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2013 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS' ALL-AREA Girls Basketball Player of the year Emily Matelski of Boyne City. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



2013 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS' ALL-AREA Girls Basketball Coach of the year Lyndel Sage of Boyne Falls. (FILE PHOTO)

Charlevoix School to Close

Declining enrollment and cuts in funding lead to decision by school board to eliminate one school.

By Dave Baragrey

CHARLEVOIX - With more than 100 people in attendance, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education made the tough decision. The board decided to close one of its school buildings beginning school year 2013-2014.

Currently, the district operates an elementary school, a middle school and a high school. The district will end the year with just \$40,000 in savings after declining enrollment and cuts in state aid decimated its fund balance.

The plan would shut down one of those buildings and save the district an estimated \$200,000. The plan would put grades K-6 in one building and 7-12 in another building.

The board heard from the administration team that had studied the budget cut proposals. The administration team is made up of school principals, Suzanne



7th & 8th grade students will begin the 2013 - 2014 school year at the high school while 6th grade students will attend the elementary school.



The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education decided Monday night to close one of the schools in Charlevoix beginning with the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Klinger, Travis Garrett and Doug Drenth. Suzanne Klinger, Charlevoix High School Principal, told the board that the administration team felt that the best solution was to make the move now and close one of the buildings. The two building model will maximize resources, teacher schedules, support staff and school services. "We want you to know that whatever the board de-

cidies, we will make sure that it works well for all the students," Klinger said. "The second floor of the high school could be cordoned off for the seventh- and eighth-grade classes, and the students would have to travel downstairs only for life science classes and lunch. Lunch would also be separate, with the possibility of combining with the ninth-graders." Between teacher lay-

offs, cuts to athletic budgets, and administration, the district would save a little more than \$1 million. School board president, John McLean, Jr. said, "No one wants to see this happen, but it is reassuring that we are making the best decision after hearing the recommendations from the administration team."

First, the board voted

See School Closing-2A

April 1st to become annual Capitol Hill celebration date?

By John NoDoe

In a virtually unheard of move, legislators on Capitol Hill unanimously voted to consider a bill proclaiming April 1st as an annual date to recognize the many accomplishments achieved in the House and Senate in moving our country forward. Discussions on the floor received bi-partisan support for this measure.

One legislator questioned what name could be given to this honorary date, which would occur each April 1st. A citizen observing the proceedings from the gallery immediately shouted, "Don't worry, we already have that covered for you...April Fool's Day!"

Approval for proclaiming April 1st as an honorary Capitol Hill recognition date must pass through several committee reviews in both the House and Senate before moving forward, and that process is expected to take several months, years, or even decades.

Write-in candidates for Charlevoix City Council recall election must file by April 26th

While the official deadline for filing nominating petitions for names to appear on the ballot for the upcoming May 7th Charlevoix City Council recall election was March 14th, those wishing to qualify as write-in candidates have until April 26th to file paperwork with the Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs.

The recall election has its roots in controversy resulting from a proposed community fireplace project in East Park. At this time, names to appear on the May 7th ballot will be:

- 1st Ward
- Dennis Kusina (incumbent)
- Jeff Porter
- 2nd Ward
- Bryan Vollmer (incumbent)
- Gabe Campbell
- 3rd Ward
- Jill Picha (incumbent)
- Shirley Gibson
- Dennis Halverson

Successful candidates in the recall election will serve on the council through November 18th. The deadline for filing petitions to appear on the November general election ballot will be May 14th. The Charlevoix City Clerk's office is located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix, and can be contacted at (231) 547-3250.

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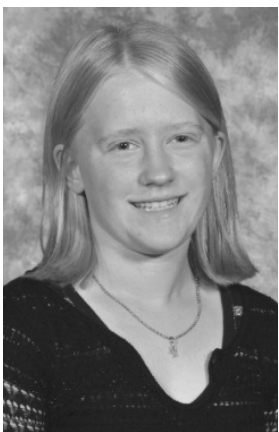
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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Samantha Orban



GRADE: 9
PARENTS:
Jason and Barb Orban

STAFF COMMENTS

"Samantha Orban is a very hard worker, helpful, and works well with her classmates."
(Mrs. Hertel, Spanish Teacher)

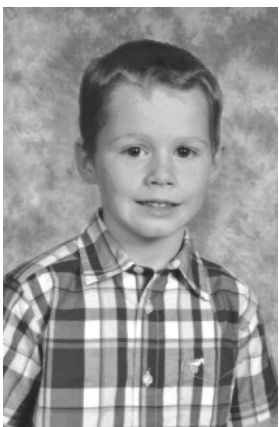
"I have had Sam in class for the past two terms and have found her to be a fabulous student! Fantastic work ethic, excellent participation and a genuine interest in the subject of American History. Keep up the great work!" (Mr. Ames, History Teacher)

"Samantha is a dedicated and successful student with a wonderful attitude." (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

"While only a freshman, Samantha has quickly become an outstanding member of the band program. She is a very kind-hearted person and is always willing to help out the team." (Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

Boyne Falls Elementary School

Skylar Giem



GRADE: Kindergarten
PARENTS:
Scott and Alaina Giem,
Amanda Lester

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

I enjoy baseball, kickball, and riding my bike.

FAVORITE BOOK: Chester the Raccoon

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

I like rocket math, math, and writing.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

I would like to be a firefighter and put fires out.

STAFF COMMENTS

"Skylar is a wonderful friend to everyone in class. He is always the first one to volunteer to help someone. He is an excellent student and enjoys learning. We are proud to have Skylar as a part of our Boyne Falls family!"

(Beth Meier (Kindergarten Teacher))

School Closing

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on a plan to keep three buildings open through school year 2013-2014 and then move to a two building plan beginning with school year 2014-2015. That motion failed. Next a motion to move the district to a two building plan beginning with school year 2013-2014 was passed. Dick Joseph, Valerie Snyder, John McLean and Nancy Allison voted in favor of the motion. Mike Pearsall, Glen Catt and Kevin Pearsall voted no on the proposal. The motion passed.

Currently, the administrators aren't sure whether the elementary or middle school would be closed. But the administration did present options for using the middle school building, which included moving the

central office, where some administration has offices, to the middle school and renting out the current central office. North Central Michigan College and Baker College have both expressed interest in renting classrooms, said Gendron. The building could also operate as an early childhood education center or house an alternative education program.

School board member, Glen Catt said, "This could be a very positive move for the school district. It is important to bring students, staff, administration, board members and the community together."

The school board heard from parents and staff in the audience that they are concerned about class size. The board agreed. They will be focused on making Charlevoix Public Schools a great place to learn.

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM



(Left to Right) 1st row: Shelby Webster, Danielle Matthew, Tara Hufford, Mary Myers, Margaret Durbin, Sydney Bennett. 2nd row: Eric Patrick, Jacob Knitter, Steven Halstead, David Rushlow, Garrick Struble, Ashley LaVictor

Boyne City High School is proud to recognize the twelve senior scholars earning the title of the 2013 Lake Michigan All-Conference Academic Team. The All-Conference Academic Team is selected by a formula using

a student's cumulative grade point average and ACT composite score. The students were recognized formally at an Awards Program on March 18, 2013 at the Boyne City High School by the eight principals

of the Lake Michigan Conference Schools (Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Harbor Springs, Kalkaska, and TC St. Francis) with a certificate and All-Conference medallion

Students of the Month

East Jordan Public Schools

Bronte Munson

It is my pleasure to present the high school March Student of the month award to Bronte Munson. Bronte is a phenomenal student who has a great desire to learn. She is great about asking "why" which shows she truly wants to understand. Not only is Bronte an excellent student, but she exhibits great maturity for only being a 10th grader. Bronte's peers look to her for guidance and leadership. She is always looking out for the best interest of everyone. I feel honored that Bronte chose me to present this award to her. EJHS is a better place because of her. Congratulations Bronte.

(Janae Russell, HS Math Teacher)



Grace Nemecek

Grace is an eager student who enjoys writing about her family experiences and brings numerous prior experiences to school. She is an active reader and enjoys making connections to things she reads. She is a good friend to others and enjoys time spent with her friends. She is also an amazing artist and puts many details in her illustrations. Great job Grace to be chosen for Student of the Month for the Elementary School!

(JBarb Sheets, 1st grade teacher)

Jasmine Steinhoff

Jasmine is currently enrolled in both my Leadership Class and my Honor's Physics Class. There are many reasons why Jasmine deserves this honor, too many to list them all, but here are a few.... She is highly self-motivated and full of effort - she loves learning. She perseveres when things get tough. She is passionate for our school and town. She loves EJ. She is willing to take risks, learn from mistakes, and try again. She understands that school is about more than just a GPA. She goes above and beyond requirements and strives to do her best possible work. She participates in so many different activities for our school. And Best of all...She always thinks of others. Story: Quiz bowl just won states. I was on my way to meeting in TC after school. Jasmine was the first person I saw when I walked out of my room. I asked her to make a sign for the team...and she did it. She stepped up to honor her fellow classmates. I have known Jasmine since she was in 6th grade...She is an awesome person.

(Paul Nachazel)

Justin Barnett

Justin is a hardworking and positive student. He makes the job of teaching easy. Justin is dedicated to his class work and turns in quality work on every assignment. He is well liked by his peers and is willing to help others. In the hallways and during lunch he is helpful and encouraging to others. Students look to Justin for leadership and admire him for his academic and athletic abilities. I really enjoy Justin's intellect and sense of humor during class discussions and will miss having him as a student next year.

(Wendy Crick)

Justin is the type of student that teachers truly enjoy having in class. He is one that is always striving to give his best effort on his schoolwork, which invariably is top-notch. Justin is also the consummate gentleman as well! He is easily one of the most polite and well-mannered young men in the 6th grade. Kudos to Mom and Dad on that one! I also know that he is very well liked by his classmates by how they interact and what I overhear in the hallways. Justin is a true pleasure to have in class! (Paul Keyser)

Other than his love for the Blue and Gold, Justin is a fantastic student! He comes to class each day with a positive attitude, great work ethic, terrific sense of humor, an eagerness to learn, and is always willing to help his classmates. He is a leader and a role model for his peers. The core of what makes Justin such a great leader is that he shows a great deal of kindness and concern for the benefit and well-being of those around him. Justin understands that being a good leader comes from a humble desire to make things better for everyone, rather than a desire to be better than everyone. I am honored to be his teacher. (Matt Hamilton)

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Here Comes Peter Cottontail

Why are bunnies, baskets, bonnets and eggs part of the Easter celebration?

By Jim Akans

Easter is one of the most revered of Christian holidays. A celebration of the resurrection of Christ, it is also a day that has become steeped in traditions of colorful eggs, baskets brimming with treats, fanciful bonnets and of course, the bounding, goodies-bearing bunny that literally brings visions of sugar plums to children's imaginations each Easter morning.

How did these seemingly unrelated traditions become such an ingrained part of the Easter



celebration?

The egg has long served as a symbol of fertility and rebirth. Long before Jesus walked the earth, ancient Greeks, Chinese and Egyptians would dye eggs to symbolize the rebirth of the spring season after the starkness of winter. Early Christians adopted this practice of using dyed eggs to symbolize the resurrection of Christ, and in transforming the ancient Pagan holiday of Eastre into the observance of Easter, the decorated egg became a part of the celebration.

In Medieval Europe the consumption of eggs was strictly forbidden during Lent, so they were often boiled in order to preserve them until they could become a staple of the Easter meal. In early England and Germany, the practice of rolling these hard-boiled eggs down a hill was established as an Easter morning game for children and was said to symbolize the rolling away of the rock from Jesus tomb. The practice was brought to the United States in the early 19th century, and a short time later Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, started the tradition of holding an "egg roll" for children on the White House lawn, which continues to this day.

Also a timeless symbol of fer-

tility, the "Easter Hare" seems to have originated in Germany, where this fabled bunny would lay eggs (rabbits must have been quite different back then) on Easter morning for children to find. This tradition emigrated to America as part of the German culture, becoming a popular part of the Easter celebration shortly after the Civil War.

Placing Easter eggs into "one basket," along with many other treats, is a custom that has evolved from the early Christian practice of bringing large baskets of food to church to be blessed by priests after the Lenten fasting period. The "grass" at the bottom of those baskets heralds from a Dutch tradition where children would place eggs on Easter Sunday in "nests" of colored grass, which actually was grass in earlier times.

Since the 16th century, donning a new set of clothes has been a part of the English Easter celebration. The idea of an Easter bonnet was popularized by the legendary songsmith, Irving Berlin in his 1933 hit song, Easter Parade. Soon, "all hat's were on" during the Easter Holiday, and women and girls would put on wide brimmed, lavishly decorated bonnets to celebrate the joy of Easter season. The Easter bon-

net, however, is a tradition that is slowly fading as society becomes increasingly casual about such fanciful things.

Let's not forget the Easter lily. Said to symbolize the purity, innocence and virtue of the Virgin Mary, the lily has been called the "white-robed apostles of hope," and were reportedly found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's crucifixion. Churches have traditionally surround altars and crosses with Easter lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. This beautiful, bright, trumpet-shaped white flower is a reminder that above all, the celebration of Easter is about rebirth of life and spirit.

"Easter morn with lilies fair fills the church with perfumes rare,

as their clouds of incense rise sweetest offerings to the skies.

Stately lilies pure and white flooding darkness with their light,

bloom and sorrow drifts away on this holy hallow'd day. Easter Lilies bending low in the golden afterglow,

bear a message from the sod to the heavenly towers of God."

-Louise Lewin Matthews

Why does the date of Easter Sunday change each year?

By Jim Akans

This coming Sunday, March 31st, is Easter. In 2012, Easter Sunday fell on April 8th, on April 24th in 2011, and it will occur on April 20th in 2014. So why does Easter Sunday vary by nearly a month over the course of a few years while holidays such as Christmas, Valentine's Day and Veterans Day remain the same every year, and Thanksgiving, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day usually fall within the same week each year?

Turns out, the date of Easter Sunday is calculated to occur on the first Sunday following or on the first full moon of spring, a season ushered in by the vernal equinox. This "moveable" date of Easter was established back in the 4th Century by the First Council of Nicaea; a council of Christian bishops convened by Roman Emperor Constantine. The logic was that Jesus was crucified just before the Jewish Passover, and that holiday occurs on the 14th or 15th day of the first month of spring. Back in those days, Jewish months started when the moon was new, so being about two weeks later, Passover would coincide with the first full moon of spring. So that seemed like the proper time to set for Easter Sunday.

There it is; the date of Easter is tied to the cycle of the moon. A simple look at the calendar, however, is a much simpler way to keep track of the ever-changing date of the celebration of Easter Sunday with each new year.

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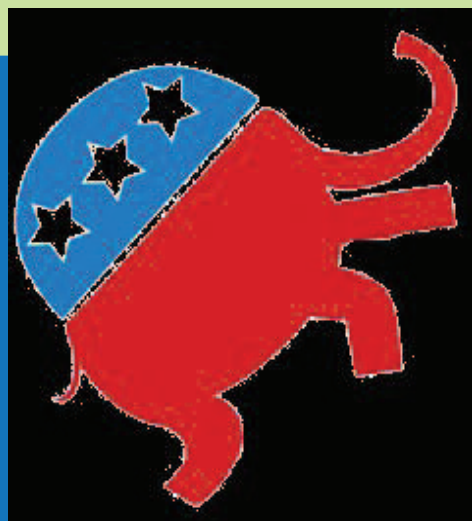
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any diagnosis. We meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses we provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Avary is the daughter of Denzil and Cheltzi Wilson of East Jordan.



Give *the* Gift of Sight

Deb Hagen-Foley

National Eye Donor Month was initially proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan for March 1983. This month represents the 30th annual National Eye Donor Awareness Month, intended to raise awareness of the need to donate eyes, to recognize donors and their families and to celebrate corneal recipients, as stated by the Eye Bank of America.

Eye donations provide corneas needed for transplant. The cornea is the clear front window of the eye that covers the iris and the pupil. Light is focused by the cornea and lens to allow us to see clearly. If the other parts of the eye are functioning correctly, sight will be limited if the cornea is scarred, cloudy or wrinkled. A cornea transplant is necessary if vision cannot be corrected with glasses or contact lenses or if swelling cannot be relieved through medication or special contact lenses.

The cornea can become damaged through scarring after infections or injury. Cornea failure can be caused by eye surgery, such as cataract surgery or

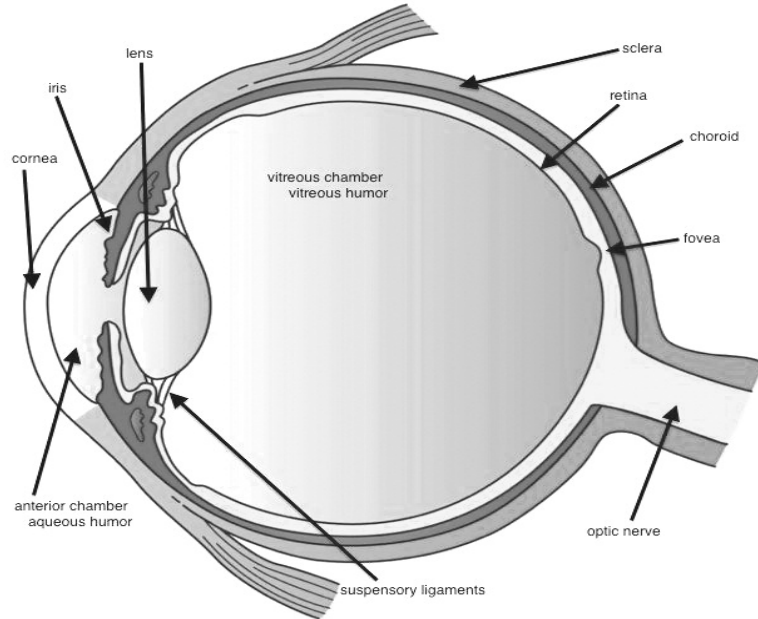


Image depicting the three main layers of the eye. COURTESY IMAGE

other eye surgery, or through a hereditary condition. A cornea transplant is also necessary to restore sight if a first cornea transplant leads to rejection. Rejection happens in approximately 20 percent of cornea transplants.

About 40,000 cornea transplants are performed annually in the United States. Corneas

used in transplants typically come from deceased donors. Unlike many organ donor procedures that require the donor and recipient have matching blood types, cornea transplants do not require matching by blood type. Also, eye donations can be stored in eye banks for up to five years. Donated eyes do not need to be transplanted within a mat-

ter of hours, as is common with most donated organs. Persons requiring cornea transplantation generally do not have a lengthy wait for a donor cornea. The first human cornea transplant was performed on in 1905. Cornea transplantation is a common outpatient procedure with extraordinary impact for the donor recipient, as Sharon Owen would agree.

I met Sharon Swoboda in 1981. We have been friends ever since. Now Sharon Owen, she celebrated 25 years of marriage in 2012. Shari has a lengthy and varied medical history, including periods of paralysis and a sinus infection lasting nearly three years. She first experienced an infection in her eyes in 1975. She was told this type of infection rarely affects both eyes and was not serious.

In 1990, she developed cataracts. Her son, Jesse was three and she was pregnant with her second child. Typically cataracts develop slowly. In Shari's case, the cataracts developed quickly, requiring surgery. The surgery was delayed, however, due to her pregnancy. Cataract surgery was performed three months after she gave birth to Andrew, allowing her to see her son for the first time.

Surgery to her right eye restored her vision. In her left eye, surgery corrected a clogged tear duct, removed a cataract and implanted a cornea. That cornea failed and she required another transplant. However, the left eye became infected when the stitches were removed. Improvements in medical technology now make it possible to use stitches that dissolve instead of being removed manually. Shari's eye was removed, the socket was cleaned and another cornea was implanted. That cornea was a poor match and a third transplant was required. Glaucoma developed next, causing intense pain. Surgery eliminated the pain, but drops failed to stop the infection. The eye was removed in December 1994, and Shari was fitted with a prosthetic.

In 2001, another infection created a corneal ulcer. It was removed, but her vision did not return. The cornea was wrin-

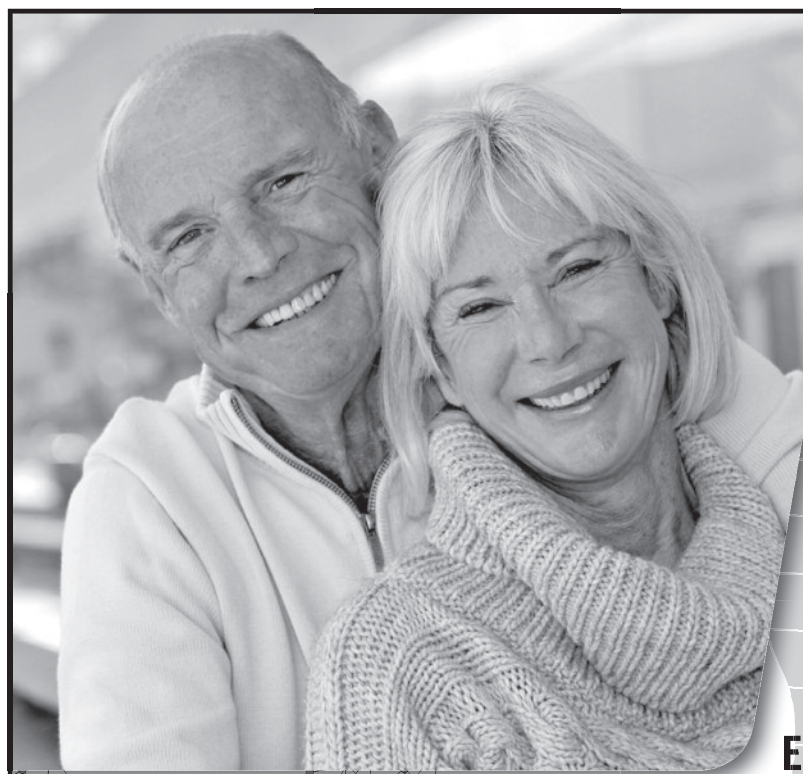


Sharon Owen has had multiple cataract transplants in attempt to maintain her eyesight. PHOTO BY SHARON OWEN

kled, but her vision was correctable with a special contact lens. Surgery in October 2003 rebuilt the eyelid (using skin from her mouth) over her prosthetic. Repeated infections further damaged the cornea and no additional treatment was possible. In 2010 she was declared legally blind.

Cornea transplants allowed Shari to participate fully in raising her children, Jesse and Andrew. Jesse is now 25 and Andy is 22. Both are college students. Jesse will marry on April 6. Shari will be there to enjoy it, with 20/200 vision. She is not able to see detail without significant magnification.

Becoming an eye donor is an easy process. Register to become a donor at the Michigan Gift of Life website: www.giftoflifemichigan.org and indicate on your driver's license that you are willing to donate your organs. Notify your family of your choices and encourage others to give the gift of sight.



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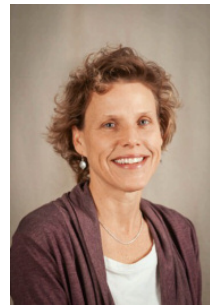
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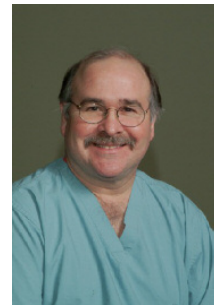
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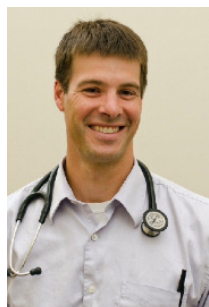
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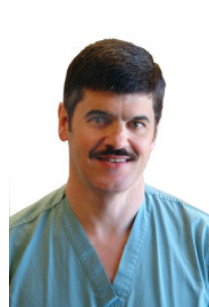
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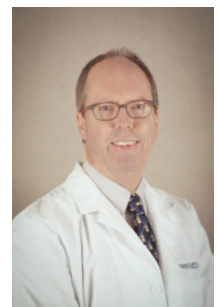
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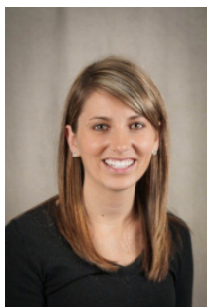
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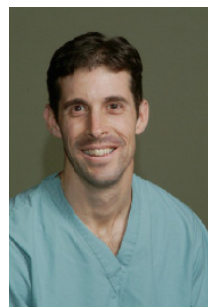
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BOYNE CITY

Easter activities and egg hunts

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 unturned 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. link

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 liliotas, 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.cafesante-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.

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

Easter games

Easter Fun & Games for the kids. Saturday, March 30th at 10AM in the East Jordan High School Gym. Games, Prizes, Candy and Fun, Fun, Fun.

CHARLEVOIX

Easter Egg Hunt

Northwestern Bank will host the Annual Easter Egg

Hunt in East Park on Saturday, March 30th at 2:00pm sharp. The hunt will be broken down into three age divisions: 2 & under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-10 years. Be sure to bring your Easter Basket!

EAST JORDAN

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, March 31 at United Methodist church.

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 agricultural 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.

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BOYNE CITY

Computer classes

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

BOYNE CITY

Junior Achievement returns

Junior Achievement is 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.

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.

CHARLEVOIX & EMMET COUNTY

Alternative Spring Breaks

Char-Em United Way is sponsoring Alternative Spring Breaks for area high school and college students April 1st through April 5th. This year's Alternative Break schedule will have a different project available each day from April 1st-April 5th. On Monday April 1st, Gold Mine North Resale Shop will need volunteers for cleaning and organizing from 1pm-4pm. Tuesday April 2nd, Little Traverse Conservancy will need volunteers for a trail clearing at the Ray Johnston Preserve in Emmet County from 9am-1pm. Wednesday April 3rd, Manna Food Project needs volunteers to help organize, clean, and go on a food truck run. Thursday April 4th, Little Traverse Conservancy will have another outdoor project, with details to be determined by the weather. Friday April 5th, the

Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will be needing volunteers to help organize and clean their resale store. Snow or shine all projects will go ahead as planned. T-shirts and water bottles will be given away at each site. There are limited spots available and pre-registration is required. Contact Matt Knopsneider at education@charemunitedway.org or call Char-Em United Way directly at 231-487-1006.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

New Wireless Broadband Provider

4G LTE Wireless Internet. A new wireless Broadband provider in Charlevoix County has arrived called MiSpot. They have been doing beta testing in the area over the past few months and are now open to the public. Right now they cover Boyne City and the City of Charlevoix. They now serve Traverse City, Lake Ann, Glen Arbor, Peninsula Township, Grawn, Frankfort, Beulah, Manistee, Arcadia, Onekama, Bear Lake, Pierport, East Lake, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Boyne City. Come see us for yourself! April 2nd - Boyne Area Senior Center, Boyne City - 2 pm to 7 pm

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

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.

EAST JORDAN

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 an explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year 2013. Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to the address below by no later than April 13. Father of the Year Nominations, P.O. Box 195, East Jordan, MI 49727

EAST JORDAN

Clean up day

Rogers Family Homestead Preserve clean up day Saturday, April 13, 9am-4pm along the Jordan River, Charlevoix County. Come out for the day or for a few hours and enjoy a lunch along the beautiful Jordan River. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Contact Mike Lynch for more information: mike@landtrust.org or 231.344.1011.

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch music

Guitar, Banjo and Cello?

Yes! All three and more coming this month to the Back Porch Coffeehouse. Jon Ponder and friends from the Ann Arbor area are our special guests on Saturday, April 13th, 7 p.m. Jon has been performing at venues and festivals throughout the state and Canada, and we are excited to have him (and his friends) come to our area to share their musical talents with us! The Back Porch Coffeehouse is a music series held on the second Saturday of each month, September through May at the Charlevoix Senior Center building. Our scheduled musical guest(s) play from 7 to 8:30 p.m., then area musicians circle-up for a jam session. Soups, desserts, coffee, tea are donated (dessert donations are always gratefully received!). Donations at the door are all for the scheduled performer(s) - suggested: \$5 - \$10 as able. Contact: 231-622-2944. This series is for all ages.

BOYNE CITY

Business classes

If you are or might be starting a business, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance will be presenting "How to Really Start Your Own Business: Practical Information From Those Who Have Done It" in partnership with the Tip of the Mitt SCORE Chapter. The next class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 18 at the Boyne District Library. It is a class designed for entrepreneurs who need a little guidance if they are interested in starting a business. The Tip of the Mitt SCORE will be able to apply some practical knowledge of starting a business, as well as provide resources. NLEA will be handling registrations at (231) 582-6482. Future classes are planned for May 4 at the Petoskey District Library (12 to 2 p.m.), May 16 at Elk Rapids High School, June 20 at Mackinaw Area Public Library, and July 18 at Charlevoix Public Library.

PETOSKEY

Instant wine cellar

The 3rd annual Instant Wine Cellar is scheduled for 7p.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.

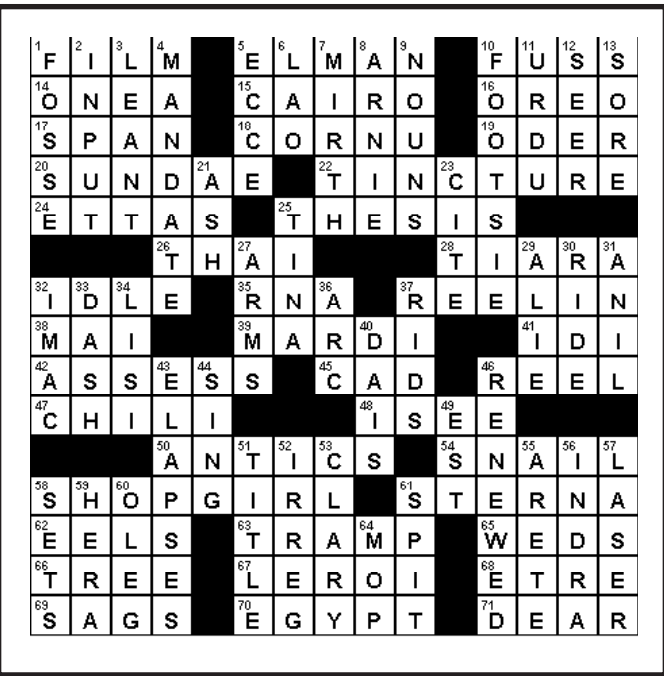
EAST JORDAN

Downtown Open House

Downtown East Jordan has excellent commercial offerings and we are promoting them - Saturday, April 20th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Open House of Commercial rental space and buildings that are presently for sale in the downtown. Building owners or realtors will be on hand to offer tours, information etc. at their properties from 1PM - 3PM. If you have ever thought of opening a business or purchasing a commercial building this is a great time to explore all of the possibilities in one day. Stop at the Chamber of Commerce Office located at 100 Main Street, Suite B and pick up your map with Open House locations. All locations are in the first two blocks of Main Street. For further information, contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

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.



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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 a table contact Bethany 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.

GAYLORD

String players needed for orchestra

Orchestra experienced are string players are invited to perform with the Gaylord Community Orchestra in an April concert. The orchestra is performing the Brahms Violin Concerto and the Tchaikovsky Fifth Symphony. The concert is April 27 at the Gornick auditorium in Gaylord High School. There are openings for violins, violas, cellos and string bass. The area strings for this concert are rehearsing on Monday evenings, 7pm - 8:30pm. Please contact Gary Waldo for details and music, 989-619-3136

BOYNE CITY

Support group

Are you struggling with issues of psychological or emotional difficulties? Recovery International has tools to help. Free. Boyne City, Monday 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1520 Boyne Ave. Sam, 231-549-2914.

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.

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.

WALLOON LAKE

Regional After Hours

The Charlevoix County Regional Business After Hours, hosted by the Boyne

City Chamber of Commerce will take place on June 13th at the Walloon Village Marina and Barrel Back Restaurant in Walloon Lake Village from 5-8pm. Admission Fees will benefit Leadership Charlevoix County.

BOYNE CITY

Hypnotist

Hypnotist, Joe Gelina performs a hilarious comedy and hypnosis show where he asks volunteers from the audience to be hypnotized. Volunteers may think they are meeting a movie star, missing their bellybuttons, and other fun and silly things. Fall off your seat with laughter while students, parents, teachers and other audience members are hypnotized. Don't miss out on this incredibly funny show, get your tickets today. Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center Saturday, April 27th, 7pm

- 8:30pm. Tickets are on sale at Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne City High School, and at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Advance ticket prices are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. Expect to pay \$2 more for tickets sold at the door. This show is approved for all ages, concessions will be available.

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.

Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment helps Mio area residents buy and sell quality goods

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately eight years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated group of thirteen volunteer from the Mio area.

"We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who receive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great resource for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. For additional information, please call (989) 826-1503.



The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. PHOTO COURTESY OF TONI MILLER



Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. PHOTO COURTESY OF TONI MILLER

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weather

THURSDAY



HIGH: Low 40's
LOW: Upper 20's

FRIDAY



HIGH: Low 430's
LOW: Upper 20's

SATURDAY



HIGH: Upper 40's
LOW: Upper 20's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 40's
LOW: Mid 30's

snowfall

2011-12	Amt	2012-13	Amt
3/26/2012	57.9	3/25/2013	52
3/26/2012	47.4	3/25/2013	90
3/26/2012	72.2	3/25/2013	122.9
3/26/2012	99.2	3/25/2013	139.8
3/26/2012	48.9	3/25/2013	47.2
3/26/2012	65.2	3/25/2013	71.6
3/26/2012	73.3	3/25/2013	129.1

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
3/28	47°F	25°F	71°F (1989)	0°F (1965)
3/29	48°F	25°F	72°F (1986)	-7°F (1970)
3/30	48°F	25°F	71°F (1986)	4°F (1964)
3/31	49°F	26°F	80°F (2010)	6°F (1965)
4/1	49°F	26°F	83°F (2010)	6°F (1964)
4/2	50°F	27°F	85°F (2010)	10°F (1965)
4/3	50°F	27°F	85°F (2010)	7°F (1965)

OBITUARIES

Randy Francis Jarema

(NOVEMBER 27, 1957 - MARCH 25, 2013)

Randy Francis Jarema, 55, of Boyne Falls, went to be with the Lord unexpectedly on Monday, March 25, 2013.

On May 18, 1984 he married Theresa Ann Stark and they made their home in Boyne Falls.

Randy enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and doing outdoor activities such as mushrooming, hunting, fishing and time on the family tractor. He was a very caring, helpful, and willing to lend a hand to anyone who was in need. He was always there for his family and friends.

He was born on Nov. 27th, 1957, in Flint, to Francis "Fritz" and Marilyn (Bears) Jarema.

Randy graduated from Boyne City High School in 1976. He was self-employed most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa (Stark) Jarema, children, Amanda (Jeremy) Loper, Erika (Josh) Blackwell and Joshua (Lindsey) Jarema, grandchildren Elleana and Braylan; mother Marilyn (Bears) Jarema; sisters and brothers, Judy (Tony) Pellerito, Sandy (Dave) Bellmer, Fr. Bill Jarema, Gerry Jarema, Frances Cribb, Lester (Collette) Stark, Clarence (Susan) Stark; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Francis Jarema, brother Lawrence Jarema, father-in-law Clarence Stark and mother-in-law Anastasia Stark

The celebration of life will be 5 P.M. Thursday, March 28, at Boyne Mountain Resort in the Vienna Room located in the Mountain Grand Lodge in Boyne Falls. Please dress casual.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family and sent in care of Joshua Jarema, 417 Elm St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Donald H. Graham, 81

(MARCH 19, 1932 - MARCH 22, 2013)

Donald H. Graham died peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2013, at his home in East Jordan.

Born March 19, 1932, in Brown City, Michigan, the son of Hugh and Gertrude (Duckworth) Graham, he graduated from

East Jordan High School in 1949 and attended Michigan State University College of Agriculture. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

On May 24, 1958 in Howard City, Michigan, he married Pauline Doxtater.

Don was a dairy farmer his whole life. He served on the Charlevoix County Road Commission Board, East Jordan Cooperative Board, South Arm Township Board of Review, as South Arm Township Supervisor and as South Arm Township Zoning Administrator.

Don was a member of the American Legion Post #227 in East Jordan where he enjoyed calling bingo. He also enjoyed bowling, softball, ice fishing and fishing trips in the spring.

Survived by wife, Pauline Graham of East Jordan; three children, Brenda (Bill) German of East Jordan, Terry (Paula A Vollbach, friend) Graham of East Jordan and Cheryl Graham of Petoskey; two grandchildren, Joseph Ryan Graham of Syracuse, New York and Courtney Leftwich of East Jordan; twin brother, Robert Graham of Lafayette, Indiana; sister, Louise "Peg" Nelson of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; twin sisters, Jane (Clayton) Meade of East Jordan and Jean (Jerry) Strecz of Cadillac; his mother-in-law, Emma Willison of Coral; sister-in-law, Dianne (Ken Bolton) Wheeler of Three Rivers; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Wilson.

A graveside service will be announced in the springtime. Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorial contributions may be given to the Graham Family or Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Richard 'Dick' Hermann, 80

Richard "Dick" Hermann of Melrose Township, died March 23, 2013, at his home. A service will take place at a later date and will be announced by the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey.

Donald Gordon Karlskin, 84

(JULY 6, 1928 - MARCH 18, 2013)

Donald Karlskin of East Jordan died Monday, March 18, 2013 at his home sur-

rounded by his family.

Donald was born on July 6, 1928 in Boyne City the son of Archie and Emma (Watson) Karlskin. Donald grew up in Boyne City and later went to work for Penn-Dixie Cement for twenty-eight years.

He is survived by his wife Delores; children Donald (Sue), James (Mary), Steven, Mary (Rick) Klekotka, Michael (Ellen) and Lynda (Bill) LaBrecque; step-children Jim, Joe and Carolyn; brothers James (Yvonne), Merle (Lucinda); sister Sandra Karlskin; grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donald is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Maxine; daughter Barbara Jean; son Timothy and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 22 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Pastor David Behling officiated. Memorial donations may be directed to a charity of choice.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Ronald Dee Grubaugh, 66

(SEPT. 19, 1946 - MARCH 20, 2013)

Ronald Dee Grubaugh of Elmira, died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Ron was born Sept. 19, 1946.

On Sept. 23, 1964, he married Nancy Jo Rogers in Davisburg and they made their home in Elmira.

Ron enjoyed watching John Wayne movies, hunting, riding his horse, driving race cars and spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; children, Patsy (Neil) Clink, Ronda (Henry) Davis, Pamela Siler, Ron (Dawn) Grubaugh II, Milton (Margaret) Grubaugh, Peggy Gregware, Joshua Grubaugh and Justin (Harley) Grubaugh; grandchildren, Jessica (Dan) Boulter, Katrena (Dale) Wangler, Erica Davis, Michael Grubaugh, Elliot Clink, Corrisca Mager, Melissa Grubaugh, Krystal Grubaugh, Jacob Gregware, Milton Grubaugh Jr. and Johanna Gregware; great-grandchildren, Ethan Patton, Beau Boulter, Justin Grubaugh Jr. and Westyn Boulter; sisters, Merilee Farrow and Pat Brunter; brothers, Ardlee Grubaugh, Milton "Sonny" Grubaugh and Jim Grubaugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Dorothy Grubaugh; siblings, Bill Grubaugh and Jerry Grubaugh; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was Saturday, March 23, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ronald are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Nancy Grubaugh, 07679 County Line Road, Elmira, Mich. 49730.

Wilma Jean Shafer, 75

(APRIL 13, 1937 - MARCH 19, 2013)

Wilma Jean Shafer of Echo Township, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born April 13, 1937, in Bay City, Mich., to William and Marie (Threehouse) Rooker.

On Feb. 7, 1964, she married Willard Shafer in East Jordan. They made their home in Echo Township.

Jean enjoyed homemaking, cooking, baking, gardening, canning, fishing, hunting, picking rocks, crocheting, knitting and being in nature.

Surviving are her husband, Bill; children, Edward Pinion of East Jordan, Catherine (Robert) Jedlicka of Kingsley, Oneda (Martin) Schuller of Charlevoix, Neila (Solon) Barnes of Charlevoix, Jacob (Teresa) Shafer of Central Lake, Coralee Shafer of East Jordan; 20 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Thelma Beadle of Hillman, Marilyn Gibson of Harrisville, Beverly (John) Hatch of South Houston, Texas; and brother, Leon (Shirley) Beal, of Pleasant Valley. She was preceded in death by infant children, Anthony Arnold Pinion and Roseann Louise Shafer; granddaughter, Shelby Barnes; siblings, Elvira Pinder, Patricia Hosler, Arnold Shalda, Juanita Shalda, Bonnie Lawrence, Tony Shalda and Earl Shalda; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Saturday, March 23, at Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Celia M. Hastings officiating. Inurnment will be in Dunsmore Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

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Air Transportation Board considers exercise friendly revisions to moving walkways in airports

By **Chubby Gatechecker**

The national Air Transportation Board (ATB) is considering modifications to moving walkways in airports that would make them more exercise friendly. On the heels of government controversy surrounding the proposed purchase of treadmill desks for federal employees, which would allow them to "walk while they work," the ATB came up with another plan to promote exercise.

"We thought we could expand the basic idea of using treadmill technology beyond the scope of just federal employees," stated ATB representative, Peter

Youout. "This simple innovation could be implemented at all airports in the country that currently have moving walkways, and that would make it available to virtually anyone who travels by air."

The idea is indeed simple. Rather than have travelers use walkways moving in the direction they are heading within the airport terminal, those travelers would be routed to moving walkways that rotate in the opposite direction they are going.

Youout notes, "The only added cost would be having airport employees stationed at the former walkway exits to channel those

travelers who do not appear to have difficulty walking onto the counter-rotating walkways."

He adds, "We would also recommend that travelers arrive at the airport three hours before their flight departs, rather than the current recommendation of two hours, as this change may increase the time it will take them to get to their gates."

Youout also stated that if the federal purchase of the approximately \$1,000 treadmill desks is approved, ATB may consider purchasing similar desks for gate waiting areas.

Mackinac Bridge "Light It Blue" campaign begins April 2

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA), in partnership with Corner Pieces, DTE Energy, Kewadin Casinos, the Autism Alliance of Michigan, and the Autistic Children's Treatment Network (ACT), will hold a ceremony at the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace on Tuesday, April 2, in honor of Global Autism Awareness Day. A record crowd is expected.

"Light It Blue Michigan" is an autism-awareness campaign launched by Corner Pieces, a non-profit organization based in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., dedicated to improving the well being of children and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Mackinac Bridge will be lit blue at sundown on April 2 for the entire month, to kick off this year's campaign. More than 5,000 individuals have autism in Michigan; approximately 16,000 are children.

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Brian Calley, whose young daughter suffers from autism, is expected to speak at the event. Other speakers include: ATB President and MBA Board Member Murray D. Wikol; Dr. Colleen Allen, president of the Autism Alliance of Michigan; Anthony Ianni, a former MSU basketball player who has been diagnosed with autism; State Representa-

tive Frank Foster; and Ben Duff, founder of Corner Pieces.

ASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects a child's ability to communicate and socialize with others. It usually appears within a child's first three years. For more information, visit www.cornerpieces.org or www.lightitbluemichigan.com.

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, March 11
 9:55am Report of 4 year old injured over the weekend in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 2:13pm Assist to ACO on Brockway St
 8:36pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
 9:05pm Noise complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St
 11:08pm OWI arrest M-75 S

Tuesday, March 12
 5:40am Assist Sheriff Department with accident on Marshall Rd
 10:54am Report of ice shanty through the ice near the river mouth
 12:55pm Report of snow obstructing stop sign and vehicles sliding through intersection at East and State Streets
 3:15pm Report of traffic light at Water and Park being obstructed by snow
 3:38pm Property damage accident on Park St near Water
 5:53pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
 7:15pm Citation issued for No proof of insurance
 10:34pm Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park

Wednesday, March 13
 6:30am Investigated road hazard at Park and Franklin Streets
 9:24am Abandoned vehicle reported in the 200 block of S Lake St
 10:40am Death reported in the 300 block of E Division St
 1:36pm Report of dog running at large on East St near Vogel
 7:42pm Report of PPO violation
 8:34pm Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Brockway and Boice

Thursday, March 14
 7:39am Emergency activation from vehicle in the 600 block of Jersey St. All OK
 2:30pm Found key reported in the 100 block of E Water St
 2:45pm Suspicious activity reported in the 500 block of N Lake St
 3:44pm Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 6:22pm Report of confused elderly male on Park St
 10:58pm Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

Friday, March 15
 1:19am Investigated suspicious subject on Morgan near Maple St
 8:00am Property damage accident on Fall Park Rd near Boyne Av
 12:32pm Report of truck blocking Brockway St near the greenhouse. Gone on arrival.
 7:51pm Car deer accident on Boyne City Rd near Court St. Deer had to be dispatched
 11:38pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St

Saturday, March 16
 12:21am Citation issued for driving without headlights in the 100 block of S Park St
 6:45am Bike found in duck pond in the 500 block of N Lake St
 8:15am Annoying phone calls complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St
 12:29pm Driving complaint received on W Michigan Av
 2:15pm Citation issued for speed at Charlevoix St and Michigan Av
 7:00pm Citation issued for speed on Michigan Av near Charlevoix St

Sunday, March 17
 1:53am Assist EMS in the 100 block of S Lake St
 1:48pm False alarm in the 300 block of E Water St
 2:20pm Assist Sheriff Department with traffic crash on Marshall Rd
 6:50pm Citation issued for disregarding stop sign at Boyne Av and Brockway
 8:17pm Assist Sheriff Department on Jaquay Rd

9:04pm Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N East St
 9:07pm Intoxicated subject in the 400 block of N Lake St
 10:42pm Intoxicated subject in the 400 block of N Lake St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

March 18-24, 2013
 911 Hang Up Call6
 Abandoned Vehicle1
 Abuse0
 Alarm3
 Animal Complaint22
 Annoyance3
 Assault1
 Assist Citizen3
 Assist Motorist3
 Assist Other Agency11
 Attempt to Locate6
 Attempted Suicide0
 Bank Alarm0
 Boating Accident0
 Boating Violation0
 Breaking & Entering1
 Car/Deer Accident9
 Citations Issued20
 Civil Complaint5
 Criminal Sexual Conduct ...0
 Death0
 Disorderly Person0
 Disturbance1
 DNR Complaint0
 Domestic Dispute0
 Driving Complaint3
 Fireworks Complaint0
 Found Property0
 Fraud1
 Health & Safety0
 Hit & Run1
 Intoxicated Person0
 Juvenile2
 Larceny2
 Lockout1
 Lost Property0
 Malicious Destruction of Property0
 Mental Subject0
 Minor In Possession0
 Miscellaneous Criminal0
 Missing Person0
 Noise Complaint0
 Operating Under the Influence0
 Paper Service4
 Parking Violation0
 Personal Injury Accident1
 Personal Protection Order ..0
 Private Property Accident ..1
 Property Check26
 Property Damage Accident ...16
 Prowler0
 Road Hazard2
 Stalking0
 Suspicious Situation1
 Threat1
 Traffic Stop45
 Trespassing1
 Unknown Accident0
 Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
 Vehicle in the Ditch11
 Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

Personal Injury Traffic Crash

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 8:08pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on U.D. 131 a half mile north of Bauman Road in Melrose Township.
 Forty-one year old Stacy Marie Roberts of Gaylord was traveling northbound on U.S. 131 just north of Bauman Road when she lost control of the 2002 Pontiac Grand Am she was driving. The vehicle slid across the snowy roadway and struck a hard snow bank and embankment.
 Roberts was not hurt in the crash. Robert's daughter, who was the front seat passenger, 14 year old Skylar Rae Kobylinski, struck her head on the passenger window. Kobylinski complained of head pain and dizziness. She was transported to McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital by the Boyne City Ambulance where she was treated and released.
 The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Ambulance and EMS.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commission moves forward with riverfront property grant application despite confusion over terms of offer

By Jim Akans

At the Tuesday, March 26th Boyne City Commission meeting, Commissioners voted to move forward with a grant application process for property located along the Boyne River, despite confusion over terms the Moody family proposed for transferring the property to the city.

After Leslie Meyers, Boyne City Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator, made an excellent PowerPoint presentation about the many attributes of the property, which is situated at the end of Spring Street and features 575 feet of frontage along the Boyne River, Mayor Ron Grunch opened the floor for a public hearing to listen to comments about moving forward with a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, which would potentially fund 75 percent of the property purchase price. About 25 people were in attendance, and all comments were in favor of the property purchase. Several letters of support were also presented, which included the Lake Charlevoix Association, Friends of Boyne and the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce.

Near the end of the public hearing segment of the meeting, Marty Moody, who owns the property with seven siblings, which was inherited from their parents, stated that it was never the family's intention to sell the property to the City, rather, he had proposed to Boyne City Manager Michael Cain back in the fall of 2010 that the family was interested in donating the vacant property to the City in honor of his parents in return for a tax abatement on the portion of the property containing

his late parents home. The Moody family's proposal was for an abatement of up to 25 years, which would terminate if he and his siblings sold the home at any time during that 25-year period.

During the Commissioner discussion that followed the public hearing, Commissioner Derek Gaylord expressed his surprise and disappointment that this was the first time he had heard of the original offer. City Manager Michael Cain said that he and the City Attorney had discussed the offer and determined that it did not appear the City could legally offer such an abatement, and that in his subsequent research had found the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, which he felt would be a possible way to purchase the property and provide the Moody family with revenue from the sale instead of a tax abatement.

In a vote to proceed with a resolution to apply for the grant, Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Gaylord dissenting. He stated that while he was in favor of the City acquiring the property, he would rather have the City Attorney and City staff look further into the possibility of legally pursuing the Moody family's offer to donate the land in return for a tax abatement.

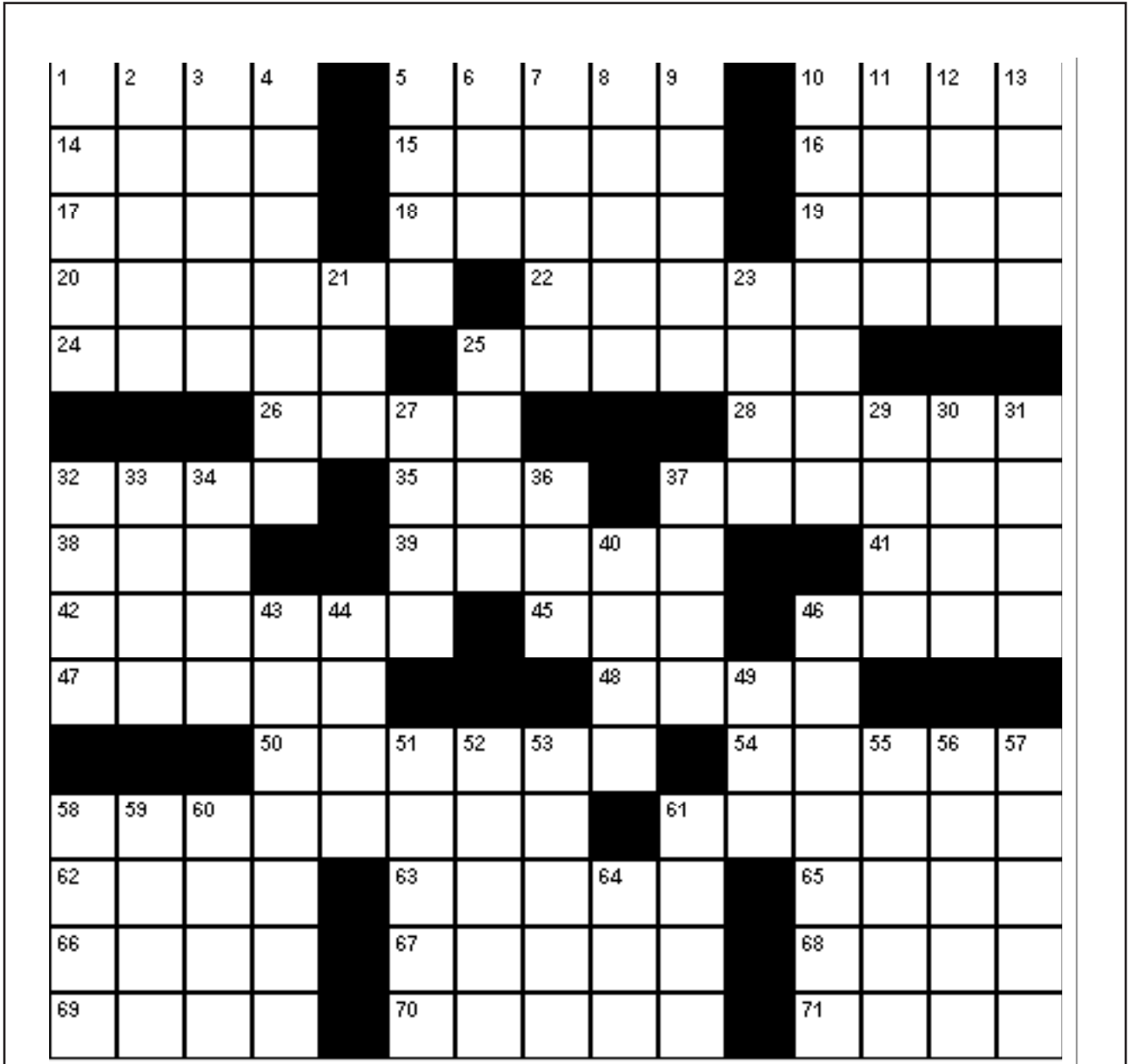
After the vote, Marty Moody stated he wanted to clarify that his family was not obligated to sell the property as his siblings had agreed to proceed with the original offer, but not the proposal of an outright sale. Michael Cain replied that the resolution was only to pursue the grant application, and if that process was successful a formal

offer would be presented to the Moody family for their consideration.

While City staff has estimated the property value at \$62,500 – an official appraisal must be made as part of the grant process. Currently, the vacant portion of the property under consideration has an annual property tax of between \$300 and \$450. If the property is transferred to the City, a portion may be utilized for the school system "Build a House" program, and the riverfront area would be utilized as a park, wildlife and wetlands preserve. During her PowerPoint presentation, Leslie Meyers noted the property contains critical forested wetlands, and even serves as a habitat for juvenile eagles.

The commission also had a second reading of a Fireworks Ordinance amendment, designed to bring the existing ordinance in accordance with Michigan Fireworks Safety Public Act 256 of 2011. The State Act allows use of consumer fireworks during three-day periods surrounding 10 designated annual holidays. While the State Act prohibits the purchase of consumer fireworks by a minor, it is unclear regarding the use of fireworks by a minor, which is a provision the Boyne City Ordinance amendment includes. A vote on the Ordinance amendment was postponed until City Staff can investigate if this provision is in conflict with the State Act.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, at 7pm.



Across

1- Thin layer; 5- Violinist Mischa; 10- Needleless bustle; 14- Draft classification; 15- City on the Nile; 16- Black-and-white cookie; 17- Bridge; 18- Horn-shaped bone; 19- Baltic feeder; 20- Ice cream topped with syrup; 22- Tinge; 24- Kett and James; 25- Essay; 26- Bangkok native; 28- Ornamental coronet; 32- Twiddling one's thumbs; 35- Genetic material; 37- Land, as a fish; 38- Avril follower; 39- ___ Gras; 41- Despot Amin; 42- Evaluate; 45- Structural engineer's software; 46- Film unit; 47- Hot stuff; 48- Got it; 50- Monkeyshines; 54- Slowpoke; 58- Salesgirl; 61- Breastbones; 62- Slippery swimmers; 63- Chaplin persona; 65- Marries; 66- Family portrait?; 67- Vive ___!; 68- French 101 verb; 69- Droops; 70- Exodus origin; 71- Costly;

Down

1- "Damn Yankees" choreographer; 2- Two cents, so to speak; 3- Inclined; 4- Authorization; 5- Behold, to Brutus; 6- Philosopher ___-tzu; 7- Hilarity; 8- Army leader?; 9- People and places, e.g.; 10- Flirting; 11- Pakistani language; 12- Visionary; 13- Open infection, painful; 21- Baseball bat wood; 23- Quote; 25- Ike's ex; 27- Upper limbs, weapons; 29- That's ___!; 30- Travel on; 31- Indigo source; 32- Apple product; 33- Morse element; 34- Actress Virna; 36- Curve; 37- Frees (of); 40- Speaker's spot; 43- Goes by; 44- Do a number; 46- Continued a subscription; 49- Superlative suffix; 51- Championship; 52- Like some vbs.; 53- Strongly fragrant sage; 55- Mountain ridge; 56- Chief of the Vedic gods; 57- Coherent light beam; 58- Tennis units; 59- Mother of Ares; 60- Designer Cassini; 61- Roasting rod; 64- Cleaning implement;



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Deer Creek Junk Repurposes with Passion in East Jordan



By Krystal Birgy

Clever creativity meets cast-away furnishings at the newly opened space of Deer Creek Junk in East Jordan. Located at 320 State Street in what was once the community's EMS building, Deer Creek Junk serves as a working studio and warehouse.

Owner Karen Brennan says customers can discover an assortment of items at her storefront, with "everything from salvage finds to finished, repurposed, one-of-a-kind items to inspire your cottage, vintage, or industrial style."

Working out of her home since 2003, Brennan takes trash and turns it into treasure. Her eco-friendly, functional art uses old doors, fences, windows, and tables and reinvents them into purposeful, shabby chic benches and more. From chandeliers made out of vintage soda bottles, to shopping carts re-envisioned as crafting supply carts, Deer Creek Junk repurposes it all.

"Even though an object may have ended up in the junk pile, it

still contains the essence that gave it character," says Brennan.

And sometimes it is the very essence behind an object that inspires a transformation.

"Everybody has a piece of cool something in their basement or garage, whether it is a piece that has memories for them or not," noted Brennan.

Repurposing such objects can bring a memorable piece from someone's past out of storage and allow it to be seen and used on a daily basis. It is this kind of custom work that Brennan hopes to do more of at her new location.

In addition to custom design and building and finishing services, Deer Creek Junk will also offer do-it-yourself workshops for individuals or small groups and monthly JUNK-A-PALOOZA events.

"I want to focus retail sales on a once a month event," said Brennan.

At these monthly JUNK-A-PALOOZA events, Brennan will open her doors for three consecutive days for a special sale. Up

for grabs will be a selection of architectural salvage pieces and raw materials, such as door-knobs, wire, crates, and bottles for the do-it-yourselfer, as well as Brennan's repurposed designs.

The first JUNK-A-PALOOZA sales event is set for May 9, 10, and 11, with hours from 4-8 on

Thursday, 10-6 on Friday, and 10-4 on Saturday.

To check out Deer Creek Junk's merchandise or to discuss a custom project, contact Karen Brennan at 231-675-2606 or by email at Karen@deer-creekjunk.com. Deer Creek Junk is open year-round, most days,

Monday through Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, by chance or appointment.

For up-to-date information and photos of sample projects, follow Deer Creek Junk on Facebook or visit www.deercreekjunk.com.



Karen Brennan opened Deer Creek Junk in East Jordan last week and celebrated with the Chamber of Commerce by hosting Business After Hours. The new resale shop is located at 320 State St. (in the former EMS Building).



Deer Creek Junk is located on the corner of State Street and M-32 in East Jordan. Offering architectural furniture, salvage art, and extraordinary finds, the established business offers a more accessible and public presence in its new location.

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Charlevoix City Council votes to move forward to finalize new community fireplace design

At the Charlevoix City Council meeting held last Monday, March 18th, the City Council voted to move forward in finalizing a new design for an outdoor community fireplace to be constructed in Plaza B in East Park. The revised design will follow the following parameters:

- Incorporate an oval shape
- Minimize the height of the fireplace to protect Round Lake views
- Develop seating around the

- fireplace
- Pursue and energy-efficient operational design
- Optimize safety through design standards
- Fireplace must be self-funded for operation and maintenance

There were two motions at Monday's meeting regarding the community fireplace. The first, which received unanimous support, was to move forward with the final design phase. The second, which was to specify the

fireplace be fueled by natural gas, was supported by all with the exception of council member Shane Cole, who abstained from voting as his wife is a DTE Energy employee.

Approximately 25 people were in the audience at last Monday's meeting, and public comments about the fireplace focused primarily on concerns over costs and possible environmental impact.

The motion to proceed with fi-

nalizing the new fireplace design is contingent upon the benefactor paying for future design costs and reimbursing the City for invoices paid for past work in the amount of \$13,494. The City Council directed staff to approve Richard Hitz and Mark Buday to revise the fireplace design.

There will be future meetings where the public can comment on the design when it is completed.

Why April Fools' Day?

By Jim Akans

Some readers may have noticed a few articles in this week's edition that don't seem "quite right." That's because April Fools' Day is this coming Monday, and we have a tradition here at the Charlevoix County News of joining in the fun by running a few articles that are far from fact based, and hope our readers will take these in the spirit in which they are intended; i.e. "foolish" entertainment.

So why do we have an April Fools' Day at all? I'm sure there are plenty of folks who wouldn't miss this annual event at all should it disappear...as well as plenty of people who refuse to partake in all this tomfoolery anyway. Where and when did it begin?

Turns out, no one has been able to uncover a definitive April Fools' origin. A 2008 National Geographic article related that when France made a calendar change in the 1500's moving their New Year celebration from early April to January, it took a while for people to catch up to the adjustment, and those who continued to celebrate New Year's in April were known as "April Fools."

That sounds warm, but other experts in the same article refute that France ever celebrated New Years in the spring, and that April Fools simply grew out of a tradition where some people just love playing pranks on each other during spring festival season. One such holiday, the Roman festival of Hilaria, which was held on March 25th, was a day on which people played pranks on each other...something that many festival-goers simply love to do.

April Fools' Day isn't just an American phenomenon. It is celebrated across the globe in such seemingly otherwise intelligent places as Italy, France, Belgium, Romania, Canada, Poland, Scotland and more.

A general consensus among the April Fools' experts is that the tradition stems from a tendency people have in the early spring to feel a bit giddy. And as every parent knows, when the kids get riled up; foolishness is never far behind.

What the heck...it's only one day a year. Have some fun this coming Monday playing a friendly trick or two on those around you, but be forewarned, the old adage; 'what goes around, comes around,' is very much alive on April 1st.

Easter Changes Everything

By Jamie Woodall

We are now in March madness, the season of the NCAA final-four basketball tournament. I love watching basketball games that go back and forth – buzzer-beaters. It's usually one key move that changes everything. Sometimes it's a pass underneath to a big guy who slam-dunks, or it's a 3-pointer that clinches the victory. Or maybe it's a steal from the point-guard for an easy lay-up in the final seconds. One critical play changes everything!



Pastor Jamie Woodall

Easter changes everything. It represents one key move that changed everything. Easter, or the Pasch, as some have called it, is linked to the Jewish Passover. In many languages, the words for "Easter" and "Passover" are etymologically related or homonymous.

The Bible teaches that at one time in Israel's history God rescued them from 400 years of Egyptian slavery. You can check out the book of Exodus and the story of Moses in the Bible. Just before they are freed by Moses leading them out-of Egypt, all the Israelite people were to sacrifice a Passover lamb, and put the blood of the lamb on each side of their door frame and above the door (Note: If you drew lines, it would form a cross) Then with their shoes on and just before leaving they would enjoy a family "pass over meal." If God's angel saw the blood on the doorframe, then it would "pass over" the home. How-

ever, if the angel didn't see the blood on the doorframe then the assumption would be made that it was an Egyptian home, and the angel would take the life of that family's firstborn son as a penalty for Pharaoh not letting God's people go.

This is unique and radical method God used to extract or "save" Israel from slavery in Egypt. He rescued them by way of the "Passover Lamb". Do you see the foreshadowing? A few thousand years later God uses a Passover lamb to extract people from slavery in the New Testament of the Bible as well. His name is Jesus. He extracts people from sin and hopelessness.

So here's the big picture of the Bible. The world was created "very good" by God. Then sin entered it and made a mess. Death, disease, divorce, fear, insecurity, hiding, depression, hurt, anger, became some daily struggles that any of us battle. But God made a rescue plan from sin, and it's black cloud consequences. Without tampering with our free will, he provided his Son Jesus Christ to come and rescue us from sin, selfishness, rebellion from him, or self-leadership.

Jesus died, and rose again on the third day in order to bring us that new life rescue! He gave us a way to be 100% forgiven of past, present, and future sin, and gain his new-found perfect leadership for our lives. Because he lives, we can live in him if we choose.

Some friends think Jesus was a good man, who did some great things by giving us an example of how to live. Some may think he really did the miracles and rose from the dead, or maybe not. However, the Bible teaches that he's much more than a good man

who may or may not have performed miracles and rose from the dead. He was God in the flesh who came to rescue anyone who would stop trusting in themselves, but believe 100% in what he did on their behalf, putting their faith and trust in his leadership for their lives.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is perfectly documented by eyewitnesses. Twelve men gave their lives based on the validity of Jesus rising from the dead. They told the world about it, and ultimately died for it. Many died in horribly gruesome ways, with lots of suffering, because of this message.

Why did they do this? Why all the sacrifice? Because they believed 100% that Jesus Christ is our winning shot to clinch the victory. His resurrection changes everything for a person. When a person puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ's death and new life on their behalf, then they can know his forgiveness (he wipes the slate clean). They can know his help and power to live a new life and become more of who they really want to be as a husband, wife, parent, son, daughter, worker, neighbor, etc. I've seen many come to Christ and put their faith in him for a brand-new life. Their desires change. Their face lights up. They begin to experience a deep peace and joy no matter what their lives were once like. They soon learn that it's not easy to follow Jesus, but there's life in following him — the best life! He forgives us, and helps us.

What was the game-winning shot? It was his resurrection of Jesus. He gives us the opportunity to rise above this world and win the game with him. He was

the Passover lamb who conquered death so that a person can begin to enjoy eternal life the moment they choose to truly pray to God and put their faith in his Son Jesus.

At one time I prayed an Easter prayer. My life was a mess. He gave me a new life. If you haven't yet, then you can pray an Easter prayer to find new life today too.

Dear God, I have been trying to lead myself. I have been selfish and rebellious. I turn from rejecting you, your ways, and your Son Jesus. I receive your Son Jesus Christ as my Forgiver and Leader. I put my full faith in him for dying on the cross on my behalf, and rising from the dead so that all my sin may be forgiven and I might have a new life in him. Thank you for your great love for me. Help me grow in my new faith in you. In Jesus name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer with sincerity then you are now able to celebrate Easter in a whole new way. You are no longer a spectator of Easter, but a participant on the team. And Jesus has already won the game for you by hitting the buzzer-beater shot by rising from the grave to new life!

I want to encourage you to go celebrate this with a church family that teaches this message clearly, and strive to connect to one Christian who can help you grow in your new faith! Have a great Easter.

Jamie Woodall is the pastor of Genesis Church in Boyne City that meets 11am Sundays at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. Genesis Petoskey meets now at Petoskey Middle School auditorium at 9:30am.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City looks to remain fiscally sound

By Dave Baragrey

EAST JORDAN – As costs increase and property tax revenue declines the East Jordan city commission is facing some difficult decisions how to balance the 2013-14 budget.

The meeting began with a commendation to Donald R. McKinnon for service to the city. He served as caretaker of Elm Pointe and the city extended thanks and appreciation to McKinnon for his service and dedication to the city.

City administrator, Chris Yonker presented the commissioners with a 22 page report on how he thinks the commission should approach the budget decisions for the coming year. The preliminary budget forecasts a decrease in property tax revenues of about 5.5% and an increase in spending of about 5.5%. The spending increase includes operational costs, capital spending to improve roads and paying down debt. The fiscal year begins July 1.

“As it stands now, we are looking at using a significant portion of the fund balance in order to balance the budget,” Yonker said. “I am not advocating that.”

Yonker proposed changes and cuts to the budget in order to reduce deficit spending to the commission. These items are for discussion only at this point. Some of those changes include postponing renovations on the city hall building, reducing city and staff memberships, allowing payment in lieu of health insurance for employees with duplicate coverage through another source and review non-mandated services such as brush and trash pick-up to be modified to save money or eliminated and eliminate non-essential boards and committees.

Yonker also suggested the board consider some items to share cost or increase revenue. Some of these items are freezing non-union wages for this year, consider a fire/rescue



Donald R. McKinnon received a commendation for service to the city. FILE PHOTO

cost recovery ordinance to establish fees for the services, having city businesses share in the cost of added services such as snowplowing of parking lots, striping, lighting and cleaning and review cost sharing of EMS services with townships that use the service.

Commissioner Tom Breakey suggested the city consider reinstating the fire equipment millage. That millage was eliminated last year after the board agreed that it had been collected incorrectly. City Attorney, Scott Beatty suggested that if the board considers this that it is proposed to override the Headlee amendment. This .5 mill would provide approximately \$38,000 that is earmarked for fire equipment.

Yonker also suggested the city replace aged street, alley, parking lot, park and marina lights with energy efficient LED lights and consider additional interior and exterior improvements to city owned facilities to reduce the energy costs.

The city’s budget problems stem from falling property values and lack of growth in new housing. Taxable value in the city of East Jordan fell 5.25% in the last year. Residential values fell 8.88%.

The city commission will meet in special session on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00pm to further consider the budget. The next regular meeting of the East Jordan city commission is scheduled for April 2, 2013 at 7pm.



Easter Egg Hunts

taking place this weekend in several area communities

By Jim Akans

While it’s certainly fun searching for Easter eggs at home, kids can also join their friends in making gathering eggs a group activity during community Easter egg hunts being held this coming weekend. Here is a listing of where and when some of those events will be taking place:

Boyerne City;

Young State Park hosts children from ages one to 10 for an egg hunt at 11 am on Saturday, March 30th, in the day use parking area. Parents and friends can enjoy a bonfire, hot cocoa and cookies while the kids hunt for eggs. This event is free, but vehicles must have a recreation passport, which can be obtained at the park for \$10. Info: 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.

Boyerne Falls

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.

Charlevoix;

The Easter bunny is coming to town on Saturday, March 30th to help celebrate the 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt in downtown Charlevoix’s East Park. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 pm and is free for children up to 10 years old. The Easter Egg Hunt divides children into four age groups including, 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt, sponsored by Northwestern Bank, will include 4000 eggs filled with Kilwin’s candy and various other prizes. So bring your Easter egg basket and be sure to arrive ready at 2:00 p.m. sharp so you don’t miss out!

You may want to energize for the Easter Egg Hunt with the Bunny Luncheon being offered from 11 am to 1:30 pm at Stafford’s Weathervane Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious meal with your family, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Picture This. Please call (231) 547-4311 for reservations.

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.

East Jordan;

The E.J. Lions Club, with assistance from the E.J. Lioness Club, will host an Easter Party at the East Jordan High School Gym starting at 10 am on Saturday, March 30th. While there won’t be an actual egg hunt at the event, there will be lots of exciting Easter games, prizes, drawings, and a whole lot of fun for the kids.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, March 31 at United Methodist church.

New Ellsworth Community Sign



Ellsworth Community School previewed its new electronic sign on Friday, March 8th. The sign, funded by a grant from The Grand Vision as well as by donations from the Ellsworth Lions Club and the Village of Ellsworth, will be used to communicate Ellsworth community events, time and temperature. The vision for the sign came out of a “Breezeway” planning session in 2010. Village of Ellsworth mayor Hugh Campbell was instrumental in raising the funds to make it a reality.

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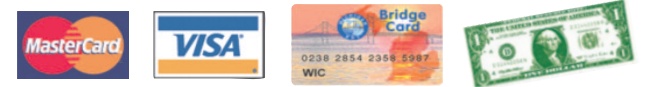
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**HOT
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Assorted
Varieties
\$2.99
14 ounce pkg

Smithfield Stack Pack
Thick Sliced Bacon



**HOT
PRICE!**

\$3.99
20 ounce pkg

Little Debbie
Snacks!

Swiss Cake Rolls,
Brownies, Nutty Bars,
Honey Buns or
Oatmeal Pies



**4 For
\$5**
Mix & Match

**HOT
PRICE!**

Aunt Millie's
Homestyle Breads

3 Varieties 24 ounce
or

Honey Buns

Hot Dog or Hamburger 8 pack



**2 For
\$3**
Mix & Match

**HOT
PRICE!**

Coca
Cola
Products

12 pack cans
Assorted Varieties



**3 For
\$11**
plus deposit

**HOT
PRICE!**

Gallon
Milk
SALE!

Homo, 2%,
1% or Skim



shockingly
**LOW
PRICE!**

\$1.99
LIMIT 2 PLEASE

Kellogg's
Pop-Tarts

Assorted
Varieties



shockingly
**LOW
PRICE!**

\$1.49
14 ounce pkg.

Prego
Italian
Sauce

Meat, Mushroom or
Traditional



shockingly
**LOW
PRICE!**

\$1.49
24 ounce jar

Blue
Bonnet
Spread



shockingly
**LOW
PRICE!**

\$2.79
45 ounce tub

APRIL SALE DATES

Sunday 31 CLOSED	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6	Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
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