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SPORTS



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East Jordan center, Jasmine Steinhoff (54) gets a hand on the ball going for the rebound. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)



pg. 2B

Rambler sophomore Corey Redman gets up plenty on the glass to lay in this basket. Redman would finish with a game-high 27 points. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



County leaders discussed various topics in round table discussions.

County Leaders Meet to Discuss Cooperative Efforts

By Dave Baragrey

BOYNE CITY – County, City, Township and School District leaders from all around Charlevoix County gathered on Monday in Boyne City to discuss the possibility of combining services to save

money and better serve area residents for all entities. The Charlevoix County Elected Leadership Summit and the format allowed for all present to participate equally to propose their ideas and discuss various topics that affect all of the municipalities and

school districts. This county-wide summit was held once before in 2011.

Topics of discussion included Health Insurance, Ambulance Service, Broadband Service, Water

See County Leaders—7A



State Rep. Greg MacMaster spoke about the emergency need for dredging in local harbors and how the state is responding.



Charlevoix City Manager, Rob Straebel, presented some ideas for discussion on maintaining water quality throughout the county.



East Jordan EMS Director, Jay Peck, presented ideas for improving funding and service for local ambulance service.



County Commissioner Chris Christensen, presented his thoughts on how local municipalities can help provide service for the broadband network.



A "Chocolate Covered Boyne" in downtown Boyne City arrives next weekend

Valentines Day is just around the corner, and Boyne City will be serving up a sweet celebration again this year; a "Chocolate Cover Boyne" on February 8th and 9th, in observance of the sweetest holiday of all. Sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will feature over 30 local businesses and organizations offering up tasty treats, sweet deals, and the melodious sounds of live music to warm the hearts of every Valentine.

"Chocolate-Covered Boyne" combines a chocolate/Valentine theme with special tastings (foods and drinks) of chocolaty treats and goodies, special chocolate desserts; as well merchants offering great savings for Valentines Day gifts at locations throughout town.

In addition, the Boyne District Library will be also participating in Chocolate Covered Boyne and will host a children's story hour next Saturday, and will have a special display of chocolate themed novels and cookbooks on display. Live music during the event will include Freshwater Studio's "Wine, Women, Chocolate and Song" concert and music at the Water Street Café during the evening.

So mark those calendars now, and enjoy Valentines Day with a very special Chocolate Covered Boyne celebration in downtown Boyne City next Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th. For a full list of participating merchants and an updated event schedule, visit the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.boynechamber.com or call the chamber office at (231) 582-6222.

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In addition to attending the Inauguration Ceremony, students toured several Washington D.C. landmarks, such as the Capitol building, Union Station, the Smithsonian, and went to the Kennedy Center (shown here) and saw a “who-dunnit” comedy titled Sheer Madness. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNEMARIE CONWAY.

Charlevoix schools student group attends Presidential Inauguration ceremony

By Jim Akans

A group of 40 Charlevoix Area Schools students traveled to Washington D.C. to attend last week’s Presidential Inauguration ceremony. This is the fifth time Charlevoix Schools teacher, Annemarie Conway has organized this trip to provide students the opportunity to witness first-hand the historic inauguration of a President of the United States. While the group is in our nation’s capitol, they were also able to visit several Washington D.C. landmarks. “I have been teaching at Charlevoix Schools for 18 years,” Conway relates, “and we have taken this trip every four years. We offer the opportunity to our seniors and juniors first, and if there is space remaining, sophomores and freshman are offered a chance to travel with us. We left on Thursday evening, January



17th, traveled through the night and arrived in Washington, D.C. mid-morning on Friday.” Once there, the group didn’t sit still. Former Charlevoix High School graduate, Chris Golski, who works at Georgetown University, graciously provided Metro transportation tickets for the students, and they put those immediately to use. Students toured the Capitol building, Union Station and the Embassy building on Friday, traveled to the Smithsonian and visited Georgetown on Saturday, and attended an open house with Michigan Legislators on Saturday, where they had an opportunity to speak with Michigan Senator Carl Levin. “Saturday we also attended the Hope Youth Inaugural Ball at the Historic Howard Theater,” notes Conway, “and went to the Kennedy Center and saw a “who-dunnit” com-

edy titled Sheer Madness. On Monday morning, we were on a bus to the National Mall at 6 am where we stood until the Inauguration ceremony began. It was extremely energizing for the students to see that. We were up near the fence, as close as we could possibly be.” In addition to witnessing a historic event and touring such fascinating locations, Conway adds that the experience provides students with a chance to learn about getting around in a major city. “It provides a taste of what the urban experience is about,” she relates. “It is also a very memorable and impressionable experience... being in the capitol building, standing in same rooms as past presidents did, and witnessing the inauguration. It was a great celebration where everyone honored what we represent as a democracy.”

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Nationally known landscape architect and planner speaking in Boyne City



Robert Gibbs, a nationally known landscape architect and urban planner, will present a program in Boyne City on Monday, February 4, at 6 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room.

While he works with communities across the country, Gibbs has close local ties as well. He is the planner and landscape architect for the new Walloon Village plan and he has a home in the Petoskey area. Gibbs also spoke

LEFT: Robert Gibbs, a nationally known landscape architect and urban planner, will present a program in Boyne City on Monday, February 4, at 6 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. COURTESY PHOTO

last fall at the Michigan Downtown Conference in Petoskey and recently met with members of Team Boyne, a Boyne City economic development support group, which is sponsoring his visit. Team Boyne is a cooperative effort between the Boyne City Main Street Program and Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to retain and recruit businesses in the Boyne City area.

His presentation is titled "Sustainable Retail: Contemporary Principles and Practices," which offers an overview of recent trends in retail. The program is free and open to the public.

The founder of Gibbs Planning Group, one of the nation's foremost urban retail consultants (www.gibbsplanning.com), Gibbs

believes that sustainable development and vibrant community life are only possible with a vital commercial life, and that cities need intelligent strategies for creating competitive and sustainable downtown districts.

In his presentation, Gibbs will discuss:

- Required market demographics for a variety of retail types, the importance of individual store location and basic principles of successful store design;

- How the practical science of analyzing and adjusting all elements known to affect a shopper's mood in the marketplace has informed design and development principles for reviving retail in downtowns and neighborhood commercial centers;

- Essentials of how to program, plan, and develop historic downtowns; and

- How principles of retail development can be combined with the best practices of architectural and urban design to create successful and competitive mixed-use commercial centers.

Gibbs will also examine the current retail environment, provide approaches for strengthening the retail options, and suggest ways that new trends in urban retail could be successfully applied to local concerns.

For more information, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com or boynechamber.com or contact Boyne City Main Street by telephone 231.582.9009, or email at mainstreet@boynecity.com.

"Just the facts," plus a bit of trivia, about SUPER BOWL XLVII

By Jim Akans

Sunday is "Big Game" day. Super Bowl XLVII (or 47 for those not using Roman numerals anymore) rolls into the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans for a 6:30 pm kickoff this coming Sunday evening, February 3rd. This year's event pits the Baltimore Ravens, led by coach John Harbaugh, against the San Francisco 49ers, led by coach Jim Harbaugh. No typo there; the last names of these two team leaders is the same... they are brothers...making this the first time in Super Bowl history two siblings have face off against each other as head coaches. Things are getting interesting already.

As might be expected, the Ravens and the 49ers are both pretty darn good football teams. The Ravens season record this year was 10-6, and despite losing the last three of their four regular season games, their momentum stepped up in the playoffs and that just may have the 49ers a bit concerned. San Francisco (49ers) season record this year was 11-4-1 and second year quarterback Colin Kaepernick has started just nine games, two of them during the post-season playoffs. Baltimore (Ravens) quarterback Joe Flacco has led his team to victory in each of his five seasons, and even defeated future Hall of Fame quarterbacks, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady in the process.

On Super Bowl Sunday, avid sports fans, occasional sports fans, and folks that rarely watch football can't help but join in the excitement of this unofficial national celebration. The Super Bowl drew over 112 million viewers in the United States last year, and the game picks up more than a few additional viewers worldwide. Ardent fans are glued to each snap of the ball during this ultimate pigskin play-off, while many simply enjoy waiting for the commercials and being a part of the revelry surrounding the mystique of this glorious mid-winter party.

Whether gathering with family or a few friends, or taking part in a huge Super Bowl Sunday celebration, it can be fun to have a few bits of game day trivia handy to share as the gridiron battle unfolds.

The Game;

- The winning team receives the sterling silver Vince Lombardi Trophy, named after the late coach of the Green Bay Packers, plus each of the players will receive the much-coveted Super Bowl ring (valued at approximately \$5,000 apiece).

- The Super Bowl was originally known as the AFL-NFL World Championship. When the AFL and NFL merged in 1970, the contest between the American Football Conference (AFC) and National Football Conference (NFC) was renamed "Super Bowl" as proposed by Lamar



Sunday is "Big Game" day. Super Bowl XLVII (or 47 for those not using Roman numerals anymore) rolls into the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans for a 6:30 pm kickoff this coming Sunday evening, February 3rd. PHOTO COURTESY OF NEWORLEANSONLINE.COM

Hunt, founder of the AFC. The name was purportedly inspired after Mr. Hunt saw his daughter playing with a "Super Ball" toy.

- The San Francisco 49ers have appeared in five Super Bowls, winning each time they played in Super Bowls XVI, XIX, XXIII, XXIV and XXIX. The Baltimore Ravens have played in one previous Super Bowl, XXXV, and defeated the New York Giants. The now defunct Baltimore Colts appeared in Super Bowl III, losing to the New York Jets, who were powered by quarterback Joe Namath at the time.

- No team has played a Super Bowl in their home stadium, no team has been shutout (left the game without scoring a point) and although three games were tied during the last minute of play, no Super Bowl has gone into overtime.

The Entertainment;

- 16-time Grammy-Award winner Beyonce will perform during this year's Pepsi Super Bowl halftime show

- One of the most talked about Super Bowl halftime debacles occurred in 2004, when during a musical performance Justin Timberlake "accidentally" removed a piece of Janet Jackson's top, exposing her breast to a worldwide television audience.

- Most of the early Super Bowls featured marching bands during halftime. That began to change in the late 1980's as musical idols from virtually every genre took the stage. Among the staggering variety of entertainers featured during Super Bowl halftime shows over the years are; Tony Bennett, Prince, Michael Jackson, Carol Channing and Ella Fitzgerald, The

Who, The Rolling Stones, George Burns and Mickey Rooney, Chubby Checker, Clint Black, Shania Twain, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, Bruce Springsteen, Britney Spears, Paul McCartney, U2 and Tom Petty. It's obviously a difficult target audience to define.

Commercials;

- The cost of a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl this year is reported to be around \$4 million, up a cool half-million from last year. Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, VW, Hyundai, Doritos, GoDaddy, and Skechers are among the advertisers getting ready to sling memorable spots to the delight of viewers during this year's game.

- Some notable Super Bowl ads debuts over the years include NY Jets Quarterback Joe Namath shaving his legs for Noxzema (1973), sharpshooters firing at a variety of Master Locks during the 1970's, Pittsburgh Steelers lineman "Mean Joe" Greene tossing a Coca-Cola to a young fan (1980), a "1984" themed ad (in 1984) showing a woman hurling a hammer at a "Big Brother" type face on a screen to promote the rise of Apple's Macintosh computers, the "Bud Bowls" of the 1990's, and Michael Jordan and Larry Bird playing HORSE to promote McDonald's Big Macs (1993).

Food;

- Snacks are a major part of Super Bowl Sunday. The Calorie Control Council and Snack Food Association observe that snack consumption averages around

1,200 calories (not including meals), representing nearly 50 grams of fat ingested per Super Bowl armchair quarterback.

- An estimated 28 million pounds of pretzels, popcorn, potato and tortilla chips will be consumed during the day, an amount with laid end to end would stretch nearly 293,000 miles. Michigan leads the nation in the production of potatoes used in making potato chips.

- It takes about 223,000 football fields of farmland to grow the amount of corn, potatoes and avocados needed to make the snacks fueling Super Bowl Sunday munchies.

- Americans will quaff approximately 325 million gallons of beer on Super Bowl Sunday. Designated drivers are a must; the Insurance Information Institute reports more drivers are involved in alcohol-related accidents on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day.

- Americans will spend about \$237 million on soft drink purchases during Super Bowl week.

- Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest winter grilling day of the year

- Antacid sales spike by 20 percent during the Monday after the Super Bowl, and 6 percent (or about 7 million) of Americans call in sick to work on that same Monday.

With so much snackin' and revelry going on, it's easy to lose track of time. For the record - Super Bowl XLVII kick-off is at 6:30 pm EST on Sunday, February 3rd on CBS stations. Enjoy the game.

Postal Service Adjusts Prices for 2013

Starting January 27, it will only cost a penny more to mail a single-piece, 1-ounce First-Class letter to any location in the United States. This is only the second price change for First-Class Mail stamps since 2009. Forever stamps are always good for mailing a one-ounce letter anytime in the future regardless of changes. Highlights of the new single-piece First-Class Mail pricing include:

- Letters (1 oz.) - 1-cent increase to 46 cents

- Letters additional ounces - unchanged at 20 cents

- Postcards - 1-cent increase to 33 cents

- Letters to international destinations (1 oz.) - \$1.10

New this year will be the First-Class Mail Global Forever stamp, a new international rate stamp. The Global Forever stamp offers a single price for any First-Class Mail International 1-ounce letter to any country in the world. "We're excited to introduce the new First-Class Mail Global Stamp," said Greater Michigan District Marketing Manager, Terri Hagen. "The new stamp will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10, and will ease the transition during price changes."

Prices for Shipping Services increased by 2.6 percent, with Priority Mail prices increasing an average of 6.3 percent. Delivery confirmation will be free on Priority Mail and Standard Post (formerly named Parcel Post). New domestic retail pricing for Priority Mail Flat-Rate products includes:

- Regular envelope - \$5.60

- Legal-size envelope - \$5.75

- Padded envelope - \$5.95

- Small box - \$5.80

- Medium box - \$12.35

- Large box - \$16.85

- Large APO/FPO/DPO box - \$14.85

"The success of our Priority Mail Flat Rate envelopes and boxes has helped make the Postal Service one of the best values in the shipping business," adds Hagen. More information on new pricing for Mailing and Shipping Services is available at www.usps.com.

Express Mail prices increased on average by 5.8 percent. The Sunday/holiday premium remains at \$12.50 for the fourth year in a row. No other charges apply. Express Mail Flat-Rate Boxes were introduced last year and remain unchanged at \$39.95. Express Mail retail prices begin at \$14.10. Express Mail Flat-Rate Envelope retail prices increase to \$19.95.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Correction!

In the January 24th edition of the Charlevoix County News, the amount of the 2012 net profit revenue for the One Water Marina was incorrectly reported. The overall 2012 net profit was actually just over \$12,000 - with the City's portion being just over \$7,000. We apologize for the previously reported error.

weather

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH: Mid 10's LOW: Low 10's	HIGH: Mid 10's LOW: Low 10's	HIGH: Mid 10's LOW: High 10's	HIGH: Mid 20's LOW: High 10's

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1/30/2012.....21.4	1/28/2013....28.4	Atlanta
1/30/2012.....23.3	1/28/2013.....39	Charlevoix
1/30/2012.....43.3	1/28/2013...49.4	East Jordan
1/30/2012.....65.1	1/28/2013...66.6	Gaylord
1/30/2012.....22.3	1/28/2013...23.7	Mio
1/30/2012.....33.8	1/28/2013...41.2	Onaway
1/30/2012.....41.3	1/28/2013...54.8	Petoskey

record temps

Day.....	Avg. High.....	Avg. Low.....	Record High.....	Record Low.....
2/1.....	30°F.....	13°F.....	47°F (1998).....	-28°F (1962)
2/2.....	30°F.....	13°F.....	46°F (1991).....	-31°F (1961)
2/3.....	30°F.....	13°F.....	52°F (1991).....	-18°F (1996)
2/4.....	31°F.....	13°F.....	50°F (2005).....	-25°F (1996)
2/5.....	31°F.....	13°F.....	56°F (2005).....	-14°F (1974)
2/6.....	31°F.....	13°F.....	56°F (2005).....	-20°F (1978)
2/7.....	31°F.....	13°F.....	46°F (2005).....	-22°F (1967)

OBITUARIES**Marcia L. Ecker, 57**

Marcia L. Ecker, age 57, of Bay Township, passed away on Jan. 27, 2013, at Trillium Woods Hospice House in Byron Center, Mich.

Arrangements for Marcia are pending and a memorial service will take place in the spring.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City will announce the times when they become available.

John D. Belfy, 91

John D. Belfy of Charlevoix, died Jan. 28, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Julie Ann**Elzinga-King, 40**

Julie Ann Elzinga-King of East Jordan died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

Arrangements are pending at Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Lionel William Arthur Mackela

(NOV. 28, 1925 - JAN. 24, 2013)

Lionel William Arthur Mackela, of East Jordan, Mich., passed away on Jan. 24, 2013, at the age of 87 in Petoskey, Mich.

Born on Nov. 28, 1925, in

Pelkie, Mich., to Selma and Jacob Makela, Lionel was the brother of Raymond, Howard and George (Lorraine).

Eager to serve his country during World War II, Lionel enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps shortly before his 18th birthday. Once his service ended, he returned to Michigan and on Aug. 28, 1948, Lionel married Elaine Mae Bellingham in Detroit. They moved to Marquette, where Lionel attended Northern Michigan University and eventually settled in southeastern Michigan, where they raised four children together and Lionel found his calling as a salesman.

But Lionel never forgot his roots in Northern Michigan. He built a cottage on Marquette Island, where he took his wife and children (and later, his grandchildren) to boat, fish and explore the outdoors. Lionel was a wooden-boat enthusiast, and could often be found navigating the waterways around the Les Cheneaux Islands at the helm of his Chris Craft or hanging around the annual antique wooden boat show in Hessel.

He possessed an active and curious mind. In addition to classic boats, he enjoyed classic cars and was a voracious reader, a shade-tree tinkerer and inventor. A kind and decent man with a great sense of humor, he would much sooner tell a joke than speak ill of another. And

fiercely independent to the end, he was the embodiment of that particularly Finnish quality, *sisu*.

He is survived by Elaine, his loving wife of more than 64 years; his sons, William (Norma) of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Don (Ginny) of Kernersville, N.C.; his daughter, Sharon (Jeff) Gerndt, of Ypsilanti, Mich.; as well as six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Diane King, and grandson, Shantanu Simper.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be sent to either the Les Cheneaux Historical Association in Cedarville, Mich., or the Cleveland Clinic's Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the words of Lionel's wife, Elaine, whose sentiments are echoed by all who knew and loved him, "He was a good man, a good husband, and a good father. He will be greatly missed."

Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Henry 'Hank' Archey, 86

(SEPT. 24, 1926 - JAN. 25, 2013)

Henry "Hank" Archey of Charlevoix passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at his home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1926, in Germfask, the son of Henry J. Archey Sr. and Flora (Kimball) Archey.

He attended Manistique High School before serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). During World War II, he served as a Merchant Marine and later in the United States Navy.

On Aug. 27, 1953, Hank married Lois E. Rureau in Manitowoc, Wis. They made their home there before moving to Charlevoix in 1967. Hank worked at Medusa Cement Plant for 39 years and retired in 1990.

He loved all sports but love of baseball started in Manistique and grew in to a life-long passion. He also loved the outdoors, camping and hunting. Hank's love of family surpassed all others.

He is survived by his children, Patty Reinhart (Mike Pearsall) of Charlevoix, Allen Hillier of Arkansas, Henry "Beano" (Cheryl) Archey of Boyne City, Jan Archey (Tom Donnelly), Ron Archey, Julie Archey (Rick Wilson), all of Charlevoix; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Harold "Butch" (Kay) Archey of Charlevoix; and sister, Charlotte Kandell, of Manistique. Hank was preceded in death by his wife, Lois E. Archey, on Sept. 18, 2012, and three brothers, Floyd, Lloyd and Carl Archey.

Visitation was Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

At Hank's request, there will be no formal service. His family wishes to thank the staff at Boulder Park Terrace and Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Contributions made in Hank's memory will be appreciated to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Norma Modeen, 72

Norma Modeen died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at her home near East Jordan.

Interment took place in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan. No other services are scheduled. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Jerry L. Alward, 64

(JUNE 6, 1948 - JAN. 22, 2013)

Jerry L. Alward of Ellsworth died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

He was born June 6, 1948, in Charlevoix, the son of Maynard and Pearl (Devries) Alward. On Feb. 14, 1968, he married Jean Hizelberger in Walled Lake, Mich., and they made their home in Ellsworth.

Jerry served as police chief for the Village of Ellsworth for a number of years and served on the Banks Township Fire Department. He is a former fire chief. He served as deputy for the Antrim

County Sheriff's Department and later was promoted to detective.

They moved to East Jordan in 1987 where they owned and operated the Westbrook Motel. In 1989, Jerry became police chief for East Jordan Police Department until his retirement on May 31, 2002.

Jerry was a member of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church and served on the consistory. Jerry was an avid fisherman and deer hunter. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, golfing, and was a fan of NASCAR.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; children, Jill (Dodd) McDowell of The Villages, Fla., Jodi (Keith) VanderSlik of Ellsworth; sisters Polly Strange, Shirley (Chester) Farrell and Betty Alward, all of Ellsworth; brothers, William (Sandy) Alward of Ellsworth and Ray Alward of Central Lake; nine grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded by a son, Jeffery Alward, and sister, Donna Heeres.

The funeral service was Friday, Jan. 25, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Alex Snider officiating. Burial in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

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Great Lakes Energy, with the help of its members, continued its tradition of looking out for charitable and community organizations during 2012 by awarding \$146,660 in People Fund grants. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

The grants funds were awarded to 59 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. Of that total, more than \$59,000 was awarded to 25 organizations in northwestern Michigan.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members we've awarded more than \$2.3 million in grants since 1999 to local non-profits groups and organizations," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "Our members who participate in the Pepole Fund agree to round-up their bill and the all of the extra change goes back to their local community in the form of grants."

Members of the electric cooperative who are not participating are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"The contributions average less than 50 cents per month but when added together, we are able to help many," explains Boeckman. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' help."

The following 25 groups in northern counties received People Fund grants totaling \$59,300 during 2012:

Bellaire High School Student Council: \$1,000 for material for blankets for Antrim Baby Pantry.
Boyne Area Deacons' Fund: \$2,500 for

assistance for low income families.

Charity Hill Ranch, Rapid City: \$4,000 for the Sunshine therapeutic riding camp.

Charlevoix Ministerial Association: \$2,000 for assistance for low income families.

Christ Lutheran Church Kinder Closet, Boyne City: \$1,000 for baby supplies for low income families.

Cornerstone Therapeutic Riding, Harbor Springs: \$1,400 for equipment to improve training and evaluation for special needs horseback riding program.

Crossroads Ministries New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Gaylord: \$2,000 for a computer, software, office chairs and car seats.

CS Lewis Festival, Petoskey: \$1,000 for student books for the Petoskey Reads CS Lewis project.

Friends of the Boyne River, Boyne City: \$2,500 for a nature area near the Boyne River.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$2,300 for electric meal transporters for the Meals on Wheels program.

Friendship Shelter, Gaylord: \$4,000 for heating units for shelter.

GRACE Center, Grayling: \$1,500 for office furniture.

Harbor Hall, Petoskey: \$5,000 to help fund dormitory remodeling.

Hospice of NW Michigan, Charlevoix: \$1,000 for patient comfort and safety needs.

Johannesburg/Lewiston High School Robotics: \$1,000 for a student project to repair and refurbish electric wheel-chairs.

Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resource (KAIR), Kalkaska: \$5,000 for heat and food assistance to those in need.

Kalkaska County Library: \$2,500 for a project to create digital access to his-

torical newspapers.

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

Northern Michigan Regional Health System Foundation: \$1,500 to provide dental work for uninsured patients.

Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$500 for tools for home building program.

Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for hands-on educational visits to Charlevoix County schools focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and math.

River House Inc., Grayling: \$1,000 for office supplies.

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

Top O' Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for engineering and planning for the Boyne Trailway.

Village of Fife Lake: \$600 for lighting and electrical project in Memorial Park.

The full list of grant recipients can be found in the 2012 People Fund Annual Report included in the January issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine recently mailed to Great Lakes Energy members. Others may obtain the report by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting gtlakes.com and downloading the report from Your Community/People Fund/Annual Report.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund invites applications for 2013 grants from local non-profit organizations. Deadline for applications for the 2013 grant cycles are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. Request an application by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 1313, or request it online by visiting gtlakes.com.

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The Best Way to Build Friendship (and Beat the Winter Blues)

By Jamie Woodall

I once sat down on the outside back steps of a college auditorium and shared my messed-up life-story with someone.



Pastor Jamie Woodall

Throughout telling of the numerous car accidents, nights in jail, and many other poor choices I had made up to a year before that time, that someone took the time to note details, ask questions, listen intently, and truly care. She later became my wife. She has continued to teach me that one of the best ways to build a deep lasting friendship with someone is by serving them in many different ways.

From enjoying her overwhelming kindness for sixteen years now and watching the life of Jesus in the gospels, I've come to learn more about the tremendous value and blessings of serving others. In fact, I can say that I've found no better way to build lasting genuine friend-

ships than by simply serving others.

Through life I've continued to personally experience and observe the amazing dynamic that occurs when one person side-steps his or her own comfort and convenience to encourage someone else. Usually the person being served is pleasantly taken-back by surprise, resulting in endearment. From there the friendship builds as serving at some point usually goes both ways.

We can beat the winter blues by serving others that will result in new and deepening friendships. Four ways we do this include empathetic listening, free manual labor, spending time, and sharing a meal with someone.

Empathetic Listen: Listening is a difficult thing to do in our fast-paced get-it-all-done now culture. According to Stephen Covey in his 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, there are two kinds of listening: autobiographical listening and empathetic listening.

Autobiographical listening is thinking about yourself or what you want to say next as you are hearing the person speak. This

isn't really serving anyone but our self. Empathetic listening means giving your full attention to a person in order to understand. This is not typical in society. It's abnormal. In fact some will pay \$75-\$150 an hour in counseling fees just to have someone really "listen" to them. To really serve someone by listening means holding good eye contact, putting forth effort in processing words and thoughts, asking good clarifying questions, and offering helpful encouragements along the way.

Free Manual Labor: Who around you can use the help of your energy and resources to accomplish a task they struggle to do for themselves. It might be a lady on her own living next door who need a drive shoveled or plowed. It might be the single mom down the street who could use the offer of free babysitting. Some of the best times a family can have is showing up announced on the door step of a neighbor after it snows and shoveling her out together. It can be more fun than Xbox with the right attitudes!

Time: There are people around us who would love an invite. Maybe someone you've

never spent time with would love for you to invite him or her to go ice-fishing, snow-shoeing, walking the dog, or snowmobiling. Our kids usually need us to invite them into our world more. I have to work at asking my kids to help me on a project. Have you ever taken a special interest in a child in the community, built a friendship with the parents, and chosen to begin watching their sports games, music, or simply encouraging them in significant and creative ways throughout a season of life? Maybe it's time to take the son "winter camping" or your daughter out to lunch. Spending time is always a great way to serve others. It says, "I care about you."

Share a Meal: Open your home or treat someone(s) to a nice meal out. When we spend time and money on someone it shows that we care about them. Eating together means conversation. It takes work to schedule it, prepare the home, and prepare the meal. We often have to lay aside other more comfortable things we might enjoy doing. Sharing a meal means investment and sacrifice. But if we put it in the budget and make it a habit to

share meals with others, then I guarantee that endearing friendships will form.

However, let's spin this a bit. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends (John chapter fifteen verse thirteen)." Jesus never served others to simply form friendships for himself. He wanted to display the genuine and captivating love of God to others. When we put thinking power and acting energy into serving others God's blessings will flow into our lives. Those blessings include tremendous friendships with many people who in turn want to follow our example as we follow the example of Jesus in serving others.

An ancient Jewish proverb shares, "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (Proverbs chapter eleven verse twenty-five, NIV Bible)

• **Jamie Woodall is the pastor of Genesis Church in Boyne City that meets 11am Sundays at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. Genesis Petoskey meets at North Central Michigan College at 9:30am.**

Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord offers a warm, welcoming shopping experience

By Jim Akans

"People regularly tell us how much they enjoy shopping here," relates Theresa Lauber, owner of Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord. "The cleanliness of our store, the variety of our inventory, and our very reasonable prices are a pleasant surprise. They feel very comfortable...it's a warm, home-style atmosphere."

Indeed, the wide array of items offered at Angels at Work Resale are presented in several comfortable rooms throughout the 2,400 square foot facility, each focusing on a targeted range of goods, providing a effortless way to browse items of interest.

When the store opened in Au-

gust 2011, a good portion of the original inventory was purchased from another resale store that was closing, and since that time countless additional items have been added from auctions, estate and garage sales, and through donations.

"We offer quality, thoroughly cleaned clothing at very reasonable prices," notes Lauber. "We also have furniture, house wares, tools, books, shoes, belts and accessories, a wide assortment of knickknacks, antiques, and much more. We are also creating a special Christian section in our bookstore area."

Shoppers can enjoy special values such as a daily "fill a 13-gallon bag with clothing (excluding coat and snow pants) for just

\$5." Angels at Work Resale also offers new gift baskets, including some designed for baby showers as well as seasonal themed baskets (Valentines Day baskets are a big hit right now).

Those who donated items to Angels at Work Resale receive a 25-percent discount card for purchases that is valid for 30 days from the time of their donation. The store does not offer consignment sales.

Angels at Work Resale is located at 1523 S. Otsego Avenue (U.S. 27 South) in Gaylord. During the winter, they are open Monday through Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm and closed on Sundays. For additional information, please call (989) 448-8615.



Angels at Work Resale in Gaylord offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a wide array of value-priced items. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS.

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Friendship Centers to host Medicare Workshop on February 7

Many area residents will soon be new to Medicare. A deluge of mail on the topic sometimes is more confusing than helpful. Many folks are confused about all the "A's" and "B's," "C's" and "D's" associated with Medicare.

An informational workshop, "Medicare 101", will be offered on Thursday, February 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Petoskey Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Rd. in Petoskey. The workshop will be presented by Sue Fowler, Pat Mahan and Lou Fan-

tini, certified Medicare counselors from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

MMAP is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits counseling to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. The Medicare 101 program is designed to: 1) help give a general understanding of Medicare, its parts and products, 2) understand which of those products might best fit

your needs and 3) get you started on making a good choice to meet those needs. Anyone who is within six months to a year of getting Medicare coverage is encouraged to attend.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the Friendship Centers of Emmet County (Council on Aging) at (231) 347-3211 or (888) 347-0369 to reserve your spot.

Action Teams prepare to tackle top community health priorities across Northern Michigan

Action Teams are now being organized to address Northern Michigan's top health concerns. Data collected last fall, during the first phase of a comprehensive Community Health Assessment, identified obesity and chronic disease, access to health services, and substance abuse as the region's most important health priorities. All are invited to participate in upcoming interactive Action Team lunch meetings:

Access to Health Care: Tuesday, January 29 and Tuesday, February 12, 10:45am-1:00pm

Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord

Includes access to mental health services, substance abuse treatment and maternal and child health care

Obesity and Chronic Disease:

Wednesday, January 30 and Wednesday, February 13, 10:45am-1:00pm

Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord

Includes discussion of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and stroke, and their relationship to obesity

Substance Abuse Prevention:

Wednesday, February 6 (second meeting date to be determined)

Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord

Includes discussion of tobacco use and exposure

Please RSVP to rsvp@nwhealth.org and indicate which meetings you plan to attend.

Cancer Survivorship and Wellness Series

Petoskey – McLaren Northern Michigan is hosting a free four-week program to help cancer survivors face the challenges and changes cancer brings; from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, and into years of survivorship or palliative care.

"Cancer Survivorship and Wellness," a program funded by McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, offers education and support to cancer patients and their family members. The group sessions take place from 2 - 4 p.m. on February 7, 14, 21 & 28 at the John and Marnie Demmer Wellness Pavilion and Dialysis Center, 820 Arlington Avenue in Petoskey. Sessions will focus on living well with a cancer diagnosis, as well as learning skills for the promotion of physical and emotional well-being. Attendance at all four sessions is highly recommended. Family members or caregivers are also welcome to attend.

"This group is designed to allow people who are living through any cancer diagnosis, be it an early diagnosis or living beyond their treatments, to come together and speak about

"Gathering information, collecting data and setting priorities are only the first steps of our long-term health improvement initiative," said Linda Yaroch, Health Officer of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, who serves as the project chair. "Creating practical health improvement plans engages the entire community to work together to make a real difference."

In addition to collecting more than 250 health statistics, the project included a Healthy Community Survey and Health Care Provider Survey. In partnership with other assessment initiatives, such as the Munson Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment and Otsego County Quality of Life Project, 22 focus groups and key informant interviews were conducted. Community residents reviewed and analyzed these data and ranked community health priorities.

The community health assessment and improvement is funded by Charlevoix Area Hospital, District Health Department #4, Health Department of Northwest Michigan, McLaren Northern Michigan, Northern Health Plan, and Otsego Memorial Hospital.

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 additional information, please contact Jane Sundmacher, Community Health Planner, at 231-347-5041 or j.sundmacher@nwhealth.org.



Regular physical activity has many benefits. Aim for a minimum of 30 minutes of aerobic activity three days per week. Walking the dog is a great way to incorporate physical activity into your daily routine! FILE PHOT

How Much Exercise Do You Need?

Deb Hagen-Foley

You know that regular physical activity is good for you. The benefits of exercise are numerous. Sure, exercise is essential if you are trying to lose weight and is very helpful in maintaining weight loss. Regular exercise can help you to fall asleep faster and stay asleep. Exercising regularly improves physical health by increasing levels of good cholesterol and decreasing triglycerides. This reduces your risk of cardiovascular disease. Regular exercise can also prevent or improve the control of stroke, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, arthritis and some types of cancer. Exercise reduces depression, improves mood and boosts energy. How many more reasons do you need to exercise regularly?

But you are busy and don't want to spend more time than you need exercising, so how much exercise do you really need? The answer to the question depends on your goals. Most of the health benefits listed above can be achieved

through 30 minutes of moderate cardiovascular activity three days per week and 30 minutes of resistance exercise two days per week. If your goal is to lose weight, you will want to increase your cardiovascular exercise to at least 30 minutes five times per week. If you workout intensely, you only need to workout for 20 minutes three times per week to lose weight. But that means pushing yourself to exercise at your highest level - no slacking off!

So, what is "moderate activity"? Walking for 30 minutes at a brisk pace would qualify. Not so fast that you are winded, but fast enough so your heart rate is quickened. Walking doesn't require any special equipment and can be done indoors or outdoors. It is easy to get started with walking as a regular physical activity. Your goal should be to maintain a regular level of activity, so you want to find something that you enjoy doing long-term.

If your goal is to lose weight, you want to consume fewer calories that you expend during

the day. Recording your food intake is a great way to monitor what you are eating. You may also want to know how much exercise you need to create this calorie deficit. There are monitors available at a reasonable cost to track your calorie burn. Send me an e-mail for specific details (Deb@weeklychoice.com). There are also online calculators that can estimate calories burned based on activity, gender and body weight. One such calculator can be found at: www.healthstatus.com/calculate/cbc.

Regularly burn more calories than you take in and you will lose weight - that is the "secret" to weight loss! I hope you are convinced that regular physical activity is worth working into your schedule. As always, do not undertake substantial changes in your eating or physical activity without consulting your physician, particularly if you have physical limitations or are taking medication.



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'They Were Wrong'

Pro-Life Author Anthony Horvath Seeks Stories from Parents whose Children Defied the Odds

Noted author and speaker Anthony Horvath has launched a search for stories from parents who have been told their unborn child would be born with something drastically wrong, only to have the doctors proved wrong upon birth. The outspoken pro-life advocate is compiling stories for a new book project titled, "They Were Wrong."



"Almost every time I finish giving a presentation I will be approached by someone telling me how doctors said that their child would have such and such problem once it was born but after birth it is discovered that the child is perfectly healthy, Horvath said.

"Unfortunately, a huge number of women abort their child based on the declaration that something is horribly wrong about him or her. Given how many times variations of this story is shared with me, it has occurred to me that perhaps it is time these stories be compiled into a book," he said.

The former president of Wisconsin Lutherans for Life emphasizes that a correct diagnosis doesn't justify "termination," as he and his wife were told that their daughter would have spina bifida.

Horvath documented the story in his book, "We Chose Life: Why You Should Too" and speaks often about his family's experience.

"Nonetheless, the fact that doctors could be wrong, and often are, remains one of the reasons why, even if you are not 'pro-life,' you should still choose life," said the founder of Athanatos Christian Ministries.

Parents with stories to tell can contact the author through a page on the Athanatos Christian Ministries website. Horvath said plans for the book include distribution to hospitals, clinics, and pregnancy centers and for people wanting to give the book to friends or family members who have been notified their child has a problem and is considering abortion.

Learn more about the book project at http://wechoselife.com/pro_life_book/

Two men face felony charges for running 'meth' lab

WILSON TWP. – At least two arrests have been made after the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Joint Operational Law Enforcement Team, or JOLT, conducted a search of a suspected meth lab in Wilson Township on Monday, Jan. 21. According to an announcement by Sheriff W.D. Schneider's office, 30-year-old Aaron D. Mathers and 31-year-old Carey A. Mathers were arrested on felony charges of operating and/or maintaining a laboratory involving methamphetamine, delivery and/or manufacture of a controlled substance, and maintaining a

drug house. The Charlevoix County Sheriff said the local drug team not only found the active lab, but a couple young children living at the home. Both suspects are reportedly residents of Wilson Township (Boyer City), with each being released after posting a \$5,000 bond. The charges were announced on Wednesday, Jan. 23, just two days after the arrests. The first two counts carry a possible sentence of 20 years in prison, while the third charge is a two-year high court misdemeanor. Schneider applauded the effort of his officers, when dis-

cussing the bust at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. When conducting their search, according to CCSD statements, all the components of the alleged meth lab were found and active. Michigan State Police meth lab response team and the Boyne City Police Department assisted at the scene. Methamphetamines are considered to be highly addictive. "That's probably one of the most destructive drugs out there," Schneider said of meth, adding he's also seen more heroin than compared it earlier

in his career. "It just boggles the mind some days." Schneider reported that another search warrant conducted in Charlevoix Township residence on Jan 3-4 resulted in five arrests for delivery of heroin. Over 15 grams of heroin and cash were seized, according to reports. The CCSD's JOLT team, which includes officers from the sheriff department and Charlevoix City Police Department, conducted the investigation. – Report compiled by Buckland Media.

COUNTY LEADERS

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Quality, Recreational Trails and Hiring a County Manager. The meeting began with an address from State Representative Greg MacMaster. He shared some current legislation and topics being discussed in Lansing. He also explained how the state was responding to low water levels on the Great Lakes and inland lakes throughout the state and cited an example of action being taken on the East Jordan Municipal Harbor.

Approximately 50 county leaders broke up into 10 round tables to discuss a topic then the entire group reviewed the ideas for discussion. Each round table group took turns explaining what they are doing and the challenges in their perspective areas so they could all see what common issues the possess. This was a preliminary meeting to introduce some of the issues the groups have so they can gather together at another time to discuss options for solving problems.

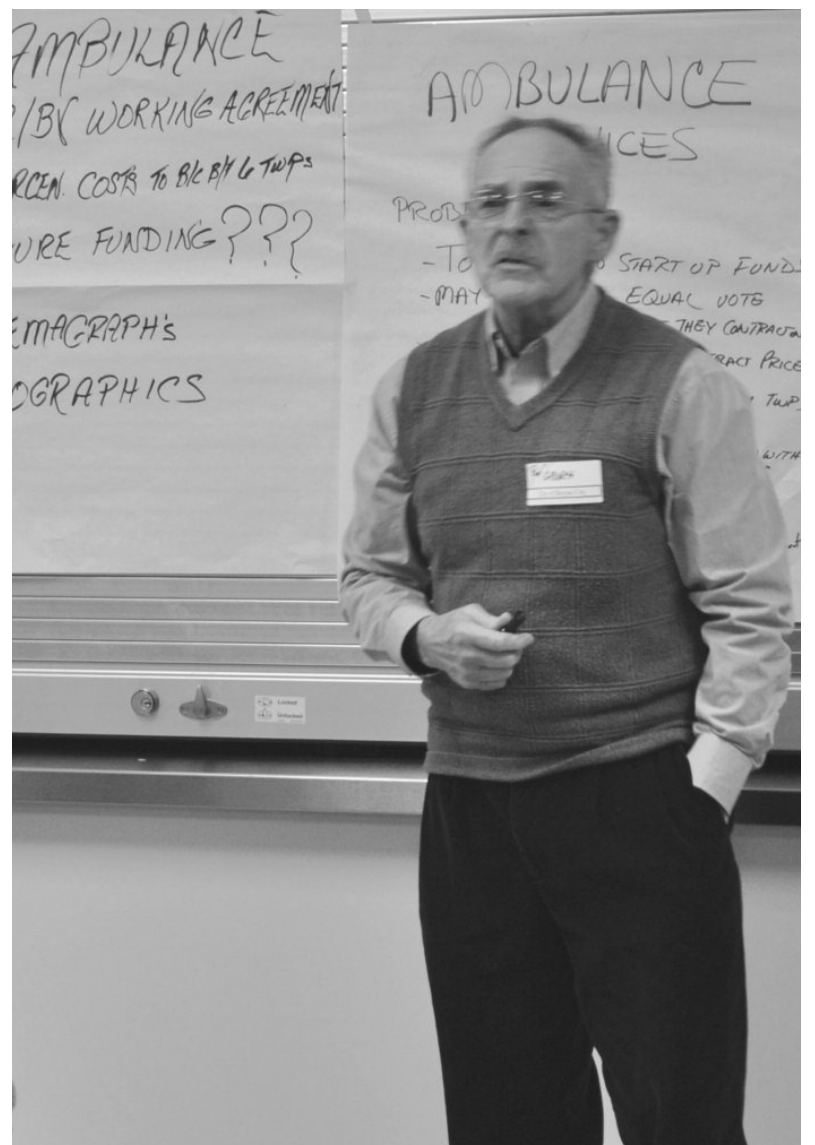
Some ideas that were presented included: Connecting all communities via recreational trails. Conduct a needs assessment

for hiring a county manager. Connecting the entire county to the broadband network being installed by Merit Network.

Creating county-wide guidelines to preserve water quality. Improve funding and response time for ambulance services.

Some municipalities and boards have already started working together to try to provide cost efficient and effective ways to serve county residents. Examples of some of these cooperative efforts include:

- The county services building on Beaver Island.
- The Sheriff's Dept providing local law enforcement service to the Village of Boyne Falls.
- The new Sheriff sub-station in Boyne Falls.
- Hiring a shared services assessor for the cities of Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan saving each city approximately \$15,000 annually.
- Boyer City High School developing Manufacturing Tech classes to help develop skills needed at local manufacturer workplaces.
- No specific decisions were made at the meeting to combine services or to work together on projects, but many ideas were shared with the group and it is expected that an action plan will be set to move forward on some of these ideas.



Boyer City Mayor, Ron Grunch, spoke about the cooperative effort between Boyer City and Boyer Valley Township to provide ambulance service to area residents.

Scam Protection from the Senior Brigade

Michigan's seniors face increasingly complex issues related to scams, identity theft and online safety. In response, the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has developed programs presented by a trained brigade of seniors. The programs will teach about scams, what they look like, how they work and how to avoid them. The Charlevoix Public Library will host "Scam Protection from the Senior Brigade," a series of three workshops to help seniors make important decisions. On Thursday, February 7 the brigade of trained seniors will be on hand at 1:00 p.m. discussing Phone & Mail Scams; 2:00 p.m. discussing Identity Theft; and 3:00 p.m. discussing Online Safety. Please register by either calling 231-237-

7340 or go online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org/calendar and click on the program to register. Nationwide, as many as 5,000,000 seniors fall victim to financial abuse each year. The Senior Brigade has set up a website as a clearinghouse for helpful information on consumer protection, financial matters, health care issues and veterans' services: www.Michigan.gov/SeniorBrigade. It provides links to a wide variety of state and federal programs as well as brochures and videos, to help seniors make informed decisions that can benefit all. For more information about this or other offerings at the library, visit them at 220 W Clinton St in Charlevoix or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, January 14

5:37am Citation issued for expired registration at Lake and Main Streets
7:47am Vehicle in the ditch at Park and Wildwood Harbor
12:02pm Report of suspicious situation at Line and Michigan Streets
12:06pm Juvenile complaint in the 900 block of Brockway
1:35pm Abuse reported from the 1100 block of Second St
2:51pm Wallet found near school. Returned to owner.
5:08pm 3 subjects arrested for marijuana possession at Avalanche
6:22pm Report of suspicious subjects on River St

Tuesday, January 15

6:30am Citation issued for speed at Boyne Av and Brockway
8:18am Report of unruly juvenile on E Division St
10:27am Report of domestic disturbance on silver St
1:25pm Arrested subject on warrant
3:00pm Driving complaint received from Boyne City Rd. Located vehicle on Boyne Av
3:45pm CSC reported
6:28pm Confused elderly located in the 400 block of E Division St
6:31pm Report of juveniles in the roadway on Boyne Av near the old Carter's
9:10pm Civil dispute in the 400 block of State St
9:49pm Family dispute in the 300 block of W Ann St
11:28pm Civil dispute in the 400 block of State St
11:45pm Assist to FAA at airport

Wednesday, January 16

8:21am Subject arrested for SOR violations
8:42am Civil dispute in the 400 block of State St
10:10am Annoying phone calls being received in the 400 block of Lewis Av
2:23pm Assist EMS in the 400 block of State St
Thursday, January 17
11:31am Motorist assist at Pine and Front St
4:05pm Report of lost wallet on N Lake St
5:24pm Assist Sheriff Department with disabled vehicle on Boyne City Rd
7:35pm Assist citizen in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
10:39pm Report of intox driver on Water St

Friday, January 18

1:01am Arrested subject for OWI at Front and Sidney Streets
10:48am Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
11:45am Request for civil standby in the 400 block of State St
2:44pm Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Pleasant
3:32pm 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
6:28pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
6:45pm 2 vehicle property damage accident on M-75 S near City limits. Citation issued for no proof of insurance.
9:01pm Citation issued for improper lane use at Lake and Water Streets
11:44pm Vehicle left in roadway on Front St near Division St
Saturday, January 19
1:09am Citation issued for no proof of insurance at lake and North St. Also warned for loud stereo and no outside mirrors.
1:20am Assist to Emmet County

on Domestic Assault reported on Ann St
1:37am Suspicious situation reported on Front St
2:37am Citation issued for speed at lake and Vogel Streets
8:20am Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
2:31pm Assist Sheriff Department with crash on Deer Lake Rd
3:49pm Assist Sheriff Department with welfare check
4:46pm Driving complaint received from the area of division and Bounce Av
5:32pm Report of deer carcass on road in the 400 block of Lincoln
6:46pm Driving complaint received on Silver St
8:44pm Vehicle broken down on E Main St near Park St
8:52pm Tree down blocking Fall Park Rd near city limits
10:18pm Report of vehicle doing donuts at Lake near Division
10:36pm Report of 3 gunshots heard from Arthur St
Sunday, January 20
1:27am Report of suspicious vehicle on Bay St
4:00am Found grill cover blowing across Lake St near Cherry
4:12am Parking citation issued at Water and Lake St
7:24pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of Harris St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

January 21-27, 2013

911 Hang Up Call.....4
Abandoned Vehicle.....3
Abuse.....0
Alarm.....2
Animal Complaint.....14
Annoyance.....3
Assault.....5
Assist Citizen.....5
Assist Motorist.....3
Assist Other Agency.....8
Attempt to Locate.....3
Attempted Suicide.....0
Bank Alarm.....0

Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....0
Car/Deer Accident.....7
Citations Issued.....9
Civil Complaint.....3
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
Death.....0
Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....3
DNR Complaint.....1
Domestic Dispute.....4
Driving Complaint.....7
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....0
Fraud.....1
Health & Safety.....1
Hit & Run.....3
Intoxicated Person.....0
Juvenile.....0
Larceny.....0
Lockout.....7
Lost Property.....0
Malicious Destruction of Property.....1
Mental Subject.....1
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....2
Operating Under the Influence..0
Paper Service.....15
Parking Violation.....1
Personal Injury Accident.....3
Personal Protection Order.....0
Private Property Accident.....1
Property Check.....7
Property Damage Accident.....20
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....9
Snowmobile Violation.....2
Snowmobile Accident.....1
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....6
Threat.....2
Traffic Stop.....39
Trespassing.....3
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....29
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....3

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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.

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 Office at 231-536-7351 or email <mailto:info@ejchamber.org>. Registration forms available

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CHARLEVOIX

Valentines Day Workshops at the Circle of Arts

The Circle of Arts will be having two Saturday Valentine's workshops with Nancy Nesterowich on Feb 2 and Feb 9, 10am - Noon, Ages 8-12, Cost: two sessions - \$40. Supplies included. Register early: Call CCA 231-547-3554 or 231-237-4383.

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.whitepinestampede.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

BOYNE CITY

Minute to Win It

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Valentine Potluck Dinner & Silent Movie

The Charlevoix Historical

Society is hosting its 6th annual Valentine Potluck Dinner/Silent Movie at the Depot on Tuesday, February 5 at 6pm. The public is invited. Bring a dish to pass, your own tableware and silver, and serving utensil if needed. Entry ticket is one or more Valentines signed personally or "A Secret Admirer" which will later be distributed to shut-ins or the elderly. The silent movie this year will be the 1926 "Sparrows" starring screen legend Mary Pickford. For more information call 547-0373.

BOYNE FALLS

Blood drives

Boyne Falls School will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Feb. 5. Odawa Casino in Petoskey will be hosting a blood drive on Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in Ovation Hall. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

EAST JORDAN

New CIC Designee

The prestigious designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) has been conferred upon Matthew Britton, Business Insurance Agent of Korthase-Flinn Insurance & Financial Services, following his successful completion of a rigorous education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. The Society of Certified Insurance Counselors is a member of The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research, the nation's preeminent provider of insurance and risk management education. Fewer than one in 15 agents and insurance professionals throughout the country have successfully earned the CIC designation. Matthew demonstrated his professional competence through the successful completion of all five CIC courses, including comprehensive written examinations focusing on all facets of insurance and risk management. Matthew joined Korthase-Flinn, in April of 2008. Within months he obtained his Michigan insurance licenses in Property & Casualty and in Life & Health. In addition to his recent achievement, Matthew has also earned the designations of Licensed Insurance Counselor (LIC) and Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR). Matthew is a Rotarian in the East Jordan Club, a graduate of Leadership Little Traverse, a Leadership Charlevoix County steering committee member, and is active in the newly formed Young Professionals Organization of Boyne City.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Hoops for Hope

3rd Annual Hoops for Hope Benefit Basketball Game, Saturday February 9 at 7PM in the East Jordan High School Gym. The East Jordan Public School Teachers will take on the East Jordan Emergency Services. \$5 Adults, \$3 Students, Free under 4, \$15 family. This benefits the local Relay for Life.

EAST JORDAN

Swiss steak dinner

The East Jordan United Methodist Church will have a Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, February 9 from 5-7 PM at the corner of Fourth & Eysterly Streets. Treat your sweetheart to an early Valentine's Day Dinner. Adults \$8, Ages 5-12 \$5, under 5 free.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Survey Seeks to Locate Internet Service Gaps

A short survey is being conducted throughout Charlevoix County in an attempt to locate pockets where residents and businesses are not satisfied with their present Internet services. This survey was designed by the Charlevoix County Broadband Committee in order to begin implementing their Connect Michigan "Technology Action Plan". This survey can be found at several locations throughout the county including the Charlevoix County Clerk's office, the local libraries, Chamber of Commerce offices and city offices found in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. The survey can also be answered on-line at www.surveymonkey.com/s/W5NB8RJ. For more information, contact Jan Kellogg, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at 231.582.6482 or by emailing jan@northernlakes.net.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Conservancy Has Near

Record Land Protection Year
The Little Traverse Conser-

vancy had one of its most successful land protection years ever in its 40-year history in 2012. All told, these projects protected more than 5,200 acres of land and 5.75 miles of shoreline throughout the Conservancy's five-county service area.

BOYNE CITY

MI College Goal

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will be hosting Michigan College Goal (formerly College Goal Sunday) on Sunday, February 10th. The event will take place at Boyne City High School and at Harbor Springs High School from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to students and their families that need help filling out the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Trained financial aid representatives will be able to guide students and their parents through each step of completing and filing the FAFSA. Parents and students should bring their completed 2012 Federal Tax Return (1040) if possible, or their W2 and 1099 forms. For more information or to volunteer at the event, contact Kelly Johnson at (231) 582-8070 or visit www.micollegegoal.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Bergmann Center and Charlevoix Aktion Club are holding their annual "Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser". We enjoy being a little competitive to see who will win the top seller spotlight. Staff, clients and Aktion Club members are all in the competition. Anyone wishing to place an order of appetizers, pizzas, salad fixings, spices or cook-ies can call 231-547-9624 or talk to anyone who attends the center. All profits help support AKtion Club and Bergmann Center's Big Trip Fund, making "Dreams Come True". Orders are due by February 11.

BOYNE CITY

Main Street website features available business properties

The Boyne City Main Street Program has added a list of available business properties to its website. The list includes properties for sale and for rent, including pictures, addresses, building sizes, sale price or monthly rent, listing agent or owner, with contact phone numbers and links to more information. Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin said, "We feel these listings will help anyone who may be looking to open a business in Boyne City." He encouraged real estate professionals and building owners to contact him at 231-582-9009 or email mainstreet@boynecity.com when they have new listings, when buildings are sold or leased, or when listings need to be changed.

EAST JORDAN

Harmony Hunters

Are you looking for the "Gift of a Lifetime"? Send her (or him) a Singing Valentine. The East Jordan Harmony Hunters Barbershop Ensemble will gladly have a quartet deliver your message of love on Valentine's Day. Deliveries are available all day long to most of Charlevoix and Antrim counties. The base delivery includes the performance of two barbershop-style songs as well as the presentation of a greeting card and a rose, signifying your affection. The office, school, hospital or home are all perfect places to send this novel gift. Deliveries to East Jordan and the immediate surrounding area begin at only \$25. A portion of the proceeds will help fund the post-graduation mission trip to Peru by the East Jordan High School Class of 2013. Call 231-350-8025 or email harmonyhunters@aol.com to make a reservation.

ELLSWORTH

Shiverfest

Feb. 15 - 17. Food, Music, Snowmobile ride, fishing, hiking, euchre tournament, 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

Drag Races re-scheduled

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club re-scheduled the Radar Runs and Drag Races for Saturday, February 16 at the Sno-Mobile Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Rd.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

Feb. 21 - The Brook Retirement Community, 701 Vogel St., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

PETOSKEY

Torchlight Snowshoe Outing

Experience the solitude of the wilderness as you snowshoe by torchlight at Camp Daggett from Saturday, 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

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.

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.

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Father and Son Weekend

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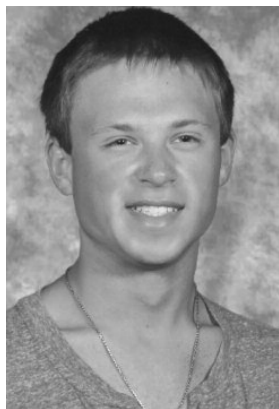
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Students of the Week Boyne City Public Schools Eric Patrick



GRADE: 12
PARENTS: Mark and Nancy Patrick
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Student Council, SAFE, Ski Team, Varsity Soccer, National Honor Society
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Traveling, Playing sports, Spending time with friends"

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

"Attending Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida to student business or law."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Eric is a good role model for students. He works hard, helps others, and goes above and beyond in everything he does." (Mrs. Parker, Business Management Teacher)

"Eric Patrick is extremely professional in his interaction with others and in the way he approaches his class work. He consistently turns in quality work, but also accepts criticism and uses it to improve his skills. He will succeed in college and in business because of these characteristics."(Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

Boyne Falls High School Danielle Ellis



GRADE: 11
PARENTS: Chris and Daniel Ellis
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Softball
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Writing, reading and art
FAVORITE BOOK: Percy Jackson Series

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

Move someplace warm and complete college

STAFF COMMENTS

Danni is a pleasant, courteous and responsible student. She is a pleasure to have in my Algebra II class. (Mr. Ted Beyer, Teacher/Coach)

Students of the Month East Jordan Public Schools

Delaney Huffman (l)
Stephanie Buckholz (r)



STAFF COMMENTS

DELANEY HUFFMAN: "Delaney is a wonderful Second Grader. She excels in reading indicated by her Word Per Minute (WPM) DIBLeS test. Where she received a whopping 125+ Words read Per Minute while the average for this time of year is 70-80 WPM. One of her remarkable character qualities is that she consistently puts her mind to the task at hand and brings it to completion. She has an amazing work ethic. Delaney loves horses and enjoys creatively writing informational and fictitious stories of her favorite animal. Delaney's interviewed classmates stated that she is kind, carrying, and a compassionate friend. I am honored and privileged to have her in my classroom." (2nd Grade Teacher Dan Ziebarth.)

STEPHANIE BUCKHOLZ: "I had the pleasure of coaching Stephanie in basketball when she was in 8th grade. She also joined the Shoe Club that year. Mission statement of the Shoe Club is to invest in yourself and invest in others. Stephanie lives that mission to a tee. She has extremely high expectations for herself. She is a 4.0 student. She is on student council, Cheerleading, Cheer Team, volleyball and softball, Safe Committee, Cafeteria Committee, BPA - Business Professionals of America, participates in weekly gymnastics and attends leadership conferences. She excels in these activities because of her work ethic and desire to do and be her best. She: Takes charge, not afraid of challenges, enthusiastic, fun loving, optimistic, friendly, great role model for students and her two younger sisters. I think the world of Steph and couldn't be more proud of her." (Middle School Teacher, Matt Hamilton.)



Ellsworth Spelling Bee

Ellsworth Community School held its school spelling bee on Wednesday, January 23rd. The winning spellers from grades 4 through 8 competed. The winners were: Collin Randall (1st place), Justin Higbee (2nd place), Halah Boss (3rd place) and Ian MacNichol (4th place). They will be competing in the upcoming County bee.

Ellsworth Community Schools has been honored with the prestigious "Winners Circle" award from the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

The goal of the Winners' Circle is to give recognition to innovative school programs that achieve results, and that can be replicated in other districts throughout Michigan.

Ellsworth has been honored for their outstanding Lancer Leap program which shortens each semester by two weeks in order to offer a special four-week term at the end of the school year. Lancer Leap addresses the needs of both those who are behind and those who deserve a chance to take some demanding hands-on elective classes. Classes offered during Lancer Leap have included canoe building, forensic science, book writing and publishing, theater, dance, vocal music, archaeology, and much, much more.

Lancer Leap has been a phenomenal success. During the time of year when most students (and teachers) are restlessly waiting for school to be over, our students are fully engaged.

There were only twelve school districts in Michigan who were honored with the 2013 Winners Circle award.



Weekly Crossword

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Down

1- Actor's parts; 2- Diciembre follower; 3- "John Brown's Body" poet; 4- Gives a right to; 5- Dove sound; 6- To redden; 7- Ages and ages; 8- The Stooges, e.g.; 9- Establish firmly; 10- Burrowing rodent; 11- Felt sore; 12- Rock; 13- Throws; 21- Al Jolson's real first name; 22- Corner; 24- Comparative suffix; 27- ___ firma; 28- Green land; 29- Overhead trains; 30- Word used to precede a woman's maiden name; 31- Recipe abbr.; 32- Changes color; 33- ___ Grande; 34- Giant Mel; 35- Legal ending; 37- Dark pigmentation; 38- Wonderful; 40- Mustachioed artist; 41- Adam's madam; 42- Few and far between; 43- Not in; 44- ___ Selassie; 45- Aquatic mammal; 46- Siouan speakers; 47- Govt. security; 48- Giver; 49- Digression; 50- Affirmatives; 52- First name in spydom; 53- Old-fashioned exclamation of surprise; 57- ___ Schwarz;

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Charlevoix Public Library February 2013 Events Schedule

All events are at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 231-237-7340.

Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m., February 2: Play "Ms. Laura Says," listen to stories and music, learn finger plays, and spend time with friends and family. Call for information: 231-237-7350.

Tech Today: Internet Tricks, 10:30 a.m., February 6: Register for this class to learn some tricks of the trade for finding what you are looking for on the Internet.

Scam Protection from the Senior Brigade, February 7: Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has developed programs to help keep our citizens safe: 1PM -

Phone & Mail Scams; 2PM - Identity Theft; 3PM - Online Safety. Call or register online.

LEGO Club: 3:45 - 5:00 p.m., February 11: Drop in for this monthly session of fun with LEGOs.

Wings of Wonder: 6:00 p.m., February 13: Join Rebecca Lessard and her birds of prey. For children ages 5 and up; seating limited to the first 100 people. Sponsored by St. Marys Cement.

Genealogy Interest Group, 6:00 p.m., February 14: Enjoy the opportunity to discuss new advances in genealogy and to bring information on new research techniques.

BookTalkers Discussion, 6:00 p.m., February 18: Join the

Charlevoix Library BookTalkers for a discussion of The Cat's Table, by Michael Ondaatje.

Travel & Adventure: Turkey in Ten Days, 6:30 p.m., February 19: Join Kerry Finlayson and Ken Winter, both from North Central Michigan College, who will share their experiences traveling on a special study mission to understand Turkey's culture, religion, economics and education systems.

Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, 12:00 p.m., February 20: Join local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs, for this informal group to discuss art and help each other with ideas and projects.

Artists in Action: Pastels, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., February 21: Stop by

the lobby for a demonstration on how to working in pastels, with Janel Anderson.

WinterFolk: Kirby, 6:30 p.m., February 25: One hour feature performance with Kirby, a local favorite, followed by an open mic session.

Travel & Adventure: Isle Royale and Beyond, 6:30 p.m., February 26: Join eco-photographers, Ann and John Mahan who will share their tales of canoeing and backpacking on the island and their thoughts on leaving the wilderness.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

MUG: Mac Users Group, 5:00 p.m., every Monday: This group will gather to share tips and problem solving using Macs.

Story Hour w/ Ms. Laura, 10:30 a.m., Every Thursday: Play "Ms. Laura Says," listen to stories and music, learn finger plays, and spend time with friends and family. Call for information: 231-237-7350.

Writers Group, 6:00 p.m., Thursdays: All writers welcome - published, unpublished and novices - for support and gather new ideas with other writers.

Knitting Group, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays: Anyone interested in knitting is welcome to join the Knitting Group; all ideas and skill levels welcome.

Juried Photography Exhibition Awards

Petoskey - The Crooked Tree Art Center opened the doors to its 32nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibition in the Bonfield Gallery on Saturday, January 19th. The juror for awards was Rebecca Zeiss from Midland, Michigan.

Awards were presented to the following photographers: First Place Award sponsored by Northwestern Mutual, Stephen B. Selden, CLU, ChFC went to Gregory Seman of Traverse City for his work Mary Jarecki Wreck, Second Place Award sponsored by Ollar Consulting to Robert Beskangy of Birmingham for his work General Motors World Headquarters, Detroit 2008, and the Third Place Award sponsored by Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth to Robert deJonge from Petoskey for

his work The Sky Has Fallen.

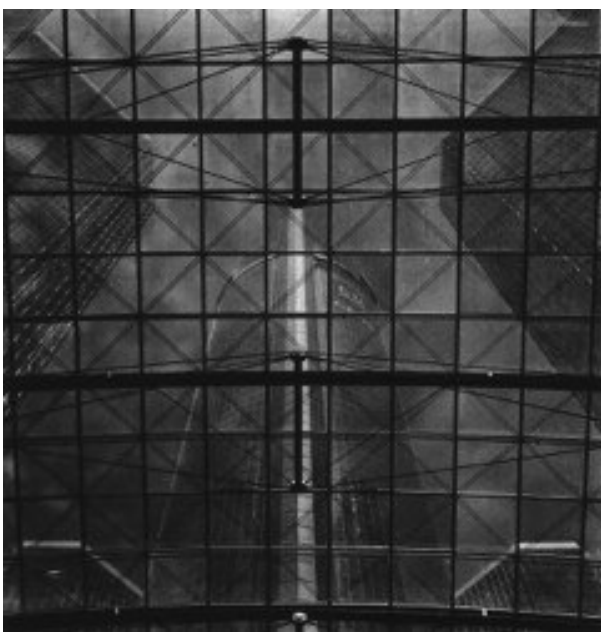
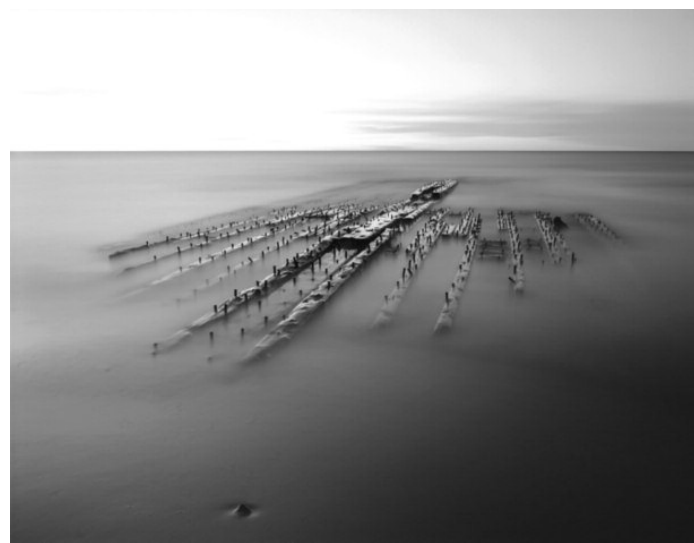
Honorable Mentions were awarded to Juanita Baldwin of Okemos for her work Corn, Cherie Correll from Lake Ann for her work Table, and Marianne Priest from Elk Rapids for two separate pieces, Paradise Pines and Skull and Seed Pod.

The 32nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibition will be on display through April 5th and is free and open to the public. The 2013 Visual Arts Series Sponsor is Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and Petoskey For more information, please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey Michigan 49770, (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org.



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Trails Plan Ready for Public Review

DNR invites public review and input on draft of new Michigan Comprehensive Trails Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that a draft of the new Michigan Comprehensive Trails Plan for motorized, non-motorized and water trails is available online for public review and comment. The trail plan addresses the status of Michigan's motorized, non-motorized and water trails, and will serve as a guidebook in future decision making on trail related programs by the Department. Michigan's trails are enjoyed by equestrians, off-road vehicle enthusiasts, snowmobilers, hikers, bikers and cross-country skiers all across the state.

"In offering this draft plan for broad public review, the DNR seeks to get the best possible feedback from the people who most use our extensive trail system and those who would like to enjoy it more," said DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson.

"Michigan is home to a vast and varied trail system. Our goal is to provide a consistent, quality resource that best meets the needs of the steadily increasing number of trail users." Michigan's extensive trail network - and the outdoor recreation, health and economic benefits it brings to nearby communities - is contributing to Michigan being recognized nationally not only as the Great Lakes State, but also the Trail State.

Michigan's more than 12,000 miles of trails include over 6,000 miles of snowmobile trails and more than 3,600 miles of Off-Road Vehicle trails. The state's 2,600 mile rail-trail system is the largest in the nation and continues to grow. Nearly 600 miles of trails are designated equestrian trails, including the 300-mile Shore-to-Shore riding trail. Currently, the Michigan Heritage Waters Trails is an initiative connecting communities using navigable waterways with the first designated trail the River Country Heritage Water Trails in St. Joseph County.

The draft of the trails plan can be viewed on the DNR's Michigan Snowmobile and Trail Advisory Council webpage and also is available on the State Parks webpage and the DNR's Trails and Pathways page. Comments can be submitted via an online survey that is posted along with the draft. The DNR will accept comments and feedback on the draft through Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. Contact: Donna Stine, 517-241-3774 or Ed Golder, 517-335-3014.



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East Jordan Area Chamber Event Recognizes Community Leaders

By Krystal Birgy

Building on another year of service and community promotion, the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and guests gathered for their annual meeting, dinner, auction, and awards Saturday evening at Castle Farms in the charming West Garden Room. Back again this year were the East Jordan high school softball players and coaches to offer valet services and coat check for the 200+ attendees. Festivities included a silent auction; hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by The Blue Pelican; décor by Jennifer Aenis, owner of The Inner Structure Interior Design, LLC; the celebrated annual awards; and to close the night, a spirited live auction led by auctioneer Scott MacKenzie.

Chamber President Mary H. Faculak hosted the evening's events and honored the award recipients for their many accomplishments in volunteerism and community involvement with heartfelt praise and thanks. With awards this year demonstrating that age has no bearing on ones ability to share in community pride and outreach, the deserving award winners are as follows:

Ambassador of the Year— Matt Hamilton and the Shoe Club. Given to an individual or group that has shown community pride and has helped promote the community in a positive light, this award was given to a group formed by East Jordan sixth grade teacher, Matt Hamilton six years ago. In an effort to help students deal with their everyday struggles and to dream big, The Shoe Club was born. Faculak noted the numerous community festivals and events that the members have volunteered at over the past year. But among the most notable projects the club has played a role in was the creation of a commercial entitled "Beautiful East Jordan," which shows the natural beauty of East Jordan and highlights businesses, people, and industries within the community. To view this inspiring and warming video, visit the chamber's website at www.ejchamber.org.

Spirit Award— East Jordan Lions Club. Embodying community spirit, this year's award was given to a group that makes its presence felt within the community throughout the entire year and has a "long

history of making a difference," said Faculak. From organizing the Annual Easter Egg Fun Hunt to providing candy for community Christmas stockings, and organizing the Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet, holiday spirit is made brighter thanks to the local Lions Club. This year the group coordinated and sponsored East Jordan's first ever Christmas Village at the Tourist Park. Such events demonstrate the pivotal role that the Lions Club plays in bringing a sense of togetherness to the community.

Business of the Year— Save-A-Lot of East Jordan, owned by Frank Leonard and Scott Roggenbeck. "Sincere commitment and support to the community, its employees, and customers" is how Faculak best described this year's recipient for Business of the Year. Having opened in 2005, Save-A-Lot created a program for homeless students that allowed donors to give food and essential supplies to students in need. They have partnered with special events and festivals, such as the East Jordan Freedom Festival and Ellsworth Shiverfest, among many others, and they are sponsors of East Jordan Public Schools' "Student of the Week." Despite having to undergo two years of heavy road construction at their store's location, the owners have remained committed to giving back to the community in both their time and finances.

Citizen of the Year— Betty Pearsall. Rounding off this year's awards was the honor of Citizen of the Year, which went to a recipient who was not in search of the spotlight. Rather, Betty Pearsall was described as a citizen who stands in the background doing all that is necessary to make groups function both positively and productively. She spends her days volunteering at various organizations, including (but certainly not limited to) the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Auxiliary, Grandvue medical care facility, Care and Share Food Pantry, and the East Jordan Senior Center. With tearful thanks, Betty graciously accepted the award Saturday night, and joked, "I didn't know I was so good!"

A special thanks is given to event sponsors: E.J.; The Insurance Shop; East Jordan Plastics, Inc.; Korthase Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.; Burnette Foods, Inc.; and Castle Farms.

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351.

Scott Roggenbeck smiles after accepting the award for Business of the Year. He and Frank Leonard, who could not attend Saturday's event, are owners of the Save-A-Lot of East Jordan.



Teacher Matt Hamilton expresses gratitude after The Shoe Club is awarded Ambassador of the Year for their efforts in community pride. Shoe Club members joining Hamilton on stage to accept the award from left are Madelyn Malpass, Jacob Nachazel, and Steven Spence.



Bill Chase acts as spokesman for the East Jordan Lions Club as they accept the Spirit Award for their efforts felt throughout the year. This winter, the Lions Club coordinated and sponsored the town's first Christmas Village at the Tourist Park, which brought in hundreds of people to the park.



Auctioneer Scott MacKenzie wraps up the evening's festivities with an exciting live auction. Items that were up for grabs included everything from photography, to a bed and breakfast stay, an iPad mini, and a private catered party for 20 friends.



Betty Pearsall stands aside chamber president Mary H. Faculak after receiving her award for the many years of service and community involvement she has given to East Jordan clubs and organizations.



Betty Pearsall's surprise is evident as she makes her way to stage after being honored with Citizen of the Year.

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It's Tax Time Again

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February 12th and ending on April 9th 2013.

Our team consists of: Linny Arnold, Randy Cebulski, Evelyn Davis, Bill Keehn, John Loucks, and Nancy Moore.

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Thursday, January 31 1pm Pinochle	Friday, February 1 9:30 am Craft Class 10:30 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy	Monday, February 4 10:30am Sit & Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, February 5 11am Tax changes Presentation by Bill Keehn 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, February 6 1pm Cash Bingo	Thursday, February 7 Music by Ernie Mendel 1pm Pinochle
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 31 Wii Bowling	Friday, February 1 Cousins 11-12 Raffle	Monday, February 4 Bingo	Tuesday, February 5 Craft Class Wii practice	Wednesday, February 6 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	Thursday, February 7 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 31 Game Day: Uno/Wii Fun Pool Table	Friday, February 1 BIRTHDAY DAY 11am Backwoods Maestros	Monday, February 4 8-1pm: walking M-F	Tuesday, February 5 11am line dancing 12:30 bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, February 6 1pm Movie & Popcorn	Thursday, February 7 Game Day: Uno, Wii Fun, Pool Table
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, January 31 COOKS CHOICE	Friday, February 1 CHOP SUEY	Monday, February 4 SPANISH RICE	Tuesday, February 5 GARLIC CHICKEN CONG. SOUP & SALAD	Wednesday, February 6 COOKS CHOICE	Thursday, February 7 CHEESEY MEATBALLS
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