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County expanding services at Boyne Falls substation

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY – The clerk and treasurer offices for Charlevoix County are starting to feel a bit more comfortable at their new home away from home at the county substation in Boyne Falls.

County Clerk Cheryl Potter Browe said the two county departments have started to hold office hours every other Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the substation at 2287 Railroad Street in Boyne Falls. So far, one person from each department has manned the office on at least three Tuesdays.

The substation was again slated to be open for business on Tuesday, April 23, with the next date being Tuesday, May 7.

“We’re working on it,” Browe said. “We’re testing that (schedule).”

“There’s enough people on this side of the county that there’s a lot we can do there.”

Not that all service will be available, however, such as printing a marriage certificate. Though, Browe said, in such cases where documentation normally found at the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix is needed, those items can be brought to the substation and picked up by residents at a later date.

“There are certain things I can’t do,” she said.

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Miss East Jordan Pageant Crowns Queen



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Miss East Jordan 2013 Rachel Bernier stands alongside first runner-up, McKenna Steltzner (left) and second runner-up, Jessica Peck (right).

(PHOTO BY KRISTAL BIRGY)

Rachel Bernier is crowned 2013 Miss East Jordan and \$8,400 in scholarships are awarded at Pageant

By Krystal Birgy

Nine contestants took the stage Saturday evening at the 25th annual Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant to vie for the 2013 crown and title.

With \$7,600 in scholarships on the line, the contestants competed in five categories: a private interview with the judges, casual dress modeling, a short prepared speech, creative and performing arts, and eveningwear with spon-

taneous public speaking.

Taking home this year’s coveted title of Miss East Jordan 2013 and a \$1,800 scholarship was Rachel Bernier. Bernier also won

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Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup begins April 27 for northern Lower Michigan, Upper Peninsula

Volunteers participating in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program will begin picking up litter April 27 along state highways in northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The pickup will continue until May 5 for northern Lower Michigan, and to May 12 for the U.P. because of snow currently on the ground.

“Adopt-A-Highway volunteers take tremendous pride in keeping Michigan looking great,” said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. “During these challenging times as we all try to maintain our precious assets with fewer funds, we rely on these volunteers to help us show off our beautiful state. Please proceed with caution when you see the volunteers at work.”

In 2012, Adopt-A-Highway groups reported collecting about 65,000 bags of trash, a cost benefit to the state of \$5.6 million. Volunteers wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway’s right of way. MDOT provides the vests and trash bags for free, and arranges to haul away the trash. Current volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Interested groups should check the MDOT Web page at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway for more information. Groups are asked to adopt a section of highway for at least two years. There is no fee to participate. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing a group’s name are posted along the stretches of adopted highway.

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HIGH: Mid 60's
LOW: High 40's

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4/23/201247.4	4/22/2013	...90.4
4/23/201272.2	4/22/2013	127.2
4/23/201203.1	4/22/2013	152.2
4/23/201250.2	4/22/2013	...51.6
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4/23/201273.8	4/22/2013	135.8

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OBITUARIES

Lillian E. Hoffman, 101

(JAN 28, 1912 – APR 18, 2013)
Lillian E. Hoffman of East Jordan passed away Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born January 28, 1912, in Cornwall, Ontario, the daughter of Paul and Flora (Berry) Renaud.

On August 16, 1941, she married Wilfred Hoffman in Williamston, Ontario, and he preceded her in death on April 16, 1970.

Lillian was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

She is survived by her children, Karen Huckle, Lynn (Keith) Bulmann, and Mark Hoffman all of East Jordan; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren. Lillian's son Carl preceded her in death in 1952.

Memorial mass will be 11:00 am, Saturday, April 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, the Reverend James K. Gardner officiating.

The Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan is assisting the family.

Walter Matelski, 89

(OCT 10, 1923 – APR 20, 2013)
Walter Matelski of Boyne Falls passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013, at his home.

Walter was born on Oct. 10, 1923, in Boyne Falls, the son of George and Gertrude (Kozminski) Matelski.

He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He married Wilma Coon on June 19, 1949, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 1976.

On Aug. 1, 1981, he married Wanda Parker who also preceded Walter in death on Sept. 16, 2011.

Walter was a co-owner of Matelski Lumber Company and 3M Gas in Boyne Falls.

He enjoyed helping his friends and family, raising his animals and spending time on his tractor. Walter was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Walter is survived by his two sisters, Theresa DeNise and Irene (Floyd Jr.) Hausler; sisters-in-law, Marge Matelski and Ruth Matelski; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Wilma and wife, Wanda; brothers, Edward Matelski and Louie Matelski.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the church with the Rev. Duane Wachowiak officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City with an honor guard being provided by the Boyne City American Legion Post.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Boyne Valley Food Pantry or St. Augustine Catholic Church.

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

John D. 'Jack' Adams, 84

John D. "Jack" Adams, age 84, of Boyne City, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

A gathering of family and friends will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Brian Slattery, 43

Brian Slattery, 43, formerly of Charlevoix, died at his home in Maple Lake, Minn., on April 18, 2013.

Arrangements are pending with Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Raymond D. Raveau, 76

(FEB. 2, 1937 – APR 16, 2013)

Raymond D. Raveau a resident of St. Clair Shores, who was raised in East Jordan, passed away on April 16, 2013.

Beloved husband of JoAnn, dear father of Ruth Ann (Michael) Schwarz, Claude (Deborah), Claudia McMurray and Richard (Kathy). Loving grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of eight. Brother of Jacqueline (the late John) Medici, Theresa (the late Henry) Pode, James (Joyce) Raveau and the late John (the late Lillian) Raveau. Son of the late Pierre and Bertha.

The funeral Mass was Saturday, April 20, at Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Gertrude Campus. Interment will take place in Resurrection Cemetery.

Ronald 'Ron' Kuzmik, 70

(JUN 12, 1942 – APR 17, 2013)

Ronald "Ron" Kuzmik of Boyne City passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Ron was born on June 12, 1942, in Petoskey, the son of Edward and Mable (Mosley) Kuzmik.

He is survived by his children, Michael Kuzmik, Brenda (Alan) Towne and Rhonda (Ron) Harasewicz; grandchildren, Jacob, Nicole, Aaron and Kayla; brothers and sisters, Eleanor Ruper, Paul Kuzmik, Frank Kuzmik, Sylvester (Marisa) Kuzmik, Ruth (Bob) Witeniski, David Kuzmik, Dianne (Donald) May, Wayne (Karen) Kuzmik and Dee (Ray) Sprinkle; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Tony Kuzmik.

Ron loved to spend time on the family farm; reading his paper under the maple tree.

A graveside service was

Friday, April 19, at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls with the Rev. Duane Wachowiak officiating. The Boyne City American Legion Post provided military honors.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Loretta M. Woodbury, 67

(AUG. 9, 1945 – APR 18, 2013)

Loretta M. Woodbury of Boyne City passed away Thursday, April 18, 2013, at home.

Loretta was born on Aug. 9, 1945, in Goodland, Ind., the daughter of Coy and Pansy (Edwards) Jones.

Loretta is survived by her husband of 45 years, Leigh Woodbury Sr.; her son, Leigh Woodbury Jr., his wife, Beth, and loving grandchildren, Mallory and Garrett; her mom, Pansy Jones; sisters, Shirley (Jones) and Thomas Mathis, Joyce (Jones) Keller; brother, Sonny Jones; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Coy Jones.

Loretta loved being outdoors spending time with her many plants and flowers, spending time at their cabin in the U.P. with her husband and spending time with her son, Leigh, his wife, Beth, and her grandchildren, Mallory and Garrett.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 23, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with the Rev. David Behling officiating.

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

Barbara Phyllis Alger, 76

(JUL 11, 1936 – APR 16, 2013)

Barbara Phyllis Alger of Gaylord passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at Hilland Cottage in Petoskey.

Mrs. Alger was born in Benham, Ky., on July 11, 1936, the daughter of Hale and Gladys (Collins) Winstead.

On April 11, 1959, in Detroit, she married Gary Alger. Together, they raised two daughters in

East Jordan near Six Mile Lake.

Mrs. Alger loved to read and enjoyed playing free cell solitaire.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gary, in 2001; and her brother, Robert Allen Monaco.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelly Ann (George) Long of Gaylord and Karen Sue Smith of Battle Creek; her grandchildren, Kirsten and Kennedy Smith and Megan Long; her sisters, Shirley Wallen and Jimmie (Tom) Paddy; many nieces and nephews and her faithful companion, her dog Chip — a cocker and springer spaniel mix.

The funeral service was Saturday, April 20, at the Nelson Funeral Home, in Gaylord with the Rev. John Naile officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Barbara Alger may be made to American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Society; or to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, Mich. 49734.

Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneral-home.com.

Elbert W. Kaiser, 86

(MAY 29, 1926 – APR 20, 2013)

Elbert W. Kaiser of Charlevoix Township died peacefully on April 20, 2013 in Charlevoix, Michigan of natural causes following a brief illness.

Elbert was born May 29, 1926 in River Rouge, Michigan to Laurel Crozier and Webster Kaiser. Elbert was an intelligent and inquisitive child who liked to study and tinker with things. He served in World War II in the Pacific Theatre as a Corporal with the 145th Regiment, 37th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Elbert saw action in the Philippines. Near the end of his service, Elbert served in the Military Police to maintain order in Manila. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star Medal for service to his country.

After the war, he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he also met his wife Beverly Van Patten, a talented musician. Elbert and Beverly had

three children and a wonderful life together. The couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last year.

Elbert enjoyed a successful career in the cement industry, and became a nationally recognized expert in his field. Rising to management positions over the years, his work took him to Ohio, California, and many cities throughout Michigan. He started his professional career as chemical engineer for the Peerless Cement division of the American Cement Corporation. In quick succession, he career advanced first to assistant plant manager, then to plant manager. Elbert was later promoted to operations manager at Peerless where he was in charge of the overall functioning of the company, which included the processes of manufacturing, engineering and working with the technical groups. After moving on from Peerless, Elbert took the Plant Manager position at Medusa's Charlevoix plant. After overseeing expansion of the Charlevoix plant, Elbert assumed an operations manager's position for Medusa, overseeing operations of all the cement plants within the Medusa organization. Elbert left Medusa for a brief stint with Lone Star cement company, in California, before returning to Charlevoix and settling in as the Medusa plant manager in Charlevoix.

Elbert and Beverly always said their favorite place was Charlevoix; they happily decided to stay in Charlevoix after Elbert's retirement from Medusa in 1991.

Elbert was an energetic, involved presence in whatever he pursued. In addition to his family commitments he had a passion and affinity for photography, reading, boating, playing golf, and was an avid amateur military and political historian. He was actively involved with the Charlevoix Lion's Club until his death, having served as the Chapter President in 1989-90. Elbert was also an active member of the Charlevoix VFW. His efforts helped raise much-needed funds and recognition for both organizations.

Elbert is survived by son William and daughter-in-law Robin Daley of Thousand Oaks, California; son Paul and daughter-in-law Annie of Northville, Michigan; daughter Linda and son-in-law William Shannon of Royal Oak, Michigan; by granddaughters Catherine, Caroline and Madeline Kaiser; Debbie Daniels; Kathy Reichel and a great-grand daughter, Audrey Reichel. His wife Beverly recently preceded Elbert in death on February 14, 2013.

At Elbert's request, no services will be scheduled. His family invites all of Elbert's many friends to celebrate his life in their thoughts and in their hearts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, VFW Post 1153 Charlevoix, Michigan and the Lions Club of Charlevoix.

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Subway of Charlevoix selected as the Charlevoix Chamber April Business of the Month



By Jim Akans

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected Subway of Charlevoix the Business of the Month, recognizing the organizations long-standing commitment in helping to make Charlevoix an outstanding community in which to live, work and play.

Founded in 1998 and owned by Brad LaPoe and managed by Melissa Wedding, Subway of Charlevoix employs eight people during the winter months and up to twelve during the summer season. A hallmark of the business is the Subway teams exceptional customer service and commitment to community involvement.

Bra LaPoe states, "We have a crew that not only understands we want a business that is tied into the community, but truly wants to be a part of the community. We have many community-oriented programs. A few I am most proud of include the St. Jude event that is held in June, which we started participating in 2011. We also designed fundraiser cards that help local schools and community organizations. We will also be starting a little league baseball sponsorship that includes a free 6-inch sub to players in uniform."

Melissa Wedding adds, "We also offer a 'Read a Book' certificate, which offers a free kids meal each time a student reads a specified number of books. We also provide each 'Student of the Month' a free kids pack."

While Subway of Charlevoix offers the same

fabulous (and healthy) array of sandwiches, salads and pizza the franchise is so well known for, they also have a few items designed to meet the needs of the local market. The shop serves breakfast items all day long, have a 6-inch sub, side and a drink \$4 'Manager's Special' - a variety of hearty soups during the winter months, party platters (5-foot long subs cut into thirds), and they have a catering menu with four, five and six-foot subs.

Subway of Charlevoix is yet another reason the living is a whole lot better in the north. Melissa states, "Our staff works well together and we work very hard to be part of the community. We just love it up here. I love the scenery, the people are friendly, and we can see the gorgeous sunrise right out our window."

The Charlevoix Business of the Month is selected by the Chamber Ambassador Committee and represents an organization that goes above and beyond business as usual, positively impacting the community. Each Business of the Month will be a contender for the Chamber's annual Business of the Year Award. This prestigious award is presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Reception.

Subway of Charlevoix is located at 401 Bridge Street, and during the winter and spring months are open Monday to Friday from 7 am to 10 pm, Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm, and Sunday from 9 am to 9 pm. For additional information call Subway of Charlevoix at (231) 547-6699.

Asian Fusion restaurant opens in Charlevoix



Aficionados of superb oriental cuisine will certainly welcome the launch of Asian Fusion at their 311 Bridge Street location in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

By Jim Akans

As of April 5th, Charlevoix has a new restaurant in town. Aficionados of superb oriental cuisine will certainly welcome the launch of Asian Fusion at their 311 Bridge Street location in Charlevoix.

Operated by husband and wife team Garry Theo and Kaoyi Yang, along with three additional employees, Asian Fusion offers Thai and Chinese cuisine that feature such popular dishes as Thai Ocean Curry, Shaking Beef and Pad Thai as well as a huge variety of menu items.

Garry Theo, who has worked in the restaurant business for 10 years, states, "Charlevoix is a beautiful location and I noticed that there

"We offer genuine Chinese and Thai cuisine, and have both dine in and take out. We have a beautiful view, and everyone in the community is very friendly. Most of all, we enjoy serving our customers fantastic meals."

wasn't an existing Thai restaurant. Asian Fusion offers a casual dining experience, and our goal is to offer menu items that will satisfy our customer's tastes buds."

Kaoyi Yang adds, "We offer genuine Chinese and Thai cuisine, and have both dine in and take out. We have a beautiful view, and everyone in the community is very friendly.

Most of all, we enjoy serving our customers fantastic meals."

Asian Fusion is located at 311 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Fall, winter and spring hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:30 am until 8 pm, Friday from 11:30 am to 9 pm, and Saturday from 3 to 9 pm. For additional information, call 231-237-9575

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"Cancer Survivorship and Wellness," a program funded by McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, offers education and support to cancer patients and their family members. The group sessions take place from 2 - 4 p.m. on May 2, 9, 23 & 30 at the John and Marnie Demmer Wellness Pavilion and Dialysis Center, 820 Arlington Avenue in Petoskey. Sessions will focus on living well with a cancer diagnosis, as well as learning skills for the promotion of physical and emotional well-being. Attendance at all four sessions is highly recommended. Family members or caregivers are also welcome to attend.

"This group is designed to allow people who are living through any cancer diagnosis, be it an early diagnosis or living beyond their treatments, to come together and speak about their journeys," said

Rita E. Miller, RN, MSN, OCN, and Nurse Clinician at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

Miller said the end of cancer treatments are not the end of the cancer experience for patients who must face complicated care issues related to their cancer survivorship.

"Cancer patients continue to live with chronic disease issues long after their initial cancer treatment and follow-up care has ended with their oncology team," she said. "A cancer diagnosis no longer signals a diagnosis of death. Today, people are living longer with a cancer diagnosis, and with increased health care needs related to their individual cancer type or from the side effects of cancer treatments received during acute care."

"This group provides a way for survivors to come together and collectively learn about cancer and to discover ways to live 'well' as a survivor with a cancer diagnosis," she added.

For more information, call Amy Juneau at 231.487.4015 or Rita Miller at 231.487.4281. Space is limited. Register by calling (800) 248-6777.

It's National Crime Victims' Rights Week

By Jim Akans

"New Challenges, New Solutions" is the theme for the 33rd recognition of National Crime Victim's Rights week, which is being held from this past Sunday, April 21st, through Saturday, April 27th. During the week, communities throughout the country will honor crime victims and those advocating on their behalf, and special emphasis will be placed on promoting victims' rights.

First established as "National Victims' Rights Week" back in 1981, President Ronald Reagan designated that weeklong event would be held during the month of April. A few years later, the passage of the Victims of Crime Act in 1984 was instrumental in establishing a platform for providing aide and assistance to victims in the face of the financial, physical and emotional impacts of being the target of a crime.

Yet crime statistics remain staggering. In 2009, 20 million crimes were committed in the United States, and approximately 4.3 million of those were considered violent in nature. Surprisingly, youth ages 12 to 24 were reported to have the highest rate of victimization. One of the fastest growing crime segments is that of identity fraud, with nearly 11 million adults becoming victims of



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this emerging transgression in 2009.

This year's National Crime Victim's Rights Week theme, "New Challenges, New Solutions," reflects the Office for Victims of Crime's initiative "Vision 21: Transforming Victims Services" strategy for the 21st Century, which began in 2010. That mission is aimed at addressing the many new challenges such as funding cuts, globalization, changing demographics, new types of crimes and changes brought about through advancing technology.

The emotional and physical

range of crime victimization is as wide as the diversity of criminal acts that produce such damage. National Crime Victims' Rights Week helps to promote the recognition of victims' rights in the court process, post sentencing, possible restitution, and in assistance through counseling.

Victim's Advocates in communities across the nation work to help crime victims' work through what can be a very confusing process. That includes understanding the court system, explaining the intent and meaning behind a litany of processes such as the arraignment, pre-trial, preliminary examination or a scheduling conference. Crime Victim's Advocates also work with the victims to assist when they have suffered damages other than the emotional, and in filing restitution orders with the court. There are also funds available for crime victims.

While much progress has been made over the last 30 years, crime victims' rights are not universal and are often not enforced. National Crime Victims' Rights Week reminds us that many challenges remain.

For additional information about National Crime Victims Week and the Victims' of Crime Act, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>

Confusing symptoms and a delayed Parkinson's diagnosis lead to frustration

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Barbara thought it was an inconvenience in 1991 when she suddenly had problems writing. She had already completed an Associate of Science degree in Medical Lab Technology and was working on her Associate of Science (RN) when she noticed she had trouble writing n's and m's. She reached the top of the curves and it was as though her brain wasn't communicating with her hand and she wasn't able to finish the letters. She thought it was odd, but was not anxious about the unusual symptom. During a routine visit, she asked the doctor about it. He attributed it to stress. She was working full time at nights to be available during the day for her three children. She worked around the symptom.

During her daughter Jennifer's wedding rehearsal in 1993, someone noticed a tremor in her right hand. She again excused it as stress. She became concerned when the tremors continued. In 1994 she saw a chiropractor about neck pain. She continued chiropractic treatment for three years. The treatment reduced the pain, but didn't eliminate the tremors. She was then referred to an orthopedist specializing in neck problems. He conducted an exam that included applying pressure to her neck, causing extreme pain. He thought he could

repair her neck and stop the tremors.

On a Friday morning in 1997, the surgeon removed a disc between the C-5 and C-6 vertebrae (in the upper portion of the spine) and replaced the disc with a chip of bone from her hip secured with a titanium plate. The surgeon told her the sooner she walked, the sooner she would go home. She was walking within two hours of the completion of surgery and went home the next day.

Her pain was reduced and the tremors stopped, but only for three weeks. The cause of the recurrent tremors could not be found. Six years after her first symptom, she had experienced eight MRIs, three CT scans and at least three electromyograms (EMG). An EMG is a test of the electrical activity of muscles. After all these tests, she still had no diagnosis.

Six months later, she wanted to begin working on her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She wasn't allowed to enroll due to the tremor. One Sunday morning soon after, she complained to a church member about being unable to enroll. He suggested she come to his office the next day. The church member, an M.D., conducted a thorough neurological exam.

He diagnosed her as having Parkinson's disease. As a med-

ical professional, she had considered the possibility she had Parkinson's and had suggested the diagnosis to doctors only to be told she was wrong. The doctors did not believe it could be Parkinson's due to her age. Parkinson's typically affects people in their 60's and 70's, not in their 40's. There is no single test for Parkinson's disease. The diagnosis requires a thorough neurological exam and consideration of a mix of symptoms (tremors, rigidity and slow movement) that are typical of Parkinson's.

A chronic, degenerative neurological disorder, Parkinson's disease affects 1 in 100 people over the age of 60. The average age of onset is 60, but the disease can begin at age 40 in as many as 10% of people. Actor Michael J. Fox was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease at age 30. The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (available online at www.michaeljfox.org) funds research to improve treatments for those living with Parkinson's with the goal of finding a cure to eradicate the disease.

At least one million people in the US and six million worldwide have Parkinson's disease. The symptoms of Parkinson's: tremor, slowness of movement, balance problems and rigidity; are the result of the loss of brain cells that produce dopamine.

Dopamine transmits signals within the brain coordinating movements. Lack of Dopamine reduces the Parkinson's patient's ability to direct or control their movements. It is unknown what causes the loss of brain cells although environmental toxins or virus are suspected. With most chronic illnesses, the condition is treatable but not curable. Through trial and error, the medical professional and the patient determine the best course of treatment, which will vary throughout the progression of the illness.

After being given the diagnosis, she decided, "This is not going to get me. I've got things to do. I want to go to school." Barbara cried when she told her husband David, whom she married in 1970. She didn't tell her three children, Jennifer, Melissa and Jeremy. She didn't even tell her best friend for another 18 months. Her friend had health problems of her own (diabetes) and Barbara didn't want to worry her. She didn't want people feeling sorry for her and didn't want to be seen as someone needing help.

It is not unusual for women with a chronic illness to rely on a spouse for social support and to not ask friends for help. Rather than accept help they might not be able to return, women often go without the emotional support

and other help that could improve their situation. Women are frequently better at care giving than accepting the help they may need. Barbara thought her best way of coping with her diagnosis was by "covering", preventing others from finding out and taking three medications to diminish her symptoms.

Parkinson's disease can't be cured, but medications can control symptoms by increasing the supply of dopamine. Over time, the medications may become less effective. Deep brain stimulation (DBS) is an option when symptoms are difficult to control. In deep brain stimulation, electrodes are implanted into the brain of the Parkinson's patient. These electrodes are connected to a generator that is implanted into the chest to send electrical current to the brain. DBS is often effective in reducing involuntary movements (dyskinesia), tremors and rigidity.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research has been funding research to improve treatments and find a cure for the disease since its inception in 2000. To find a support group for persons with Parkinson's disease, visit the website of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinsonsmi.org.



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Miss East Jordan Pageant

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the creative and performing arts portion of the pageant with a comedy monologue about dating men in northern Michigan, as well as the prepared speech.

But what is a queen without her court? First runner-up and the recipient of a \$1,200 scholarship this year is McKenna Steltzner. Second runner-up and recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship is Jessica Peck. The remaining six contestants also took home \$600 scholarships.

Additional category winners were Janaye Baier and Heather Andor. Baier won the casual dress modeling segment, as well as the people's choice award. Andor won Miss Congeniality, which is voted by fellow contestants and awarded to the person felt to be most helpful and cordial during the week of the pageant.

Entertaining the crowd throughout the night in "Gangnam Style" were escorts Matt Bolser, Joseph Manville, Josh Johnston, and Alex Moses. Johnston was one of two students to receive a \$400 Ambassador Scholarship, which is available to all senior boys with a



This year's nine contestants (from left): Heather Andor, Maddison Cesaro, Crystal Clavier, McKenna Steltzner, Rachel Bernier, Jessica Peck, Janaye Baier, Casey Keane, and Valerie Peters. The contestants received in total \$7,600 in scholarship money, as well as many other prizes donated by area businesses.

(PHOTO BY KRYSTAL BIRGY)

GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Based on academic accomplishment and an essay, Grant Walker also received the scholarship.

The pageant board of directors wishes to express their admiration for all of this year's contestants and thanks the parents, community, and area businesses for their

outstanding support.

To meet the new Miss East Jordan and her court, be sure to visit the ladies at this year's Jordan Valley Freedom Festival taking place June 19-22.



(PHOTO BY KAREN WALKER)

Casey Keane performs an energy-filled vocal solo of "My Strongest Suit" from the musical Aida. Keane has been involved with many musicals over the years at East Jordan High School and has even received formal training.



(PHOTO BY KAREN WALKER)

Escorts demonstrate their moves and entertain the audience while waiting for final votes to be tallied. Escorts included (from left): Alex Moses, Joseph Manville, Josh Johnston, and Matt Bolser.



(PHOTO BY DANIELLE BAIER)

Janaye Baier takes a lesson from Sandra Bullock in "Miss Congeniality" by playing "Lara's Theme" from Dr. Zhivago on the water harp in comedic fashion. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zkj1bXE3-al to view a video of Baier's performance.



(PHOTO BY KRYSTAL BIRGY)

Newly crowned Rachel Bernier flashes a smile with Miss East Jordan 2012, Martina Peterson. Peterson gave a touching speech at Saturday's event and bid farewell with an a cappella serenade of the song Edelweiss.



(PHOTO BY KAREN WALKER)

Rachel Bernier is crowned Miss East Jordan 2013 at Saturday's 25th annual event. Bernier will receive a \$1,800 scholarship amongst several other prizes. Pictured with Bernier (from left) are McKenna Steltzner, Janaye Baier, and Heather Andor.



First runner-up, McKenna Steltzner displays her finished artwork at the end of the creative and performing arts segment of the pageant. Steltzner demonstrated her skill at speed painting by creating a portrait of Elvis in two minutes and 30 seconds. (PHOTOS BY KAREN WALKER)

News Briefs

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Northern Michigan

Bridal EXPO

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Things with Wings

Exhibit at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. This exciting all media exhibit will be on display 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

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.

PETOSKEY

Boating safety classes

Exciting, in-depth and taught by experienced instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard, this introductory boating class will give you the knowledge you need to obtain a boat license or safety certification. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely. This 8-hour program covers types of boats, registrations and regulations, safety equipment, safe boating practices, docking, mooring, knots, equipment checks, weather and tides, charts, navigation, dealing with boating emergencies, trailering, storing, and protecting your boat, hunting, fishing and skiing. Class will be offered in two evening sessions or one all-day session. Materials and certificates provided.

Evening class: Boating Safety - US Coast Guard Program Thursday, April 25, 5:30-9:30pm.

Daytime class: Boating Safety - US Coast Guard Program Saturday, May 4, 8am - 5pm. \$20 includes all materials. NCMC Room 536 Student Community Resource Center - Petoskey Campus. Please register early. Class size is limited. For more information, visit <http://www.ncmich.edu/cce> or call 231-348-6705.

BOYNE CITY

FREE TREE SEEDLINGS

will be given away on Arbor Day, April 25, at Boyne City Hall while supplies last.

CHARLEVOIX

Voice Box sessions

Real People Media's Voice Box sessions with featured Guest & Open Mic Friday, April 26 at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. 6:30 - Open Mic sign-up 7 - 8pm East Side Drive 8 - 9pm Open Mic - All Welcome. Featuring East Side Drive Releasing their first CD of original songs in 2012, East Side Drive is one of Charlevoix's newest indie rock bands. Led by singer/songwriter, Tristan Rudolph, the band creates tunes that are reminiscent of Weezer, Death Cab for Cutie, Green Day, and Biffy Clyro. Band Members: Tristan Rudolph - lead guitar/rhythm guitar/vocals, Zach Hankins, drums - Logan Echert - lead guitar/rhythm guitar/vocals, Mac McPherson - bass guitar. Voice Box Sessions is an open mic series. Following our featured guest's performance, we invite musicians, poets, public speakers & performance artists to grace the stage in this supportive space. There are 5 open mic spots available. Doors open at 6:30pm. Voice Box Sessions are videotaped and are shared on Charter's Public Access Channel & the web. The 2013 Voice Box Sessions are made possible with a grant from the Leo S. Guthman Fund. Real People Media is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization giving everyone a voice by helping people share. This is a free public event.

MICHIGAN

Opening day

Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season is Saturday, April 27, 2013

BOYNE CITY

Autism fun walk

North Country Community Mental Health will host 2nd Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance at Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City on Saturday, April 27. The walk will be 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. Registration is \$10 per person. For more information, click here or contact Heather Smith at (989) 732-6295, ext.3607.

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's 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.

BOYNE CITY

Comedy Hypnosis Show

High School Performing Arts Center presents a Comedy Hypnosis Show Saturday, April 27th, 7pm - 8:30 pm at 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Collage Class

Beth Bynum will be teaching a "Collage Class" at the Circle of Arts on April 27. Learn how to create a beautiful art piece from a real master. Class starts 2 to 4pm and cost is \$90 and includes all materials. Call 231.547.3554 to learn more and sign up for the class.

EAST JORDAN

Community Potluck & Program Series: Woodcock Walk

Saturday, April 27, 7pm 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. Attend our monthly Potluck followed by a walk at 8. Good food, fun company and an evening hike. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, though it is never required. A walk for the whole family! Search for signs of spring here in Northern Michigan. Bring a flashlight and dress warm. This naturalist-led hike takes us out to spend an evening viewing the spectacularly dramatic courtship display of the woodcock. Find out why they are nicknamed "the Little Brown Ghost" as we sneak through forest and field to experience our local harbingers of spring. Come dressed for a night hike, bright clothes can spook the birds. Great for individuals, couples, and families!

EAST JORDAN

Hoophouse Raising Work Bee

Saturday, April 27th, 10am to 5pm & Sunday, April 28th, 10am to 3pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Local farmer Jen Lewis of Moondog Farm is raising a 30x72' gothic-frame hoop house on the grounds of the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, and we need your helping hands to complete the task. In exchange for generously donating your time and hard work, we will make sure you are well fed and hydrated while you gain significant hands-on experience installing a hoophouse. This work bee will take place over the course of two days. Let the season extension begin! Please note this is a two-day event. Attendance Saturday is not required for Sunday attendance. A partnership of ISLAND, the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, and the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference.

BOYNE CITY

Profit Mastery Workshop

Profit Mastery, a leading financial management course, will be offered over two days in Boyne City starting April 30. The program gives participants the tools and confidence to manage their business by the numbers. The training is delivered via facilitated DVD or streaming web video. It was produced in front of a live audience at an actual seminar so participants see real people learning the same tools and concepts. The content is delivered in plain English, with stories and humor, helping to show that finance can be fun. The Profit Mastery training workshop in Boyne City is sponsored by Northwestern Bank, Mason, Kammermann & Rohrbach, P.C. and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. The workshop will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance office, 1313 Boyne Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course fee of \$495 includes a 400-page manual, lunch and refreshments for both days. For more information contact Kathy Leone at 906.226.1669 or kleon@niup-north.org. Registration ends April 19th.

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 mar-

ket. 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.

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

MICHIGAN

2013-14 ORV trail grant applications available

Applications are available (from the ORV Trail Improvement Fund) for grants to maintain existing designated state ORV trails, routes and use areas; repair public lands damaged by inappropriate ORV use; and develop new ORV trails, routes and use areas. Grant funds also are available to pay for liability insurance, leases or easements. Grant applications are prioritized to address existing trail maintenance and restoration needs on public land. New trail, route and scramble area development proposals will also be considered. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2013. Any public agency or non-profit incorporated club or organization seeking an application should contact DNR Parks and Recreation Division at 517-373-9900 or P.O. Box 30257, Lansing, MI 48909-7757. The forms are available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr grants in the Trails Management section. Select Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Program and then Forms and Publications. Questions regarding the ORV trail grant program may be directed to Steve Kubisiak at 517-373-1665. The ORV Trail Improvement Fund is a restricted fund, made possible by using 100 percent of ORV user fees, to support the program for trail maintenance and development, resource damage restoration and law enforcement.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

City Council Recall Candidate Forum

The Charlevoix Chamber will be hosting a candidate forum to help educate the public about their voting choices for the upcoming Charlevoix City Council recall election. The forum will take place on Wednesday, May 1st from 6-8pm at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium. The event will be profes-

sionally moderated and appropriate questions from the audience will be asked. The forum will have two portions, from 6:30 to 7:30 will be a formal question and answer period. The last half hour of the event will be an informal meet and greet where those in attendance can have one-on-one time to ask questions and meet the candidates.

Submit Questions for the Candidate Forum - Do you have a question you would like to Chamber to ask on your behalf? If so please send it to Bethany Pearson at pearson@charlevoix.org

BOYNE FALLS

Business seminars

The Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance is presenting two seminars to assist Northern Michigan Businesses:

Session 1: Right to Work is Now the Law of Michigan: What Does It Mean For Your Business? - Wednesday, May 1 from 9:30am-11:30am

Session 2: Healthcare Reform: The Practical Guide to Help You Prepare - Wednesday, May 1 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

Both sessions will be held at the Vienna Room inside the Boyne Mountain Grand Lodge in Boyne Falls. You can attend either session for just \$59/person or attend both for \$99/person. Registration fees include the seminar, all materials and light refreshments. Lunch will be available on your own at Everett's Lounge, if you choose. Registration will be coordinated by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. Register online at <http://bit.ly/10ho5lu> or call 231-347-4150.

EAST JORDAN

Clogging Classes

Six-week Spring Session: Thursdays, May 2nd - June 6th at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. See class and fee schedules below. For more information contact instructor Jeannine Sladick at mailto:simon_says_dance@yahoo.com or 231-536-9766. Instructor Jeannine Sladick of East Jordan will be offering her first six-week session of Clogging Classes at the Wagbo Farm. Jeannine performed with the Step Sisters, Step in Time, & Dance All Night, taught dance for 12 years at Concord Montessori and Community School and is the Artistic Director of Dance Attack! - a traditional youth step-dance company. Clogging is a highly energetic and contagious style of percussive dance that is gaining popularity in the contemporary world with groups such as 'All That', who stunned the judges on America's Got Talent. Come and get energized with this aerobic and joyful dance style! Intermediate or advanced classes will be added as needed. Costs are \$3 per session or \$15 for 6 weeks for 30-minute classes and \$5 per session or \$25 for 6 weeks for 60-minute classes. Suggested footwear: (taps not required) comfortable leather soled shoes, jazz sneakers, or taps.

PETOSKEY

Economic luncheon

Join a large group of business and community leaders who are all interested in the economic vitality of our region at the 2013 NLEA Annual Luncheon, Friday, May 3, in Ovation Hall at Odawa Casino. This year's event will include knowledgeable guest speakers, inspiring awards and recognition of outstanding projects and people throughout the NLEA region. Reservations are now being accepted for individual seats at \$20 each and reserved tables of eight for \$200. Email jim@boynechamber.com if you would like to sit at one of two Boyne City tables.

CHARLEVOIX

Library closed May 3

Charlevoix Public Library will be closed for a staff in-service May 3.

PETOSKEY

Mother & Daughter Weekend at Camp Daggett

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5. Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers or big sisters are invited to bring their daughters (ages 7-17) for a fun filled weekend. Cost is \$150 more mother/daughter plus \$50 for each additional girl. Space is limited and registration is first come first served. Participants can expect a weekend of fun and adventure learning new skills. Food, lodging, and activities included in fee. From 6pm Friday to 10am Sunday. Contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188 for details.

ELLSWORTH

Stepping Up, a video event for men.

Feel like you're being blitzed by life? Let Dennis Rainey, Tony Dundy, Matt Chandler, and others help you develop a game plan for living a godly, courageous life. Good Samaritan Family Services and local

area churches are sponsoring a Stepping Up Video Event for men. Join us at the Ellsworth Town Hall from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, May 4th. Registration is \$10 per person and includes all materials, lunch, and a chance to win door prizes. Visit facebook.com/SteppingUp-NorthernMI or call 231-588-2208 for more information. Come and see what godly, courageous living is all about. The deadline for reservations is May 1st. Some partial and full scholarships are available.

BOYNE CITY

Buff up Boyne

Annual Buff Up Boyne cleanup set for Saturday, May 4. After a long, cold and snowy winter it will soon be time to give Boyne City a shine. Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring cleanup, is Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-noon. The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to assist with the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront. Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign-in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. All volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, shovels and brooms. Refreshments will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at noon. For more information, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

BOYNE FALLS

Trail building

Little Traverse Conservancy is hosting a trail building work bee from 9am to 3pm Saturday, May 4, at the Wisser-Saworski Preserve in Boyne Falls. We'll be focusing on building a bench cut trail to the top of what appears to be a kame (a distinctive gumdrop-shaped hill resulting from glacial meltwater deposits). On May 18, LTC staff and volunteers will be building an overlook platform at the top of the kame. Come prepared with work gloves and boots. Snacks and water will be provided. Contact Charles Dawley: charles@landtrust.org or 231-344-1019. To register call LTC office 231-347-0991.

CHARLEVOIX

Royal tea

Castle Farms is hosting a Mother-Daughter Royal Tea from 1 to 4pm Sunday, May 5. Proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Head Start playground fund. Currently children who attend the program do not have a playground and haven't had one for a few years. Castle Farms feels all children should have an age-appropriate place to play so Head Start is their charity of choice for this event. The Royal Tea will be catered by BJ's Catering with food, desserts and table-side tea service, cupcakes by Kingsley Cakes, live harp music by Sylvia Norris, chair massages by Chello's Salon & Day Spa, and hand massages and product demonstrations by Arbonne. Every guest will get one ticket for a door prize, one ticket for the teapot raffle and a professional photo taken by Darrell Christie Photography to take home. Additional teapot raffle tickets can be purchased during the event. Admission is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of six. RSVP to Larissa Ulrich at 231.237.0884 ext. 236.

PETOSKEY

Charity dinner

Annual Dinner & Live Auction to benefit the Bergmann Center. Sunday, May 5. Browse the auction at 12:30 PM, Dinner 1:30 PM Auction starts at 2:30 PM. Held at Emmet County Community Building at the Fairgrounds in Petoskey. Tickets \$30 Per person. To purchase tickets call 231-547-9624 or 231-547-2979.

BOYNE CITY

Record low water levels... now what?

Experts to speak at Lake Charlevoix Assn. forum. Where has the water gone? Is it lack of precipitation? Is it climate change? Or is there a leak in our bathtub? The Lake Charlevoix Association has invited three expert speakers to address these questions in a Low Water Forum at 6:30 p.m. May 6 in the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Speakers include Jennifer McKay, Policy Expert from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; Roger Gauthier, retired US Army Corps hydrologist and current chair of Restore Our Water-International; and special guest Lana Pollack, US Chair of the International Joint Commission in Washington DC.

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Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance

Boyer City – North County Community Mental Health is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Fun Walk for Autism Acceptance on Saturday, April 27 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyer City. On-site registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the "Fun Walk" begins at 10:00 a.m. (approximately a half mile in length). Registration fee is \$10 and t-shirts are guaranteed for those participants register-

ing prior to April 3. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of many great prizes including gift cards and special give-a-ways. Must be present to win.

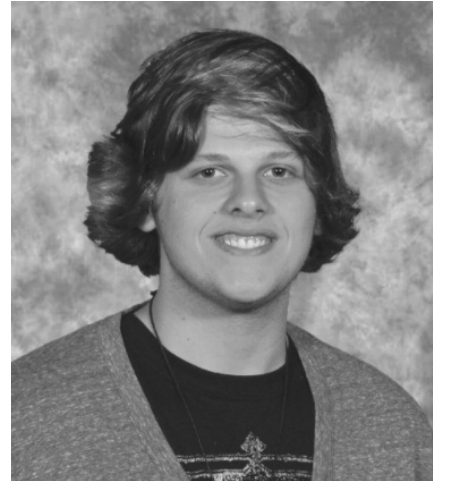
For further information or to register contact: Rachel Olson at 989-732-6295 x 3614 or rolson@norocmh.org; or Heather Smith at 989-732-6295 x 3607 or hsmith@norocmh.org.

Boyer City High School student Noah Lounsbury competes in State Level Culinary Arts event

In February 2013, seven career technical centers and High Schools across Michigan participated in a Region 5 Skills USA Culinary Competition at Ferris State University. There were approximately 75 students competing in Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts, Team Banquet, and Food and Beverage. The top students moved on to state competition on

April 19th and 20th. We would like to recognize Boyer City Student Noah Lounsbury who placed third in his event (Culinary Arts). First, second and third place finishers competed at the State level this past weekend in Grand Rapids. Noah, representing Boyer City High School, worked extremely hard to accomplish his goal and put in countless hours

of practice. There were many people involved in making these competitions a success and we would like to say thank you to Boyer Mountain Resorts, Magnum Hospitality, Karen's Uniforms, Logo Pros and Ferris State University Hospitality Management Program who hosted the event.



Boyer City Student Noah Lounsbury placed third in his Culinary Arts event in a Region 5 Skills USA Culinary Competition at Ferris State University in February and competed in the State Level event this past weekend. COURTESY PHOTO.



Student Drue Daley and father Scott Daley pick up their complimentary doughnut before heading to Mrs. Petrie's fifth grade classroom. The Krispy Kreme doughnuts were purchased by the school as part of a fundraising event for the high school golf team.



Dawn Wynkoop joins son Eligh Wynkoop in Mary Anderson's classroom after having Eligh's favorite school lunch, pizza.

Doughnuts with Dads

A Sweet Success at East Jordan Elementary School

By Krystal Birgy

More than 230 fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and other special guests came together for East Jordan Elementary School's first annual "Doughnuts with Dads" on Friday, April 19.

The idea, according to teacher and committee member, Gwen Sarya, was to join students with their dads or another special guest for lunch and a complimentary Krispy Kreme doughnut.

"Our first annual [event] was a great success," said elementary principal Carla Winteringham. "It was wonderful to see the involvement and the excitement here at the elementary school."

After enjoying the glazed delights at students' classrooms, parents and guests were invited to listen to their children read books and share in quality time together.

Corey Fortune, father of kindergarten student Hannah Fortune, left with a smile, saying his daughter enjoyed the special time so much that she hardly wanted him to leave.

And in the fall, mothers may have their own turn, as the committee hopes to present a "Muffins with Moms" event.

"We have an amazing school family," commented Winteringham after the event. "I look forward to doing [Doughnuts with Dads] again next year!"



Kindergarten student Rachelle Villarreal enjoys her Krispy Kreme with father Jesus Villarreal at the first annual event.



Corey Fortune reads with daughter Hannah Fortune in Mrs. Neer's kindergarten classroom after lunch.

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Northern Lakes Economic Alliance looks into purchase of a mobile CNC training unit

By Jim Akans

At the April 17th Charlevoix Board of Commissioners meeting, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) president, Andy Hayes and entrepreneurship director, Tom Erhardt, made a presentation proposing the purchase of a mobile training unit to assist local manufacturers in learning about the use of Computerized Numeric Control (CNC) technology. Mr. Hayes explained that while such equipment is vital in the expansion of many manufacturing industries, the Charlevoix County area does not have enough need to justify building a training facility.

Erhardt discussed an alternative approach in having a mobile CNC training unit for the local workforce to utilize, which would have an estimated cost of

\$350,000. He offered a PowerPoint presentation about the system. Precision Edge has obligated up to 40 new jobs over the next 2 or 3 years if this training were available.

The NLEA is looking at a CBDG grant of \$250,000 with matching money of \$100,000 to cover the cost. The City of Boyne City has been approached about being the grant applicant and the county was also asked if they would be willing to be the applicant or at least provide a letter of support for the grant.

A motion was presented by Commissioner Evans and supported by Commissioner Reinhardt to be the grant applicant for CBDG for a mobile training lab as presented. The motion carried. The clerk was instructed to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Bookmark Contest winners announced



Winners of Boyne District Library's National Library Week Bookmark Contest are, left to right: Taylor Noble, 4th/5th grade; Lilly Freeman, 2nd/3rd grade; Jack Snyder, K/1st grade; and Will Maginity, People's Choice Award. All the bookmark entries are on display in the children's room, and the winning bookmarks will be available at the library all year. COURTESY PHOTO

Substation

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"(But), technology is a wonderful thing. There's a number of things we can do for people."

According to Browe, the Village of Boyne Falls donated the property to the county with the understanding county services would be available at the site. The Charlevoix County Sheriff Department already works out of the building that was completed last fall.

"It's been a process to get it all together," Browe added. "We just got phone service the last time we were there."

And, some of the time it's the little things county officials are realizing they need to bring with from their offices at the county

building about 24 miles away. Browe said one Tuesday she realize she didn't have any paper clips.

"It is just getting going," Browe said, adding that the next step is to let county residents in the area know they no longer have to drive all the way to Charlevoix.

"It's hard to judge right now," she said. "People are just learning we're there. We haven't exactly been inundated with customers."

For more information on services at the Boyne Falls substation, persons may call county clerk's office at 231-547-7200. And, according to Browe, dates and hours for the substation will be posted online at www.charlevoix-county.org/calendar.asp.

— Report by Buckland Media.

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore helps build dreams

By Jim Akans

When someone purchases an item from the vast inventory of new and gently used home improvement products at the 9,500 square foot Habitat for Humanity Restore facility in Harbor Springs, they not only enjoy huge savings in price, they are helping to build the new home dreams of the families the Habitat organization helps each year. It is truly a win-win situation, the expansion of a vision that began back in 1976 when Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity. To date, over 400,000 affordable houses have been built by Habitat affiliates, housing more than 2 million people worldwide.

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore Director, Bob Bystrom, states, "There were 28 Restores in Michigan when we started this one four years ago. Today there are approximately 50 here in Michigan, and over 800 nationwide. We offer a wide variety of home improvement items, such as windows, doors, plumbing and electrical products, lawn and garden products, light fixtures, paint and more."



Customers at the Habitat for Humanity Restore facility in Harbor Springs not only enjoy huge savings, they are helping to build the new home dreams of the families the Habitat organization helps each year. COURTESY PHOTO

The inventory also includes a constantly changing selection of gently used furniture and home accessories. About the only type of item they don't carry is clothing, and as with every Habitat for Humanity Restore in the state, they no longer accept box springs or mattresses.

Bystrom notes that local busi-

nesses, area contractors, and people in the community donate the vast majority of the items offered in the store. Since Habitat for Humanity Restore is a non-profit organization, those donations are typically tax-deductible for the donor. Proceeds from the sales at the Restore are utilized to assist affiliate Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity build quality, energy efficient, new home for families in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

"When we open our doors back in March of 2007," Bystrom recalls, "Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity was building approximately one and a half homes per year. That capacity has now jumped to four to five homes per year, and last year there were seven active projects. Since opening, we also estimate that we have diverted approximately 11,000 tons of waste that would have ended up in landfills."

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore is located at 8460 M-119 in Harbor Springs, and hours of operations are Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For details, call 231-347-8440 or visit www.northwest-mihabitat.org/Restore.htm

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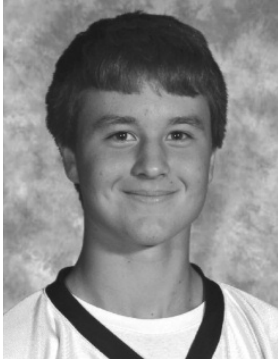
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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

James Roberson



GRADE: 9
PARENTS: James and Andrea Roberson
HOBBIES & INTERESTS Baseball and playing/watching ther sports
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Baseball Football Basketball

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Go to college and make a lot of money.

STAFF COMMENTS

"James Roberson has displayed admirable focus and resolve in improving his academic performance in English. He has significantly increased the quality of his work with this effort." (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

"James is fun to have in Physical Education. He is a plus to have on your team because you know he will give his best. He is dependable and pleasant to be around." (Mr. Klooster, Physical Education Teacher)

"ames is doing outstanding in Physical Science. He is a conscientious student who is organized, and works well with others in class. James exemplifies what a Student of the Week should be. He has been a great student and I have enjoyed having him in class." (Mrs. Hemming, Physical Science Teacher)

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Kaylee Rahn



GRADE: 12
PARENTS: Thomas and Amber Rahn
HOBBIES & INTERESTS Just hanging out and being with friend
FAVORITE BOOK: Beautiful Disaster
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: To graduate from college with some sort of degree and further my career in Radiology.

STAFF COMMENTS

"Kaylee has completed her high school requirements with the commitment and dedication to do her best. Her quiet demeanor compliments a sense of humor, and compassion for learning which she shares with peers, younger students, and staff in Boyne Falls School." (Michelle Woodard)

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Students of the Month

East Jordan Public Schools

Mya Potter

"Mya Potter was chosen because she is an outstanding East Jordan Red Devil. She always follows the rules, and she is kind and respectful to others. She walks in every day with a smile eager to learn new things. She is a wonderful listener and helps take care of things in the classroom - even when it's not her mess. I am honored to have Mya in my class." (JKinderergarten teacher Kelli Kauffmann)

Marissa Albro-McWatters

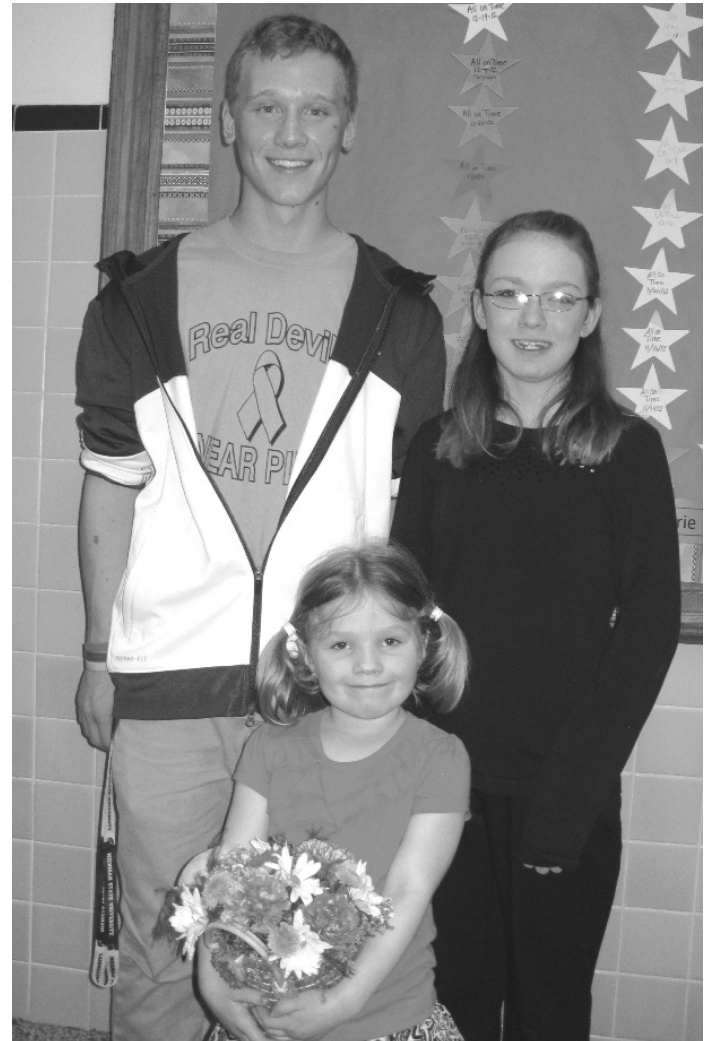
"It was my great honor to help select Marissa as our seventh grade student of the month. Marissa is one of the hardest working students I have ever had. She is as intelligent as she is sweet. I can always count on Marissa to do her best and do it with a smile! Way to go Marissa!" (JMr. Komondy)

"Marissa is a very motivated worker in art. She is extremely talented and motivates in a positive way by example. When I found out that Marissa was enrolled in my last section of art for the year I was very pleased.....her ideas in design have always been impressive - I'm looking forward to seeing her next creation. Keep up the good work!" (Mr. Podskalny)

"Wow! Way to go Marissa! Marissa is well deserving of this award. She has worked so hard in 7th grade history this year, I am so proud to see your effort pay off for you. Marissa very rarely misses an assignment and her work is top notch. She is an active participant in class and a leader. She is also participating in track where so far she is doing great! What a great kid!" (Mr. Ferguson)

"Marissa is a roll model in science class. She comes to class prepared, participates and is an active member of class. In addition she is kind to all students and staff. All in all.....a great young lady!" (Mr. Peterson)

"Marissa demonstrates PRIDE in both her actions towards others and her academics. Her genuine personality always adds to any topic of discussion in English, and I appreciate her continued support with my agenda calendar! Marissa's consistent work ethic makes her a deserving young lady for the Student of the Month...Congratulations Marissa!" (Mrs. Bergquist)



(l-r) Ryan Schroeder, Mya Potter, Marissa Albro-McWatters

Ryan Schroeder

"It is absolutely my honor to have been selected by Ryan to speak about how deserving he is of this Student of the Month honor. As a long time high school teacher, it is a passion of mine to ensure that we are working to prepare our students for the next phase of their life. I'm certain that Ryan is going on to college but, even if he is going directly into a career, Ryan is ready! He is a problem solver, he is hard working and the kind of person that can be depended on. The recent iPad initiative is NOT possible without Ryan and a few other students, as well. When we were preparing to pass out iPads to students, without being asked, Ryan took the initiative to create a slide that we then used to walk students through the iPad set up process. His role in this project was key to its success!

When I first met Ryan as a high school freshmen, I could tell right away that he had what it takes to find future success. I wish him the best. He is extremely deserving of this award!" (Mary Standerfer - High School Teacher)

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 10:11am Report of laptop found on Beardsley St
 10:58amComputer fraud complaint
 11:00am Report of possible property damage accident near State and Lake Streets
 11:42am Report of missing mailbox from the 1000 block of W Division St
 12:27am Report of dog running at large in the 500 block of N Lake St
 2:36pm Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lake and Groveland
 3:42pm Trespass complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
 4:37pm Assist Petoskey Department of Public Safety with MDOP complaint
 8:56pm Verbal dispute in the 400 block of Hemlock

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 2:20pm Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Jersey St
 4:58pm Report of assault on Brockway St. Unfounded.
 5:36pm Assist EMS in the 700 block of Brockway.
 9:22pm Report of loud band in the 1000 block of Haven Ct

Wednesday, April 10
 10:35am Alarm in the 400 block of Front St. Bird returned.
 11:12am Report of contraband in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 12:11pm Harassment complaint received from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 12:15pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
 1:12pm Assist to parole agent in the 900 block of Pleasant
 3:12pm Illegal burn in the 400 block of Lewis Av
 5:49pm Citation issued for speed at Lake and Lincoln St
 7:19pm Citation issued for speed in the 200 block of Front St
 9:14pm Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
 10:52pm Suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St

Thursday, April 11
 11:35am Parking complaint in the 200 block of E Water St
 1:50pm Report of scratches on wall in rest-rooms at river mouth
 2:51pm Assist Sheriff Department with property damage accident on Boyne City Rd near

Pinehurst Shores
 3:39pm Report of 2 trucks ditch jumping on Court St every afternoon
 8:35pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
 11:55pm Motorist assist in the 200 block of S Lake St

Friday, April 12
 9:08am Report of private property damage accident that occurred the night before in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 4:36pm 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 300 block of N Lake St
 6:35pm Civil custody issues in the 300 block of N Lake St
 8:19pm Report of private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
 9:17pm Assist Sheriff Department with assault complaint/warrant arrest on Division St

Saturday, April 13
 2:07am Suspicious vehicles in the 200 block of E Water St
 6:26am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Cedar Streets
 10:21am Assist Animal Control N Park and Wildwood Rd
 12:06pm Citation issued for expired registration and no proof of insurance at Boyne Av and Division St
 12:30pm Assist Animal Control on Jersey St. Brown pit bull running at large. Located and lodged at shelter.
 2:52pm Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S
 3:10pm Citizen turned in ATM card he found at ATM. Was returned to owner.
 7:30pm Report of juveniles throwing snowballs at cars on M-75 S
 7:55pmLodged dog at shelter
 9:30pm ..Arrested subject on bond violation
 11:08pm Noise complaint in the 300 block of Ann St

Sunday, April 14
 12:59amArrested Subject for OWI
 9:45am Larceny of gasoline from the 200 block of S Lake St. Subject returned and paid.
 2:43pm Citizen assist in the 300 block of N Lake St
 6:44pm Suspicious situation in the 600 block of Forest Av
 9:37pm Assist Sheriff Department with domestic dispute in East Jordan

Assist Citizen	1
Assist Other Agency	9
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	2
Car/Deer Accident	7
Civil Complaint	3
Disturbance	1
DNR Complaint	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	2
Fraud	2
Health & Safety	2
Hit & Run	1
Lockout	3
Lost Property	1
Minor In Possession	1
Noise Complaint	2
Paper Service	6
Personal Injury Accident	1
Property Check	14
Property Damage Accident	2
Road Hazard	7
Suspicious Situation	2
Threat	1
Traffic Stop	85
Trespassing	4
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile ..	1
Vehicle in the Ditch	1
Violation of Controlled Substance Act 2	

Two-vehicle Crash

On April 17, 2013 around 8:38am a two-vehicle crash occurred on M-66 near Castleview Dr, Marion Township, Charlevoix County.
 A Poquette Leasing tractor trailer, driven by Craig Butwell of Boyne Falls, was making a right turn off of the highway into a factory entrance when he was struck by a Chevrolet Suburban driven by Jodi Shepard of Charlevoix.
 Due to the length of the trailer attached to the semi, the driver had entered the on-coming (north bound) lane in order to make the turn into the factory. The driver of the other vehicle admits to seeing his right turn signal come on, but assumed he was going to turn left down a private drive. The Suburban struck the tractor near the passenger door puncturing the 100 gallon fuel tank on that side of the tractor. Diesel fuel spilled onto the roadway, but the exact amount is unknown.
 Shepard was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by her husband where she was treated for minor injuries. Butwell was not injured into the accident.
 The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, City of Charlevoix Police and EMS, and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

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Spring weather brings wildfire season

Wildfire Prevention Week extends from April 21-27; DNR reminds folks that pre-planning can prevent wildfires

LANSING – Wildfire Prevention Week in Michigan extends from April 21-27, and the Department of Natural Resources is stressing the importance of preventing wildfires when consistent spring-like weather finally arrives.

Wildfire Prevention Week is observed annually during the third full week of April in order to focus attention on the increased wildfire risk that typically occurs during this period.

“One out of three wildfires in Michigan is caused by someone burning debris who didn’t take the proper precautions,” said Bill O’Neill, chief of the DNR’s Forest Resources Division. “Even though many parts of the state are still snow-covered, there are areas in the southern Lower Peninsula where people are getting outdoors and starting to clean up their yards. With late April and early May being the most prevalent time for large wildfires, we’re urging folks to get their burn permit and be prepared in case their fire escapes. A little prevention can go a long way when

it comes to wildfires.”

O’Neill, who also serves as state forester, added that careless debris burning is the source of most wildfires across Michigan, which makes it all the more important to take the time to plan any burning activity before lighting a match.

Ada Takacs, DNR fire prevention specialist, reminds residents that brush and debris burning in Michigan requires a burn permit. In the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, residents can obtain a free permit online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit. Those without Internet access can call 866-922-2876, toll-free, to obtain a permit. In southern Michigan, burn permits and information on burning can be obtained from local fire departments and township offices.

Spring activities often include outdoor cooking and campfires as well as yard cleanup. Without proper precaution these fires can escape and cause a wildfire. The following tips can help prevent a fire from escaping:

Clear away flammable material

surrounding the fire so it won’t creep into dry vegetation.

Keep campfires small, and do not leave before they are fully extinguished.

Be sure and douse fires with plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is wet.

Do not cover a campfire with soil; it may simply smolder before coming back to life.

Embers can re-ignite. Make sure they are out completely.

Consider composting or mulching yard debris rather than burning it.

“A little bit of pre-planning goes a long way,” Takacs said. “We can prevent a majority of Michigan wildfires by following these simple tips.”

Out of the nearly 500 fires the DNR responded to in 2012, two-thirds of them were caused by people’s negligence.

For more fire prevention information and to learn how to protect your home from the effects of a wildfire, visit www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires.

Gaining Momentum in Your Life



By Jamie Woodall

Mountain biking season is almost here! Over the last few years, I’ve grown to love hitting the trail. The Boyne City Avalanche Mountain bike trail is right around the corner from our house and makes for an amazing get-away. Launching over a hill and into the trees one time, a friend following me yelled something I’ll never forget, “Remember, momentum is your friend!”

Being a novice at the time, I soon learned what he meant. If I slowed down too much through the up and down smaller hills and turns due to fear or laziness, then I quickly lost momentum, got hung up in the wrong gear, hit a rut and instantly stopped, or even fell off the path. I quickly learned the truth of the statement “momentum is your friend” because what helped me stay on the path most was certainly “momentum.”

Momentum is defined as “force or speed of movement.” What I learned on the trail is that force or speed not only determines the quickness of movement, but also the quality of that movement. For example, gaining momentum down a hill kept my tires straight and finding the next patch of trail in front of me. It was much better than breaking hard only to wobble and easily fall off the trail. When I kept momentum going up a hill, I realized that I could easily overcome ruts and make it without stopping. This helped me completely bypass frustration.

Each time I’ve ridden, this simple phrase “momentum is my friend” now comes to mind. I’ve since learned that this principle can easily be applied to most areas in life.

Momentum can be our friend in relationships. With focused energy we can learn to care for others by spending more time with, or serving them. Momentum is my friend as I strive to love my wife more. If I date her more consistently then our relationship builds momentum. I can ask her how her day has gone. I can pray for her and with her. I can help her with the dishes. We can build momentum in our relationship that will help us when we hit a rut.

Momentum is your

friend when working to overcome debt. When someone gains momentum paying off credit-card debt and pushes steadily forward, frustrations can then be bypassed. It can even be a fun challenge. Momentum is your friend when seeking to overcome an addiction. The more times you say “no,” then speed is gained and force is applied consistently to build momentum which equals confidence and ultimately finding freedom.

This principle also applies spiritually. It can be very hard to move forward in our faith. Why? We have so many questions. We have moral battles that we lose along the way. We can’t see it or feel it. When we do try to take steps, it can feel unnatural (because it’s supernatural). But this is also an area where momentum is our friend.

In the Bible, a man named Paul writes a letter to encourage a group of people in the city of Galatia. He encourages them...

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9). The Message paraphrase says it like this, “So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit.”

Jesus told a story about a dear widow who begged and begged a wicked judge to help her out. This judge was not compassionate or just. He didn’t even care for this dear widow or her pain. However, her begging and pleading built momentum that couldn’t be ignored over time. This judge had to help her. He did finally listen and take care of her need.

God has created certain intangible laws that seem to exist in His universe, and the power of gaining “momentum” seems to be one of them.

Sometimes I’ve lost momentum, hit ruts, fallen off a path, and even wanted to give up in certain areas of life. But then I remember the key is to get back on the bike, push the pedals down, and build momentum, because only then can I finish the trail.

Let’s not stop building positive momentum. Don’t give up. Don’t give in. We can continue to apply focused energy so when we’re climbing a big hill, we can keep going forward and stick to the path. Anything good is hard. Let’s remember, momentum is our friend.

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.

Rustic Heart in Concert at library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the Folk Concert and Open Mic Series will be featuring Rustic Heart, 6:30 p.m. on April 29. Kelly Shively and Norm Hausler, of Rustic Heart, are a pair of seasoned musicians who have played with many Northern Michigan musicians as well as performed as solo singer/instrumentalists. Kelly brings her original songs of family and home, along with her interpretations of traditional mountain music. Norm’s deep baritone voice lends itself to country classics and his own original songs. Norm is enjoying learning to accompany Kelly with “mountain modal” tunings on his guitar, while Kelly surprises with turns on her fiddle, harp, banjo and a variety of other instruments. These two Northern Michiganders have combined their talents to form the duo Rustic Heart. The harmonies of voice, instrument and spirit have surprised even the musicians of this group...but the feeling is one of “home” when they play together, and we know you’ll feel it too.

The Charlevoix Public Library Folk Concert Series celebrates local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the event with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share talents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to 5 performers. The SummerFolk concert series will begin June 24, see the website for details: www.charlevoixlibrary.org. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.



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Boyne City Commission adopts revised Fireworks Ordinance in compliance with recent State Law

By Jim Akans

Boyne City now has a new Fireworks Ordinance, designed to be in compliance with Michigan's Act 256 of 2011, which allows the public use of consumer grade fireworks during the days before, on, and after ten designated "national holidays" each year. The Boyne City Commission has been deliberating adopting a revised Fireworks Ordinance over the last several meetings, and Leslie Meyer, assistant planner for Boyne City, has been diligently researching the rather vaguely written State Law. Final proposed wording for the ordinance was presented to the Commission at their meeting

held this past Tuesday, April 23rd.

The State Act also allows local units of government to "enact an ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks," but the ordinance cannot affect the 30 days during the year the State Act covers. While the State Act prohibits the purchase of consumer fireworks by a minor; it does not cover the use of fireworks by a minor, which was a provision under consideration by the Commission. Meyer's research unveiled that the Boyne City Ordinance could not contain such a provision, as State Law does not address use of con-

sumer fireworks by minors; it only prohibits the purchase of those items by a minor.

So, at Tuesday's meeting the Commission unanimously voted to repeal the existing Fireworks Ordinance (Section 34, Article IV) and adopt a new ordinance in its place which prohibits the use of consumer fireworks except for the 30 days during the year addressed by State Law, or for occasions when a permit has been issued from the City Commission. Commissioner Sansom expressed that even during the days of the year that consumer fireworks usage by minors is allowed, parental supervision is strongly encouraged.

The holidays covered by the

State Act are:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the Commission voted to approve that the Douglas Street construction project bid in the amount of \$287,406 be awarded to Tri County Excavating. The project, which will improve storm water drainage in the Douglas Street area, is expected to begin on July 7th and be

completed by August 10th of this year. The project will also include the addition of a sidewalk on the west side of the road, and transforming a portion of the road into a "green space" area.

The Commission also approved going forward with the harbor dredging project and to accept a \$105,000 grant from the Michigan DNR and Waterways Commission to fund the project.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 7 pm. The annual Business Expo will be held on Thursday, April 25th at the former's Carter's building from 3 to 7 pm.

NEWS BRIEFS

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EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday of each month beginning in May at the East Jordan senior center from 7:30 - 9:30pm. Enjoy hymns, southern gospel and praise music. Free admission.

ELLSWORTH

Financial Credit Recovery

As part of their Community Wellness Series the outreach team of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church will be presenting a discussion on Financial Credit Recovery at the Ellsworth High School Library on May 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Doug Seaney of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union will be presenting the information and available for questions. For more information please call 231.588.7455 or check www.ewcweb.org or ewcoffice@charter.net.

EAST JORDAN

Celebrity dinner

The Chamber's Annual Celebrity Dinner will be held at the Mallard - Wednesday, May 8 from 5pm - 8pm. Great menu at an affordable price for the whole family to enjoy. Past award winners of the Chamber's Annual Awards will be the "Celebrity Servers". Host and Hostess for the evening will be Frank Leonard of Fast Fill and Heather Jackson - EJ Chamber Board Treasurer.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne, then and now

This is a free slide program of historic pictures that will be shown from 10 to 11am on four consecutive Thursdays starting May 9 at the Boyne Area Senior Center, 411 Division St., Boyne City. The photos were assembled by local resident Ed May, featuring pictures and information about Boyne's businesses and industries, railroads, aerial view, history, ships and boats, streets and people. For information call 231-582-6682.

CHARLEVOIX

Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k

The 19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer 5K Walk/Run takes place in Charlevoix's EastPark on Sat. May 11. Registration begins at 8am and the walk and run begin at 9am. Individual walkers, runners and teams can collect "pledges" for participating in the walk, or sponsor themselves with a donation. Those that raise \$30 or more receive an event t-shirt. Registration forms are available at www.walkrun cure.org and also at local Chambers of Commerce.

CHARLEVOIX

Express to Murder

Step back in time to 1929 and experience the Orient Express without leaving Michigan. Ransom Note Entertainment from Grand Rapids will be performing the interactive murder mystery, "Express to Murder". We invite you to attend The Front Porch Cafe fundraiser on Friday, May 17th, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. A Silent Auction starts at 6:30, followed by the performance "Express to Murder" at 7:30. Appetizers and beverages by Matter of Taste will be served during intermis-

ision. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at The Front Porch in Ellsworth, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, and East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. The Front Porch Cafe is a regional, nonprofit, 501(c) 3, restaurant.

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 runfortheirives@charter.net.

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. 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/miscmakegift.htm> to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Website and make sure to note Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k Walk/run.

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

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.

BOYNE CITY

Ride of silence

Ride takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, (gather at 6:30 p.m.) at Veterans Park. The Ride of Silence remembers bicyclists killed or injured on the road and to raise awareness that we all share the road. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event. If anyone has pictures of past rides or would help out as a ride marshal, contact John McClorey at john@bikefixcyclingcenter.com.

EAST JORDAN

Polish dinner

Polish Dinner May 19th from 1 - 4pm at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Great Polish Food - Golabki, Pierogi, Sausage & Kraut, Dill Soup plus Dessert & Beverage. This is a project of St. Ann's Guild. We've added a Silent Auction. Meals by Donation!

HARBOR SPRINGS to MACKINAC ISLAND

ZOO-DE-MACKINAC Bike Tour

The Zoo-de-Mackinac is a weekend of huge parties with great bands, one of the most scenic bicycle rides in the country, a lot of sunshine, views of the mighty Mackinac Bridge, and one magical island. This is not a race. The Zoo-de-Mackinac is a collection of outdoor enthusiasts (2,200+ 2007) who want to enjoy a little physical exercise together in one of the most beautiful areas in the state of Michigan. The bike ride starts Saturday morning at Boyne Highlands Resort and spans 51 miles along Lake Michigan on a paved road with very little automobile traffic. Riders pedal through rolling countryside and trillium covered forests, along sandy beaches, and are surrounded by breathtaking views of Lake Michigan from 400' high bluffs. We stop approximately half

way, at a unique place called the Legs Inn for a leisurely lunch and to swap stories. The ride continues on to Mackinaw City, where you'll catch a ferry to Mackinac Island. May 18-24.

CHARLEVOIX

Petunia Block Captains Wanted

If you are interested in being a block captain for the annual petunia planting on May 23rd please contact Steve or Sandy Bennett at stbenn@chartermi.net.

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 that 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.

BOYNE CITY

Plant sale

It's Springtime in Boyne City and the Boyne Valley Garden Club is getting ready for their annual Shrub and Perennial sale. Order forms are available from club members, Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne Co-op True Value, Upsy-Daisy Floral and Boyne City Ace Hardware. You may also call 582-9373 to request an order form. Orders must be placed and paid in advance by May 23. Orders then must be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 8, behind Boyne Avenue Greenhouse. Thirteen flower gardens around the city are planted and maintained by the Boyne Valley Garden Club, which is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested

in joining and meeting lots of new and friendly people you can call Cyndy Tonkavich, 231 536-7280, or email ctonkavich@gmail.com.

BOYNE CITY

D.A.R.E. 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

The Boyne City Police Department and East Jordan Police Department D.A.R.E. Program will be hosting a Memorial Day Weekend 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run. Saturday, May 25th starting and finishing at Sunset Park in Boyne City. Registration forms can be picked up at the Boyne City & East Jordan Police Departments, as well as, the Boyne City & East Jordan Chamber Offices. Printable forms are also available at www.boynecity.com. For more information contact mailto:boynecitypd@yahoo.com.

BOYNE CITY

Hall of fame

The Boyne City Booster Foundation will accept nominations for the Boyne City High School Hall of Fame until May 31st. The Hall of Fame recognizes Boyne City High School alumni who have used their educational foundation established in high school to go on to outstanding achievement in their field. Applications can be picked up at the High School Office. For additional information contact Principal, Karen Jarema at 439-8100, or BCBF President, Dave Hutz at 582-1108.

CHARLEVOIX

Palette Knife Classes in June 2013

Popular Palette Knife Artist, James Koslosky will be teaching two classes in June at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street. Cost of the class is \$125 and includes all materials needed.

Tuesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 5 at 5pm to 9pm. Beginner Class

Tuesday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 26 Jim will be teaching an Advanced Palette Knife Class. 5 to 9pm. Cost is \$125 and includes all materials. A great teacher and nice article. Please call the Charlevoix Circle of Arts to register or send in your check to Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton, Charlevoix, MI 49720

EAST JORDAN

Rotary variety show

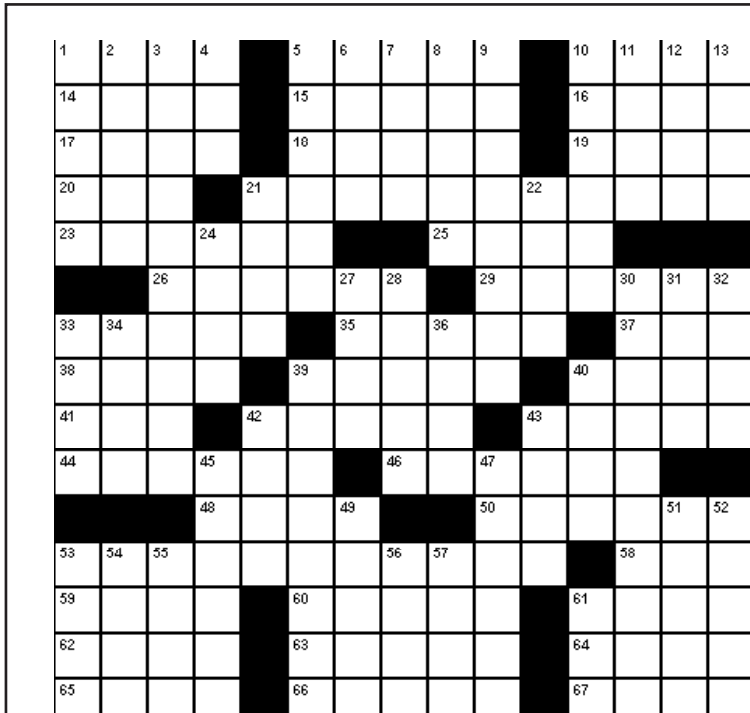
Plan to attend the Annual Rotary Variety Show, Friday

Across

1- Junk e-mail; 5- Inventor Howe; 10- Resistance units; 14- Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued; 15- Living in flowing water; 16- Profound; 17- Country singer McEntire; 18- Inner self (Jung); 19- Sicilian volcano; 20- Henri's here; 21- Easily decided; 23- Flower parts; 25- General ___ chicken; 26- Least polite; 29- Momentarily; 33- Male duck; 35- Storage center; 37- ___ Jima; 38- Cereal grain; 39- Kyoto's country; 40- Ginger cookie; 41- O Sole ___; 42- Cooked in oven; 43- "Mule Train" singer; 44- Register; 46- Compositions; 48- It's over your head; 50- Assemble; 53- Jointed or segmented; 58- Genetic material; 59- Womanizer; 60- Agave fiber; 61- Dig like a pig; 62- British nobleman; 63- All thumbs; 64- Ellington, e.g.; 65- Places of refuge; 66- Kett and James; 67- Warts and all;

Down

1- Divest; 2- Portion; 3- Person empowered to decide; 4- Cry ___ River; 5- Go by; 6- The ___ Ranger rode a horse called Silver; 7- Pack ___ (quilt); 8- Draw a bead on; 9- Metrical analysis of verse; 10- Black Sea port; 11- 8th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 12- List from which to choose; 13- Petty quarrel; 21- Shoppe sign word; 22- "___ you dare!"; 24- Diving birds; 27- Minn. neighbor; 28- Conical native American tent; 30- Ill-omened; 31- McGregor of "Trainspotting"; 32- Deal (with); 33- Cupola; 34- Drops from the sky; 36- Cushions; 39- Blind or shutter; 40- Puts into words; 42- Coalition; 43- Extol; 45- Bay windows; 47- Separates metal from ore; 49- Hard stone; 51- Japanese mushroom; 52- Gives a 9.8, say; 53- Tract; 54- Loud, deep utterance, especially used by lions; 55- Istanbul resident; 56- I'd hate to break up ___; 57- Spanish appetizer; 61- Cereal box abbr.;



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Medicare News – May 2013

When Medicare Doesn't Pay

There are certain times when Medicare doesn't cover services provided to a beneficiary. There are several ways in which a beneficiary should be notified about these times. First of all – be aware that there are some services for which Medicare does not pay at all. Congress determines what services are covered. Examples of services that Medicare generally would not cover include: cosmetic surgery, hearing aids, routine dental care and long term nursing care (even if it is medically necessary).

An Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is used by a (provider) who believes that a service, which Medicare covers under some circumstances, may not be paid for by Medicare in a particular case. "An ABN allows a beneficiary to make an informed decision by knowing in advance that they may have to pay out-of-pocket for a service. The (provider) provides a written notice before the service is rendered, indicating this fact and explaining why a denial is expected. The beneficiary agrees to pay for the service if Medicare does not pay for it. If the (provider) does not use the ABN, they are not allowed to collect payment from the beneficiary. Examples of when an ABN might be used include: cases where a beneficiary is requesting more service than that for which Medicare would normally pay, or a services that the provider does not deem to be medically necessary.

Other instances in which Medicare does not pay for services include receiving services from a provider who has officially "Opted-Out" of Medicare. What does that mean to a Medicare beneficiary? Providers who opt out of Medicare

do not accept Medicare at all. They cannot submit any claims to Medicare on behalf of their patients and the Medicare beneficiary is required to pay for care that they provide – Medicare will NOT reimburse them. These providers are also not subject to the Medicare laws that limit the amount that can be charged for a service. If the provider has opted out of Medicare, they must have the beneficiary sign a private contract that states that the beneficiary has agreed to receive care from a provider who has opted out of Medicare. If the (provider) has opted out of Medicare and DOESN'T ask the beneficiary to sign this private contract – prior to receiving the service - the beneficiary does not have to pay for the service and the provider is required to refund any money that has been paid for the services they provided.

Beneficiaries will pay the least for their service if they see providers who accept Medicare and take "Assignment." A provider who accepts assignment accepts Medicare's approved amount as full payment for health care services. Those beneficiaries with Medicare Advantage plans pay the least when they see providers in their plan's network.

Quoted material taken from Testimony before the Senate Finance Committee, 2/26/1998 by Administrator for the Health Care Financing Administration and "Dear Marci from the Medicare Rights Center."

This document was produced by the Regional MMAP office at the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan.

MMAP is funded by a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging through funding received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 25 BIRTHDAY DAY 1 pm Pinochle	Friday, April 26 9:30 am Craft Class 1 pm Rummy	Monday, April 29 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, April 30 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, May 1 1pm Bingo	Thursday, May 2 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 25 Wii Bowling	Friday, April 26 Roger 11-12 B-Day Day Raffle	Monday, April 29 Bingo	Tuesday, April 30 Craft Class	Wednesday, May 1 NIGHT MEAL! Roger Hartson	Thursday, May 2 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 25 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY	Friday, April 26 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Baked Raffle	Monday, April 29 8-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, April 30 11am Line Dancing 12:30 BINGO Paint Class	Wednesday, May 1 NIGHT MEAL! MUSIC at 4:00 EAT at 5pm	Thursday, May 2 COME HAVE FUN! KARAOKE DAY
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Most Michigan residents who are homeless live in families

Submitted by Jamie Winters

It's hard for anyone to cope with being homeless. But the challenges are magnified if you are looking out not only for yourself, but for your children. In Michigan, more than half of the people who are homeless are in families, according to the state's Campaign to End Homelessness. The Campaign is a public-private partnership of more than 600 agencies working to end homelessness one person and one family at a time. About two-thirds of the adults in those families are women (typically single mothers). And the average age of the children is just seven years old. Families can end up homeless for any number of reasons including an illness or accident, lost job, substance abuse disorder, mental illness or domestic violence.

The Campaign to End Homelessness works to prevent homelessness, where possible, or rapidly move people into stable housing while helping them get the services they need to get back on their feet. The Campaign's partners work collaboratively and offer help in a multitude of ways, including helping secure often-sparse affordable housing and assisting heads of household find jobs, access benefits and get health care services. Each part of the state has a Housing Assessment and Resource Agency that directs people to the services appropriate for their circumstances.

"Families need safe, affordable housing with wrap-around services appropriate to their level of need," said John McLintock, Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency Housing Agent in Charlevoix-Emmet counties. "They also need a level of income that will help them sustain that housing, so income supports and educational programs and employment are important." About 28 percent of homeless families in the state have jobs, but the average monthly income was just \$637 in 2011, according to data gathered by the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). And they face added finan-

cial burdens, including transportation to and from work, and child care costs.

"Single parents who have separated from their spouses or partners may face a sudden drop in income that is difficult or impossible to replace," said Eric Hufnagel of the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness. "The remaining parent in the household may not have a significant employment track record or adequate income to sustain the family at the same level," he said.

Keeping children in the same school is an important issue as well. Every school district in the state has a homeless liaison responsible for identifying homeless students and ensuring they get to school and have access to services. Mary Gaudard, Char-Em ISD Homeless Liaison describes the local district homeless liaisons as, "creative and committed in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless students."

Domestic violence is a common cause of homelessness for women. Like many domestic violence shelters, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Safe Home, which serves survivors of domestic abuse and their children in Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim, Cheboygan and Otsego counties, is constantly being utilized. Staff assist residents in finding stable housing and point them to other resource, in addition to providing safe shelter. "We have advocates who work with women on what their goals are," said Domestic Abuse Program Director, Chris Krajewski. "We work in collaboration with the different agencies in our five counties that provide housing support and make sure that the women have every opportunity to apply to utilize those resources."

"Here in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties we're working hard to make sure every family has a decent and affordable place to live," said Jamie Winters, Continuum of Care Chairperson. "We're committed to making that a reality."

For more information about the Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness, visit www.TheCampaignToEndHomelessness.org.

Seminars will Address Health Care Reform and Right to Work

Chambers of Commerce in northern Michigan are working together to host two seminars to help businesses address some much talked-about issues: The Affordable Care Act and Right to Work. The seminars will be held Wed. May 1 in the Vienna Room at the Boyne Mountain Grand Lodge and are open to all area businesses.

The morning session is titled, "Right to Work is Now the Law of Michigan: What Does it Mean for Your Business?" Steven J. Fishman, Chair of the Workplace Law Group Bodman, PLC, will present the session that runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fishman says the session will provide a sensible review of the new law and its effect on the workplace including dues deduction provisions, organizing

rules, enforcement, and more.

In the afternoon, Bodman's Charles M. Russman will present a session titled, "Healthcare Reform: The Practical Guide to Help You Prepare." That session will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and will focus on those rules already in effect, the impact on specific businesses, tips for compliance, tax implications, and how the act impacts a business' ability to attract and retain employees.

Businesses can attend one session for \$59/person or attend both for \$99/person. Fees include refreshments and all seminar materials. An optional lunch will be available in Everett's Lounge at the individual's own additional expense. Businesses can register on-line at

<http://bit.ly/10ho5lu> or they can call the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce at 231-347-4150

Organizers say the sessions are targeted at business owners, CEO's, human resource specialists, and members of high level management teams.

These seminars are presented by the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance, a partnership of eight primary partners and four associate partners. The chambers that comprise the alliance share resources to advocate on behalf of northern Michigan businesses. This event represents some new programming by the alliance as they attempt to draw together business leaders from throughout the region to address key issues.

Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop and Counseling

Michigan residents continue to fall victim to the troubled economy. Residents who seek housing assistance in northwest Michigan can find help with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), a NeighborWorks® Chartered Member.

Free Foreclosure Prevention Education workshops are available in NMCAA's Traverse City, Petoskey, and

Cadillac offices. Homeowners will learn how to avoid foreclosure and the different foreclosure programs that are available. NMCAA, a certified HUD and MSHDA Housing Counseling Agency, will also educate homeowners about the foreclosure process and counsel families on budgeting for their personal financial situation.

Homeowners do not have to be

within the actual foreclosure process to access these services – many are available to assist before a crisis actually occurs to keep the clients out of the foreclosure process altogether.

For details or more information, or learn about the workshop, please call (231) 947-3780 or (800) 632-7334. NMCAA's website is www.nmcaa.net.

Consumers Energy contributes \$71,000 to Northwest Michigan Great Start programs

Part of Company's Promise to Support, Care for Communities

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., March 18, 2013 – Four northern Michigan community organizations focused on the importance of early childhood development as an essential ingredient for a successful future are receiving \$71,000 in support from Consumers Energy.

"The research is clear: Support for early childhood programs – promoting reading, social skills and ready-to-learn activities – is one of the best investments we can make in our state's future," said David G. Mengebier, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "Caring for our kids is an essential part of caring for the communities we serve. That's our promise to Michigan."

The grants were announced today as part of the Great Start, Great Futures Summit in Traverse City, which attracted more than 150 community leaders from the region. The grants come from a donor-advised fund established by Consumers Energy's parent company, CMS Energy, and held by the United Way of Jackson County.

Consumers Energy will make the following grants from its donor advised fund to support these early childhood programs: \$30,000 to Great Start Traverse Bay/Manistee for childcare scholarships \$20,000 to Great Start Wexford/Missaukee for a parent education program \$11,000 to Great Start Collaborative of Cheboygan, Otsego and Presque Isle for preschool scholarships \$10,000 to Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties for childcare scholarships and a parent education program

Since 2008, Consumers Energy has provided \$1.6 million in grants supporting early childhood programs. Today's announcement is part of the company's nearly \$500,000 in support this year for similar programs across Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Mary Manner, coordinator of Great Start Traverse Bay/Manistee, said the



L to R: Great Start Collaborative directors Mary Manner (Traverse Bay/Manistee GSC), Michael Acosta (Wexford/Missaukee GSC), Melinda Hambleton (Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle GSC), Maureen Hollocker (Charlevoix-Emmet GSC). COURTESY PHOTO

grants are deeply appreciated by each of the groups.

"A recent study commissioned for our area found investing in early childhood is a key strategy for achieving long term economic success," Manner said. "There is a clear path to a brighter economic future, and it depends on how we raise our youngest children."

These four Great Start collaboratives of northwest lower Michigan have been working together for several years on common, strategic goals which include increasing access to quality childcare and early education and expanding parent education opportunities for all families. The strong partnership has led to sharing resources, exchanging information at all levels, and adopting a regional communications plan based on a simple motto: "Strong families, thriving communities begin with a Great Start." Together

they are working to make Michigan a great place for families and businesses to grow and thrive.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding for a variety of areas including education, community, civic and cultural development, social services, the environment, and emerging issues. For more information about the Consumers Energy Foundation and its support of America's Promise, visit our website at www.consumersenergy.com/foundation.

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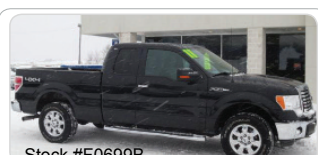


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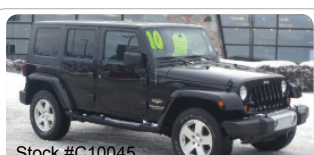
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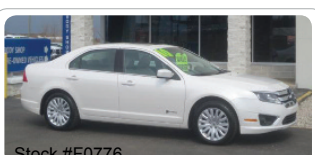
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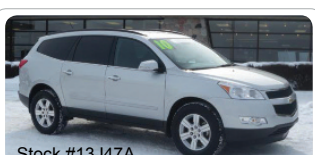
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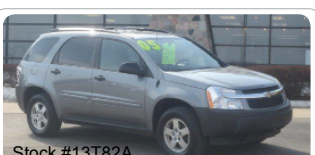
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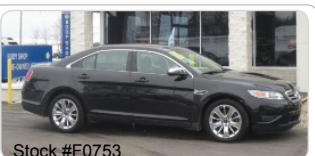
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