigan State Constitution allows Michigan voters the right to recall elective officers. While the petition has just been filed, circulation is expected to begin shortly. According to the Michigan recall Procedures, "An elected officer may continue to perform the duties of his or her office unless and until the recall is successful or resigns."

"I started this recall petition because our elected officials in Charlevoix are, once again, not listening to their residents. We do not want a crematorium fireplace. We did not want that beautiful, mature shade tree removed. If we can't have clean streets and pretty flowers, how can we be asked to spend money on something so offensive that we do not want?" said Roth. "Jill Picha has dug her heels firmly into the ground and wants to see that fireplace built. I'm troubled that once winter sets in, the city council will vote to continue building the fireplace even

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OBITUARIES

Lester 'Herbie' Stevens, 94

(JAN. 6, 1918 - OCT. 27, 2012)

Lester "Herbie" Stevens of Walloon Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital.

A memorial service for Lester will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey. The Rev. James Mitchum will officiate.

Lester was born Jan. 6, 1918, in Comstock Park, Mich., the son of Carl and Elsie (Pardy) Stevens. Before the age of 1, his family moved to Walloon Lake. Lester attended school in Walloon Lake and then Petoskey High School, where he graduated in 1936.

On Feb. 7, 1941, Lester married Eva May Hall in Walloon Lake. He has lived in Walloon Lake his entire life, where he was one of the first members of the Melrose Township Fire Department.

Lester worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company starting out as a truck driver and worked his way to first line supervisor. He worked for Bell Telephone for 40 years and retired in 1976.

Lester was a member of Petoskey United Methodist Church, Elks Club of Traverse City for 72 years, Kiwanis Club for 34 years, and served on the Walloon Lake School Board for 15

years. He loved to golf and also enjoyed woodworking, hunting and snowmobiling.

Lester is survived by his wife, Eva; son, Norman Stevens and his wife, Kathy, of Livonia; daughter, Cathy Stevens of Aurora, Colo.; two granddaughters, Michelle Brunet and her husband, Dan, Lisa Haller and her husband, Ryan; four great-grandchildren, Zachary and Ashlyn Brunet, Andrew and Paige Haller; three sisters, Maxine Whitfield and husband, George, of Walloon Lake, Myra Brower and husband, Bob, of North Carolina, Marlene Jones and husband, Albert, of Denver, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions in memory of Lester may be made to the Diabetes Association or to the charity of choice. Envelopes will be available at Stone Funeral Home, where friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Blanche Lena Higgins, 81

(MARCH 11, 1931 - OCTOBER 28, 2012)

Blanche "B" Higgins of Elmira, MI, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of October 28, 2012.

Blanche was born in Anson, Maine on March 11, 1931. She was

one of six children. She spent her childhood and early adult life in New Vineyard, Maine. She moved to Detroit to look for work, later moving to Northern Michigan to raise her children and was the co-owner of the Green River Store north of Mancelona. She later built and ran her own restaurant, B's Family Café, in Elmira, at age 62.

Blanche is survived by her daughters Judy Cubby, Terry Bailey, and Beth Higgins, and her sons Jay (Debra) Higgins, Chris Higgins, and Kelly (Taeko) Higgins, as well as 17 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and her life partner of 25 years, Joseph Nowak.

Services for Blanche are as follows: Visitation Thursday, November 1, from 4-8 PM at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The funeral will be at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City at 11:00 AM Friday, November 2, with visitation at the church 1 hour prior to the service. There will be a short graveside service following the funeral at the Maple Hill Cemetery located 1/2 mile east of US131 on M32.

A reception will start at approximately 1:00 at the Elmira

Township Hall. In lieu of flowers, people who desire to can bring a dish to pass prior to 12:30 if possible for a potluck luncheon, or contribute to a memorial fund in her name.

Dorothy A. Jensen, 92

(MAY 25, 1920 - OCTOBER 28, 2012)

Dorothy Ada Jensen of Walloon Lake passed away peacefully at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey on Sunday, October 28, 2012.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Stackus Funeral Home with a gathering of family and friends being held from 10:00 am until the time of service. Pastor Jeff Ellis will be officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Dorothy was born on May 25, 1920 in Boyne City as the daughter of Delbert and Maggie (Essenberg) Towne. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1939. On November 29, 1941 she married Stanley Jensen in Petoskey.

Dorothy is survived by her children David (Lynn) Jensen of Saginaw, Minnesota, Larry Jensen of Walloon Lake and Nancy (Robert) Perry of Coloma, MI. She had eight grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her

parents; brothers Jay, Jim and Albert; and her husband Stanley.

Dorothy wore many hats, from being a housekeeper, working in a creamery, being a school cook, an assembler for United Technologies and always being the best mother that anyone could ask for. She always put everyone first, and then she took whatever was left and still made it special. She loved to sew, cross-stitch, read, play BINGO, cook and share pictures and stories of her family to everyone and anyone.

Barbara Ann Powell, 59

Barbara Ann Powell of Scottsboro, Ala., passed away Oct. 21, 2012.

A memorial service was Oct. 25, at The First Baptist Church of Scottsboro. Pastor Kevin Wilburn officiated.

Barbara is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Heather Jones, of Wolverine; son, Ian Powell, of Traverse City; one grandson, Adler Riley Jones; one brother, Jerry (Mary) Powell, of Panama City, Fla.; father-in-law, John Powell, of Charlevoix; and numerous other sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Barbara was born in Monroeville, Ala., where she lived until 1974 when she moved to Charlevoix and married her husband, John. They lived there until 2008 when they moved to Scottsboro to make their home.

Barbara was preceded in death by her mother, Lois Powell; father, Tillary "TI" Powell; sister, Linda (Demar) Bodley; and brother, Benny Ray Powell.

Barbara was active in her church. She was a kind and giving person with a ready smile for everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Barbara's memory.

A second memorial service will take place in Charlevoix to reflect with family and friends. The date for this service has yet to be determined.

LeRoy H. Brenner, 84

LeRoy H. Brenner of Charlevoix, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, at the Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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Certified Medicare counselors from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at the Area Agency on Aging will be assisting individuals in reviewing and signing up for 2013 Medicare Drug Plans at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Wednesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 28

from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Medicare drug plans make changes every year and should be reviewed annually to make sure the customer's needs are still being met in the coming year.

REGISTRATION IS required since slots are limited. Please contact Terri at the Boyne Area Senior Center at 582-6682 for an appointment.

The Boyne Area Senior Center is located at 411 E. Division St. in Boyne City. Participants should bring a list of their prescriptions, including dosages (or pill bottles) and their Medicare Card.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance program (MMAP) is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits counseling to Medicare and Medicaid benefici-

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vice, the local 911 Call Center should be contacted to ensure the device is compatible with current 911 equipment.

Seniors, 60 and over, who purchase a personal emergency alert device may be eligible for a one-time reimbursement based upon a sliding income scale. For information on participation in this program, please contact the Commission on Aging main office at (231) 237-0103.

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Thursday, Nov. 1 1p Pinochle	Friday, Nov. 2 Craft Class 9:30 am 1:00p Rummy	Monday, Nov. 5 1p Woodcarving 1p Pinochle 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, Nov. 6 1p Paint class 5p Rummy Raffle	Wednesday, Nov. 7 Cash Bingo	Thursday, Nov. 8 11:30 Roger Hartson 1p Pinochle	Friday, Nov. 9 9:30a Craft Class
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 1 11-12 Kids—Piano Wii Bowling	Friday, Nov. 2 11-12 Cousins Music Bake Raffle	Monday, Nov. 5 Bingo	Tuesday, Nov. 6 10am BASC Adv Mtg 11-12 Kids—Wii Bowl	Wednesday, Nov. 7 11-12 Line Dance Brown Bag Bingo	Thursday, Nov. 8 Wii Bowling	Friday, Nov. 9 11-12 Backwoods Maestros Bake Raffle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 1 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table!	Friday, Nov. 2 BIRTHDAY DAY 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo / gift	Monday, Nov. 5 FOOT CLINIC & B/P 8-1pm: walking M-F 12:30-4:30pm AARP Driver Safety Program	Tuesday, Nov. 6 11am line dancing 12:30 Br. Bag Bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, Nov. 7 0:30 ADV. Meeting 1pm Movie & Popcorn 12:30-4:30pm AARP Driver Safety Program	Thursday, Nov. 8 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table!	Friday, Nov. 9 11am Tag-a-Longs Bingo/ Gift Raffle
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“Fall Back” as Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 4th

By Jim Akans

At least it's easy to remember which way to turn the clock; as “fall back” and “spring forward” have become semi-annual catch phrases that give some direction to the process when Daylight Savings Time begins each spring and ends every fall. What's not always easy to remember is which Sunday morning in the spring and fall mark that transition.

Well here is the reminder you may have been waiting for (or dreading). Early this coming Sunday morning, at 2:00 am on November 4th, Daylight Savings time for 2012 will officially end as millions upon millions of clocks across the country slip back one full hour to accurately reflect this annual event.

The modest confusion as to when DST starts and ends is understandable. It started out in the 1960's running from the last Sunday in April through the last Sunday in October. In 1986, the starting date moved up to the first Sunday in April, and the Energy Policy Act of 2007 changed it again to a period extending from the second Sunday in March



While a sundial can't be reset twice a year, it is time to set the clocks back one hour this weekend as on Sunday morning November 4th at 2:00 am, Daylight Savings time for 2012 will officially end.

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through the first Sunday in November, a time frame that remains to this day.

Daylight Savings Time has been touted as a crime deterrent, a reducer of vehicle accidents, and energy conserving practice, even a means of increasing voter turnout...yet the statistics in support of

those benefits hasn't exactly held up since it's official inception over forty years ago. Residents of Arizona and Hawaii don't bother with DST at all, and it is a concept avoided in several continents and countries across the globe, including Asia, most of Africa, and about half of South America.

The primary drawback is the effect on our bodies. During the initial days and weeks following the spin of the clock many people struggle to get their internal body clocks readjusted with the mechanical ones. Patterns of irregular sleep, missed appointments (forgot to reset that clock, didn't you?), and that general fuzzy feeling of not being quite in sync with the light of day will gradually dissipate in the coming weeks.

Don't get too set in that new routine, however, Daylight Savings Time will return about the time the snowmobile trails close, on early Sunday morning March 10th, 2013.

So don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed this Saturday evening, and enjoy that extra hour of well-deserved rest.

Recalls Begin

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though the majority of voting residents are against it.”

The sequence of events surrounding the proposed fireplace follow:

On July 16 Charlevoix Resident, John Winn, proposed the fireplace concept to the city council. At that time the Council agreed that it will be a nice amenity and gave general support.

On August 6 further discussion was held with requests by John Winn and the fireplace benefactor to have the project completed by Apple Fest and the council agreed to hold a special meeting.

On August 9 a special meeting with the DDA was held to discuss the project and to inspect the proposed building site. DDA members looked favorably on the project.

“During the 3 public meetings on the proposed fireplace, there was very little, if any opposition voiced. I felt the fireplace would be a great amenity for our downtown and another great attraction for visitors to our community,” said Picha.

City Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the project and decided to remove a tree to allow centering of the fireplace in plaza B.

The tree was removed on August 10.



JILL PICHA

“Shortly after the 3 public meetings, City Council received many complaints about the project and decided to hold another public forum so residents could speak their mind. And they did,” said Picha.

On September 12 at the request of the public a joint meeting with the Planning Commission was held with a large public audience in attendance. At that meeting the Council voted 4 to 1 to halt the project and seek further comment. Picha was not the negative vote.

“Because of the opposition I made a motion to halt the project and look for different solutions. We have decided to get Mark Buday, a contributing architect for East Park involved to determine project possibilities according to public comment,” Picha explained.

A Facebook page devoted to discussion on the Charlevoix Fireplace has over 220 registered members with most opposing construction of the fireplace and what some claim

as covert actions of the Charlevoix City Council. It must be noted however, that many people stopped visiting the page because it was clear that only an anti-fireplace opinion would be tolerated.

“Charlevoix has over 40% of residents as second homeowners”, claims Roth. “This 40% of the population pays huge property taxes yet has no representation because the city council has dismissed their opinions. Well, I am now a resident. I do vote and I have a voice. I am not alone. We have a fantastic opportunity to keep visitors coming to town year round. Our city council should be boosting tourism. Lake Charlevoix was voted second prettiest place in the country. And the city council wants tourist's souvenir photos to be of a crematorium? I don't get it. Why won't Jill listen to us?” said Roth.

“Myself and city council are committed to serving our residents and desire to be responsive to their opinions. In future meetings about the fireplace my decisions will be based upon the wishes of our residents. If there continues to be a ground swell of opposition I anticipate that I and City Council will not look favorably on the project,” said Picha.

“There's a very substantial rumor that other recalls are being sought,” said Roth.

Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

By Jim Akans

“We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn't typically find in a resale shop,” observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. “Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day.”

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square

foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program.

The Shop began operating under the direction of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in 2005, being re-organized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated inventory from local residents and businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who

attend St. Francis in Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

“What truly sets our shop apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer,” states Grissom. “The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store.”

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 4 pm. For additional information, visit www.holychildhoodchurch.org and follow the New Beginnings Thrift Store link or call (231) - 348-2980.



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CHARLEVOIX

Exhibit closing

Friday, November 2 join the Charlevoix Circle of Arts for Celebration and First Friday of the Month. This will be closing of "MICHIGAN SEASONS" Photography Exhibit. Cost is \$15 and CATERED by Grey Gables from 6 to 8pm. Libations will be served.

CHARLEVOIX

Clay Sculpture class

An exciting Holiday Clay Sculpture class is being offered at Charlevoix Circle of Arts with Mekissa Zelenek Nov. 3 & 10 and Dec. 1 & 8 from 10am - Noon. Cost is \$40 for two sessions for ages 8-12. Limit of 10 per class. Supplies are provided but participants should wear an old shirt or cover up. Call the Circle to register at 231-547-3554 or online at www.charlevoixcircle.org.

BOYNE CITY

Indoor market opens Nov. 3 at Library Red Barn

The Boyne City farmers market will move indoors Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. The indoor market will continue every Saturday through April from 9am to 1pm. There will be Holiday Basket Drawings for Thanksgiving and Christmas - don't miss out on the opportunity to have turkey and all the fixings. Coming soon - new "Market Money" in time for holiday gift-giving. You can purchase Holiday Gift Certificates and share the gift of local healthy food. Boyne Bucks from the Chamber are also now honored at the market. Bridge Cards are also welcome all year at the Market.

EAST JORDAN

Parsnips & Porcupines

Sunday, November 4, 2-4pm at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. This excursion will take us out to the farm's fields to dig a succulent wild edible: Parsnips that have escaped cultivation. Bring a shovel and recipes will be provided for when you take your "catch" home. After our foraging foray, we will explore the forest to find evidence of resident Porcupines - their dens, scats, feeding signs and even quills! Learn more about the ecology and lives of these strange pokey forest dwellers and walk away with a small collection of Porcupine quills.

ELLSWORTH

GEMS couch potato dinner

Get out, vote, and come enjoy someone else getting your dinner ready for you at the GEMS couch potato dinner. GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a local girl's club. This fundraiser will be held in the lower level of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church (9323 Main St. Ellsworth) from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, November 6. This free-will offering fundraiser will include a baked potato with your choice of many toppings, drink, salad, and dessert. Our GEMS are looking forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Irene at 231-350-3597.

BOYNE CITY

WATER STREET CAFE

Val & Larry will be closing for a couple of weeks for renovations and software updates from Nov. 5 through Nov. 23, reopening Saturday, Nov. 24. Special orders for their popular Thanksgiving desserts and pies are welcome during this time; orders should be placed by Nov. 18. Call 231-582-9929.

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 Nov. 6 and 8 from 6pm to 9pm; and Nov. 13 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Spaghetti dinner

The Charlevoix Historical Society is sponsoring its fifteenth annual fundraising all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at Terry Left's Villager Pub, 427 Bridge Street, on Wednesday, November 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. Burritos and whitefish also on the menu (regular portions). This event has helped raise more than \$20,000 for the preservation of Charlevoix's history over the last fourteen years! Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next Wellness Wednesday will be from 8am until 11am on Wednesday, November 7 in the Solarium. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting required. However, if you are fasting an LDL and triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and all test results at the time of the screening. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: (231) 547-8906 or by email: kjacobson@cah.org Walk-ins are always welcome.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Ride to the Polls

Charlevoix County Transit will be providing free rides to all individuals who'd like to get to the polls on Nov. 6. Make your reservations early; call (231) 582-6900.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Voting polls open Nov. 6

Nov. 6 Election - Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring photo identification.

BOYNE CITY

Garden Club raises flower funds by selling holiday wreaths

The Boyne Valley Garden Club is getting ready for its largest fund-raiser, the Christmas Wreath Sale. The event has been held for almost 20 years and started very small. It is now the club's major fund-raiser. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy flower to beautify more than 15 gardens around Boyne City. As the demand has grown, so has the cost - the club now spends more than \$5,000 on flowers, both annuals and perennials. Click here for an order form or pick one up at the Boyne Chamber office. All orders must be placed by Nov. 8, and orders are to be picked up at the Eagles Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Nov. 20. Business deliveries will be made on the morning of Nov. 20.

ELLSWORTH

Ellebration! wants YOU!

Planning for Ellebration! 2013 starts now and we could use your help. The Ellebration! Committee is seeking new members to help plan and present our annual celebration of food, family and fun. Interested in making Ellebration! happen? Contact Alana at 231-360-0676 or come to our next meeting: Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00pm at the Gold Nugget. It's the most fun you'll have serving your community!

CHARLEVOIX

Notable Nights

Northwest Academy's 4th Annual Notable Nights Fundraiser at the Argonne Supper Club, Thursday Nov. 8th 5:00-8:00 pm, in support of the Performing, Visual & Literary Arts Programs. Tickets are available at Northwest Academy or The Clothing Company. They are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Take out orders are also available.

BOYNE CITY

City leaf pickup

Each Monday and Friday through November 9th. Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in clearly marked biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags as time allows. If your biodegradable bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify city hall at 582-

6597.

EAST JORDAN

Thinking for Beginners

Saturday, November 10, 6pm potluck, 7pm program at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. To progress in any field it is useful to approach its content with the attitude of a beginner. Thinking is one of the functions that we presume to understand and it is very hard to accept that we can learn more. Thinking is a task, a joy and a wonder that we are constantly engaged with but it can become automatic and a bit dull. In this introductory presentation we will start simply but come away with something of great value. The only requirement for participation is an attitude of curiosity and openness - and a willingness to exercise your thought! Presentation by Daniel Proudfoot. Bring a dish to pass if you are able but never required. Tableware and beverages provided.

EAST JORDAN

Northwoods Family Nature Club

Sunday, November 11, 1-3pm at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. Free. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured PLAYTIME in the NATURAL WORLD. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos get down and dirty. This month again we will head back to our "gravel pit" to look for every child's favorite item to collect—rocks! We might even find a Petoskey stone or two.

BOYNE CITY

America Sings

Nov. 11 - "America Sings" Salute to Veterans, free concert at Boyne City Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX

Business Seminar Series

The Charlevoix Chamber will be hosting our 2nd annual Business Seminar Series, sponsored by Northwestern Bank. The Seminars will take place on Tuesday, November 13th from 9am-5pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Tickets are \$25/seminar or \$100 for the whole day. To register please contact Bethany at the Chamber by e-mailing pearson@charlevoix.org or call 231.547.2101. The schedule for the day is as follows:
9:00-10:30. Bethany Prykucki. MSU Extension Leadership Developer. "Real Colors Personality Test"
10:45-12:15. More Info Coming
12:30-2:30. Michelle Cortegiano. Founder & Owner of ATI Marketing. "Social & Mobile Media"
2:45-3:45. Robert Laura. President of SYNERGOS & Author of The Naked Retirement. "Applying Investment Concepts to Your Business"
2:45-3:45. Tino Breithaupt. Manager of Michigan Retention and Growth at MEDC. "MEDC- New Directions"
4:00-5:00. Brian Hammer. Plante Moran. "How to Turn Your Business into a Top 100 Company"
4:00-5:00. Waneta Cook. Owner of Cook Family Farms & Entrepreneur. "Is it a Job, a Career, or a Calling?"

PETOSKEY

Junior Achievement

On Tuesday, November 13 at 4:00 PM, Junior Achievement will be hosting an informational meeting at the Petoskey Public Library for anyone interested in volunteering and/or may also have an interest in additional involvement. This meeting includes the communities of Boyne City, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. In 2011-2012, over 700 students were involved in Junior Achievement's in-school programs. With renewed interest from the educational and business community, that number will increase. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to janso@ja.org or for questions call 231-582-4660.

EAST JORDAN/BOYNE CITY Starting a Business

Starting a Business classes are held monthly, with the next ones scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 14 in East Jordan and Dec. 20 in Boyne City. The fee is \$20 per business and you must register by contacting the Northern Lakes Economic Al-

liance at (231) 582-6482 or email info@northernlakes.net. Visit their website for Business Assistance resources for new and existing businesses.

EAST JORDAN

State of the community

The East Jordan State of the Community will be held Tuesday, November 13, Noon to 1:30 PM at the Harvest Barn Church at 210 S. Lake St. Speakers include: Chris Yonker - East Jordan City Administrator, Jon Hoover - East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent, Joel Evans - Chairman Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Andy Hayes - Executive Director Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Mary Faculak - Executive Director East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Greg MacMaster. The East Jordan Senior Class of 2013 has been invited to attend. Lunch will be by East Jordan Schools \$10 per person. Dessert sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Reservation by November 8 to the Chamber Office. 231-536-7351 or mail to East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 Main Street, P.O. Box 137, East Jordan, MI 49727. Visa and Master Card accepted. This is open to the public. Please plan on attending this very important community update event.

BAY HARBOR

Womens club

Patrick McGinn, MS, MA LLP, CAADC, CCS-M, is the Director of Clinical Operations at Harbor Hall and will address the elements of recovery from the addictive disorder perspective at the Nov. 14 Women's Club luncheon meeting at the Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village Harbor Dr. Harbor Hall is an outpatient and inpatient center for the disease of addiction which can be treated, and recovery is available to individuals regardless of their drug of abuse. Mr. McGinn has been working in the substance abuse field since 1986. Before coming on staff at Harbor Hall, he completed a 22-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy, counseling in naval rehab centers. Everyone is invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon and presentation at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 14 is \$15; RSVP to Judy Juneau, 231-526-6505 by noon Nov. 12.

BOYNE CITY

Buck Pole Contest

Boyne Co-op True Value will be holding its second annual Buck Pole Contest Nov. 15 and 16. Register by 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Co-op, 113 S. Park St., Boyne City. The registration fee is \$20, and there will be more than \$3,000 in prizes for the top scores for men, women, youth and overall score. Three should mounts valued at \$500 are being donated by Lasting Memories, Northwoods Taxidermy and Ultimate Wildlife Taxidermy. Judging will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16. The Co-op is donating 25% of the proceeds to local charities. Free hot dogs and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16. Call (231) 582-9971 for more information or to become a sponsor by donating prizes, advertising, food, beverages or monetary donations. They are also looking for volunteers to assist on Nov. 15 and 16.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Meets Broadway

The Boyne City High School Drama Department will present its annual dinner theater variety show, Boyne Meets Broadway, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17 at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Enjoy appetizers, dinner and dessert catered by the school's hospitality program while students from the jazz band set the mood in the commons with their smooth sounds. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. sharp. After dinner, sit back, relax and enjoy as the Drama Department presents this year's rendition of its well-known fall variety show filled with song and dance inspired by Broadway, the big screen and more. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from any cast member or at

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BOYNE CITY

Earlier Than the Bird - shop in your pajamas on Nov. 17

The third annual Boyne City "Earlier than the Bird" holiday shopping event is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is created for those who want to kick off the season with friends and family, coffee and pastries, and holiday shopping specials - all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available. Merchants will be offering special deals along with refreshments. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of a Boyne City coffee mug. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Santa parade

The Santa parade is coming soon, on Friday, Nov. 23. The Santa Parade starts at 6pm and the Holiday Open Houses continue from 5 to 9 p.m. in most downtown stores.

CHARLEVOIX

Gifts with a Purpose: An Alternative Giving Event

December 1, 10am - 2pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. This fair affords members of our community the opportunity to, instead of buying a traditional gift for a recipient, make a donation to a charitable organization in the recipient's name, and the organization provides an "alternative or virtual" gift, usually in the form of a certificate or card, which is presented to the recipient. By making a donation in your recipient's name, you double your giving! This is a unique alternative to buying gifts for people who "have it all". You can change the lives of people you will never meet.

EAST JORDAN

Looking for project

The Leadership Class at East Jordan High School is interested in volunteer opportunities. If you have a need for volunteers please contact the Leadership Class teacher, Mr. Nachazel at pnachazel@ejps.org

CHARLEVOIX

Yoga

Stonehedge Gardens hosts Charlevoix Yoga with Heidi Dietrich Wednesday mornings 9-10am. Stonehedge Gardens is located on M-66 one mile south of the Ironton Ferry. Come and practice Yoga in the beautiful gardens at Stonehedge.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Volunteers needed for tax program

NMCAA offers free tax preparation at its office in Petoskey and Michigan Department of Human Services offices in Bellaire, Kalkaska, Roscommon and West Branch. Volunteers are needed at all locations including Boyne City and Charlevoix libraries. Tax preparation experience is preferred. NMCAA will provide training on tax preparation of low income returns and TaxWise software. After passing a basic IRS tax preparation test, you can choose to do tax preparation at times and a location that fit your sched-

ule. Become a volunteer tax preparer by contacting Latitia Garthe-Shiner at 231-947-3780 or 800-632-7334. He can also be reached via email at lgshiner@nmcaa.net.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Raffle

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts, (CCA) is offering you a chance to participate in our first annual CCA Raffle. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Circle Programs. We are selling only 200 tickets at \$100 each for this 2012 - 2013 Monthly Raffle. The final drawing will be on August 2, 2013. Each and every month, you have a chance of winning 1 or 3 cash prizes: \$150, \$100 and \$50. All tickets go in the "hopper" so everyone has 36 chances of winning! The cost of the ticket averages \$8.33 per month. Please call the CCA (231) 547.3554, visit "Elements" at 107 Bridge downtown, or contact any CCA Board member to purchase your tickets. Only 200 tickets will be sold. You do not need to be present to win.

CHARLEVOIX

Wanted: Girl Scout Volunteers

The Charlevoix Area Service Unit is putting out a call for adults who would like to make a difference in the lives of area girls who are anxiously awaiting a troop experience. The number one resource for the girls in Girl Scouting is the leader. We are also seeking a School organizer, a Product manager, Assistant Leaders and an Event Coordinator. The first steps in becoming a new volunteer is to apply! Please contact Amy Hanchin, 231-544-2714 or amyhanchin@yahoo.com

BOYNE CITY

Winter Farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market continues through October on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 to noon at Veterans Park. The Winter Market will again be held in the red barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street on Saturdays from November through April. Volunteers are needed to help clean and paint the inside of the red barn; contact Market Manager Becky Harris at 231-330-2704.

EAST JORDAN

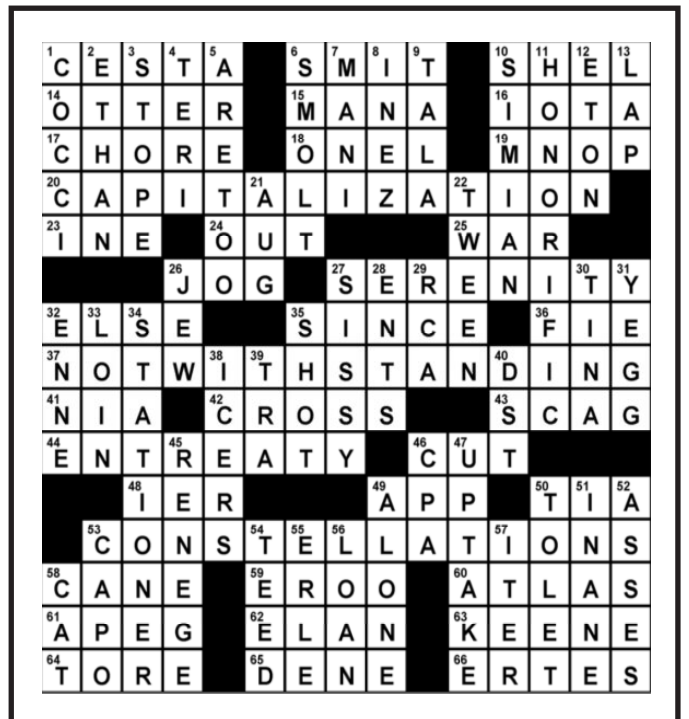
Become a Lioness

We do many other good things too numerous to mention. We work as a team and always put the community first, which is a big part of being a good Lioness. Please come and join our team if you feel motivated to serve our community. If interested, please call Lioness Brenda Chanda at 231-536-2774 home or 231-330-9924 cell.

EAST JORDAN

Fiber Exhibits & Workshops

Jordan River Arts Council - Fantastic Fiber Exhibits & Workshops thru Nov. 13



Election

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Just Vote

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process in areas of the country that persisted in preventing minorities from voting through use of tactics such as literacy tests and intimidation.

- The 26th Amendment in 1970 – “The right of citizens of the United States, who are 18 years of age or older, to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of age.” – bringing the eligible voting age down to 18 from 21.

So the simple act of going to the polls to vote, or the even more convenient process of casting an absentee ballot, is a long fought battle to ensure every U.S. Citizen has a voice in the choosing elected officials as well as in deciding the fate of state and local proposals.

Each vote counts, as is demonstrated by:

- In the 1880 election, it only took 9,000 votes to bring James Garfield a presidential victory over contender Samuel Tilden.

- In 1960, John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by just 113,000 votes, and over 70 million people cast votes in that contest.

- One vote decided the House race in Oakland County, Michigan in 1990.

- Less than 20 votes decided the House republican candidate selection in the August primary race in northern Lower Michigan in 2010.

And in a very memorable national election, the 2000 U.S. Presidential race, George Bush reportedly received 50,460,110 popular votes and Al Gore 51,003,926 votes (source; www.usconstitution.net). A bit of an issue with some paper ballot “chads” in Florida, and a Bush victory was affirmed in the Electoral College vote, yet we are talking about a margin of only 537 votes in Florida (source; Florida Department of State). That election that drew approximately 111 million voters, which only represented about 60-percent of eligible voters at that time.

In his book, “Heart of a Native,” Michigan author Tom St. Dennis speaks of a Native American Seven Generations Ethic that is based on a philosophy that every act one does should be “done with seven future generations in mind.” There is no single act every United States citizen has the ability to perform that will have more significance to those future generations than exercising the right to vote.

If there is a clear message that should dominate the airwaves, presses and lawn placards through Tuesday, November 6th, it should simply read: “Just VOTE!” Not necessarily for the candidate or interest group that spends the most money promoting their campaign or cause. Not by simply filling in the same boxes as your spouse, friends or peer group, but by casting your vote for the person and proposals YOU believe will make the world, and the future world of America’s children and grandchildren a brighter one.

Just VOTE!

Crunch Time

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with Romney in the Wolverine State.

Lyman: How would a Mitt Romney presidency benefit northern Michigan?

Fitzpatrick: “President Obama’s policies have devastated the middle class in Northern Michigan – unemployment remains chronically high, poverty has increased, and incomes have fallen. This election presents a clear choice between the government dependency of Barack Obama and Mitt Romney’s vision of economic freedom. Romney’s plan for a stronger middle class will create more jobs and more take-home pay, helping all Americans by spurring economic growth, creating 12 million jobs, and getting the economy on the right track again. Northern Michigan simply can’t afford four more years like the last four years under President Obama. We need a real recovery that will result in more jobs, more domestic energy production, and a pro-growth environment for small businesses to open and expand – all which the Romney Plan will deliver.”

Lyman: Would ‘President Romney’ consider making Northern Michigan the new Martha’s Vineyard?

Fitzpatrick: “When Governor Romney’s father, George Romney, was running for Governor of Michigan, Mitt Romney had the opportunity to travel to every county in Michigan with his dad. Governor Romney has seen the beauty of Northern Michigan, and knows it to be one of the best vacation spots in the nation. Governor Romney truly enjoys his opportunities to come back and visit his home state of Michigan, and would relish the chance to get back to northern Michigan as President.”

For further information, please visit www.mittromney.com/ and www.barackobama.com/.

Meet the Candidates

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY— On a local level, Charlevoix County voters don’t have too many decisions to make at the polls this November. As far as County elected officials are concerned, only two seats are being contested in the fifth and sixth districts. Of the three cities in Charlevoix County, those who reside in Charlevoix will have options for seats for the second ward, third ward and Mayor as a result of two write in candidates. Of the fifteen townships in our county only Boyne

Valley, Charlevoix, Hayes and Peaine have board members running opposed this election and of the six school districts, only residents in the East Jordan and Ellsworth districts have choices to make at the polls.

Each of the candidates were asked three questions Why are you running for this position? What is your top priority if you are elected? What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the county/your township/school district in the future?

Here are their responses:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 5TH DISTRICT

which includes Eveline, Marion, Norwood, Peaine, and St. James Townships.

Richard L. Gillespie, Republican

Gillespie has served as County Commissioner from 1992-1996, and 2010-present. He has also served on many boards over the

years including Chairman, Beaver Island Transportation Authority, planning, and the historical society. He lives on Beaver Island with his wife Laura, and children, Kellie, Kerrie, James and Kevin.

“We need someone to administrate board decisions and to also work to maintain harmony between elected officials and all departments and committees of the county board. I believe we should be looking at central purchasing which an administrative assistant would be most helpful in doing. I believe we could easily save that persons wages given many of the expenses we incur. I have many things I am working on and that I want to complete, not the least of which is re-powering the Ironton Ferry with hydraulic drive. Many of the systems are very out of date and we all know it is vital to keep the ferry in good running condition. These plans will keep her ready to go for many years! Beyond that I want to work to improve communication in all departments and streamline our processes.”

Nancy Ferguson, Democrat

Ferguson has lived in Charlevoix County for 37 years. She has been married to John Fratrack for 27 years and they live at their home, the Triple F Ranch, with two cats, two horses and a mule. She taught school in Ellsworth for 25 years and has been employed as a part-time bank teller in Charlevoix and on Beaver Island for 14 years. She volunteers with many local organizations and her governmental experiences include being among the founding members of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, the Michigan Wind Working Group, Charlevoix County Waste Planning Committee member for development of the 1991 and 2000 solid waste management plans, Former Eveline Township Planning Commission, Former Eveline Township Board of Appeals, Master Citizen Planner, and presently sits on the Charlevoix County Planning Commission.

“I believe my work, volunteer involvement, and ap-

pointed governmental experiences will be beneficial in making decisions that affect our citizens in a reasoned, civil, and pro-active manner. We need to enhance and grow our recreational facilities while protecting our natural environment. Scenery, water sports, snow sports, bike trails, fishing and hunting are amenities that attract people to our area. Safe and appealing roads are necessary because they are the first impression visitors get of our county and all it has to offer. Continued maintenance and updating of our road system helps promote our county. We need to re-address the hiring of a county administrator/manager. This will help in the coordination of the many county departments, helping to avoid duplication of efforts and saving money. It will also, hopefully, help in the avoidance of lawsuits.”

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 6TH DISTRICT

this encompasses Charlevoix township.

Larry Sullivan, Republican

Sullivan and his wife of 31 years Cathy live on the north side of Charlevoix. They have two children, Kelly, a nurse at Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, who is married with two children, and Michael, a chef at the restaurant called “Grove” in Grand Rapids. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning from Michigan State University and has very recently retired from the position of Charlevoix County Planning Director, a position he held for 31 years.

He has served as the chair of the following organizations: St. Mary’s School Board, Knights of Columbus Building Corporation, City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals. He has also served or is currently serving on the Knights of Columbus, the City of Charlevoix Historic District Commission, the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Michigan Community Association of Mapping Professionals.

“I have lived in Charlevoix for over 31 years as I feel this is a great place to live and I want to see that continue. Having said that, I am not pleased with the way the County is currently being run. Lack of openness (evidenced by costly lawsuits for information that is public information), costly personnel lawsuits, and buildings and improvements that are not well thought out prior to construction getting underway. My top priority is to see the Board of Commissioners hire an experienced County Administrator. The County Board of Commissioners needs to establish policies for the governance of the County and then let the staff imple-

ment those policies. An experienced and effective County Administrator can assist the Board in developing the policies and then assist the department heads in implementing those policies.”

Richard Clem, No Party Affiliation

Clem is currently single and retired. He has a daughter, Kelli and lives on the north side of Charlevoix.

“I’m running for county commissioner because I feel I have the qualifications and the desire to help the county achieve its greatest potential. I don’t have a long history of being unable to work with the county commission. Solving difficult problems is a team effort. A long history of not being a team player isn’t going to make solving issues any easier. The first thing that needs attention is county government itself. It seems that most of the problems are personnel issues that could have been avoided with good management. I believe that it is time for the county to hire a manager for day-to-day operations. The #1 issue facing Charlevoix County is the lack of opportunities for young people to be successful. There needs to be avenues for future generations to succeed and prosper. We need to identify and promote our natural advantages. We need to continue to develop and promote the things that make Charlevoix County attractive to others. Much more than these things, we need to identify ways to attract and keep new businesses and to make it easy to manage a business here. The business world is changing and Charlevoix County has a golden opportunity to take advantage of that change.”

CHARLEVOIX CITY, MAYOR (WRITE-IN)

Gabe Campbell

Campbell is married to Karen, his wife of 49 years and has four adult children, Erin, Kathleen, Jamie and Kevin. He has sat on the City Council and served as Mayor for over a dozen years.

“I’m running because I’m disgusted with the mayor and Council. They are good people but they just quit listening. When you stop listening to the people it’s a bad deal. I want to give the people an alternate of somebody who will listen to what they have to say. I’m very happy with the city staff. For some reason the council is digging in their heels and the people are very upset, that fireplace has to come out.”

CHARLEVOIX CITY, WARD 2 (WRITE-IN)

Leon Perron

Perron is the owner of Celest Muddick’s Fudge, downtown Charlevoix.

“The recent controversy involving the proposed fireplace in East Park sparked my interest. As a life-long resident of Charlevoix I feel it is time I became more involved in the community. I feel I can represent my neighbors with a common sense approach to our local issues. My top priority will be to resolve the conflict caused by the proposed fireplace. I know the vast majority is opposed to its construction and I will work on their behalf. Obviously better procedures need to be put in place and made legally binding to insure the public has adequate notice and input into development on public property. Watching how the taxpayer’s dollars are spent will always be an ongoing priority.”

CHARLEVOIX CITY, WARD 3

Shane D. Cole

“I have chosen to run for my 3rd term because I feel that the current council has done an outstanding job dealing with some very tough issues in the past and has work to do in the future and I want to help keep the positive momentum going. As always the budget is a top priority and council and staff have done a very good job with this. I also feel we need to stay focused on our strengths such as the marina, beaches, and tourism. The development of new larger dockage for larger boats in the marina is a big priority also. I think a very important thing for the county as a whole would be the cities and townships working together to keep businesses and jobs in Charlevoix county.”

Shirley Gibson

Gibson has an Associate of Applied Science from Ferris University. She is retired and was previously

elected to city council from 2001-2007 and has served on the City’s Planning Commission from 1994-2000. “I think it is disgraceful that no present city council member from any ward has had a challenger for 5 years. The voters need a choice and the 3rd Ward now has a choice for the first time in a few years. I believe it is very important to protect our parks, beaches

See CANDIDATES on next page



Richard Gillespie



Richard Clem



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Larry Sullivan



Nancy Ferguson



Gabe Campbell



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Election

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Candidates

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and marina areas from any sort of development (big or small) so it would be prudent for the city to develop a strict policy to address this issue. I would like to see the City allocate funds on a regular yearly basis to the Shade Tree Commission in order to start replacing trees in areas where the City has had to remove dead and/or diseased trees. I have no special interests, no conflict of interest and stand to gain nothing from any decisions made at council meetings and I will not support a cause that benefits a few at the expense of the many others who will be left footing the bills. I believe the citizens of the 3rd Ward will benefit from an open-minded candidate who will make decisions to preserve and protect our natural resources, spend taxpayer funds wisely and listen to the needs and desires of the community collectively. I think the City will always have challenges with budgetary issues, but at this time the city has a very qualified staff and they are able to address monetary issues in a very positive manner without wasting taxpayer money."

BOYNE VALLEY TWP— SUPERVISOR

Sue Hobbs, Republican

"Seven generations of my family are currently living, or have lived, in Boyne Valley and I have lived here all of my life except for a short period of time when I was required to move for my job; so I care about the people and the future of Boyne Valley. With more than 20 year's experience in local government, both in a career in local government and serving Boyne Valley Township as a member of the Planning Board, I believe I am prepared to represent the citizens of Boyne Valley and help them plan for the future of our Township. My top priority will be to budget to maintain the healthy fund balance past boards have worked to build, while looking for ways to lower the millage rate and grow the tax base so families can afford to live in Boyne Valley Township. Another important goal is to complete Boyne Valley Township's page on the Charlevoix County Planning Department's web site. I believe that, if all residents had easy access to view the Board's agendas, minutes, budgets, zoning ordinance and other information about their Township Government, they would participate more in the decisions made by elected officials. The most



Sue Hobbs

pressing issue will continue to be the economy. We need to find ways to maintain our roads, retain our school, and provide services in spite of reduced funding from both state and federal government."

Bernard J. Kondrat, Democrat

Kondrat is retired, single and has two daughters.

"I've lived here all my life. I've been on the township board for four years and have been attending meetings for five years. I think our township is doing pretty good and I'd just like to see it continue on that same road. I think I can get it done. My top priority if elected will be roads. We have to maintain our roads when we can. It'll cost more money if it is let go too long—we're in the middle of cleaning up our transfer station to make it nicer and cleaner for our taxpayers. Our economy is the most pressing issue facing the townships today. The cash dollars. We're all making less money now because of how the economy is going it's just harder to do better things when you're getting less money."



Bernard Kondrat

HAYES— TRUSTEE

Rich Burnett Republican

Burnett has lived in Hayes Township for 41 years. He is married to Annie and has two boys Derek, 13 and Daniel, 11. He works at Dry Harbor Marina in Charlevoix. He is Chairman of the Township Planning Commission and serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I just thought that the township needed some other options, another voice to represent the people of the township. I would like to get people more involved and come to the meetings. The number one thing I would like to see is that big issues like the park get voted on by the people."



Rich Burnett

Douglas L. Kuebler, Republican

"I've been on the board for twenty years. I feel I represent the majority of the people in my township and I feel they need someone to represent their opinions. My top priority if elected will be roads. I believe the roads are something that people from in-



Douglas Kuebler

fants to 99 need. It's necessary and a public safety issue. We try to prioritize the roads and keep them in the best repair we can. Everybody uses the roads twelve months of the year. The most pressing issues for the future are phragmites and clean water. These issues aren't going to go away and we've got to work for that."

Jim Rudolph, Democratic

"I am running for re-election as Hayes Township Trustee because I believe I am the best candidate seeking the job. I am semi-retired from running a data analysis research consulting business and have the time and opportunity to continue being the township representative on many county wide committees. I represent Hayes Township on the Charlevoix Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association and am the treasurer of that chapter. I am also a member of the county wide group working to expand affordable broadband internet throughout the county, and am an involved member of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Plan to maintain the environmental integrity of America's #2 lake. I don't have a top priority. The role of the trustee, as a member of the board, is to provide guidance for future development while protecting the natural resources and rural character of the township. If we are awarded money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Funds to purchase the Camp Seagull property, a board priority will be conducting the community meetings to establish the character of this township park. Michigan has an abundance of fresh water and with the severe water shortage in over half of the counties in the U.S., I see two issues: The first issue is protecting our most precious resource from a pipeline that would permanently remove water from the Great Lakes and from pollution and invasive species. Next, we must initiate planning for the expected influx of in-migration from those states suffering a water shortage."



Jim Rudolph

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Scott Nachazel

Nachazel is happily married to Angie Nachazel, they have two sons. Teddy is a freshman and Jacob is in the eighth grade.



Scott Nachazel

He has worked for EJ (formerly EJIW) as the Engineering Services Manager for 17 years. He has a Bachelors degree in engineering from Lake Superior State University and an MBA from Lawrence Technological University. "I am running for my second four year term as a school board member because I have a strong feeling of support and commitment to East Jordan Public Schools. I understand the importance of a good education and I want to help in any way I can to make our school the best learning environment for the children in our community. I believe my leadership style, team supportive attitude and belief in the direction our schools are heading are the qualities that will benefit EJPS and the community. If I'm elected, my top priority is to support the current Administration's vision of making East Jordan Public School the destination school in the area. Our staff is working hard to increase the school's educational offerings and expand the services for the families in our area. I believe the most pressing issue for our school district continues to be how to increase and improve upon our current educational offerings while working within a limited budget. Our schools current strategy and mission is working to overcome these challenges and I'm proud to be a supportive member in that success."

Becky Rowbotham

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Kevin Shepard

Shepard is married to wife, Sheri and they have two sons Zach, who is a senior this year, and Colin who is in the eighth grade. He works for Charlevoix County as their Human Resources Manager. "When I was appointed to the board last April East Jordan Schools were in tough labor negotiations with the teachers. Since then we have hired a new superintendent, signed a new labor agreement, and the direction of the East Jordan Schools right now is very positive, and I would like to be part of that. My top priority, first and foremost, is fiscal responsibility. As a tax payer and a parent of 2 East Jordan students it's very important to be able to offer as many different programs as possible, while providing financial stability and sustainability. The biggest issue facing our district, along with other districts in the region, is declining enrollment. We have started several different programs this year to reverse this trend, with the great leadership of our administrative



Kevin Shepard

staff, outstanding teachers and wonderful students, I'm confident we can be successful."

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Susanne Gardner

"I am a lifetime resident of Ellsworth. I graduated from Ellsworth Community School as did my parents and my daughter. Because of that, I have a vested interest in seeing our school continue in growth and excellence. I have an extensive background in banking and office management and feel that will be an asset as a board member. If elected, I look forward to giving back to the school and community that has served my family so well. I am retired and have one daughter, Emily, who is a professor at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, New York."



Susanne Gardner

Jonathan Kelly

Kelly and his wife, Trini, have been married for 20 years and have an eight year old daughter, Emily.

"As a small business owner, (JTE Plumbing & Heating LLC), I know how important it is to use the funds and resources available in the most efficient ways, and will use my experience to give back to the community as best as I can. (I intend to) Look out for the best interest of our kid's future, by providing as many resources and tools possible to further their education and prepare them for the careers they should be entitled to. The most pressing issue for the future is using the educational funds available in the most effective ways that will provide each and every student with the best possible education."

Kandi S. Randall

Randall and her husband of twenty-five years, Christopher, run North County Veterinary Services and are the parents of Cody, Chelsea, Chance and Collin.

"I'm interested in the betterment of the school. My top priority if elected is to be an efficient team player. The most pressing issue facing all Michigan schools is school funding."



Kandi Randall

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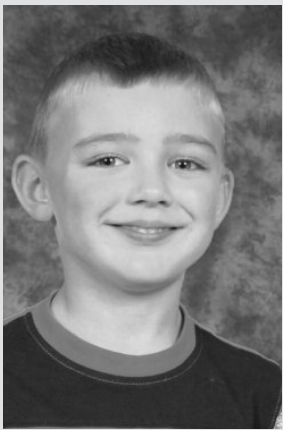
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Student of the Week

Boyne Falls Elementary

Bryar Lester



GRADE: 1

PARENTS:
Amanda Lester

SCHOOL FAVORITES:
Math & Recess

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? :
A logger because I want to be just like my dad.

FAVORITE BOOKS:
Dinosaur Books

STAFF COMMENTS

Bryar always comes to school ready to do his best. He is helpful with friends, staff, and within the classroom. Bryar is a great role model in our classroom. Congratulations Bryar!! - (Ms. Disney)

East Jordan Students in Quiz Bowl



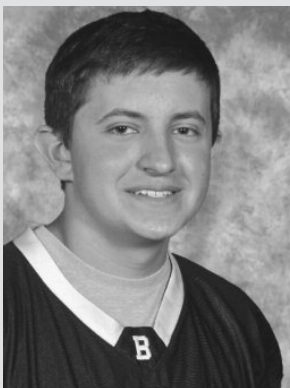
The East Jordan High School Quiz Bowl Team won the Class C-D Quiz Bowl Championship at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey on Friday, October 19. The Team will compete at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and was filmed for CMU public television on October 24. (The show we be aired on November 21, 2012).

PICTURED IN THE PHOTO: (L-R) Front row: Lillian Hague, Destiny Honeysette, Tiffany Sweet. Second Row: Rachel Harden, Jacqueline Radtke. Back Row: James Radtke, Tyler Hines, Donny Miller. Not Pictured: Joel Liesenberg, Jordan Liesenberg, Brandyn Argetsinger, Gracie Ambrosio, Ben Danner and Leah Jordan

Student of the Week

Boyne City High School

Collin Sudderth



GRADE: 9

PARENTS:
Ron and Tina Sudderth

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Football, Basketball, Golf

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
Cooking, Target shooting
Fishing, Major League Gaming

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

"Attend USC to become a doctor. Get rich or die trying"

STAFF COMMENTS

"Collin is a great young man and a fine football player who has the skills and physical ability to be able to play any of the positions along the offensive or defensive lines this past season. More importantly than the physical ability, he had the intelligence to be able to grasp all of those positions and be our 'Jack of all Trades' down in the trenches. For these reasons, Collin was one of only five Freshmen that were invited to come up the Varsity for the Playoffs. Collin also surprised me with his other interests, my son Carter freely admits that Collin is a Master Chef and Collin and Carter are challenging me to a 'Chopped' (Food Network Style) challenge coming up when the football season comes to an end." - (Coach Wilmot)

"Collin is a great student to have in class! He is engaged in the lesson, volunteers and offers great insight during our class discussions! Great job Collin!" - (Mrs. Deming, History Teacher)

"Collin is a great student - he is an active participant in his learning and works well with his classmates. I really enjoy having him in my class. Keep up the great work, Collin!" - (Mrs. Hertel, Spanish Teacher)

"Collin has shown himself to be self-motivated, serious, and focused in College Prep Geometry. He asks great questions and is well prepared for class. Besides that he made a great "gangster lawyer" in the long dark trench coat during spirit week." - (Mr. Thomason, Geometry Teacher)

Local organizations receive \$26,900 in People Fund grants

Great Lakes Energy members continue to lend a hand to local community causes through their voluntary contributions to the People Fund.

In October, the north committee of the People Fund Board of Directors awarded \$26,900 in grants to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan:

1. Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for the Full STEAM Ahead program to provide hands-on educational visits to schools in Charlevoix county focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and math.
2. Village of Fife Lake, Fife Lake: \$600 for lighting and electrical in Memorial Park.
3. Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$2,300 for electric meal transporters for the Meals on Wheels program.
4. Hospice of NW Michigan, Charlevoix: \$1,000 for patient comfort and safety needs.
5. Harbor Hall, Petoskey: \$5,000 to help fund remodeling of dormitory.
6. Bellaire High School Student Council, Bellaire: \$1,000 for material to make blankets to donate to Antrim Baby Pantry.
7. Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resource (KAIR), Kalkaska: \$5,000 to

provide heat and food assistance to those in need.

8. Johannesburg/Lewiston High School Robotics, Johannesburg: \$1,000 for batteries and wiring for electric wheelchairs that the students will repair and refurbish to donate back into the community.

9. The Preservation Association of Beaver Island, Beaver Island: \$5,000 for the Beaver Island Community Center.

10. Lighthouse Lunch, Charlevoix: \$1,000 for food and supplies for community lunch for those in need.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999, more than \$2.2 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the western side of Michigan.

"For less than 50 cents a month, Great Lakes Energy members can help many in need," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "Members can enroll very easily by contacting us so we can continue to help local, worthwhile organizations in need."

Non-profit organizations in the

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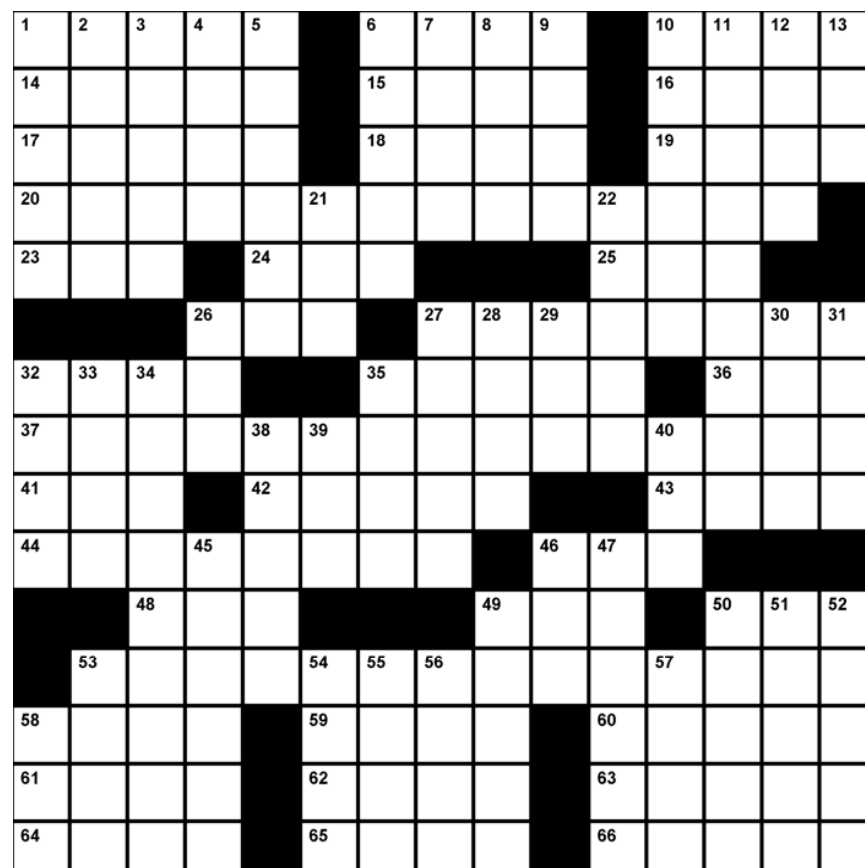
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Weekly Crossword



- Across**
- 1- Jai alai basket; 6- Struck, old-style; 10- Cartoonist Silverstein; 14- Aquatic mammal; 15- "Give that ___ cigar!"; 16- Bit; 17- Task; 18- Like Nash's lama; 19- Queue before Q; 20- Process of capitalizing; 23- Having four sharps; 24- Not in; 25- Armed conflict; 26- Slow run; 27- Tranquility; 32- Otherwise; 35- Subsequently; 36- For shame!; 37- In spite of; 41- Actress Peeples; 42- Crucifix; 43- Heroin, slangily; 44- Plea; 46- Director's cry; 48- Comparative suffix; 49- PC program; 50- Acapulco aunt; 53- Star groups; 58- Walking stick; 59- Switch ending; 60- Book of maps; 61- Take down ___; 62- Brio; 63- New Hampshire city; 64- Ripped; 65- Sandy tract; 66- Some Art Deco works;
- Down**
- 1- Spherical bacteria; 2- Actor Hawke; 3- Mine excavation; 4- Actress Garr; 5- Playground retort; 6- Young salmon; 7- The ___ Love; 8- Don Juan's mother; 9- Currency unit in Western Samoa; 10- Monkey; 11- Confering honor; 12- Collar type; 13- Once around the track; 21- Summer mo.; 22- Twixt's partner; 26- Person whose religion is Judaism; 27- Actress Spacek; 28- Tolkien tree creatures; 29- Nipper's co.; 30- Ike's ex; 31- Safe-cracker; 32- Feminizing suffix; 33- Beef cut; 34- Seller of paper; 35- Ammo; 38- Champagne buckets; 39- Lilt syllable; 40- Summer hrs.; 45- Go back on one's word; 46- Tax pro; 47- Mental grasp; 49- Unaccompanied; 50- Apartment sign; 51- Absurd; 52- Donkeys; 53- Crime boss; 54- Prepared to drive; 55- Author ___ Stanley Gardner; 56- Shark's offering; 57- Anatomical passage; 58- Siamese, calico, or tabby;

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County Commission

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the appointments were postponed because the commissioners didn't feel they had gotten enough response from the public.

"We extended it trying to promote interest in those positions and after extending it, we did get more interest," said Chairman Joel Evans.

The proposed change in policy sparked conversation among the commissioners. "I do believe anytime that this board is appointing any term that out lasts the next round of commissioners we owe it to do some due diligence on who we put in those Chairs," said Commissioner Chris Christensen.

Commissioner Ron Reinhardt agreed with Christensen, "Any term over two years we need to inter-view," he said.

A motion was passed to table the committee appointments until after the first of the year when the new board takes their seats. Commissioner Christensen voted against the change. "I think that we've successfully done it that way and to wait until the new board is seated is counterproductive to the process."

A 8,500 square foot steel construction garage with both a high bay and a low bay that would house Road Commission equipment; the County Transit bus, Sheriff vehicles, the Sheriff's office, two holding cells, and the Road Commission transit, was presented complete with four different floor plans and schematic design documents, but no cost estimate.

"We don't have any numbers for you. We're not sure what it's going to cost," said Pat Harmon, Manager of Charlevoix County Road Commission on Beaver Island. He explained that because costs are higher on the Island it was difficult to give an estimate. The Road Commission was seeking the Commissions sanction on the project but didn't get it without a ballpark figure.

Another issue to be resolved before the Commission gets on board with the project is that the garage

would be built on land donated for that purpose by the township to the road Commission. Questions that need be resolved include if the County want to spend taxpayers money on property owned by the Road Commission and can it legally do that?

"You are dealing with two separate legal entities here," said Graham. "Who's going to own the building?"

Commissioner Rich Gillespie brought photographs of the present housing situation for three county entities on the island; Transit, Road Commission and Sheriff's Department. "This building is needed very badly," said Commissioner Ron Reinhardt. "We're trying to take care of a large problem with one building."

The Commissioners assured Harman that they understood the necessity of the project but needed more information on costs and options to cover those costs. "I think we really need to pursue whatever we can. I'm sure it (the cost) is going to be shocking, but we all know we need it," said Evans.

The Uniform Storm Water Ordinance that Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, Marc Seelye has been presenting to the ten townships, three cities and one village in Charlevoix County requires an intergovernmental agreement between the participating entity and the county which states that the county will enforce the ordinance for that entity. Members of the audience voiced disagreement with the County having control over township ordinances.

"This Board of Commissioners isn't enacting a resolution on the county. We are doing nothing more than enabling the townships that choose to participate with the ordinance to enforce it. We are providing them a service," explained Christensen. Christensen informed the audience that if they have a concern with the ordinance they need to talk to their township/city/village officials.

The next County Commission meeting will be held on November 14 at 9:30 A.M.

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

October 15-21, 2012

911 Hang Up Call	2
Abandoned Vehicle	4
Abuse	0
Alarm	5
Animal Complaint	22
Annoyance	4
Assault	0
Assist Citizen	4
Assist Motorist	2
Assist Other Agency	15
Attempt to Locate	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	3
Car/Deer Accident	17
Citations Issued	10
Civil Complaint	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	6
DNR Complaint	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	3
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	2
Fraud	5
Health & Safety	1
Hit & Run	1
Intoxicated Person	3
Juvenile	4
Larceny	7
Lockout	4
Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	4
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	2
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	1
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	16
Parking Violation	1
Personal Injury Accident	0
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident	2
Property Check	9
Property Damage Accident	2
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	4
Stalking	1
Suspicious Situation	11
Threat	0
Traffic Stop	80
Trespassing	3
Unknown Accident	2
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	2

POLICE BEAT

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, October 22, 2012

8:06am2 vehicle property damage accident at Water and East Streets
10:18amReport of dead bird in middle of road on Front St near Pleasant Av
10:58amReport of larceny of jewelry from the 100 block of E Water St
12:50pm .Subject arrested on warrant
4:01pmReport of skateboarders in parking lot in the 100 block of Ray St

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

1:06amFound property turned in from the 100 block of Ray St
6:37amSuspicious vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St
8:19amUnlock vehicle on LacVue
9:46amReport of suspicious subjects at Front and Division Streets
10:05amB&E to greenhouse in the 600 block of E Main St
12:04pmReport of injured deer on North St
1:30pmCredit card fraud reported from the 200 block of E Water St
2:25pmAbandoned bike reported on S Park St
4:20pm ...Arrested subject on warrant
5:57pmTrespass complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St. Subject arrested on outstanding warrant
7:21pmReport of assault in the 100 block of River St
10:01pmWelfare check in the 400 block of State St

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

2:37amFalse alarm on W Water St
3:39amAssist EMS in the 400 block of State St
11:19amTrespass complaint received from the 400 block of Front St
2:38pmAssist to Sheriff Department on W Division St
3:02pm2 vehicle property damage accident in the 300 block of N Lake St
3:25pmAssist to Sheriff Department in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
3:38pmDisturbance at Lake and Lower Lake Streets
4:55pmDriving complaint on vehicle heading into town on M-75 S
5:48pmAssist EMS in the 300 block of W Division St
6:42pmFireworks complaint on Silver St
11:56pmSuspicious subject in the 800 block of E Main St

Thursday, October 25, 2012

4:20amSuspicious vehicle on State St near Call St
7:09amAssist motorist at Division and Boyne Av
10:38amReport of 2 suspicious subjects in the 300 block of E Morgan St
11:37amSuspicious situation reported on Reh Ln
11:59amStalking complaint received from the 600 block of E Main St
12:15pmAssist Fire Dept with arcing and sparking lines at Lewis and Lincoln

St
1:38pm Funeral Escort
3:37pmReport of driver running red lights on school bus on State St. Driver was located
4:16pmReport of disturbance in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
4:31pmUnlock vehicle at Avalanche Mountain
5:50pmReport of deer on the runway at the airport
9:08pmUnlock vehicle in the 400 block of Clark St
9:06pmRoad hazard reported at Park and Cedar. Obstruction cleared
10:00pmFound wallet turned in. Was turned into owner.

Friday, October 26, 2012

9:49amFound trailer plate dropped off at PD. Registered owner contacted
1:42pmSubject reports nearly being hit by vehicle in cross walk at Water and Park St
7:05pm .911 hang up call from Collings St
7:15pmReport of 2 subjects pulling up political signs and throwing them in the road in the 100 block of W Division St
10:58pm2 juveniles found walking on Lake and Lower Lake Streets after curfew. Were turned over to parent
11:39pmReport of disturbance in the 300 block of W Division St
11:44pmSuspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

Saturday, October 27, 2012

11:05amCitation issued for speed at Vogel and Hannah
12:05pmCitation for no proof of insurance at Pleasant and Ann Streets
2:25pmCitation issued for speed on Charlevoix St at the city limits
2:35pmHit and run to cemetery fence
2:55pmAbandoned vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St
3:00pmReport of abandoned bicycles at Collings and East St
3:10pmReport of non- aggravated assault in the 500 block of Jefferson
5:22pmParking complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
6:49pmCitation issued for speed at lake and North Street
6:58pmUnlock in the 300 block of E Division St

Sunday, October 28, 2012

1:20amArrested 2 subjects for MIP alcohol
7:55amReport of subject cleaning fish and leaving mess in the river mouth restrooms
10:22amCitation issued for speed at Division and Grant St
11:07amCitation issued for no proof of insurance at Charlevoix St and Ridge Rd
11:21amCitation issued for speed at Lake and Vogel Streets
3:33pmReport of marijuana found in the 200 block of S Lake St
6:50pmAssist Sheriff Department on an alarm
7:00pmReport of found baseball glove
9:55pmAssist Sheriff Department with property damage accident that occurred on Advance Rd

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

THANK YOU DICK FISH

Dear Editor:

We wish to extend heartfelt thanks to you, Dick Fish, for your advocacy and tireless work on behalf of the Alano Club of Boyne City, and the role you have held as its president almost since the beginning.

Not only have we benefitted from your generosity and expertise – from the numerous fundraisers you attended, to your ongoing diligence that has helped keep our doors open – but the whole Boyne area has benefitted as well. Unity Hall has been well accepted by our community, and

under your leadership we have worked successfully to be a good neighbor. You have provided excellent administrative skills, run efficient meetings, and built a quality board, which now consists of 10 local members.

You have been an effective communicator, both to the board and to the community at large. Your experience on numerous other boards has been very valuable in steering Unity Hall in the right direction.

Our successes are in large part due to the qualities you have brought: character, good communi-

cation, an understanding of the importance of Unity Hall to its members and the area, and most importantly, the fact that you are simply a good human being.

It is with mixed feelings that we accept your retirement from the Boyne Area Alano Club board. Certainly you have earned a break. But your unique gifts will be hard to replace, and we will long remember the good you have done here.

The Boyne Area Alano Club Board of Directors

TO BE OR NOT TO BE ELECTED

Hardly the way to get elected – or get laid – in stating “legitimate rape” “an act of God”, Republicans reach new lows in rhetoric. Probably taken out of context as usual these quips are nonetheless already urban legend. Like Rush Limbaugh’s terming of a young female student “slut, prostitute”, these faux pas are no doubt the bane of electioneers on the conservative side since it won’t beget female voters who even proclaim conservative ethics.

Plausibly akin to John McCain’s choosing of Sarah Palin as running mate – prognosticated as senile lecher picks bimbo – such malapropisms – if one may attribute these to spoonerism mistakes of linguistics – assume the temerity of calumniation by churl. Can these guys be serious? Well, if Mitt Romney is serious about 47% on the public dole when corporate welfare perpetrated by himself and his buddies is rampant and not part of his itinerary in speech, plus half of those 47% are no doubt working and retired conservative Republicans, seriousness must be attributed accordingly. What can they be thinking – or not?

So there you have it, ladies

and gentlemen, mostly ladies, the truth behind the podium, or facing the hidden video-cam as it turns out, in this act of God instance even the visible video-cam. When on stage one goes with the flow for sake of the act and when the audience is with the MC, the actor, the musician, the interviewed, the action takes over and rolling with it is just part of the show, spontaneity often accounting for the best reviews, or outtakes as the case may be. Bloopers are a category of infamy well known and beloved by all. As an aside there have been bloopers never caught by the roving assimilators of such, such as the two on local Michigan news of the early 1990s: “Bastard Pastor” for Baptist Pastor appropriately by a black male newscaster who quickly caught himself and apologized, and “Federal Defecate” by a female TV newscaster who did not.


In these election-era faux pas though there are no apologies and no reversals of comment, not even an out of context claim. These guys are dead serious. Whether they shot themselves in the electoral foot remains to be seen but these revealing

statements probably won’t go away any time soon.

Inference extrapolated would come to paraphrase of “sluts and prostitutes engaged in legitimate rape should give birth to act of God babies”. Great campaign slogan there. Rots a ruck with that. Of course, unlike Blagojevich now doing time for trying to sell the public office vacated by Obama, bad-mouthing females is not against the law, just against decorum and bar-room pickup protocol. Hey, baby, you into legitimate forceful acts of God? But like Blagojevich his self-righteous hubris extended to women-clubbers seems undaunted unless it turns out that this election does indeed turn the tide. These guys won’t go to prison but they’ve very likely raised the bar on pricy gender-specific encounters and lowered it on God’s terms.

Sometimes this Reality Television just gets too real, which is why Reality TV is pre-scripted. These obviously were not. Audio teleprompters may see a surge in manufacture and sales directly.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan



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Arts & Events

Martha Wagbo Farm offers free educational events

Martha Wagbo Farm, located at 5745 North M-66 in East Jordan, will be offering three exciting, informative and interactive events during the first two weekends in November. Each event at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center is open to the public, FREE to attend, and there is something certain to appeal to every age and interest.

- Jordan Valley Outdoor Youth Programs: Parsnips & Porcupines. Offered on Sunday, November 4th from 2-4pm at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan.

This excursion will take attendees out to the farm's fields to dig a succulent wild edible: Parsnips that have escaped cultivation. Bring a shovel and recipes will be provided for when you take your "catch" home. After our foraging foray, we will explore the forest to find evidence of resident Porcupines - their dens, scats, feeding

signs and even quills! Learn more about the ecology and lives of these strange pokey forest dwellers and walk away with a small collection of Porcupine quills.

- Community Potluck Series: Thinking for Beginners. Offered on Saturday, November 10th with the potluck starting at 6pm followed by a program at 7pm. To progress in any field it is useful to approach its content with the attitude of a beginner. Thinking is one of the functions that we presume to understand and it is very hard to accept that we can learn more. Thinking is a task, a joy and a wonder that we are constantly engaged with but it can become automatic and a bit dull. In this introductory presentation we will start simply but come away with something of great value. The only requirement for participation is an attitude of curiosity and openness - and a willingness to exercise your

thought! The presentation during the evening is by Daniel Proudfoot. Bring a dish to pass if you are able but never required. Tableware and beverages provided.

- Northwoods Family Nature Club. Offered on Sunday, November 11th from 1-3pm. This is a monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured PLAYTIME in the NATURAL WORLD. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos get down and dirty. This month again we will head back to our "gravel pit" to look for every child's favorite item to collect—rocks! We might even find a Petoskey stone or two.

For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org..



Eli Edgin of East Jordan participates in a foraging adventure at Martha Wagbo Farm. The farm will be offering three exciting, informative, interactive and FREE events during the first two weekends in November. Photo by Fischer Jex

Northwest Academy presents "A Notable Dinner" 4th Annual Argonne Dinner Fundraiser

New name - same wonderful event! Northwest Academy will again be hosting a wonderful evening of fine food and entertainment on Thursday November 8, 2012 at the Argonne Supper Club on the Boyne City Road in Charlevoix. This year's event - "A Notable Dinner" - is a fundraiser in support of the performing, visual and literary arts programs at Charlevoix's own tuition-free public school academy - Northwest Academy.

Students (with professional and parental supervision) will be the hosts, waiters, bussers, dishwashers, cooks, and kitchen helpers. Live entertainment will be provided by members of the Northwest Academy Advanced Band.

Dinner options will be the Argonne's Famous Shrimp, Steak, Ribs, or Chicken. Desserts and a cash bar will also be available, but are not included in the price of the ticket. Dinner tickets are \$25 per person in advance - \$30 at the door. Diners may come any time between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Northwest Academy and The Clothing Company. Many Northwest Academy students and parents will also have tickets



Abigail Kroon & Elizabeth Hodgson are among the many students who acted as servers & hosts.



Parker Ebert gives a thumbs-up at last year's event.

mation please call the school at 547-9000.

Northwest Academy is planning additional fundraisers around the holidays and during the winter months, including a repeat of their wonderfully successful "Cabin Fever Artsy, Musical Soup Cook-off" on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

JRAC 22nd Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair, Nov. 10

The Jordan River Arts Council is pleased to announce its 22nd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. This year the event will be November 10 from 10 am until 4 pm at the East Jordan High School, East Jordan.

The Holiday Fair is a juried show with works by over 50 artists and craft persons. All items are the original work of the artists. One entry showcases each of the exhibitor's work which includes, photography, paintings, pottery, glass work, jewelry, fiber works such as quilts, coverlets, clothing items and doll clothes, batiks, basketry, gift baskets, homemade jams and jellies, holiday decorations, wood items, homemade candles and more. The artist's booths not only are found in the gymnasium areas, but also in

the halls and the cafeteria area. Some of the artists will be demonstrating their works in their booth. All items are for sale.

Also on sale will be the JRAC Cook book, "Flavors and Visions" with recipes by member artists accompanied by reproduction of original art works, a few candles with the JRAC symbol of the lady slipper, T-shirts designed by Micah Middaugh, tote bags from the Florescence exhibit, and the JRAC writers group recently published book, Writings.

The Holiday Art Fair has always been known for its great gourmet menu featuring soups in a bread bowl, and sandwiches. Also there is the famous holiday salad, and the unbelievable dessert table.

Admission is by donation at both

High School entrances. The event is a major fund raiser especially for the JRAC scholarship fund. The Jordan River Arts Council is an all volunteer organization, serving as a leader of the East Jordan cultural community by providing a wide range of fine art experiences for persons of all ages often working with other organization and the schools. JRAC received the valued eddi award in 2004 for Arts and Cultural Organizations.

Many members and non members provide the work force for this event. For further information including requirements to exhibit, to work, or how to become a member of JRAC please contact Howard Ellis, 231-536-3385 or 231-536-2152 or jraco@att.net.

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Health & Wellness

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McLaren Northern Michigan receives award from American Heart Association

McLaren Northern Michigan has received the Get With The Guidelines - Heart Failure Gold Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. The recognition signifies that McLaren Northern Michigan has reached an aggressive goal of treating heart failure patients according to the guidelines of care recommended by the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology.

Get with the Guidelines-Heart Failure helps McLaren Northern Michigan's staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes to improve patient care and out-

comes. The program provides hospitals with a web-based patient management tool, best practice discharge protocols and standing orders, along with a robust registry and real-time benchmarking capabilities to track performance.

The quick and efficient use of guideline procedures can improve the quality of care for heart failure patients, save lives and ultimately, reduce health care costs by lowering the recurrence of heart attacks.

"Recent studies show that patients treated in hospitals participating in the American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines-Heart Failure program re-

ceive a higher quality of care and may experience better outcomes," said Lee H. Schwamm, MD, chair of the Get With The Guidelines National Steering Committee and director of the TeleStroke and Acute Stroke Services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass. "The McLaren Northern Michigan team is to be commended for their commitment to improving the care of their patients."

Following Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure treatment guidelines, heart failure patients are started on aggressive risk-reduction therapies if needed, including cholesterol-lowering drugs, beta-blockers, ACE in-

hibitors, aspirin, diuretics and anticoagulants while in the hospital. Before discharge, they also receive education on managing their heart failure and overall health, including lifestyle modifications and follow-up care. Hospitals must adhere to these measures at a set level for a designated period of time to be eligible for the achievement awards.

"McLaren Northern Michigan is dedicated to making our care for heart failure patients among the best in the country," said Reezie DeVet, President and CEO of McLaren Northern Michigan. "This recognition is a testament to our accomplishments. We have a tremendously dedicated and tal-

ented team whose daily contributions make these achievements possible."

According to the American Heart Association, about 5.7 million people suffer from heart failure. Statistics also show that, each year, 670,000 new cases are diagnosed and more than 277,000 people will die of heart failure. However, many heart failure patients can lead a full, enjoyable life when their condition is managed with proper medications and devices and with healthy lifestyle changes.

Free counseling to crime victims at the Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides free counseling and support services to victims of crime including victims of sexual assault, domestic abuse, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults mo-

lesting when they were children. Services also provided to victims of elder abuse, hate crimes, economic abuse/fraud, robbery, DUI/DWI crashes, and survivors of a homicide victim. Support services include crisis counseling, individual

counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy on behalf of survivors and resources/referrals. The WRCNM can assist in filing victim compensation claims with the

Michigan Department of Community Health. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM administrative office at (231) 347-0067.

Coalition forms to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among Antrim County kids

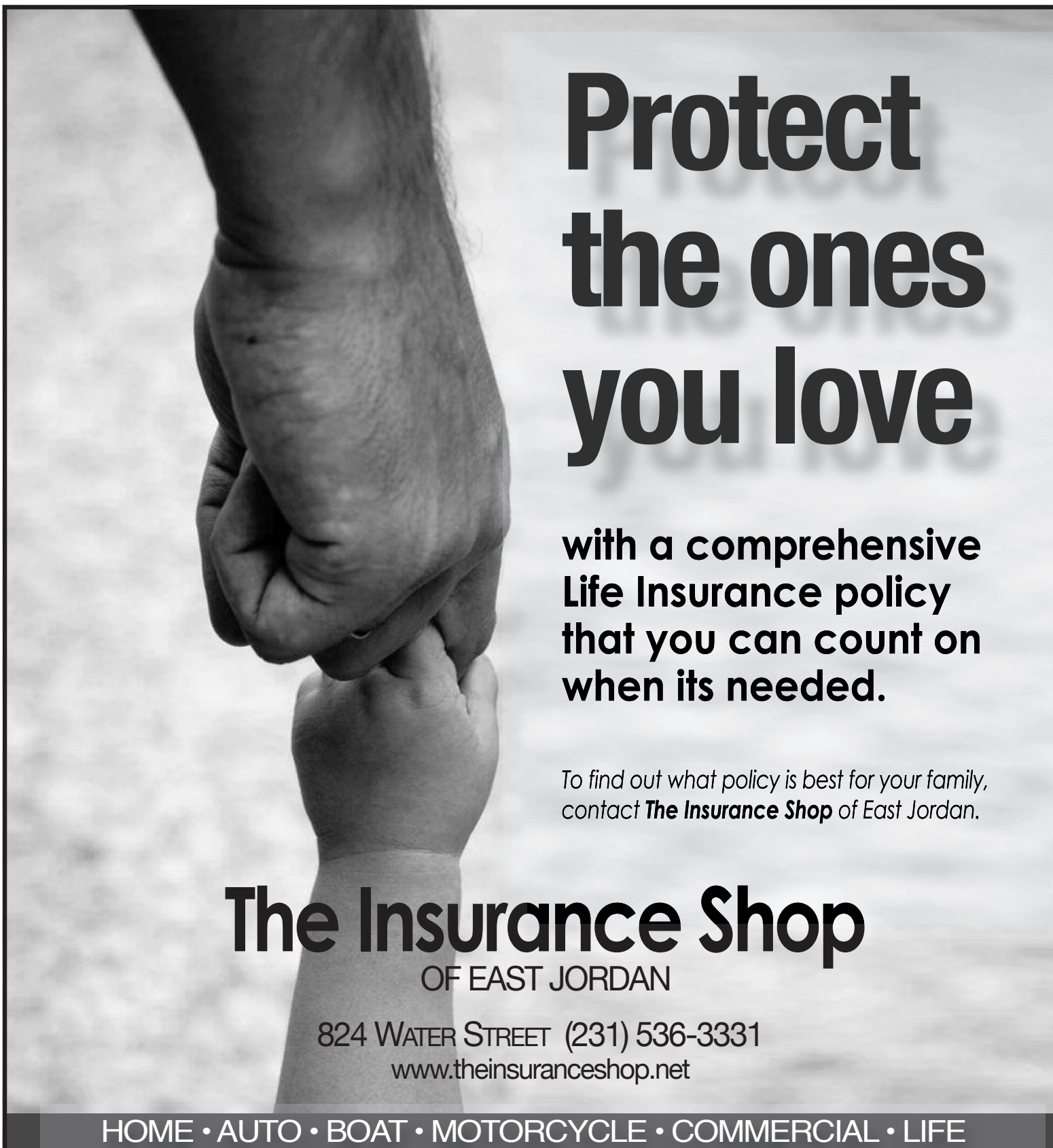
ANTRIM COUNTY - More than 500 Northern and Central Michigan deaths have been attributed to drug overdoses and poisoning since 2000, according to Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services (NMSAS). Prescription drugs accounted for the majority of those deaths. Children age 12 to 17 abuse prescription drugs more than ecstasy, crack cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines combined.

Alarming statistics like these have inspired a group of Antrim County parents, professionals and other community members to form the Antrim County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. Organized by Amy Brown, Community Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, the Coalition's objectives are to educate the public and promote a healthy community that is free of drug and alcohol abuse, with a special focus on protecting the county's youth. The Coalition will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at 6pm in the Mancelona Family Resource Center, 205 Grove Street, Mancelona.

"This is a bigger concern for Antrim County than many people realize," Brown said. "In a survey of more than 300 Antrim County kids, nearly half said they had tried alcohol by age 13, and also reported that marijuana was easy to get. More than 60 percent said it was easy to get cigarettes, and 12 was the average age for first-time tobacco use."

Brown says the Coalition, still in its early stages, is now comprised of seven members. She encourages anyone with a stake in Antrim County's future to attend the upcoming November 7th meeting, consider joining the group and help it gain momentum. For more information, contact Brown at (231) 587-4370 or a.brown@nwhealth.org.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For assistance with tobacco, drug and alcohol concerns, contact the Health Department at (800) 432-4121, or visit www.nwhealth.org for additional resources.



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