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 CITY COMMISSION MEETING
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Department heads given responsibility for balancing the budget

By Dave Baragrey

As the end of the fiscal year approaches the city of East Jordan has some tough decisions to make.



City commissioner Tina Spence announced her resignation. FILE PHOTO

With revenues dropping and expenses increasing East Jordan, like many other local governments, are looking for ways to tighten the belt.

At Tuesday night's meeting, city commissioners suggested that city administrator, Chris Yonkers and the city department heads find the best solutions to balance the budget. Yonkers said, "The department heads are more familiar with their budget than any of us are. They work with it everyday. They can make the best decisions on how to balance the budget and have the least impact on city residents."

The city commissioners agreed. Commissioner Mark Penzien said, "I have faith in our department heads that they can balance the budget." Yonkers told the commission that he would have the suggestions from the department heads ready to present at the next city commission meeting.

A significant reason for the budget shortfall is the deficit at the city marina. This isn't going to get fixed

See E.J. Commission-9A

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6th Annual Chef's Challenge fundraiser is certain to be an epicurean delight!

APRIL 12TH & 13TH • BOYNE MOUNTAIN RESORT

By Jim Akans

It may very well be one of the tastiest fundraisers of the year. Next weekend, April 12th and 13th, prepare those appetites for a feast because that is the date for the 2013 Chef's Challenge event, a fundraiser for the non-profit Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. Taking place at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls, the annual Chef's Challenge event has been heralded as Michigan's premier epicurean gathering, focusing on Michigan made dishes prepared by area chefs and culinary students, plus a tantalizing assortment of local wines and beverages from micro-breweries. What a delicious way to sample some of the finest foods and drinks our wonderful state has to offer.

The 6th Annual Chefs Challenge weekend kicks off on Friday, April 12th, with the "Future Chefs" competition starting at 6 pm in the Vienna Room of the Grand Lodge. High school student teams will prepare appetizers and pastries that will be evaluated by panel of celebrity judges and a "People's Choice" award will voted on by attendees. Event attendees will also have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fantastic food, friends, and mingle with the celebrity chefs and panel of judges.

Saturday, April 13th will begin with a series of food seminars and demonstrations at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center from 9 am until noon, and this event is free for the public to attend. The "Taste of Michigan" chef competitions at the Civic Center will take place from 11 am to 4 pm, and will feature three competitive categories: College and Uni-



Next weekend, April 12th and 13th, prepare those appetites for a feast because that is the date for 2013 Chef's Challenge event, a fundraiser for the non-profit Challenge Mountain organization. PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW HALLACY & DIANNA STAMPFLER

versity; Professional Center-of-the-Plate; and Michigan Desserts. Teams will prepare a entrée paired with a Michigan wine and micro-brew. Teams will be judged by both the attendees who award the "People's Choice

Award" and a select panel of judges who determine the "Chop Challenge" competitors.

The "Chop Challenge," featuring the top four teams selected

See Chef's Challenge-7A

East Jordan Spotlight

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.

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.

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.

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Hannah Knitter



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PARENTS: Ruth and David Knitter
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 Reading
 Hanging out with friends
 Scrapbooking
 Listening to music
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
 Cross Country
 Soccer
 Drama

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Become a teacher or a counselor
 Travel to Germany

STAFF COMMENTS

"Hannah is an enthusiastic, dedicated student in English class."
 (Mrs. Heath, English Teacher)

"Hannah adds great questions, interesting comments, and lots of laughter to Biology. She's a pleasure to work with."
 (Mr. Thomason, Biology Teacher)

"Hannah is a great student! I appreciate her positive attitude, her desire to learn and her willingness to help those around her! Great job Hannah!"
 (Mrs. Deming, Government Teacher)

"Hannah is a kind and considerate student. She stays on task and produces quality assignments!"
 (Mr. Hertel, Creative Writing Teacher)

Northwest Academy Advanced Band to go to Washington D.C.



M. Chris Leese

PHOTO BY CHRIS LEESE

The Northwest Academy Advanced Band is "just too good" not to be invited to perform at the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools Conference in Washington D.C. in June.

"We are very excited to have been chosen to perform at the conference since very few schools are invited to attend this way" said Mr. Dave Pugh, Director of Music at Northwest Academy. This is a special honor for the Northwest Academy Advanced Band because bands local to the conference are typically chosen to perform.

Northwest Academy has been educating students in Charlevoix for 18 years. Mr. Gary Stutzman, recently retired Director of Music at North-

west Academy said, "The NWA bands have been embraced by the students as well as the parents throughout the years. The students have worked hard on their craft and the parents, faculty, and staff have been very supportive of the many field trips and performances throughout the country. It is this continued support that has helped to make the NWA Advanced Band one of the finest small bands in the country". In 1999, the Northwest Academy Advanced Band performed at the same National Charter School conference in Denver, Colorado, and also made their first appearance at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra

State Festival. This feat was accomplished within the first three years of the band's existence!

Mr. Dave Pugh and Mr. Gary Stutzman are proud of the accomplishments of Northwest Academy's award winning band program. Recently the band received a first division rating at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra District Festival and is planning on attending the Michigan School Band and Orchestra State Festival in May. Northwest Academy is a tuition free K-12 Michigan Public School Academy that is chartered through Saginaw Valley State University.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor,

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is grateful for the wonderful show of support during our annual FUNdraiser held at cava Bar & Grill in Bay Harbor. The event is instrumental in raising funds which help ensure the continuation of programs and services for women, children and families in our 5-county service area. We thank the staff at cava for the

beautiful venue and delicious hors d'oeuvres. We are grateful to the many businesses and individuals who so graciously donated items to the silent and live auctions. We also thank our hard-working board members for promoting and attending the event and for helping secure so many great auction items. We appreciate the time and effort of many staff and volunteers who helped in numerous ways from those who checked in guests to our awesome auctioneer,

Jason Guthrie. Finally, we thank those who attended the event, bid on auction items and shared a festive Wednesday evening with us! We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and your confidence in the work we do every day.

Sincerely,
 Deb Smith
 WRC Assistant Director

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, March 18

9:28am Death reported in the 700 block of Vogel St
 11:25am Harassment complaint that occurred in the 400 block of N Lake St
 12:00pm Citation issued for speed at Lake and River Streets
 12:04pm Report of prank calls in the 1400 block of Boyne Av
 7:36pm Report of open door at Airport
 9:42pm Report of CSC in the 200 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, March 19

3:26am False alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
 7:31am Citation issued for careless driving at Lake and Water Streets
 10:37am Parking complaint in the 200 block of E Water St
 10:49am Domestic dispute reported in the 400 block of Hannah St
 4:24pm Report of possible credit card fraud
 6:02pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St

Wednesday, March 20

7:01am False alarm report in the 200 block of S Lake St
 3:40pm Subject arrested for bond violation
 9:05pm Noise complaint reported in the 300 block of E Division St
 9:51pm Driving complaint received in the area of Fall Park Rd and Boyne Av

12:06pm Assist parole Agent looking for subject
 3:03pm Report of property damage accident on Morgan St
 3:06pm Complaint of subject moving another individual's car without permission on Morgan St
 6:03pm Private property damage accident reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 7:49pm Suspicious subject reported in the area of Park and Ray St
 9:07pm Suspicious vehicle reported in the 400 block of N Lake St

Friday, March 22

3:37am Assisted Sheriff Department with OWI on Larson Rd
 11:39am Report of property damage accident that occurred on Morgan St yesterday
 12:49pm Report of contraband in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 4:52pm Private property damage accident in the 300 block of N Lake St
 5:54pm Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of S East St
 6:11pm Trespass complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
 6:50pm Report of dog running at large on Front St
 7:15pm Suspicious situation reported in the 300 block of E Division St
 8:00pm Report of intoxicated driver on Water St

Saturday, March 23

7:35am Suspicious situation reported near the river mouth
 4:27pm Arrested subject for trespassing in the 400 block of N Lake St
 5:54pm Juvenile throwing

snowballs at passing cars in the 500 block of N Lake St
 6:40pm Citation issued for expired registration at M-75/MoIl Dr
 7:25pm Assist Sheriff Dept with OWI arrest on M-75 N
 7:42pm 911 hang up call from the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
 10:09pm Assist EMS in the 100 block of W Lincoln St

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 Abandoned Vehicle3
 Abuse1
 Alarm4
 Animal Complaint18
 Annoyance0
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 Assist Citizen4
 Assist Motorist6
 Assist Other Agency9
 Attempt to Locate1
 Attempted Suicide1
 Bank Alarm0

Boating Accident0
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Hospice of Northwest Michigan offers grief support program

At Hospice of Northwest Michigan we realize that the weeks and months following the death of a loved one are very difficult. We understand that many find comfort in being with others who have had similar experiences in an environment that is confidential, safe and supportive as we learn together how to cope with the pain and emotions of loss.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan's grief support program provides support and education to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one - a spouse, parent, child, sibling, relative, friend or companion. Meetings are led by David Behling, an experienced grief group facilitator, and include discussions of specific topics, and provide optional personal sharing opportunities in a safe and accepted atmosphere. Our next five-week session begins April 16th and meets every Tuesday thru May 14th. We will meet in the community room of First Baptist church located at 06781 M66 in Charlevoix from 6:30 to 8pm.

It is the goal of Hospice of Northwest Michigan's grief support groups to walk with individuals and families as they Journey through the pain of loss, providing emotional and personal support through the many emotions and pain they experience. Topics of our five-week sessions include:

- "Acknowledging the reality of the death.
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 - Searching for meaning.
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- All sessions are free and you are invited to come the evening of the group although we encourage advanced registration. For more information or to register for the group please call 231-547-7659.

Women Can, Women Do

This year's Women Can/Women Do fundraising luncheon will be held on June 19, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The event combines a pleasurable luncheon with a powerful purpose because dollars that are raised at the luncheon support programs and services of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM).

Event organizers are in the process of reaching out to the community to find businesses that would like to participate by be-

coming one of the many Table Designers responsible for creating unique and interesting table designs to showcase their products and/or services in a visually attractive way. Table favors for guests are included in the display at each table. Not only is this an effective advertising vehicle for the business, but a tangible way of participating in a community-wide fund raising effort for the WRCNM.

Another important aspect of the event planning is securing Table Captains. Table Captains are responsible for filling seats at one of the 30 tables.

Both Table Designers and Table Captains are volunteer committee members who donate their services so that the venue at the Castle is transformed into a cheerful, spring-like garden party atmosphere. Floral arrangements and unique centerpieces, created by talented and generous designers, result in festive tables decked out to welcome guests and provide a visual and sensory delight.

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan has been providing crucial programs and services to thousands of women, children and families in the community for more than 35 years. Women Can/Women Do Charlevoix County is one of three annual fundraising luncheons organized by this non-profit agency to help ensure the continuation of WRCNM services to those seeking and needing them.

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.

Nanette Dion table design, Women Can/Women Do Charlevoix County 2012 luncheon.



Panache Hair Studio table design, Women Can/Women Do Charlevoix County 2012 luncheon

Eclectic Tableware Rental table design, Women Can/Women Do Charlevoix County 2012 luncheon.



April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Guest commentary by: **Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director**

The next time you are with a group of people, there is a good chance someone in that group is the survivor of sexual assault. An exhaustive government survey found that nearly one in five women surveyed said they had been raped or had experienced an attempted rape at some point in their lives. Every two minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted with 44% of victims under the age of 18.

These numbers do not tell the full story. Sexual assault remains one of the most under reported crimes, with 54% still being left unreported, as stated in a recent National Crime Victimization Survey. Under reporting of sexual assault typically results because:

Survivors feel they will not be



Chris Krajewski

believed

Survivors have feelings of shame or embarrassment. The perpetrator is well known or in a position of power/authority over the survivor or in the community.

The victim is threatened or manipulated into silence by the perpetrator.

Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual act or contact that is attempted or completed by force, threat of force or coercion. In Michigan, the legal term for this type of crime is Criminal Sexual Conduct. Sexual assault and abuse may also include verbal, visual or anything that forces a person to join in unwanted sexual contact or attention such as exhibitionism and sexual harassment.

Because of continuing misconceptions, it is important to stress a few basic facts about sexual assault:

It is a crime of violence and control, not an act of passion.

Women and girls of all ages, races, socio-economic groups, neighborhoods and lifestyles can become victims, as well as men and boys.

It is often committed in the vic-

tim's own home by someone the victim knows or a person in a position of power or trust - a relative, friend, neighbor or other acquaintance.

You may wonder what you can do to help prevent sexual assault. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center suggests parents start talking to their children about healthy sexual development early on. Some suggestions might be:

Young children:

Teach body parts using the correct name for each. This builds knowledge, empowerment and helps avoid shameful feelings about one's body. Perpetrators will often use shame as a means to silence victims.

Teach appropriate personal boundaries and the difference between wanted/unwanted touch. This builds understanding of privacy, how to interact appropriately with peers/others, and that their body belongs to them and they can say no to unwanted touch.

Preteens:

Talk about physical changes during puberty and provide age-

appropriate information on reproduction and sexuality. This will let them know these issues are topics that can be discussed openly, without shame.

Encourage critical thinking and build the skills to differentiate fact from fiction in media images and representations of sexuality that young people are exposed to 24/7. Messages from advertising, films, television and video games provide a distorted view of normal, healthy relationships and sexuality and help create an environment for widespread and increasing violence against women and children.

In addition to holding sexual assault offenders legally responsible for their behavior and actions, we must also do a better job of listening to and supporting survivors without blame.

If you, or someone you know is the victim of sexual violence, contact the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082 or for long distance callers (800) 275-1995.

Sexual assault is a difficult issue to discuss, yet if we choose to be silent we help enable its existence.

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BOYNE FALLS

Geocaching for Beginners

Wisser-Saworski Nature Preserve Saturday, April 6, 10 am-1 pm. Join LTC staff Charles Dawley and members of Straits Area Geocaching for a beginner's course on Geocaching. Learn about Geocaching and how you can participate in this world wide treasure hunting game. We'll explain the basics of Geocaching and discover new geocaches on the Wisser Saworski Nature Preserve located just outside of Boyne Falls. Come prepared with appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. If you do not own GPS, don't worry; we have some to share.

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

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

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

BOYNE CITY

Avalanche Park

For a true winter experience, Avalanche Park has it all with its large ice rink, famous sledding hill, and ski and snowshoe trails. The City of Boyne City hopes the Avalanche ice rink will be in full operation before Christmas

with an attendant, free skate and sled loaners, warming house and restrooms.

EAST JORDAN

Open Golf night

The East Jordan Boys & Girls Golf Teams are holding Open Golf Night at the East Jordan Civic Center on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This is open to the public...EJ Golf Team players have the first option to use matted area. Bring your own clubs or there are clubs to use. If you are an East Jordan Student and are thinking about golf, this is a good opportunity to check out the golf program.

BOYNE CITY

Computer classes

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

New Darnton Family Nature Preserve

A new preserve with a long history of farming and conservation has now been established in the Lake Charlevoix watershed, thanks to a conservation-minded seller and generous foundations. With frontage on Behling and Dyer Roads in Wilson Township, the new preserve is a mix of old hay fields, northern hardwood forests, pine plantations, and conifer swamp wetlands surrounding Porter Creek, a trout stream and important tributary to Lake Charlevoix. LTC staff will be assessing the property for trail potential in collaboration with local stakeholder groups. For more information about this and other Conservancy nature preserves, visit www.landtrust.org

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 vol-

unteers 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.

BOYNE CITY

Grain Train coming?

Local residents can sign a petition on-line to show support for the Grain Train natural food store opening a store in Boyne City. You can sign the petition on-line at <http://www.change.org/petitions/grain-train-natural-foods-market-open-a-new-store-in-boyne-city>

CHARLEVOIX

Buy Your Flowers from Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

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

BOYNE CITY

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

CHARLEVOIX

Impact of Weddings Seminar

Are you a business owner looking to expand your customer base? Searching for a new niche market? You can't afford to miss this seminar! Join us Thursday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m., at Castle Farms for "The Impact of Weddings and Events in Northern Michigan", 2nd in our monthly workshop series. Presented by Kris Rundblad of Merry-Makers, topics will include: Why businesses and bridal couples choose Northern Michigan as a destination area; changing views of prospective clients; trickle down effect on local economy; and how your business has the potential to become a wedding or event vendor. Admission: \$5 p/person (\$3 w/canned good donation). Proceeds benefit The Manna Project. RSVP to Larissa at Castle Farms. (231) 237-0884, ext. 236, or email her at larissa@castlefarms.com. Businesses interested in reaching future brides can have a booth at the Northern Michigan Wedding EXPO at Boyne Mountain May 19, 2013. The EXPO is sponsored by the Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice. For info contact Dave Baragrey at Office@WeeklyChoice.com or call 989-350-9235.

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. Efforts at the Roger's Family Homestead Nature Preserve are ongoing, and this year we are looking for volunteers interested in protecting this wonderful mixture of riverine habitats. The focus for the day will be to remove old farm dumps and an existing barbed wire fence so a more appropriate fence may be put into place. There are many other tasks available for volunteers who do not wish to engage in removing farm equipment or fence work; these include tree trimming, sign replacement and post hole digging. 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.

EAST JORDAN

Little League sign up

LAST CHANCE SIGN-UP! Divisions of Play include: Rates for 2013:

.T-Ball - ages 5 and 6, \$25 (You must be 5 on or before April 30, 2013)

.Minors -7 and 8, \$35

.Intermediate /Majors - 9 to 12, \$40

.Juniors - ages 13 and 14, \$40

.Big League 14 - 18, \$40

.Family Rate: \$60

Saturday, April 13 at EJ High School, 10am - Noon. You MUST bring your child's original birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency with you to sign-up. Please use your driver's license, a utility bill, voter registration or your car registration. All proofs of residency must show your street address. All proofs must be dated between 2-1-2012 and 2-1-2013.

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.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Things with Wings

Exhibit at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. This exciting all media exhibit will be April 20th through June 16th at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts building. The featured artist for this exhibit is Charlevoix carver Jim Lahde. For additional information visit www.charlevoixcircle.org or call 547.3554

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Preserve Trail Work

Schulz Preserve & Taylor-Horton Creek Preserve Trail Work on Earth Day weekend, Saturday, April 20 9am-3pm along Pincherry Rd., Charlevoix County. In 2011 the Conservancy acquired the Taylor-Horton Creek Preserve adjacent to the Schulz Preserve, which was acquired in 1991. Horton Creek drains into Lake Charlevoix and is a beautiful stream to hike along. We invite you to spend your Earth Day Saturday helping to improve your local nature preserves. Volunteers are needed to help simplify and connect these two trail systems, and to improve the parking area and trail signage. In addition, we need volunteers to help clean up remote illegal trash piles on the east and west sides of the creek. Once completed, this trail system will be a popular destination along this beautiful creek for quiet recreation. Please be prepared with work gloves and any trail clearing tools you may have on hand - but make sure they are well-labeled with your name. Bring a lunch and work the whole day or join us just for a couple of hours. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Cacia Lesh for more information: cacia@landtrust.org or 231.344.1002.

TRAVERSE CITY

Hiring Our Heroes

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

CHARLEVOIX

Job Fair

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

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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.

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.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Benefit for Humane society

Get those sneakers out of storage and prepare to Run for Their Lives to support the Charlevoix Area Humane Society during the Mushroom Festival on Saturday, May 18.

The 5K fun run/walk starts behind the Boyne Chamber office at 7:30 a.m. Friendly dogs are welcome to run or walk with their owners. Day of race registration starts at 6:30 a.m. You may also pre-register online or by mail or come Veterans Park at the Mushroom Festival tent on from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 17. Registration before May 1 guarantees a shirt in your proper size. Pre-registration is \$20. Day of race registration fee is \$25. Registration forms and checks should be sent to: Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712, or returned the Chamber office. To register online, complete the registration form and return it to runfortheir-lives@charter.net.

BOYNE FALLS

Wildflower Walk

Celebrate Mother's Day at the new Wisser-Saworski Nature Preserve located just outside of Boyne Falls. This new preserve is a treasure for this community and it has a great trail system to explore. Join botanist Roger Knutson on a hike through hardwood forests in search of wildflowers. Roger generously shares his wealth of knowledge and will guide us through the wonders of northern Michigan flowers. May 11, 10am - Noon.

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.

ELLSWORTH

Historical opening

Banks Township Historical Society will be opening for the season on April 23 at 6pm

with a potluck dinner and we ask you to bring a dish to pass. Anyone and everyone is welcome. At 7pm we will have our meeting and also hear from the two girls that have won the Scholarships who are Tara Essenberg & Kari Steenwyk. They will be reading their essays that won them the scholarships. Come and hear them. Our Historical Society will be open every month (May-Oct every 4th Tuesday of each month in 2013) with special guest, and meetings starting at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to come and also

welcome to join our Historical Society.

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

Police departments plan Memorial weekend DARE fun run

The first annual Boyne City and East Jordan Police Departments D.A.R.E. 5K/1 mile Fun Run will be held Saturday, May 25, on Memorial Day weekend. The race will start and finish in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber office in downtown Boyne City. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to continue the D.A.R.E. programs in Boyne City and East Jordan schools. The D.A.R.E. program is presented to fifth grade students and focuses on drug and violence prevention, as well as promoting safe and responsible decision-making. The D.A.R.E. program continues to foster a strong positive relationship between schools, law enforcement and the community. The race starts at 8 a.m. with registration at 7. Entry fees are \$20 for individuals and \$45 for families before May 15, and the price increases by \$5 after May 15. Students wearing their D.A.R.E. t-shirts can enter for \$5. The first 200 registrants will receive an event t-shirt. Registration form is available online and at the police departments and chamber offices in Boyne City and East Jordan.

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.



Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. Courtesy Photo.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops in Boyne City and Petoskey

By Jim Akans

In 1984, the Challenge Mountain 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization was founded to raise funds to develop an adaptive ski program to allow physically and mentally challenged individuals enjoy the thrill and excitement of the sport of downhill skiing free of charge. With a motto of "If I can do this I can do anything!" the Challenge Mountain organization grew over the years to include Summer Games, Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Camp

Quality, Winter Games and much more.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. The 6,600 square foot facility in Boyne City and 4,200 square foot facility in Petoskey each present a seemingly endless array of men's, women's and children's clothing items, books, music, furniture, linens, glassware and other

household items to select from.

The Boyne City store is located at 1158 S. M-75, just east of Boyne City toward Boyne Falls (where the facility was actually once located), and the Petoskey store is at 2429 US 31 North across from Houghton Gas.

Each store is open Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am until 3 pm. For additional information about Challenge Mountain, please call (231) 582-5711 or visit www.cmski.org.

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OBITUARIES

John Delbert Belfy, 91

Funeral for John Delbert Belfy of Charlevoix, will be 10:00am, Monday, April 15, 2013, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Matthew A. Wigton of Saint Mary Catholic Church will officiate and burial will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix, where military honors will be presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans.

Delbert died Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Eva Elizabeth Gee, 89

(APRIL 21, 1923 - MARCH 29, 2013)

Eva Elizabeth Gee of East Jordan, died on Friday, March 29, 2013, surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 21, 1923, in East Jordan, the daughter of Barney and Alma (Anderson) Bayliss. On Jan. 5, 1946, in East Jordan, she married Russell B. Gee.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and was always busy taking care of Grandpa.

A special thank you goes to her daughter-in-law, Lennie Gee, and great-granddaughter, Cassie Rebec, for taking such good care of Grandma.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Russell B. Gee, of East Jordan; one son, Bill (Lennie) Gee, of East Jordan; one granddaughter, Robyn (Joe) Rebec, of East Jordan; one grandson, Shannon (Laurie) Gee, of East Jordan; three great-grandchildren, Cody Gee, Shannon Gee and Cassie Rebec, all of East Jordan; one great-great-grandson, Zaiden Gee, of East Jordan; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Margaret Grosskoph, Helen Cox and Amy Grosskoph; and one brother, Carl "Buck" Bayliss.

No services are scheduled. In memory of Eva, memorials may be given to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Bruce Lee Sirmons, 32

(DEC. 12, 1980 - MARCH 29, 2013)

Bruce Lee Sirmons, of East Jordan, died unexpectedly on Friday, March 29, 2013.

Bruce was born Dec. 12, 1980, in El Reno, Okla., to Lynn and Lorraine Sirmons. Bruce grew up in Boyne City, where he attended Boyne City High School, later on moving to make his home in East Jordan.

He is survived by his son, Elijah Sirmons; parents, Lynn and Lorraine Sirmons; sisters, Jessica and Tiffany Sirmons; brother, Bryan Sirmons; grandparents, David and Mary Sirmons; grandmother, Pat Mosley; several special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; two special ladies in his life, Cassie Sleeper and Courtney Kimbler; and his beloved dog, Sugar.

He enjoyed being a painter, taking his son hunting, fishing, camping and being a family man.

He was preceded in death by his uncles, George Sirmons, William McElroy; and grandfather Roy Mosley.

A memorial will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. A gathering for family and friends will begin at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Boyne City Eagles.

He will be missed dearly by all, but never forgotten.

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

Gary Edward Winter, 77

(APRIL 4, 1935 - JUNE 22, 2012)

Gary Edward Winter of Mount Dora, Fla., and formerly of Boyne City, Mich., died June 22, 2012.

He was born April 4, 1935, in

'haute' Grosse Pointe, Mich., the second son of lithe, willowy Diana Jane Cox and the comedic Lionel Arthur Winter. Gary and his slightly less good-looking brother Glenn enjoyed a modern upper middle-class life in Grosse Pointe until Lionel was transferred to a job in Davenport, Iowa, where the family moved in 1944.

After high school graduation, an interest in structure and aptitude for mathematics led Gary to enroll at Iowa State's ceramic engineering program. He joined fraternity Alpha Chi Ro, remaining a member all four years of college. After freshman year he transferred to University of Illinois' highly esteemed engineering program to finish his bachelor's degree.

Gary then worked for Ford Motor Company in Michigan as a ceramics engineer while raising a family with college sweetheart, Joyce. They had four sons: Barry (Bear), Robert (Slob), Mark (Tark), and Jeff (Peff).

Gary later moved to the Bellaire/Boyne City area to begin his second career as a real estate broker. He was hotly pursued by second wife, Susie, a strict and rigid German/Irish Catholic who was captivated by his good looks, easy-going nature, and atheism. Her goal was to raise a family, and Gary acquiesced. Daughter Jennifer was first-born, so they tried again, finally achieving perfection with last-born daughter Elizabeth Diana.

Gary was known for his friendliness and laid-back attitude. He had many friends in Boyne City and enjoyed his job selling real estate. He was known by his family for his silliness and excellent sense of humor. He enjoyed watching comedies on TV and in movies. Favorite shows were Cheers, Hill Street Blues, and SNL. He delighted in giving quirky nicknames to friends and oddball names to pets. His children grew up with cats Squadcar, DeeDooDee and Tibitha.

Gary liked his downtime, quietly reading books or working on projects around the house. He was an excellent furniture maker, and enjoyed renovating and reselling homes. True to his Aries nature he was neat and precise with his handiwork, kept his workspace tidy, and his own appearance stylishly immaculate. He was very proud of his children's talents, displaying their handicrafts prominently in his home and boasting about them to friends and neighbors. He loved the sweatshirts his daughters painted for him when they were young and wore them daily.

While their mother provided the rough nuts and bolts of child-raising, Gary provided his daughters with warmth, love, affection and compassion. He had a particular sensitivity to the feminine, took their worries straight to heart, and was protective of their wellbeing. He never dismissed their heartaches and was a great listener. Their fondest memories with him were the heart-to-hearts, long walks on Michigan trails, and early morning strolls on Florida coastlines. Other favorite activities were sunset walks on the beach, morel mushroom hunting, leisurely golf games, mock-competitive games of tennis, and dining out at fine restaurants. They also sang along to Top 40 hits in the car: James Taylor, Steely Dan, The Little River Band and the Beatles were favorites.

Gary was hip to political landscapes and news of the world, and was a cultured individual. He had a quick mind and an ability to remember vast amounts of detailed information. His daughter's fondest memory was Gary teaching her about rocks and minerals. She'd bring him rocks as a child, and he'd detail for her their proper names as well as their formation. He possessed encyclopedic knowledge of some subjects and his daughters were proud of his intelligence.

Gary was especially sensitive to those with disabilities, having physical problems himself. Gary endured constant pain and other health problems. He had a disfig-

ured, humped spine (kephosis and scoliosis) and compromised health because of it. He was teased often throughout life because of this, even into his later years, which hurt him deeply. He also suffered from heavy-metal toxicity, picked up generationally and from early living and working conditions. He was mislabeled as an alcoholic, which prevented him from getting proper treatment. Gary was persecuted by some people in his small town, but he was stoic in his suffering and did not impose it on anyone else. He dealt with it the best he knew how, since proper diagnosis and treatment wasn't available at the time.

In the 90s Gary moved to warmer weather in Florida, feeling he lacked the simplistic mindset necessary to live in small-town Boyne City, as well as the hardy physiology needed to survive the harsh winters.

Gary was an example to many, and taught his children life's most important lessons. He taught them to believe peoples' actions over their word, and to take everything with a grain of salt. He stressed the importance of research and checking facts, references and resources. He demonstrated being straightforward and to the point when dealing with others. He understood life at its deepest level and people at their shallowest, and wasn't duped by the fantasy of religion.

Those who will miss him most are his friends from Boyne City, who admired him, emulated him, and spoke of him often after his move to Florida, including the Karkosak family, Pauline Archambault and Susanne Johnson. They and many others looked up to him and saw him as many of us do: as a beacon of intelligence, self-honesty and courage.

Richard Charles 'Dick' Hermann, 80

(JAN. 24, 1933 - MARCH 23, 2013)



Richard Charles "Dick" Hermann of Walloon Lake died peacefully at home on March 23, 2013.

Dick was born on Jan. 24, 1933, in Highland, Ill., to Erna Pabst and Ewald Emil Hermann. He grew up in Highland, Ill., and Walloon Lake, graduating from St. Louis Country Day School in 1950 and Harvard in 1954. After Officer's Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy and subsequent deployment on the Cutter Woodbine, Dick served as commanding officer of the Loran Station in Miho, Japan.

In 1956, he married Margo Curtis in Petoskey and began working for Alton Boxboard Company in 1957. Dick remained with the company (which later was acquired by Jefferson Smurfit Corporation) until his retirement in 1995. Dick and Margo had three daughters, Joanne, Wendy and Tina, before Margo's death in 1977. In 1984, Dick married Cynthia Beadell.

Beyond his family, Dick's great loves were sailing and Walloon Lake. In his retirement, he devoted countless hours to promoting and preserving both.

Dick is survived by his wife, Cynthia, her children, Lisa Poel and Janine (Scott) McClain, his daughters, Joanne (McClain) Desmond, Wendy (Rick) Steele and Tina Harlan; his grandchild-

ren, Stephen, Alex and Hailey Hushak, Brooke and Jake Steele, Christopher and Dylan Harlan, Jenna Estep, Kasee (John) Bosch, Zack McClain; and four great-grandchildren. Dick is also survived by his brother, Robert (Polly) Hermann; nephews, Robert (Debbie), Barry and Montague Hermann; as well as several grand-nieces and -nephews.

A celebration of Dick's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Walloon Sailors, Inc.; Walloon Lake Association or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Friends and family are welcome to share memories or offer condolences online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Gary E. Cole, 56

(AUGUST 19, 1956 - MARCH 25, 2013)

On March 25, 2013, Gary E. Cole passed away at his home in Boyne City, surrounded by his family, after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1956, in Petoskey, to Archie B. and Norabell (Hadix) Cole, who preceded him in death.

Gary is survived by his wife of 32 years, Marcy (Eaton) Cole; children, Dustin (Ammie) Cole, Ryan Cole, Chelsie Cole and Haley (James) Larsen; his pride and joy, grandbabies, Tearsa Cole, Westin Cole and Aiden Larsen; his sidekick, Betsy Lou the beagle; four brothers, Archie, Dan, David and Scott; two sisters, Cathy Brandenburg and Lena Vroman; mother-in-law, Marie Eaton; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and out-laws; also his Honeywell and Boyne City Fire Department family.

Gary retired from Honeywell Boyne City in 2010, after 35 years of service. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the Boyne City Fire Department for 22 years and Boyne City EMS for several years. Gary felt honored to be able to serve Boyne City, the community where he lived his entire life and so dearly loved. Gary was also an avid Detroit Tigers fan. His greatest joy was spending time outside and enjoying family and friends around a campfire. A celebration of life was Tuesday, April 2, at Walloon Lake Community Church. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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

Edna Evelyn Brenneman, 96

(DECEMBER 19, 1916 - MARCH 27, 2013)



Loving mother and grandmother, Edna E. Brenneman passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

She was born Dec. 19, 1916, in Boyne City, to Curzon and Isetta Mae (Hosler) Kent. She grew up and attended school in both Boyne City and East Jordan.

She was married to Kenneth Skinner who preceded her in death in 1948. She later married Walter Brenneman who preceded her in death in 1984. Edna raised five children; sadly three of those children, Irving, Wilbert and Delbert, also preceded her in death.

Edna retired in the mid 1980s from Northern Michigan Hospital, working for most of her adult life as a cook in the hospital kitchen.

Edna is survived by two of her children, Lionel Skinner and Norma Fetting. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Her life was celebrated with a funeral service on Friday, March 29, at Stone Funeral Home, with Pastor Gary Biggs officiating.

Interment within Lakeview Cemetery in Bellaire.

Warren E. Topolinski, 71

(JUNE 7, 1941 - MARCH 26, 2013)

Warren E. Topolinski of Holly, formerly of Boyne Falls, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

He was born in Petoskey on June 7, 1941, the son of Edward and Mary (Carson) Topolinski.

Surviving are two brothers, William and Patrick Topolinski; and sister Carole Fraser; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Dryer Funeral Home in Holly; www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Gary L. Jesiek, 75

Gary L. Jesiek, 75, of Charlevoix, died Friday, March 22, 2013, in hospice care at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The family is planning a memorial service in Charlevoix in June. A complete obituary with details of the memorial service will follow at that time.

Donald A. Ritter, 82

(OCT. 29, 1930 - MARCH 16, 2013)



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

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

Donald retired from General Motors and then went into ministry in 1984.

He and his wife moved to Boyne City in 2001 and he served at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Mancelona for eight years.

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

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

The funeral service took place on Monday, March 18, at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Mancelona. Interment was in Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 469, Mancelona, Mich. 49659.

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

News

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East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight; Charlevoix Area Humane Society

By Jim Akans

The Ambassadors of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that the Charlevoix Area Humane Society (CAHS) has been selected as the Business Spotlight of the Month. An independent, non-profit 501(c)3 animal shelter serving Charlevoix County area communities since 1974, the staff and volunteers at CAHS are dedicated to the protection and care of all animals. The organization has a mission "To practice and promote the principle that every life is precious. As such, we are committed to the highest principles of humane care and professional treatment of injured, ill, neglected or abused animals."

Among the services offered by CAHS is a "Meet Your Match™" pet adoption program that assists those considering bringing a new pet home in finding a good match. Dogs at the shelter are temperament tested and evaluated before being put up for adoption, and all dogs and cats are spayed or neutered, updated on vaccinations, and implanted with an identification chip. Those interested in adopting a pet simply fill out a Meet Your Match survey and an adoption form to begin the process.

CAHS also sponsors Low-Cost Spay and Neuter clinics from April through October each year and offer vaccinations for just \$15 each. The clinics are offered twice a month in April, May, September and October, and once a month in June July and August. Cats can be neutered for \$30 or spayed for \$60, and dog spaying or neutering varies based on weight and gender, with fees that range from \$50 to \$60 for males and \$70 to \$80 for females.

Since CAHS is a non-profit organization, funding for their mission relies on donations and proceeds from fundraising events. Upcoming fundraising

events include:

- April 25th - The Charlevoix Area Humane Society will be at the Boyne Business Expo and will give away a free Spay or Neuter for one cat to one lucky visitor to their booth. Plus for a \$10 chance, CAHS will be raffling off a beautiful \$340 value 3D work of art of the lakes and Bay of North West Lower Michigan.

- April 27th - Café Sante in Boyne City will host a special evening fundraiser for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. There will be special deals on dinners, and beverages with a percentage of each donated to the CAHS. There will also be a wonderful silent auction with proceeds to benefit the organization's mission. If you have items for donation or services you would like to promote please contact the shelter, and make plans for a great night out on April 27th and at the same time support a worthy cause.

- May 18th - "Run For Their Lives" 5K Run/Walk during the National Morel Mushroom Festival. Those wishing to participate can register on the CAHS website listed at the end of this article.

- June 15th - Dog Leg Golf Putting Fundraiser at the Charlevoix Country Club. Great fun, prizes, lunch and golf all for a great cause.

Congratulations to the Charlevoix area Humane Society for being selected as the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Business Spotlight. The Charlevoix Area Humane Society is located at 614 Beardsley Street in Boyne City, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. For additional information visit their website at <http://www.charlevoix-humane.org>, on facebook at Charlevoix Area Humane Society, or by calling (231) 582-6774.



The Ambassadors of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that the Charlevoix Area Humane Society has been selected as the Business Spotlight of the Month. Shown here, left to right are: Scott MacKenzie - Executive Director, Ashley Parkey - Kennel Staff, Carla Brazell - Office Manager, Candace Price - Kennel Staff and Cayleigh Burnett - Kennel Staff. COURTESY PHOTO



Two pets currently up for adoption at CAHS are Kiki the cat and a dog named Obie. COURTESY PHOTOS



Chef's Challenge

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by the judges from the "Taste of Michigan" competition, and it will take place from 2:30 to 4 pm. This competition will feature three rounds; Appetizer, Center-of-the-Plate and Dessert, with a competitor eliminated in each round. The top team will walk away with the highly coveted "Taste of Michigan" award. Be sure to save some room, as the Dessert Challenge will take place from 4:30 to 6 pm.

The 6th annual Chefs Challenge event is designed to raise both funds

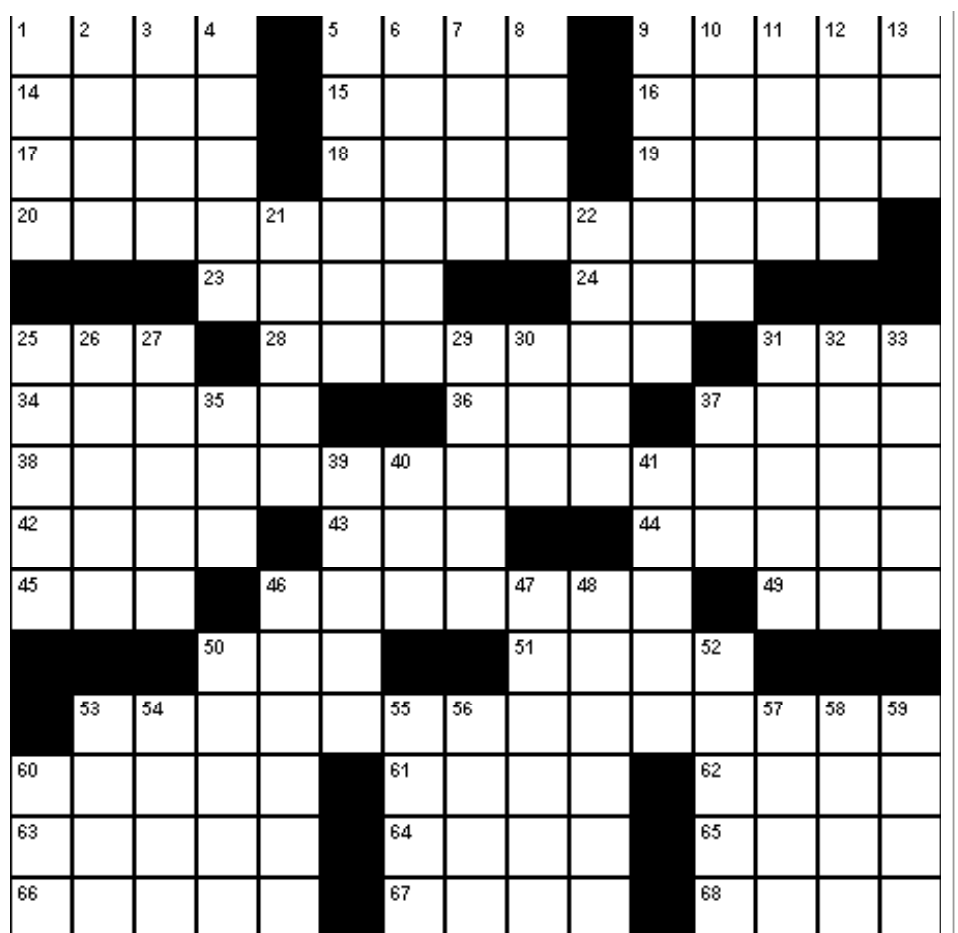
and awareness for Challenge Mountain – a non-profit 501(c)3 organization providing adaptive outdoor recreational opportunities, free of charge, to people with special needs and their families. For more than 25 years, Challenge Mountain has been dedicated to providing a venue for sports, outdoor recreation, and leisure skills to those with physical disabilities or mental challenges.

Of course, Chefs Challenge also showcases Michigan food and drink products and their creative applications in a meal. It is an excellent opportunity for Michigan establishments to showcase their talents and gain valuable exposure while raising funds for Challenge Mountain.

tain.

It all promises to be yet another delicious, and entertaining Chefs Challenge weekend on April 12th and 13th.

Tasting tickets for the Friday, April 12th event are available for \$10. Tickets for Saturday are available for \$30 and include all Seminars and 8 tasting tickets for Taste of Michigan and "Chop Challenge. Additional Taste of Michigan tickets are available at four for \$15 and eight for \$25. Tickets for the Dessert Challenge are \$5, and a cash bar will be available. To purchase tickets, and for a complete seminar schedule and list of this year's participants, visit www.chefs-challenge.com.



Across

1- Wash; 5- Story; 9- Movie critic Roger; 14- Lots and lots; 15- I smell ___; 16- Swellings; 17- Soft drink; 18- Blood vessel; 19- Semblance; 20- Unofficial advisers; 23- Skater Lipinski; 24- Wrap up; 25- Flight; 28- Fashionable; 31- ___ standstill; 34- As ___ resort; 36- Conger; 37- Make ___ for it; 38- In spite of; 42- Pigeon coop; 43- A collection of articles; 44- Desert havens; 45- Wind dir.; 46- Hearing distance; 49- Cornerstone abbr.; 50- Be human; 51- Singles; 53- First appearance of an influential phrase or idea; 60- Greek fabulist; 61- Mata ___; 62- Egypt's river; 63- Distributed cards; 64- Mgr.'s helper; 65- Annapolis inst.; 66- Eye sores; 67- Old-fashioned pronoun; 68- Sports figure;

Down

1- Deficiency; 2- Yours, in Tours; 3- Electrical unit; 4- Put into law; 5- Inn; 6- Places of contest; 7- Not of the cloth; 8- Sicilian spewer; 9- Car heart; 10- Tied; 11- "What I Am" singer Brickell; 12- Take it easy; 13- Half a fly; 21- Port-au-Prince is its capital; 22- Feminist Abzug; 25- Knight's weapon; 26- Crazy as ___; 27- Dull finish; 29- Quizzes, trials; 30- Nevertheless; 31- Come up; 32- Melodies; 33- Emo anxiety; 35- Nor. neighbor; 37- Nabokov novel; 39- Autocratic Russian rulers; 40- That ship; 41- Short letters; 46- Blows one's top; 47- Throaty; 48- Like some inspections; 50- French school; 52- Nasal cavity; 53- Internet writing system that popularized "pwn3d" and "n00b"; 54- Anthem opener; 55- FDR's fireside ___; 56- Whip; 57- Prehistoric sepulchral tomb; 58- Human bone, located in the arm; 59- Show to a table; 60- Spots on TV;

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“Butterflies are Blooming” art photo display at Jordan Valley Library throughout April



Jan (Nesmen) Goodwin of East Jordan, an amateur photographer, is displaying her “Butterflies are Blooming” photos throughout the Jordan Valley District Library during April. She started digital photography when her son gave her one of his cameras. She then became interested in photography as a new hobby, in which nature and wildlife became her favorite subjects. Her family has loved art and has encouraged her to do likewise.

“Butterflies are Blooming” display is Jan’s photos from the yearly butterfly exhibit at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Colorful tropical butterflies are included in the photograph display. Jan has also won photos in the Friends of the Jordan annual calendar.

For additional information, contact the Jordan Valley District Library at (231) 536-7131.

Genealogy at the Library

Nationally renowned genealogy speaker Megan Smolenyak will be in Charlevoix April 27, 2013.

The Charlevoix Public Library will be hosting a full day of educational talks entitled, Honoring our Ancestors, with nationally known genealogical adventurer, Megan Smolenyak on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The library is located at 220 W. Clinton Street, Charlevoix. Honoring our Ancestors includes four different sessions: 10:00 am - Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones; 11:15 am - Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research; 1:30 pm - Annie Moore of Ellis Island: A Case of Historical Identity Theft; 2:45 pm - Cases That Made My Brain Hurt. The event is \$50 for a full day of workshops and includes lunch or \$25 for the morning or afternoon sessions. More information and the registration

form available at the library or at <http://tinyurl.com/b4rstqe>.

Megan Smolenyak is a real life history detective who loves to solve mysteries. You might have spotted Megan or her handiwork on Top Chef, Who Do You Think You Are?, Finding Your Roots, Faces of America, She is the author of six books, including Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing and Who Do You Think You Are? (companion to the TV series) and conducts forensic research for the Army, coroners, NCIS and the FBI. She can also be seen/heard on Good Morning America, the Today Show, The Early Show, CNN, PBS and NPR. For more information on Megan Smolenyak: www.honoringourancestors.com

For information about this or other library events, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call the information desk: 231-237-7340.

Signs of Spring: Frosty is Melting



By Izzy Lyman

If you traveled on US 131 this winter, just south of Petoskey’s city limits, it was hard to miss the twenty foot snow sculpture.

That would be “Frosty,” who has coffee cans for eyes, half of a 55-gallon barrel for a hat, a nose made of a miniature orange safety cone, and tree branches for arms.

Mike Daniel, a Petoskey electrician, built the giant snowman on his mother’s (Ellen Daniel) land.

“She’s the reason we went that big,” says Daniel of his mom’s fun-

loving side.

Daniel enlisted two buddies – an excavator and a builder – as well as a dozen or so neighborhood children to bring Frosty to life for the third time in four years. Daniel says he was motivated to encourage others, especially youngsters, to “go outside [during winter], and see all there is to do.”

To date, Frosty has rated his fair share of attention from tourists and passersby who frequently snap his photo. Traveling snowboard instructors from Oregon built jumps around him, while a local television news

crew filmed him.

But, due to the rising temperatures and rains, Frosty was looking a little ragged this (grey) Easter.

Like the chilly weather, he was still hanging on, but it’s clear his days are numbered.

But don’t you cry, because if Mike Daniel has his druthers and Old Man Winter cooperates, Frosty and his magic touch will be back again someday.

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Jordan Valley District Library celebrates National Library Week; April 14th – 20th

The Jordan Valley District Library will be celebrating National Library Week during April 14 - 20th with library themed story time and play group, a “books to new 2013 movies” display, and the after school teen program will be designing a bookmark around the theme “community matters” at your library. Digital literacy training will take place every day

teaching patrons on how to use the library collections and databases such as Freegal (free downloadable music), Michigan Legal Forms, Up North Digital Collection, Michigan Electronic Catalog and Mango Languages.

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Ellsworth Easter Egg Hunt



Wayne and Robin Veltkamp assist granddaughter Angela at her first Easter egg hunt in Ellsworth, Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO



Golden ticket winners Jamal Cebalski, Chloe Huckle, Evan Rapin and Nolan Essenberg (rolling for Nora Paroll) found the eggs that allowed them to roll for the grand prize at the Ellsworth Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, Nora Paroll (not present) won a scooter provided by the Charlevoix Area Hospital. COURTESY PHOTO

Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center presents Comedy Hypnosis Show

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Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center
Saturday, April 27th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Boyne City Performing Arts Center
Tickets are on sale now at Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne City High School, and at the

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Advance ticket prices are \$6 for students, \$8 for adults. Expect to pay \$2 more at the door. This show is approved for all ages. Concessions available.

Avoid portable generator hazards during spring power outages

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards to avoid when using them are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from improper use of portable generators.

To avoid carbon monoxide hazards:

- Always use generators outdoors and away from doors, windows, and vents.
- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially

enclosed areas, even with ventilation.

- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.
- NEVER cook inside or heat your house with a gas, wood or charcoal grill.
- PAY attention to flu-like symptoms, especially if more than one person has them. Headache, dizziness, confusion, fatigue and nausea are all common symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure.
- MOVE outside to fresh air immediately if a carbon monoxide

leak is suspected. Go to the emergency room or call 911 if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

- To avoid generator electrical hazards:
- Keep the generator dry. Operate on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure.
- Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Make sure entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as back-feeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the

same utility transformer.

- If it's necessary to connect the generator to house wiring in order to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install appropriate equipment. Or, your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.

To Avoid Fire Hazards:

Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite. Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers. Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliance.

For additional information visit the United States Fire Administration website at www.usfa.dhs.gov/

East Jordan Commission

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overnight. Commissioner Tony Cutler said, "The reason for the deficit at the marina is because of the lack of available boat slips. Until this problem is fixed, the deficit is not going to go away."

Mayor Russ Peck read a letter from city commissioner Tinea

Spence. Spence informed the commission that she was resigning effective immediately due to limited time. She has begun new full time employment that limits the time needed to fulfill her obligation as a city commissioner. The commissioners thanked Spence for her dedication to the city and wished her well in her new employment. Spence's term expires November 15, 2013. She had filled the vacancy of former city commissioner Lee Symonds. The city commission will appoint someone to fill her position.

Commissioner Tom Breakey asked about the proceeds from the sale of the building formerly occupied by the city fire department. He said, "We should put the money from the sale of the old fire hall into an endowment fund to benefit the fire department or EMS."

The money was put into the city properties fund. Penzien said, "We lifted the restriction of spending money from the properties fund. In these uncertain financial times it doesn't seem to the right time to create an endowment fund in case we need

the money for something else." Penzien went on to say, "Setting up an endowment fund is a good idea, just not now for the full amount. Maybe we can start an endowment fund with a smaller amount so we don't tie up all the money from the sale of the property in case we need it."

The next scheduled meeting of the East Jordan city commission is scheduled for April 16 at 7:00pm.

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Last week, East Jordan students got to “slime” Superintendent Jon Hoover (along with several teachers, Carla Winteringham, and many students) as a reward for fundraising for the seniors’ trip to Peru that they will be taking. The students raised \$4,700! PHOTOS BY KATHY DRENTH

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Deadline for Applications for Go Grants for Girls is April 15th

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce has launched its 2013 summer GO Grants for Girls. The next round of awards will support participation of young women in activities taking place between June 1 and September 30, 2013. The application deadline is April 15th.

GO Grants, or Girls Outreach Grants, reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants range from \$100 to \$500, and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor. Thus far, the program has awarded 46 grants totaling \$20,875 since 2010.

“Grants have provided a range of opportunities to

the recipients including: attending the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, robotics camp at Lawrence Technological University, voice, dance and watercolor lessons, even purchasing and raising a pig for 4H,” according to Lisa Hoyt, Petoskey Chamber of Commerce Membership Director. “The programs goals are to improve the self-esteem and skills of young women.”

The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades six to ten in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. The grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an out-

door experience and more. CWIB encourages applications that will be challenging to the applicant.

Applicants work with a mentor to complete the application. In the process they learn about submitting a grant application while working with a teacher, relative or other adult who work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor also works with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her.

The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards, but instead under-represented girls who need more

support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible.

The application is available at the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce website or at the 401 E. Mitchell Street office. Individuals wishing to donate to the GO GRANTS program can send their donation to the Petoskey Chamber office at: Include GO GRANTS in the memo line. For additional information, please contact Lisa Hoyt, Membership Director, at 231-347-4150.

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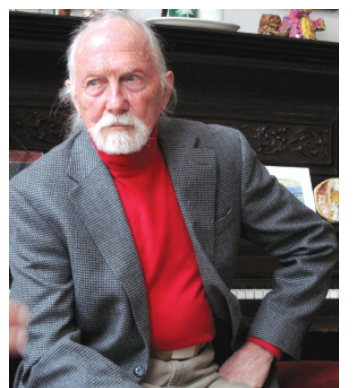
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Roger Stoppel on Exhibit at Library

CHARLEVOIX - It all started on a snowy, December day, a dozen years ago, when Roger Stoppel went skiing, fell and broke his ankle. He dug out a sketch pad and some pencils and began to draw, during his recovery. The pencils led to watercolor pencils and then to watercolors. Paintings of landscapes, real and imagined, now line the walls of his home that he shares with his wife Sarah. The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce that they now adorn the foyer of the library's community

room as well. The Roger Stoppel exhibit will be on display now through the end of April. Roger graduated from MSU and is a registered architect whose vocational expertise was in architectural rendering. He has designed and built several houses, with the help of his sons, in Lansing, Okemos, the family cottage on Lake Charlevoix, and finally the home he lives in now in Bay Shore. Roger, who is 85 years young, spends his time back country skiing, cutting wood, gardening, reading, improving the soil on



some of their 140 acres and painting. This exhibit shows some work from the past 5 years. For more information about this or other opportunities for local artists, contact Val at 231.237.7360.

New teen cell phone ban takes effect on Thursday, AAA Michigan advises

A new state law banning novice teen drivers from talking on the cell phone while driving went into effect on Thursday, March 28th. The new law, referred to as “Kelsey’s Law,” is named for Kelsey Raffaele, a 17-year-old Michigan resident who was killed while talking on her cell phone and driving. Under the law, which was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on

Jan. 8, teenage drivers with a Level 1 or 2 license will have to comply with cell phone restrictions. Numerous studies have shown that new teen drivers are far more likely to be involved in cell phone-related crashes than older, more experienced drivers. AAA strongly encouraged passage of the law. To help new teen drivers –

and their parents – AAA offers a web site, TeenDriving.AAA.com. This comprehensive resource provides extensive state-specific information and useful tools to help teens improve their driving skills. New drivers will find interactive exercises, quizzes and games as well of videos of experts and teens talking about safety.