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IRISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

...begins this Sunday in Boyne City

By Jim Akans

2013 marks the sixth year that Boyne City has celebrated their annual Heritage Festival, and the third year the event has been expanded to span a week of events and festivities.

The annual Irish Heritage Festival is a celebration of Boyne City's Irish foundations, which began when Irish immigrants John and Harriet Miller, who once lived near the Boyne River in Ireland, settled in Boyne City back in 1856. The Boyne City Main Street Program produces the festival under the leadership of event chairman Linn Williams. On Wednesday, March 13, Irish native Patrick Maguire will speak at The Thirsty Goat restaurant on Lake Street, highlighting some of the Irish heritage in the Boyne area.

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Jim Baumann, states, "It's important to keep our history alive. This year we



2013 marks the sixth year that Boyne City has celebrated their annual Heritage Festival, kicking off this Sunday, March 10th, and continuing through March 17th. There will be five different Irish musicians or bands performing six times in eight days, including a singalong with the Hooligans (shown here from left): Jim Gillespie on mandolin, Bob Schneider on guitar, and John Richey on fiddle, at the Boyne District Library Community room, next Thursday, March 14th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

BOYNE CITY

Main Street Irish Heritage Week

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have a speaker named Patrick Maguire, who comes from the city of Drogheda, which is located at the mouth of the Boyne River in Ireland. Patrick is a regular vacationer in "our" Boyne area, so he gives us a good connection to the Old Country."

The Heritage Festival will kick off this Sunday afternoon, March 10th, with a Celtic Music Session at the Freshwater Art Gallery on Lake Street from 1 to 3 pm. Hosted by Gaeyle Gerrie and other local musicians, players and listeners are encouraged to bring a folding chair or

stool and join in the excitement of an afternoon of Irish music.

Baumann notes, "We have five different Irish musicians or bands performing six times in eight days - that's what really makes it fun. Our Business After Hours even has a strong Irish theme because it is hosted by Pat O'Brien, who was born on St. Patrick's Day."

There is plenty of Irish fun ahead in the coming week. In addition to the Celtic Music Session this com-

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Here we go again - time to "spring forward" as Daylight Saving Time begins 2 am this Sunday

By Jim Akans

Daylight Saving Time (DST) will begin at 2 am this Sunday morning, March 10th. After fiddling with those clock programming buttons and knobs before going to bed this Saturday night, it won't be time to reset them again for quite a while as the DST period extends from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November (the 3rd this year), or nearly nine months from now.

The concept of changing time to utilize more daylight during active hours is actually a very old idea, reaching back to the time of Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested in a 1784 essay titled "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" that moving the clock ahead an hour each spring would save candle wax usage. It took awhile for the idea to take hold, with the first Daylight Saving Time being imposed



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OBITUARIES

Donald R. McKinnon, 66
(MAY 3, 1946 – FEB. 28, 2013)

Donald R. McKinnon passed away from a courageous battle with brain cancer Thursday, February 28, 2013, at his home in East Jordan.

He was born on May 3, 1946, in Charlevoix, the son of Richard and Thelma (Olson) McKinnon. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1964. He served in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam Conflict.

On June 15, 1968, he married his sweetheart, Janet Nemecek, in East Jordan. For many years, Don worked as a self-employed carpenter. He also had worked 10 years at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in the maintenance department and two years as the caretaker at East Jordan's Elm Pointe.

He enjoyed golfing with his grandson, Logan, on the Tuesday Night Men's League at the Mallard Golf Club in East Jordan. He enjoyed traveling and his corvettes but he loved those activities when shared with his family.

Don is survived by his wife, Janet McKinnon of East Jordan; three children, Angela (Arnold) Smith, David (Charity) McKinnon and Susan (Thomas) Cannon, all of East Jordan; five grandchildren, Logan Smith, Lauren Smith, Caris McKinnon, Riley Cannon and Chase Cannon; his parents, Richard, Sr and Thelma McKinnon, both of East Jordan; six

brothers, Richard (Betty) McKinnon, Jr. of Shelby, North Carolina, James (Kay) McKinnon of Onondaga; Bruce (Stacey) McKinnon Tehachapi, California, Brian (Jan) McKinnon of Traverse City, Daniel McKinnon of East Jordan and Glen (Loretta) McKinnon of Killeen, Texas; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Michigan.

Bernadette Marie Belzek, 87
(MARCH 27, 1925 – FEB. 22, 2013)

Bernadette Marie Belzek, 87, of Hesperia, formerly of East Jordan and Dearborn Heights, died Friday, February 22, 2013, at Newaygo Medical Care Facility in Fremont, Michigan.

She was born in Lima, Ohio on March 27, 1925, the daughter of Philip Valentine and Mary Catherine (Hoehn) Weber.

Bernadette married Thomas Malone in 1953 and he passed away in July of 1960. On April 25, 1964, she married Felix Belzek and he preceded her in death on July 27, 1998.

She was a devoted catholic and a

member of Christ the King Catholic Church in Hesperia. Bernadette enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time outdoors.

Bernadette is survived by a loving daughter, Mary Kay Heller and her husband, Dan Heller, of Hesperia; four grandchildren, Jim Heller of Hesperia, Dan Heller of Whitehall, Tom Heller of Hesperia and Joseph Heller and his fiancé, Karly Christofersen, both of Grand Rapids; three sisters-in-law, Rita Weber of Ann Arbor, Loretta Weber of Wyandotte and Stephanie Guzniczak of Boyne City; two brothers-in-law, Frank Duzick of Wapakoneta, Ohio and Joseph N. Belzek and his wife, Coleda, of East Jordan. She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Celestine "Carl" Weber, Roger Weber, LaVerne Weber and Roman Weber; and one sister, Esther Duzick.

Funeral mass Monday, March 4, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Interment will in St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A prayer service will follow at 4:00 P.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Hospice of Michigan, 33 W. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412. Online condolences may be given at www.penzienfhs.com.

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BOYNE FALLS

First Kids' Festival Weekend at Boyne Mountain March 8-10

The first annual Kids' Festival Weekend, March 8-10 at Boyne Mountain Resort, is all about the kids and great family entertainment. Event highlights include a Fun Village Party with a cookout, DJ, face painting, balloon twisting and lively entertainment by juggler Tommy Tropic; inflatable obstacle course, bounce house and Euro Bungee Ride; family après ski and dance party and teen dance party; on-hill race events; plus a bonfire and s'mores, horse-drawn wagon rides, story time, family movies, arts and crafts and more.

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BOYNE CITY

Spaghetti dinner

MARCH 7 - A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Deacons Fund of Boyne area churches will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave. The Deacons Fund is a cooperative effort of local churches to provide emergency financial help to people in need. Last year, the fund donated more than \$25,000 to 138 families in need, often to pay gas or electric bills.

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Business EXPO

Whether you are a business owner, consumer, employee or job seeker, you won't want to miss the 3rd Annual Biz Expo taking place at Castle Farms on March 9th. Over 500 Business representatives from the entire region are expected to be in attendance. The Expo is open to the public free of charge on Saturday, March 9th from 10am to 3pm. Over 100 businesses will be giving away products and samples, and offering discounts to those in attendance.

EAST JORDAN

Walleye Tourney

2nd annual Last Chance Walleye Tournament to Benefit EJ Care & Share Food Pantry. Saturday, March 9 on Lake Charlevoix. Lucky 1st place wins \$1,000. Many other prizes. Registration and Information call Tom's Bait & Tackle 231-536-3521 or Boyne City Co-op 231-582-9971

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch music

Held the second Saturday of each month, Sept. through May, the next Back Porch music event will be on Saturday, March 9th at 7pm. We will be featuring Ryan Luce. This is a community event for all ages, held at the Charlevoix Senior Center building. The featured performer 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.

PETOSKEY

Virtuoso Orchestra

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents a Virtuoso Orchestra concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. (A second performance will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs.) This program features flutist Erin Kendall Murphy and guest director Robert Nordling. Visit www.glorchestra.org or call 231-487-0010 for ticket and program information. March 9, 7:30pm; March 10, 4pm.

EAST JORDAN

Community Potluck & Program

Sugaring Demo Day with the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush Saturday, March 9th, 12 noon at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE, family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Noon Potluck: Bring a dish to pass if you are able, although not required. Beverages and table service provided. 1pm Program: Learn more about the process of Maple sugaring by hands-on participation in our all-volunteer run syrup operation, affectionately known as the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush. With any luck and depending on the weather, we could be tapping trees or even boiling sap into syrup. Dress appropriately for outdoor work and a possible hike to the Sugarbush. A great experience for people interested in learning how we produce syrup and others wishing to join our volunteer group.

BOYNE CITY

Irish heritage week

Celebrate being Irish all week long. Celtic music, films, workshops and lots of Irish fun March 10th - 18th.

EAST JORDAN

Northwoods Family Nature Club

Sunday, March 10 1pm at the House on the Hill in Ellsworth. FREE, family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at

231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured PLAYTIME in the NATURAL WORLD. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos get down and dirty. This month we'll explore the trail system at the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast in Ellsworth. On their family-friendly trail we can look for early signs of spring! If there's time afterward, we'll head into town to the Ellsworth Community Park on Ellsworth Lake to play.

BOYNE CITY

Spaghetti dinner

MARCH 10 - A spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit local resident Gary Cole will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. Music from Northern Nights and friends will be featured. Suggested donation is \$5. Contact Chelsie Cole at 231-758-4118 for more information.

ELLSWORTH

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UNITED STATES & CANADA

Spring forward

It's about to be the most wonderful time of the year, namely, the date when we all "spring forward," setting our clocks ahead an hour so we can savor the sun during spring and summer, although we will all miss the hour of sleep that we give up to make the change. Daylight savings time begins at 2am on March 10, 2013.

CHARLEVOIX

Buy Your Flowers from Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

For the first time ever Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, the organization that orchestrates the Petunia Planting Day, is offering you the chance to plant petunias at your own home or business! Keep Charlevoix Beautiful is offering pre sale petunias for only \$12/flat! Each flat contains 36 cells of various colors of hardy storm series petunias, compare that to a flat at a greenhouse which run \$15-\$20 for a flat of 24 flowers, plus your supporting a worthy organization! To order your petunias call the Chamber at 231.547.2101 and ask for Amanda or Bethany.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate will host Business after Hours from 5:30 to 7:30pm, Thursday, March 14, at 128 Water St., Boyne City. In addition to celebrating Pat O'Brien's March 17 birthday, this will be the grand opening of their office expansion, which is now under construction. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments are complimentary for the Boyne Area Chamber's monthly networking event.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Ice shanty removal

The DNR reminds anglers of ice shanty removal deadlines. The northern Lower Peninsula removal deadline

is midnight on Friday, March 15. Counties included in the northern Lower Peninsula are: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Isosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.

CHARLEVOIX

Open mic and concert

Featuring Charlie Millard, Alanson Singer/Songwriter Charlie Millard accompanied by Jerry Millard will perform original songs from his debut album, Hattie Jane, and songs from his upcoming CD. Friday, March 15 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. Sponsored by Real People Media. 7-8pm Charlie & Jerry Millard. 8-9pm Open Mic: All Welcome

GAYLORD

A Higher Call

The 2013 "A Higher Call" Men's Conference returns March 16th, to the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church. The theme of this year's conference is Bulletproof and features an outstanding lineup of speakers including an Army Ranger featured in a blockbuster movie, a Navy Seal, and a 2 time collegiate national hockey champion. Ticket deals are available for early orders and larger groups. For more information, please visit the conference website www.ahighercall.com or call the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church at 989-732-2647.

EAST JORDAN

Free movie

Sunday, March 17 the Jordan Valley Library Friends will sponsor a Free Movie "Brave" at 1:30 PM in the Jordan Valley Library Community Room.

EAST JORDAN

Pancake party

Jordan Valley Outdoor Youth Programs Presents Pancake Party, Sunday, March 17th, 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE, family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. An annual "up north" tradition the whole family can enjoy. Bring the kiddos and feast on freshly made pancakes served with our syrup. Afterwards tour the Sugar Shack to learn about how we make it, and how you can do it at home.

CHARLEVOIX

Great Start, Great Futures Summit

Registration & Breakfast March 18, 8am. Summit 8:30 - 11:45am at the Hagerty Center, Northwestern Michigan Campus. Traverse City. Featured Speaker Susan Broman, Early Childhood: Policy & Economic impact, Deputy Superintendent Michigan Dept. of Education Office of Great Start, Chamber of Commerce Executives Panel Discussion "Early Childhood: ROI & Regional Prosperity" including Doug Luciani, Traverse City Area, Carlin Smith, Petoskey, Bill Tencza, Cadillac Area, and Peter Pratt, Moderator (PSC, Inc.). Community Action Planning: How will you have impact? The Great Start Collaboratives of Northwest Lower Michigan invite you to participate in a regional planning day. The goals for the morning are: share the data and exemplary programs. identify opportunities for personal action. work together to identify opportunities for systems innovation and community investment in education and workforce development. Free to attend. Register at www.tcchamber.org/events-and-programs/

CHX/EMMET COUNTIES

Project Connect

March 20, 10am - 5:30pm. Local human service agencies are once again joining forces for the sixth annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect. 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.chareunitedway.org, under Find a Donation Drive. Project Connect also requires a large crew of volunteers. These opportunities are posted on the United Way's Volunteer Connections website. Search on the keywords Project Connect. Emmet County Fairgrounds, Petoskey. Wed., March 20, 10am to 5:30pm. Free admission.

EAST JORDAN

Business after hours

Celebrate Spring at the March Business After Hours, Thursday, March 21 at the new location of Deer Creek Junk, 320 State Street from 5 - 7pm. The first BAH of the year is proudly being co-sponsored by Deer Creek Junk (Owner Karen Brennan) and the East Jordan Rotary Club. A Ribbon Cutting will be held prior to the 5:00 PM start. Let's plan on making this another record attendance number at this Networking/Connecting Chamber event! Be sure to bring your business cards to get in the drawing for Business of the Month which is co-sponsored by the Charlevoix County News (Dave Baragrey) and the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. The Business of the Month receives a "free article and photo" in the Charlevoix County News and e-capsule! There is no charge to Chamber Members and to not-yet-members there is a \$10 admission fee. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres served!

EAST JORDAN

Maple Syrup Open House

Saturday, March 30th, 10am to 3pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE & family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. This annual festivity includes syrup tastings, Maple treats, Sugar Shack tours, a petting zoo, kid's activities, nature hikes to the Sugarbush, music and more. This year will feature mini workshops and an Easter Egg Hunt! Support the all-volunteer-run Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush program by purchasing a raffle ticket for a Maple-themed gift basket or a tasty treat in our bake sale.

EAST JORDAN

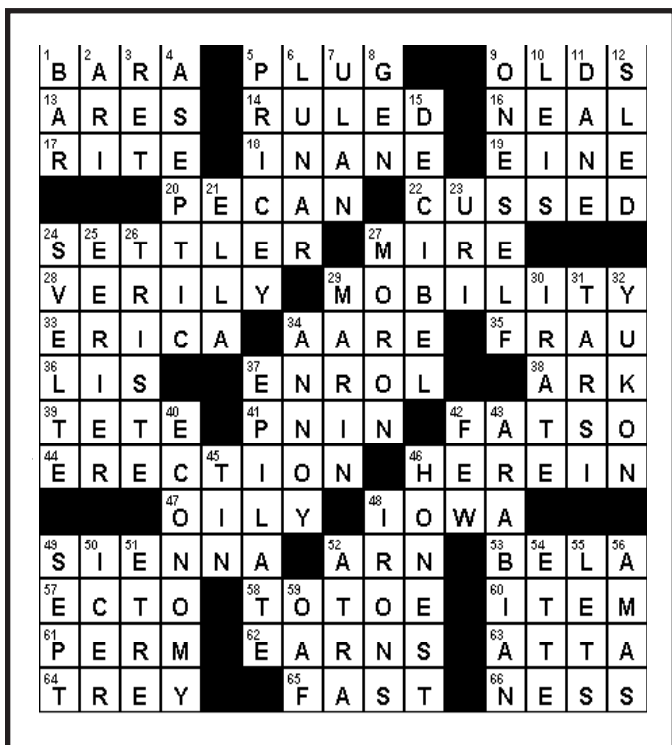
Will work for sugar

Wagbo Sugaring workdays are on! Come join the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush for our group workdays in the lead-up to the Maple Syrup season and the Maple Syrup Open House at the end of March. The "Friends" is an all-volunteer-run community group that enjoys participating in and sharing the agri-cultural heritage known as "sugaring." There are lots of ways to partake in the fun, from tapping trees and boiling sap to serving pancakes and painting signs. No experience is necessary and all hours are eligible to earn syrup. Added bonuses include hot beverages and homemade treats while you work, general camaraderie and supporting community traditions!

CHARLEVOIX

Knights of Columbus Cash Party

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 37th annual Cash Raffle Party on Saturday April 13th from 6-11:30pm at Castle Farms. The cost is \$150 per ticket which admits two and includes food, entertainment, and beverage allowance. Over \$14,750 in Cash Prizes will be given away. more info or to purchase a ticket contact: Steve Seely: 231 499 3674; Ed Linse: 231 547 4526; Gabe Campbell: 231 547 9739; John Haggard: 231 547 4046; Roger Nesburg: 231 547 5111; Paul Hoelderle: 231 547 6127



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BOYNE CITY

Indoor farmers market

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

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

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

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 rest-rooms.

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 re-

turns

Junior Achievement is getting 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 effort succeed. Junior 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.

BOYNE CITY

Art display

Boyne Arts Collective is exhibiting 25 members' artwork and two different venues during the winter months. One is Cafe Santé on the shore of Lake Charlevoix at One Water Street in Boyne City. The other venue is the Made in Michigan shop in the Village at Boyne Mountain. The shop is located on the upper story across from the Ski Ticket Sales. Mary Whitlock is the curator for displays.

CHARLEVOIX

Tax Preparation Assistance

Filing your tax forms just got easier with the assistance offered at the Charlevoix Public Library, through a partnership with the Northwest Community Action Agency. A free, online tax filing site is available through the library's website www.charlevoixlibrary.org. For those who would like more hands on assistance, a certified tax preparation volunteer will be available Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. Patrons are asked to just drop in, but come prepared with all tax information needed for filing. The volunteer will be on hand to help walk patrons through the online site. If more one-on-one assistance is needed, the volunteer will take appointments. These free services are available to those filers with household adjusted gross income less than \$57,000. This service is provided at no charge.

EAST JORDAN

Mother of the Year

Nominations for the 2013 Mother of the Year. The East Jordan Lions Club is looking for nominations for the 2013 "Mother of the Year" If you have nominated someone in the past and it has been a

few years, please feel free to submit their name again. Nominations should be submitted with a brief (200 words or less) summary of why you feel they are deserving of this honor to: East Jordan Lions Club, P.O. Box 845, East Jordan, MI 49727. Nominations must be received no later than April 13. This year the Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the East Jordan High School. Thank you for your help as the East Jordan Lions Club continues this special event to honor our mothers and daughters. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Chase at 231-499-9619

BOYNE CITY

Business EXPO and Taste of Boyne

Admission to the event is \$5, and exhibitors receive extra admission passes for their employees, friends and clients. The Expo will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the former Carter's store on Highway M-75 South. Soft drinks, Michigan wine and Short's beer on draft will be available. Expo attendees will find 95 local exhibitors, including a dozen Taste of Boyne food booths.

CHARLEVOIX Breast Cancer 5k Walk & Run

The 19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k Walk and Run takes place May 11. Registration begins at 8 am in East Park in Charlevoix, MI. The walk and run begin at 9 am. Everyone is invited to participate, to walk, to donate and to volunteer. If you wish to make a donation please follow this link <http://www.c3f.org/misc/misc-makeagift.htm> to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Website and make sure to note Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k Walk/run.

TRAVERSE CITY

Hiring Our Heroes

Join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on April 23 from 10am to 1pm for a job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses at the Northwestern Michigan College, The Hagerty Conference Center, 715 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686. This event will be a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for both employers and job seekers. For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.

Good Samaritan Furniture & More offers quality finds in downtown Ellsworth

By Jim Akans

"Our inventory at the Furniture & More showroom changes daily and is priced to move," states Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Food Pantry/Resale Shop, an affiliate of the Furniture & More store in downtown Ellsworth. "We offer a wide variety of very nice quality furniture, home décor accessories and appliances, and the proceeds from the sales are utilized to help our Food Pantry serve area families in need."

The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan Furniture & More showroom is located at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth, and opened their doors about two years ago. Since 1990, Good Samaritan Family Services has been helping area families in times of need through a diverse offering

of services, including a Food Pantry, guidance for new mothers, providing clothing, coats and shoes, assistance with home heating, and more. The Furniture & More showroom, managed by Evie Snyder, helps to support the Good Samaritan Family Services mission.

Peterson notes, "This is a great place to shop and browse for items for the home or cottage. We are located in a beautiful, original building in downtown Ellsworth that was home to the Shooks Market for many years. People enjoy the ambience of the showroom, with vintage wood flooring and several living area vignettes we have set up. While we have a wide variety of items on display, and if there is something in particular a shopper is looking for that we don't currently have, we will put them on a waiting list

and give them a call when an item that fits their needs comes in."

The showroom is full of gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate the home. The items are donated by local individuals and businesses, and donations are accepted during normal business hours.

The Good Samaritan Furniture & More Showroom is located on Center Street in Ellsworth diagonally across from the Front Porch Café. The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday. For further information, call the showroom at (231) 676-3339 or visit www.thegoodsam.org.



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HIDDEN TREASURES

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Health & Wellness

March is National Nutrition Month

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Choose foods that suit your lifestyle, needs and tastes

Healthy eating doesn't mean giving up favorite foods. A single food or meal is much less important than a person's overall pattern of food consumption. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan encourages everyone to use March - National Nutrition Month - as an opportunity to discover healthy eating choices that fit in with challenging lifestyles.

Businesspeople, students and families face unique challenges in eating healthy. For those on-the-go, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends portable, non-perishable, single-serve foods like granola bars, peanut butter with crackers, fruit, trail mix, whole-grain cereal, low-sodium soup or tuna. Students on a tight budget and a tight schedule can

eat right if they shop smart: look for snacks that combine protein and carbohydrates, such as apples with peanut butter; carrots and hummus, hardboiled eggs and fruit, bananas and yogurt or almonds with low-fat cheese or whole-grain cereal.

Family meals allow parents to be role models to promote healthy eating, and nutritious meals can be prepared quickly and inexpensively. The Academy suggests building a collection of simple recipes for quick and easy family favorites, and choosing ingredients that can be used for more than one meal. For example, cook extra grilled chicken for chicken salad or fajitas the next day.

The WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children also supports National Nutrition Month. WIC serves low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 by providing supplemental food, nutrition education and counseling, and referrals based on health screening and assessments of need. A family of four

with an annual income of up to \$42,643 may qualify for WIC benefits; call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says there isn't a particular way to eat that's right for everyone. By choosing healthy foods that complement personal needs and preferences, healthy eating can become sustainable long-term. Planning ahead and packing lunches or snacks is one of the best ways to satisfy appetite and nutritional needs. Visit the Academy's Web site at www.eatright.org for more information and resources.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. For more information, visit the Health Department online at www.nwhealth.org.

Simple Steps to Reduce Fall Risks

Every year, one in three adults over age 64 falls. Thousands of older adults die from fall injuries every year and about two million are treated for nonfatal fall injuries in emergency departments. But simple home modifications and exercises that improve strength and balance can help reduce the risk of falling.

"Half of falls occur in a person's home. Falls are the main reason older people go to emergency departments," says Steve Albert, PhD, co-director of the University of Pittsburgh Prevention Research Center (PRC).

The PRC is part of a nationwide network of 37 academic and community research partners funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to find ways to keep people healthy. Several PRCs conduct research on ways to help older adults avoid falling. Dr. Albert is comparing the effectiveness of two fall-prevention programs, and health agencies will use findings in choosing which program to offer.

"Most falls involve changing location, such as while walking or moving from a bed or chair," says Dr. Albert. "Sometimes, falls happen when someone carries laundry down stairs without a railing."

"Stairs are a challenge for people with balance problems," says Elizabeth Phelan, MD, a University of Washington PRC researcher who runs a fall-prevention clinic in Seattle. Because evidence shows that people can reduce their fall risk by improving balance and strength, Dr. Phelan refers many patients to Enhance Fitness, an exercise class developed by the Washington PRC. Proven to improve balance and strength, Enhance Fitness is offered at 450 sites nationwide.

Older adults who have already experienced a fall are at risk for more falls, Dr. Phelan says. She is researching the feasibility of emergency medical technicians' providing fall-prevention information when responding to fall-related 911 calls. Acting on such information may reduce callers' risk of future falls.

Dr. Phelan says the psychological consequences of falls should not be underestimated. "People who fall may develop a fear of falling," she says. "And because of that they may start limiting their activity, and that leads to what I call a vicious cycle or a downward spiral of worsening muscle weakness and an increased propensity for falls."

"A lot of older people don't recognize that falls can, in a flash, change their independent lifestyle," says Dr. Phelan. "Many older adults can no longer live on their own if they have suffered serious fall-related injuries."

People should address fall hazards when they're young so they can live at home as long as possible—a concept called "aging in place," says Marcia Ory, PhD, a Texas A&M Health Science Center PRC researcher.

Dr. Ory also works with the Healthy Aging Research Network (HAN), funded by the CDC's Healthy Aging Program. The HAN is a group of PRCs that focus on developing, testing, and disseminating effective strategies for keeping older adults healthy and independent. A booklet that describes the network's structure and mission as well as presents selected accomplishments is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/prc/program-material/booklets.htm>. "The mantra for the HAN is 'always plan for the future'" Dr. Ory says.

Some older adults associate installation of safety equipment, such as grab rails in the bathroom, with "becoming frail and dependent" says Dr. Ory. "But if the safety equipment had already been there, they might not think about it as a stigma," she says.

Dr. Ory studies how to implement effective fall-prevention programs and policies. "Many states offer fall-prevention screening, referrals, and programs, but more offerings are needed," she says. "Older adults and their caregivers should ask their health care providers and public health agencies about these programs."

A compendium of evidence-based programs to prevent older adult falls can be found at www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/compendium.html.

For more information about CDC's Prevention Research Centers Program, visit www.cdc.gov/prc.

Caregivers need time for themselves

By: Carla Parkes, RN,
Owner, Seniors Helping Seniors

Providing care for an aging loved one can be a source of joy and fulfillment. Family caregivers enjoy spending time with their loved one. We feel better knowing that we are the one providing nurturing and compassionate care for their physical and psychological needs. For many, the challenges of caring for an elderly family member are simply a part of life. Care giving, though, is a demanding job. Caregivers often report health concerns and strained relationships much more frequently than people who are not the primary caregivers of an aging person.

Respite care provides short-term breaks that can relieve stress, restore energy and promote balance in your life. It has been shown to help maintain caregiver health and well-being, avoid or delay out-of-home placements and reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect. This is especially true if your loved one has expressed strong opinions about not wanting to leave his home. By providing care you are allowing your loved one to stay home, surrounded by his own possessions and the environment in which he is comfortable and happy.

Family members and friends may be able to help out while you run an errand, take a break, or even go out to a movie or social event. However, just as the burden of care giving is often more than one person can handle - it can also be a tough process for families and friends to share.

In-home services can be provided by



agencies that specialize in helping seniors remain independent in their own homes. Services may last from a few hours to overnight or even 24 hours a day. Services can also be scheduled on a regular basis so the caregiver, can plan on time to do shopping or other errands or even lunch with a friend. Having the same caregiver each time allows your loved one a sense of security and comfort when you are gone.

Adult day centers are designed for older adults who can benefit from planned activities and social interaction with others. They operate during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, in a safe, supportive and cheerful environment. A nutritious meal at noon is usually included.

Skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities often offer

respite care. This type of respite allows access to skilled nursing staff and 24 hour care. Meals are included. Length of stay can vary from one day to several weeks.

Seeking support and maintaining your own health are key to managing your role as a caregiver. Using respite care before you become exhausted or overwhelmed is ideal. Assessing your needs for the type, frequency and location of respite services is important. As a caregiver, is support what you need most? Or is it some regular free time? Or help with transportation? Then, identify your loved one's needs, abilities, and preferences. Are social activities primary? Do they require assistance with walking, eating or medications? Answering these questions will help you decide which respite option to pursue.



Health SERVICES directory

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Chello's Salon & Day Spa
126 Main St.
East Jordan
231-536-7764

Wink Salon

829 West Main
Gaylord
989-731-4300

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Gaylord
989-732-2654

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Saks Wellness Center
1447 S. Otsego, Gaylord
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www.sakswellnesscenter.com

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Cygnat Counseling
Downtown Gaylord
989-731-1018
www.cygnatfamilycounseling.com

EYE CARE

Gaylord Eye Care Center
829 W. Main, Gaylord
989-732-6261

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Otsego County Sportsplex
1250 Gornick Ave., Gaylord
989-731-3546
www.ocsportsplex.com

Otsego County Community Center
315 S. Center, Gaylord
989-732-6521
www.otsego-countyparksrec.com

Saks Wellness Center

1447 S. Otsego, Gaylord
989-732-5200
www.sakswellnesscenter.com

Powerhouse Gym

1044 W. Main, Gaylord
989-732-0744
www.gaylordsgym.com

HOLISTIC HEALTH

IHT Wellness Shop
416 W. Main
Gaylord
989-448-4717
www.ihtwellnessshopgaylord.com

HOME HEALTH CARE

Health Dept. of NW Michigan
220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix
231-547-6092
www.nwhealth.org

HOME HEALTH CARE

Northern Management Services
657 Chestnut Ct., Gaylord
989-732-6374
www.northernmanagement.org

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Hospice of Michigan
1723 W. M-32, Ste. B
Gaylord
888-247-5701
www.hom.org

HOSPITAL

Mercy Hospital
1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling
989-348-5461
www.mercygrayling.com

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14700 Lake Shore Dr
Charlevoix
231-547-8630
www.cah.org

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611 North Center Ave.,
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www.DTWeberHypnotherapy.com

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1029 Gornick Ave., Gaylord
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1029 Gornick Ave.,
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989-619-6282

MONUMENTS

Anger Monuments
7535 US 131,
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231-587-8433

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General Nutrition Centers

1417 W. Main St.,
Pineridge Square
Gaylord, MI 49735-1755
989-731-6363

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416 W. Main, Gaylord
989-448-4717
www.ihtwellnessshopgaylord.com

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1459 S. Otsego,
Gaylord
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Four Star Nutrition

604 W. Main,
Gaylord
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www.fourstarnutrition.net

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**Jordan Valley
Rehabilitation Center**
100 Main St # 9, East Jordan
231-536-1451

Boyne Rehabilitation Center

197 State St, Boyne City
231-582-6365

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Commission on Aging**
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Gaylord
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www.otsego-countycoa.org

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

East Jordan Meet-up talks Cleanups and Eat-ups

By Krystal Birgy

EAST JORDAN—Spring is in the air for East Jordan with talks of May cleanups and festival eat-ups.

The East Jordan City Commission met Tuesday evening with distinct optimism while preparing to head into a new season. In an effort to help clean out the winter clutter, the city commission will plan to conduct a citywide cleanup program May 13-19.

The cleanup program will encourage community members to spend the week cleaning their homes and yards, with drop-offs at the transfer station set for Saturday, May 18. Though electronic waste is not permitted in landfills, City Administrator Chris Yonker would like to encourage the community to still bring their electronics on drop-off day.

Because the county recycling program will be accepting household hazardous waste (HHHW) and electronics for free in June, Yonker plans to separate any electronic devices collected and store them for a short period of time. The devices will then be hauled to the county recycling program site on June 7, as the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee will host its free collection dates during the evening of June 7 and the morning/afternoon of June 8. The recycling committee will also host an additional HHHW collection day September 7.

Mayor Peck said the cleanup would conclude on Sunday, May 19 with the East Jordan Fire Department cleaning the streets.

At Tuesday's meeting, the city commission also authorized the purchase of a new echo unit for the East Jordan EMS. The EMS staff solicited bids from regional GM dealers, Dave Kring of Petoskey and Fox Motors of Charlevoix, as well as from the state purchase program. With a winning bid of \$29,737, Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing secured the sale of a new 2013 Chevy Tahoe through the state purchase program.

The new echo unit will serve as the primary paramedic equipped SUV for the EMS, while the current unit will act as a backup vehicle.

With festival season beginning in just over three months at East Jordan, Laurie Lesser Hodgson of Murray's Bar & Grill approached the city commission during Tuesday's meeting to discuss festival eat-ups.

Last year the community invited outside vendors to serve and sell food at the community's two largest festivals, the East Jordan Freedom Festival and the South Arm Classic. This in turn hurt local restaurant business, but Hodgson hopes to change things for the 2013 festival season by putting together a local outdoor "food court" this year.

Hodgson recently wrote a letter to fellow restaurant owners to identify if there was an interest in joining together to create a local "food court" for the two festivals.

In hopes of promoting and supporting local restaurants, Hodgson says she is willing to spearhead initial planning stages for the development of a "food court." The "food court" might consist of such items as cookies from Subway, pulled pork from Murray's Bar & Grill, and soft-serve ice cream or roasted chicken from Marty's Cones and Carry Out to name a few.

"Marty Carey [of Marty's Cones and Carry Out] has also shown enthusiasm about the idea," stated Hodgson. "I'm very excited about the response."

"Bottom line," Hodgson wrote in her letter. "We can't complain about the 'gypsy' vendors if we aren't willing to put in the time and effort to promote ourselves in any way we can."

Hodgson will plan to take the necessary steps to begin moving forward with the creation of a "food court" by contacting the health department and will continue to meet with local restaurant owners.

Mayor Peck expressed his hopes for a successful upcoming spring and summer. After dredging is finished, there will be boats in the park, music in the park, and now even food in the park.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

To the Editor:

BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

Friday, February 22nd, 2013 marks one of the darkest days in Michigan's natural history. That was the day Michigan's Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes quietly passed S.B. 78 which specifically removes "Biodiversity" from the long held stated goals and policies by which our state has managed our public-owned natural resources. If SB 78 becomes law, no longer will nature, diversity of species or environmental quality be considered or stand in the way of logging, mining or drilling for oil and gas in our State Forests.

Tragically, too few people recognize the significance or implications of this act. The concept of "Biodiversity" is the pillar upon which conservation and environmental protection is built. Modern science has determined that one of the best ways to measure environmental health and quality of life is the diversity of plant and animal species within a given community. Biodiversity also confers biological integrity, which means that all the necessary components to promote ecologic health are present and viable. Managing our State Forests to include biodiversity requires that we recognize and respect those elements that provide for the rich, balanced and diverse plant and animal communities upon which we all depend. It also requires that we avoid those things that fragment, pollute and destroy that delicate balance.

Following the travesties of the logging era, the citizens of Michigan and their representatives enacted a series of laws and policies to ensure that such a thing would never happen again. They had witnessed, first hand, the wholesale destruction of Michigan's virgin forests, extinction of species and the ensuing degradation of our rivers and streams. Clearly etched in their minds was the wasteful result of unfettered exploitation of our shared natural resources. They declared of "paramount importance" to: forever prevent such large scale deforestation and degradation, protect our natural heritage for the Public Trust and future generations, and promote policies and goals that foster biodiversity and ecological health. The

concept of biodiversity was incorporated into our State's natural resource management policies and goals. The era of Conservation was born.

Until recent years, the conservation and management of our public lands has been largely successful. For many years Michigan was considered a world leader for fostering the rejuvenation of abundant public lands. Michigan's forests have re-grown to become viable forest ecosystems with valuable timber. They have also healed to provide the diversity of plant and animal species as was hoped for and intended. As a result, the waters of our streams and rivers run cleaner and faster. This rejuvenation has also provided a vast diversity of opportunities and uses for people who like to hunt, fish, canoe, hike, bird watch, snowmobile, ORV or just want to get outside. It also provides for the responsible, sustainable harvest of high quality timber and the extraction of minerals. This was made possible because respect for nature was the priority and biodiversity was a vital management goal that kept the forest ecosystem healthy and vibrant.

Now, times have changed. Our re-born forests are seen as a commodity, open to the highest bidder. Our public lands have been leased for oil and gas extraction at unprecedented rates. The new, revised, State Forest Management Guidelines are focused squarely on logging with few spots spared. There are no provisions for Old Growth Designation or Natural Areas. Our pristine waters are being squandered, contaminated and permanently disposed of in alarming volumes. The oil and gas industry has found ways to extract the vast reserves of natural gas lying buried deep beneath our public lands through a process called horizontal hydrologic fracking. These extractive and industrial scale operations fragment, pollute and destroy natural habitats and ecosystems. They are not compatible with the principles or goals of biodiversity. In order for these exploitations to proceed, biodiversity must be removed as a management goal. S.B. 78 is a dark traitor to the proud legacy wrought by those heroes who fought and struggled to reclaim Michigan's natural heritage and restore its environmental quality.

But wait! These are public-owned lands, our lands! These are my lands. These are your lands, our children's and grandchildren's lands

(and waters too!), all 4.6 million acres of them. They were set aside and protected for good reasons. Who gave the OK to turn them over to the oil and gas and timber industries to exploit for private (even international) profit?

Governor Snyder heralded the advent of these ventures when he proclaimed that these industries will help lead Michigan out of its recession. The MDNR has enabled these industries by leasing millions of acres of State land for oil and gas extraction. The new State Forest Management Guidelines focus squarely on timber harvest and leave few places unscathed. MDEQ refuses to adequately regulate fracking and allows the toxic contamination of tens of millions of gallons of fresh potable groundwater. Nowhere through the course of these events has the public been honestly engaged or properly informed by our State's officials. Instead, these decisions have been made quietly in closed rooms as witnessed by the passage of SB 78 or crammed through during a lame duck legislative blitzkrieg. The groundwork has been laid for the commercialization of our public assets.

I urge all who read this letter to look into these issues seriously and soon. Sadly I fear that the general public is too overwhelmed and worn out to put up much of a fight. The industries have mounted and sustained a massive and very effective public relations campaign filled with marvelous half-truths. It's no wonder that people are confused and struggling just to make ends meet. Jobs and cheap energy sound pretty good right now. However, we have not been informed of the short and long term costs associated with these activities.

Removing biodiversity as a goal and management tool of our public lands will open the floodgates of industrialization and pollution of our most special places. The scars these activities leave behind may never heal and they have the potential to pollute our beautiful Great Lakes State forever. Are we willing to sacrifice our quality of life and that of future generations for a short term profit most of us will never see? SB 78 is shameful. Restore, protect and sustain biodiversity.

Dr. John W. Richter
President, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Inc.

Job Training Funds available for the Long Term Unemployed

PETOSKEY - A special limited time program can help pay the job training costs for northern Michigan residents who have been out of work for an extended period of time. On-the-Job Training for the Long Term Unemployed is being offered by Northwest Michigan Works!, a program of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG). An informational orientation session about the On-the-Job Training program will be held March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Petoskey Michigan Works! Service Center located at 2225 Summit Park Drive.

On-the-Job Training teaches job-specific skills under the close supervision and guidance of a business. The trainee is hired for a permanent position, and learns while performing the job duties. The employer is reimbursed a portion of the worker's wages during the training period. "It's a win-win for the business

and the job seeker," said Janie McNabb, director of program development at NWMCOG.

Individuals who were laid off from their previous job and have been unemployed for 16 weeks or more in the last two years might qualify for the program. Northwest Michigan Works! conducts screening and assessment for the program.

The orientation sessions will provide an overview of the program and include pre-screening interviews. Those who are interested should pre-register by calling Emily at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, 800-692-7774. Those who attend the sessions should bring a current copy of their resumé and dress for an interview.

Employers who are interested in the program should call their local Northwest Michigan Works! Business Liaison. Visit nwm.org/business-liaisons for a list of contacts.

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act; 18- Foolish; 19- Mozart's "kleine Nachtmusik"; 20- Pie nut; 22- Swore; 24- Pioneer; 27- Bog; 28- In truth; 29- Potential to get around; 33- Author Jong; 34- River in central Switzerland; 35- German Mrs; 36-

Fleur-de-; 37- Sign up; 38- Vessel built by Noah; 39- Head of France; 41- Nabokov novel; 42- 1980 Dom DeLuise film; 44- Building; 46- Throughout this document; 47- Greasy; 48- Caucus state; 49- Yellowish brown pigment; 52- Prince Valiant's son; 53- Actor Lugosi; 57- Prefix with plasm; 58- From head ; 60- Romantic couple; 61- Salon offering; 62- Merits; 63- girl!; 64- Deuce topper; 65- Swift; 66- Capone's nemesis;

Down

1- Ingot; 2- Shipping magnate Onassis; 3- Emeritus: Abbr.; 4- Sterile; 5- Expensive; 6- Pertaining to the moon; 7- Bator, Mongolia; 8- -X; 9- Ego; 10- Hula hoops?; 11- Hamlet, for one; 12- Hill toy; 15- Acoustic power unit; 21- First name in jazz; 23- Altdorf's canton; 24- Slender; 25- More strange; 26- Sad; 27- Stupid person; 29- Sausalito's county; 30- Steamed; 31- Foot bones; 32- Klondike territory; 34- Harass; 37- Shave; 40- Thrifty management; 42- Not many; 43- High-spirited horse; 45- Metal, often used as a container; 46- Not disposed to cheat; 48- Removes wrinkles; 49- Equinox mo.; 50- Champagne bucket; 51- French 101 verb; 52- Gillette brand; 54- Novel ending; 55- Permits; 56- Latin 101 word; 59- Bumbler;

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Smart Card discounts at downtown businesses

CHARLEVOIX - What is the smartest card in your wallet? Why your library card, of course! The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the Smart Card Campaign, a collaborative effort with downtown Charlevoix businesses. On March 13 shop downtown at one of the participating businesses, show your Charlevoix Library card, and receive a 10% discount. It's that easy. The Smart Card Campaign is designed to encourage people to register for a library card and to shop locally. So, if you do not have a library card, stop in and register at 220 W. Clinton St., it's free for district residents and employees! If

you already have a card, then pull it out of your wallet and shop around town on 3-13-13, because - the smartest card in your wallet is your Charlevoix Public Library card! For more information about this or other events at the library or to see the list of participating businesses, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Participating Businesses include:
 Book World -10% off all books
 Central Drugs - 10% off retail merchandise
 Charlevoix Floral - 10% off
 The Clothing Company - 10% off
 Edgewater Bistro - 10% off your food bill

Elements - 10% off
 Ga Ga For Kids - 10% off regularly priced merchandise
 Glik's - 10% off
 Harbor View Café - 10% off
 Hearts to Holly - 10% off
 J. Phillips - 10% off
 Johan's Café - 10% off
 Kilwin's - 10% off
 Picture This - 10% off
 Revolution Bike - 10% off
 Round Lake Bookstore - 10% off
 Scovies - 10% off menu items
 VIP Pizza - 10% off in house, regular menu items
 Weathervane - 10% off
 Well Being Day Spa - 10% massage discount with Lindsay

Student of the Week

Boyne City High School

Laura Stahmer



GRADE: 12
PARENTS: Stefanie & Christian Stahmer
 Host Parents: Kecia & Ron Freed
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Equestrian Team, Cross Country Drama, Soccer, Tennis, Yearbook
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Horseback riding, Reading, Travel
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Complete high school in Germany and attend college

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

"A big thank you to the teachers, Boyne City High School and my host parents."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Laura is an exceptionally motivated student who is attentive and involved during class on a daily basis, and she is a positive influence on her class and her peers. She is dedicated to a comprehensive experience of American culture and the English language. (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

"This is Laura's first year in drama and she is wonderful. She is willing to help out in any way that she can to make the show better. She has become someone that we know we can count on and it is really too bad that we only have her for one year. Congratulations Laura you deserve it." (Mr. Houser, Drama Director)

"Laura is a wonderful addition to BCHS this year. She is thoughtful, attentive and a diligent worker." (Mrs. Michael-Sikora, Principal Secretary)

Parenting classes and resources at library

CHARLEVOIX - March is Parenting Awareness Month and the Charlevoix Public Library is offering a variety of parenting classes and resources. We kick-off events with Great Start's Be Strong Not Stressed Parenting Conference featuring guest speaker Wendy Shepherd's talk, Optimism in the Face of Reality: Tips and Strategies for Focusing on the Positive. The conference will be held 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St. The conference is free and lunch will be provided. Please register with Great Start at 231-582-8070.

Then the library's own Help, I'm a Parent series includes 3 programs, each starting at 6:30 pm in the library community room. On

March 19, we feature Sharon Doherty. Her talk, Help Your Child Learn to Read is a discussion with parents on how they can use simple tools to help their children grasp the fundamentals of reading, with an emphasis on vowel sounds. Parents will be taught basic vowel sounds and patterns. The program will be especially helpful for parents of children with dyslexia.

On March 26, Christine Dillon of North Country Community Mental Health will speak on Autism. Her talk, What is Autism?, presents an overview of the diagnosis, treatment interventions, DSMV changes and briefing on the Michigan initiative for early interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Author Heather Shumaker discusses her book, Renegade Parent-

ing on April 9. If you are tired of being the referee and are eager for new ideas to help your kids share and resolve squabbles, join us for Heather's program It's OK Not to Share...and Other Renegade Rules. This program breaks down age-old parenting conventions and offers new ideas based on emerging neuroscience and child development.

The library also houses a collection of over 200 parenting books in the Youth Area. If we don't have what you are looking for, please ask a librarian and we will find what you need. For more information about this or other events at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, February 1

5:44am Suspicious activity reported in the 300 block of E Division St
 7:19am Citation issued for speed at Charlevoix St and Michigan Av
 8:00am Report of lost wallet
 11:38am Assist to DHS in the 300 block of E Division St
 11:39m Report of missing cell phone
 8:00pm Vehicle left in roadway at Ann and Wilson Streets
 8:11pm Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lake and Morgan Streets
 8:19pm Assist Sheriff Department with verbal dispute on Call St

Tuesday, February 19

5:21am Removed road hazard at State and Hannah Streets
 12:46pm Parking complaint in the 300 block of E Water St
 1:51pm Report of vehicle in snowbank on W Michigan. Was gone on arrival
 5:10pm Motorist assist Lake and Vogel Streets
 5:41pm Motorist assist Lake and Water Streets

Wednesday, February 20

1:36am Barking dog complaint in the 500 block of E Division St
 6:22am 2 vehicle property damage accident Sydney St and Mae Ln
 8:10am General assist in the 400 block of Terrace St
 10:49am Assist to MSP at Lake and Main Streets
 10:54am Assist FAA in locating plane at airport
 2:40pm Suspicious activity reported in the 300 block of E Main St
 4:58pm Citation issued for speed at Lake and Lincoln
 5:25pm Arrested subject on warrant
 6:25pm Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N East St
 6:42pm Civil standby requested in the 1000 block of Second St
 6:42pm Threats complaint received from the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 9:07pm Assist Fire Dept with smell of gas in the 200 block of E Water St
 11:42pm False alarm in the 100 block of E Water St

Thursday, February 21

9:15am Civil complaint in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 11:47am Report of suspicious subject in the 600 block of N East St
 2:38pm Stalking complaint reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
 2:50pm Private property damage accident in the 800 block of S Park St

Friday, February 22

1:57am Report of suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of E Main St
 7:54am Arrest subject on warrant
 10:27am Report of lost cash downtown
 10:44am Driving complaint received from Pleasant Av
 9:48pm Vehicle unlock at River and Park Streets

Saturday, February 23

11:35am Attempted vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St
 4:44pm Assist citizen with parking issue

Sunday, February 24

1:50am Assist motorist with flat tire at Brockway and Boyne Av
 10:35am False alarm on W Water St
 10:58am Report of lost wallet in the 100 block of S Lake St
 11:59am Welfare check in the 300 block of Terrace St
 1:10pm Driving complaint reported on Boyne City Rd
 6:19pm Civil complaint involving child support
 9:58pm Warrant pickup in Antrim County
 10:53pm Civil complaint in the 300 block of W Morgan St
 11:18pm Domestic dispute in the 300 block of W Morgan St

Monday, February 25

1:02pm Report of fraudulent money orders received as payment for items on Craig's List
 1:10pm Report of syringe found in parking lot on E Main St
 1:25pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
 2:47pm Report of subjects removing items from recycling bins
 3:03pm 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 8:37pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of W Court St
 11:35pm Suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

Tuesday, February 26

6:40am Suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St
 5:23pm Report of box in the road at S Lake and Ann St
 5:30pm Welfare check in the 300 block of W Morgan St
 Wednesday, February 27, 2013
 9:47am Assist to Parole Agent
 11:02am Report of lost wallet
 3:33pm Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 9:57pm Report of ill opossum at the skating rink. Was gone on arrival

Thursday, February 28

2:33am Assist Sheriff Department in Advance
 11:01am Report of abandoned vehicle on Brockway
 2:30pm Load of boxes fell off truck on Lake St near the bridge
 3:45pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the area of Hemlock and Harris
 5:05pm Harassing phone call complaint received

Friday, March 1

12:39am Report of semi blocking S Lake St near Water
 1:26pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Charlevoix and Silver St

Saturday, March 2

1:37am Assist Sheriff Department with vehicle that would not stop
 11:09am Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Pleasant and Division
 11:32am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Lower Lake Streets
 12:45pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of Silver St
 1:06pm Assist Sheriff Department with Car deer accident
 1:56am Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Ann Streets
 3:40pm MDOP reported on W Water St
 6:25pm 911 hang up from the 300 block of E Division St
 6:44pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of Silver St
 7:28pm Report of assault in the 300 block of E Division St

Sunday, March 3

7:40am Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
 7:50am Lodged 2 stray dogs at the shelter
 10:57am Arrested subject

for DWLS

1:49pm Citation issued for speed at Charlevoix St and Ridge Rd

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

February 25 - March 3

911 Hang Up Call.....	1
Abandoned Vehicle.....	1
Abuse.....	1
Alarm.....	3
Animal Complaint.....	9
Annoyance.....	0
Assault.....	0
Assist Citizen.....	4
Assist Motorist.....	1
Assist Other Agency.....	12
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Car/Deer Accident.....	4
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Health & Safety.....	0
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Intoxicated Person.....	1
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Lockout.....	6
Lost Property.....	0
Malicious Destruction of Property.....	2
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Miscellaneous Criminal.....	4
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Noise Complaint.....	0
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Paper Service.....	7
Parking Violation.....	0
Personal Injury Accident.....	0
Personal Protection Order..	0
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Stalking.....	0
Suspicious Situation.....	7
Threat.....	1
Traffic Stop.....	56
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Register now for the Camp Daggett Mother and Daughter Weekend

Registrations are now open for the Camp Daggett Mother and Daughter Weekend, Friday through Sunday, May 3-5. Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, big sisters, aunts plus their daughters, sisters and granddaughters age 7-17 are invited to an activity-packed weekend at the 3rd annual Mother & Daughter Weekend at Camp Daggett, Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5.

Again, there will be wonderful activities including smores, singing and spooky stories around the campfire, high ropes activities, tie-dyeing a T-shirt, Petoskey buddy stones and jewelry, book reviews by McLean & Eakin, a pontoon boat ride and great food. Cost is \$150 for mother/daughter, plus \$50 for each additional daughter. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Fee

includes lodging, food and all activities, unless otherwise noted. For additional information, contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188. To register, please contact Grace Ketchum at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742.

The Father and Son weekend is sold out, March 8-10, but if you wish to put your name on a waiting list, call Ed Leverenz at 231-347-9742.

Register now for Camp

Daggett summer camp. Applications are available online or at area schools and local chambers of commerce. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrants for the first week of camp, June 16-22, get \$50 off the registration fee. Registrations are still open for boys and girls in June. Sessions starting July 7, July 14 and July 28 are full. Sessions starting July 21 and August 4 are full for girls. Camp Daggett

also offers three Wilderness Adventure Trips from June 23-29, July 14-20 and July 28-August 3. Details of all Wilderness Adventure Trips can be found at www.campdaggett.org.

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To learn more about Camp Daggett, visit www.campdaggett.org or call executive director, Brent Marlatt at 347-9742.

Irish Heritage Festival

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ing Sunday, the schedule of events for the 2013 Irish Heritage Festival will be:

Wednesday, March 13
- Irish History discussion - With Irish native Patrick Maguire, 7 p.m. at The Thirsty Goat restaurant, 220 S. Lake St. Optional - come early for Irish dinner and/or drinks.

Thursday, March 14
- Business After Hours - Boyne Area Chamber networking event hosted by Pat O'Brien Real Estate, 128 Water St. This will be the grand opening of O'Brien's office expansion, which is now under construction. Complimentary admission, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- Irish Music Community Singalong with the Hooligans at the Boyne District Library Community room, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The musicians include Jim Gillespie on mandolin, Bob Schneider on guitar, and John Richey on fiddle. Ron Fowler has also been invited to share an Irish story and play an Irish drum along with Mark Olson, Scotsman vocalist, with a joke or two.

Saturday, March 16

- Tastes of Spring - It's time to "Think Green" with the Boyne City Farmers Market in the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Surprises of Green tastes await you. Pick up information on spring gardening, take a guided historical tour by horse and wagon.

- Irish Story Time and Crafts at 11 a.m. in the Boyne District Library community room. Children and leprechauns of all ages are welcome.

- Irish Tea with scones and biscotti at Local Flavor Bookstore, 125 Water St., 1 to 3 p.m.

- St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration at Café Santé features Irish folksinger Sean Ryan from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Also house-made corned beef Irish dinner, logo glasses with Irish beer pints after 6 p.m., and \$3 Irish whiskey or Potcheen shots. Located at 1 Water Street, details at www.cafesante-bc.com.

- Willy Porter Concert at 8 p.m., Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake St. www.freshwatergallery.com, 231-582-2588.

Sunday, March 17

- Irish Music Session with John Richey, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at The Wine Emporium, 127 Water St. Musicians and Irish music lovers are invited to sit in.

- St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration at Café Santé continues, featuring Irish folksinger Sean Ryan from 3 to 6 p.m. and Gasta, an Irish music duo, from 7 to 10 p.m. Also house-made corned beef Irish dinner, logo glasses with Irish beer pints all day, and \$3 Irish whiskey or Potcheen shots. Located at 1 Water Street, details at www.cafesante-bc.com.

For a full schedule of events and further information about the festival, call the Boyne City Main Street Program at 231-582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-582-6222, or visit www.boynechamber.com.

Brew-Ski Festival



The 4th Annual Brew-Ski Festival will take place at Boyne Highlands Resort this Saturday, March 9th, featuring craft beer sampling, live music, brats on the grill, and the enjoyment of early spring skiing and snowboarding. COURTESY OF BOYNE HIGHLANDS RESORT

Soak up suds and fun at Boyne Highlands' Brew-Ski Festival on Saturday

Celebrate suds, snow and early spring fun with the 4th Annual Brew-Ski Festival at Boyne Highlands Resort this Saturday, March 9th. Brew-Ski Festival features craft beer sampling, live music, brats on the grill, and the enjoyment of early spring skiing and snowboarding. Warm up the day with your favorite runs when the lifts starting turning at 9 a.m. Boyne Highlands offers 55 trails on 435 skiable acres providing magnificent views and serene slopes for all skill levels.

Brew-Ski Festival runs from noon to 5 p.m. and is staged outdoors at the base of slopes where beer lovers can gather to sample from choice of 150 micro-beers, all prominently displayed on snow bars that encase the festival area. Numerous favorites on the Michigan craft beer scene including Arcadia Ales, Bell's Brewery, Jolly Pumpkin, New Holland Brewing Co., and Short's Brewing Co., are available to try, as are choice beers from across the country. Admission to the beer tasting area is free; must

be at least 21 years of age to enter. Sampling tickets can be purchased for the four-ounce beer tastings, as well as for food and merchandise.

New this year, adding to the lively scene is music from the rock group, The Remedee. Following the outdoor fun, the entertainment continues inside with the Aaron Vaughn Band performing in the famed Zoo Bar.

For the complete list of participating breweries and more information, visit www.BOYNE.com.

Daylight Savings

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in the United States during World War I to help alleviate the effects of wartime coal shortages and nightly air raid blackouts.

The practice of moving clocks forward an hour in the spring and back again in the fall was spotty for a while, with Congress reinstating the concept from 1942 until 1945 to, once again, save energy during wartime. Some states continued this ritual after World War II, and some did not. When Congress made this seasonal time warp official by the passing of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, only Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana decided to opt out. Prior to the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October, so the duration was about a month less than it is now.

With three-quarters of the year on the DST clock, it makes one wonder if it wouldn't make more sense to forget about "falling back" altogether. While DST may save energy, can have a positive health impact on Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) sufferers, and some say it even reduces crime, there is no doubt DST puts the body

clock (or our circadian rhythm) out of sync.

There have been studies about the effects of Daylight Savings Time on the body. For many, the one-hour shift in the spring and fall influences the duration and quality of sleep for days...even weeks. One 2008 study even found that the incidences of heart attacks increased significantly over a three-week period after the spring time change, and another 2008 study saw an increase in male suicide rates in the first few days following the switch to DST. A lot of people are also late for Monday morning appointments after the weekend time change didn't find its way to their alarm clock.

I'm left thinking that perhaps the problem isn't just the uninvited hour of time travel; it's the actual time designated for this shift to occur. Why not make the change effective at 4 pm on a Monday afternoon, bringing the much-anticipated 5 pm end of the workday around a whole hour earlier once every spring?

That might make Daylight Savings Time a more popular idea, indeed.

For now, don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this coming Saturday night. Hopefully the programming instructions for the DVD player are close at hand.

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Community Potluck & Maple Sugaring programs at Wagbo Farm during March

By Jim Akans

March brings a host of activities to Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. These programs and events are free, family-friendly and a whole lot of fun.

- Saturday, March 9th – Community Potluck at 12 noon. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, although not required. Beverages and table service provided. Starting at 1pm, learn more about the process of Maple sugaring by hands-on participation in the farms all-volunteer run syrup operation, affectionately known as the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush. With any luck and depending on the weather, the program may also include tapping trees or

even boiling sap into syrup. Dress appropriately for outdoor work and a possible hike to the Sugarbush. This is a great experience for people interested in learning how we produce syrup and others wishing to join our volunteer group.

- Sunday, March 17th – The Jordan Valley Outdoor Youth Programs presents: “Pancake Party” starting at 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center. This is an annual “up north” tradition the whole family can enjoy. Bring the kiddos and feast on freshly made pancakes served with the farms own syrup. Afterwards tour the Sugar Shack to learn about how to make it, and how you can do it at home.

- Saturday, March 30th – The



Gary Batka (left) and Fischer Jex of East Jordan, along with Doug Bedell of Bellaire and Dave Daniels of East Jordan, discuss where to tap a maple tree in the Wagbo “sugarbush.” PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTHA WAGBO FARM

March brings a host of activities to Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan, many maple sugaring related. Here, Chris Evans (left), Linda Ortiz and Ely Johnson of Bellaire pitch in together to clean and assemble equipment. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTHA WAGBO FARM



10th Annual Maple Syrup Open House from 10am to 3pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center. This annual festivity includes syrup tastings, Maple treats, Sugar Shack tours, a petting zoo, kids activities, nature hikes to the Sugarbush, music and more. This year will feature mini workshops and an Easter Egg Hunt! Support the all-volunteer-run Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush program by purchasing a raffle ticket for a Maple-

themed gift basket or a tasty treat in our bake sale.

Also enjoy the “Maple Table” at Wagbo Farm on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm during sap flow, 10am to 2pm and a ‘pop-up’ pancake restaurant with a Maple theme on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) during the sap flow. Dates will be announced on the Wagbo Farm website (wagbo.org) along with a menu and schedule

The “Will work for sugar” - Wagbo Sugaring workdays are on! Come join the Friends of the Wagbo Sugarbush for our group workdays in the lead-up to the Maple Syrup season and the Maple Syrup Open House at the end of March. The “Friends” is an all-volunteer-run community

group that enjoys participating in and sharing the agri-cultural heritage known as “sugaring.”

There are lots of ways to partake in the fun, from tapping trees and boiling sap to serving pancakes and painting signs. No experience is necessary and all hours are eligible to earn syrup. Added bonuses include hot beverages and homemade treats while you work, general camaraderie and supporting community traditions.

The Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center is located at 5745 North M-66 in East Jordan. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org

Pre-St. Paddy's day FUNdraiser supports Women's Center

St. Patrick's Day festivities start early at the annual FUNdraiser to benefit the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) held at cava Bar and Grill on Main Street in the Village Bay Harbor on Wednesday, March 13.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres prepared by cava's culinary team, as well as the silent auction. At 7:30 p.m. bidding begins on live auction items. Both silent and live auctions will feature unique and distinctive items donated by local merchants such as: a ride on a City of Petoskey fire truck for three people; fitness memberships; 18 holes of golf at Harbor Point Golf Club for four; a trip package to Beaver Island including roundtrip Beaver Island Boat Company tickets, breakfast at Dalwhinnie Bakery & Deli and two nights at the Beaver Island Lodge; restaurant gift certificates; a gourmet Italian (or vegan) catered dinner for six courtesy of chef extraordinaire (and WRCNM Executive Director) Jan Mancinelli; Little Traverse Bay Sail for four on “Brilliant” an Ensign Sailboat with Jan Mancinelli as your Captain and WRCNM Finance Director, Gail Kloss, as your First Mate; MSU football tickets; American Spoon Foods ‘Buy the Store’ wooden crate loaded with an array of store favorites; three day getaway for up to eight people in a Cross Village home on 160’ of Lake Michigan beach frontage; a family Indigo Dying



Petoskey Public Safety Lieutenant Adrian Karr (left) is pictured showing a City of Petoskey fire truck to Gail Kloss, Finance Director of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. A ride for three people on the fire truck is one of the unique items up for bid during the annual Women's Resource Center FUNdraiser to be held at cava Bar and Grill in Bay Harbor on Wednesday, March 13.

Workshop at Three Pines Studio and many more one-of-a-kind items.

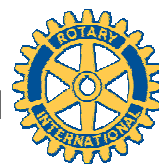
Proceeds from the event will benefit WRCNM programs and services which help thousands of families every year. For more than 35 years the WRCNM has been committed to providing supportive services to women, children and families in northern Michigan including: counseling, childcare/preschool, free community playgroups, employment and educational services, domestic abuse services, sexual assault services and child abuse and child sexual assault services.

“We enjoy hosting this fundraiser, visiting with friends, seeing new faces and celebrating the onset of spring. We also

know that the dollars raised at this event are absolutely critical to our agency,” said Jan Mancinelli, WRCNM Executive Director. “Although the event is fun and festive, we are always aware of pressing and ongoing need for the programs and services we provide to individuals in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Chances are most people in the community are acquainted with at least one person who has been helped by Women's Center services.”

Tickets to the WRCNM FUNdraiser are \$10 per person and are available at both Gold Mine Resale Shops in Petoskey, by calling the agency's administrative office at 231-347-0067 or at the door.

2013 Father of the Year Nomination



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9am-1pm Charlevoix Indoor Farmers' Market
Location: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St, Charlevoix
Thurs, 3/7, 14, 21, & 28
8-9pm Water Polo
Location: Charlevoix Community Pool
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Our team consists of: Lanny Arnold, Randy Cebulski, Evelyn Davis, Bill Keehn, John Loucks, and Nancy Moore.
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 7 1pm Pinochle Music by Roger Hartson	Friday, March 8 9:30 am Craft Class 10 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy	Monday, March 11 10am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, March 12 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, March 13 1 pm Cash Bingo	Thursday, March 14 1pm Pinochle 11am Roger Hartson
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 7 Wii Bowling	Friday, March 8 Don Judd 11-12 Raffle *FOOT CLINIC	Monday, March 11 Bingo	Tuesday, March 12 Craft Class Wii Practice	Wednesday, March 13 Line Dance Br. Bag Bingo *FOOT CLINIC	Thursday, March 14 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 7 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY	Friday, March 8 10pm AVB meeting 11am Tag-A-Longs Bingo/Bake Raffle	Monday, March 11 Foot Clinic B/P 8-1pm: Walking M-F	Tuesday, March 12 11am Line Dancing 12:30 Bingo	Wednesday, March 13 Pool Table GAME DAY	Thursday, March 14 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY
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Charlevoix Chamber to Host Second Annual Business Expo

March 8th and 9th the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 3rd Annual Business Expo and B2B Night. Participants will have the opportunity to network with other companies during the B2B night, expand their business awareness to the community throughout the Expo, celebrate the accomplishments of our community during the award ceremony, and watch interactive demonstrations.

Friday, March 8th marks the night for Charlevoix County's biggest Business to Business night of the year. The event will be hosted at Castle Farms in Charlevoix from 5-11pm and there are an expected 600+ business representatives expected to attend. The night will allow attendees to preview the Expo, win thousands of dollars in giveaways, and network with countless other businesses in Northern Michigan. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased ahead of time at the Charlevoix Chamber or at the door.

The B2B night will also showcase our community award winner. Six individuals or businesses will be recognized for accomplishments including Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Customer Service, Ambassador of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Young Professional of the Year.

"We've made some really exciting



additions to the Expo this year," said event organizer Bethany Pearson.

"We're providing our guests with gourmet food and fun live entertainment. It's going to be a great venue to make new business contacts."

The Expo will take place the following day, Saturday, March 9th, at Castle Farms from 10am-3pm. The event features over a hundred booths with a vast array of categories including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism, and restaurants. New this year, demonstrations will be held on the half hour during the Expo. Demonstra-

tions include everything from car maintenance, scarf tying, and engraving.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend, thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away during the course of the day thanks to our sponsors: Fox Motors, Midwestern Broadcasting, Northern Michigan Review, Charlevoix State Bank, Castle Farms, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101.

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