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New 2013 Boyne Area Chamber Officers elected



Gary Deters

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The Boyne Area Chamber Board of Directors elected officers for 2013 last week. The officers are: President Gary Deters of Re/Max Resort Properties; Vice President Kristine Brehm of Boyne Country Provisions and the Wine Emporium; Secretary Karen Guzniczak of Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and Treasurer Ryan Moskal of Ryan Moskal Chiropractic. Other 2013 board members are Jon Bautel of Boyne's Beyond Borders, Ed Grice of Boyne Mountain Resort, Leslie Neilson of inspired living, Tony Williams of Freshwater Art Gallery, Emily Wilmot of Korhase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, and Todd Wright of Wright Builders. The new board takes office Jan. 1 and will be officially installed at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 17 at Boyne Mountain.

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New Year's Resolutions

By Deb Hagen-Foley

New Year's Resolutions. Most of us have made them at some time. Nearly half of us make them every year, though 38-percent claim that they never make them. Of those who attempt, only 8-percent are successful in achieving their goal and 24-percent are never successful.

Yet making resolutions is better than not, as persons who explicitly make resolutions are ten times more likely to attain their goals than those who do not make them.

The start of a new year has become a traditional starting point

for adopting better habits. We decide that January 1st going to be the best day to stop smoking, exercise more or eat better. Unfortunately, the behavior change is often short-lived.

If you are truly committed to making positive and lasting changes, here's what the experts recommend:

1. Decide on a specific, measurable objective rather than an abstract resolution. Instead of, "exercise more," commit to "walk 5000 steps a day." Consider your current level of physical activity

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Losing weight, developing healthy habits and saving money are among the top New Year's resolutions. Turns out that the most difficult resolution is sticking to a resolution. COURTESY PHOTO

East Jordan High School Implements One-To-One iPad program



PHOTO COURTESY OF APPLE COMPUTER.

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—At the December 17 meeting of the East Jordan School Board an initiative to implement a one-to-one iPad mini program was approved. Students will be equipped with the electronic devices starting in January.

"The order has been placed and the students, staff and families are thrilled at what this will mean in helping students take greater charge of their learning and the pace of that learning," said School Superintendent Jon Hoover.

Every high school student will receive an iPad mini with a wireless Bluetooth keyboard in January. Students whose parents

choose to purchase a nominally priced insurance policy on the devices will be permitted to take them home.

"Our kids and our staff are extremely excited about this. It gives them an opportunity to take ownership of their own learning. It also presents challenges because teachers are going to need to wrap their mind around allowing more open ended projects so students can provide their own answers instead of just being the receiver of information from their teachers," said Mary Standerfer, Technology teacher.

East Jordan is doing things a little differently than some of the schools in the county by using the

iPad Mini with its seven-inch screen as opposed to the regular iPad with a nine-inch screen. The decision to use the mini was made by a control group of students who tested the devices for two weeks. The high school and fifth grade students preferred the ease of transporting the smaller devices and school decision makers liked the cost savings.

The devices are being paid for through a Technology bond the school received last year that was dedicated for technical upgrades. The bond was divided in two with one portion earmarked for the iPads and one portion set aside for the upgrade of the school infrastructure and groundwork that needed to be in place. All of that has been completed and paid for.

In this technological age learning tools such as iPads are used to enhance education through applications such as graphs, calculators, access to text books, research and interactive programs.

"In order to prepare students to be competitive globally, we must expose them to the kind of technology that is a reality in the world in which they will live. An iPad is just one example of the type of technology student's will use in their daily function. East Jordan High School students are some of the finest young adults you will meet. They deserve the best we can give them," said High School Principal Tammy Jackson.



"Charlevoix New Years Bridge Drop"

This New Year's Eve weekend marks the inaugural event for a Charlevoix community wide celebration. There is no better time to get out and have fun with friends and family than New Year's Eve.

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Buy a \$5 bracelet and from December 28th-January 1st area organizations, restaurants and retail stores will open their doors to welcome you for discounts, contests and special events. Bracelets are available at Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix Elks Club, and Randall Chiropractic.

For a full list of participating businesses go to www.BridgeDrop.com.

Direct any questions to Amanda Wilkin at 231-547-2101.

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William Gallaher, 69

(JUNE 11, 1943 – DEC. 21, 2012)

Bill Gallaher of Boyne City passed away on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, with his family by his side, following several years of declining health with congestive heart failure. He was born June 11, 1943, to William and Florine (Richards) Gallaher, and was raised in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Helen Tobey Gallaher; daughter, Sara Gallaher Smith; daughter, Jennifer (Dale) Hull; Bill's brother, Ronald (Nancy) Gallaher; niece, nephew, and many cousins.



Bill graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1961, plus higher education at Jackson Junior College and Eastern Michigan University. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged a decorated combat vet of the Vietnam conflict.

Bill then continued his career as a plumber with Local 190 Plumbers and Pipefitters for more than 35 years. During this time Bill and Helen raised two daughters and enjoyed golfing, fishing, softball, skiing and family vacations.

Bill and Helen retired in 1998 to their dream home in the woods by the shores of Lake Charlevoix. During his retirement years he enjoyed all outdoor summer and winter sports, part time courier work, volunteering, traveling and woodworking. He will be missed by many friends, neighbors and family.

Visitation, funeral and burial services will be Thursday, Dec. 27, at Nie Funeral Home in Ann Arbor. A memorial service in northwest Michigan will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Charlevoix Area Humane Society, or charity of choice.

Funeral services will be held in the spring with the day and time to be announced by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Frank E. Hennessy, 78

Frank E. Hennessy, age 78, of Boyne City formerly of Flint, died at his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Claudia B. Moore, 85

Claudia B. Moore, 85, of Boyne City, died Friday Dec. 21, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

At her request cremation will take place and a grave-

side service will be held in the spring with the day and time to be announced by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Donald E. Black, 64

Donald E. Black, 64, of Boyne City, died Dec. 22, 2012, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, Mich.



Donald was born on Dec. 18, 1948, in Pontiac, Mich., the son of Harold and Juanita (Davis) Black and was raised in Quanicasse, Mich. At a young age, his family moved to Charlevoix, and he graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1967. Following high school, Donald moved to Boston, Mass., and there attended a technical school, before returning to Northern Michigan a few years later and going to work at Control Engineering in Pellston.

On May 12, 1973, Donald married Linda Burns in Charlevoix. Together they made their home in Petoskey and Donald worked at Will-Flow in Charlevoix. He later went to work for Great Lakes Energy in Boyne City as a mapping technician and has been there for the last 26 years, of which, he and Linda lived in Boyne City for the last seven.

Donald was a true grill master. He was known for his cooking and smoking meats. He cooked the brats for Northmen football games for many years and was an active member of the Jaycees. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and spending time at his cabin in the Upper Peninsula, where he enjoyed every minute of the time and energy he spent making it what he wanted. He was a current board member of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Donald is survived by his wife of 39 years, Linda; his father, Harold Black; two children, Jennifer Lynn (Troy Sr.) Sumbera of Wolverine and Jason Eugene (Chana) Black of Rockford, Mich.; five grandchildren, Troy Sum-

bera Jr., Travis Sumbera, Todd Sumbera, Christopher Black and Trent Black; three sisters, Debbie (Bill) Bellinger, Claudia (Guy) Lewinski, and Tina Powers; and five nieces and nephews, Jeff Pettit, David Pettit, Billy Bellinger, Jessica Martin and Erika Lewinski.

Donald was preceded in death by his mother; a sister, Joan Pettit; a brother-in-law, Ed Powers; and by a nephew, Brandon Powers.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Stone Funeral Home with the Rev. Stephen Beigle officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Walter Earley Jr., 71

Walter Earley Jr. of Boyne City died on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 at his home.

Cremation will take place and burial will be in Glen Eden in Livonia, Mich. Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is serving the family.

Phillip Eugene Cloyd, 62

(SEPT. 9, 1950 – DEC. 17, 2012)

Phillip Eugene Cloyd of Boyne City went to see his Lord and Savior on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at his home.



Phillip was born on Sept. 9, 1950, in Detroit, the son of James and Helen (O'Neil) Cloyd.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Cloyd; son, Sean Cloyd; grandson, Jacob Cloyd; sisters, Anita Forsytek and Rusty Westmorland; brother, Robert Patrick Cloyd; and a great many nieces and nephews.

Phillip was a wonderful husband and dad. He will be greatly missed by both family and friends. Phillip made the world a better place. We are not saying goodbye but until we meet again.

The funeral service was Saturday, Dec. 22, at Walloon Lake Community

Church. Burial will take place at Knop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the East Jordan Community Church or Camp Quality. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Cy D. Ketchum, 89

Cy Ketchum passed away peacefully on Dec. 12, 2012, at Bay Bluffs medical care facility.

Although Cy lived for more than 60 years in the Boyne City area, his family also has solid roots in Petoskey. His mother, Inez, was a respected business woman in the area. Cy attended and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1942, where he played on the football team.

Cy bravely fought his country in Europe during World War II as part of the 325th Glider Infantry 82nd Airborne. In his later years, he shared with his family very poignant stories of his time in the war. They will be good stories to hand down to the next generation.

He loved to hunt, fish and was a great bowler. Cy was one of the first linemen for Northern Michigan Electric Co-op in 1954 and retired from Wolverine Power Co. in 1987. He was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the VFW Post.

Cy was blessed in this life to be loved by two families. In 1952, he married Margery Poumade and they had five children together. Cy and Marge divorced and for the past 40 years, Shirley Blekken and her family have shared their lives with Cy.

Cy is survived by his children, Charlene Burt (Kent), Cy Ketchum (Linda), Debra Brouseur, James Ketchum (Marcia), Robert Ketchum; and eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Shirley Blekken, Michael Mapes (Mary), Joyce Rowbotham (Andy), Karen McCary, Kim Crego (Ron), and eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, John; sisters, Nina, Ethel and Peg; and Scott

Blekkenk and Robert Mapes.

The family extends a special thank you to our cousin and Cy's nephew, Clark Ketchum, for his visits with our Dad at the care home.

Per Cy's wishes, he has been cremated and there will be no services. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Garrett James Shepherd, 22

(FEB. 9, 1990 – DEC. 16, 2012)

Garrett James Shepherd of Boyne City died suddenly Sunday night, Dec. 16, 2012.



Garrett was born Feb. 9, 1990, in Petoskey.

Garrett was preceded in death by his father, Jeffery Joseph Shepherd, of Boyne City and survived by his mother, Deborah, and step-father, Russell VanHorn; brothers, Chandler Shepherd, Erik (Lara) VanHorn, Russell (Amy) VanHorn of Boyne City, Jason and Christina (VanHorn) White of St. Johns; grandparents, Jim and Janet Shepherd, Juanita VanHorn of Boyne City.

Garrett enjoyed boating, camping, skiing, spending time with family and friends. He was outgoing and friendly to all he met. He took great pride in his woodworking and mechanical abilities. He was gracious with his talents and would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed him. Garrett was a loving devoted son and brother who will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family c/o Debbie VanHorn to assist with funeral expenses.

A Memorial service was Friday, Dec. 21, at Larry's Sevinski Inn in Elmira. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Garrett are encouraged to do so online www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

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District Court

The following cases were heard recently in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Steven Richard Smith, 43, of White Lake; impaired driving; serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day served, five days community service work in lieu of jail time and 87 days held in abeyance; six months probation; pay \$800 in fines and costs

Timothy Dale Russell, 34, of Charlevoix; disturbing the peace; pay \$300 in fines and costs

Douglas Arthur Ciszewski, 42, of Boyne City; domestic violence, second offense; serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day served, 10 days community service work in lieu of jail time and 329 days held in abeyance; 18 months probation; pay \$875 in fines and costs

Starlene Marie Butter-

field, 29, of Charlevoix; driving without a license on person; pay \$200 in fines and costs

Jari Lynn Chanda, 43, of East Jordan; driving without a license on person; pay \$200 in fines and costs

Steven Paul Hark, 52, of White Lake; disturbing the peace; pay \$300 in fines and costs

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Michael Frederick Vincent, 41, of East Jordan, maintaining a drug house; serve 10 days in jail with credit for two days served; pay \$593 in fines and costs

Christian David McFalls, 18, of Charlevoix; possession of marijuana; pay \$583 in fines and costs

Year in Review

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Recognizing Area Awards & Accomplishments

By Jim Akans

When asked what makes living in northern Lower Michigan spe-

cial, most will reply that it is because of the spectacular beauty of the area, and enjoying the company of the friendly, caring and

giving people who live here. Many organizations, individuals, and groups were recognized throughout the area for their con-

tributions in making this a great place to live, work, and invite our friends to visit! Following is a sampling of some area honors,

awards and accomplishments in 2012.



The East Jordan Rotary Club honored Reverend Bart Adams with the 2012 "Father of the Year" award, which was presented at the Club's annual Father and Son Banquet in April. Bart is pictured here (at right) with his son Hunter, daughter Sierra, and wife Lynn during a trip to Rainbow Falls in Smoky Mountains. Courtesy photo



Val Diener clutches her son's dog tags and clings to her husband, Jack, after the unveiling of "The Fallen Soldier" monument placed in Veterans Parks in Boyne City on Sunday, July 29 in honor of their son. U.S. Army Pvt. 2nd Class Jackie Lee Diener, 20, died on November 21, 2011 in Afghanistan. Photo; Tina Sundelius



At the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards event in January, Karen and Ray Guzniczak of Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River receive the 2012 Heritage Award from Chamber Director Jim Baumann. Photo by Jim Akans



Boyne City senior, Andrew Deneau, was presented with the All-American Video Crew honor as part of the Rambler Sports Network Broadcast at Boyne City High School on Thursday, December 13. Deneau has been selected as a member of the video crew for the 2013 annual US Army All-American bowl events. Courtesy photo



On May 23rd, fourteen Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) participants graduated from a nine-month course of intense leadership training and education. Graduates are, from left: Jennifer Sabsook, Christopher Faulkner, Darcie Dietrich-Buell, Sheri McWhirter, Laura Potter, Erin Nickel, Sue Hocquard, Betsy Granstra, Jennifer Kenney, Sara Kessler, Cathy Dewey, Jill Drury, Bethany Pearson and Thomas Cannon. (Photo courtesy of M. Chris Leese Photography)



Angela LeFevre, who with her husband Paul Welke, own Island Airways in Charlevoix. In May, it was announced that the company had received the 2011 Best Small Business Award from the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center. Courtesy photo

USA Today readers were asked to select their favorite lake from a list of 15 nominations excluding the Great Lakes. In August, the results were announced, and Lake Charlevoix was voted runner up for the Best Lake in America from the USA poll. Courtesy photo



East Jordan Lions Club president Ron Warnos presented the 2012 EJ Lions Club 'Mother of the Year' award to Gail Bingham at a banquet in May. Courtesy photo



During the holiday season, the state's Pure Michigan committee chose local distributor MI Farm Market to design and ship their line of holiday gift arrangements. Here, MI Farm Market originator, Scotty Bruce, stands near one of the company's new snack displays. Photo courtesy of Tina Sundelius



LEFT: Bev Boss, whose many volunteer efforts include working with the Senior Citizen Center and Community Reformed Church, was named the 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the Charlevoix Area Chamber's Annual Gala in February. Photo by Cindy Clarke

Castle Farms was the site for the East Jordan Annual Chamber Dinner and Awards ceremony in January, and Dr. John Kempton (center) received the 2012 Citizen of the Year honor. Mark Penzien, the 2011 Citizen of the Year award recipient, stands at Dr. Kempton's left. Photo by Dave Baragrey



For Auld Lang Syne

The Tale of a New Year's Anthem

By Jim Akans

Forget about Hey Jude, My Way or even Goodnight Irene, one of the best known songs in English speaking countries, particularly as New Year's Eve rolls around, is the hearty refrains of Auld Lang Syne.

It's surfacing is brief, typically just after the stroke of midnight on December 31st and then it is safely tucked away amid the noisemakers and party hats for the next 364 days, 23 hours and 50-odd minutes. But its presence during those celebrated moments as the year changes faces is HUGE...it seems that everyone instinctively knows the words and melody.

Well, some of it anyway. Actually, there are five stanzas to the poem penned by Scotland's Robert Burns back in 1788. Typically, crowds gathering on New Year's Eve sing verse one and the chorus, and while venturesome spirits sing a shortened version of the full song comprised of verse one, five and the chorus. Seldom do the other versus resound with voices.

There is some serious contention to the claim of Mr.

Burns having been the originator of the piece. A letter written by Burns to an acquaintance named Mrs. Agnes Dunlop suggests that he restored the piece based on fragments of an old ballad dating back to the 15th or 16th century. It is generally agreed that at least two of the verses, (3 & 4), are directly attributed to Burns writing style.

The melody for Auld Lang Syne (which translates to "old long since") is commonly credited to composer William Shield who originally used it in his 1783 opera; Rosina. The tune, with Burns words, quickly became popular as the last song sung as evening gatherings broke up. A ritual developed where the group stood in a circle, each person crossing his arms in front of his chest and clasping his neighbors' hands, and all arms swung forward and back in time with the music as the song was sung.

Give that a try when the clock strikes twelve this New Year's Eve.

Here are the complete lyrics to Auld Lang Syne. Happy New Years!

Auld Lang Syne
Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?

and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne

We twa hae run about the
braes
And pou'd the gowans fine;
We've wander'd mony a weary
foot
Sin' auld lang syne

We two hae paidled i' the
burn,
Frae mornin' sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae
roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne

And here's a hand, my trusty
friend,
And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne

Should auld acquaintance be
forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
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For auld lang syne, my dear,
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

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and don't make your goal unrealistic. If you are sedentary now, don't set a goal of working out intensely an hour a day, as you are unlikely to be able to sustain such a lofty goal.

2. Write down your goal to make it concrete. Seeing is believing!

3. Review your resolution constantly.

4. Hold yourself accountable. If your goal is to walk 5000 steps a day, keep track of your physical activity. Consider using an inexpensive pedometer to track the number of steps taken. Keep a chart of your activity. Not only will this keep you accountable, it may motivate you to take more steps the next day. Also, if you fail to meet your goal, don't feel you need to wait until January 1, 2014 to start again!

Perhaps you are interested in changing more than a specific behavior. If you are ready to become happier in 2013 and are willing to explore what would make you happier, consider starting a happiness project, as described by Gretchen Rubin.

Gretchen, a lawyer-turned-writer and mother of two living in New York City chose a different focus to improve her happiness for twelve consecutive months. She created activities for daily practice and charted her results. Resolution charts are available for free download at her website: www.happiness-project.org.

A happiness project group will be meeting monthly in Gaylord during 2013 to support each other through their individual happiness projects. It is not too late to join. Contact me at: Deb@WeeklyChoice.com for more information.

Whether you make resolutions or keep resolutions, best wishes for a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2013!

Handbags provide hope for survivors

Staff at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) accepted a donation of more than 80 fully stocked purses and totes from Handbags of Hope, a southeastern Michigan non-profit agency that has been donating purses to domestic violence shelters throughout the state since 2006.

The purses are filled with a variety of everyday essentials such as wallets, hair brushes, calendars, toiletries and lip balm. Many of the purses also contain comfort items like gloves, scarves, slippers, pajamas and even notes of encouragement. All purses and their contents are donated to Handbags of Hope and filled by volunteers.

Handbags of Hope director, Jackie Bobcean believes a woman's handbag is a very personal possession. "We carry a small

world in our handbags. Imagine what happens when you have to run for safety in the middle of the night, often taking only the clothes on your back and a child in your arms," said Bobcean.

Domestic abuse survivors that are experiencing highly controlled relationships may not even own a purse. Many survivors and their children arrive at the Safe Home serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence in their personal relationships, call the WRCNM's 24-hour crisis line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 800-275-1995. For more information on Women's Center programs and services, visit wrcnm.org.



Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) received a donation of fully-stocked purses from Handbags of Hope to benefit domestic abuse survivors. Pictured are Jackie Bobcean (from left) of Handbags of Hope; Jan Mancinelli, WRCNM Executive Director; Justine Stone of Handbags of Hope; Deb Smith, WRCNM Assistant Director; Leslie Turovaara WRCNM Secretary; and Gail Kloss, WRCNM Finance Director.

Holiday Recycling

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee is now accepting greeting cards and wrapping paper in its newspaper recycling bins, including the Boyne City location on Beardsley Street behind the Road Commission garage. They note that greeting cards and wrapping paper cannot be recycled if they include metallic items, foil or glitter. Tissue paper and cellophane cannot be recycled either. Also not recyclable are bows, ribbons, plastic silverware or tree stands, and no Styrofoam of any kind. See the list for recycling guidelines.

Mitten Trees

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—If you do your banking in East Jordan you may have noticed trees draped with mittens, hats, earmuffs, socks and scarves. Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank and Bay Winds Federal Credit Union have teamed up with the East Jordan Garden Club to collect warm weather gear for area children.

"Mitten Trees have been a staple at the banks for at least the last ten years," said Agnes Clark of the E.J. Garden Club. The clothing was removed from the trees on December 14th and distributed to the Care and Share program affiliated with the Crossroads Retail Store and the Good Samaritan Retail Store.

"We had a really good amount of donations this year," said Clark. The gear was donated to the holiday gift distribution programs affiliated with the two retail shops on Monday, December 17. One hundred and twelve families received either a ham or turkey meal with all the fixings and gifts for the children through the Crossroads Care and Share.

"We pair a parent up with a volunteer and they walk around and select a gift for each child, one family game and hats and mittens for the children," said Kathy Reid, Administrator of the Care and Share Food Pantry.

To get signed up for the program, applications are made available during the month of November. Proof of income is required and family names that come in through other organizations are accepted.

"Overall our numbers are staying pretty steady, they are not going down at all," said Reid. "This is the time of year that people give, but that need goes throughout the entire year. The generosity of people now helps carry us through the next year."

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Charlevoix County sees Growth and Expansion in 2012

Compiled by Jim Akans and Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY—The slight up-turn in the economy has trickled its way north and in 2012 we witnessed the opening of several new businesses and some existing business expansion across

the county. Among those were Grand Bay Marines move and expansion to a 41,500 square foot facility in Charlevoix, the launching of Diamond Performance & Machine, new Dollar General and Focus Tattoo in East Jordan, the groundbreaking of an impressive sheriff sub-station on

the east end of the county that has allowed residents easier access to government employees and services, and the expansion of Classic Instruments in Boyne City.

In March, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union relocated its Boyne City branch office to a new build-

ing at 308 N. Lake St. One Water Street condominium cottages began construction next to the existing One Water Street retail and office buildings in the fall, and the Precision Edge new medical manufacturing facility in Boyne City held a grand opening in September. And after more than five

years of work, the north/south runway the East Jordan Airport is open for air traffic.

With these and several other signs of expansion and growth in Charlevoix County in 2012, optimism runs high for the coming year.



A signing ceremony was held on August 3rd at the City Hall in Boyne City setting the stage for the start of the next phase of the One Water Street development; a residential project consisting of 13 new three-story condo/hotel/cottage buildings containing 15 separate units. Rendering courtesy of Kidd & Leavy Real Estate.



A ribbon cutting was held in October at the City of East Jordan Airport located on M-32 to recognize and celebrate the many improvements made at the airport by the City of East Jordan and several volunteers. Shown (left to right); Bob Strehl - Volunteer, Courtney Fender - East Jordan Chamber Ambassador, Tom Sheridan - Airport Assistant Manager, Frank Leonard - East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Terry Graham - Volunteer, Mary Faculak - East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Chris Yonker - East Jordan City Administrator. Courtesy photo



Representatives from Boyne Falls Village, Charlevoix County and the architectural and construction team were on hand at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Charlevoix County Annex in Boyne Falls, held on June 12th. Photo by Elaine Keiser



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



Classic Instruments, designer and fabricator of instrument products for automotive, recreational and marine markets, expanded their Boyne City industrial park location in 2012. Courtesy photo



Focus Tattooing in downtown East Jordan held a Ribbon Cutting and Grand on October 20th. Pictured from Left to Right: David Schweer - Chamber Ambassador, Mary Faculak - EJ Chamber Executive Director, Denise Brown-Pajtas - Chamber Ambassador, Zach Pajtas - Chamber Ambassador, Zack Thorman - Focus Tattooing, Eva Brill, Jay Miller - Owner: Focus Tattooing, Debbie Chappuis - Sunny Side Up Tanning, Beth Peterson - EJ Shoppe, Charla Telegenhof - Chello's Salon & Day Spa, Courtney Fender - Chamber Ambassador, Heather Jackson - Chamber Board. Courtesy Photo

On July 14th, Diamond Performance & Machine in East Jordan, cut the ribbon to mark their grand opening. Shown from Left - Heather Jackson (Chamber Board), Lori Gee, Debbie Manville (Huntington Bank), Kim Gibson, Trevor Neumann, Jerry Neumann (Owner), Kody Neumann, Mary Faculak (Executive Director - E.J. Chamber of Commerce) Front: Riley Minor, Christopher Minor and Drue Dailey. Photo courtesy East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce



The official ribbon cutting for medical equipment manufacturer Precision Edge, took place in Boyne City this past September. Courtesy photo

Whiting Park in Boyne City offers a new pavilion, dedicated Monday, August 27 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by members of the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Committee. Courtesy photo



The new Dollar General location in East Jordan opened in late May. The new store is located across the street from Glen's Market on M-66. Photo by Dave Baragrey

Keeping pace with Boyne City's vibrant growth Bay Winds Federal Credit Union opened a newly constructed branch in Boyne City early this year. Courtesy photo



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McLaren Northern Michigan Program offers Support to Cancer Patients' Children

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

The six-week program is called CLIMB®, which stands for Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery. Through CLIMB®, art and play activities help children to understand and develop coping skills.

This free community service is funded by McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation.

"The goal is to help children identify and express the complex feelings they may experience during this difficult time. If there is a child who may benefit from support in navigating their way through a loved one's cancer diagnosis, please know this resource is available," said Amy L.

Juneau, an oncology social worker at McLaren Northern Michigan.

Through CLIMB, children will learn:

- Cancer is "not their fault."
- They are not alone.
- About cancer and treatment options.
- How to express their feelings.
- How to manage anger.
- How to communicate effectively with loved ones with cancer.

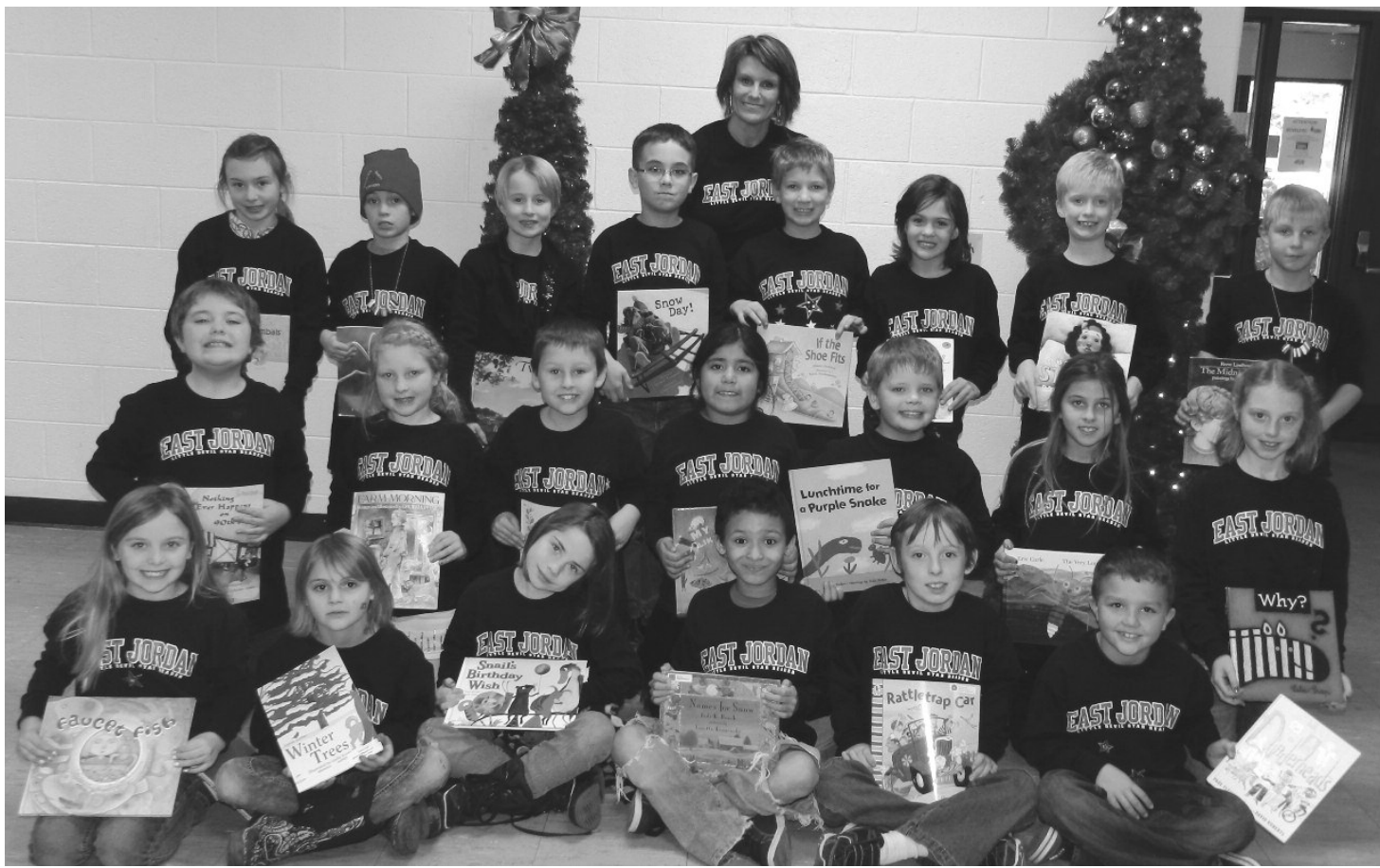
The program will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4 and 11 at the Community Health Education Center (CHEC) located across the parking lot from the main entrance to McLaren Northern Michigan.

CLIMB was developed by The Children's Treehouse Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to the emotional support of children who have parents or grandparents with cancer. For more information or to enroll a child in the CLIMB® program, please contact Amy Juneau, at 231.487.4015.

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East Jordan Elementary Little Readers Club

Third Grade Class has read 1,200 books in 60 days!



Gwen Catt's third grade class started a club that everyone strives to belong to ... a club of readers. To gain membership to the 'Little Readers' Club readers must read a lot!

Twenty-one little readers have accomplished more than reading a lot, tremendous feat; reading 1,200 books at home since the beginning of school. The students are marking their accomplish-

ments with stars on reading club shirts representing a set of 25 books read outside of school. Students to date have read a minimum of 25 and some readers are approaching 200 books, in just over a third of the school year.

"Some experts frown on rewarding students for reading but earning stars seems to be working well in our class. The students are proud of their shirts

and the accomplishment they represent. We all appreciate being recognized for our hard work." said Gwen Catt, East Jordan Elementary teacher.

The third graders would like to thank Catt Development for sponsoring their shirts and their families for supporting their efforts.

Bus Service from Boyne Mountain to Boyne City

Free Saturday night bus service to resume between downtown Boyne City and Boyne Mountain

Free bus service between downtown Boyne City and Boyne Mountain will begin during the holidays and continue every Saturday evening during the ski season. The expanded bus service is provided by Charlevoix County Transit and the Boyne City Main Street Program. During the holiday week, Charlevoix County Transit will run its normal daily schedule Dec. 26-28 and will offer extra evening service between Boyne Mountain and downtown Boyne City from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Saturday evening service will start Dec. 29 and will be offered every Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. during the ski season. "Bus service between Boyne City and Boyne Mountain was tried last winter for the first time in many years and it was quite popular, so we are offering it again this winter," said Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin. "This is a great partnership between Boyne City, Boyne Mountain and Charlevoix County Transit and by working together everyone will benefit." The bus will leave Boyne Mountain on the hour starting at 5 p.m. Saturdays from the Mountain Grand Lodge, and will leave Boyne City on the half hour. The pickup/drop-off points in downtown Boyne City will be the Park and Water streets intersection and near the Boyne Area Chamber office on Water Street.

Anyone interested in traveling between the two locations is invited to use the free service. "We're excited to help introduce visitors at Boyne Mountain to the beauty and friendliness of Boyne City and also help local residents access activities, events and dining at Boyne Mountain," said Charlevoix County Transit Manager Jill Drury. For more information contact Charlevoix County Transit at 231-582-6900 or the Main Street office at 582-9009.

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Important Events of 2012 and a Special Remembrance



In January, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Faculak was named as the new Council Chairperson for the MSU Extension District 3 Extension Council. Courtesy Photo



Chris Yonker began his term as East Jordan's new city administrator on August 20. The new City Administrator was unanimously selected at a special meeting called to discuss the three final candidates that were being considered for the position on Thursday, August 2. Courtesy photo



In July, the Boyne City Commissioners unanimously voted to confirm local officer Jeff Gaither's appointment as police chief. Gaither was selected out of a pool of 32 applicants and has worked as a part-time officer for the city for the last five years following his retirement as a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Photo by Tina Sundelious.

Local News Reporter Dies

By Dave Baragrey

Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler, 64, died in April of 2012. She had been reporting local news in Charlevoix County for the past 15 years.

Following the closing of the Citizen-Journal in March of 2009, I met with BJ to design her role in our county-wide newspaper. She offered to cover local city and county government. That was a great fit for us. That is always the toughest role to fill. Most writers do not enjoy sitting through the often tedious local government meetings. However, BJ enjoyed that role. She admired local officials and treated them with respect.

She understood her role was to report the news, not to create it. She was proud of her profession and I had enormous respect for her.

BJ was a valuable member of our team. She was a skilled writer, had a great attitude and loved the communities she served.



Bernadine (BJ) Conley Hetler

She graduated from Michigan State University, School of Journalism. She was a good friend and we will miss her.



East Jordan Public Schools new Superintendent, Jon D. Hoover, is filled with conviction, overflowing with new initiatives and just plain excited about the potential of his students and the part he has been invited to perform in molding them. Photo by Tina Sundelious



Greeted by a perfect northern Michigan afternoon for a leisurely stroll, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder stopped by Boyne City on August 9th, as part of a "Downtown Economic Tours" series he had been making across the state. Here, along with Mayor Ron Grunch and City Manager Michael Cain, he holds the Governor's Award for Historic Renovation plaque presented in May of this year for the preservation work on the Boyne City Water Works Building located at 1910 Water Street. Photo by Tina Sundelious.

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BOYNE CITY

Indoor farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter and spring on Saturday at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. The indoor market will continue every Saturday through April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the every Thursday from 9am-1pm, November through May.

EAST JORDAN

Flick n Float

Rent an inner tube from the pool for a small donation or bring your own. Float in the pool while watching The Polar Express. For more information call the pool at 231-536-2250. Dec 29 at East Jordan Community Pool.

BOYNE CITY

Ice rink downtown

As soon as temperatures allow the ice rink will open in Sunset Park, next to the

Chamber office

EAST JORDAN

Snow Lovers Breakfast

Dec 30, 7am - Noon at East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House. Come by sled or by car - right on the snowmobile trail, Mt. Bliss Rd.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner & dance

Dig out your formal wear and join us for an afternoon of dinner and dancing on Dec. 30. Live Music and fun! East Jordan Community Center (Civic Center) Noon-1:00 PM Dinner, 1:00 - 3:00 PM Music & Dancing

BOYNE CITY

New location

The Community Outreach Resale Store has moved from 1000 Boyne Ave. to 501 Boyne Ave, the building formerly occupied by West Climate Control. Owner Sue Stanley has also added Laura Swen to the staff as store manager. Laura formerly owned and operated Needful Things, a downtown consignment store.

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BOYNE CITY

Avalanche Park

For a true winter experience, Avalanche Park has it all with its large ice rink, famous sledding hill, and ski and snowshoe trails. The City of Boyne City hopes the Avalanche ice rink will be in full operation before Christmas with an attendant, free skate and sled loaners, warming house and restrooms.

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next Wellness Wednesday will be from 8am to 11am on Wednesday, January 2 in the Solarium. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens are \$12 and include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, blood sugar levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community

Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: (231) 547-8906 or by email: kjacobsen@cah.org Walk-ins are always welcome.

BOYNE FALLS & HARBOR SPRINGS

Ski Academy

Northern Michigan Ski Academy race training sessions start Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at Boyne Mountain and Thursday, Jan. 3rd at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands. A meeting for parents will take place at both locations during the first sessions. For registration forms, pricing and additional information on the Northern Michigan Ski Academy please refer to the website, www.nmsa-zone.org. For information related to this press release call Tom Teske, 231-536-3128.

EAST JORDAN

Snow Lovers Breakfast

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House Jan. 6, 7am - Noon. Come by sled or by car - right on the snowmobile trail, Mt. Bliss Rd.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Farmer's Market

East Jordan Civic Center. Many of the same great vendors as the summer market. Jan 10, 9am - 1pm.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Funding Applications Available

Char-Em United Way's 2013 Community Investment Allocation process has begun. Non-profit agencies which provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding. Letter of Intent applications can be requested by contacting Char-Em United Way at 231-487-1006. All first time applicants are encouraged to call first and discuss their program. Applications can also be downloaded from United Way's website www.charemunitedway.org under Allocations/Apply for Funding. Letters of Intent are due by January 11. The submissions will be reviewed by the United Way Allocation Committee, and agencies which meet United Way's funding criteria and priorities will be invited to submit a complete application.

EAST JORDAN

2ND Annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival

Family fun in the snow. Contests, Races, Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard and much more. For information call the Chamber 231-536-7351. Jan. 11 - 13

EAST JORDAN

Rotary Chili Supper

Jan. 11, 4:30pm at East Jordan Community Center

(Senior Center) Chili Supper. Enjoy Chili, salad, dessert and a beverage. \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 children.

EAST JORDAN

Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight Crowning Ceremonies

In front of the Community Center. Part of the Sno-Blast Festival Jan. 11, 6:15pm.

EAST JORDAN

Wish Lantern Lift

Jan. 11, 7pm. Purchase a Chinese Wish Lantern from the East Jordan Freedom Festival during the Chili Supper and meet down at the waters edge to let them all go into the night sky.

EAST JORDAN

Glow in the Dark Extravaganza

A Family Show presented by the EJ Drama Class. Jan. 11, 7:30pm. The East Jordan Drama Class will present "Glow in the Dark Extravaganza" in the Community Auditorium.

EAST JORDAN

Frozen Pancake Toss

Jan. 12, 11am. Sno-Mobile Club House, four age categories. Longest toss wins a Snow Lovers Breakfast.

EAST JORDAN

Softball in the snow

Get your softball teams together for the "Softball in the Snow" game that will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM during the 32nd Annual East Jordan Sno-Blast Festival. The event is sponsored by Essence Hair Salon. Call Debbie to register your team 536-3400. Don't have a team...just call Debbie and let her know you would like to play and she will set you up with a team. The more teams we have the more fun it will be. Sno-Blast schedules are now available. 2013 Sno-Blast dates are January 11 - 13th.

EAST JORDAN

Snowmobile Races & Antique Snowmobile Show

The East Jordan Sno-Mobilers welcome everyone the Sno-Mobile Club House on Mt. Bliss Rd. for a day of fast pace snowmobile drag racing and an Antique Snowmobile Show. There will be concessions available. Jan. 12. Racing Registration at 9:00 AM, Radar Runs start at 9:00 AM, Drags at 11:00 AM

EAST JORDAN

Teen Snow Ball Dance

Sponsored by S.A.F.E. & EJ Learning Alliance Snow Ball Dance for teens sponsored by the EJ Learning Alliance and S.A.F.E. held at the East Jordan Civic Center. All area teens welcome. Jan. 12 at Middle School: 5:00 - 7:30 PM, High School: 8:00 - 11:00 PM \$3 admission with a SAFE wrist band

EAST JORDAN

Snow Lovers Breakfast

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House. Jan. 13, 7am - Noon. Come by sled or by car - right on the snowmobile trail, Mt. Bliss Rd.

EAST JORDAN

Free Movie

Free Movie in the Jordan Valley Library Community Room sponsored by Jordan Valley Library Friends. "Big Miracle" a movie for all ages. Jan. 13, 1:30pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Fiddlers & Pickers Jam-boree

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus invites you to a day of fun music Jan. 12 at the VFW Hall, 12735 US 31 North. The 10th annual Music Fest featuring area violinists, fiddlers, guitarists and other string instruments are invited. A musical hoedown for fun and laughs. Dancing and sing alongs encouraged. Food and beverages available. Proceeds fund area youth music scholarships. Great fun for all ages. 3-10pm. Admission by donation.

CHARLEVOIX

Business after hours

Join the Chamber and your colleagues at Business After Hours (BAH) hosted the third Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7pm. It is a fact that companies who do not network are missing out on an opportunity to maintain their business relationships as well as an opportunity to tap into a rich stream of new contacts that can make them more successful! Admission is free for chamber members and \$10 for not-yet members. January 18 sponsored and hosted by Fox Motors in Charlevoix

BAY HARBOR

Ice & Spice Festival

Join Bay Harbor Jan. 18 - 19 for this grand winter celebration. There will be ice carving competitions and a wide variety of winter activities, and fireworks display to please the whole family. The Ice and Spice Cook-Off will be a part of the festival on January 19th.

CHARLEVOIX

Free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus invite area youth to participate in the K of C free throw contest Jan. 19. Registration at 12:30. Shooting at 1pm. Contest at Charlevoix Middle School, 108 Garfield. Winners may advance to regional and state competition. Registration slips at all area schools.

EAST JORDAN

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CHARLEVOIX

Let it Snow

Our featured artist Michael Todoroff will be on hand to meet and greet guests on opening night,

Saturday evening at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street. Canapes and libations will be served from 6 to 8pm. The Exhibit runs through January 21st. See what Juror, Artist Neil W. Ahrens, has selected for the exhibit. Juror Ahrens is a graduate of Cranbrook Academy of Art and has Bachelors of Fine Arts in Painting from Michigan State University.

CHARLEVOIX

Let It Snow! Exhibit

Let It Snow is a juried all media exhibit. "Let It Snow!" will open to the public through January 21. "Let it Snow!" highlights the beauty of Winter in Northern Michigan. Michael Todoroff is our featured Artist. Born and raised in Michigan, artist Michael Todoroff has been drawing and painting the natural world since childhood. An avid birder and naturalist, Todoroff's passion for nature often takes him to Michigan's more pristine and wild areas in search of subjects to paint, including Isle Royale, Whitefish Point, and out of state locations in Alaska, Montana and Wyoming.

CHARLEVOIX

State of the Community

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 3rd Annual State of the Community Address on Friday, January 25th, from 7am-9am at Castle Farms. This year five speakers will recap the accomplishments and challenges that the community faced in 2012 and will take a look at future plans for 2013. Admission is \$25 per person or \$175 for a table of eight, and everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets also include a catered breakfast, and a community organizational booklet, with over 40 reports from different community sectors that have an impact in Charlevoix. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Bethany at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce by calling 231-547-2101, or e-mail pearson@charlevoix.org. Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis. Last year's event was sold out so make sure to reserve your seat today!

CHARLEVOIX

Snowmobile Club Annual Ride-In

Come join the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club for their Annual Ride-In winter time picnic in the park. January 26, 11AM-3PM at Ferry Beach pavilion #2.

BOYNE CITY

Winterfest

Winterfest fun planned in Boyne City on Jan. 26. Everything in the family friendly Winterfest is free. Here is the tentative schedule.

EAST JORDAN

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Thank You

Dear Editor:

We are filled with joy and appreciation for the generosity of Women's Center donors, volunteers and the community. It brings to mind a quote by Anne Frank from The Diary of a Young Girl, in which she writes, "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that remains."

Every day those of us at the Women's Center support individuals and families experiencing some of life's greatest challenges. We see the reverberations of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse and child sexual assault. Yet, we must focus on what we can provide as an agency to support the women, children and families that come to us for help.

Quite simply, we could not provide the quality programs or level of services we do without the support of donors. Because of your generosity, we are able to provide a helping hand to lift people out of a place they may not wish to be. Every year our donors help us

provide thousands of individuals with the opportunity for a better, happier life.

We thank dedicated volunteers for your precious donation of time and talent to the agency and those we serve. We thank donors for your many gifts—from financial donations to non-perishable goods for domestic abuse survivors and their children at the Safe Home. We thank the individuals, businesses and organizations who participate in sharing joy this season through the Christmas Families program. We thank the businesses and organizations that hold benefits on behalf of the Women's Center, as well as those who support these important benefits.

We are filled with joy and gratitude. We thank you for sharing the beauty of generosity, kindness and caring.

Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Janet M. Mancinelli, Executive Director, Women's Resource Center

Stand Your Ground Redux

Survivalists are looked upon with suspicion by law enforcement. That should tell us all we need to know about the Connecticut massacre. Consider: rugged individual, based intrinsically on the American Indian brave, stands his ground, his poltergeist alter-ego miscreant psychotic acts out the alternate bizarre morbidity, the nation weeps, demands, the establishment postures, the dichotomy remains in limbo. With 300 million guns for 300 million people, guns are not going away. More come every day, both guns and people, unending multiplicity of enfilade.

Suicide by cops. Think not that school teachers in Colonial and Old West times did not have a shotgun handy in school. Vigilantism by school children? Kids in rural areas still receive their first rifles at age 10-12 and they learn proper handling of guns. Yet there are people in prison for life for defending their selves and homes. This is known as "killing the messenger", for imparted message it is to defend one's castle though the conflicted law says yea but nay.

This is the Martin/Zimmerman conflict conundrum. America cannot decide: to shoot or not to shoot, to attack or not, to drill or not, to tax the rich or not, Capitalism vs. Socialism, an escalating schizophrenic befuddled cultural imbroglio. The denouement comes to a mishmash of "whimper & die" or "shoot the bastards", unresolved in typical jurisprudent Gordian knot.

Switzerland. All Swiss citizens are mandatorily armed, serve in the military, keep weapons at home, update capability annually, had no hassles from Hitler accordingly with the help of the Swiss Alps a redoubt heavily armed and ready. Perpetrators of massacres are always cowards stalking the weakest prey. Idealists/altruists enter the fray with zealous compassion.

As the American Indian was reduced to conquered or dead status through inexorable legal imperialist white man conquest labeled "Eminent Domain/Manifest Destiny", his legend lives on taken up by the rugged individual with gun. Legal forms of this are

myrmidon local and federal troops, illegal emulations are criminals and psychotics. "Going postal" is nothing new but more frequent. The crescendo seems not to have quite fully transpired but leads us on to cliffhanger intensity in repetitive synopses, each more horrendous than the former.

As the famous tear from an Indian shed on television, acted by a Mediterranean immigrant, conveyed, the nation and President expressed the proper maudlin affectation but the resolve cannot be forthcoming because the issue defies rationale. Justification comes down to court and legislative split decisions. Casting national vote on justifying gun control vs. deregulation would beget the same dichotomy of opinion. Naivety vs. cynicism equals enantiodromia, the ancient Greek term for conflict of opposites, compounded by cognitive dissonance, i.e. guilt and remorse, and stares decisis, the tendency of the court to go with former decisions. Guns cannot be outlawed; guns are the law. Misguided rhetorical sentiment, sensationalist propaganda, preclude logical syllogism.

The simplistic reduction of this formulaic is portrayed as: Guns don't kill people; people kill people and the more familiar, If guns are outlawed; only criminals will have guns. Well, there are all those lawmen and soldiers too but they're never around when you need them. The realistic interpretation devoid of claptrap has it that guns are made to kill animals and people; guns cannot be fully regulated thus are misused; hence deregulation works. Abuse thereof can be no more disastrous than it already is. Juxtaposed to Switzerland, we are free to not own weapons. Freedom to do so, like medical marijuana, is dubious even when so legislated by vote.

Survivalists viewed as dangerous psychotics bear this burden of indecisiveness by public and public servant alike. Indeed the subliminal gist is to shoot the messenger. The message nonetheless has been delivered in blood.

By Mitchell Jon MacKay

Community foundations support collaborative project

A collaborative effort between Beyond the Scoreboard, North Central Michigan College and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) has been granted funds through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Youth and Community Endowment Funds of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. The funds will be used to help bring Joe Ehrmann, a former NFL defensive lineman, author, coach and speaker to North Central Michigan College for two free events in March 2013: a community lecture and a coaching workshop.

The lecture is a part of North Central's ongoing Lecture Series during which Ehrmann will share his vision for transforming the culture of sports. His message clarifies the purpose of sports and education as a means by which the essential qualities of empathy, kindness, respect, compassion and appreciation can be developed in young men and women. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21, in the Student and Community Resource Center on the campus of North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. The lecture is free; however a ticket will be required for entry. Tickets will be available after February 1, at the WRCNM administrative office, Gold Mine Resale Shops and all North Central Michigan College locations.

The half-day coaching workshop is open to coaches, athletes, sports boosters, parents and both youth and community leaders. During Ehrmann's workshop attendees learn how they can make positive, life-changing



A community collaboration of local agencies and organizations is working to bring Joe Ehrmann to North Central Michigan College for an evening lecture, as well as a coaching workshop in March 2013. Pictured around a promotional banner at North Central's Student and Community Resource Center are (from left) Wendy Fought, Director of Student Activities, North Central Michigan College; Ron Goodman, Executive Director, Beyond the Scoreboard; Mishelle Shooks, Scholarship and Youth Advisory Committee Program Associate, Charlevoix County Community Foundation; Sara Ward, Program Officer, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation; and Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

ing impact on players and students, as well as how to help them be their personal best now and throughout their lives. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 22, in the Library Conference Rooms at North Central Michigan College. Those interested in attending the free workshop may register online at wrcnm.org, or by calling the WRCNM administrative office at (231) 347-0067 or Beyond the Scoreboard at (231) 622-2223.

Joe Ehrmann, the featured presenter for both events, has been called "The Most Important Coach in American" by PARADE magazine and was also named one of "The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America" by the Institute for International Sport. Ehrmann,

who was the subject of the New York Times Bestseller, Seasons of Life, is recognized as an inspirational and dynamic speaker who works with corporate, civic and community organizations and associations to promote growth, teamwork, effectiveness and individual responsibility. Joe's approach to this vital work is grounded in the lessons and experiences of his own remarkable life and the profound impact he has had on others.

This collaborative project is also supported by the 100 Men Campaign and Violence Prevention Team. For more information, contact Ron Goodman, Executive Director of Beyond the Scoreboard at (231) 622-2223 or the WRCNM administrative office at (231) 347-0067.

Weekly Crossword

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1- Wall Street pessimist; 5- Author Jong; 10- Compact by pounding; 14- Fury; 15- Grannies; 16- Get better; 17- Gardner and others; 18- Imbibe; 19- Mrs. Chaplin; 20- Represent pictorially; 22- Nice days, usually; 23- Ocean; 24- Children's game; 25- Jumpy; 29- Bow and arrow skill; 33- Give it ___!; 34- Ethereal; 36- Family portrait?; 37- Prefix with profit or fiction; 38- South American ruminant; 39- According to; 40- Golden Rule word; 42- Flying start?; 43- Fertile area in a desert; 45- Methods; 47- Mirror; 49- Answer to a sea captain; 50- Narrow inlet; 51- Miss by ___; 54- Pyrosis; 60- Tooth; 61- Judicial rulings; 62- End in ___ (draw); 63- Dedicated to the ___ Love; 64- Singer John; 65- Exec's note; 66- Tabula ___; 67- Light-colored hair; 68- Org.;

Down

1- Actor Pitt; 2- Icicle site; 3- I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo; 4- Withstands; 5- Make beloved; 6- ___ avis; 7- Monogram ltr.; 8- Walking stick; 9- Invite; 10- Notion; 11- Long time; 12- Jazz flutist Herbie; 13- Drama; 21- Nair rival; 22- Pouch; 24- ___ Little Tenders; 25- Roman god with two faces; 26- Satirical dialogue; 27- Camp sights; 28- Some locks; 29- Defense covering; 30- Efface; 31- Dig find; 32- Brewer's need; 35- Listening device; 38- Like some excuses; 41- Earache; 43- Think nothing ___; 44- Montgomery's state; 46- Organ of sight; 48- Run chore; 51- Get an ___ effort; 52- "Give that ___ cigar!"; 53- Supermodel Sastrre; 54- Small mountain; 55- Prefix with plasm; 56- Lots and lots; 57- Western Indians; 58- Lens holders; 59- It's a gas; 61- Ball girl;

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Dave Ramsey

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Dear Dave,
I'm trying to help my son and daughter-in-law by encouraging them to get out of debt and live on a budget. It hasn't been a problem to give them money when they've asked in the past, but I'm afraid they're still in a mess. How can I make sure I'm doing the right thing?

Margaret
Dear Margaret,
The first thing you need to do is sit down and have a serious, loving talk with them. If they've asked for money before, and it has become something of a trend, you have a right to know more about their circumstances. In addition, they need to understand that opening up and being honest about their situation and behavior is a requirement for them to receive more of your help.

I know you guys love each other, but be prepared for them to get defensive. Lots of times people are embarrassed to talk about their mistakes, no matter how nicely you approach things. They may decide not to answer any questions and that it's none of your business. That's fine, too. Just make sure they understand Mom won't open her checkbook unless they open up about their finances.

This isn't about you being nosy or controlling. It's about making sure you're not giving a drunk a drink and further enabling any misbehavior. Then, if they're willing to talk, and as a result, you feel they truly need help, make sure any money you give them is a gift, not a loan.

I know it hurts to see them go through rough times, Margaret. But if they're acting irresponsibly with money, they need

to suffer the consequences of their actions. That, along with your love and advice, can help them turn the corner and win with money!
—Dave

A dated offer

Dear Dave,
I have one bill left from an emergency room visit earlier this year, and I'm trying to settle with a collections agency. They're willing to accept half of the \$930 owed, but they want me to pay online or by phone, and I don't feel safe doing that. What should I do?

Allison
Dear Allison,
If they're willing to lower the bill by half, then you need to get that in writing. If you don't have it in writing, you don't have a deal. And whatever you do, don't give them any form of electronic access to your money. I've seen too many collectors lie to people about "agreements," then go in and raid their accounts.

Just tell them to send you, by email or regular letter, a statement saying that \$465 will be accepted as payment in full for the debt. Also, tell them you'll turn around the day you receive this letter and send them a cashier's check for that amount. Until then, they can go jump in the lake!

—Dave

* The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

"An All American Christmas."



Ellsworth Elementary School held its annual elementary Christmas program on Tuesday, December 18th. The theme of this year's musical was "An All American Christmas."

One-of-kind bargains at the Bergmann Center Resale Shop

By Jim Akans

Many Northern Michigan residents are familiar with the outstanding opportunities provided by the ongoing work of the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix. The staff at the non-profit Center assists in building life skills for individuals with developmental disabilities, with programs that include on-site job training and employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, community awareness, daily living skills and enrichment classes.

What many may not be aware of is that starting in August of 2010, The Bergmann Center opened a fantastic Resale Shop located right next to their main facility on Ance Road, offering terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals.

Aimee Vander Ark, Administrative Assistant at the Bergmann Center and Resale Shop Supervisor, notes, "We have many exciting products made by individuals at the Bergmann Center; such as fire starters from recycled material, furniture painted by a local woman artist, gazing balls made from recycled bowling balls adorned with donated stained glass, items from clay, handmade jewelry, love lights made



The Bergmann Center Resale Shop offers terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals. COURTESY PHOTO

with clear stained glass and candles, and much more. Our customers regularly tell us they absolutely love this merchandise, and because they are hand-crafted, each is unique."

In addition to a lot of great merchandise, the Bergmann Center Resale Shop also offers a great place for individuals in the Center's program to learn skills on the job, such as running a cash register and processing inventory. These are valuable skills that will continue to provide rewards for these individuals for years to come.

"We are very excited about the

success of the Resale Shop," affirms Vander Ark. "We have a great staff and core of volunteers, and are always looking for more individuals who would like to join our team."

The Bergmann Center Resale Shop is located at 8888 Ance Road in Charlevoix, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and the staff accepts item donations during those hours as well. For additional information call (231) 547-9624 or visit www.bergmanncenter.org and follow the Resale Shop link.

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Vehicle strikes tree.

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:56 pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on Clute Rd. east of Wildwood Harbor Rd. in Evangeline Township.

Seventeen year old Stephen John Bruneel of Boyne City was driving a 2002 Ford Explorer eastbound on Clute Rd. when he lost control on the icy/snowy roadway. The vehicle slid off the roadway to the left and struck a tree head on. Bruneel complained of pain in his right forearm but refused treatment. Excessive speed for the existing road conditions was blamed for the crash.

Beware of Scam

Sheriff W.D. Schneider would like to warn citizens of the latest scam circulating. You may receive text message on your cell phone stating in response to an entry into a drawing at one of many stores; i.e.; Target, Walmart, Bestbuy, etc. To claim your prize it states you need to go to a web site and enter the enclosed PIN number in the text message within 24 hours. Upon investigating, after you enter the PIN number you are either directed to another web page or sent another text message requesting you to complete some contact information, i.e.; full name, address and birthday. It is at this point the scam starts as the people behind the scam collect this personal information and use it to gain access to other accounts. This is a nationwide scam that has been reported numerous times to the Better Business bureau and FBI. Sheriff advises not to respond to the messages and delete them.

Icy roads lead to collision

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at approximately 7:40 am Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Schneider responded to a two vehicle personal injury accident on U.S. 31 South near Ferry Rd. in Norwood Township.

Lisa Taylor, 51 of Petoskey was southbound in a 2002 Ford Escape when she lost control of her vehicle on icy roads and struck Ruth Ann Lucas, 35 of Charlevoix who was traveling northbound on U.S. 31. Lucas was driving a 2007 Chevy Monte Carlo. Michael Lucas, her seven year old son, was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Also transported was passenger Sara Lynn Taylor.

This incident is still under investigation, Sheriff Don Schneider encourages all drivers to please utilize their headlights during inclement weather and proceed with caution when emergency vehicles and first responders are present. The City of Charlevoix EMS responded along with the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

Garden Club Installs Officers



At their annual holiday luncheon, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club installed their officers for 2013. Marilyn McIntosh, District V Michigan Garden Club Director, performed the a "bell-ringing" installation ceremony. The result was festive to say the very least. During the luncheon members of the Club were spellbound as entertainer, Jessica Dominic of Charlevoix, played guitar and sang holiday songs. Front Row: (L-R) Linda Weston, Corresponding Secretary; Carole Vial, 2nd Vice President; Peggy Brennan, Club President. Standing (L-R): Sue Durrenberg, At Large Delegate to the Board; Carolyn Navarre, At Large Delegate to the Board; Joyce Herbert, Recording Secretary, Ellen Kendall, At Large Delegate to the Board; Ann Hollis, Treasurer; Jim Ledahl, 1st Vice President.

Great Lakes Energy employees raise \$2,880 for Boyne area charity



Great Lakes Energy employees donated \$2,880 to the Boyne Area Community Christmas program. The money was raised through a raffle and silent auction that included donations from employees and local businesses. Shari Culver, Great Lakes Energy Vice-President of Communications and Marketing, (right) presents the check to program volunteer Laurie Moore. The program provides baskets of toys and food to local families in need.

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COUNTY-WIDE
COMMISSION ON AGING

Holiday Dinner Dance



Sunday, Dec. 30th
at the East Jordan
Civic and Senior Center

DINNER: 12 noon – 1PM
Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu
Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert
\$3 Donation

DANCING: 1PM – 3PM
Music by The Cousins

*Please join us for good food, great
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 27 1p Pinochle	Friday, Dec. 28 9:30a Craft Class 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Rummy	Saturday, Dec. 29 CLOSED	Sunday, Dec. 30 CLOSED	Monday, Dec. 31 NEW YEARS EVE! 10am Sit & Be Fit
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 27 11am Don Judd Wii Bowling	Friday, Dec. 28 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Roger on Keyboards *Bake Raffle	Saturday, Dec. 29 CLOSED	Sunday, Dec. 30 CLOSED	Monday, Dec. 24 NEW YEARS EVE! Bingo
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 27 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table CARDS	Friday, Dec. 28 11am Backwoods Maestros Gift Raffle	Saturday, Dec. 29 CLOSED	Sunday, Dec. 30 CLOSED	Monday, Dec. 31 NEW YEARS EVE!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, Dec. 27 COOKS CHOICE	Friday, Dec. 28 MEAT LOAF	Saturday, Dec. 29 CLOSED	Sunday, Dec. 30 CLOSED	Monday, Dec. 31 CHILI
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Don't Fall Victim to Influenza This Year

Older adults are an important part of the Charlevoix County community, and making sure they stay healthy this and every flu season is a top priority for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. Influenza is a serious and potentially life threatening disease that can cause severe complications, and the best way to help protect against it is through annual vaccination.

No matter how healthy or youthful we feel, as we age, our immune system weakens, leaving people 65 and older more vulnerable to influenza. In fact, each year in the United States, about nine out of 10 flu-related deaths and roughly six out of 10 flu-related hospital stays occur in people over the age of 65, making influenza vaccination for this population especially crucial.

That is why the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has joined the National Council on Aging's Flu + You campaign to help educate adults 65 and older about the seriousness of the flu and the importance of vaccination.

The good news is adults over the age of 65 have two vaccine options available to help protect against influenza – the traditional flu shot, as well as a higher dose flu shot designed specifically for this age group to address the age-related decline of the immune system. The higher dose flu shot prompts the body's immune system to produce more antibodies against the flu virus. Antibodies are the soldiers of the immune system that help protect against infection when exposed to the virus.

Both vaccine options are covered by Medicare Part B with no copay.

Talk to your health care provider about the dangers of the flu, the benefits of vaccination and the best influenza vaccination option to meet the needs of your age group, and visit www.NCOA.org/Flu for more information.

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Students of the Week

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Tyler Bearss



GRADE: 10

PARENTS:
Heather and Roger Bearss

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Baseball, Basketball

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Hunting, Fishing, Four Wheeling, Mudding, Racing – Go to LSSU

FUTURE PLANS:
Police Officer

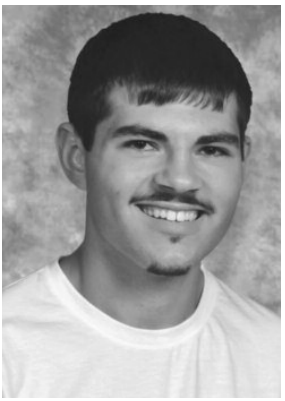
FAVORITE BOOK(s)

Tuesdays with Morrie, Million Dollar Throw
The Big Field, The Lightning Thief

STAFF COMMENTS

“Tyler expressed interest at an early age to have a career in Law Enforcement. He continues have this goal and wants to attend LSSU for the training required once he has completed high school. Tyler displays commitment to the goals he sets for himself, and exhibits the demeanor and attitude of a person who wants to serve and protect the community.” (Michelle Woodard)

Max Reed



GRADE: 12

PARENTS:
Mark and Laura Reed

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Basketball and CrossCountry

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Sports and Hanging out with Friends

FUTURE PLANS:
Further Education

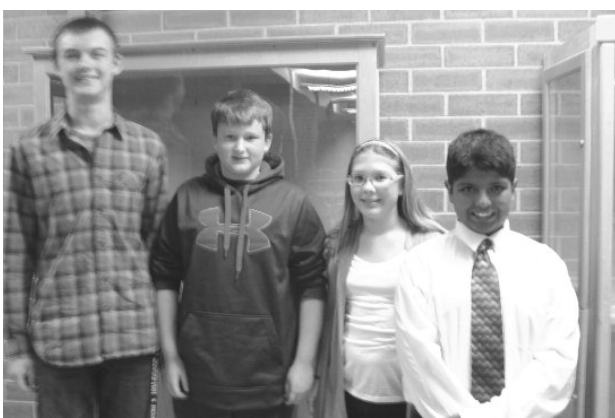
FAVORITE BOOK(s)

“The Big Field” by Mike Lupica

STAFF COMMENTS

“Max is doing a great job in the classroom. He is putting in the effort it takes to be successful. Max is always polite, respectful, and a pleasure to have in class. He is a student/athlete who represents Boyne Falls Public School in a positive way. Keep up the good work Max.” (Jason Stolarski)

Students of the Month East Jordan Public Schools



(L-R) Parker McNitt, EJ H.S., Chris Reid, EJ M.S., Macy McPheron, EJ M.S., Juaquin Sanchez, EJ Elementary

STAFF COMMENTS

Middle School teacher, Matt Peterson said: Chris Reid is a role model for all students. He comes to class prepared, does well on quizzes and tests, and does the “right thing” consistently. I look forward to seeing him do great things in middle school, high school and beyond.

Elementary School teacher, Gary Peters said: Parker McNitt was a third grade student of mine and is now in the 12th grade and a mentor to my current fourth grade students. I’ve known Parker for over ten years and he has always exhibited a great work ethic, kindness and compassion toward others, and a desire to push himself toward worthwhile goals. His future is very bright.

Elementary School teacher, Jennifer Hewitt said: I nominated Juaquin Sanchez because he is an exceptional child. He is a role model for all students. Juaquin practices being safe, respectful, and responsible on a daily basis. He has many friends and is kind to everybody. Juaquin turns in quality work and always tries his best. Last Friday during the monthly celebration when Ms. Winteringham made the announcement that the student of the month was a 4th grader the two students standing next to him were pointing at him not even knowing he was nominated. After the announcement I had several of his former teachers come up to me and say how deserving he was of this award. Juaquin is a pleasure to have in class and I am very proud of him.

Mr. Keyser said: Macy is one of those students that comes along every so often and leaves a lasting impression on you. She is always looking to help in any way she can. She is extremely bright and self motivated. Macy is a true joy to have in class!

Student Tribute to victims of Sandy Hook



ELLSWORTH - Wednesday December 19th, Mrs. Hinkle's fifth grade classroom had a brief tribute to the victims of Sandy Hook. After writing a class condolence letter, each student selected a victim and wrote a poem, prayer or letter. It was then inserted into the balloon and filled with helium. A moment of silence was held and each student read the name of a lost one before letting them into the air.

East Jordan School Renovations Foster Pride and a Sense of Belonging

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - At the December meeting of the East Jordan Schools Board of Education the remodeling of the existing High School cafeteria into a café, college style Commons area was approved. Administrators hope the new café-style common will be a place where students will be able to congregate before, during, or after school and into the evening with free internet access to power their new iPad mini's, where fresh baked goodies are created and dispersed and a sense of belonging is fostered.

“The idea behind this is that a

commons area will be a place where kids can gather throughout the day, have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a muffin from the bakery and work on a project together. It's going to be a great place for kids to be,” said Gretchen Bender, Food Service Director.

A council of students was assembled and they decided that they wanted some booths and some areas where they could gather. They chose long countertops with tall stools equipped with outlets behind them so they could be on their laptops. The students toured other schools and gathered ideas to see what would implement best in East

Jordan. “They picked out fabric for the booths, colors of table and chairs, they did all of it right down to the last bit of paint,” said Bender.

The renovations are being paid for primarily from sinking funds set aside for building improvements with some supplemental funding from the food service budget which is dedicated only for food service related expenses. No general fund dollars are being used for the project and the expected completion date is February 1.

“I'm very excited about the opportunities we are providing East Jordan high school students,” said Jackson.

Students Complete Training, Ready for Work Force

Thirteen adult students graduated December 6 from a “Just in Time” Basic Machining Training program organized by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) and delivered by North Central Michigan College. The 190-hour curriculum was designed by manufacturing employers in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim Counties. The training focused on the fundamentals of machine operation, a technical skill in high demand by local employers.

“It's a good course,” said Milt Kniss, operations manager at Precision Edge in Boyne City. “It gives them all the basics they need to get a good start.”

The students are adult residents of northern lower Michigan who are currently unemployed or underemployed, and are learning new skills for a new career. They have participated in 160 hours of training, most of it hands-on at the Charlevoix High School machine shop, and have completed an additional 30 hours of job shadowing at local manufacturing facilities. The students are proficient in print reading; shop math; measuring and use of calipers, micrometers and gauges of all types; safety; metallurgy; and milling and lathe machine operation. They have also received introductory instruction in Computer Numerical Control (CNC), statistical process control, and Kaizen continuous quality improvement.

“Knowing all of the skills makes you more valuable at your job,” said Jonah Duncan, a student who is already working at Precision Edge.

With the resurgence of manufacturing, the machining occupation is in high-demand. Some of the demand is from new jobs, while much demand is from an aging workforce, with no young talent pool to fill the gap. Manufacturers have visited the class to hand out job applications to the students.

“The manufacturing employers that I serve are really excited about the job candidates emerging from this class,” said Angie Ross, Northwest Michigan Works! Business Liaison. “Some of these students qualify for additional on-the-job training incentives, which will help employers to continue training them on company-specific tasks and will

give these students a leg-up on their careers.”

Manufacturing employers in northern Michigan are seeking to hire skilled workers for positions that range from \$9 - \$14 per hour. Most manufacturing employers also provide health and retirement benefits. Besides getting students ready for those jobs, the Basic Machining Training has also prepared them to start down the career path to becoming CNC machinists, with opportunities to earn \$15 - \$25 per hour.

“There are huge opportunities for us out there so we're all looking forward to the end of class and being able to shop ourselves around,” said Dave Armstrong, one of the students.

Employers interested in job candidates and training incentives should contact Angie Ross at Northwest Michigan Works, 231-439-5213. “Just in Time” training is a newer, flexible training package offered through Northwest Michigan Works! The program offers short-term, intensive occupational training opportunities to unemployed and underemployed adults. Each “Just in Time” training session is designed to meet the immediate hiring needs of local employers; the curriculum is uniquely targeted to teach the most in-demand skills. Northwest Michigan Works! managed a “Just in Time” Welding Training in Charlevoix County earlier this year, and plans to run additional training sessions in Traverse City and Cadillac in 2013.

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Founded in 1974, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10 county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works, YouthBuild, Small Business & Technology Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities' requests and needs.

You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services NWMCOG offers if you visit our web site, nwm.org. NWMCOG's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.



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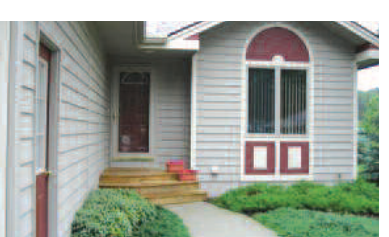
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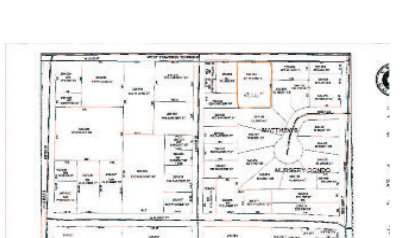
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