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Rayder big man Zach Hankins (34) put in two the easy way, as a Northmen defender gets a close view of the play. (PHOTO BY TOM BUTTRICK)



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Boyne City junior Zach Wandrie and father Dave embrace following a grueling father-son "fun match". (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



Prior to the awards ceremony, auctioneer extraordinaire Scott MacKenzie led a live auction that featured dinners, overnight stays, golf and ski packages and more. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Community awards presented at annual Boyne City Chamber event

By Jim Akans

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting and Awards event last Thursday evening, January 17th, at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. Despite the snowy winter weather, a record number of over 320 attendees joined in the evening festivities, which included the smooth musical sounds of the Hot Club Trio, a fabulous array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by the Boyne Mountain restaurants, silent auctions and a live auction led by Scott MacKenzie. The evening also featured an update on the Boyne Theatre renovation by Hugh Conklin of the Boyne City Main Street Program, and of course, the presentation of the annual awards.

Boyne Chamber Executive Director, Jim Baumann, emceed the award presentations, which recognize the many community accomplishments and efforts by those receiving Honorable Mentions and the Award Winners. The Business Recognition Awards were chosen by over 200 members responding to an online Chamber survey, and the winners are:

- The Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award - Named for a former Chamber board president who died of cancer, the award was presented by her sister, Julie Wellman to Becky Harris for her "vigilant and enthusiastic promotion" as the new manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market, which is now open year-round. Baumann states, "Becky was also a vital member of the Branding Committee that developed a new

website, logos and branding for the Main Street program and its projects, including Stroll the Streets, Farmers Market and Boyne Thunder. In her "spare" time, Becky also volunteers to help organize the Chef's Challenge and the Kiwanis Classic Car Show."

Community Pride Award - for a local organization or non-profit to Boyne City Eagles. Baumann observes, "This organization not only donates money throughout the year to area food pantries, the girl and boy scouts, Community Christmas baskets, school backpack programs, the free clinic and many other organizations. They also donate their meeting hall to anyone or any group that needs it for a benefit for community fund-raisers that help individuals, groups and organizations in need."

Volunteer of the Year Award to Gail Farley; the driving force behind the Northern Michigan Crusaders. Gail is also active with the 4th of July Committee, Mushroom Festival and Relay for Life. Baumann states, "She is the first person to tell anyone going through a hard time "Call me if you need anything," and she means it."

Entrepreneur of the Year Award for starting or expanding a business to Brett Cuper of Morel's Bistro. Baumann relates, "He took a business that had been closed for four years and turned it into a high-end destination restaurant - enhancing Boyne City's growing reputation as the place to go for all types of dining. The improvements Bret and his crew made to the building were extensive."

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Boyne City Commission moves to renew One Water Marina operating agreement - Kirtland Products operating permit revoked by Planning Commission

By Jim Akans

At the January 22nd Boyne City Commission meeting, commissioners unanimously approved Harbor Master Barb Brooks recommendation to update and renew the operating agreement for the One Water Marina with Glen Catt of Catt Development and, if the opportunity presents itself, with Greg Krueger. The summary report of 2012 showed a net Marina profit of over \$12 million, with the City's portion equaling over \$7 million in revenue. The additional dockage, which can accommodate larger vessels, has the potential to draw even more water traffic to the marina in the future.

Planning Director Scott McPherson reported that at the January 21st Boyne City Planning Commission Meeting, the commission voted to finalize the non-compliance order for Kirtland Products, revoking Kirtland's permit to operate in the City. "We have run out of options and need to take this step," McPherson told the commissioners.

McPherson also presented an overview of the Redevelopment Ready Community Application (RRC), a program administered by the

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OBITUARIES



Arlene E. Hammond, 77

(NOV. 30, 1935 - JAN. 16, 2013)
Arlene E. Hammond, wife of former East Jordan Police Chief, Joseph H. Hammond, died Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born on November 30, 1935, in Central Lake, the daughter of Clifton, Sr. and Phyllis E. (McDonald) Willson. She grew up in Central Lake and graduated from Central Lake High School. On April 5, 1958, she married Joseph H. Hammond at the old Missionary Church in East Jordan which is located just behind the current East Jordan Police Department.

In 1997, Arlene retired as Food Service Director for the East Jordan Public Schools after 30 years. Arlene was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Michigan Retired School Personnel.

She is survived by one daughter, Phyllis (Brian) Olszewski of East Jordan; one son, Joseph H. (Mila) Hammond, Jr. of Traverse City; two grandchildren, Stephanie Olszewski of East Jordan and Joseph H. Hammond, III, of Traverse City; five brothers, Clifton

Willson, Jr. of Mancelona, Wayne Willson of East Jordan, Burton (Maxine) Willson of East Jordan, Kenneth (Sherry) Willson of Boyne City and Donald (Margaret) Willson of Munising; two brothers-in-laws, Pete (Dorothy) Hammond and Bernard Hammond, all of East Jordan; her best friend, Eleanor Chanda of Charlevoix; and her loving family at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph H. Hammond, Sr. on May 22, 2009 and three brothers, Loren "Bud" Willson, Paul Willson and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Rap Posnik of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the Olszewski family for the betterment of the Horizons Community at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, P.O. Box 1335, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Evelyn 'Evie' Kerbawy, 99

Evelyn "Evie" Kerbawy, long-time resident of Boyne City and before that Grosse Pointe Park, died on Jan. 19, 2013, in Petoskey. She celebrated her 99th birthday last September.

Evelyn Thabet was born in Oak Hill, W.Va., in 1913. She grew up in a family with six sisters and one brother.

In 1938, she moved to Grosse Pointe with her new husband, Haford Kerbawy. There they raised three children, partici-

pated in a variety of local organizations and activities, and Haford became one of the most accomplished industrial film producers in the industry. In 1961, they built a home in Boyne City and became mainstays in the community.

Evelyn enjoyed needle pointing, reading, craft-making, and especially playing bridge. She belonged to one bridge group or another for more than 60 years and played cards at Mallard Cove right up to the last days of her life. But she especially enjoyed her friends and family. She was a loving inspiration to her family, as someone who lived a long, warm and generous life. Her daughter JoAnn remarked that the family was grateful that Evelyn had lived such a wonderful long life; "She was born in 1913 and lived to see 2013! Not too many families have someone to inspire them for that long."

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Haford. She is survived by her daughters, Stefanie Roberts and JoAnn Kerbawy; her son, Kristofer Kerbawy; five grandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Boyne City Presbyterian Church.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Evie are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Edna Gallagher, 88

(JUNE 5, 1924 - JAN. 16, 2013)
Edna Gallagher of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

She was born on June 5, 1924, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Patrick) Novotny. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1943.

On Aug. 17, 1947, in Charlevoix, she married Danford "Chick" Gallagher.

Edna retired from Hoskins Manufacturing in Charlevoix after 25 years. Prior to that, she waited at the Weathervane

and Park Place restaurants in Charlevoix.

She was a member of the VFW Post No. 1153 Auxiliary, St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar Society, all in Charlevoix.

Edna loved her grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is survived by two daughters, Lilly (Joel) Donaldson and Mary (Steven) Wilson, all of Charlevoix; seven grandchildren, Stephan (Lori Winkle) Young of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Toby Young of Charlevoix, Shawn (Angie) Young of Westminster, Md., Abigail (Patrick) Leblanc of Columbus, Ohio, Trevor (Kate Cull) Donaldson of Seattle, Wash., Corbin (Jean) Donaldson, of Petoskey, and Steven L. Young of Charlevoix; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Danford "Chick" Gallagher, on Nov. 23, 2004; one son-in-law, Marion "Sonny" Young, in 1987; two brothers, Frank and Jim Novotny; and four sisters, Rose Mann, Mary Hardy, Helen Flowers and Lily Novotny.

The funeral service took place Monday, Jan. 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Matthew Wigton officiated. Interment will take place in the spring at St. Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorials may be directed to Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardley St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712; or Joppa House, c/o Third Day Fellowship, P.O. Box 174, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Ruth 'Jo' McColl Cannan, 92

Ruth "Jo" McColl Cannan died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, at her home in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Florence J. Hussey, 88

Florence J. Hussey of Boyne City, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial service was on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Thomas O. Merritt, 63

(May 11, 1949 - Jan. 15, 2013)

Thomas O. Merritt, 63, from Mancelona, formerly of Boyne City, died on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at Arizona Regional Medical

Center in Mesa, Ariz.

Thomas was born May 11, 1949, in Charlevoix. He lived in Minnesota for several years before moving back to Michigan.

Tom was a union millwright and worked in various places throughout the United States. Tom was a member of the Forgotten Eagles Chapter 6 and Abate Reg. 3 of Michigan, as well as the Mancelona Moose Lodge and the FOE 1583 Boyne City.

Survivors include five sisters, Marlene (Lyman) Hammond of East Jordan, Mary (Harold) Magee of Boyne City, Karlene Kreger of Prescott, Arlene (Marvin) Beal of East Jordan and Kathlene (David) Carter of Mancelona; one half sister, Alice (Vernell) Meese of Lansing; a half brother, David Peoples of Lottsburg, Va.; two aunts, Millie Harris and Louise Moore, both of East Jordan; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Ellen Merritt, and three half-brothers, Art Merritt, Bob and Fred Lively

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Stackus Funeral Home, 417 Elm St., Boyne City. Pastor Hector Vazquez will be officiating.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Tom are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Doreen Helen Farkas, 59 (March 15, 1953 - Jan. 15, 2013)

Doreen Helen Farkas of Charlevoix died Monday, Jan. 15, 2013, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born on March 15, 1953, in New Jersey, the daughter of Robert and Abby Depew.

Her family moved to Charlevoix during her high school years. She graduated from Charlevoix High School and then attended Central Michigan University.

Doreen is survived by two daughters, Carrie Farkas and Tricia Farkas, both of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Acacia Duhart, Mikaya Dixon, Grace Sprecksell and Brookelynn Toton, all of Charlevoix; one sister, Dawn Lammlein, of Massillon, Ohio; and one brother, Robert (Maggie) Depew, of Lansing. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Pastor Chip Sauer will officiate.

The family was served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lori DeWar, 50

Lori DeWar of Charlevoix, passed away Dec. 6, 2012, in Mesa, Ariz.

Burial services took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Cleyo William Penfold, 88

A memorial service for Cleyo William Penfold will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Walloon Lake Community Church with pastor Jeff Ellis officiating.

Mr. Penfold passed away on Jan. 11, 2013, at his home in Chandler Township at the age of 88.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Stella Mary Konopaski, 86

(MARCH 13, 1926 - JAN. 15, 2013)

Stella Mary Konopaski of Boyne Falls, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Stella was born on March 13, 1926, in Hamtramck, Mich., the daughter of Joseph and Julia (Gdyczynska) Konopaski.

During the Depression, her family moved to Northern Michigan and Stella grew up in the Boyne Falls area.

Following school, Stella went to work for Champion Spark Plugs for about 30 years until she retired in 1992 and moved back to Boyne Falls. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls and enjoyed traveling and playing cards with her friends.

Stella is survived by her brother, John (Elsie) Konopaski Sr., of Vanderbilt; sister, Janeny (Jerome) Dobrzelewski, of Elmira; nieces and nephews, Paul (Elaine) Konopaski, Barbara (Bill) Schrammen, Mark (Juline) Dobrzelewski, Diane (Mike) Neumann, Amy (Tim) Horal, Becky Smith, Jerri (Jimmy) Smith, Mary (John) Peterson and John L. (Kim) Konopaski.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Walter Konopaski and Joseph Konopaski Jr.; and sister, Frances Wilson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, Jan. 18, at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Duane Wachowiak served as celebrant. Burial at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Memorial donations may be directed to St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Stella are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

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Over 320 people attended the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards event last Thursday evening, January 17th, at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center.

Boyne Chamber Awards

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Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Joshua Grove and Michael Koteskey of Boyne Parasail. Baumann states, "This dynamic duo worked for months ahead of time, planning and training to start a business that made a big splash right away, adding to our reputation as a fun and exciting community."

Heritage Award for ongoing contributions to the community

by a long-time business leader- (two recipients this year); Lynda Christensen of Lynda's Real Estate Service and Hugh Conklin of the Boyne City Main Street Program. Bauman notes, "Besides running a successful business Lynda Christensen is constantly helping others in our community. She is active in the Boyne City Booster Foundation, St. Matthew's Church and she runs the Loan Closet, which loans medical equipment such as hospital beds, walkers, commodes

and shower chairs to those returning home from surgery or perhaps who are at home for their final days. She is constantly helping the elderly - some of them have nowhere else to turn and she always does it with a smile."

He adds, "Hugh Conklin and his wife Susan first came to Boyne City as the owners of the Boyne Citizen. Lately, he has taken our Main Street program to a new level and helped bring our community national recogni-

tion. He would say it is because of all the volunteers, his board, and city and chamber staff, but it is his quiet leadership and passion for the people in Boyne City that produces such wonderful results for our downtown. He is strongly committed to projects like the Dilworth Hotel, the Boyne Theatre and helping all local businesses. He is one of our most important leaders and Boyne City would not be what it is today without him."

The evening concluded with a

brief presentation by incoming Chamber Board President, Gary Deters, followed by the swearing in of the 2013 Officers and Board by State Senator Howard Walker. The Annual Meeting and Awards was presented by Korthase Flinn Insurance & Financial Services, and Gold Sponsor's were: Boyne Mountain, Boyne Area Medical Center, The Brook Retirement Communities, and the Boyne City Booster Foundation.

The evening began with a social hour and silent auction, set to a live musical backdrop by the Hot Club Trio.



The final award of the evening was the Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award, named for a former Chamber board president who died of cancer, and the award was presented by her sister, Julie Wellman to Becky Harris for her "vigilant and enthusiastic promotion" as the new manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market.

Joshua Grove and Michael Koteskey of Boyne Parasail (shown here) received the award for Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Brett Cuper of Morel's Bistro, received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.



Michigan State Senator, Howard Walker administered the oath of office to the Boyne City Chamber's incoming officers and board members.



The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Gail Farley (shown here); the driving force behind the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders. Gail is also active with the 4th of July Committee, Mushroom Festival and Relay for Life. The Community Pride Award for a local organization or non-profit was presented to Boyne City Eagles.



There were two recipients this year for the Heritage Award, recognizing ongoing contributions to the community by a long-time business leader. The award was presented to Hugh Conklin of the Boyne City Main Street Program (who also made a presentation at the event about the Boyne Theatre renovation project), and to Lynda Christensen of Lynda's Real Estate Service.

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Walker applauds governor's State of the State address

LANSING—State Sen. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City, offered the following statement Thursday on Gov. Rick Snyder's 2013 State of the State address:

"I was happy to hear the governor talk about our accomplishments of the past two years and how we are starting to turn the corner

from where we were just a few short years ago.

"I'm pleased that he emphasized the importance of tourism in Michigan. As the senator for the most beautiful district in our state, tourism has a significant impact on our economy, and I will work closely with Governor Snyder to continue to

promote Michigan.

"I am very bullish on Michigan, as I hear regularly from folks in my district on how they are expanding their businesses or creating new ones. We must continue to pass and defend pro-job policies to ensure that Michigan's economic recovery stays on track."

"Stepping Up" a video event for men

Feel like you're being blitzed by life? Let Dennis Rainey, Tony Dungy, Matt Chandler, and others help you develop a game plan for living a godly, courageous life. Good Samaritan Family Services and local area churches are sponsoring a Stepping Up Video Event for men. Join us

at the Pelican Room in Central Lake from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, February 2. Registration is \$25 per person and includes all materials, lunch, and a chance to win door prizes. Visit facebook.com/SteppingUp-NorthernMI or call 231-588-2208 for more information. Come and see what godly,

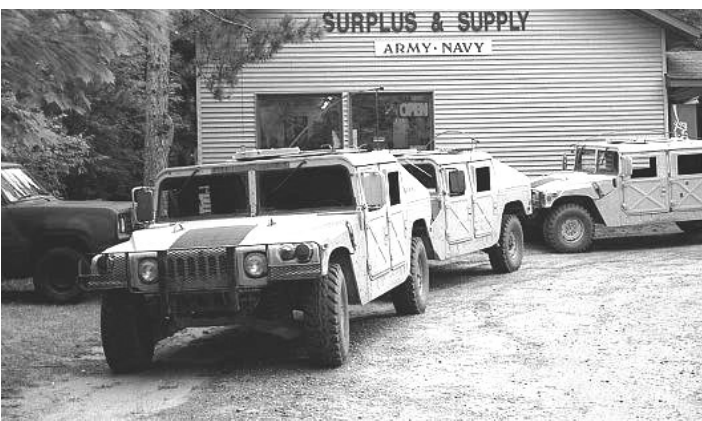
courageous living is all about. Deadline for reservations January 30. Some partial and full scholarships available. The event is sponsored by Good Samaritan family Services and churches from Atwood, Eastport, Ellsworth and Central Lake.

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

By Jim Akans

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

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic



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

new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment."

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

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits

for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers...the list of items goes on and on.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

The Union ain't what it used to be

Dear Editor,
The Union ain't what it used to be. The state of Michigan abolished the workingman's union in December 2012, done deal, just like the Mayan calendar. Not quite but the equivalent thereof. Workers no longer have the ability to petition for higher wages through collective bargaining, formerly with force of numbers and precedent; workers no longer have job security via union protectionism. No, this decision doesn't specifically state these tenets but these are the consequences forthcoming.

The police and firefighters' unions, however, are unaffected by this ruling although teachers and government workers are included. 7000 Michigan police officers state through their FOP spokesman that police are "held to a higher standard" than most unionized workers. Um. Perhaps double standard would be more appropriate. Teachers are, like cops and firefighters, prohibited from striking via legislative decree but teachers have been known to test the system anyway. Cops state they no longer come down with "blue flu" in protest. But it's all political since legislators don't want cops and firefighters badmouthing them at reelection time. Teachers? Well, teachers are educated and everybody knows what that means - they might be Democrats. Well, that's what Karl Rove said. O, it should be no secret that this is a Republican move. Republicans hate unions. Except police and firefighters' unions - so far, but that's coming too, just a matter of timing and public opinion.

All that the new law known as right to work really states is that workers no longer have to pay union dues but that they are free to partake of union protection such as it is, though this will wane surely because union workers that pay dues call this the "free rider" clause. It's easy to see there's a blowup coming. Be not misconstruing: this was a long range plan. The union's back is now broken because the union basically began here in Michigan via auto manufacturing.

"Every great cause begins as a movement, becomes a business, and eventually degenerates into a racket." Eric Hoffer of Detroit said that. No doubt he had Jimmy Hoffa in mind. Henry Ford and his industrialist buddies hired thugs to bust the union and that didn't work. Business has been leaving this state in droves since prior to and following the Great Recession, if not for Mexico then some other state with lower wage rates or RTW laws. right to work actually translates to right to work for less in Orwellian speak. Private sector employers have already reduced workers' pay stressing "Right To Work". What the law says is the oppo-

site of what it means. But this is nothing new. By way of slogan the Michigan legislature has crumpled the union like a sheet of paper and tossed it in the trash.

The plot here - yes, that's what it is - was downturn in housing through inflated subprime lending leading to foreclosure, Great Recession simultaneously, auto company near-bankruptcy, Wall Street banking on the bum, and legislative/executive bailout stimulus to resolve it temporarily. This led to and allowed for the unions to take a hit, with concomitant business flight to bolster it. It all fits tightly together when combined and viewed as one objective. Conservative Republicans have been working at this scam for a long time. The combination of circumstances was right and they made their move.

Of course it's the workingman and woman that take the hit, the ordinary people that broke through the barrier of the dual class system and created the middle class in the postwar years. Before that it was blue-and-white-collar rank-and-file workers, mom-and-pop business, and farmers versus capitalistic industrialism, big banking, land baron realtors, and an elite old-money legislative cronyism. Some workers abused union protectionism but most partook of the better wages with gratitude, paid their union dues and bought homes, cars, and college educations for progeny, took vacations and enjoyed benefits and retirement. All this has been slipping away and is finalized by this legislative decision signed by the new Governor, a Republican businessman of course.

It's not over yet but we heard the death knell just as the Mayan calendar was expiring. The pendulum swing has reversed; we're counting backwards now. The middle class stands decimated to prove it, home foreclosures verify, rich getting richer solidifies, poor getting poorer ratifies. Welcome to 1929 redux. Is this what they wanted, a reduction of tax base? Your taxes cannot support the infrastructure as it is. Minimum wage cannot support an individual much less a family. Tax, however, supports the lawmakers well enough. They want your labor and tax, not your wellbeing, hence workers' taxes and fees rise whereas business tax decreases. Loss of unionization propels us back 80 years to Depression times. Remember this date on your Gregorian calendar, Black Tuesday, December 11, 2012. No bloody clashes this time; the riot police are out in droves - they're still unionized. This goes into effect April Fools Day, 2013.

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Doctors, Hospitals Partner to Coordinate Care for People with Medicare

The Physician Organization of Michigan ACO has been selected as one of 106 new Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) in Medicare, ensuring as many as 4 million Medicare beneficiaries across the United States now have access to high-quality, coordinated care, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced today.

Doctors and health care providers can establish Accountable Care Organizations in order to work together to provide higher-quality care to their patients. Since passage of the Affordable Care Act, more than 250 Accountable Care Organizations have been established. Beneficiaries using ACOs always have the freedom to choose doctors inside or outside of the ACO. Accountable Care Organizations share

with Medicare any savings generated from lowering the growth in health care costs, while meeting standards for quality of care.

"Accountable Care Organizations save money for Medicare and deliver higher-quality care to people with Medicare," said Secretary Sebelius. "Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more doctors and hospitals are working together to give people with Medicare the high-quality care they expect and deserve."

ACOs must meet quality standards to ensure that savings are achieved through improving care coordination and providing care that is appropriate, safe, and timely. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established 33 quality measures on care coordination and patient safety, appropriate use of preven-

tive health services, improved care for at-risk populations, and patient and caregiver experience of care. Federal savings from this initiative are up to \$940 million over four years.

The new ACOs include a diverse cross-section of physician practices across the country. Roughly half of all ACOs are physician-led organizations that serve fewer than 10,000 beneficiaries. Approximately 20 percent of ACOs include community health centers, rural health centers and critical access hospitals that serve low-income and rural communities.

The group announced today also includes 15 Advance Payment Model ACOs, physician-based or rural providers who would benefit from greater access to capital to invest in staff,

electronic health record systems, or other infrastructure required to improve care coordination. Medicare will recoup advance payments over time through future shared savings. In addition to these ACOs, last year CMS launched the Pioneer ACO program for large provider groups able to take greater financial responsibility for the costs and care of their patients over time. In total, Medicare's ACO partners will serve more than 4 million beneficiaries nationwide.

The HHS issued a new report showing Affordable Care Act provisions are already having a substantial effect on reducing the growth rate of Medicare spending. Growth in Medicare spending per beneficiary hit historic lows during the 2010 to 2012 period, according to the report. Pro-

jections by both the Office of the Actuary at CMS and by the Congressional Budget Office estimate that Medicare spending per beneficiary will grow at approximately the rate of growth of the economy for the next decade, breaking a decades-old pattern of spending growth outstripping economic growth.

Additional information about the Advance Payment Model is available at www.innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/ACO/AdvancePayment/index.html.

The next application period for organizations that wish to participate in the Shared Savings Program beginning in January 2014 is summer 2013.

New anti-tobacco coalition commends Alba, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth and Mancelona Public Schools

ANTRIM COUNTY – Four of the six public school districts in Antrim County have now adopted 24/7 Tobacco-Free School policies, according to Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Pulaski, who coordinates the newly-formed Tobacco Reduction Coalition of Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego and Emmet Counties, said the Alba, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth and Mancelona Public School Districts have instituted policies prohibiting the use of tobacco products within any building, within any vehicle or on any property that is owned, leased, or operated by the school district. They apply to all employees, students, contractors and visitors on the premises of the school district, and are in effect at all times.

"Policies that guarantee a healthy, tobacco-free environment demonstrate that being tobacco-free is a community norm," Pulaski said. "This reinforces what students are already learning in school about tobacco use, and it supports the students' decision to avoid tobacco."

More than 600,000 U.S. middle school students, and more than three million high school students, smoke cigarettes, though the U.S. Surgeon Gen-

eral's office reports that progress is being made toward preventing tobacco use among youth. Tobacco use is believed to be responsible for more than 1,200 deaths nationwide each day. For every death that occurs, at least two school-age youth are taking up smoking, and nearly 90 percent of "new" smokers begin smoking before age 18.

"We congratulate the public schools in Alba, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth and Mancelona for recognizing the importance of instituting 24/7 tobacco-free policies," Pulaski added. "They've demonstrated their commitment to building healthier communities by putting students' health first."

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 more information about the Tobacco Reduction Coalition and 24/7 Tobacco-Free School policies, contact Pulaski at (231) 347-5813. For free help in quitting tobacco contact the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) 784-8669 or (800) QUIT-NOW.

Governor Snyder Announces New Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

In his recent State of the State message Governor Snyder introduced the 'Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency' housed within the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The MVAA will be dedicated to improving service and benefit allocation to deserving Michigan Veterans and is a significant step in addressing the needs of veterans, recognizing that a 'one door' approach to accessing state and federal benefits and programs is needed to better assist transitioning veterans post-deployment.

"The agency will focus efforts and connect Veterans with the benefits they've earned," said Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais, Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard and Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Af-

fairs. "I look forward to targeted public awareness campaigns and communication efforts that the MVAA will initiate."

Michigan has more than 650,000 veterans with over 500,000 of them wartime vets. Depending on draw-down, we expect Michigan's veteran population to increase by 8,000-10,000 per year. Under the current system, benefits and services to Michigan Veterans are housed federally in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and in 15 State of Michigan Departments creating multiple entry points and confusion for veterans seeking assistance.

MVAA will focus on increasing awareness of veterans' benefits and services, improving the state's customer service delivery model, increasing efficiency and fostering collaboration between federal, state and local partners. With the recent

accreditation of Michigan's Veterans Affairs Directorate by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a strong partnership with Veteran Service Officers and County Veteran Counselors, the agency will improve customer service by creating coordinated entry points to veterans' benefits and expanding veterans' access to services in every Michigan County. Coordination of services and additional resources will help Michigan increase the rate of federal VA benefit utilization; hopefully moving up in the number of veterans who take advantage of VA benefits.

The full text of EO 2013-2 may be read online at www.michigan.gov/snyder. Its effective date is March 20, which is the 10th anniversary of the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Community Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications from Child Care Providers

The Community Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications from child care providers seeking professional development or continuing education.

Scholarship funds are available from the newly established Child Care Connections (formerly 4C) Fund, which was created to continue to promote and strengthen quality child care in the 10 county regions of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties.

The Child Care Connections (4C) Fund will continue to support the mission of the Child Care Connections agency and is a way for the

agency to leave a lasting legacy for the community through an Endowment that will positively impact child care in the region, forever.

Funding is for private home-based daycares and private and tuition-based child care centers in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties. Priority will be given to providers that do not have other means of funding available to them.

Providers (including child care centers) or individuals may apply and awards of up to \$2,000 per individual will be considered. Funding will be disbursed directly to the non-profit, educational, or governmental

organizations providing the training.

Scholarship applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and will be reviewed at least quarterly. For more information, complete application information, and to apply, visit www.4good4ever.org.

The Community Foundation serves Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties and is committed to improving the quality of life of our region by partnering with generous donors to build permanent resources, by striving to award meaningful grants for community projects and programs, and by engaging in community leadership. Find out more at www.4good4ever.org.



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USDA finalizes Microloan Program to assist small farmers, veterans and disadvantaged producers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced a new microloan program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) designed to help small and family operations, beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers secure loans under \$35,000. The new microloan program is aimed at bolstering the progress of producers through their start-up years by providing needed resources and helping to increase equity so that farmers may eventually graduate to commercial credit and expand their operations. The microloan program will also provide a less burdensome, more simplified application process in comparison to traditional farm loans.

"I have met several small and beginning farmers, returning veterans and disadvantaged producers interested in careers in farming who too often must rely on credit cards or personal loans with high interest rates to finance their start-up operations," said Vilsack. "By further expanding access to credit to those just starting to put down roots in farming, USDA continues to help grow a new generation of farmers, while ensuring the strength of an American agriculture sector that drives our economy, creates jobs, and provides the most secure and affordable food supply in the world."

The new microloans, said Vilsack, represent how USDA continues to make year-over-year gains in expanding credit opportunities for minority, socially-disadvantaged and young and beginning farmers and ranchers across the United States. The final rule establishing the microloan program will be published in the Jan. 17 issue of the Federal Register.

Administered through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Operating Loan Program, the new microloan program offers credit options and solutions to a variety of producers. FSA has a long history of providing agricultural credit to the nation's farmers and ranchers through its Operating Loan Program. In assessing its programs, FSA evaluated the needs of smaller farm operations and any unintended barriers to obtaining financing. For beginning farmers and ranchers, for instance, the new microloan program offers a simplified loan application process. In addition, for those who want to grow niche crops to sell directly to ethnic markets and farmers markets, the microloan program offers a path to obtain financing. For past FSA Rural Youth Loan recipients, the microloan program provides a bridge to successfully transition to larger-scale operations.

Since 2009, USDA has made a record amount of farm loans through FSA—more than 128,000 loans totaling nearly \$18 billion. USDA has increased the number of loans to beginning farmers and ranchers from 11,000 loans in 2008 to 15,000 loans in 2011. More than 40 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers. In addition, USDA has increased its lending to socially-disadvantaged producers by nearly 50 percent since 2008.

Producers can apply for a maximum of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation, delivery vehicles, and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As their financing needs increase, applicants can apply for an operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

USDA farm loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies, or be to construct buildings or make farm improvements. Small farmers often rely on credit cards or personal loans, which carry high interest rates and have less flexible payment schedules, to finance their operations. Expanding access to credit, USDA's microloan will provide a simple and flexible loan process for small operations.

Producers interested in applying for a microloan may contact their local Farm Service Agency office.

The Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

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Giving Tree Drive



This December, the Ellsworth Community School Student Council challenged the student body to a baby drive to collect goods for the Moms & Tots Center. The hallway was decorated with a "Giving Tree" and the students were challenged to reach a goal of 250 points. Each item brought in was equal to one point. More points were given to bigger items. We received beautiful baby things—clothes, diapers, baby food, coats, shoes, boots, hats AND \$186.00 too. The students reached 480 points, which shattered the school wide goal of 250 points. We want to send a big thanks to the great young people in Ellsworth High School. PICTURED ABOVE: Three of the girls that brought us the goodies from left to right - Lexi Lambert, Maddie Steenwyk and Kari Steenwyk, Student Council President

Martin Luther King Day tribute



Mr. Nagel's second and third grade class presented a tribute, in song and voice, to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ellsworth Elementary School on Monday, January 21st.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vehicle strikes plow truck

On Saturday January 19, 2013 at 1:25 p.m. personnel from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, along with East Jordan Fire/EMS and Charlevoix EMS responded to the scene of a personal injury accident on M-66 in Eveline Township.

The accident occurred when 28 year old Charlevoix City resident Scott Harmon lost control of his vehicle, while Southbound on M-66, crossed the centerline and struck a Northbound Road Commission plow truck.

Harmon had to be extracted from his heavily damaged vehicle and was taken to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey by East Jordan EMS to receive treatment for his numerous injuries.

The driver of the plow truck, John Lashmit age 46 of Charlevoix was also taken to the hospital to receive treatment for a broken hand. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the accident.

Meth lab discovered

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports the Charlevoix Sheriff's JOLT (Joint Operational Law Enforcement Team) drug team conducted a search warrant on a meth lab in Wilson Township on 01/21/2013. During the search warrant, all the components were found and active. Warrants are being sought for individuals involved. Michigan State Police meth lab response team and the Boyne City Police Department assisted at the scene. Meth amphetamines are an extremely dangerous, explosive and highly addictive substance.

Sheriff Schneider also reports another search warrant conducted in Charlevoix Township on January 3rd and 4th, 2013, on a residence resulting in five arrests for delivery of heroin. Over fifteen grams of heroin and cash were seized. The Charlevoix Sheriff's JOLT team (officers from Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and Charlevoix City Police Department)

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

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MEDC that supports communities in becoming development ready. Eight Michigan communities will be selected for the program this year, and those accepted will undergo an in-depth assessment after which recommendations will be made regarding steps those communities can take to be more attractive to future development.

"This could take our community to the next step," observed City Manager Michael Cain. "It is always good to get outside perspective. If they have recommendations, it is our decision whether or not to move forward with those."

Commissioner Derek Gaylord was not in favor of applying for the program. He noted, "I look at this as a solution to a non-existent problem. We are already doing the right things."

In response to a motion to submit an application to the RRC, a majority of commissioners approved, with Derek Gaylord voting against.

City Manager Michael Cain requested the commission to discuss whether to go forward with a motion from June of 2012 to seek design bids for improvements to City facilities, including City Offices, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Water/Wastewater Department, EMS and seasonal Marina. One million dollars had been previously earmarked in the budget for improvements to those facilities. The consensus of the commissioners was to move forward in defining the needs, costs and available options, and then hold a public hearing, or series of hearings, presenting those details and seeking public feedback and input.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne noted, "I would like to see us move forward on this with caution, taking care of our citizen's needs first."

At the onset of Tuesday's meeting, Michael Cain recognized the excellent work the City snow removal team has been doing in keeping roadways clear during the recent severe winter weather, and commissioner Derek Gaylord and Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne echoed that praise at the close of the meeting.

The Charlevoix County Leadership Summit, a collaborative event bringing together City and County officials, as well as officials from other communities to share ideas and explore resources, will be held at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Monday, January 28th starting at 6 pm. The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th at 7 pm.

EMS Vehicle strikes tree

On Friday January 18, 2013 around 10:35 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a single vehicle accident involving a Paramedic Unit from the Boyne City EMS. The crash occurred on Wilson Road South between Marshall Road and Synder Road South in Wilson Township.

The driver, Brian Michael Claesson-Patten age 41, who is a Paramedic for Boyne City EMS, had just left the scene of a medical call-out when he lost control of his city owned Echo Unit. The driver lost control while negotiating a sharp corner on a very icy, snow-packed roads, causing the vehicle to leave the roadway to the East, subsequently striking a tree.

The driver was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by Boyne City EMS. conducted the investigation.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, January 7

12:45am Civil issue reported in the 400 block of Clark St
1:40pm Found bracelet turned into PD
2:26pm Suspicious activity reported in the 400 block of Lewis Av
2:59pm Welfare check requested in the 100 block of River St
6:17pm Citation issued for speed at Front St and Lake Park Dr
7:20pm Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Wilson St
7:41pm Assist Sheriff Dept with suspicious people in Boyne Falls
9:51pm Report of harassing text messages from the 300 block of E Division St
10:29pm Assist EMS in the 100

block of W Lincoln
Tuesday, January 8

12:03pm Sent to check abandoned vehicle on State St near city limits
2:02pm Citation issued for speed at Lake and Vogel Streets
3:57pm threats complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St
Wednesday, January 9
9:57am Report of lost wedding ring
10:44am Harassing phone calls complaint from the 800 block of Brockway
3:04pm Found trailer plate dropped off at PD
3:30pm Civil complaint reported on Bay St
5:58pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
Thursday, January 10
12:48am Report of CSC from the 300 block of E Main St

10:49am Arrested juvenile for trespass and resisting and obstructing
11:34am Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
3:52pm NSF check received from the 400 block of N Lake St
5:57pm Gasoline drive off from the 400 block of N Lake

Friday, January 11

9:02am Citation issued for speed at Front and Pleasant Streets
9:18am Civil complaint from the 600 block of Forest Av
7:58pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
10:26pm Lost wallet reported. Was later found
Saturday, January 12
2:00pm Broken street light reported at park and North Streets
2:48pm Report of stolen license plate from West St

3:30pm Report of lost check-book
5:53pm Domestic dispute reported in the 900 block of Wilson St
8:45pm Assist Sheriff Dept locate hit and run suspect on State St
10:06pm Report of domestic dispute in the 100 block of N Park St

Sunday, January 13

12:33am Assist Sheriff Dept with disorderly male at Boyne Mountain
12:41am Hit and run accident to phone box in the 600 block of Forest Av
1:07am Assist Sheriff Dept with injury accident on Boyne City Rd
3:18pm Citation issued for speed, No proof of registration and no proof of insurance at Boyne Av and E Main St
4:41pm Found bike dropped off at PD



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CHARLEVOIX

Free throw contest – DATE CHANGE

The Knights of Columbus invite area youth to participate in the K of C free throw contest Jan. 26. It was previously scheduled for Jan. 19. Registration at 10am. Shooting at 10:30am. Contest at Charlevoix Middle School, 108 Garfield. Winners may advance to regional and state competition. Registration slips at all area schools.

CHARLEVOIX

Girl Scout recruitment night

Girl Scouts of Charlevoix are hosting a recruitment night for girls and volunteers at Charlevoix Public Library on Thursday, January 24th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Please contact School Organizer, Amy Hanchin for more information, at amyhanchin@yahoo.com or 231-544-2714.

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 email a_i_l_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 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.

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PETOSKEY

Torchlight Snowshoe Outing

Experience the solitude of the wilderness as you snowshoe by torchlight at Camp Daggett from Saturday, January 26 and February 23, 5pm - 9pm. Afterward, come in from the cold for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies and to warm-up by the crackling fire in camp's beautiful main lodge. This event is sponsored by Bearcub Outfitters to promote all that Camp Daggett offers children and the community. Buy raffle tickets for great Bearcub products with all proceeds going to Camp Daggett. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snowshoes are available for all ages!

BOYNE CITY

Winterfest

Includes cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, an expanded ice sculpture contest, kids games, chili cook-off, wine tasting, indoor sidewalk sales, star gazing, a Freshwater concert and more on Saturday, Jan. 26

CHARLEVOIX

O'Conner promoted

Castle Farms has announced the promotion of Anora O'Connor to General Manager. She has been with Castle Farms since 2003.

EAST JORDAN

And the Winners are...

Congratulations to the following winners of the East Jordan Sno-Blast Events.

Winter Knight - Tom Fender

Belle of the Blizzard - Courtney Fender

Frozen Pancake Toss: Dani Radde (South Lyon MI) - 0-5 Age Group

Kylie Radde (South Lyon MI) - 6 - 12 Age Group

Tim Brennan (North Carolina) - 13 - 55 Age Group

Bob Suchey (Vanderbilt MI) - 55 and up Age Group

Sno-Sculpture Contest - Jeannine Sladick & Family

Softball in the Snow - The Insurance Shop

Sno-Blast Poster Contest: Jayde Fazio

Keenan O'Neill

Skyler Grzebyk

EAST JORDAN

Snow Lovers Breakfast

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House. Jan. 27, 7am - Noon. Come by sled or by car - right on the snowmobile trail, Mt. Bliss Rd.

CHARLEVOIX

Photo Contest

The Chamber will be hosting a photo contest starting today and continuing through January 31st. To enter, submit your high resolution photo electronically via e-mail to pearson@charlevoix.org with the subject line being "photo contest". Please include your name, phone number and the title of the photograph. Photos must be taken within Charlevoix County with an emphasis on the city of Charlevoix and surrounding area. The

photo does not need to be taken during the submission period, it could have been taken in the past. The Chamber staff will pick the top 25 photos, which will then be posted to the Chamber Facebook page to be voted on. The top five photos will be printed on postcards and be available for sale in the Chamber office with the photographers photo credit. The winners will also receive a free one night, off season stay at the Weathervane Inn and Suites, a beautiful picturesque lodging establishment is downtown Charlevoix. When photos are submitted all rights will be released to the Chamber for printing and reproduction purposes.

CHARLEVOIX

Is it soup yet?

The Friends of Northwest Academy, in conjunction with the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, is sponsoring the 4th Annual Cabin Fever Artsy, Musical Soup Cook-off. The event will again include a soup cook-off, student hand-painted soup bowls, and performances by the Northwest Academy Advanced Band students. The "artsy, musical soup cook-off" will be held at the Circle of Arts (the old library at 109 Clinton St.) on Thursday, January 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. At least 10 area restaurants from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth are planning to participate providing a wide range of soup delights for visitors to taste. Breads, rolls, cookies and beverages are an added bonus. Community members of all ages are invited to the Circle of Arts to sample all of the soups. The cost to taste the soups is by donation, with a suggested \$2.00 per person minimum. Tasters will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite one after they have sampled the soups. At the end of the evening, the votes will be tallied and the winner will be announced. The winner will receive a plaque and recognition in various news publications. All of the proceeds will be go toward Northwest Academy's "Band • Brushes • Books" program which supports the performing, visual and literary arts. For further information, contact Northwest Academy at 231-547-9000.

BOYNE FALLS

New nature preserve

The Little Traverse Conservancy has announced the creation of the new Wisser-Saworski Nature Preserve located just outside of Boyne Falls. The 36-acre preserve was left to the organization in the estate of Art Saworski, longtime Boyne Falls resident and business owner. Art built his retirement home on a nice parcel of land just south of Boyne Falls. He planted thousands of trees and developed an elaborate trail system that he used for skiing, hiking, mountain biking, and driving his electric golf cart. In the early 1970s, Art's mother, Hedwig Wisser Saworski, moved from Germany to the U.S. to live with her son until her death in

1989. In 2011, LTC was notified that Art's land had been left to the Conservancy in his will. In addition, he left behind an endowment that would provide for the property's future care. This fall, a parking area was completed and, while staff will continue to work on trail improvements, the preserve is now open and available to the public. The 36-acre Wisser-Saworski Preserve is located across from school ball fields, making it an especially ideal location for community enjoyment.

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 from 9am-1pm, November through May.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Open Golf night

The East Jordan Boys & Girls Golf Teams are holding Open Golf Night at the East Jordan Civic Center on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This is open to the public...EJ Golf Team players have the first option to use matted area. Bring your own clubs or there are clubs to use. If you are an East Jordan Student and are thinking about golf, this is a good opportunity to check out the golf program.

EAST JORDAN

Website classes

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce presents a series of fun and informative seminars. Sign up now and get yourself and your business connected with the community and potential customer! Classes will be taught by Karen Walker, creator of an international award winning web site and Nelson Ogden, formerly of Ogden's Computer Service. Class fee: Chamber Members - \$10 each or \$25 for all four, \$20 each or \$50 for all four classes for not-yet-members. Register by calling the Chamber Of-

fice at 231-536-7351 or email mailto:info@ejchamber.org. Registration forms available on the Chamber web site www.ejchamber.org or pick one up outside the Chamber Office and mail it to P.O.Box 137, East Jordan, MI 49727. Create a Business Website - January 31, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Facebook for Business - February 7, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Create a Business Web Site - February 21, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Brush-up Your Web Site - February 28, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

MANCELONA

White Pine Stampede

Skiers get ready, Michigan's longest-running point-to-point cross country ski race, the White Pine Stampede, will take place on Saturday, February 2. The 37th annual race will feature a 40K, a 20K and a 10K with all races starting at the Mancelona High School. The 20K and 10K will end at Schuss Village and the 40K concludes at the Summit at Shanty Creek. All races feature both classic and freestyle classifications. Entry Fee is \$65 for the 40K and 20K races while the 10K tour costs \$35. \$5 from each skier's registration is donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan. Registration may be completed on-line at www.whitepine-stampede.org or by calling (231) 587-8812. The White Pine Stampede is a Michigan Cup Race. For more information please contact race headquarters at (231) 587-8812

CHARLEVOIX

Maudrie Family Benefit Party

February 9th at the Charlevoix Elks Lodge, 4 p.m. To benefit the Kathy Maudrie (Gillespie) family of Beaver Island who totally lost their home due to a fire and unfortunately have no insurance. Island Music, Raffles, 50-50, Cash Bar, Food & LOTS of fun! You may visit www.facebook.com/events/512521255455414/ for further information.

CHARLEVOIX

Senior Class Fundraiser

The fundraiser is a Comedian/Hypnotist Show (Senior Class Fundraiser), taking place February 9th at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at all Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix Chamber. A contact number for more information is 231-330-5810.

ELLSWORTH

Shiverfest

Feb. 15 - 17. Food, Music, Snowmobile ride, fishing, hiking, euchre tourney, poker run and kids games. Great time for the entire family in the world's friendliest small town.

BOYNE CITY

Winter Wildlife Tracking

Saturday, February 16th, 10-Noon at the Hill Preserve, Charlevoix County. Have you ever wondered how animals survive, stay

warm, and find food in the winter? Get a glimpse into the winter habits and lives of northern Michigan creatures while exploring the wooded landscape of The Hill Preserve. We will attempt to identify and follow tracks while making some great tracks of our own. Meet at the new parking lot on Clute Road.

EAST JORDAN

Make up date

The East Jordan Sno-Mobilers have set February 16 as the make-up date for the Radar Runs and Snowmobile Drag Races.

CHARLEVOIX

Moonlight Snowshoe/Ski and Bonfire

Saturday, February 23, 5-10pm at Nathan Barry Driggers Preserve, Charlevoix County. Join Conservancy staff for an evening of moonlight, snow and a warm bonfire. The 1.5 miles of trails at this wonderful 75-acre preserve offer wooded pathways and open meadow star gazing. Ski or snowshoe the trails on your own or with a LTC guide to the top of the hill for a moonlit view of Lake Charlevoix. Hot drinks and snacks will be awaiting you at the bonfire.

BOYNE CITY

Paint the Town Red

Boyne City Booster Foundation is excited to announce details about its 2013 fundraiser, "Paint the Town Red". The festive fundraising gala is scheduled for February 23rd at Boyne Mountain Resort and will feature entertainment by "Soul Street", a five piece Detroit based Motown band. Tickets include a fun night of auctions, dinner and dancing. Dinner includes wine, "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are available for \$50 at the Boyne City offices of Ralph Gillett, CPA, Mark Patrick State Farm Insurance, and Local Flavor Books. There will be no tickets sold at the door and a limited number are available.

PETOSKEY

Father and Son Weekend

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or big brothers are invited to bring their sons (ages 7-14) Friday-Sunday, March 8-10 for a fun filled Father/Son weekend, March 8-10, at Camp Daggett. Cost is \$150 for father/son, plus \$50 for each additional son. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Participants can expect a weekend of fun and adventure as they try their hands at various outdoor activities and enjoy wild game lunches and dinners in front of the lodge fireplace. From 6p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Sunday. For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Leverenz at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742 ext 112.

CHX / EMMET COUNTY

Planning begins for Project Connect

Local human service agencies are once again joining forces. Planning for the sixth annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect has begun. This year the event will be held on Wednesday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey. Project Connect connects people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives. Individuals or businesses interested in donating items might consider conducting a drive at their business, school, or faith community. Lists of specific food, personal care, household, or other items that are most needed are listed on the United Way website www.chareunited-way.org, under Find a Donation Drive. Project Connect also requires a large crew of volunteers. These opportunities will be posted on the United Way's Volunteer Connections website in early February. Search on the keywords Project Connect.



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Community Foundation Adds New Trustees

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of two (2) new trustees; Michelle Cortright and Paul Witting.

Cortright, of Boyne City, is President and CEO of Harbor House Publishers, Inc. An active member of the community, Ms. Cortright currently serves as an Evangeline Township Trustee, a Director of The Bank of Northern Michigan and a member of the Board of Directors of the Boyne City Main Street DDA, Boyne City EDC and Northern Community Mediation. In addition to serving on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Ms. Cortright will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee, which oversees the organization's grant-making activities. "I'm so pleased to be a part of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's future, and I'm looking forward to working with the other trustees to continue to grow the Foundation's capacity in the years ahead," she said.

Witting, of Charlevoix, worked in business for more than thirty years. Working primarily in sales and marketing, Mr. Witting retired as the Senior Vice President of Marketing with Steelcase, Inc., in Grand Rapids. Mr. Witting is active in the community, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Charlevoix Association, and also as a member of the Lions Club of Charlevoix. "I'm just delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve the Community Foundation," he noted, adding, "I've long-



Paul Witting (l) and Michelle Cortright are the newest members of the Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

admired the Foundation's work in the community, and look forward to being a part of that effort." Like Cortright, Witting will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee.

Valerie Snyder, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, is looking forward to working with the new trustees. "Michelle and Paul are committed and well-intentioned community citizens, and the Community Foundation will benefit from their skills and participation," she noted. Including the new appointments, the Foundation's Board of Trustees includes thir-

teen (13) members, representing all regions of Charlevoix County. Other trustees include; Connie Wojan and Don Spencer of Beaver Island; Hugh Conklin, Jim Howell and Rachel Swiss of Boyne City; Dave Leusink, Linda Mueller and Valerie Snyder of Charlevoix; Fay Keane, John Kempton and Barbara Malpass of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific

causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Where to put the 15 percent?

Dear Dave,
My employer recently stopped matching my 401(k) contributions. Together, my husband and I make about \$100,000 a year. Should I continue to invest in this option, or should I put money into an IRA?
Linda

Dear Linda,
If possible, I would put 100 percent of my retirement savings into a Roth IRA with good, growth stock mutual funds before messing with a non-matching 401(k). But remember, my goal if you follow the Baby Steps is to be debt-free except for your home, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, before you begin setting aside for retirement. These are the steps that allow you to be prepared for emergencies and free up your largest wealth-building tool, which is your income.

With your income, both you and your husband could open Roth IRAs and contribute \$5,500 each in 2013. That's a total of \$11,000 toward retirement next year, and it's only 11 percent of your income. With this in mind, I'd advise going ahead with your 401(k)s after your Roth IRAs are in place. That would flesh out the remaining four percent and give you guys 15 percent of your income going toward retirement!
—Dave

Setting up the kid's car insurance

Dear Dave,
I'm divorced and have a teenager who will be driving soon. What would be the best way to set up insurance for the child?
Mike

Dear Mike,
I suppose a break-up does change the dynamic somewhat, but with my kids I simply left the car in my name and paid the extra insurance cost for a little while. For me, still being in control of the car as a dad outweighed the additional money I was paying in premiums. Having a minor child running around in the world with his or her name on a car title is not a good plan.

Then, when they turned 18, I put each of their cars into their names. This, of course, was dependent on them behaving and acting responsibly. They were legally liable at that age too. I'm sure the insurance costs went up, but at that point the financial risk and liability factors were on them, not me.

In this kind of situation, especially because there's more of a potential for disagreements, I think I'd do it that way. Just put it in your name for now, especially if you're putting money toward the purchase of a vehicle.

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

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Student of the Week Boyne City Public Schools

Noah Lounsbury



GRADE: 12

PARENTS:
Patricia Lounsbury

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

"I've competed in multiple cooking competitions including Skills USA, ProStart, and Chef Challenge at Boyne Mountain."

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

"Playing, writing and listening to music. I like to cook, and spend time with friends and family."

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

"Realistically I would like to own my own restaurant someday, but my dream would be to become a famous musician."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Noah's consistent contribution to class discussions and his great attitude set a positive classroom climate and encourage participation from others." (Mr. Beckering, Art Teacher)

"What can I say? He is a good student; he is becoming a leader in the classroom and other kids look up to him. He has become a go to student for jobs that need to be accomplished without much supervision. Thank you Noah, for working so hard this year. I am looking forward to the competitions you will be in this year." (Mr. Crissman, Hospitality Teacher)

"Noah Lounsbury is a great, young man who I have enjoyed getting to know. During a recent school board meeting, Noah was one of the representatives chosen to speak about the Culinary Arts program and he did a great job. He is very deserving of being recognized as an outstanding student of Boyne City High School." (Mr. King, HS Counselor)

"Noah is a respectful student and he takes his academics seriously. He does a great job of paying attention during class." (Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

Free books means life-learning for children

Leadership Little Traverse tackles literacy project

Making sure children can read and opening up the world of learning is the goal of a book collection and distribution project by Leadership Little Traverse (LLT).

Children will receive the free books through the LLT Class of 2013's partnership with the Great Start Collaborative FreeCycle Book Bin program to collect and distribute gently used books across Emmet, Charlevoix and northern Antrim counties.

"Research tells us that children who own books are more likely to read and more likely to be better readers academically," says Alexandra Osetek, Class of 2013 Leadership Little Traverse member and Director of the Harbor Springs Library.

The goal of the FreeCycle Book Bin project is to get free books into children's hands. Families can choose free books from bins at locations where families and young children visit. Each colorful bin holds over 50 books that range from infant board books to advanced chapter books. All books have a sticker on the cover that reads: "This Book is FREE - Great Start FreeCycle".

Since its inception, Great Start FreeCycle has collected and distributed 1,800 children's books. Leadership Little Traverse kicked off its partnership with the project by collecting 500 books that are being processed and ready to distribute. LLT will continue to implement book donation sites, facilitate book drives, and collect, process and distribute books across the three county area.

"Great Start is thrilled that Leadership Little Traverse has chosen the FreeCycle Book Bins as their community service project!" said Maureen Hollocker, Class of 2013 Leadership Little Traverse member and Executive Director of Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim Counties.

"This project has the ability to get books into the hands of children in our community at virtually no cost, but it does require planning and effort. LLT is helping to take this project to the



FreeCycle Book Sorting



FreeCycle Book Bine

next level by establishing donation receptacles, sites, and a plan for sustainability."

Leadership Little Traverse is a nine-month community leadership training program of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce designed to inspire civic involvement in its participants. The Community Service Project is one aspect of this intensive leadership training.

"The Community Service Project has become the one thing that sets each class apart from the rest," said Carlin Smith, President of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. "This year's project meets a well-de-

efined community need and has been coordinated very well by the class."

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties is made up of community leaders and organizations from each county that have an interest in Early Childhood Investment.

For more information about the Great Start Collaborative and the FreeCycle Book Bins program, please contact Great Start at (877) 866-3714 or email greatstartforkids@gmail.com. For more information about Leadership Little Traverse, please contact the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce at (231) 347-4150.

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Down

1- Lady of Spain; 2- Richard of "A Summer Place"; 3- Formerly, formerly; 4- Swordlike knife; 5- Hemoglobin deficiency; 6- "Siddhartha" author; 7- ___ carte; 8- Make indistinct; 9- Showy shrub; 10- Up-to-the-minute; 11- Property claims; 12- Take to the soapbox; 13- Curt; 21- Perfect places; 23- Arm joint; 26- Workers' rights org.; 27- ___ kleine Nachtmusik; 28- Three-player card game; 29- Failed to; 30- Burn balm; 32- Child support?; 33- Type of school or cook; 34- Genuine; 35- Mrs. Chaplin; 38- Below; 39- Gallows loop; 44- Live together; 45- Large towns; 46- Wide street; 47- English astronomer; 48- Chucked weapon; 49- Commerce; 50- Knot again; 51- Got wind of; 53- The majority of; 55- It runs in the cold; 56- Look at lustfully; 57- Some whiskeys; 60- Louis XIV, e.g.;

"Minute to Win It" at the Boyne District Library

Teens and tweens will have a "Minute to Win It" on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Boyne District Library from 1-3 p.m.

The library's Minute to Win It Challenge is based on the popular television show by the same name. Contestants will race the clock and each other to complete challenges using everyday household items. For example, contestants may be asked to balance six dice on a popsicle stick or knock over empty cans using a

yo-yo. Contestants will be placed in teams, and the winning team will get a prize.

For a sample of the deceptively difficult challenges, visit www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to.

Registration is required by Jan. 31 and is available on the library's website at www.boynelibrary.org or by calling 231-582-7861.

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The Improvised Shakespeare Company on stage. PHOTO BY ARI SCOTT

WinterFolk Concert January 28

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the WinterFolk Concert Series, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the last Mondays of the month. Dolph will be featured on January 28.

Dolph started singing at age 5 when he received a record player for Christmas. He was able to eventually sing all the notes and know all the words to his cowboy record collection. Before moving to the Charlevoix area in 1994, Dolph played in an all occasion's band in the Detroit area named "Soft Touch Music." The band played weddings and large parties for 15 years. Currently Dolph plays on the streets of Northern Michigan, including Boyne City, the Blue Pelican, the City Park Grille, East Jordan Farmer's Market, Traverse City Film Festival, and Sleepy Bear Music Festival to name a few. Dolph also hosts the TV show Northern Michigan Musician's Journal which is going on its third year. He is the creator and producer of the show which highlights many local artists.

In February, Kirby takes the stage with his original and favorite covers. Musically he is a unique blend of acoustic guitar, rich vocals and harmonica wizardry. His positive and infectious songs paint portraits of everyday life and are fun for audiences of all ages. Boyne City's own Gaeyle Gerrie will take the stage in March and Rustic Heart wraps up the season in April.

The WinterFolk Concerts celebrate local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the evening with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share talents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to 5 performers. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

This Ain't Your Mama's Shakespeare

Grab a babysitter, plan a date night or bring your budding comedians to Crooked Tree Arts Center, February 2nd. The nationally acclaimed Chicago comedy troupe, The Improvised Shakespeare Company, is playing at Crooked Tree Arts Center, Saturday February 2nd; 4:00 pm family show (grades 7 and up) and an 8:00 pm uncensored evening show.

Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written) The Improvised Shakespeare Company creates a fully improvised Shakespearean masterpiece right before the audience's eyes. Nothing is planned-out, rehearsed, or written. All of the dialogue is said for the first time, the characters are created as the audience watches, and if ever there is a question where the story is going...they wonder to! You've never seen the Bard like this before!

The Improvised Shakespeare Company, founded in 2005, has been performing its critically-acclaimed show every Friday night at the world famous IO Theater for over seven years and continues to entertain audiences around the globe with its touring company. The ISC, as it is affectionately known, has been featured at the Piccolo Spoleto Fringe Festival, the Bumpershoot Music and Arts Festival, and the prestigious Just For Laughs festival in Montreal and Chicago. It has been named Chicago's best improv group by both the Chicago Reader and the Chicago Examiner and has received a New York Nightlife Award for "Best Comedic Performance by a Group". The ISC was recently honored by the Chicago Improv Foundation as its "Ensemble of the Year".

The ISC also made headlines this weekend with their recent New York City show. Known for their ability to take audience suggestions and weave them into



Blaine Swen and the cast of The Improvised Shakespeare Company. PHOTO BY ALEX ERDE

hilarious "Shakespearean" plays, they had a special guest join their onstage antics- The legendary British Royal Shakespeare Company (and Star Trek the next generation star) Patrick Stewart. Centerstage Chicago describes the group, "Set aside your preconceptions about Shakespearean theater. It's not all pretentious, puffy-garbed players trained to speak foreign English at the Raised Hand School of Acting. IO Chicago's rollicking hit show "Improvised Shakespeare" is smart and knowing enough to delight Elizabethan drama fans and charming enough to win

over the most avowed Anglophobes." Clips from their sold out shows can be seen at www.improvisedshakespeare.com.

The Improvised Shakespeare Company appears February 2nd, at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Reserved seats available at www.crookedtree.org; \$25 for members/ \$35 for non-members and \$10 for students.



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Charlevoix 3rd Annual State of the Community Address takes place this Friday

Do you want to be the first to hear pertinent information about our community? Are you interested to hear what your tax dollars and donations are being spent on? Do you want to know the plan of action for our community in 2013? If so, join us at the third annual State of the Community Address.

Come and enjoy an elegant catered breakfast from Pig's Eatin' RIBs and listen to our community leaders as they recap the accomplishments, challenges, and highlights of 2012, and share with us the future plans for the coming year.

Speakers this year include: Erin Bemis, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Boogie Carlson, Mayor of the City of Charlevoix
Chip Hanson, Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Robert Gendron, Charlevoix Public Schools
Frank Shaler, Charlevoix County

Admission is \$25 per person or \$175 for a table of eight. The general public is encouraged to attend. Tickets include a catered gourmet breakfast, and a community organizational booklet with over 40 reports from different community sectors that have an impact in Charlevoix.

There may still be time to register for this event. 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. You

can also download the registration form by clicking here. 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!

Paint the Town Red

Charity Gala to Support the Boyne City Booster Foundation scheduled for February 23

Members of the Boyne City Booster Foundation are excited to announce details about its 2013 fundraiser: "Paint the Town Red". The Booster Foundation raises and distributes funds to support Art, Academic, and Athletic programs throughout the Boyne City School District. Recent support has helped a wide variety of educational activities including High School Robotics, Middle School Language Arts, Boys High School Tennis, Academic Trips, Scholarships, and Sponsorship of the Spring Family Concert.

The festive fundraising gala is scheduled for February 23rd at Boyne Mountain Resort and will feature entertainment by "Soul Street", a five piece Detroit based Motown band. Tickets include a fun night of auctions, dinner and dancing. Dinner includes wine, "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A cash bar will be available.

The schedule of events is as follows:
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner / Silent Auction
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Live Auction and Sponsor Recognition
9:00 - midnight Entertainment and Dancing

BCBF Board President, David Hautz, asks that you "accept our invitation and once again help make this event a success. It is because of the generous support of residents and businesses in the Boyne Community, that we are able to fund so many wonderful programs for our children."

Tickets are available for \$50 at the Boyne City offices of Ralph Gillett, CPA, Mark Patrick State Farm Insurance, and Local Flavor Books. There will be no tickets sold at the door and a limited number are available.

For additional sponsor and guest information you may contact:

Dr. Cathi Wonski (231) 675-2031 or April Bellant (231) 582-6421.

Boyne City Winterfest celebration this Saturday offers both outdoor and indoor family fun

By Jim Akans

It's all about free, family-oriented outdoor and indoor fun as the annual Winterfest celebration comes to Boyne City this Saturday, January 26th. Winterfest features a variety of events and activities for those of every age.

For those seeking a bit of outdoor exercise mixed with gorgeous northern Michigan scenery, there will be sledding, ice-skating and cross country skiing at Avalanche Preserve and cross country skiing at The Hill Nature Preserve. Kids will enjoy a variety of unique Winterfest games on Saturday afternoon, including a Frozen Fish Toss and Frozen Turkey Bowling, taking place at Old City Park. As long as the skies are clear, attendees can also do a bit of star gazing early Saturday evening under the direction of Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club.

Indoor activities and events during Winterfest will include a Farmers Market in the red barn next to the Library on Saturday morning, a Chili Cook at Country Now & Then, and Wine Tasting at the Wine Emporium on Saturday afternoon. Attendees can also enjoy snow sculptures in Sunset Park, Sleigh Rides at Old City Park, and end a wonderful Winterfest Saturday by sitting back and enjoying live music at Freshwater Art Gallery, Café Sante and at the Thirsty Goat.

The schedule of Winterfest events and activities will include;

- All day - INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES at many downtown merchants (a few outdoor sales too!)
- All day - SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST - Sunset Park, west end of Water Street.
- All day - AVALANCHE PRESERVE Great sledding, ice skating and cross-country skiing - end of Wilson Street. Warming house has restrooms and free loaner skates and sleds.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - FARMERS MARKET in red barn next to Library on



There will be plenty of live music in Boyne City Saturday evening, including Minneapolis-based band The Pines (shown here) at Freshwater Art Gallery, Irish folksinger Sean Ryan at Café Sante, and cover band One Hot Robot at the Thirsty Goat. COURTESY PHOTO

- 1 p.m. - CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR at The Hill Nature Preserve. Park in the new parking lot on Clute Road.
- 1 to 3 p.m. - SNOWSHOEING & KIDS' GAMES including Frozen Fish Toss, Frozen Turkey Bowling. Complimentary hot chocolate and doughnuts from Glen's Market. Old City Park, corner of Park and River Streets.
- 1 to 3 p.m. - SLEIGH RIDES at Old City Park. \$1 per person.
- 3 p.m. - CHILI COOK-OFF - bring one gallon of chili in a crock pot to Country Now & Then, 211 Water St. Tasting starts at 3 p.m. Prizes for Judges Choice and People's Choice.
- 4 to 7 p.m. - WINE TASTING - Stop by the Wine Emporium, 123 Water Street, for a complimentary taste of three seasonal offerings, conversation and snacks.

- 5 p.m. - SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST winners announced in Sunset Park. Rules and information.
- 5 to 6 p.m. - STAR GAZING with Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (weather permitting).
- 8 p.m. CONCERT featuring Minneapolis indie-rock band The Pines at Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake St. Tickets: 231-582-2588.
- 8 p.m. - LIVE MUSIC with Irish folksinger Sean Ryan at Cafe Sante, One Water Street.
- 9 p.m. - LIVE MUSIC with cover band One Hot Robot at the Thirsty Goat, 220 S. Lake St.

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JANUARY NOTES ON MEDICARE

Medicare Advantage Plan Disenrollment Period
Medicare Advantage Plans are one of the coverage options that Medicare beneficiaries may choose to provide their Medicare services. Also called "Part C" or Medicare Health Plans these policies are HMOs, PPOs, and Private Free-for-Service (PFPS) Plans. Benefits offered by Medicare Advantage Plans may include coverage for prescription drugs, vision, hearing, dental and health / wellness programs. In some cases enhancements to these benefits may be added as a rider to the plan for an additional premium amount. Beneficiaries generally experience a co pay for ANY service that they receive when enrolled on

an Advantage plan. If the plan in which you were enrolled in 2012 didn't renew for 2013, or if you picked a plan that doesn't meet your needs, CHANGES CAN BE MADE between January 1 and February 14. This is the Medicare Advantage Plan Disenrollment Period. Individuals in a Medicare Advantage Plan have the option of going back to coverage through Original Medicare and picking a Medicare Drug plan to replace prescription coverage they have in the Advantage Plan. Changes in Medicare Premiums and Deductibles for 2013
Deductible amounts for Medicare Part A (Hospital coverage) and Part B (Med-

ical Coverage) have changed for 2013. The deductible for Part A is \$1184 for the first 60 days of hospital care. The deductible for Part B is \$147 for outpatient services. The premium for Part B - which is generally deducted from Social Security - is \$104.90 for 2013. In addition, beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan will pay 47.5% of the full cost of their brand name medication and 79% of the cost of their generic medications if they experience the "coverage gap" (inching gradually down from 100% in 2010). The Medicare Medicaid Assistance program (MMAP) is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits coun-

selling to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Individuals with questions about Medicare may contact MMAP for assistance at their local Commission on Aging office or regional office at the Area Agency on Aging 1-800-803-7174. This document was produced by the Regional MMAP office at the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. MMAP is funded by a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging through funding received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 24 11:00am Back Porch Music 1 pm Pinochle	Friday, January 25 9:30 am Craft Class 10:30 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy	Monday, January 28 10:30am Sit & Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, January 29 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, January 30 12:30pm Hospice/Home Care Presentation 1pm Bingo	Thursday, January 31 1 pm Pinochle
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 24 Wii Bowling	Friday, January 25 BIRTHDAY DAY 11am MUSIC: Roger Raffle	Monday, January 28 Bingo	Tuesday, January 29 Craft Class	Wednesday, January 30 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	Thursday, January 31 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 24 Game Day: Uno/Wii Fun Pool Table	Friday, January 25 11am MUSIC: Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Bake Raffle	Monday, January 28 8-1pm: walking M-F	Tuesday, January 29 11am line dancing 12:30 bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, January 30 1pm Movie& Popcorn	Thursday, January 31 Game Day: Uno, Wii Fun, Pool Table
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, January 24 CRUNCHY DRUMSTICKS	Friday, January 25 CABBAGE ROLLS	Monday, January 28 CHICKEN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE	Tuesday, January 29 COD ALMONDINE	Wednesday, January 30 HAMBURGER W/ BUN	Thursday, January 31 COOKS CHOICE
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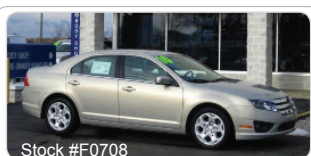


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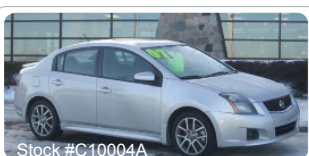


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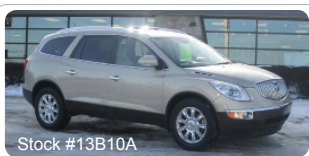


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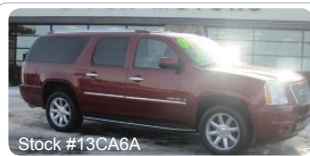


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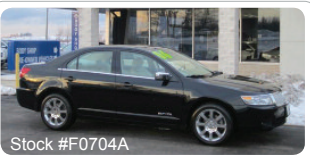


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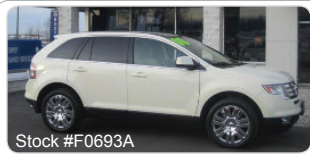


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