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Rayder freshman, Kelsey Engstrom (20) maneuvers her way around the Rambler defense for this basket. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)





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## STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Chamber event provides snapshot of county, community organizations

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CHARLEVOIX - A packed room at Castle Farms got a chance to hear from five speakers, who provided a snapshot of events at the city and county level, as well as from key community organizations, during the annual "State of the Community Address" presented by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Jan. 25.

The annual event included presentations by the mayor of the City of Charlevoix, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, director of buildings and maintenance for Charlevoix County, the chamber president and the president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

All had good news to share, with Mayor Boogie Carlson first to take the podium to address the crowd.

Carson said that property values in the city are bouncing back, with the area's unemployment also dropping to 9.4 percent recently.

"That's positive," he said. "We've

A full room gathered at Castle Farms to hear speakers who represented a variety of governmental and community organizations on Friday morning, Jan. 25.



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Chamber president Erin Bemis addresses the packed room at Castle Farms on Friday

not had this low of a job since 2007." According to the mayor, property values are projected to increase 2.4

percent. And, foreclosures are level-

ing off or even decreasing. "We're almost to the same point we were in 2008, 2007," Carson

added. The mayor also highlighted upcoming projects in the city, including improvements to Clinton, Lewis and West Garfield streets. There are also plans for \$200,000 of improvements to the airport apron, which

will be funded, at least in part, by

\$200,000 in grant awards.

Carson said the city has also received grants for 2012-13 for projects including the Lake-to-Lake Multi-Use Trail construction, Carpenter Avenue/State Street improvements and development of a disc golf course at Mt. McSauba.

And, Charlevoix might also be one of the first communities in northern Michigan to install PEP

See State of the Community—3A

#### **East Jordan City** Invests in the **Future with** Feasibility Study

By Krystal Birgy

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commis-

sion met Tuesday evening with a focus on the future, as the commission approved moving forward

**Mayor Peck urged** the commissioners to view the cost as an investment towards the future of of a feasi- the community.

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feasibility study will not be sitespecific but will focus instead on the community as a whole.

With a price tag of \$8,000, Mayor Peck urged the commissioners to view the cost as an investment towards the future of the community.

For many years, the city has hoped to bring a hotel to the community, but the project has continued to fall by the wayside. It is the City Commission's hope that by conducting the fea sibility study and making the information public that they will be one step closer to getting a hotel.

The study will allow investors to weigh the cost required for a hotel in East Jordan versus the value that might be reached.

See **EJ Commission—10A** 

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#### Joint 2013 Goal Setting and Board Training Retreat held



Members of the Banks Township Board and the Village of Ellsworth along with the Executive Director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce met Saturday, January 12, 2013 at A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo for a daylong session of board training, parliamentary procedure review, 2013 goal setting and shared visioning between the township and village. The retreat was fa-

cilitated by Ann Chastain, MSU Extension Educator.

Pictured Left to Right: Front Row: Thomas Mann – Banks Township, Tom Cooper – Banks Township, Marilyn Drenth – Council Village of Ellsworth, Hellen Allen – Council Village of Ellsworth, Donna Heeres – Banks Township. Back Row: Bob Vollmer – Council Village of Ellsworth, Jerry Rasmussen – Council Village of Ellsworth, Dave Rasmussen – Banks Township, Hugh Campbell –Council Village of Ellsworth, Keith Stewart – Council Village of Ellsworth, Ron Boss – Council Village of Ellsworth, Mary Faculak – East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Courtesy photo.

### State of the Community

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stations for the recharging of electric vehicles. It will cost \$3 per hour to charge.

"(But), for \$12, they can have their car charged," Carson said, adding that's a lot cheaper than having to fill up a vehicle with gas prices above \$3 a gallon.

The annual event also allowed some to hear from Robert Gendron, the new superintendent for CPS.

"I'm new to Charlevoix," Gendron said. "But, I'm not unfamiliar to the area."

Gendron said his family has had a "place" in East Jordan.

"When I graduated from college 23 years ago, I said I wanted to live in northern Michigan," he said. "Part of it was quality of life."

When coming to Charlevoix, however, Gendron said he made sure to go out and talk to local residents.

"I got the good, the bad and the ugly," he said of his efforts. "But, one of the things that attracted me here was the pride in the schools."

Though, he added there has been some bad news, with state per pupil down from \$8,424 in 2008-09 to \$7,954 for 2012-13. That's been further compliment with a drop in enrollment from a high of 1,410 students in 2004-05 to 1,010 for the current school year

"Lots of change, lots of reductions and lots of eliminations," he said. "But, during this time, there's been very little elimination of opportunities for our students.

"The bottom line is we're maintaining what we have."

And, CPS's efforts have been noticed. U.S. News & World Report named Charlevoix High School a silver medal winner for academic excellence. CHS is also ranked in the top 5 percent nationally, and 24th among the 826 high schools in Michigan.

Funding issues also haven't stopped from the school system issuing iPads to student, allowing for a shift to a way of instruction that's no longer teacher centered.

"It makes the student responsible for their education," Gendron said. "I'm amazed at what these kids are doing.

"I think this is an excellent village



Charlevoix Mayor Boogie Carson (left) applauds for Frank Shaler, director of buildings and maintenance for Charlevoix County, during the annual "State of the Community" gathering at Castle Farms, hosted by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, on Friday, Jan. 25.

... and we're moving forward for the best interest of everyone," he added.

When Erin Bemis, chamber president, took the podium, she provided those attending with a photo display of recent community events, as well as a report on the organization's goal after a recent visioning meeting.

Out of that meeting, she said the chamber is focusing on the core values of being proactive, growth, leadership and fun.

"We are a community organization that likes to have a good time, as well," she said.

Bemis added that chamber officials will also be looking to do more personal visits, getting out into the community. The chamber is also working on ways to stop the "brain drain," as it's called, and work with younger people to keep their talents in the Charlevoix area.

"We're ready to hear conversations on that," she said. "We want to hear all of it."

The final speaker was Chip Hanson of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, who not only outlined some of the organizations goals and efforts, but also provided an uplifting message on how people can help the foundation's philanthropic efforts.

"It's no surprise to you we live in a great community," he said. "One of the misnomers in our community is you have to be wealthy to be philanthropic.

"The opportunity is there. You have to be committed to philan-

thropy."
The foundation recently marked its 20th anniversary. And, Hanson said it's become the "perfect vehicle" to connect potential donors to worthy causes.

He also quickly summed up what the foundation is all about, using three words – endowment, grantmaking and leadership.

"That's what we're all about at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation," he added. "I think we're uniquely positioned to be a collaborator."

It helps, he said, that the foundation recently passed the \$25 million mark, as far as assets.

"We're excited about that," Hanson said. "We're a community of just 26,000 people."

In 2012, those assets have allowed the foundation to provide more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships. The largest part, about \$355,000, goes to education.

"We're excited for the past 20 years," he said. "And, we're looking forward to the next 20 years.

"We're excited to be your community foundation." For more information on the State

For more information on the State of the Community event or other chamber happenings, visit online at www.charlevoix.org.

– Report by Buckland Media.

#### "Volunteer Boyne" effort seeks to identify those who can help with local events

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber are sponsoring a "Volunteer Boyne" meeting on Monday, Feb. 11, to recruit volunteers for all community organizations can use. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake St. Organizers are inviting representatives of organizations that can use help as well as local residents who would like to volunteer to help out at various special events.

"Volunteers are an important, maybe the most important reason for the success of all our community events," said Main Street Program manager Hugh Conklin. "We need to make sure that continues, and we need to let our community residents know there are many ways they can get involved in great community activities."

Chamber executive director Jim Baumann pointed out that several

key leaders of the Morel Mushroom Festival are planning to retire from their positions after this year's event. "They've done a tremendous job producing this festival with no paid staff. Many of them have done this for 20 years or more, and they are ready to pass the torch to new leadership. So we need volunteers who can step into leadership positions, as well as people who will give us a few hours here and there. Any level of assistance is appreciated."

Those who attend the meeting will have the opportunity to fill out forms that will indicate the types of skills they have and the types of events they might like to work on. Those who can't attend the meeting are asked to email the Chamber or Main Street, and a form will be sent to them. For more information call the chamber office at 582-6222 or Main Street at 582-6222.

### USDA announces important updates on the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan Garcia today announced that beginning Feb. 5, USDA will issue payments to dairy farmers enrolled in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program for the September 2012 marketings. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) through 2013 for many programs administered by FSA, including MILC. The 2008 Farm Bill extension provides for a continuation of the MILC program through Sept. 30, 2013.

MILC payments are triggered when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight, after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed rations. MILC payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost.

As announced by FSA on Jan. 22, all dairy producers' MILC contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. MILC operations with approved contracts will continue to receive monthly payments, if available.

available.
The payment rate for
September 2012 is approximately \$0.59 per hundredweight. The payment rate

for October 2012 marketings is approximately \$0.02 per hundredweight. The payment rate for November 2012 marketings is

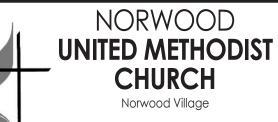
Before the October MILC payment can be issued, dairy farmers must complete a new Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) form for 2013. The new form, CCC-933 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information, must complete by producers before they can receive payments for a variety of programs administered by FSA and USDA's Natural **Resources Conservation** Service. Producers may obtain CCC-933 at their local USDA Service Center or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc933. Specific detail about AGI may be found here.

Dairy operations may select a production start month other than October 2012. Producers who want to select a production start month other than October 2012 must visit their local FSA office between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28, 2013, also known as a relief period.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. For more information on MILC, contact a local FSA county office or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.







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#### **SUNDAY**



HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Mid 20's

#### snowfall

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2/6/20126	3.7 2/4/2	20137	75.7	Gaylord
2/6/20122	22.3 2/4/2	20132	24.7	Mio
2/6/20123	34.1 2/4/2	2013	46	Onaway
2/6/2012	13.6 2/4/2	20137	73.5	Petoskey

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7	31°F	13°F	46°F (2005)22°F (1967)
8	31°F	13°F	49°F (1990)21°F (1962)
9	31°F	13°F	50°F (1966)32°F (1979)
10	32°F	13°F	56°F (2009)31°F (1994)
11	32°F	13°F	58°F (2009)20°F (1958)
12	32°F	13°F	56°F (1999)23°F (1968)
13	32°F	14°F	49°F (1990)22°F (1982)

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Vern L. Hilliker, 84

(SEPT. 9, 1928 - JAN. 31, 2013) Vern L. Hilliker died Jan. 31, 2013, at his home in

East Jordan. He was born Sept. 9, 1928, in Muskegon, Mich., the son of Vern L. and Minnie Mae



(Sawyer) Hilliker.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio gunner on a B17 aircraft until August of 1948.

He settled in Hastings, Mich., with his first wife, Eleanor

Vern retired from E.W. Bliss after 25 years. He then moved to East Jordan, and in 1991 he retired from Burnett Foods. In 1995, Vern married Norma Jeanne (Everett) Watros.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marsha (Hilliker) Scott; sisters, Ila Gates, Beatrice Miller, Edith Driskel, Violet Hilliker; brothers, Ruehl "Bud" Hilliker and Hervey

Vern is survived by his wife, Norma Jeanne. Also surviving are his daughter, Sheila Jo Nelson, and son, Phillip Hilliker; stepchildren, Michael (Michelle) Hosler, Destiny (Ron) Thompson, Miriah (Terry) Kauska; many nieces and nephews; a sister, Alice Sachteleban, of Grand Haven, Mich.; and a brother, Virt Hilliker, of Shillington, Pa.

Vern enjoyed working with wood building things, fishing, hunting, traveling and dining out. He was a member of several barbershop quartets over the years. Later in life, he liked to socialize at the Rainbow Bar in East Jordan.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Harvest Barn

Church in East Jordan.

#### Cleo Davis, 88

Cleo Davis, 88, of Boyne City, passed away Feb. 3, 2013, at Tendercare of Gaylord.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

#### John Delbert Belfy, 91

(JAN. 30,

1921 - JAN. 28, 2013) John Delbert Belfy

of Charlevoix, died Monday, Jan.

28, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan from natural causes.

Delbert, as he liked to be called, was born on Jan. 30, 1921, on Beaver Island, the son of William and Alice (Johnson) Belfy. He graduated from Beaver Island High School in 1939.

He fished for his father and cut wood before he enlisted in the Merchant Marines when he was 19. He sailed all over the world hauling ammunition and bombs on the ammunition ships during World War II. He was as a lieutenant and served the country from 1940-1949.

On Dec. 27, 1947, in Detroit, John married Audrey Jean Williamson.

After serving in the Merchant Marines, he worked in construction in Detroit. Eventually he started his own company with a partner. He was most proud of building the Penguin building at the Detroit Zoo. He built firehouses, schools and churches. He sold his business and retired at the age of 50 and moved to

Charlevoix where he built his home. Not one to sit around, he built homes in and around Charlevoix and did many remodels.

John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Audrey Jean Belfy, of Charlevoix; five children, Lois Cummings (Virgil, husband) of Harrison Township, Mich., Sharon Hays of Harrison Township, Mich., John W. Belfy (Debbie, wife) of Santa Maria, Calif., Ron Belfy (Ruth, wife) of Charlevoix, William Belfy (Lori, wife) of Orange County, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his parents. William and Alice; two brothers. Erwin and Merrill; and one sister, Edna (McCann). He had a long and great life. He is loved and will be missed.

A funeral service will be announced in the spring with interment following at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix. Arrangements are by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

#### John Gordon Mills, 80

(MARCH 30, 1932 - JAN. 29, 2013) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7 John Gordon Mills, of Lowell, passed away peacefully Jan. 29, 2013, in Grand Rapids, at the age of 80 vears.

He was born on March 30, 1932, in Detroit, to the late Arthur and Violet Mills, and baptized into the Christian faith in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Joan (Lemke), whom he met while attending Western Michigan University. The couple married on Aug. 18, 1956. They have two sons, Paul (Margaret) of Munger and Neil (Lisa) of Lowell.

The family moved from Utica to Antrim County in 1968, where John was employed by Bellaire Log Homes. He went on to teach industrial arts for Charlevoix Public Schools for 18 years.

A gifted builder, he was always working on projects that ranged from houses and boats, to furniture and wooden toys for his 15 grandchildren. An active member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Mancelona, John served as an elder and leader for many years. He also served with the Boy Scouts, and as a volunteer on mission

journeys to the Canadian interior.

In addition to his wife and sons, John is survived by his sister, Joan Brunett, of Lake Orion and a brother, Norman (Dorothy) Mills, of Davisburg; grandchildren Calina, Ian, Aja, Forrest, Nigel, Matteus, Kateri, Isaac, Malachi, Laurine, Kolbe, Lucia, Levi, Sarah and Mercedes; and two sisters-in-law, Claudia (Carl) Arko, Port Huron, and Lorna Phillips, Pewaukee, Wis.

A memorial service will be 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, on M-21 halfway between Lowell and Saranac. Pastor Joe Fremer will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials can be made to Lutheran Indian Ministries (www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org).

#### Lawrence 'Bud' **Zipp**, 87

Lawrence "Bud" Zipp of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskev.

Arrangements are pending at the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

#### Ann Bisbee, 88

Ann Bisbee of East Jordan, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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

#### Mark D. Cavell, 52

Mark D. Cavell of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away on Jan. 25, 2013.

Mark was a 32-year employee of Future Farmers of America. He started his career in the mail room and rose to become chief technology officer. He was a member of the FFA Foundation, Walloon Lake Association and a volunteer and supporter of Indiana Youth Group.

He is survived by brothers, Chris (Joella) Cavell and Scott (Susan) Cavell; nieces, Ashley Cavell and Elizabeth (Andy) Robinson; nephews, Jonathan Cavell and Clayton Cavell; and several great-nieces and -nephews.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the

time of service at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Ind. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the FFA Foundation, Walloon Lake Association, or Indiana Youth Group.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan-Market Street; www.flannerbuchanan.co

#### Mary Jane Schmidt, 90

(JUNE 21, 1922 - JAN. 29, 2013)

Mary Jane Schmidt passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, at her home in Charlevoix.



She survived her older sister, Helen, and her younger brother, Jack, by many years.

In 1947, she married Gustav Schmidt. They resided in Detroit until 1958, when they and their three children moved to New Baltimore, Mich., where they thrived and made many lifelong friends.

In 1986, Gus and Jane moved to Beaver Island, a place they came to love so much that they chose it as their final resting place, even though they have been Charlevoix residents for the last 14 years.

She is survived by Gus, her husband of 65 years; three children, Charles, Stephen and Claudia; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane (always known as Jane) was a wonderful inspiring mother, and even though that was her full-time job, she kept growing and learning, belonging to literary study groups and learning to paint, which became a real passion for her. She had the soul of an artist and an unflagging sense of adven-

She was known for her quick wit, ready laugh and compassionate listening ear. Those who counted her as a friend were very lucky indeed. A memorial celebration

will take place in the spring on Beaver Island. Memorials may be made

in her name to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society or the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Arrangements are by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

#### Julie Ann Elzinga-King, 40

(MARCH 3, 1972 - JAN. 27, 2013)

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

She was born on March 3, 1972, in Petoskey, the daughter of Thomas Sr. and Veronica (House) Elzinga.

She married Donald King Jr. on Oct. 16, 2010, on the city docks in East Jordan. She enjoyed hunting. She was the woman's state champion for white tail deer in Michigan for the year of 2002.

Julie is survived by her loving husband, Donald King Jr., of East Jordan; two children, Ashley Elzinga of Big Rapids and Clifford John Monkman IV of East Jordan; one grandson, Clifford Monkman V, of East Jordan; three stepchildren; Bruce King of Traverse City, Anna Taylor of Petoskey and Brandon Taylor of East Jordan; two step grandchildren, Damyian and Caydence Taylor, both of Petoskey; her mother, Veronica Elzinga, of Silver Springs, Fla.; one brother, Dan Elzinga, of Silver Springs, Fla.; one niece, Stephanie Elzinga, of New York; and one nephew, Joshua Elzinga, of New York. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Elzinga Sr., and brother, Thomas Elzinga

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan with the Rev. James L. Jordan officiating. The family was served by Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

#### Lauren E. Sullivan, 35

Lauren E. Sullivan of Boyne City and formerly of Greenville, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service will be announced next summer. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

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### "Chocolate Covered Boyne" in Boyne City this weekend

Downtown Bovne City will be full of fun and chocolate this Valentine's Day

weekend. Chocolate-Covered Boyne will celebrate chocolate and romance at over 30 downtown businesses. Organizers expect that this year's sixth annual event will be sweeter and livelier than ever. Here is a partial list of this year's participating businesses and details of what they are offering. Please check the website listed at the end of this article for last minute updates about this year's chocolatey offerings.

As of press time, participating businesses will include;

- Alpine Chocolate Haus - Assorted samples of chocolates and truffles, Valentine specials

- BC Pizza - Saturday night Valentine's Special: eat for \$20. Choice of two dinner buffets, including salad, soup, pizza, breadsticks, and pasta plus two small drinks; OR, one medium item pizza, one order breadsticks, two small drinks and two chocolate-covered strawberries on the side. Optional: dinner by candlelight

Beyond Borders - Treat your Valentine to a \$50 gift certificate for a treasure from our extensive collection of beautiful oneof-a-kind wearable art.

- The Bird's Nest - Serving yummy mini chocolate-covered peanut butter balls, 35% off women's winter clothing items that have a chocolate color in

- Boyne Avenue Greenhouse -10% off your Valentine order

- Boyne Co-op True Value -Dog treats

- Boyne Country Provisions/Wine Emporium - Friday and Saturday offering 10% off purchase of 3 or more bottles of wine in the Wine Emporium, free gift bow with purchase of wine OR a complimentary box of chocolate paired with wine purchase in the Wine Emporium, all chocolate wines on sale. Saturday only offering complimentary housemade "Death by Chocolate" cookies.

- Boyne District Library -Children's "Chocolate-Covered Story Hour" Saturday 10-11 a.m.; display of books on chocolate (cookbooks, romance novels, etc.)

- Boyne Trading Company -Drawings of 25-40-50% discount at time of purchase; delicious

- Café Sante - Belgian Chocolate Pot de crème, Chocolate Hazelnut Cheese Cake, Austrian Chocolate Linzer Torte, Chocolate Cafe con Leche Martini, and Young's Double Chocolate Stout (by itself or with the Belgian Strawberry Fruli).

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- Country Now and Then/Up a Lazy River - Chocolate treats; winter inventory reduction sale

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- Huff Pharmacy - Handmade chocolate truffles; 50% off many jewelry items

- Inspired Living - 25% off all chocolate teas and anything red or pink (or with red or pink on it... no matter how small!) in the store. Free samples of chocolate wine too.

- Kilwin's Chocolates of Boyne City - Buy 1 slice fudge get one slice free. Fudge making and chocolate dipping demonstrations, with plenty of yummy samples.

- Local Flavor Book Store -20% off raspberry white chocolate or cherry mocha; 25% off romance novels; frozen hot

chocolate. - Logo Pros/Northern Eagle Clothiers - 30% off anything pink or red; refreshments - Lvnda's Real Estate- choco-

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cookie with purchase of sandwich, salad, or pizza. - Thick 'n Juicy - 2 burgers, 2

fries, 2 chocolate shakes for \$14

- Thirsty Goat - S'more martinis, whipped chocolate martinis, peppermint mochas, truffles.

Upsy-Daisy Floral - delicious chocolate treats; drawing for Valentine's Day arrangement.

Please visit the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.boynechamber.com or call the chamber office at (231) 582-6222 for the latest Chocolate Covered Boyne updates.

#### Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn offer quality vintage and custom furniture

By Jim Akans

When looking to refurnish, redecorate or simply revitalize the furniture and accessory items in your home or cottage, don't miss the opportunity to check out the amazing selection of vintage and custom furniture at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn located in Charlevoix. The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. From antique wicker to Early American

and European imports, the vast selection is sure to tantalize the imagination of virtually every furniture shopper.

Don Kelly founded his business back in 1985, as he recalls, "it was in a small room off my garage. I loved working with furniture, and while attending a furniture show I discovered a new type of finish stripper that worked extremely well. I went home, tried it out, and started my new business. It kept expanding and I moved into my current location in 1990.'

Kelly adds, "Something

we specialize in is wicker furniture items. People love old wicker furniture, and we also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with sold wood or very good veneers. The workmanship and craftsmanship is excellent."

The services offered at Kelly'w Antiques & Furniture Barn also include customizing the size of furniture to match the customer's needs, and they will paint, stain and refinish items to match the customer's décor if they desire.





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Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open

Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am until 1 pm. For ad-

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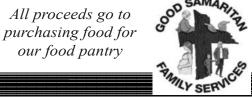
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### New Cardiovascular Clinic Set for Charlevoix Area Hospital

Traverse Heart & Vascular cardiologists begin seeing patients this week

Charlevoix area patients will find quality heart care close to home as the result of a new collaboration between Charlevoix Area Hospital and cardiologists of Traverse Heart & Vascular, a service of Munson Medical Center.

Charlevoix Area Hospital CEO Lyn Jenks said a clinic has been established within the hospital for cardiologists Anthony B. Ochoa, M.D., and Nicklaus K. Slocum, M.D., to see patients two to three times a month. The first clinic is Monday, Feb. 4.

Traverse Heart & Vascular President Dino Recchia, M.D., said Drs. Slocum and Ochoa look forward to providing local, quality heart and vascular care for patients in the Charlevoix area. Charlevoix Area Hospital offers excellent facilities for initial diagnostics and testing, as well as cardiac rehabilitation," he said.

Charlevoix Area Hospital, in partnership with Traverse Heart & Vascular and Munson Medical Center now provides heart care equal to the nation's best institutions. Munson's heart program has received consistent national recognition for quality, including being named one of the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in 2011 for superior clinical and operational performance, and among the 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals six times in recent years.

Charlevoix Area Hospital is located at 14700 Lakeshore Dr. in Charlevoix. For more information on the clinic, call Traverse Heart & Vascular at 1-800-637-

#### Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

Petoskey - Each year over 36,000 families are affected by the suicide of a loved one. Suicide can bring many questions, sometimes guilt, and often thoughts of "if we had only done something different." The death of someone by suicide often leaves the question WHY. Friends often don't know how to support those who have lost a loved one to suicide. A group of adults who have lost someone to suicide now meets and offers a safe supportive place. They share the memories and celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Hiland Cottage, Hiland Drive, Petoskey. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12.

The Suicide Prevention Workgroup from the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) is sponsoring this support group. Please contact Greg Billiard at 231-590-0587 for more information.

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# Northern Michigan part of global ONE BILLION RISING campaign

#### Aspires to be largest day of action ever to stop violence against women and girls

Imagine one billion women and those who love them rising up and standing together in solidarity to put an end to violence against women and girls. It's happening around the world, as well as right here in Northern Michigan at North Central Michigan College's Student and Community Resource Center at 12:15 p.m., Thursday, February 14.

ONE BILLION RISING began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that one in three women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, that amounts to more than one billion women and girls. On February 14, 2013, individuals in northern Michigan will join activists, writers, thinkers, celebrities, and women and men across the world to express outrage, strike, dance, rise up and demand an end to violence against women and girls.

The ONE BILLION RISING campaign was devised by prominent activist Eve Ensler who began V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls 15 years ago. In conjunction with the 15th anniversary of V-Day, the organization launched its most ambitious campaign: ONE BILLION RISING. The campaign encircles the globe and forces attention on the epidemic of gender-based violence.

"Some may think that violence against women and girls is only a problem in other parts of the world, for example in India with the recent gang rapes of women," said Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. "Let's not forget just a week ago a CMU student was abducted and raped as she left a campus building. And during the past year, the Women's Center provided immediate support and direct services to more than a thousand domestic abuse and sexual assault survivors who came to us from Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. This is a local and a worldwide epidemic affecting our mothers, sisters,



A planning session at the Women's Center in Petoskey was attended by area agencies and organizations launching a local One Billion Rising event that will coincide with the global effort on February 14. Helping plan the event are (from left) Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM); Mary Biagini, a local aerobics/Zumba instructor; Dar Charlebois, WRCNM Community Prevention Coordinator; Christi Roman, owner of Studio Health and Fitness in Petoskey; Wendy Fought, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement at North Central Michigan College; Mary Rapin, WRCNM Board Member; and Debbie Esposito, Director of Girls on the Run of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties. Not pictured, Maureen Nicholson; Lisa Blanchard, WRCNM Board Member; and Dena Sydow, WRCNM Marketing and Communications Director

daughters, partners and friends."

The Women's Center is collaborating with Girls on the Run of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties and North Central Michigan College on what they are calling the ONE BILLION RISING Flash Mob Event. They are working with local dance and aerobics instructors to hold a variety of practice sessions to learn the dance created by three-time Emmy winner, Deb-

The community is showing early support of this event:

Harbor Springs High School is busing female students and staff to North Central Michigan College to participate in the Flash Mob Event.

Harbor Springs High School will

hold four sessions in the high school gym to learn the dance from 11:45 a.m. to 1:38 p.m. on January 31, February 5, 7 and 13.

North Central Michigan College will hold three practice sessions 12 p.m., Wednesday, January 30; 1 p.m., Friday, February 1; and 5:30 p.m., Tuesday February 5 (in the gym, court #3).

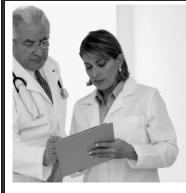
Studio Health and Fitness in downtown Petoskey (behind Ben Franklin Crafts, alley entrance) is holding dance practice sessions and incorporating the dance into Zumba classes during February. Practice sessions are at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 6.

Charlevoix Public Library will hold nine practice sessions: Tues-

day, January 29 at 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 2 at 12 noon; Wednesday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 7 at 4 p.m.; Saturday, February 9 at 12 noon; Tuesday, February 12 at 5 p.m.; Wednesday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m.

North Central Michigan College Student Senate is getting on board...both women and men.

To learn more, contact the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan at (231) 347-0067, visit wrcnm.org and click on ONE BILLION RISING or onebillionrising.org.



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### Animals Always the Favorite!



Della Bank, 3, gets close up and personal with the leopard gecko. COURTESY PHOTO

Come hang out with the animals, enjoy the hands-on room or even dress for the weather and head out to the tree house at Raven Hill Discovery Center this Saturday, February 9th from noon to 4 pm with free admission for families. This second Saturday of the month is not only free admission for families, but it is also a time for Families to Reach for Educational Excellence (FREE).

This is the 4th year for the popular FREE Second Saturday program, which invites families to visit at no cost and spend quality time learning as a family. The generosity of a local northern Michigan community member has insured that FREE Second Saturdays will continue through December of 2013. A Raven Hill volunteer puts it this way, "It's just plain fun to see families exploring and playing together AND learning."

Previously sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Lions Club, 3427 visitors have

taken advantage of the free second Saturday admission opportunities at Raven Hill Discovery Center, since 2010. Again this year, family groups will be able to strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by exploring the hands-on exhibits and displays each month, plus enjoy the animals and all the outdoor ex-

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information or questions or for winter road conditions, please call 231.536.3369.

Please no groups or organizations. Remember, it's a Family

### **Local Ellsworth Artist Featured**

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Coffee at Ten at the **Crooked Tree Arts Center** 



**Ellsworth artist Margie Guyot** 

On Tuesday February 12 at 10 am, the Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a Coffee at Ten presentation by Ellsworth artist Margie Guyot discussing her journey as a plein air painter. Guyot is one of the forty artists currently represented in the Nocturne exhibition at CTAC. Margie's path to becoming a fine art painter has not been a direct one. Being torn between studying music or art (Margie is a proficient jazz saxophone player that plays as part of the Charlevoix Sax Quartet) she studied music in college, toured around with a road band, worked for the Ford Motor Company on the assembly line and finally and fatefully picked up a book by Betty Edwards "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain"

and landed her solidly back to her first love, art. Margie has studied with several internationally recognized painters including Clyde Aspevig, Robert Bateman, Scott Christensen and Janet Fish. She has gleaned from them the mastery of their experience and charged ahead with abandon to become a curious, infections and prolific painter of high regard. The Coffee at Ten series

please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey MI, (231)347-4337 or go online to: www.crookedtree.org. The 2013 Visual Arts sponsor at the Crooked Tree Arts Center is Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and

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### Dessert Tasting and Raffle Feb. 15

miss your chance to taste and win one of the many desserts donated by Ellsworth's best bakers at the 5th Annual Dessert Tasting and Raffle on Friday, February 15 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth. The tasting includes coffee and punch by donation. Raffle tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for a chance to take home one of the delectable desserts. If you would like to enter a dessert, call 231-499-1953. Proceeds benefit the Front Porch Café, non-profit community outreach. For

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#### **BOYNE CITY** POLICE DEPT.

information call 231-

#### Monday, January 2

1:57amAssist with fire alarm in the 300 block of Front St 8:17amSubject arrested for probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St

9:20am .....Juvenile complaint 9:46amMarijuana complaint from the 300 block of Vogel St 10:24am30-40 gunshots reported in the area of Woodland

curred during the night. 10:38amSubject shoveling snow into road in 400 block of E Main St

and Michigan Av. Had oc-

2:27pmThreats complaint received from W Main St

#### **Tuesday, January 29**

4:00pmAssist citizen in the 100 block of River St 4:48pmAlarm in the 300 block of S Lake St

7:05pmAssist Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls

7:10pmReport of PPO violation in the 100 block of S Park St

#### Wednesday, January 30,

8:45amBlack lab running at large in the area of E Main and Boyne Av 9:37amTraffic stop with drugs

in car at East and Water 10:26amReport of PPO violation in the Industrial Park

10:31amReport of the black lab from earlier now in the 300 block of E Pine St

1:08pmReport of subject creating disturbance at the corner of Main and S Lake St

#### Thursday, January 31,

12:15pmServed No Trespass Order in the 300 block of N Lake St

1:12pmDeliver emergency message in the 600 block of N Park St

4:25pmJuvenile complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St 6:10pmAbandoned vehicle in the in the roadway on

Wenonah. Owner contacted to move it. 6:56pmVehicle unlock in the

500 block of E Main St 7:40pmHarassment complaint reported in the 200 block

of Vogel St 8:17pmFalse alarm in the 100

block of River St 8:46pmVehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

#### Friday, February 1

7:03amJuvenile complaint in the 200 block of E Cedar St 12:56pmCivil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St 3:19pm911 hang up from the 300 block of E Division St

#### Saturday, February 2

12:36amCitation issued for Careless Driving on Brockway St 2:50pmServed No Trespass Order in the 400 block of N Lake St

2:57pmSubject creating disturbance in the 400 block of N

4:24pmCivil standby in the 600 block of W Court St 8:55pmAssist gas company with leak in the 300 block of E

#### Sunday, February 3,

Division St

4:26amAssist Sheriff Dept with motorist assist on Boyne city Rd

6:10amAssist Sheriff Dept on Boyne City Rd 2:07pmAssist motorist on

Boyne Av and Brockway 2:51pmSuspicious subject in the 1300 block of Boyne Av 9:40pmCivil complaint re-

ported on State St

10:30pmReport of Water on

### CHX. COUNTY

January 28-February 3, 2013 911 Hang Up Call ......3 Abandoned Vehicle.....2 Abuse ..... Alarm .....6 Animal Complaint .....16 Annoyance.....1 Assault.....1 Assist Citizen.....3 Assist Motorist.....5 Assist Other Agency.....10 Attempt to Locate.....2 Attempted Suicide..... Bank Alarm ..... Boating Accident..... Boating Violation ..... Breaking & Entering..... Car/Deer Accident.....6 Citations Issued.....14 Civil Complaint ......3 Criminal Sexual Conduct...... Death ..... Disorderly Person ..... Disturbance .....2 DNR Complaint .....1 Domestic Dispute.....1 Driving Complaint..... Fireworks Complaint ..... Found Property..... Fraud .....1 Health & Safety..... Hit & Run .....1 Intoxicated Person .....1 Juvenile ......3 Larceny.....3 Lockout.....4 Lost Property.....1 Malicious Destruction of Property.....1 Mental Subject .....1 Minor In Possession ..... Miscellaneous Criminal ......2 Missing Person..... Noise Complaint.....

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Parking Violation..... Personal Injury Accident......2 Personal Protection Order....2 Private Property Accident.....3 Property Check..... Property Damage Accident......8 Prowler ..... Road Hazard.....15 Stalking..... Suspicious Situation.....8 Threat .....1 Traffic Stop ......11 Trespassing ..... Unknown Accident .....1 Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile..... Vehicle in the Ditch.....28 Violation of Controlled Substance Act ......2

#### One injured in twovehicle accident on **Marion Center Rd.**

On February 3, 2013 at approximately 6:15 a.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a two-vehicle injury accident on Marion Center Road near Phelps Road in Marion Township.

Derek Williams, age 20 of East Jordan, was traveling West on Phelps Road when he failed to stop at the signed intersection. Williams' vehicle slid into Marion Center Road striking a North-bound minivan driven by Ralph Corwin age 60 of Ellsworth.

Williams was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. No other injuries were reported.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the City of Charlevoix EMS.



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### **News Briefs**

#### **EAST JORDAN**

#### **Shoot for a Cure**

East Jordan High School varsity basketball teams are hosting a pink Shoot for a Cure basketball game Friday, Feb. 8th. We will have a coin drive, bake sale, ribbon sales, and other activities to help raise money. All proceeds will be given to members of our community in the form of gas cards to help pay for transportation costs of those with

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Chocolate Covered Boyne**

Boyne City will be sweeter than ever for the fifth annual Chocolate-Covered Boyne Feb. 8 and 9. Sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will include more than 30 participating businesses. Chocolate-Covered Boyne has a combined chocolate/Valentine theme and there will be tastings (food and drink) of chocolate treats and goodies, special chocolate desserts; and even jewelry featuring chocolate.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **Valentines Day Workshop** at the Circle of Arts

The Circle of Arts will be having a Valentine's workshop with Nancy Nesterowich on Feb 9. 10am - Noon, Ages 8-12, Register early: Call CCA 231-547-3554 or 231-237-4383.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **Maudrie Family Benefit**

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/5 12521255455414/ for further information.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **Senior Class Fundraiser** The fundraiser is a Come-

dian/Hypnotist Show (Senior 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 in-

#### 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. Always a great time.

#### **EAST JORDAN**

#### **Swiss Steak Dinner**

The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All you care to eat Swiss Steak Dinner with home made pies, Sat., Feb 9. 5-7pm. The dinner will be located at the EJ United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St., East Jordan. Ticket prices are \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 ages 5-12, under 5 free.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **Back Porch concert**

Jack Elliot is being recognized for his talent and style in Folk and Blues, having won Talent contests in 2012! A Musical Staple in Northern Michigan, Jack is seen at nearly every Music Festival, either performing, assisting or both! Let's share his joy of music at our February Coffeehouse, Feb. 9 at 7pm. He will share music from 7 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a circle jam session with area musicians. Suggested donations are \$5/person, \$10 /family; all donations are for the scheduled performer. Light refreshments available at no charge. Held at held at the Charlevoix Senior Center Building, Norwood

#### 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 & Esterly 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 con-

ducted 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 in Boyne 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 231.582.6482 or by emailing

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN **Conservancy Has Near**

#### **Record Land Protection Year**

jan@northernlakes.net.

The Little Traverse Conservancy 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 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.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Benefit fundraiser**

Everyone is invited to a benefit for 12 year old Cody Fulkerson will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. Cody is a Boyne City resident who has been diagnosed with

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leukemia. This benefit is to raise money to help with medical costs and weekly travel expenses to Grand Rapids for chemotherapy treatments and check-ups. There will be raffles, silent auctions and 50/50 drawings. Chili (3 kinds), hot dogs, salad and dessert will be served for a donation. For more Information call 231-582-6190 or 231-675-3929.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

**Pizza Kit Fundraiser**Bergmann Center and Charlevoix AKtion Club are holding their annual "Little Caesar's Pizza 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 cookies 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 Valentines 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 make a reservation.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Volunteer Boyne**

Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber are sponsoring a "Volunteer Boyne" meeting on Monday, Feb. 11, to recruit volunteers for all community organizations to use. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake St. Organizers are inviting representatives of organizations that can use help as well as local residents who would like to volunteer to help out at various special events. 'Volunteers are an important, maybe the most important reason for the success of all our community events," said Main Street Program manager Hugh Conklin. "We need to make sure that continues, and we need to let our community residents know there are many ways they can get involved in great community activities." Chamber executive director Jim Baumann pointed out that several key leaders of the Morel Mushroom Festival are planning to retire from their positions after this year's event. "They've done a tremendous job producing this festival with no paid staff. Many of them have done this for 20 years or more, and they are ready to pass the torch to new leadership. So we need volunteers who can step into leadership positions, as well as people who will give us a few hours here and there. Any level of assistance is appreciated." For more information call the chamber at 582-6222 or Main Street at 582-6222.

#### **ELLSWORTH**

#### Shiverfest

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

#### **ELLSWORTH**

#### **Dessert tasting**

Don't miss your chance to taste and win one of the many desserts donated Ellsworth's best bakers at the 5th Annual Dessert Tasting and Raffle on Friday, February 15 from 6 to 8pm at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth. The tasting includes coffee and punch by donation. Raffle tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for a chance to take home one of the delectable desserts. If you would like to enter a dessert, call 231-499-1953. Proceeds benefit the Front Porch Café, a non-profit community outreach. For information call 231-360-0676.

#### **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**

#### Winter Wildlife Tracking

Tracking will be featured Feb. 16 from 10 am to noon at The Hill Preserve just north of Boyne City. 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

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Polka Dance February 17**

The Boyne Area Senior Center is hosting a Polka Dance with music provided by the Lucky Stars from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at 411 Division St. in Boyne City. Admission is \$2 per person and those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. The Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, phone (231) 582-6682.

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

#### **Turkey in 10 Days**

Turkey in 10 Days and a Century on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30pm. North Cen-Michigan College instructor Kerry Finlayson and Ken Winter will share their experiences traveling on a special study mission to better understand Turkey's culture, religion, economics and education systems. Through Ohio State University's Turkey Global Connections Trip for Educators and Policy Makers, Finlayson and Winter were given front row seats to meet some of the most influential people in Turkey with 20 others from across the United States.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Business after hours**

The Brook Retirement Community will host the Boyne Area Chamber's Business After Hours networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at 701 Vogel St. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments are complimentary.

#### **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.

#### **ELLSWORTH**

#### Spaghetti dinner

Fundraiser for Surgical Needs for Ken Kicklighter / Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction / Saturday, February 23, 4 - 7 p.m., at the Ellsworth Elementary School Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Silent Auction Items collected at this time: tickets for Detroit game, Piston Chateua Chantel tour tickets, stay at the Weathervane Hotel, etc. Still in need of a few items if someone would be interested in donating them: hamburger, spaghetti noodles, lettuce, drinking cups, parmesan cheese, desserts, and silent auction items. If you are interested in donating or have questions, please do not hesitate to call Sheila at 231-459-8346.

#### **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 Foun-

dation is excited to announce details about its 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 avail-

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **Isle Royale and Beyond** On Tuesday, February 26

at 6:30pm, Isle Royale and Beyond will be the topic of adventure. The beauty and uniqueness of Isle Royale National Park are brought alive through photography, music, Isle Royale sounds (calls of loons and wolves. thunderstorm, campfire, etc.), and the narration of eco-photographers Ann and John Mahan of Gaylord. The Mahans tell of canoeing and backpacking on the island and share their thoughts upon leaving the wilderness and of the human species' role as a part of nature.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Indoor farmers market** The Boyne City Farmers

Market moves indoors for the winter and spring on Saturday at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. The indoor market will continue every Saturday through April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can purchase Holiday Gift Certificates and share the gift of local healthy food. Boyne Bucks from the Chamber are also now honored at the market. Bridge Cards are also welcome all year at the Market.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **Farmers market** The Charlevoix Farmers

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

#### **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.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Computer classes**

Free computer classes are held at the Boyne District Library at 10am every Friday. Classes are tailored to your skill level, beginner to advanced. Help is available for iPads and the new Windows 8. For information, call the Library 582-7861.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **Junior Achievement returns** Junior Achievement is get-

ting re-established with four classes of fifth graders (100 students) in the Boyne City Public Schools. The program needs teachers, donors and board members to make the succeed. Achievement is the world's largest organization "dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs." JA's unique approach allows volunteers from the community to deliver the curriculum while sharing their experiences with students. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about the program, contact Mark Pankner, interim district manager, at 231-582-4660 or by email at janso@jo.org.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### **Incas and Islands**

On Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30pm, brings a tour of the Incas and Islands with local residents Rick and Cindy Malamed who just recently spent time on a trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos. The Malameds will begin their tour of South America's greatest treasures at the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galápagos Islands. They also travel to the magnificent Sacred Valley exploring the stunning "Lost City of the Incas," and the amazing flora and fauna of the is-

#### **PETOSKEY**

#### **Father and Son Weekend**

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

#### CHAR/EMMET COUNTY Project Connect

Local human service agen-

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

### Education

#### **Antrim County Awarded Certification** as a Connected Community

On January 30, Antrim County was certified as a "Connected" community. County representatives released a Technology Action Plan that will include results of an assessment undertaken by the Antrim County Community Engagement Team.

The Antrim County Technology Action Plan contains specific recommendations of projects to expand digital literacy, build awareness for the benefits of broadband, and assist businesses with websites and social media, and improving the online presence of local governments, among others. Achieving

status of Connected certification affords a community an avenue to discuss its success and pursue opportunities as a recognized, technologically advanced community.

The Connected Community Engagement Program, facilitated by Connect Michigan, supports the development of a comprehensive strategy for building a "connected" community by reviewing the technology landscape, developing regional partnerships, establishing local teams, and conducting a thorough community assessment of broadband access, adoption, and use.

#### **Students of the Week**

### Boyne City High School



#### **Abigail Hills**

GRADE: 10

Volleyball

**PARENTS:** Trish and David Hills **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** 

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS** 

Running, Sports, Art

**FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:** College for writing and art.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"I was very proud to see Abigail take a leadership role in her Government course. She is a great kid to have in class!" (Mrs. Deming, Government Teacher)

"Abby's projects in the art room demonstrate a great, creative spirit, real talent, and give inspiration to other students to try their best." (Mr. Beckering, Art Teacher)

### Boyne Falls Elementary School



**FAVORITS BOOK:** 

Pie, by Sarah Weeks

#### **Aubrie Sparks**

**GRADE:** 4

**PARENTS:** Steve and Lynn Sparks

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** 

I do Saturday morning basketball and in

the after school program I did crocheting.

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS** I like to write and read. I also like to fish

and go snowmobiling.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

I'd like to be a dentist because of the money. I've only had one cavity.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

"Wow, there is so much that Aubrie Sparks does right...she is responsible with her homework. She works hard in school and always does her best. Aubrie is kind to her classmates and is always willing to go out of her way to help her friends or her teachers. Aubrie has a great sense of humor and she's patient, too. She doesn't even get mad at her teacher when he constantly misspells her name (He puts an -ey on the end instead of -ie.) For all these reasons and more, Aubrey I mean, Aubrie Sparks deserves to be recognized as Student of the Week." (Ryan Book)

# DAVE Says

#### Basing term life insurance

Dear Dave,

I'm looking at buying term life insurance. Currently, I'm in medical school doing my last year of residency and making \$35,000 a year. Should I base the amount of insurance coverage on what I'm making now or what I'll make when I've finished medical school? Amanda

Dear Amanda,

In most cases, I advise basing the amount of life insurance coverage on the income you're earning at the moment. After all, that's the amount your family is used to living on, right? However, if you're finishing up your medical degree this year, it's a virtual certainty you'll earn lots more in 2014. You could easily go from making \$35,000 to \$135,000.

I recommend that people buy term life insurance coverage of about 10 to 12 times their annual income. Considering your situation, I'd say you could afford to buy a little potential. Instead of basing it on your current \$35,000 income and buying a policy in the \$350,000 to \$400,000 range, you might double that amount. It will still be really cheap coverage as long as you're in decent health. And once you're making doctor money you can adjust the amount of coverage according to



Dave Ramsey

what you actually make. Good luck, Amanda! —Dave

#### Fighting the insurance company

Dear Dave, My wife and I were recently involved in an auto accident, and the insurance company doesn't want to cover the damage due to a technicality. We both work, so I'd like to find a replacement car while we fight this out with the insurer. However, we only have \$7,000 in savings and we don't want to spend it all. What should we do?

John

good plan.

Dear John, You can definitely find your wife a good used car for what you've got in the bank. However, leaving yourselves with no sav-

ings whatsoever is not a

I realize no one enjoys driving a beater, but that's what I'd do right now. Just look at it as a rental car. If you spend \$1,500 on a little used something, you will have \$5,500 left in your savings account. Just act as your own insurance company for a while. Then, when the big guys pay up, you could just plug it back into your savings account.

Even if they don't pay, you'll still have a nice chunk of change sitting there. And it wouldn't take long to save up enough to upgrade that little hooptie to something nicer and more reliable while still keeping the majority of your savings intact!

-Dave

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### **DECEMBER 23, 2012 DOOMSDAY**

Dear Editor

**DECEMBER 23, 2012 DOOMSDAY** 

"WAIT A MINUTE", somebody said; "nothin' happened. I didn't see no doomsday." True the Earth didn't erupt, the seas didn't inundate the land, skies did not become virulent, food did not become toxic. But wait a minute: all that already happened, keeps happening.

Terrorist tinue. Imperialist motives remain as always worldwide and all mounted from the USA. Waters are polluted. Earth is a series of brownfields that keep increasing with few more places to dump intoxicated ground. Drilling for gas, oil and coal continues to blight the landscape here, there and everywhere. Gas and oil spills are consistent with no guarantees of better oversight. US prisons and jails are bursting at the seams. Laws enacted every day round up more people every day. Fees, fines, and taxation loom like foreclosure notices. Bureaucracy, once the servant of the public, is now the master of the public. National debt at \$16+ trillion and deficit at \$1+ trillion needs constant raises in debt ceiling by Congress to avoid bankruptcy and Great

Depression II. Food is harvested mostly by corporate farms given government stimulus and protection against drought and flood while small farmers with no subsidies bear the cost of competition from the big farms. The US legal system is corrupted beyond repair, a quota system in which no fair trial is possible. The US Constitution has been superseded in entirety inclusive of the Bill of Rights. Politics is money. The 545 as Columnist Charlie Reese has elucidated will not fix anything because it works fine for them vet they are the only duly knighted beings capable of fixing the devolution, the wrong direction, the absolute backwards method of managing a country. The middle class is disappearing just as sure as it appeared through postwar unionization now being foreclosed upon by conservatives with the very help of those who benefited from the union but who now reject it. Our jails and prisons are hellholes in which the guards and the convicts alike conspire to extort and control others, a caged jungle with no rules but for the most dissolute imaginable. Murder is still America's number one obsession; even kindergarten children are not immune. All cities and towns are run by corrupt individuals with agendas of their own and not for the citizens. Cops, courts and corrections run by their own unwritten codes, justice being a gross misnomer. Education slips daily into a morass of false values whereas higher education becomes solely for the rich elite. One thousand plus military installations worldwide are a large percentage of the now \$700 billion annually spent on the US Military - 300,000 American troops stationed overseas as of 2011 - which is why we've had constant preemptive wars since WWII. Virtually few politicians now in office have known military service but for the oldsters like John Kerry and John McCain, at most 22% and declining yet these are the people who vote for wars. Supplying US guns to the volatile world is a given regardless consequences and warnings. Medicine and pharmaceuticals continue to rise in cost even as procedures and technology continue to innovate faster methods of recovery and prevention. A warlord imperialist culture cannot stop itself no more than an alcoholic can avoid a bar. Dirty deals by Washington and the Pentagon per-

sist, October Surprise, Iran-Contra through muddled overspending on CIA activities that couldn't even detect the 9-11 plot under their noses and insidious attacks on disgruntled American citizens who dare to petition for redress of grievances. The Hutaree, the Branch Davidians, Ruby Ridge et al are but precursors to the next onslaught by Secret Services that cannot even provide their number one goal of protecting the President. All of these faults are blamed on society and not leadership. And all of society is made to pay for all this horrendous leadership. Past Presidential solution to America's multitudinous problems: cut taxes for the rich. The current US President despite garnering votes from the disenchanted has backed off all campaign promises post haste joining the antagonistic party as if compromising for sake of getting things done. America despite all firepower and ingenuity is a failing state. Does this not sound

like the end of the calendar? Already happened. It's over.

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### 3rd Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest on the Breezeway next weekend

By Jim Akans

Next weekend, February 15th through the 17th, the 3rd annual Ellsworth Shiverfest winter celebration will take place "on the Breezeway," with outdoor and indoor adventures planned for those of every age and interest in and around the beautiful, northern Michigan village of Ellsworth.

"While many of the activities from the first two Shiverfest celebrations will be returning again this year," states Alana Haley of the Ellsworth Shiverfest Committee, "we have tweaked some of those events a bit this year to offer even more indoor and outdoor fun. A big difference this year is that we have several Shiverfest sponsors, so many of the events will be offered to attendees for free!"

Among the returning events will be the cardboard sled race at the Ellsworth Community Park next Saturday from 1 to 3 pm. There will be a warming fire, free hot chocolate, hot dogs and s'mores all sponsored by Glens Market of East Jordan. There will also be a Snow Art Contest, where kids can create art masterpieces on a flat snow surface using spray bottles filled with watered down paints.

Next Friday evening is the always-popular Fish Dinner at the Gold Nugget Bar & Grill from 5 to 9 pm, and after dinner, the delicious 5th annual Dessert Tasting and Raffle (benefiting the Front Porch Café) at the Banks Township Hall. After that, there will be a DJ and dancing at the Gold Nugget from 9 pm to 1 am.

For outdoor winter adventurers, the Breezeway Snowmobile Ride In will take place from noon to 3 pm next Saturday. Snowmobilers are invited to "ride in" to Ellsworth Community Park and enjoy a warming fire, free hot chocolate, hot dogs and s'more courtesy of The Gold if they wish, the trails will be



The 3rd Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest is coming next weekend, February 15th through the 17th, and there will be lots of activities and adventures for all ages offered, including the popular Cardboard Sled Race at Ellsworth Community Park. COURTESY PHOTO

Nugget Bar & Grill. Saturday evening, partake in a bit of outdoor evening fun with the Dark Sky Hike from 7 to 9 pm at the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast. Before or after the hike of just over a mile of well-groomed trails, there will a warming fire, free hot chocolate and s'mores sponsored by Save a Lot of East Jordan.

Alana Haley notes, "This is one of the events we have tweaked this year. It is geared for the entire family, and while participants can use snowshoes nicely groomed so they won't have to use snowshoes to enjoy the hike. The terrain is mostly even, and along the hike the guides will identify any animal tracks."

There will be a Snowmobile Poker Run on Sunday, from 9am-4pm that includes five area stops in East Jordan, Charlevoix and Ellsworth. After the run, appetizers can be enjoyed and prizes will be awarded starting at 4pm at the Gold Nugget. There is a \$15 entry fee, and participants can sign up at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club or Gold

Nugget Bar & Grill. This event is presented by SCM Fireworks Committee.

Michigan Free Fishing Weekend also coincides with Shiverfest, so wintertime anglers are encouraged to get out on Ellsworth area lakes both Saturday and Sunday, and fishing licenses are not required, though all other fishing regulations do

Please visit Ellsworth Shiverfest on Facebook for more information.

#### Raven Hill offers free Second Saturday program

Come hang out with the animals, enjoy the hands-on room or even dress for the weather and head out to the tree house at Raven Hill Discovery Center this Saturday, February 9th from noon to 4 pm with free admission for families. This second Saturday of the month is not only free admission for families, but it is also a time for Families to Reach for Educational Excellence (FREE).

This is the 4th year for the popular FREE Second Saturday program, which invites families to visit at no cost and spend quality time learning as a family. The generosity of a local northern Michigan community member has insured that FREE Second Saturdays will continue through December of 2013. A Raven Hill volunteer puts it this way, "It's just plain fun to see families exploring and playing together AND learning.'

Previously sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Lions Club, 3427 visitors have taken advantage of the free second Saturday admission opportunities at Raven Hill Discovery Center, since 2010. Again this year, family groups will be able to strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by exploring the hands-on exhibits and displays each month, plus enjoy the animals and all the outdoor ex-

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information or questions or for winter road conditions, please call 231.536.3369.

Please no groups or organizations. Remember, it's a Family

#### **East Jordan Commission**

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Such a hotel is expected to boost tourism during this economic downturn. Commissioner Tony Cutler argued, "We have a duty to move forward."

Early in January, the City Commission sought to fund a feasibility study for a group of anonymous investors who expressed a desire to build a hotel on Mill Street in a vacant lot by BC Pizza. City Attorney Scott Beatty strongly objected to the spending of city funds for a private investment. When the City Commission made a motion to fund a feasibility study to be owned by the city and made public, Beatty recommended it be passed to the East Jordan Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA, however, did

not approve the motion to conduct a feasibility study earlier this week, with a vote split 3 to 3.

The issue came full circle Tuesday evening as it was brought back to the City Commission once again, where a motion to fund a feasibility study finally passed. "We did the right thing tonight by moving forward," Cutler concluded.

The East Jordan City Commission also gave commendation to Jerry Alward who passed away January 22, 2013. Alward was acknowledged for his many years of dedicated service to the community of East Jordan, where he served as a member of the East Jordan Police Department and acted as Police Chief for 13 years. The City Commission extended its heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Alward's dedication

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is planned for February 19 at 7 pm.

#### Governor signs Walker bill banning cell phone use by teen drivers

LANSING - Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday signed legislation prohibiting young drivers from using cell phones while behind the wheel, said bill sponsor Sen. Howard Walker.

The measure is called "Kelsey's Law," in honor of Kelsey Raffaele, a Sault Ste. Marie teenager who was killed in a car accident in January 2010 while talking on her cell phone.

"The death of Kelsey is an unimaginable loss for her family, friends and community. We must do all we can to prevent similar tragedies from occurring," said Walker, R-Traverse City. "This law is an important part of the solution because it helps remove unnecessary distractions for inexperienced drivers."

Multiple studies have shown that teen drivers are much more likely than any other age group to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported. According to a MLive Media Group analysis, one in five drivers using a cell phone during crashes since 2002 were teenagers.

Public Act 592 of 2012, previously Senate Bill 756, bans an individual with a Level 1 or 2 graduated license from talking on a cell phone while driving. The law is a civil infraction and a primary offense, meaning a police officer can stop someone for the offense without any other reason.

"Unfortunately teenagers don't always listen when their parents tell them what to do, such as hanging up the phone while driving. That's when tragedies happen," said Walker. "Now parents will have the law backing them up. This is no

longer just good advice for young drivers."

State Rep. Frank Foster attended the bill signing and praised Walker's legislation. Foster, along with Walker, represents Kelsey Raffaele's mother Bonnie Raffaele in the Legisla-

"Kelsey was a bright, beautiful young girl who was taken from us too soon," said Foster, R-Petoskey. "Passing this law in her memory is appropriate not only to remember her, but because we will be able to save countless lives of other teenagers."

The law includes exemptions for reporting a traffic accident, a medical emergency or a crime. It also allows a driver to use a voice-operated system that is integrated into the vehicle, such as OnStar.



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Friday, February 8 9:30 am Craft Class 10 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy

Monday, February 11 10am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle pm wood Carving 7p Bible Study

Tuesday, February 12 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy

Wednesday, February 13 1pm Cash Bingo

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Monday, February 11 8-1pm Walking M-F FOOT CLINIC & B/P Valentines Day Party!

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