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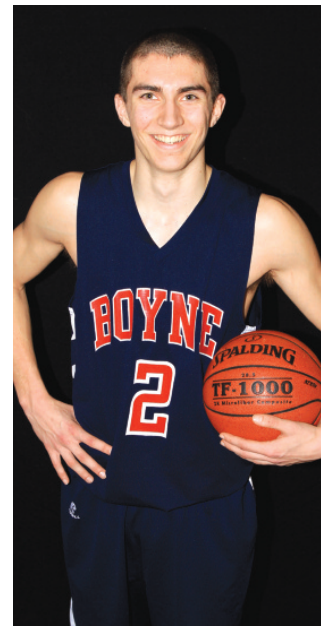
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STATE CHAMPS



The East Jordan High School quiz bowl team celebrates their grand championship win after competing in the CMU Quiz Central tournament on March 13. This year's team went undefeated in the competition that began last fall with 48 teams, earning them the title of state champions after a final win against Class A school, Midland High. Pictured from left (back row) are coach Devin Brown and team members James Radtke, Joel Liesenberg, Donny Miller, and team captain Tyler Hines; (front row) Rachel Harden, Katie Capelin, Destiny Honeysette, Jaqueline Radtke, and Jordan Liesenberg. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY

East Jordan quiz bowl team outwits Midland High for championship title

By: Krystal Birgy

A modern day tale of David and Goliath, the East Jordan High School quiz bowl team topped Class A ranked school, Midland High last week in the Quiz Central grand championship game, earning the smaller Class C school a state championship title.

The Central Michigan University Quiz Central tournament began last fall with 48 teams from across the state of Michigan vying for the coveted top spot.

Schools were initially placed into four divisions based on school size. East Jordan competed in three matches within their division, defeating teams from White Cloud,

Mio, and Meridian, which qualified them to compete in a semi-final game against Onekama. With another win, the red devils earned their place in last week's grand championship round against Midland High, where they defeated their opponent with a score of

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Aaron Gaffney

Ellsworth Community School approves Gaffney as Superintendent effective July 1, 2013

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Members of the Ellsworth Community School Board of Education approved hiring Aaron Gaffney as superintendent at the March 11 meeting. Gaffney, an area resident and experienced educator, assumes his new duties in July, taking over the district's leadership role from Superintendent Lynn Spearing who announced her retirement earlier this year.

According to school board president Kandi Randall, "We will miss Mrs. Spearing, she has done great things in our district. During these challenging times, Mrs. Spearing has helped our school thrive while others have struggled. In hiring Mr. Gaffney, we believe in investing in our own. He has a clear vision of the goals and objectives of our school district." Superintendent Spearing is equally pleased with the selection of Gaffney.

"I am so fortunate to be able to retire knowing that my successor shares my passion and vision for Ellsworth Community School. I have had the pleasure of working with Aaron for three years; I know without a doubt that he is the right individual to lead our school forward."

Gaffney, who has 18 years teaching experience in addition to serving as curriculum director at Central Lakes Public Schools, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Michigan Technological University and MA degree in teaching/education from Marygrove College. He is in the process of completing certification for an Education Administrative degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"I am very excited about
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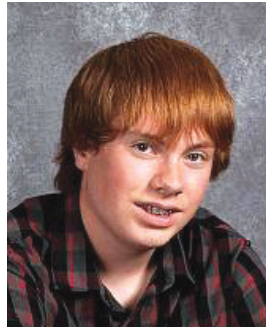
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220-290. First year coach, Devin Brown attributes the win to the team members' overall general knowledge and speed. "They were really quick and knew their stuff," said Brown.

During the "final countdown round," teams face up against each other to answer rapid-fire questions. They have two minutes to ring in and answer correctly as many questions as possible, with each correct answer being worth 10 points.

During the final countdown, our team wasn't afraid to ring in early, said Brown. Our opponents barely had a chance to even ring in.

This year's competing team members were Joel Liesenberg, Donny Miller, Rachel Harden, and team captain Tyler Hines.

Joel Liesenberg, the team's only competing junior, is a member of National Honor Society and student council. He plays alto saxophone in the high school band. Brown describes Liesenberg as knowing a little bit about everything, but especially geography and history, much like team captain Tyler Hines.

Hines is a senior at East Jordan High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and chess club. He also plays on the varsity golf team.

Senior Donny Miller works at True Value, where he is a jack-of-all-trades, serving as janitor and cashier and everything in between. He also plays trombone in the high school band. Miller's strengths are music and pop culture, according to Brown.

Rounding out the team is senior Rachel Harden. Harden is president of the school book club and chess club, making her knowledgeable in the areas of arts and literature.

"This experience has been incredible," said Liesenberg. "It's really nice that a team that isn't involved with sports is getting this much recognition."

And it is a recognition that is well-deserved, as three team members, including Hines, Liesenberg, and team alternate Destiny Honeysette, have earned one-time \$2,500 scholarships to attend Central Michigan University for their team's divisional win. On top of that, the team has a trophy, a title, and bragging rights for months to come.

CMU Public Television airs Quiz Central competitions on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and repeats on Saturdays at 11:30 am. East Jordan's divisional final is set to air May 1, their semi-final May 22, and the grand championship game May 29.

To see more air dates and final scores, visit WCMU's website at www.wcmu.org/tv/quiz-central/qc_schedule.html.



The East Jordan Police Department led a procession for the quiz bowl team as they arrived into town. The following day the East Jordan High School band marched the quiz bowl team through the school hallways while fellow students cheered on the new state champions. PHOTO BY NELSON OGDEN.



Junior Joel Liesenberg arrives back at the high school with one of the team's championship trophies. Liesenberg is one of three students who were awarded one-time \$2,500 scholarships for CMU. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY



Teachers and students welcome the winning team's arrival back at the high school. This is the eighth year that East Jordan has competed in the Quiz Central tournament and their first championship win. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

Representing the Communities of East Jordan, Ellsworth & Atwood

Thursday, March 21st

Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours

Thursday, March 21st join the Chamber in welcoming Karen Brennan and her new business, Deer Creek Junk to downtown East Jordan. The new store is located at 320 State Street. Ribbon cutting at 5:00pm. Business After Hours follows from 5-7pm co-sponsored by Deer Creek Junk and the East Jordan Rotary Club. There is no Charge to Chamber Members and to not-yet-members there is a \$10 admission fee. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres served!

June 20th

5th Annual Breezeway Cruise

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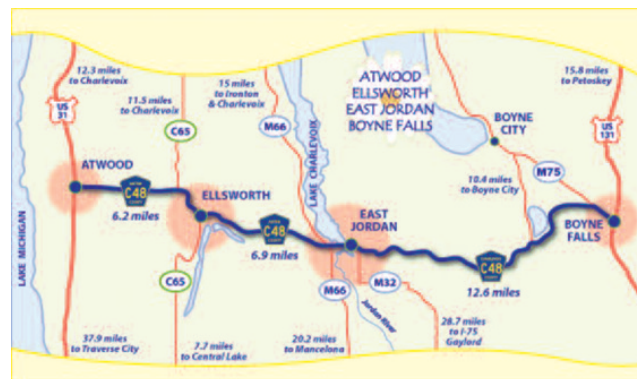
Despite the low water levels, the East Jordan City Marina will be open this summer. Dredging will begin the spring and ready for boats to begin enjoying the quiet harbor setting next to Downtown East Jordan.

Saturday, April 20

Downtown Open House

1-3 PM - Local Real estate staff will host an open house in Downtown East Jordan featuring all retail space and commercial buildings that are for sale or lease. This will be an opportunity for businesses that are interested in having an office or store front downtown to view and inspect all available properties at one time.

May 24th & 25th



Breezeway Garage Sale

With the changing of seasons fast approaching many households are in the midst of or will be spring cleaning and clearing out the basement, closets, garage, etc. Great time to start preparing, organizing and planning to participate in the 4th Annual Breezeway Garage Sales on Memorial Day Weekend - Friday and Saturday, May 24-25. A committee has been formed to help enhance the weekend event which has been successful in attracting "garage sale shoppers" to the Breezeway communities. Clubs, organizations, school classes, families this is a wonderful opportunity to fund raise. Be creative with other activities such as car washes, etc. Retail Business owners, restaurants, galleries, agricultural businesses, attractions plan on a special promotion or activity to invite our weekend visitors to your business. For more information, contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

Friday, June 7

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OBITUARIES

Pastor Donald A. Ritter, 82

(OCTOBER 29, 1930 - MARCH 16, 2013)

Pastor Donald A. Ritter of Boyne City went to be with the Lord Saturday, March 16, 2013, at McLaren-Northern Michigan Hospital with his loving family by his side.

He was born October 29, 1930, in Detroit, the son of Albert and Irene Ritter.

Donald retired from General Motors and then went into Ministry in 1984. He and his wife moved to Boyne City in 2001 and he served at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Mancelona for 8 years.

On May 17, 1952, in Detroit, he married the love of his life, Shirley (Grahman) Ritter. He is also survived by his daughter, Anne Westphal of Bloomfield Hills; his brother, Marvin (Phyllis) Ritter of Shelby Township; four grandchildren, Kate (Craig) Martin, Natalie Westphal, Peter (Kris) Westphal and Thomas Westphal; four great-grandchildren, Olivia, Trevor, Xavier and Cass; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death, in 1972, by his son, Donald Ritter Jr.

Funeral services were March 18, 2013, at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Mancelona.

The burial along with other services will be in Macomb later in the week by Pixley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, PO Box 469, Mancelona, MI 49659.

The Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes is handling the arrangements. Please sign his guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



Felix Buccellato, 95

Felix Buccellato of Boyne City died March 18, 2013, at his home.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 22, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, with the Rev. David Behling officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Adam L. McBee, 27

(JULY 31, 1985 - MARCH 13, 2013)

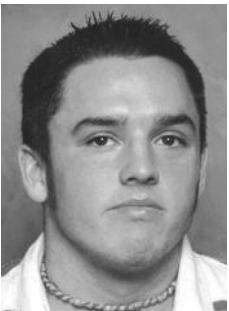
Adam L. McBee of Boyne City died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at home.

He was born July 31, 1985, in Petoskey, the son of Opal Foster, George Foster and Art Hess. Adam played football and graduated from Boyne City High School.

He enjoyed snowboarding, golfing and other outdoor activities.

In 2006, Adam joined the U.S. Army and honorably served his country. He was an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and maintained close friendships with many of his "brothers" in arms.

Adam is survived by his mother, Opal Foster, of Boyne City; father, Arthur (Teresa) Hess, of Boyne City; father, George (Christina) Foster, of Boyne City; six brothers, Richard and Donnie Towns, Scotty R., Isaac Hoaglund, Cory Cotton, Skyler McLease, and half brothers, Corey and Collin Hess; three sisters, Ashley (Michael) Ingersoll, Jennifer McBee, Lura Town, and half sister, Carley Cole; uncles, Lonnie and Ronnie (Wanda) McBee; aunt, Pauline McBee; cousins, Tim, Sarah, Stephen, Shuna, Cassandra; and many nieces and nephews he loved to spend time with.



The funeral service with military honors will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Church of the Nazarene in Boyne City, with Pastor Charles Fowler officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of service. Spring interment will be in Boyne Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements have been handled by Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign the online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Craig D. Stewart, 52

(MAY 1, 1960 - MARCH 18, 2013)

Craig D. Stewart of Charlevoix, died Monday, March 18, 2013, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey after a five-year battle with brain cancer.

He was born May 1, 1960, in Ferndale, to David and Pauline (Reibel) Stewart.

On July 13, 2001, he married Maryse Verville in Charlevoix, where they made their home.

Craig enjoyed working with computers, model airplanes, ham radios and other electronics. Occasionally he would set up communications with astronauts for the local school children.

Surviving are his wife, Maryse; children, Megan Stewart of Petoskey, Heather Stewart of Petoskey; a granddaughter, Victoria Brodin; his mother, Pauline (Arthur) Morris of Ellsworth; brothers, Keith Stewart of Ellsworth and Kevin (Julia) Stewart of Conway. He was preceded in death by his father, David B. Stewart, on Nov. 24, 1983.

Friends may call 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

The funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Ken Bernthal officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Jean E. Mitchell, 87

Jean E. Mitchell passed away on March 12, 2013, at Bay Bluffs in Harbor Springs.

Jean was a former resident of Sandusky, Ohio, and Boyne City/Boyne Falls.

She was married to her husband of 57 years, Wilson Mitchell, who preceded her in death in December 2003. Jean was also preceded in death by her parents of Sandusky, Ohio, and one sister, Geraldine.

Jean is survived by her two children, Jim (Linda) Mitchell of Eaton Rapids, and Barb (Bob) Bailey of Alanson; five grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

There are no services planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be directed to Bay Bluffs in Harbor Springs.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home of Elk Rapids.

Marshall Traverse Sheets, 72

(JAN. 2, 1941 - MARCH 6, 2013)

Marshall Traverse Sheets, son of Don and Ruth Sheets of Boyne City, was born Jan. 2, 1941, in Detroit. He died March 6, 2013, in Taiwan.

He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1959 and from University of Utah in 1964. Marshall taught school briefly in Utah, Michigan and Australia. In Sydney, he married Jean Cross, deceased 1978, and their son, Traverse Singa Sheets, was born in 1970.

Marshall was a sales representative for McGraw-Hill, publisher of college textbooks, in Australia, New Zealand and California.

Marshall made his home in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, for 23 years, tutoring English as a second language. He came to love the culture and made deep friendships in the community. On Sunday, March 17, 2013, they showed their love and respect for him in a memorial ceremony. A videotape was made of the ceremony for his mother, Ruth Sheets, and

her friends.

Gerald 'Jerry' Kraemer, 56

Gerald "Jerry" Kraemer of East Jordan died Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial service was Wednesday, March 20, at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Dennis Urman, 62

(MARCH 6, 1951 - MARCH 14, 2013)

Dennis Urman of Boyne City passed away peacefully surrounded by family at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Mich., on March 14, 2013.

Dennis was born March 6, 1951, in Petoskey, Mich., to Jack and Bonnie (Jensen) Urman. He grew up in the Walloon Lake and Boyne City area. He attended Boyne City High School.

On Sept. 10, 1988, Dennis married his best friend and love of his life, Kris Dashner, in Petoskey, Mich.

He had a special place in his heart for the Melrose Fire Department and would be one of the first people in line to help with special events, benefits and breakfasts.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with family (especially his grandkids), farming, being on a tractor, playing poker with the guys, cooking and going for long rides.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Kris Urman; sons, Todd (Connie) Urman and Matthew Urman; daughter, Amy (Obie) Wicker; grandchildren, Jenna and Alissa Urman, and his "little buddy," Jack Wicker.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack Urman and Bonnie Urman; and brother, James Urman.

A celebration of life was March 18, at Walloon Lake Community Church. Pastor Jeff Ellis and pastor David Behling officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the Melrose Fire Department.

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

Wallace Edwin Vandenberg, 82

(JAN. 23, 1931 - MARCH 5, 2013)

Thelma Lucille Harty Vandenberg, 91

(JUNE 1, 1921 - MARCH 5, 2013)

Wallace Edwin Vandenberg was born in Detroit on Jan. 23, 1931, and passed away in Queen Creek, Ariz., on March 5, 2013. He was raised in Ellsworth, until he joined the Marine Corps in 1950. He served one tour of duty in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the corps as a captain in 1975. He continued to serve his fellowman as a police officer for the city of Yuma, and retired as a sergeant with the Capital Police Department in Phoenix.

Thelma Lucille Harty Vandenberg was born in Santa Ana, Calif., on June 1, 1921, and passed away in Queen Creek, Ariz., on March 5, 2013. She grew up in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and as a military wife, she followed her husband around the country. They lived in Michigan, Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona and California. Thelma was active in the Navy Relief program, supporting military families whose loved ones were serving overseas. She worked for ATF for 16 years, retiring in 1998.

Wallace and Thelma were Queen Creek residents for 15 years. They celebrated their 59th anniversary on Nov. 28, 2012.

They are survived by their children, LaDane "Van" (Ginger), and Dawne Carver (Paul); grandchildren, Daniel (Daniel), Stephanie Shuman (Derek), Rachael Carver, James Carver;

and four great-grandchildren, Dylan, Kylan, Jack and Zoe. Thelma is also survived by her sister, Mary Noble; brother, Chuck Harty, and cousins, nieces and nephews all over the country. Wallace is also survived by cousins, nieces and nephews all over the country.

A memorial service was Saturday, March 16, at Bueler Chandler Mortuary in Chandler, AZ. They will be buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Marian Kilborn Campbell, 94

(MARCH 25, 1918 - MARCH 12, 2013)

Marian Kilborn Campbell passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside March 12, 2013, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Marian was born March 25, 1918, near Walloon Lake, to John and Fern (Gallop) Kilborn. She grew up in Petoskey where she attended school.

On May 21, 1939, she married Carlton Campbell in Petoskey and the couple made their home there since. She and Carlton became soul mates and had a long and loving marriage.

Marian had worked at Bremmeyr-Bain Hardware store and J.C. Penney. She enjoyed sewing and making homemade clothing for her family. Marian was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey.

Marian is survived by her daughter, Laurie Breighner and her husband, Joseph, of Harbor Springs; grandchildren, Peter Breighner and Ellen Breighner; both of Harbor Springs and Andrew Campbell of Boyne Falls; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Campbell of Boyne Falls. Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Carlton; her son, Alex Campbell; her sister, Margaret Robarge; and her brothers, Joe and Karl Kilborn.

Private family services will take place at a later date. Arrangements were made through Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Richard Paul Seligman, 68

(NOV. 21, 1944 - MARCH 11, 2013)

Richard Paul Seligman of Charlevoix died Monday, March 11, 2013, at his home.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1944, in Detroit, to Louis and Helia (Aho) Seligman and was raised in Dearborn, graduating from Edsel Ford High School.

In 1967, Richard married his high school sweetheart, Margaret DeOrio. He graduated from University of Michigan majoring in business in 1969. He taught math for seven years, then worked at GM as a financial analyst. He retired from American Gear in 2006. Richard and Margaret retired to Charlevoix, and built their home on a golf course.

His family came first in his life. He was very involved in their activities by attending all of their sporting events and coaching soccer. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn and Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. Woodworking, golfing, reading, cooking and baking were among his favorite hobbies.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and their children, Greg (Casie), Aaron (Andrea), Suzanne (Ryan); and grandchildren Dominic, Emerysn, Kaylie and Preston; his siblings, Lois (Dave), Paul (Nancy) and George (Kathy); and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was March 15, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, with the Rev. Peggy Nattermann officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 1 Hiland Drive, Petoskey, Mich. 49770; Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, www.mayoclinic.com, or Mission Outreach at Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State St., Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Sign Richard's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

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Father of the Year will be announced at banquet

EAST JORDAN - The 93rd Annual Father & Son Banquet co-Sponsored by Glen's Market of East Jordan will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 6:00 PM in the East Jordan High School Cafeteria. The featured Entertainment will be Martina Hahn a Performance Artist & Speed Painter.

Tickets are available at the door, from any East Jordan Rotary Member and at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office. Call 231-536-7351. The cost of tickets are: Adults \$10, Students \$5, Preschool Free.

Father of the Year Nominations are now being accepted. Nominations should include:

Nominee's name, address and phone number

A brief biography of the nominee and explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year for 2013.

Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to the address below by no later than April 13, 2013

Father of the Year Nominations

P.O. Box 195
East Jordan, MI 49727

The 2013 Father of the Year will be announced at the Father/Son Banquet.

Mother of the Year will be announced at banquet

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East Jordan Lions Club
P.O. Box 845
East Jordan, MI 49727

Nominations must be received no later than April 13, 2013.

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.


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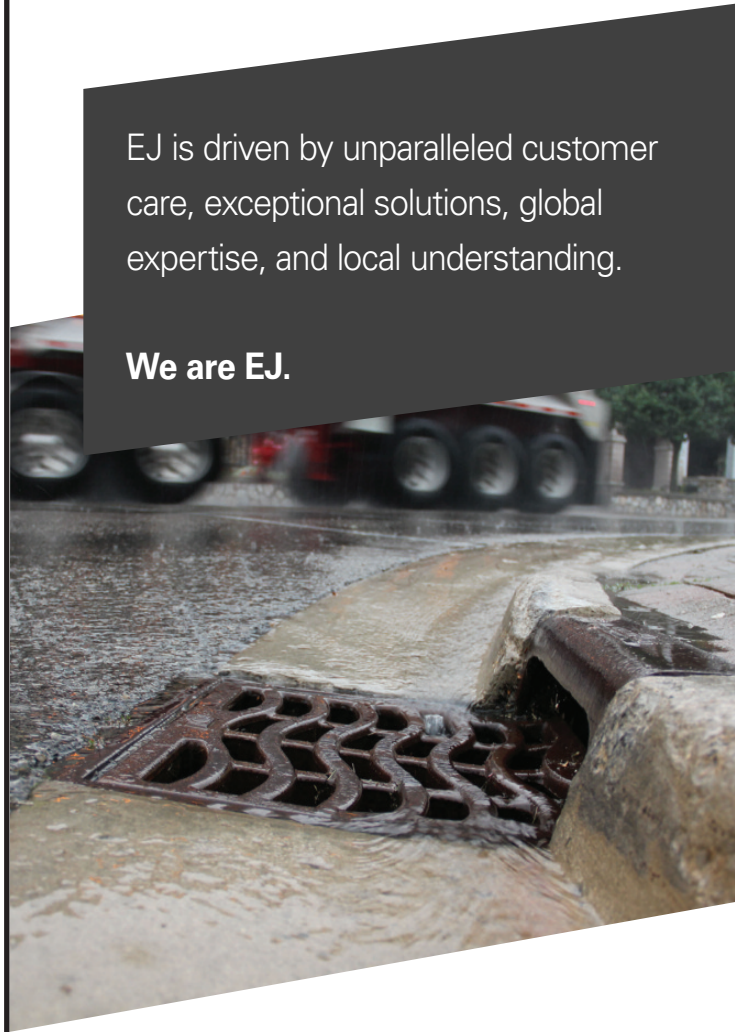


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EAST JORDAN

Little league sign-up

Divisions of Play for 2013: T-Ball - ages 5 and 6: \$25 (You must be 5 on or before April 30, 2013). Minors -7 and 8: \$35. Intermediate /Majors - 9 to 12: \$40. Juniors - ages 13 and 14: \$40. Big League 14-18: \$40. Family Rate: \$60
 Thursday, March 21, EJ High School, 6 - 8pm. You MUST bring your child's original birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency with you to sign-up. Please use your driver's license, a utility bill, voter registration or your car registration. All proofs of residency must show your street address. All proofs must be dated between 2-1-2012 and 2-1-2013. These are the easiest for you to bring and for me to go over. IMPORTANT: As you can understand, schedules can get very complicated with several teams and different towns participating. In order for us to accomplish setting our schedules and ordering uniforms in a timely manner, we would ask that

you please contact us if you are unable to make the scheduled sign-ups so we can be sure to include your child on the rosters. If you still have uniforms from the previous year please turn them in when you attend the sign-up. There are still many outstanding. For more information please contact Ruby Dipzinski, President East Jordan Little League 231-536-3012

CHARLEVOIX

An Evening Out to Benefit Whiting Park

The Leadership Charlevoix County program is promoting "An Evening Out to Benefit Whiting Park" from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Boyne River Inn in Boyne City. Fifty percent of all sales from 5 to 8 p.m. will go towards providing universal access for disabled people to use Whiting Park. The Leadership program's community service project is to provide "Mobi Mats" to make it possible for people in wheelchairs to ac-

cess the beach. Leadership Charlevoix County is a program developed by the Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne Area Chambers of Commerce, in cooperation with the Beaver Island Chamber. For more information about the Mobi Mats project, call Marcia Campbell at 231-582-8070

BOYNE CITY

Community Center fundraiser

Friday, March 22, Cafe Sante is hosting a Boyne Country Community Center Benefit from 3pm to closing time. It is also Petoskey Brewing Tap Take Over Night. The cafe will donate \$1 from every featured entree and every Petoskey Brewing beer to help fund the Community Center. A silent auction will also benefit the project; auction items may be brought to the restaurant ahead of time. Also that Friday, Chris and Memarie will be playing live music from 8:30 to 11:30. You can meet the brewer for Ciceron Beer at 5 p.m. during "Flight and A Bite," which features a Four Bite Paired Flight. For more information about this project, call Jim White at Ace Hardware, 231-582-653, or visit www.boyneccc.com.

BOYNE CITY

Pancake breakfast

Boyne City Softball Program Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 23, 8 - 11am at Boyne City High School Commons (Cafeteria). Proceeds to benefit the Boyne City Softball program

BOYNE CITY

Easter activities and egg hunts around March 23-31

THE STORY OF PETER - The Boyne Valley Catholic Community presents the Cantata Musical "Upon This Rock, The Passion, the Question, the Call" at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City. Organizers invite you to "begin your Holy Week with this wonderful experience of prayer, scripture and worship. The musical tells the story of Peter, the power of the Cross and resurrection in our own lives."

EGG HUNT AT YOUNG STATE PARK - Come to Young State Park for an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30. Leave no rock turned as you search to find eggs hidden in the park. This event is fun for all ages. For more information contact the park at (231) 582-7523.

EGG HUNT AT VETERANS PARK - First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will be hosting its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30 in Veterans Park. The event will include age-specific hunting locations filled with an abundance of treats and prizes. No reservations are required and all are welcome. For more information, call 231-582-7983. In case of bad weather, the egg hunt will be held at the church, 401 S. Park St.

CHURCH EGG HUNT - The Community of Christ will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at the church, 777 Vogel St. The church will have an Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday (March 31), followed by Easter Worship Service at 11 a.m. The church is also organizing an Easter Egg coloring party from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23. The public is welcome to attend all of these events. 231-582-5803.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN has a number of Easter Weekend events planned from March 29-31, including an Easter egg hunt, family portraits with the Easter Bunny, Easter coloring contest, Easter Brunch, juggler Tommy Tropic, horse-drawn wagon rides and zipline rides. Full schedule.

EASTER BREAKFAST - Cafe Sante will be open for Easter breakfast and brunch from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on

March 31. Some of the menu items will be mimosas and lilosas, fresh squeezed juices, Vienna pancakes, Burgundy Beef & Eggs, Spanish Tortilla, Quiche Lorraine, Primavera Omelet and Eggs Benedict. The restaurant is located at One Water Street in downtown Boyne City. www.cafe-sante-bc.com

AQUA EGG HUNT - Charlevoix Area Community Pool is hosting an Aqua Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 1 or 4 p.m. Kids can hunt for Easter eggs under water! Snacks, the Easter Bunny, and Open Swim will be featured at both the 1 and 4 p.m. hunts. Each participant will be given a collection bag to use in the water. Bring a basket to transport your prizes home. You could win a 3-month family pass. Pre-registration (231-547-0982) is highly recommended, admission is \$5/each or \$20/family. Children unable to swim the width of the pool must be accompanied by a parent.

BOYNE CITY

Cantata

Boyne Valley Catholic community presents the Cantata Musical, Upon This Rock. The Passion, the Question, the Call. The story of Peter, the power of the Cross and resurrection in our own lives at St. Matthew Church, 1 PM Sunday March 24. Begin your holy week with this wonderful experience of prayer, scripture and worship

BOYNE CITY

KorthaseFlinn employee

earns national recognition
 Operating from the Legacy of Trust and Expertise for which agents at KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services are known, Nancy Nyland, a lifelong East Jordan resident, has earned a national honor from Auto-Owners Insurance for helping clients find the life insurance that protects their families no matter what. Nyland, affectionately known as "Nan" by the KorthaseFlinn clients she has served since starting with the company in 1998, was ranked 25th nationally by Auto-Owners Insurance, earning her placement in the prestigious President's Club. Only 25 agents out of more than 20,000 across the country earn the President's Club honor. "Everyone on the team is proud of Nan's accomplishment," said Randy Flinn, President of KorthaseFlinn. Nyland is not the first KorthaseFlinn associate to earn national ranking with Auto-Owners. Nancy Weber, a registered representative and manager of the KorthaseFlinn Financial Services Team, ranked 7th nationally in 2011. "Having two agents earn the President's Club distinction is a testament to our people's commitment to protecting the assets of local families and businesses," said Flinn, who emphasized the important role insurance plays in a family's financial plan.

BOYNE CITY

New manager at 5/3

Ron Schrock has been named manager of the Boyne City office of Fifth Third Bank, replacing Bret Keefe, who has been promoted to district manager. Keefe will still be spending some time in Boyne City as part of his new duties. Schrock has been a resident of Boyne City for more than 6 years. He moved to Northern Michigan in 2004 from Northwest Indiana, just outside Chicago. He attended International Business College in Fort Wayne Indiana, and most recently was a manager for AT&T Mobility. He has more than 20 years of business management experience. Schrock has a family of four including wife Lisa, who is a member of the Boyne City School Board; Erin, a junior volleyball and soccer player; and Ryan, a freshman three-sport athlete, both at Boyne City High School. "The move to Fifth Third Bank gives me a better opportunity support the kids in their activities, have more time to enjoy the things Boyne City has to offer and to truly be a part of and support the Boyne community," Schrock said.

BOYNE CITY

Junior Achievement returns

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

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

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

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX

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BOYNE CITY

Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance

North Country Community Mental Health will host the 2nd Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance at Veterans Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Saturday April 27. T-Shirts are guaranteed to those who register by April 3. The walk will be approximately one-half mile in length. All individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, family, friends, and the community are invited to join together to walk in support of Autism awareness. The walk begins at 10 a.m. and on-site registration will be available the day of the walk beginning at 9 a.m., but t-shirts can not be guaranteed. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win gift cards and special giveaways from community donors. Registration is \$10 per person. For more information, contact Heather Smith at (989) 732-6295 Ext 3607.

CHARLEVOIX

Square Dance at Barnard Grange

Join Barnard Grange 689 for an old fashioned grange square-country dance on Saturday, April 6th from 4-8pm. The dance will be at the Grange hall on the corner of Barnard and Klooster rd. The cost is a donation of \$4 and all are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. For more information call 675-0004 or 547-9153

EAST JORDAN

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EAST JORDAN

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PETOSKEY

Instant wine cellar

The 3rd annual Instant Wine Cellar is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Entry to the event is either a bottle of wine, a six-pack of craft beer, or \$15. With the purchase of raffle tickets, guests have a chance to win an "Instant Wine Cellar" from the donated beverages as well as many other fantastic prizes. Northern Michigan's own Boyne River Remedy will perform throughout the evening. Adding to the fun, there will be a silent auction, Stafford's hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar. All proceeds from the Instant Wine Cellar event will support Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program. Volunteer Connections is a virtual volunteer center which promotes volunteerism in the community and helps people find opportunities that meet their passion and interests. For more information or to RSVP for the party, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org, visit www.charemunitedway.org, Events, or sign up on Facebook. Check our Facebook frequently for updates on sponsors, raffle and auction prizes, and other great information.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Job Fair

The Charlevoix Chamber will be hosting a spring job fair at Charlevoix High School on Tuesday, April 23. A table at the job fair is included in your Chamber Dues so there is no cost. For not yet members there is a cost of \$50. If you would like at table contact Bethany Pearson at pearson@charlevoix.org

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.

EAST JORDAN

Father-Son banquet

The 93rd Annual Father & Son Banquet co-Sponsored by Glen's Market of East Jordan will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 6:00 PM in the East Jordan High School Cafeteria. The featured Entertainment will be Martina Hahn a Performance Artist & Speed Painter. Adults \$10, Students \$5, Preschool Free. Tickets are available at the door, from any East Jordan Rotary Member and at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

Office. 231-536-7351.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Mother-daughter banquet

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

Run for Their Lives

Get ready to "Run for Their Lives" and help raise money for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. The 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place during the Morel Mushroom Festival on Saturday, May 18. Friendly dogs are welcome to walk or run along. Register before April 15 to ensure the proper sized T-shirt.

EAST JORDAN

Rotary variety show

Plan to attend the Annual

Rotary Variety Show, Friday and Saturday, June 7-8 at the East Jordan Community Auditorium. Hors d'oeuvres from the Jordan Inn of East Jordan and a cash bar will be available.

ATWOOD, ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

Breezeway Garage Sale

With the changing of seasons fast approaching many households are in the midst of or will be spring cleaning and clearing out the basement, closets, garage, etc. Great time to start preparing, organizing and planning to participate in the 4th Annual Breezeway Garage Sales on Memorial Day Weekend - Friday and Saturday, May 24-25. A committee has been formed to help enhance the weekend event which has been successful in attracting "garage sale shoppers" to the Breezeway

communities. Clubs, organizations, school classes, families this is a wonderful opportunity to fund raise. Be creative with other activities such as car washes, etc. Retail Business owners, restaurants, galleries, agricultural businesses, attractions plan on a special promotion or activity to invite our weekend visitors to your business. For more information, contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

CHARLEVOIX

Women Can/Women Do

This year's Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheon will be held on June 19, at Castle Farms. Those interested in becoming either a Table Captain or a Table Designer, or in reserving a seat for the luncheon may contact the Women's Resource Center's Administrative Office at (231) 347-0067.

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is a win-win organization

By Jim Akans

It's truly a win-win organization. The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area families in need.

"The Food Pantry serves families throughout Antrim County," states Edith Plumb, a volunteer at the establishment and Secretary of the Board. "It was founded about 10 years ago and is ran by a very dedicated group of volunteers. We serve approximately 200 families in assisting with the food needs each month, which translates into approximately 700 individuals."

Proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop greatly assist in serving those family's needs. Highlights of the donated items available include just about every type of household article; including furniture, nick knacks, dishes and tools. Shoppers will also find a wide selection of toys, yard equipment such as lawn mowers, grills and even snow shovels. These goods are donated by local individuals, businesses and those from downstate who have summer residences in the area.

The facility is a large three-story building that was once a church. Inside, customers will find two levels



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devoted to resale displays, and one floor level for the food pantry and fellowship hall.

"It is a very nice environment," relates Edith Plumb. "Our mission is getting more and more important all the time as more people are in need of assistance with the food needs. We are part of the Northwest Michigan Action Agency Food Coalition, with is a group of about 40 food pantry's in the area that cooperate with each other in staying

informed about the issues affecting us."

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona. The Resale Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am until 4 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 587-9606.

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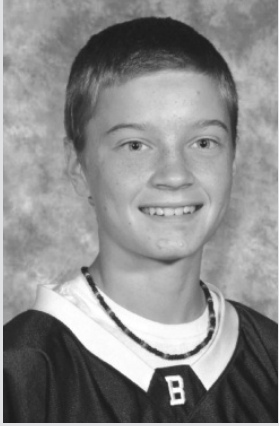
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Student of the Week

Boyne City High School

Colton Sieradski



GRADE: 9
PARENTS: Ken Sieradski and Kristine Kramer
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Baseball, Football, Study Group before exams, Weight Room
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Watching & Playing Sports, Going to School, Playing on my Xbox 360
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: College Sports, Major League Gaming, Climb a Mountain, Parachute

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

"I want my great grandchildren to know me for something great I did."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Colton Sieradski is an outstanding student who gives 100 percent in everything he does. He is a true team player and leader who makes everyone around him better. Very enjoyable to have in class."

(Mr. Klooster, Physical Education Teacher)

"Colton is a great student to have in US History! I appreciate his attention to detail and his willingness to produce quality work!" (Mrs. Deming, US History Teacher)

Seeking Savings

County board OK's new recycling contract with American Waste

CHARLEVOIX – For a majority of the members on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, their vote came down to whether they could save county taxpayers money.

Commissioners split, 4-2, in voting to approve a 10-year recycling contract with the Kalkaska-based American Waste, effectively opting out of the final two years of an existing contract with Emmet County. District No. 1 Commissioner George Lasater and District No. 6 Commissioner Larry Sullivan cast dissenting votes.

According to board documents, American Waste will provide recycling services, both hauling and processing, for costs not to exceed \$175,000 in the first year of the contract, with a 2.9-percent increase added annually over the final nine years of the deal.

County officials estimate the new deal will save Charlevoix County an estimated \$80,000 or more in the first year. In what was the third round of bids to provide recycling services, American Waste was reportedly the only bidder when bids were opened by a subcommittee a week earlier.

"We're talking about a full 28-percent savings of the tax collection (on the recycling millage)," said District No. 2 Commissioner Chris Christensen. "I'm not worried about the fund balance (for the recycling program). I'd like to give it back to the taxpayers."

Christensen, who paused before casting the final vote on the issue, said the decision to opt out of the contract with Emmet County was about the financial advantages of the bid submitted by American Waste. The company operates locally from an office in Charlevoix.

"I have a world of respect for Emmet County," Christensen said. "I'm challenging us to look at this in the best interests of our residents."

"It warrants this discussion. It warrants this investigation," he added. "I think we need to take a hard look at the numbers."

After talking with constituents about the issue, District No. 3 Commissioner Ron Reinhardt said he came to much the same conclusion that the potential savings were worth the change in providers.

"We have to look out for the taxpayers of this county," Reinhardt said.

Sullivan, however, said he questioned the amount the county could save, with that total possibly being as low as \$5,000 to \$7,000. And, Emmet County recycling director Elisa Seltzer said the county might even save money by continuing on with the existing contract, adding Charlevoix County might see savings no matter what.

"If you're seeing savings from American Waste, the savings from Emmet County would be even greater," Seltzer said.

Sullivan was also concerned about the longevity of the county's recycling efforts, when provided by a private contractor.

"They don't seem to pass the test of time," Sullivan said. "And, recycling doesn't always make for a money-making business. But, we're protecting the environment."

He added he would have preferred to stay with Emmet County, as he is



also concerned it could impact the relationship between the two counties on other issues.

"I think it will put our credibility right down the sewer," Sullivan said. Lasater said he felt much the same way as Sullivan.

"We do have a relationship with Emmet County that's gone on for years," said the former sheriff. "To maintain our credibility is important to me ... to honor this contract."

– Report by Buckland Media.

RELATED

Officials seek review of county bidding process

CHARLEVOIX – A split vote by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners in accepting a bid from American Waste for a 10-year contract to provide recycling services to Charlevoix County has various officials wanting to review the county's bidding process.

"There's just got to be a better way going forward," said Michael Cain, Boyne City manager who spoke as a citizen in support of honoring the county's existing recycling contract with Emmet County at the March 13 county board meeting.

"You folks are stressing yourselves out too much," he said. "It shouldn't take this long."

After voting in favor to accept the bid from American Waste, District No. 2 Commissioner Chris Christensen said he'd like to see the county board's Personnel Committee review the bidding process, including meeting with other local officials to discuss the issue.

According to officials, American Waste was the only bid submitted for what was the third round of bids regarding county recycling services. But, in accepting the bid, the county will be seeking to opt out of the final two years of an existing contract with Emmet County, move that drew criticism from residents and Emmet County officials in attendance.

"Let's take a step back and review this, and garner some lessons from it," Christensen said after the board's 4-2 vote.

"This recycling thing over the last week has almost given me ulcers," added District No. 3 Commissioner Ron Reinhardt, agreeing to the need for such a procedural review.

Denny Jason of Ironton, also chairman of the county's Planning Commission, said commissioners might want to look even further and consider the need for a county manager or controller.

"It just seems what we're doing isn't working," Jason said. "We need some kind of management system that does it in a professional way."

But, Reinhardt said he doesn't believe having a county manager or controller would have altered the outcome of last Wednesday's vote.

And, Joel Evans, commissioner for District No. 4 and the board's chairman, said he thinks the county is served well by its various department heads, making the creation of such an administrative post unnecessary.

"We've got great department heads," Evans said. "(And) I think we've learned some lessons. We're not going to make everyone happy with our decisions."

"We are, as commissioners, doing the best for Charlevoix County we can."

– Report by Buckland Media.

Student of the Week

Boyne Falls Public School

Sam Evans



GRADE: 8
PARENTS: Taya Scott, Bruce Evans
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Reading
FAVORITE BOOK: The Hush
FUTURE PLANS: She would like to become a Marine Biologist.

STAFF COMMENTS

"Sam has turned the corner and put forth a great effort this past month. She volunteers in the class, asks questions, and helps other students. Sam has set higher goals for this trimester and with the effort she is showing I am sure she will reach them. I am very proud of her."

(Frank Hamilla)

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Abandoned Vehicle.....	1
Abuse.....	0
Alarm.....	5
Animal Complaint.....	14
Annoyance.....	1
Assault.....	2
Assist Citizen.....	5
Assist Motorist.....	1
Assist Other Agency.....	11
Attempt to Locate.....	3
Attempted Suicide.....	0
Bank Alarm.....	0
Boating Accident.....	0
Boating Violation.....	0
Breaking & Entering.....	0
Car/Deer Accident.....	5
Citations Issued.....	8
Civil Complaint.....	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct...0	
Death.....	0
Disorderly Person.....	0
Disturbance.....	2
DNR Complaint.....	0
Domestic Dispute.....	0
Driving Complaint.....	2
Fireworks Complaint.....	0
Found Property.....	0
Fraud.....	3
Health & Safety.....	1
Hit & Run.....	2
Intoxicated Person.....	2
Juvenile.....	4
Larceny.....	4
Lockout.....	6
Lost Property.....	0
Malicious Destruction of Property.....	2
Mental Subject.....	1
Minor In Possession.....	0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....	3
Missing Person.....	1
Noise Complaint.....	0
Operating Under the Influence.....	0
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Personal Injury Accident.....	2
Personal Protection Order.....	1
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Trespassing.....	1

Unknown Accident.....	0
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Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....	0

Personal Injury Traffic Crash

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at approximately 2:30pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury accident which occurred on Peninsula Road near LaLonde Road in South Arm Township.

John Charles Kraemer, 63 year old East Jordan resident, was southbound on Peninsula Road when he crossed the center line and struck a 2004 Toyota mini van with 16 year old driver, Lydia Hinde of Charlevoix. Kraemer was driving a 2001 Ford pickup. East Jordan EMS and the East Jordan Fire Department responded to the crash. The passenger of the Toyota was Judith Ann Hinde. The driver, Lydia Hinde, was transported

to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where she was treated for her injuries.

This incident remains under investigation. Sheriff Schneider appreciates those motorists who slow down when driving near the scene of an accident, especially when emergency responders are present.

Rollover Crash

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on 03/15/13 at 16:32 hrs. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on Beaver Island was dispatched to East Side Drive/Hannigans Road in Peaine Township for a rollover accident.

The driver, Jean Kinsley, 64 of Beaver Island, was traveling Northbound on East Side Drive when she lost control of her Chevy Blazer on icy roads. Kinsley's vehicle slid sideways into a snowbank flipping the vehicle on it's top. Kinsley was transported by private vehicle to the Beaver Island Health Center with minor injuries.

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Scholarship Contest will send winning NCMC Student to Ireland

North Central Michigan College and the Robert Emmet Society seek entries for a scholarship contest that will send a North Central student to Ireland this fall for a semester of study.

This is the only scholarship awarded by the college that sends a student abroad for study.

The competition is based on an essay contest, academic achievement, student activities and an interview with college and society representatives.

Entrants must be enrolled in an academic program at North Central Michigan College for the 2012-2013 school year and must be prepared to submit an essay on the topic, "How do the political

values of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot and namesake of Emmet County, relate to our world and our lives today?"

Essays must be submitted to Samantha McLin, associate dean of liberal arts, by April 8. The winner will be announced before the end of the school year. Details are available at www.ncmich.edu/finaid/ireland.html.

The winner of this competition will receive a scholarship for Fall 2013 at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) in Galway, Ireland.

The scholarship covers round-trip air fare from Detroit or Chicago and tuition, room and books at GMIT.

National Weather Service offers free Severe Weather Spotter Training classes

By Jim Akans

Each year, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Gaylord presents Severe Weather Spotter Safety Courses across Northern Michigan. The presentations are free, open to the public and usually last about 90 minutes.

NWS Gaylord Warning Coordination Meteorologist Jim Keysor notes, "These are offered for people interested in learning more about severe weather events such as thunderstorms and tornadoes. Attendees will receive background information about what they are seeing during those events, such as the lifecycle of thunderstorms, why some are severe and some are not, how tornadoes form, and much more. Whether they want to utilize this information to actually become a weather spotter is completely optional."

The presentations, which feature weather related videos and slides that are updated regularly, include segments about;

- Thunderstorm ingredients
- Lightning, Flood and Hail Safety
- Difference between supercell storms and multi-cell storms
- How do tornadoes form
- National Weather Service warning criteria

- The What and When of spotter reporting
- Wind scales and how to make a good wind estimates
- Important cloud formations
- Online spotter networks

Keysor adds that attendees who chose to sign up to become a weather spotter will have several methods for reporting information, including Facebook, twitter, email or by telephone via a toll-free 800 number.

There is no need to pre-register for the course, and the schedule here in northern Lower Michigan will include:

April 11th, 6:00 pm, Mio, Mio Community Center, 309 9th Street

April 16th, 6:30 pm, Gaylord, University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd.

April 17th, 6:30 pm, Indian River, Tuscarora Twp Municipal Bldg, 3546 S. Straits Hwy

April 20th, 10:00 am, Petoskey, Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Bldg

May 2nd, 4:00 pm, Roscommon, Roscommon Area District Library, 241 E. Federal Hwy

For additional locations and information visit www.weather.gov/Gaylord and the web and click the "Upcoming Spotter Training in Northern Michigan" link at the top of the page.

New Health & Fitness Center Opens



The new Health and Fitness Center at the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club celebrated their grand opening and ribbon cutting last week.

Superintendent

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this new opportunity and enthusiastic to be a part of the district's future," Gaffney says. "We have so many outstanding things going on - a fantastic staff, small class sizes, excellent test scores, and an extremely supportive and team-oriented school board and financially our district is in very good shape."

The word "community" is important in the district's name.

"Ellsworth Community School says it all," the incoming superintendent says. "Ellsworth students are appreciative and respectful; hearing phrases like 'Please and Thank you' are routine each day. It's an old-fashioned courtesy that is inherent in this community and something that my wife Karrie and I believe is important. That's how we were raised - it's a throw-back to years gone by."

Academic achievement is the norm in Ellsworth, Gaffney says. "Academically, Ellsworth has some amazing things going on. For a school our size we maintain a

wide range of academic offerings. Most people don't know it, but we probably offer more direct credit college classes than districts twice our size."

"I believe we are one of the only schools in the area offering college credits for math classes such as Algebra II and Pre-Calculus," Gaffney says. "In addition, our award-winning Lancer Leap program enables us to offer a wide range of enrichment classes such as Forest Ecology, Forensic Science, and Boat Building."

Agriculture, which is an integral part of the Ellsworth community, and technology are important employment opportunities for students.

"Two of the areas we're most excited about are technology and agriculture," Gaffney says. "We are moving towards a one-to-one iPad initiative for high school students in the fall of 2013, and we already have classroom sets of iPads and netbooks available for elementary and middle school students."

"We will continue to expand our career and technical education agriculture department. A large, hoop house - which is a type of

greenhouse - will be constructed on the school grounds this spring.

Next year, students will be able to grow plants almost year-round for both scientific study and to supplement our farm-to-school cafeteria program. That program is also a model in the state."

Gaffney's rural, small-town heritage - plus his knowledge of current and emerging educational trends - makes him a perfect fit for Ellsworth Community School that embraces the best of both worlds and is equipped to educate new leaders with skills for the future.

Board president Randall emphasized that "the board is excited by this opportunity, Aaron was an obvious choice. We anticipate continuing and building upon the great educational opportunities that we provide at Ellsworth Community Schools."

For information about Ellsworth Community School, call (231) 588-2544 or visit their website at www.ellsworth.k12.mi.us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Thank you

Editor:

Since 1954 the Boyne Area Community Christmas has been providing Christmas to families in need in the Boyne City and Boyne Falls area. Our motto "That no child in the Boyne Area be without a Christmas" was a great success again this year but would not be possible without the generous donations provided by our donors.

Thank you, volunteers, donors, churches, busi-

nesses, and all persons involved. A very special thank you goes to the students of Boyne City, Boyne Falls, and staff members for donating their time and efforts which benefited many children. You again have made all the difference in the world to a child on Christmas Day.

With sincere appreciation to all of you ~ from the Boyne Area Community Christmas Committee we thank you.

Lorie Selissen, Secretary

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The program will be available every Tuesday from 9am to 1 pm, ending on April 9, 2013.

Special "long distance" arrangements are available for Beaver Island residents. Please call Ann at 231 448-2022 for further details!

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

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W-2 forms from each employer

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Medicare and the Shingles Shot

The following information is taken from a publication called Dear Marci based in the Medicare Rights Center.

Medicare Drug plans are required to cover all medically necessary commercially available vaccines on their formulary that are not already covered by Medicare Part B. This includes the shingles vaccine. The plan will pay for the vaccination itself and for a provider to give you the shot.

BEFORE getting the shingles shot, you should first check with your Medicare Drug Plan to see where you can get the shot for the lowest cost. If you receive the shot from one of the plan's in-network pharmacies, you should only need to pay the approved co-pay amount at the time you are vaccinated. If your doctor provides the shot and cannot bill your Part D plan, you may need to pay for the shot yourself, then follow your Part D plan rules for getting a refund. Keep in mind that you will only be refunded the amount that your Part D plan approves for the shot, no matter

what you paid for it, so you may be responsible for the difference between the doctor's charge and the approved amount.

If you receive "Extra Help" in paying for your medications, you will only be responsible for the Extra Help co-pay. However, depending again on where you get the shot, you may have to pay for it yourself and request reimbursement.

In order to avoid having to request reimbursement, the easiest way to have the Medicare Drug Plan pay up front is to get the shot from a provider who can directly bill your Medicare part D plan.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance program (MMAP) is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits counseling to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers.

Individuals with questions about Medicare may contact MMAP for assistance at their local Commission on Aging office or regional office at the

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Thursday, March 21 1 pm Pinochle Back Porch Music	Friday, March 22 9:30 am Craft Class 10 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy	Monday, March 25 10am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, March 26 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, March 27 1 pm Cash Bingo	Thursday, March 28 1 pm Pinochle
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 21 EASTER LUNCH! Roast Beef & Trimmings Wii Bowling	Friday, March 22 Roger Keyboard 11-12 Raffle B-Day Day	Monday, March 25 Bingo	Tuesday, March 26 Craft Class Wii Practice	Wednesday, March 27 Line Dance Br. Bag Bingo	Thursday, March 28 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 21 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY	Friday, March 22 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Bake Raffle	Monday, March 25 8-1pm: Walking M-F	Tuesday, March 26 11am Line dancing 12:30 Bingo	Wednesday, March 27 Pool Table GAME DAY	Thursday, March 28 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY
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Thursday, March 21 EASTER PARTY ROAST BEEF	Friday, March 22 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE OR FISH	Monday, March 25 SALISBURY STEAK	Tuesday, March 26 CHICKEN POT PIE	Wednesday, March 27 MEXICAN CASSEROLE	Thursday, March 28 EASTER PARTY ROAST BEEF
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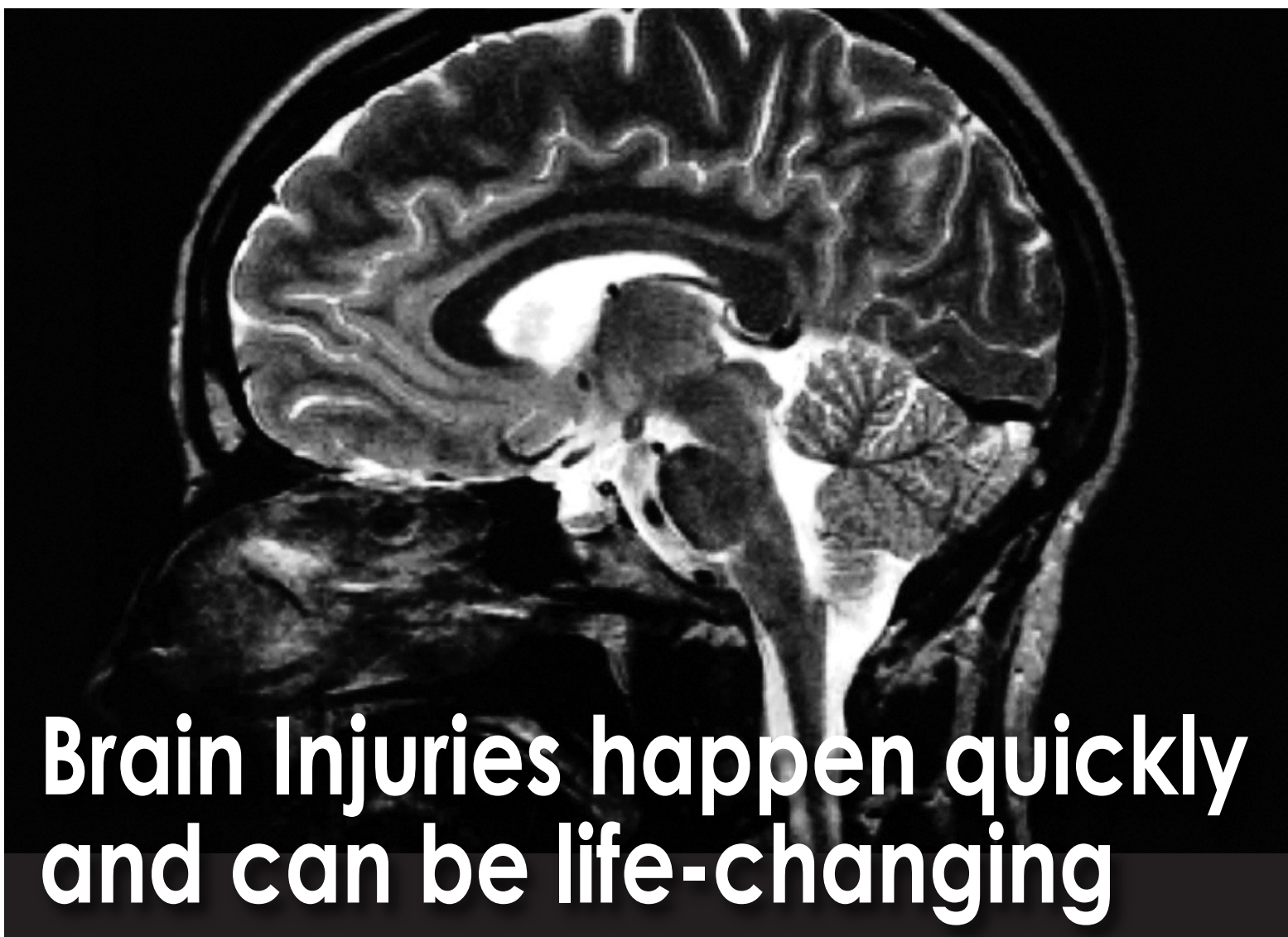
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Brain Injuries happen quickly and can be life-changing

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Life can change in an instant. This is certainly the case in brain injury. According to the Brain Injury Association of American, an estimated 1.7 million children and adults in the U.S. sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and another 795,000 individuals sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) from non-traumatic causes each year. More than 58,000 Michigan residents sustain a TBI annually, according to the Michigan Public Health Institute. More than 3.1 million children and adults live with a lifelong disability as a result of TBI and an estimated 1.1 million have a stroke-related disability.

Medical and indirect costs of TBI, such as loss of productivity, in the United States are in excess of \$76 billion annually. Children from newborns to 4 years age, adolescents aged 15 to 19 and adults aged 65 or over are most likely to sustain a TBI, according to the Center for Disease Control. Persons aged 75 and older have the highest rates of TBI-related hospitalization and death. They are 4-5 times more likely to be admitted to a long-term care facility following a TBI. Persons in this age group also recover more slowly and are more likely to die from their injuries than younger persons. In all age groups, TBI rates are higher for males than females.

The leading causes of TBI are: Falls (35.2%), motor vehicle/traffic accidents (17.3%), struck by/against events (16.5%) and assaults (10%). Falls are the leading cause of TBI among children aged 0 to 14 (50%) and accounted for 61% of TBIs among adults 65 years and older. Motor vehicle crashes and traffic related incidents result in the largest percentage of TBI related deaths (31.8%).

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force. Motor vehicle accidents and gunshot wounds are common causes. Sports injuries, assaults, or falling and striking your head can also result in TBI. TBI is common to many returning soldiers as a result of an improvised explosive device or a rocket hitting a vehicle. They may have no outward signs of injury, but the pressure of the blast itself could have rattled the brain resulting in a TBI. About 75% of TBIs are considered Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI). Acquired

brain injury (ABI) includes all types of traumatic brain injuries and also brain injuries caused after birth by cerebral vascular accidents (commonly known as stroke), and loss of oxygen to the brain (hypoxic brain injury).

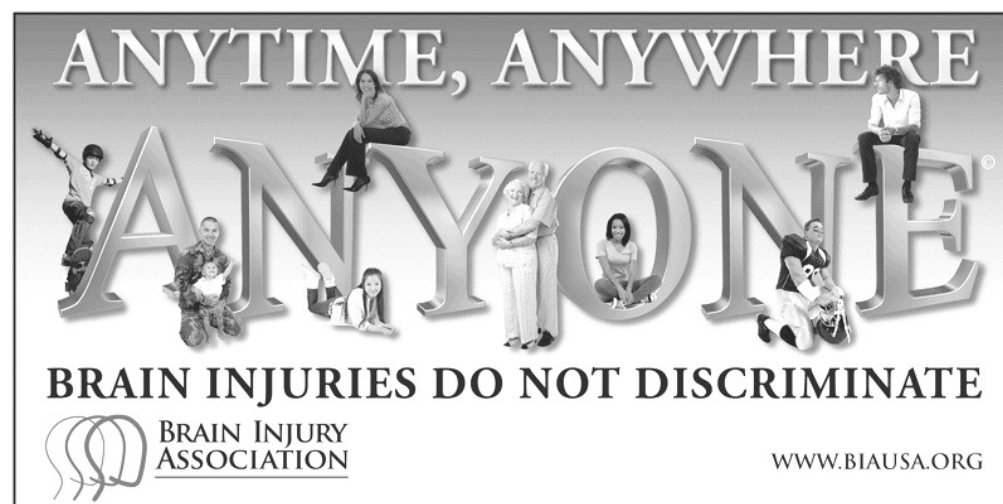
Mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBI) account for a majority of brain injuries reported annually. MTBI occurs when a sudden impact or forceful movement of the head results in an altered mental state, such as confusion or disorientation, loss of memory for brief periods immediately prior to or after the event, or brief loss of consciousness. More severe TBI result in a loss of consciousness of more than 30 minutes and/or longer periods of memory loss, more than 24 hours. Many MTBIs are not reported. The actual incidence of MTBI is considerably higher than 1.25 million annually.

Brain injury is classified as mild, moderate or severe using the Glasgow Coma Scale, a measure of coma and impaired consciousness. The term Mild Traumatic Brain Injury does not describe the severity of the outcomes of MTBI. A brief period loss of consciousness or memory loss as the result of a blow to the head can affect the ability to complete routine, daily activities and the ability to return to work. Following an MTBI, individuals can experience: Problems with memory, concentration, and emotional control, headaches, fatigue, irritability, blurred vision or seizures. Researchers report unem-

ployment rates three months following injury among previously employed MTBI victims as 34 percent.

Sports-related injuries account for approximately 20% of TBIs reported in the United States. Injuries can be prevented or reduced in severity through wearing helmets, but repeated impacts to the brain can lead to serious negative consequences. A number of lawsuits have been filed against the NFL by former players and their family members. In January, the family of Junior Seau, filed a wrongful death suit against the NFL for failing to protect Seau from the dangers of brain injuries. Seau, was an NFL player for 20 years, committed suicide last May by shooting himself in the chest. He was 43 years old. Examination of Seau's brain indicated that he had CTE, a brain disease related to blows to the head, which can result in depression and dementia.

In 2012, the NFL introduced stricter guidelines regarding when players could return to work after suffering a concussion. Last week, the NFL and General Electric announced a four-year \$60 million initiative to develop imaging technology and other approaches to aid in the prevention, detection, and management of TBI. The frequency of TBI can be reduced through prevention. Knowing the symptoms of TBI and getting immediate treatment can reduce the severity of and assist individuals in coping with the long-term consequences of TBI.



March is Brain Injury Awareness Month. The Brain Injury Association of Michigan reminds us that brain injury can happen to anyone at any time. Image courtesy of the Brain Injury Association

FOOD SAFETY

Without proper license, Northern Michigan caterers may be violating food laws

As wedding and graduation season approaches, officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are advising caterers and catering businesses that they must obtain their own food license, rather than simply operating in a food preparation kitchen that is licensed by another entity. Because food licenses are location-specific, some catering operations may be in violation of the law by preparing food at a remote location without the proper license. The public is also being warned about food that is prepared under these illegal circumstances, and catering customers are advised to verify caterers' licensing status.

"Proper inspection and licensing are necessary to protect public health," said Mike Jones, Environmental Health District Supervisor for the Health Department. "Caterers committed to providing safe food simply take the necessary precautions and get licensed." Jones added that caterers must obtain a separate license to operate a special transitory food unit or mobile food unit if they need to prepare food away from their main facility. Otherwise, all food must be prepared at the licensed kitchen and taken to the serving location in "ready-to-serve" form.

Michigan Food Law requires that each separately-managed business must have its own food license. This may mean that more than one licensed food or catering business operates from a shared kitchen. Further, the law says food preparation – cutting, slicing, mixing, washing, peeling, chopping, cooking, heating, re-heating, thawing, assembly or portioning of food items – is not allowed anywhere other than the licensed location.

In addition to keeping foods safe for the public, Jones said these laws protect individuals and facilities from being liable if something does go wrong. "If a licensed kitchen facility lets an unlicensed caterer prepare food there, then that facility is incurring substantial risk," he cautioned.

Catering businesses in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties should contact the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 to obtain the correct license applications, and submit them no later than May 31. After that date, any catering business found to be operating without the proper license(s) will be subject to legal action, including orders to cease operations and removal of illegally-prepared foods.

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.



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Is it Spring Yet?

By Jim Akans

While it may not look like it, spring has officially arrived. The vernal equinox (Latin for "spring" and "equal night") took place at 7:02 in the morning on Wednesday, March 20th, once again marking the onset of the spring season here in the Northern Hemisphere. That's because at the time of the vernal equinox the sun is directly over the equator - making the length of daylight and darkness pretty much equal. As the calendar days move forward, the amount of daylight here in the north will be increasing (until the summer solstice in June), bringing much welcome

warmth, melting snows and budding trees and flowers in its wake.

"We are fast approaching a time period when average temperatures will increase about one degree every third day," states National Weather Service in Gaylord Meteorologist Jim Keysor. "And while last March brought extreme weather change, with two feet of snow at the beginning of the month and 80-degree temperatures by mid-month, we don't expect to see those extremes coming this year. It looks to be a slower start to spring this year, with snow systems moving through over the next few weeks before warmer temperatures arrive in mid-

April."

Yep. That sounds typical for northern Lower Michigan. However, Keysor has some potential good news lurking inside that weather forecast crystal ball.

"Indications are that the second half of spring, in April and May, we could experience above normal temperatures. Typical temperatures run in the 50-degree range in April and 60's in May. We may be a bit warmer than that, and at this time it also looks like this may be a warmer than normal summer."

I certainly hope those indications are on target. Like many fellow northerners, I have a lot of outdoor fun planned for that brief stretch of the year between



Another icicle slowly turns to water and drips away. The vernal equinox has arrived. Springtime can't be far behind. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

snow seasons.

Of course, spring and summer also bring the potential for severe weather events. For those interested in learning about the science behind that weather phenomena, and perhaps evening becoming a volunteer weather spotter for the National Weather Service, check out the relate article about the free upcoming SKY-WARN Spotter Training sessions

that will be held at various locations across northern Lower Michigan.

For now, take homage in that each drop of water falling from the eaves is the result of nature's increasing warmth. The vernal equinox has arrived. Springtime can't be far behind.

WinterFolk Concert Series

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the WinterFolk Concert Series will be featuring Boyne City's own Gaeyle Gerrie, 6:30 p.m. on March 25. The WinterFolk Concerts celebrate local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the evening with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share tal-

ents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to 5 performers.

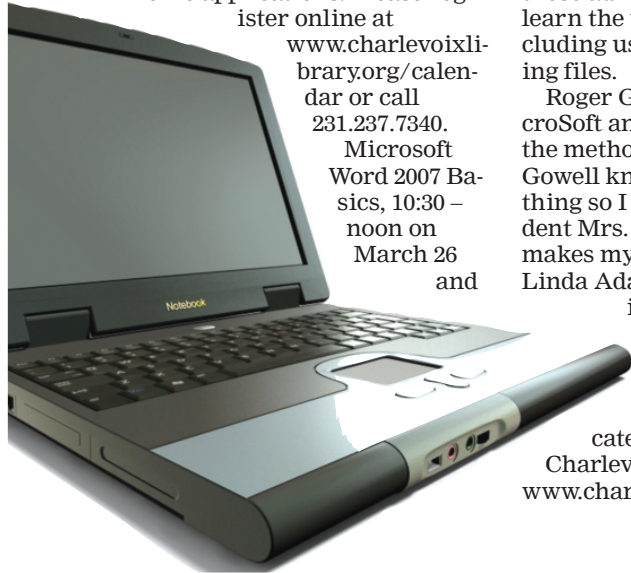
Gaeyle, founding hostess of the Boyne Celtic Session, and her Trio "Simple Gifts" deliver a lively and intriguing array of Irish songs and folk music with a view from both sides of the pond. They play a variety of instruments: flute, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, Irish whistle. Along

with original work, they will share some traditional favorites as well as modern day treasures that are becoming the new classics in Celtic music.

The WinterFolk concert series will wrap up the season with Rustic Heart on April 29. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

Technology at the Library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce its spring computer training classes. All library computer training takes place in the Coeling Computer Lab at the Charlevoix Public Library. The first three classes are designed for those who have basic computer skills (use a mouse and search the internet) and are ready to learn a little more about specific applications. Please register online at



www.charlevoixlibrary.org/calendar or call 231.237.7340.

Microsoft Word 2007 Basics, 10:30 - noon on March 26 and

28 will focus on basic word processing skills such as formatting. Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., April 16 and 18, will focus on basic spreadsheet operation and basic formulas. Using your eReader, 10:30 - noon, April 19 will focus on how to check out books from the library's eBook collection. Computer Basics, 10:30-Noon, May 13 and 15, is for those adventurous people wanting to learn the very basics of computers, including using a mouse, creating and saving files.

Roger Gowell, the instructor for the Microsoft and eReader classes, has mastered the method of teaching core skills. "Mr. Gowell knows exactly how to word something so I can understand it," states student Mrs. Moleskin, and "he always makes my questions sound important." Linda Adams, Librarian, will be instructing the Basics class. The instructors ask that all students register for computer classes by calling: 231-237-7340. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W Clinton in downtown Charlevoix and can be visited at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Cheboygan Area Arts Council announces \$11,749 in Mini-grants

CHEBOYGAN - Through the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Mini-grant Program the Arts Council gave \$11,749 to five local arts and cultural organizations.

The Arts Council serves as one of nineteen regional regrating agencies for the MCACA. The region covered includes the following counties: Cheboygan, Emmet, Otsego, Presque Isle, Alpena, Charlevoix and Montmorency.

The Arts Council re-

ceived eight grant applications, with a total of \$17,000 in requests. After much deliberation, the Mini-grant Panel came to a consensus on how to distribute the \$11,749. The following organizations received awards:

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library, Alpena, \$3,200
Beaver Island Cultural Arts Society, Charlevoix, \$2,000
Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix, \$3,200
Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Emmet, \$2,250

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Wildlife photographers Michael and Teresa McGill will present "Amazing Michigan Wildlife: A Photographic Journey" at Boyne District Library on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the community room. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL AND TERESA MCGILL

Wildlife photography featured at Boyne District Library on March 27th

Wildlife photographers Michael and Teresa McGill will present "Amazing Michigan Wildlife: A Photographic Journey" at Boyne District Library on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the community room. The McGills have been enjoying wildlife photography for more than 12 years. They are residents of Central Lake, and

Teresa works at Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City. They spend time in the Boyne City area photographing and filming bald eagles in the winter months, and in the Upper Peninsula photographing and filming black bears, sandhill cranes, loons, and other wildlife. The McGills will show slides of their photographs, and will share their journey from taking snap-

shots to serious photography and videography, including their work with wildlife research teams. What started as recreation for the McGills has transformed into a passion and a business, McGill's Nature in Motion. Michael and Teresa spend hours in blinds or crouched in the brush waiting to photograph or

film various wildlife. "We like to think we are just ordinary people discovering extraordinary things in this wonderful state of Michigan we call home," said Teresa. "We hope to spread the word about what this Great Lakes state has to offer, from the Pictured Rocks to your backyard." McGill's Nature in Motion of-

fers photographs, DVDs, calendars, books, and even guided tours. Their website at www.mcgillsinmotion.com also features journal entries from their forays into the wild. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 231-582-7861 or www.boynelibrary.org.

History speaker series in Horton Bay

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society is presenting their first History Speaker Series Event of 2013; "The Bay Township Hall - Ready for another 125 Years" at the newly restored Bay Township Hall on Monday, March 25th, starting at 7 PM. The program is free and open to the public. Guest Speakers Annie Burnett & Georganna Monk will talk about Bay Township Hall's history and the major preservation project of this historic building, which was completed in time for the celebration of Bay Township's 125th Birthday on July 4, 2012. Attendees will be invited to take a tour of the two-story building including the Archives Room and Record Retention Room, and view the artifacts recovered during the renovation. Bay Township Hall located at 5045 Boyne City Road, in the heart of Horton Bay. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 231-582-5326.



The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society is presenting their first History Speaker Series Event of 2013; "The Bay Township Hall - Ready for another 125 Years" at the newly restored Bay Township Hall on Monday, March 25th, starting at 7 PM. The program is free and open to the public. COURTESY PHOTO

Call for Young Writers 11th Annual Young Writers Exposition

Crooked Tree Arts Center, in conjunction with the Petoskey News-Review, is hosting the 11th Annual Young Writers Juried Exposition. Elementary, middle and high school writers in the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD (including home school students in Charlevoix or Emmet Counties are invited to submit one work of poetry, prose, or one of both. Winning poetry and prose pieces for each level - elementary, middle and high school - will be published in the Petoskey News-Review on Friday, May 3, 2012. On Saturday, May 4, the Young Writers Expo awards will be presented at Crooked Tree Arts Center from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. High School winners receive monetary prizes: 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25, and all winners receive a journal. A panel of local community members serves as jurors for each category. All winning young authors will have an opportunity to read their work publicly.

As an added treat, guests can enjoy the Youth Arts Festival's Culinary Arts Showcase from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, also on Saturday, May 4 where students from the Petoskey and Boyne City Culinary Arts programs will create and serve refreshments. The award ceremony and Culinary Arts Showcase are free and open to the public. "One of the best ways to develop literary skills is for a young author to share his or her work publicly. From putting their ideas on paper to seeing their work published in the Petoskey News-Review, the Young Writers Expo gives children and teenagers in the community an opportunity to experi-



2012 Young Writers Expo 1st Place Prose Winner, Sadie Cwikel of Harbor Springs

ence the writing process from beginning to end," states Megan DeWindt, Crooked Tree's coordinator for the program. An invitation has been sent to all area teachers encouraging them to involve their students in the program. All work must be submitted by a parent or teacher on-line through Crooked Tree's website, www.crookedtree.org, beginning at 9:00

AM on Monday, April 8 through 5:00 PM on Friday, April 19. For writing requirements and more details about the Young Writers Juried Exposition, please visit www.crookedtree.org or contact Megan DeWindt at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231 347-4337 or email megan@crookedtree.org.

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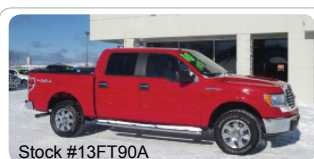
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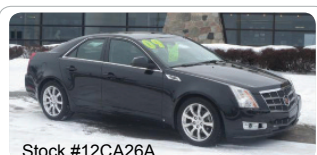
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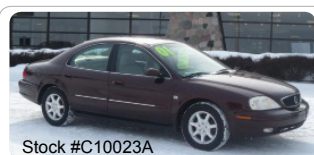
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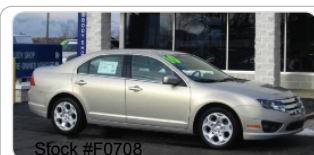
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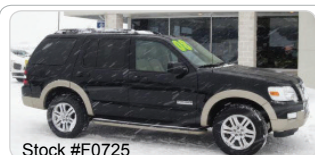
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