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Voters Approve BC Public Schools' millage renewal

By Jim Akans

Boyne City area voters approved the BC Public Schools' millage renewal proposal on Tuesday's ballot by a margin (as of press time) of 395 for to 79 against. Boyne City Public School District voters were asked to consider the renewal of an 18.7416-mil non-homestead issue. A renewal of this issue will allow the district to collect all school aid due from the State of Michigan. This renewal will not raise the millage rate of owner-occupied primary residences or "qualified agricultural" properties.

Language appearing on the May 7th ballot was:

BOYNE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.7416 mills (\$18.7416 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$9,987,500 (this is a renewal of millage, which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

53RD ANNUAL NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL starts Thursday, May 16 in Boyne City

By Jim Akans

Each spring, thousands of people head for the northern Michigan woodlands in search of the magnificent Morel Mushroom, and each May since 1960, Boyne City has been the destination where many of those mushroom hunters gather to experience the annual National Morel Mushroom Festival.

This year, the 53rd National Morel Mushroom Festival will begin on Thursday, May 16th, and continue through Sunday, May 19th. Of course mushrooms take center stage at this annual fungi fête, with a morel seminar, guided hunts, the Boyne City Chamber's Wine & Dine gourmet event, a morel breakfast at the VFW Hall, the Great Morel Giveaway and more. The festival will also feature an exciting live music line up at the tent in Veterans Park, as well as carnival rides, a craft show an outdoor recreation show, and a "Run for their Lives" 5k fun run/walk to benefit the Humane Society.

Kicking off the fun next Thurs-



It's almost time for the 53rd National Morel Mushroom Festival, which will begin in Boyne City next Thursday, May 16th, and continue through Sunday, May 19th. Last year, four-time Grand Champion, Darren Huntoon, of Else, Michigan, took top honors in the 52nd National Mushroom Hunt with a total of 15 "shrooms." Here, Darren receives the grand champion trophy from Lions club members Todd Sorensen and Bob Prebble. PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES.

day, May 16th is the opening of the festival tent in Boyne City's Veterans Pak with a "Competition of Local Musicians" starting at 5:30

pm. On Friday, May 17th, the musical entertainment will start with the SweetWater Blues Band at 6:30 pm followed by Yankee Station beginning at 8:30 pm. Carnival rides, provided by Schmidt Amusements, will open at 3 pm on Thursday, and continue through the Sunday.

While the National Morel Mushroom Festival will include two guided hunts; the first departing from Veterans Park on Friday, May 17th at 4:30 pm, and the Boyne Valley Lions' National Mushroom Hunt departing from the parking lot of the former Carter's store at 9 am on Saturday, there will also be a chance to take home up to 50 pounds of morels



The Craft Show held at Veterans Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is always a popular destination among festival attendees. PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

See Mushroom Festival-13



Activities during the Northern Michigan Bridal Expo will include a live bridal fashion show that has been a hallmark of the afternoon during previous expos. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

2013 Northern Michigan Bridal Expo at Boyne Mountain Resort on May 19th

By Jim Akans

It's springtime in northern Michigan, and love is in the air. Couples planning to celebrate their love by exchanging vows within the next year or so will have an awesome wedding planning opportunity at Boyne Mountain Resort's Civic Center on Sunday, May 19th, from 1 to 5 pm. It's the 2013 Northern Michigan Bridal Expo, bringing together scores of Northern Michigan area wedding-related vendors in one convenient spot, making it easy for soon-to-be brides and grooms to create the wedding event of their dreams.

"This is a 'must attend' event for couples planning to exchange wedding vows," states Cindy Akans, event co-

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SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 50's
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SUNDAY



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

snowfall

2011-12	Amt	2012-13	Amt
4/23/2012	59.5	4/22/2013	55.8
4/23/2012	47.4	4/22/2013	91.9
4/23/2012	72.2	4/22/2013	1277
4/23/2012	103.1	4/22/2013	152.2
4/23/2012	50.2	4/22/2013	51.6
4/23/2012	68.6	4/22/2013	76.7
4/23/2012	73.8	4/22/2013	136.3

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
9	67°F	38°F	90°F (1993)	23°F (1955)
10	68°F	39°F	90°F (1993)	22°F (1961)
11	68°F	39°F	85°F (1992)	24°F (2002)
12	68°F	39°F	87°F (1992)	22°F (1996)
13	69°F	39°F	86°F (2004)	25°F (1951)
14	69°F	40°F	86°F (1991)	25°F (1973)
15	69°F	40°F	91°F (1998)	26°F (2002)

OBITUARIES

Norman E. Probert, 75

(OCT. 14, 1937 - MARCH 1, 2013)

Norman E. Probert of Charlevoix died March 1, 2013, while camping in Louisiana. The husband of Judy Harrell-Probert, they were married for 56 years. Together they had two children, Terri (Michael) Hodge of Petoskey, and Gary N. (Barbara) Probert of Orlando, Fla.; four grandchildren, Tricia Howard, of Charlevoix, Jerred Hodge of Petoskey, Heather Probert of St. Cloud, Fla., and Brett Probert of Orlando, Fla.; one great-grandchild, Grayson Howard of Charlevoix; two brothers, Albert and Milton Probert.

Norm was involved in many local associations. He was active in the Retired Teachers Association, past president of the Lake Charlevoix Association, and a past Charlevoix City Council Representative.

He was involved in the Michigan Wrestling Coaches Association and helped to establish the Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in Michigan.

Norm loved traveling, camping and being the "Park Jester" where ever he was.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Charlevoix County Community Foundation, PO Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727 attention: Chip Hansen, for Michigan Association of Retired School Personal (MARSP) Scholarship Program.

A Memorial Service is planned for Sunday, May 19, 2013 at the Charlevoix Public Library, 200 Clinton St, Charlevoix. A light lunch will be served at 1:00 pm, and the memorial service will follow at 2:30 pm. If anyone is unable to attend the service, please have a toast to "NORM" and remember the good times and smiles he may have brought to you.

Dewey Wayne Williams, 75

(NOV. 23, 1937 - JAN. 31, 2013)

Dewey Wayne Williams was called to Heaven on Jan. 31, 2013. He passed away in a hospital bed in Jackson, Mich.

He was born Nov. 23, 1937, to Paul Williams and Loveland Fouts in Tulsa, Okla.

Dewey was raised in Oklahoma where he spent his days going to school and fishing.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1964.

In 1970, he moved to Northern Michigan and two years later was married to Mary Lou. He and Mary raised their three children in Stutsmanville in a house they built themselves. He had a long career of 20 years with Bartlett's Carpet Center out of Charlevoix, a job he loved but was forced to quit because of health issues. He then spent his days reading the Bible and being involved in the church. He enjoyed talking to others about the Lord and trying to help them see the light of God. He was a hard worker, a great father and husband, and a dedicated Christian who will be greatly missed.

He has left behind a wife, Mary Lou Williams, 63; two sons, David James Knight, 48, and Mark Wayne Williams, 33; and a daughter, Mary Gagnon, 47. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Stutsmanville Chapel, located at the corner of State Road and Stutsmanville Road, six miles north of Harbor Springs.

Richard 'Dick' Brown, 95

Richard "Dick" Brown of Boyne City died Sunday, May 5, 2013, at his home.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at Walloon Lake Community Church with a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Marie Neoma Leaman, 90

(MAY 6, 1922 - MAY 3, 2013)

Marie N. Leaman, 91, of Charlevoix, passed away May 3, 2013, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Marie was born May 6, 1922, in Detroit, the daughter of William and Anna Leaman.

She is survived by a son, Jimmy Leaman, of Charlevoix; three brothers, Dan (Connie) Leaman of Boyne City, John (Faye) Leaman of East Jordan and Joe (Nel) Leaman of Florida; a sister, Joan Nixon of Logan, Ohio; special nieces, Sandy and Laurie,

along with several loving nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Dave and Billy; and a brother-in-law, Harold Nixon.

The funeral service for Marie will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Mancelona.

The family would like to thank the incredible staff at Boulder Park Terrace for all of their support and care, especially Paul, Laura, Ginny and Bo.

Sign Marie's guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Helen McGeorge, 87

Helen McGeorge, age 87, of Boyne City, passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial service will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Duane L. Smith, 80

(JULY 13, 1932 - MAY 6, 2013)

Duane L. Smith of Ellsworth died Monday, May 6, 2013 at his home.

He was born July 13, 1932 in Cadillac, Michigan, the son of Leonard and Elizabeth Heringa Smith.

On September 15, 1957 he married Mary Sutton in Central Lake. They made their home in East Jordan and moved to Banks Township in 2012. Duane served in the U.S. Army during the Korean era.

He was employed at East Jordan Iron Works for 25 years. He enjoyed flying kites, riding bikes, gardening, looking for stones along Lake Michigan, listening to gospel music, cutting firewood, and watching Andy Griffith movies.

Surviving are his wife Mary; children Geri (Frank Brewster) Koshmider of Jackson, Randall Smith of Elmira, Kenneth Smith of Mancelona, Jimmy Smith of Ellsworth, Sherry Kelsey of Okemos, Sally Ruehle of Ellsworth; 6 grandchildren; a sister Edith (Richard) Baker of Wellston, brothers Arnold (Doris) Smith, Douglas (Colleen) Smith, and Gary Smith, all of Cadillac.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Chris Wallace officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from noon until the time of the service. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Hartwell Austin 'Joe' Olmstead, 78

Our final farewell goes out to Hartwell Austin Olmstead, or simply "Joe," as we affectionately called him.

Joe's journey through this world ended on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at his peaceful home in the company of his loving family. He departed with the same courage, dignity and grace that he carried for his 78 years of life. His humble presence will forever be felt by those who have known him.

Joe was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and grew up in the eastern end of the U.P., graduating from Cedarville High School in 1953. He loved the outdoors, spending his years hunting, fishing, boating and walking through the woods. But most of all, Joe loved his "family," which extended far beyond immediate family members, and they loved him.

Joe was a kind and gentle soul who generously shared his time, wisdom, and often times his home, with so many who were fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him on the great walk of life.

On June 21, 1956, Joe married his high school sweetheart, Karen Ann Goetz, of Cedarville, and together they have enjoyed a wonderful 56-year marriage. Their journey brought them to Battle Creek, Mich., for a short time, then to Charlevoix in 1969, where they have lived since. In 1997, Joe retired from Carter's in Petoskey, after a 40-plus-year career as a meat cutter.

In addition to his wife, Karen Olmstead, Joe is survived by his son, Tracy Olmstead, of Hessel, Mich.; his daughter and son-in-law, Micki and Tony Hagen, of Charlevoix; his daughter, Leanna Mosoryak, of Charlevoix; his grandchildren, Matthew (Renee) Mosoryak of Belaire, Mich., Michael (Channah) Mosoryak of Portland, Ore., Jennifer Mosoryak of Charlevoix, Aaron Hagen of Charlevoix, Sarah Hagen of Charlevoix, and Lisa (Jim) Zyble of Kings Mount, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Mason Mosoryak, Sadie Moso-

ryak, Jimmy Zyble, Jack Zyble, Olivia Reed and Christopher Pulliam; his brother, Stewart (Nancy) Olmstead; his sister, Margaret (Norman) Garvey; his sisters-in-law, Ruth Cutler, Laurel Tigner, Raechel (John) Alberts; his very special people, Madison Ramsey, Chris Sellick and Ginny Foltz; and so many close nieces, nephews and others whom he loved dearly.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Hartwell and Verna Olmstead; parents-in-law, Bill and Hazel Goetz; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Bob Muscoe; son-in-law, Jay Mosoryak; nephew, Paul Muscoe; and great-nephew, Luke Bickham.

The admiration and respect everyone had for Joe was very comforting during these past weeks and months. He truly cherished the company and the calls he received and his family would like to express their gratitude to all who were part of making this time so special. To Scott and Raechel, "Thank you." We were so blessed to have your help and companionship.

At Joe's request, there will no services at this time. A celebration of Joe's life will take place later this summer.

Memorial contributions in Joe's memory may be made to a charity of choice.

And lastly, thank you Tigers for the big win Saturday night! We're pretty sure your biggest fan was cheering you on from the best seat in the house.

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

Charlene Ann Cochran, 66

Charlene Ann Cochran of East Jordan died Saturday, May 4, 2013, at home.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are pending at Penzien Funeral Home Inc. in East Jordan.

Carol Hemingway Sanford Coolidge, 88

(SEPT. 19, 1923 - APRIL 19, 2013)

Former Grosse Pointe and Walloon Lake resident Carol Hemingway Sanford Coolidge, 88, passed away on April 19, 2013, in Falls Church, Va., after an extended battle with Parkinson's disease.

She was born in Detroit on Sept. 19, 1923, to Marcelline Hemingway Sanford and Sterling Skillman Sanford. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, she attended Mac Murray College and later graduated from Michigan State University. She married David Allen Coolidge in 1953 and their son, David Allen Coolidge Jr., was born in 1956. The Coolidges lived in the city of Grosse Pointe, Garden City, Long Island, N.Y., and Grosse Pointe Farms. In the early 1980s, they retired to Chapel Hill, N.C.

In Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Coolidge was active in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and served as a deacon in 1974-77. Other activities included the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, theater arts and assisting teachers at Grosse Pointe South High School grading and correcting students' papers. When she moved to Chapel Hill, she was active in Presbyterian Church and in tutoring urban youth in reading. Her retirement years included several cruises and trips abroad. After her husband's death in 1995, she moved to Goodwin House, a retirement facility in Falls Church, Va., to be near to her son, David Jr. In 2002, her son tragically died at age 46 from brain cancer.

Mrs. Coolidge is survived by her devoted daughter-in-law, Joan Orgon Coolidge, of Falls Church, Va.; and three grandchildren, Daniel Coolidge, Samuel Coolidge and Rosalind Coolidge. Her siblings, James Sterling Sanford (wife, Marian) of Petoskey, and John Edmonds Sanford (wife, Judith), of Tiburon, Calif., survive her as do numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service took place on April 22 at her residence at Goodwin House, and later this year her ashes will be spread near her beloved summer cottage on Walloon Lake.

Floyd Johnnecheck, 79

Floyd Johnnecheck, age 79, of Bay Township, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2013, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Floyd was born on May 17, 1933, in Petoskey, the son of August and Irene (Peters) Johnnecheck.

Early on, Floyd would work in the day helping to build Medusa Cement Plant in Charlevoix and he would come home and work late building his own home until he finished. Most recently, Floyd was an avid farmer for more than 50 years.

He enjoyed ice fishing, watching Tiger baseball; he even got his wife, Norma, to start watching them and tending to his farm. Floyd also liked keeping track of the weather; he

could tell you exactly what the weather was like a year ago in his little black book.

Floyd is survived by his devoted wife of 23 years, Norma Jean; daughters, Tamra (Randy) Peck, Kerry (Dave) Peck and Vicki (Jeff) Grice; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Harold (Sandy) Johnnecheck, Dorothy Hawkins, Hilda (Wesley) Duetel and Helen (Larry) Bergman; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Floyd's family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Cathy Wonski for all her help both personally and professionally; Marie from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay; as well as VitalCare.

He is preceded in death by his parents, August and Irene; mother-in-law, Mary W. Brown; and brother-in-law, Carl Hawkins.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the funeral home with Pastor Debbie S. Cole officiating. Burial will follow at North Bay Cemetery.

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

Bonnie Londal, 73

Bonnie (Mikelson) Londal of Walloon Lake, Mich., and Boulder, Colo., passed away on April 24, 2013, at her home in Boulder. She was 73 years old.

Bonnie was born in Holly, Mich., to Doris and Erwin Mikelson.

She is survived by husband, Jerry Londal; daughter, Cari Moore, and grandson, Garrett Moore, of Watsonville, Calif.; son, Phillip Londal, of Boulder, Colo.; sisters, Nancy Jones of Lapeer, Mich., Radene Mikelson of Mesa, Ariz., Molly Schwitzer of Howard, Colo.; and brother, Jerry Mikelson, of Lehigh Acres, Fla.

Bonnie graduated from Southfield High School in Southfield, Mich., and received an RN degree from the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. One of her friends once commented that she wanted to come back in the next life as Bonnie's grandchild. She loved to be in her garden tending her flowers. She also enjoyed golf and skiing. She was a former member of the Petoskey Area Garden Club, a member of the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club, and an active member of the Petoskey United Methodist Church. Bonnie was a certified H&R Block tax preparer, and spent many hours volunteering her services to the elderly and the poor.

A memorial service will take place at noon Saturday, May 18, at the Petoskey United Methodist Church. Meeting with family will take place from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service, and also after the service, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: TRU Community Care, 2594 Trailridge Drive East, Lafayette, Colo. 80026; or to the Petoskey United Methodist Church, 1804 E. Mitchell Road, Petoskey, Mich. 49770.

Jack William DeWildt, 92

(OCT. 26, 1920 - APRIL 29, 2013)

Jack William DeWildt passed away peacefully April 29, 2013, at the age of 92.

He was born Oct. 26, 1920, to his parents, Peter and Ethel DeWildt. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Natalie Kloosterman and Donald DeWildt.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 65 years, Eleanor Beth DeWildt; his children, Gail (Gary) Plum of Traverse City, Jaci (Gary) Busscher of Muskegon, Gary (Karen) DeWildt of Wyoming, Darlene (Craig) Nollar of Wyoming, Dean (Carolyn) DeWildt of Midland; 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Dick DeWildt of South Haven.

Jack was born and raised in Grand Rapids, and was a graduate of South High. He proudly served his country during World War II for three years.

After 40 years at Michigan Bell Telephone, Jack retired in 1980. He enjoyed his summers in Charlevoix surrounded by family, and escaped with Beth to Bradenton, Fla., during the winter months. Jack also loved watching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports. He will be missed on the sidelines and in the stands, but perhaps not by the umpires and officials.

One of the greatest legacies Jack leaves is family summers on the lakes and beaches of Charlevoix. His grandchildren and great-grandchild-

ren will continue the tradition of whiffle ball games on the back forty, where Moe often served as all-time umpire, pitcher and groundskeeper. His generosity that made for endless good times on Stover Road for the entire family will be remembered forever. He and his lucky red marbles will be missed around the Joker board. He'll be remembered for his burnt breakfast toast, favorite red sweatshirt and his cherished collection of ball caps. Husband, Father, Grandpa, Moe ... he'll be missed.

A ceremony celebrating Jack's life was Thursday, May 2, at the Matthisse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Chapel (Kentwood), 4646 Kalamazoo SE, Kentwood, Mich. 49508. A graveside service for Jack took place at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix Friday, May 3.

In honor of Jack, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross or Spectrum Health Hospice and Palliative Care. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com.

Forrest Samuel 'Sam' Rogers, 88

Forrest Samuel "Sam" Rogers, businessman of Morganton, N.C., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Born in 1924 in East Jordan, Mich., he was the son of the late Maggie and Samuel Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Grant Rogers; three sons, Bruce Rogers and Laura of Richmond, Va., Jack Rogers of Asheville, N.C., and Rick and Kathy Rogers of Brighton, Mich.; three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Patricia and Jane.

Sam loved his family, friends, tennis, traveling and life. His love of boating took him to many interesting ports of call.

His wife is filled with gratitude for friends, Dr. Edward Plyler, and Burke County Hospice for their kindness and compassion during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, 1721 Enon Road, Valdese, N.C. 28690; or Community Foundation of Burke County, P.O. Box 1156, Morganton, N.C. 28680.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

Brian F. Slattery, 43

Brian F. Slattery of Maple Lake, Minn., formerly of Charlevoix, died Thursday, April 18, 2013, at his home.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with the rosary recited at 8 p.m.

A memorial Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Matthew Wigton will officiate.

Floyd L. Graham, 75

(MAY 7, 1937 - APRIL 24, 2013)

Floyd L. Graham of Atwood passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at his home.

He was born May 7, 1937, in Plymouth, the son of George and Eleanor (Joseph) Graham. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1955, then served in the U.S. Army. He raised his family in Petoskey, then lived in Hillsdale and North Pole, Alaska, before retiring in Northern Michigan.

On Nov. 28, 1987, he married Kathleen Joseph at the College Baptist Church in Hillsdale.

Floyd was a home-builder by trade, skilled also in metal fabrication. He loved to hunt, fish and help people complete projects. While living in Emmet County, Floyd served on the Springvale Township Fire Department, the township board of trustees, and was the township cemetery sexton. He was a member of the Center Pointe Assembly of God Church in Charlevoix.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Kathleen; sons, Jess Graham, George (Kristi) Graham, all of Petoskey; stepchildren, Barbara (Dr. Peter) Marshall of North Pole, Alaska, JoAnn Maldonado of Hillsdale, Michelle Valaskova of Tucson, Ariz., BethAnn (Andrew Howard) Valaskova of Ypsilanti, John Jason Walaskay of Hawaii, Joseph (Abby) Walaskay of Delaware, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; mother, Eleanor Graham of Petoskey; twin-brother, Lloyd (Barbara) Graham of Plymouth; sisters, Lillian (Bill) Postlethwait of Tarpon Springs, Bonnie Vergeldt of Garden City.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 4, at the Center Pointe Assembly of God Church in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center Pointe Assembly of God Church in Charlevoix, 5291 M-66 North, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.



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Marco Cucco, founder of Idea Mia and the JetBag brand, saw an opportunity to help Michigan workers with disabilities and left a successful corporate job to pursue a life as an entrepreneur. Back in 2008, while in the middle of an especially challenging Michigan economy, Cucco decided he was growing tired of the rat race and came up with a way to branch out on his own. Building off of an idea his wife Angie had back in the 90's when frequently traveling to and from Italy, he decided to bring the concept of a protective and absorbent wine travel bag to fruition.

The best way to transport wine, at the time, was to wrap the bottles in baby diapers when putting them in the suitcase. That way if they broke under pressure in-flight the diapers would absorb the liquids. The simple yet profound concept was improved by adding a more compact yet absorbent padding and a stylish bottle shaped leak proof bag. After months, and countless nights, spent moonlighting on the project, Cucco was finally able to identify a design and a go to market strategy for the bags that worked.

Further breakthroughs were made when Angie, a grayling native, drew on family contacts to identify ROOC as the ideal manufacturing and fulfillment partner. ROOC, which is based in Roscommon, Michigan, employs workers with disabilities giving them the opportunity to succeed. As Cucco says, "These highly motivated people need training and the correct structure to be gainfully employed. We love the partnership...it's a win-win for everyone! They allow us to give back to the community while fulfilling orders efficiently and cost effectively."

Cucco, who holds an MBA in Pharmaceutical Business, had over 10 years behind him at companies like Samsung and GlaxoSmithKline. Yet, he still found himself having to learn almost everything about running a business after starting Idea Mia. "In the corporate world, you can rely on your team or a different department to fill in the blanks, but as a small startup, you have to become an expert in everything." Cucco goes on to say "The trick is aligning yourself with people you can trust to fill in those blanks."

Part of Idea Mia's corporate philosophy is to reduce imports as much as possible. Cucco says, "Importing reduces purchasing power of consumers in our biggest market, we need to do what we can to reduce the balance of payment. Also moving goods around the world is detrimental to our fragile environment, ideally we would like to only move final product around while producing and assembling exclusively in Michigan".

Idea Mia has sold over 1 million of their JetBags worldwide, is launching four new products, and recently opened an office in Turin, Italy. According to Cucco, it hasn't always been successful. "Learning from your mistakes can be a roller coaster of emotions. Sometimes it's good news...sometimes it's bad news." There have been highs, like when they learned that Amazon or Bed Bath & Beyond wanted to carry their products. Other times, after multiple promising meetings with venture capitalists, funding didn't come through. "It turns out you need capital to run a business through peaks and troughs" chuckles Cucco. "Our near term goals are to consolidate roots as a manufacturer of consumer brands in Michigan while advocating for manufacturing investments in the state and for a nation-wide campaign for sustainable US-based products." To serve their growing number of clients more efficiently, Idea Mia is looking to expand with new people, financing, and facilities.

Idea Mia was funded with private investments from his founders and with a 50 thousand dollar loan from Northern Initiatives, a Community Development Financial Institution that delivers loans and business services to small business owners and entrepreneurs who create jobs and enable the people and communities in Northern Michigan to thrive. Idea Mia is the international distributor of unique lifestyle products designed to protect, absorb, humidify and transport high value consumer items. With over 1 Million units sold around the world, the Michigan based organization distributes its products through retail outlets large and small. For more information, visit www.thejetbag.com.

Ribbon Cutting



East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Mary Faculak along with several Chamber Ambassadors were on hand Wednesday, May 1, 2013, to cut the ribbon for the Grand Opening of Bell's Iron Rock Designs with Gallery owners Rod and Mira Bell and their family. PHOTO COURTESY OF EAST JORDAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ribbon Cutting held for Bell's Iron Rock Designs in East Jordan

Wednesday, May 1st was a beautiful day to cut the ribbon on the new gallery in East Jordan. Bell's Iron Rock Designs is located in the Lake Street Center, on South Lake Street in East Jordan.

When gallery owners Rod and

Mira Bell first vacationed in East Jordan, they made it their goal to move here. The couple fell in love with the people, the lakes and the beautiful views. The Bell's recognized their dream and goal in the past year when they opened their

business "Bell's Iron Rock Designs" in the Lake Street Center.

Rod has worked with metal for many years, creating items out of found pieces and new metal. He specializes in unique and custom metal designs. All of Rod's cre-

ations are made to create happiness. His favorite saying is "If you can dream it, we can build it." The Bell family is enjoying their dream in their favorite place...East Jordan

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Changes in Health Care

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—Charlevoix Area Hospital CEO, Lynn Jenks invited area care providers and other local businesses to attend an informational luncheon Friday, May 3 to discuss recent changes in health care as mandated on the state and federal levels. Representatives from Charlevoix's hospice, assisted living and adult foster care establishments were eager to discuss and understand the challenges health care changes had in store for them.

Jenks began by commenting to those present that health care reform is already here and that insurers and providers are already moving to a new model of care, one that concentrates more resources on keeping people healthy instead of spending huge sums once people are sick. Jenks stated that two things were driving health care reform, the uninsured and increasing costs. One of the major things that will impact care providers in the very near future is the state's decision whether to expand Medicaid. Providers can expect Medicaid patients across the state to increase significantly under the expansion.

There are changes taking place on every front concerning health care. Changes at the federal government level include cuts in Medicare reimbursements. Changes in the care environment, hospitals, foster care facilities,



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hospices and rehabilitation care centers, include patients shopping around for care and increased completion among care providers. Also, patient's lengths of stay are shorter and services are shifting from inpatient to outpatient which is now 75% of CAH's revenue. Finally, a changing model of care which means that for the first time hospital payment is based on care quality not care quantity. "The Affordable Care Act means that insurers are not just looking at what you do

but what the outcomes were," said Jenks. "It used to be that if you came in for care and we gave you an infection, you paid for it, now that's changing."

Jenks mainly addressed employer's responsibilities concerning insurance coverage as health insurance exchanges will become available. Exchanges are online marketplaces where individuals or employers can shop and compare health insurance options. These exchanges will be available for the 29 million people expected to gain access to coverage. Options for employers are to continue to provide insurance for employers by either absorbing the costs or sharing them with employees. Or shift to a defined contribution plan to cap cost growth by allowing employees to seek their own insurance coverage, this is where the exchanges will make things easier. Under the Affordable care act businesses are not required to provide health insurance for their employees. Under certain circumstances however, fees may be incurred for employers of over 50 employees. Tax credits are available for small businesses of up to 35% of the cost of insurance.

Jenks stressed the hospitals mission to serve the community and the need for community support. She cautioned that everyone needs to expect change and wanted to assure everyone that the hospital welcomed the upcoming challenges.



The 19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial 5K will be held this Saturday, May 11th. Participants are encouraged to decorate a bra to wear outside their clothing. COURTESY PHOTO.

19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer 5K is this Saturday

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Charlevoix's East Park is the location for the 19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer 5K Walk/Run. The event will take place this Saturday, May 11th. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available at www.walkruncure.org. Runners can collect pledges toward the walk/run and those that raise \$30 or more will receive an event t-shirt.

For the second year, the event will include a "Wear Your Support" bra decorating contest. Participants are encouraged to decorate a bra and wear the bra over their clothing the day of the event. Area businesses are also participating by decorating bras and displaying them in store windows.

"Last year there were many participants with decorated bras," said Katie Beaudoin, event Chair. We are excited to see the new designs this year and hope even more people will 'Wear their Support' this year.

The event honors two local women. Sue DeYoung, a mother of four children, died in 1992. Judy Edger was a driving force behind the event until her death in 1999. Funds raised will go to three Charlevoix County organizations. Charlevoix County's Circle of Strength Foundation will use funds to provide mammograms for uninsured women. Monies raised will also provide support for the free cervical screening program for Charlevoix County residents by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. The third organization, East Jordan Family Health Center in Bellaire, will use the funds to purchase mammogram equipment.

Mammograms can save lives by detecting breast cancer earlier. Mammograms have been shown to lower the risk of dying from breast cancer by 35% in women over age 50. The Affordable Care Act mandates insurance companies must cover annually mammography screening for insured females over age 40. As of 2010, approximately 492,000 women, over 15% of women in Michigan, were uninsured. Events such as the Memorial Breast Cancer 5K raise funds to provide breast and cervical cancer screening to a portion of these uninsured women.

Persons unable to participate in the event who wish to make a contribution can send donations to the Charlevoix Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Checks can be written to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund. Donations can also be made online at: <http://www.c3f.org/misc/misc-makegift.htm>.

Service animals provide valuable assistance

Deb Hagen-Foley

Pet guardians know how having a pet can enrich a life. Pets not only offer companionship, but researchers have found that people who have pets have lower blood pressure and are less likely to suffer from depression. For some people with a disability or illness, a trained therapy animal can be life changing. Service animals have been trained to assist people with disabilities. Dogs are most commonly used, but monkeys, birds, and horses have also become service animals.

Probably the most well known use of service animals is dogs for the visually impaired. Dogs are most often used as guide animals, but miniature horses have been used as guide animals for more than a decade. Miniature horses have exceptional vision and, since they are herd animals, they automatically synchronize their movements to others, making them ideal guide animals. In addition, the miniature horses can live and work for more than 30 years. Guide dogs are typically in service for four to six years. Each time the blind person replaces a guide dog a substantial period of retraining is required.

Service dogs have also been of assistance to persons with epilepsy. Seizure alert dogs warn people with epilepsy of an impending seizure, minutes or even hours before the event. The person with epilepsy is able to take corrective action - such as moving to a safe location - before the seizure strikes. It is unknown how dogs detect an oncoming seizure. Seizure dogs are born with the ability they cannot be trained to develop this skill.



A guide horse assists a visually impaired person navigating through an airport. PHOTO FROM WIKIPEDIA

A diabetic alert dog can signal when a person with diabetes shows the signs of dangerously low blood sugar levels, such as sweating, shaking, nausea and confusion. These dogs are trained to recognize the specific scents associated with extreme blood sugar levels. The alert dog notifies the person with diabetes to react to their blood sugar level before they suffer a loss of consciousness or other life threatening condition.

Hearing dogs are trained to alert persons with hearing impairments of sounds that are necessary to their safety. The person pays attention to the dog reaction to the sound and knows when and where the sound originates. Hearing dogs are trained to respond to specific

sounds, such as fire and smoke alarms, the telephone, oven timer, alarm clock and doorbell, as well as recognizing when the person's name is being used.

Monkeys have been trained to assist persons with spinal cord injuries and other mobility impairments. Capuchin monkeys provide assistance in daily living. They can retrieve a dropped item or reach something off a shelf, open doors, and turn lights on and off. A service monkey can scratch an itch and brush hair. They can even get a bottle from the refrigerator, open it, add a straw and hand it to the person.

In equine therapy, horses are used for emotional growth. Troubled youth that have been therapy resistant have responded very positively to the equine therapy techniques. Numerous emotional benefits have been shown through equine therapy, including increased confidence, self-efficacy and self-acceptance, improved trust, communication, and social skills.

Other forms of animal assisted therapy include birds to improve speech and dolphins to help children with emotional or physical impairments. Even elephants have been used therapeutically for persons with autism.

When meeting a person with a service animal, remember that the animal is working. Don't interrupt the animal or interfere with the completion of its tasks. Speak to the person first, but don't ask person questions about their disability. Don't touch the animal without receiving permission. Do not feed the service animal. Finally, don't be offended if the person doesn't want to chat about the service animal.

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Honor mothers on Mother's Day and every day

Guest Commentary by Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. This special day reminds us to do what we should do every day:



Jan Mancinelli

honor, respect and pay tribute to our mothers. The dictionary defines honor as a showing of unusually merited respect or recognition. On May 12 of this year, that will translate into activities to commemorate our mothers such as sending a greeting card or flowers, calling, visiting or taking her out to eat.

While these tokens of appreciation are surely valued and enjoyed, there remains a sense that

Mothers deserve more than a single day of recognition and honor. After all, if it were not for our mother's we wouldn't even be here! Should we not honor, respect and treat our mother with the highest level of esteem every day of the year? Our words, actions and behavior toward our mothers should be a manifestation of this respect. How mothers are treated daily by their spouses and intimate partners also teach our children about respect, empathy, compassion and equality.

Motherhood is difficult on the best of days. For those experiencing domestic abuse, the challenges increase dramatically and may include verbal, emotional, sexual and physical abuse from a spouse or intimate partner. In fact, one in four women will experience domestic abuse during her lifetime. Domestic violence continues to be a national health crisis of epidemic proportions. Abuse is often witnessed by children in the household; in the U.S., there are 15.5 million children living in families in which domestic violence has occurred.

Over the years, many hundreds of survivors in northern Michigan have sought support and secu-

rity for themselves and their children at the Safe Home, operated 24/7 by the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. They come for temporary refuge from the perils of domestic abuse. They also come out of hope for a better, safer future. Thousands more have been provided support through non-residential domestic abuse services.

"The violence got to be too much and I was so scared and determined to create a safe and secure life for me and my boys," said one survivor who had stayed at the Safe Home. After she left her abusive partner, she asked herself, "How am I going to feed my kids, get into our own home and get myself emotionally and spiritually through this while caring for my boys, meeting their needs and helping them with their losses?"

Would the person who threatens, demeans, humiliates or physically harms his partner treat his own mother this way? Would he want his own mother to be on the receiving end of such abusive behavior? Can a person who enacts this type of violence have respect for any woman or human?

Let's celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. Yet, beyond this single day, the challenge will be to practice respect for other people including our mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and partners on a daily basis. That may require a refusal to buy into the advertisements, video games, movies, music and magazines that make violence commonplace, normal and acceptable in our society. It involves establishing the concepts of respect, diversity and equality with young people to help eliminate bullying and dating violence. It means holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions. It means friends, family and community members no longer "looking the other way", but reporting abuse, offering the victim support or letting their non-acceptance be known.

When women can live in their own homes free of fear, intimidation, humiliation and violence then we will truly have a day to celebrate.

It's Mother's Day

By Jim Akans

This Sunday is one of the most loving days of the year, as we celebrate, recognize, and honor the most special person in each and every one of our lives; mom.

One of the most surprising things about Mother's Day is that it took so long to get around to set aside a day just for mom each year. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," urging that a "general congress of women without limit of nationality" be appointed to "promote the alliance of the different nationalities." Howe's proclamation recognized women's role and responsibility in shaping the direction of society, but the idea of an actual Mother's Day was another four decades in arriving.

In 1908, Philadelphian, Anna Jarvis, came up with the concept and even trademarked the phrase "Mother's Day." She was adamant about including the apostrophe so that the term was a singular possessive - inspiring every family to honor their own mother rather than inferring a general celebration of motherhood. A few years later, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson had the good sense to proclaim Mother's Day a national holiday.

Some Mother's Day trivia; the oldest woman to deliver a child is said to be Omkari Panway, who gave birth to twins in 2008 when she was 70 years old. Southern Californian Nadya Suleman holds the record for the most deliveries at once, giving birth to octuplets, six male and two female children, on January 29th, 2009. However, larger families are on record, with a centuries old nod going to Russian Feodor Vassilyev's first wife (oddly, his wife's name doesn't seem to have been recorded), who between 1725 and 1765 gave birth to 69 chil-



The greatest gift a child can give, is letting their mother know that they love them too.

dren, including 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets. Hand me downs must have tumbled through many sets of hands.

On a more "average" note, the median age of women having their first-born is 24.8 years of age. Tuesday appears to be the most popular day of the week to deliver a baby, and August the most popular month (cold northern winters may play a role in that one). There are nearly half a million children in the United States under foster care, and approximately 125,000 children are adopted every year, demonstrating that a mother's love extends beyond hereditary boundaries, and is as open as her arms.

Somewhere between the rare and the routine, however, is

where moms truly make their mark. It's those times when her unconditional loving eyes share moments of joy, anxiety, sorrow and celebration that ultimately become etched on a child's memories, no matter how grown-up that child may become. Those who have aged long enough to remain on this earth after our mom's time has passed still recognize that special glow in our hearts when recalling a mother's warming smile in our mind's eye.

So spend some time with the one who brought you up in this world this coming Sunday. Stop by for a visit, give her a call, or hold her in your thoughts. For the greatest gift a child can give, is letting their mother know that they love them too.

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SAT., MAY 17 continued

- 10 - 6 pm Craft Show Showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items.
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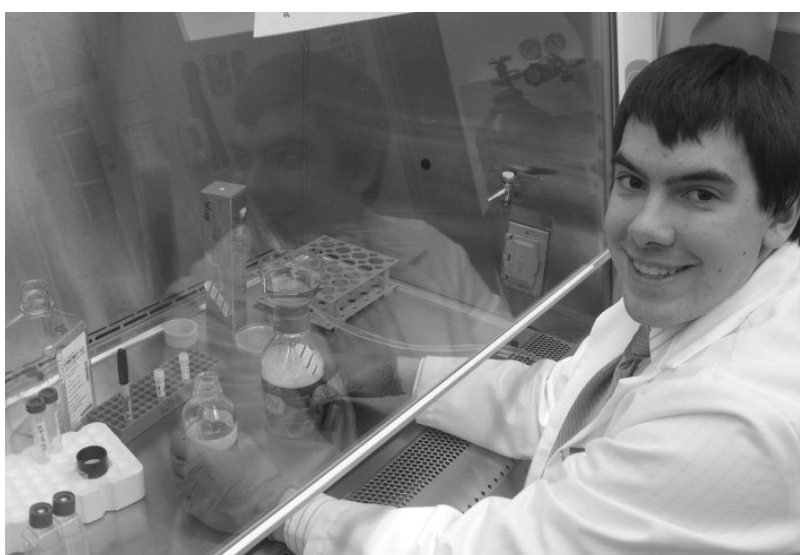
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Local Graduate Receives Prestigious Award

By Tina Sundelius

MARQUETTE—Ellsworth High School graduate, Nicholas Cook who is presently a graduate student at Northern Michigan University, was awarded the Outstanding Community Impact Award for his involvement in projects that directly benefit community. This award is given to only six students from Michigan colleges and usual award winners include those who are highly involved in campus life and show an active participation in the betterment of their college community.

The Outstanding Community Impact Award honors up to five undergraduate and one graduate student in Michigan who have made service an integral part of their college experience by their significant contribution to community resources. The recipient's efforts build partnerships between their campuses and communities, and demonstrate personal reflection and a commitment to lifelong engagement. Winners of this award are selected by an outside review panel and receive \$200 to donate to the



organization of their choice. The award is presented from the Michigan Campus Compact (MiCC), a coalition of college and university presidents.

Cook became highly involved at NMU beginning in his freshman year. "I started in the Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center as a freshman fellow which is part of a work study program," said Cook. He was put in charge of his own research project in his

sophomore year which he is still conducting as a graduate student at the Brain Tumor Center.

As a freshman he also became a member of Alex's Lemonade Stand which raises funds for pediatric cancer research and advocacy. "Last year I became the vice-president of this organization and we have had 4 successful lemon runs raising over \$6,000 from a small group of students," he said. Cook has also founded

and is president of the Students for the Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center which hosted a successful awareness/lecture series this year.

Two weeks ago Cook graduated from the Student Leader Fellowship Program, a two year program which pairs students with community mentors and a business professor, as well as a leadership class and a 100 hour community service internship. He was elected president of Mortar Board, a senior honor society, in his senior year until the present.

Cook is working on his Master's degree with the eventual goal of entering medical school.

He graduated from Ellsworth High School in 2009 and only three and a half years later graduated from Northern Michigan University with a BS degree with the highest honor of Summa Cum Laude. This was possible because of the college credits he was able to obtain during his senior year at Ellsworth High School. Cook enjoyed his high school experience at Ellsworth especially the small class size and the almost one on one inter-

action which he believes allowed him to express himself.

"One teacher who greatly influenced my life goals was Mrs. Fox who encouraged me to think big. She told me in journalism class that, "I want to read the paper one day and see that you cured cancer." It was that statement that made me choose to attend NMU," said Cook. He has always been highly involved in school and community activities. He obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, and Venture Crew through the Boy Scouts of America, was involved with the National Honor Society, 4-H youth, school government as well as the Grantmakers program. Athletically, Cook ran cross country for four years and track for two years running long distance events.

"Running has really encouraged me to achieve what I have. Going from high school to college and now to graduate school with the eventual goal of entering medical school is a lot like a marathon. The end goal keeps me going through some rough patches," said Cook.

Clean-Up Week Scheduled In East Jordan

East Jordan is taking the "spring cleaning" concept to the streets, sidewalks, buildings, homes and everywhere! "Clean-Up East Jordan Week" is scheduled for Monday, May 13 through Sunday, May 19. Monday has been named "Facelift Day"- business owners and residents are being encouraged to paint, wash windows, replace, etc to spruce up their buildings and homes throughout the community.

Everyone is being encouraged to "take a hike" on Tuesday around town and pick up litter on the annual "Trash Walk". Deposit your "finds" in the City truck parked in the parking lot next to the former Galmore's barn during the daytime hours. Plant a tree, the garden, flowers or new grass on Wednesday, May 15 during "Planting Day". Beautify your yard; help with a city planting project, etc.

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce May Business After Hours will take place Thursday, May 16 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Zone proudly sponsored by Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. There is no charge to Chamber

members and a \$10.00 fee for not-yet-members.

On Friday, get all the trash cleaned up and ready to be taken to the City transfer station for the "City-Wide Clean-Up" on Saturday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. To participate in the Saturday event, you must have a ticket from the City of East Jordan. Tickets are no cost, but you must have live in the city limits and have proof of address to get a ticket.

The East Jordan Fire Department will be washing the streets and sidewalks of Main Street on Saturday morning, May 19 to conclude the week long community-wide Clean - Up.

While cleaning and organizing for summer, don't forget to take advantage of the 4th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway (you do not have to live directly on the Breezeway to participate as East Jordan is a Breezeway Community), May 24-25. To register your sale, e-mail your information to info@ejchamber.org. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

Charlevoix School Board Approves Staff Lay-Offs

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The Charlevoix School Board approved 20 staff lay-offs for the 2013-14 school year, officially recalled two teachers that were hired back in August and designated grade placements at their May 6 special meeting.

The pink slip approval of twenty school district staff, fifteen professional and five support staff, was voted on as "a professional courtesy" according to Superintendent Robert Gendron. He repeatedly explained that the district is laying off "more than they actually need to get rid of." "I would rather let them know right now than wait until August," he said. In response to questions about why the district wasn't doing a full lay-off and then working staff back in as needed Gendron explained that they have already been worked into the schedule although that schedule is still not complete. The staffing plan was based on a projected budget that was presented to the board.

"Many of those will be called back," said Gendron. Board member Valerie Snyder posed many questions concerning the type of staff being cut. "I'm not sure if I have a good grasp on what kind of cuts to programs we are making," she said. The board admitted that this was a difficult decision-making process. "I can't see any way to get around this," said board member Glen Catt.

The board has already voted to move forward with a 2 building system, renting out the middle school to Head Start for the 2013-2014 school year. This means that K-6 will meet in the elementary school and 7-12 will meet in the high school building.

A unanimous decision to recall staff members Jamie Warhol and Kristen Beach was made as a procedural measure. Both were hired back after a previous lay-off but not officially recalled. No one knew why.

Next meeting will be held May 20 at 6 P.M.

BUSINESS

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Luncheon Attracts Hundreds

By Izzy Lyman

Touting Michigan as 'America's Comeback State' was a recurring theme at the annual Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) luncheon.

Held at the Odawa Casino's Ovation Hall in Petoskey on May 3rd, the luncheon crowd - numbering over 600 - included movers and shakers from government, higher education, small business, health care, finance, and various chambers of commerce. They heard an upbeat 'economic state of the state' report.

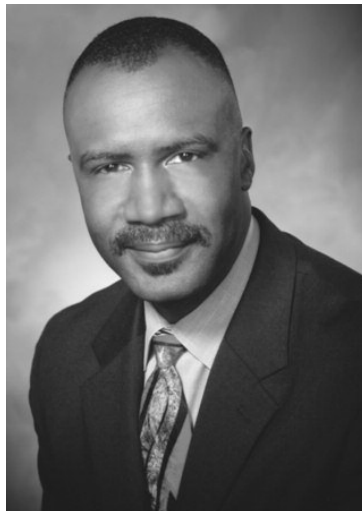
Emcee Stephanie Baldwin, owner of Edgewater Design Group, kicked off the speaking portion of the event by introducing Dexter McNamara, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

McNamara welcomed the audience and praised the NLEA's work ethic by noting, "Successful people are more productive than unsuccessful people because successful people have better habits."

Brief remarks were also delivered by the state elected officials in attendance - reps. Frank Foster (R-Petoskey), Greg MacMaster (R-Kewadin), and Peter Pettalia (R-Presque Isle).

Foster shared good news: "January of this year was our best year for job creation in a decade." He also noted that during the last two years over 180,000 jobs have been added in the state of Michigan.

U.S. Senator Carl Levin ad-



NLEA lunch keynote speaker, Michael Finney



State Representative, Frank Foster chatting with Cameron Brunet-Koch, NCMC president at NLEA luncheon

dressed the group, via satellite.

Said Levin, "As we travel around the state we see our economy coming back very, very strong. But I think that in the northwest part of our lower peninsula, you guys [NLEA] are really leading the way, so we want to congratulate you on it."

Andy Hayes, NLEA president, also spoke. Hayes described his passion for "building an army of evangelists for economic development" in order to help families have jobs and "feel good about what they're doing."

Michael A. Finney, president of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), which is a public-private partnership that serves as the state's lead agency for business and job growth, was the keynote speaker. Finney, whose agency is also responsible for developing Pure Michigan Business Connect, explained that attracting successful entrepreneurs should be coupled with playing up the state's strengths.

"What is it that Michigan does better than anybody else, frankly, in the United States, and maybe the world?" asked Finney. "We make things. We just don't make cars ... we grow agricultural products; we make furni-

ture; we make pharmaceuticals."

To that end, Finney said the MEDC likes to court industries that present a potential to "make things."

Finney also noted how right-to-work legislation has positively impacted the state's economic comeback. He told the audience that the state's unemployment rate has dropped to 8.5% (its lowest since 2008) and that bond rating agencies, like Fitch Ratings, Inc., recently gave Michigan an upgrade from AA- to AA, another welcome sign.

Founded in 1984, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance is a non-profit public/private economic development partnership serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet counties. The NLEA's mission is to "enhance the economy of our region by acting as a resource for local government and entrepreneurs to retain and create quality jobs."

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Incumbents Ousted in Landslide Recall Election

First Ward



Incumbent
Dennis Kusina - 135



Challenger
Jeff Porter - 193



Incumbent
Bryan Vollmer - 54



Challenger
Gabe Campbell - 116



Incumbent
Jill Picha - 76



Challenger
Dennis Halverson - 22



Challenger
Shirley Gibson - 119

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX— Who will serve out the remaining six months of three city council terms was decided by the voters in today's Charlevoix City Council recall election. All three incumbents were defeated by their respective challengers.

Jill Picha, Bryan Vollmer and

Dennis Kusina were recalled for their participation in a special meeting on August 9 at which the city council approved construction of a community fireplace in East Park because recall supporters alleged that the meeting was a violation of the Open Meetings Act. All three of the challengers have past experience on the city council and in other areas of city

government. In fact, both Gibson and Campbell ran and lost last November. Gibson ran against incumbent Shane Cole for the a 3rd Ward seat and Campbell ran as a write-in candidate against current mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson Jr. Resident Julee Roth was the sponsor of the petition that was circulated against Picha and Campbell and Porter were

the sponsors of the recall petitions that forced the recall election against their respective opponents. Winners will immediately assume their seat on the council and will serve the remainder of the term, which expires on Nov. 18.

Unofficial results are: 1st Ward incumbent Dennis Kusina- 135, challenger Jeff Porter - 193

2nd Ward incumbent Bryan Vollmer - 54, challenger Gabe Campbell - 116
3rd Ward incumbent Jill Picha - 76, challengers Shirley Gibson - 119 and Dennis Halverson - 22.
These totals are unofficial at the time of publication

Consumers Energy Encourages Use of Online Outage Map Tool, Offers Storm Tips During Severe Weather Awareness Week

As Michigan observes Severe Weather Awareness Week, Consumers Energy is reminding customers of its new online outage map tool and what to do before, during and after summertime storms. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather has declared the week of April 7-13 as Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"The online outage map is a significant new tool that helps build on our promise to provide safe, reliable energy to our customers whenever they need it," said Kate Leese Burgers, Consumers Energy's public safety director. "We know with severe spring and summer weather comes the increased chance of power outages. The outage map is a great resource not only for our customers, but for local meteorologists, emergency managers and local government officials."

The outage map can be accessed on desktop computers and mobile devices at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/outagemap. The site allows customers to report an outage, get estimated restoration times for outages and view outages on a detailed map. Customers can also report power outages by calling Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050.

"It's important that we take time to plan for dealing with severe weather during all four seasons," Burgers said. "Being prepared can minimize the impact of a storm and help you and your families stay safe."

Before and after a storm hits, Consumers Energy encourages citizens and customers to consider the following tips:

Prepare

- Keep enough supplies for 72 hours - food, water, medication, etc. Remember to have food that doesn't require refrigeration or

heating and copies of prescriptions as well as a first aid kit. Don't forget food / water for pets as well.

- Keep flashlights, a portable radio and extra batteries handy. For safety, battery operated lights should be used instead of candles which can cause a fire.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke alarms.
- Don't use generators in enclosed areas (garages, breezeways) or near other air intakes for risk of CO poisoning.
- When using a generator, make sure it is properly installed by a licensed electrician, for the safety of line workers and other emergency responders who may come near power lines.
- Charge your electronics prior to the storm and switch to a battery saving mode if power is lost. Limit non-essential calls so your devices are available for

emergency information or contacting 911.

During a Storm

- Stay at least 25 feet away from all downed wires and always assume they are "live."
- Call Consumers Energy immediately at 1-800-477-5050 or your local law enforcement agency to report downed power lines.
- Stay away from storm debris that might be entangled with power lines.
- Don't touch anything a power line may be touching including trees, fences and puddles.
- Visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com on your mobile device, which immediately displays helpful outage and storm related information, including the online outage map.

After a Storm

- When safe to leave your home, check on neighbors or family members who may have

been affected by the storm; especially those with specific concerns such as the elderly and individuals with infants, limited mobility or other special needs.

- Monitor your local radio station or Consumers Energy's online outage map, www.ConsumersEnergy.com/outagemap on your mobile device to get the most current power restoration information.

For more information on the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather, a coalition of public and private organizations, go to www.mcswa.com. Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), provides natural gas and electricity to 6.8 million of Michigan's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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Northern Michigan

Bridal EXPO
VENDOR DEADLINE EXTENDED to Friday, May 10. 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@CharlevoixCountyNews.com or call 989-350-9235.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Mother/Daughter banquet
The East Jordan Lions Club will be hosting the 45th annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday May 11 at the East Jordan High School. Dinner will be served at 6pm and will be prepared by Chef Joe Krumholz of the Jordan Inn. East Jordan Lions Club members with the help of family and friends will serve the dinner. Past Mothers of the Year will be recognized, and the 2013 Mother of the Year will be announced. Harpist Jan Goodwin will provide dinner music throughout the evening. Please join us for this very special event as we say thank you to all mothers for their commitment to their children as well as to the community of East Jordan. Tickets are available at the door or from any East Jordan Lion. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students, and preschool children will be admitted free of charge.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm.

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.walkruncure.org and also at local Chambers of Commerce.

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.

EAST JORDAN

EJ Shoppe

Say Goodbye to "EJ Shoppe" - hello to Mary's II at 122 Main Street, East Jordan. After 55 years as the EJ Shoppe, the name has ended. Look for Mary's II...at 122 Main Street. Same owner, same staff familiar lines and some new ones also! More accessories and jewelry. Our new look will be completed by Memorial Day! In the meantime, new Keren Hart (largest selection in the area) coming in daily. 50% off racks...watch us change!

BOYNE CITY

Great morel giveaway

Downtown Boyne City stores will be giving away up to 50 pounds of morels during the Mushroom Festival. The 4th annual Great Morel Giveaway typically includes two dozen businesses giving away two pounds of morels each. There is no

cost or purchase required to enter - starting May 7, simply register at any or all of the participating stores. Every place you register gives you another chance to win. If you register at 20 businesses, you will have 20 chances to win. You must be present with identification to win. Register by 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18. Drawings begin at 4 p.m. May 18th, beginning at CindiFranco's Cool Stuff and proceeding to other businesses on Lake Street and then Water Street. Follow the Morel Mob from store to store for your chance to win the morels. For information call the Chamber at 582-6222.

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/misc-makeagift.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.

BOYNE CITY

Marina opens May 15

Boyne City Marina opens for the season on May 15 and starts accepting reservations at 8 a.m. by calling 231-582-7361 or in person at the marina office.

BOYNE CITY

Mushroom festival

The Boyne City Mushroom Festival is coming May 16-19 and includes great food tastings, morel hunting, an exciting lineup of live music and much more. The festival tent in Veterans Park opens Thursday night, May 16 with a "Competition of Local Musicians" beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday's music in the heated tent starts with the SweetWater Blues Band at 6:30, followed at 8:30 p.m. by Yankee Station. Rock n' roll band Audio Circus (pictured above) performs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Tickets for both concerts are \$5 at the door. On Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., TNT and Northern Nites perform, presented by the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders. Sunday admission is by donation.

EAST JORDAN

Business after hours

May 16, 5pm - 7pm Business After Hours at the Zone/Gemini Lanes proudly sponsored by Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. No charge for EJ Chamber Members, \$10 for Not-Yet-Members. Hors d'oeuvres,

networking and cash bar.

BOYNE FALLS - NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Wedding EXPO

Brides-to-be... Plan to attend the Wedding EXPO at Boyne Mountain Resort May 19, 1pm - 5pm. Bridal gowns, Groom tuxedos, caterers, wedding and reception locations, flowers, DJ's, decorating ideas, planners, beauty salons, photographers, cake decorators, entertainment and more. CASH Prizes, giveaways, Fashion Show and more. Brides should pre-register on-line at www.WeeklyChoice.com or www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com. Click on Wedding EXPO link at the top of the page. Displays from businesses in Petoskey, Gaylord, Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Cheboygan, Indian River, Grayling, Traverse City and more.

EAST JORDAN

Free movie

Jordan Valley Library Friends - Free Movie, Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 PM in the Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. "Rise of the Guardians"

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!

EAST JORDAN

Girl's soccer fundraiser

The East Jordan High School Girls Soccer Team needs help raising funds to pay for new team uniforms required by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. A fundraising Dinner and Auction will be held Sunday, May 19 from 6 to 8pm at Murray's Restaurant in East Jordan. The team will serve as hostesses, bus tables and offer a silent auction. This year the team includes two Exchange Students, Teresa Jimenez from Germany and Lisa Spitaleri from France. In honor of their heritage and home countries Murray's will be offering French, German and Spanish menu items. For each of these special menu items purchased, Murray's will donate a portion back to the team.

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.

BANKS TOWNSHIP

Citizen of the year nominations

Nominations for Banks Township Citizen of the Year 2013/2014 are now being requested. Any Banks Township resident of may make a nomination. The nominee may reside anywhere in Banks Township, which includes the Villages of Atwood and Ellsworth. This person may be anyone who has contributed to the community through civic support and/or involvement in community activities. The individual selected will be honored in the Ellebration! Parade and will serve as the honorary representative of Banks Township for the balance of their term. Nomination Forms are available at the Front Porch Café, Ellsworth Market and Ellsworth Farmers Exchange. You may make a submission without the form by sending the following information to Banks Township Clerk, PO Box 68, Ellsworth, MI 49729: Name of Nominee, describe the individual's community involvement past and present, describe his/ her civic contributions, describe any special contributions to the community, any additional comments and your name and phone number. The Citizen of the Year selection is made by a committee of civic leaders from neighboring communities. Nominations must be received by May 20. If you have questions, or require further information, please contact Alana Haley at 231-360-0676.

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

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

BAH this month will be held Thursday, May 23, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Thirsty Goat, 220 Lake St., co-sponsored by Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. There is a cash bar and no charge for admission or hors d'oeuvres. Next month, the county-wide Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 8pm.

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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.boyneecity.com. For more information contact mailto:boyneecitypd@yahoo.com.

BOYNE CITY

Cooking now and then

Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River is presenting "Cooking Now & Then, Upstairs Chef Series" on four dates beginning May 30. Join them for Culinary Fun with local chefs - learn their techniques and hear valuable cooking tips on May 30, June 13, June 27 and July 18. Refreshments and drinks will be provided. Kitchen items will be available at a special price to participants. Demos will focus on fresh, locally grown ingredients found at the Farmers Market and downtown stores. You can sign up for the classes at Country Now & Then, 211 E. Water St., or call Karen at 231-582-2355.

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 Hautz at 582-1108.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

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

BOYNE CITY

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.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Rubbish pick-up

Rubbish Pick-up starts June 5th & 6th and runs for three weeks. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items will be published at a later date. Fall pick-up will be in September.

CHARLEVOIX

Palette Knife Classes in June 2013

Popular Palette Knife Artist, James Kosloskey 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

Mark your calendars! The 7th annual East Jordan Rotary Variety Show will be held on Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th at 7pm at the Community Auditorium. Silent auction begins at 6pm. \$10 admission. Advanced ticket sales are available from any East Jordan Rotarian or at Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank or Glen's Market in East Jordan until June 5th. After this date, tickets available at Charlevoix State Bank or at the door, but in very limited quantities as the show gets sold out! For more information call the chamber at 536-7351

WALLOON LAKE

Regional After Hours

The Charlevoix County Regional Business After Hours, hosted by the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will take place on June 13th at the Walloon Village Marina and Barrel Back Restaurant in Walloon Lake Village from 5-8pm. Admission Fees will benefit Leadership Charlevoix County.

BAY HARBOR

In-Water Boat Show

Bay Harbor In-Water Boat Show held annually over Father's Day Weekend, June 14 - 16! Patrons can expect to see a range of one-of-a-kind exhibitors this year, offering everything from yachts to boating goods for sale at the event, both on land and in water displays. Musical entertainment and other fun activities will make for a great atmosphere! Admission to the show is free.

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

EAST JORDAN

Flag retirement

The East Jordan Girl Scouts and the East Jordan Lioness Club will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, June 17 at 7pm in Memorial Park. If

you have a flag that you would like to have retired please drop it off at City Hall prior to the ceremony or you can bring them down to the park that night.

CHARLEVOIX

Adoption Information Meeting

Heaven Sent Adoption Services will be holding an adoption informational meeting on Tuesday June 18th from 5 - 7pm at the Charlevoix Public Library in the Trustees Conference Room on the 2nd floor. We will go through the different types of adoption, the home study process domestic infant adoption and MARE (state) adoptions for adoptive parents, the legal process for both Expectant and Adoptive parents and will have a question and answer session as well. RSVP would be appreciated but not necessary. 231-237-9880

BOYNE CITY

MAIN St. 10th anniversary

Wednesday, June 19th - the 10th anniversary of the Boyne City Main Street Program. In our first decade as a Michigan Main Street community, Boyne City accomplished more than anyone ever could have imagined. With a common vision, creativity, and a spirit of fun, we put our collective shoulder into it, worked hard and turned Boyne City into one of the hottest destinations in the state. Join us in a big community celebration with music by Horton Creek, hot dogs, ice cream and other refreshments from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gazebo in Old City Park. This is the same location and date the announcement was made 10 years ago that Boyne City was selected to the Michigan Main Street Program. Main Street and City officials will also recognize people who were instrumental in getting the program started and highlight all the community's successes over the past 10 years. The anniversary celebration will continue through the summer and beyond.

CHARLEVOIX

Women Can/Women Do

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

CHARLEVOIX

Teachers wanted for Circle of Arts Camp

Circle of Arts (CCA) 2013 Youth Camp will start this July. We are still seeking teachers for this season. Please call Margaret Seligman and leave a message at the CCA 231.547.3554 or drop your resume off at 109 Clinton Street. We need this done as soon within the next couple of days.

CHARLEVOIX

Circle of arts summer youth camp

July 8 - August 9, Ages 6-14. Classes offered from 9:30am - Noon and 1:30pm - 4pm. Clay, yoga, crafts, painting, photography, illustrations, fitness and fun with nature. Contact us at www.CharlevoixCircle.org or 231-547-3554 for more information. Registration will begin online: www.charlevoixcircle.org after May 27.

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 intermission. 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.

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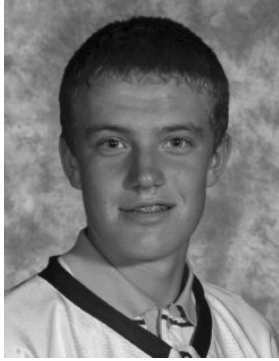
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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School Cole Butler



GRADE: 10
PARENTS: Rick and Beth Butler
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Wakeboarding, Dirt Biking, Snowboarding, Snowmobiling
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, Basketball
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: "Own my own business someday."

STAFF COMMENTS

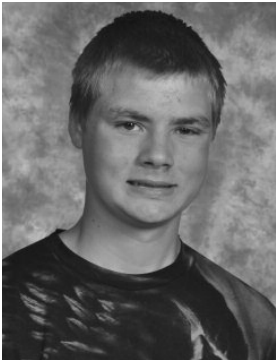
"He is a great student to have in class, a good role model, does what is asked of him and is very respectful." (Mrs. Parker, Accounting Teacher)

"Cole is an extremely personable, polite, and responsible student who consistently sets and meets a high standard of academic excellence in the classroom." (Mrs. Heath, English Teacher)

"Cole is the ideal student...hard-working, courteous, and respectful. Keep it up, Cole!" (Mr. Bryant, Chemistry Teacher)

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Damion McCauley



GRADE: 11
PARENTS: Nicole and Robert King
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Fishing, hunting, football, mushrooming, and anything that has to do with the outdoors.
FAVORITE BOOK: Fields and Stream
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Track, Football

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:

He wants to be a Carpenter or a Building Contractor

STAFF COMMENTS

"Damion is a smart young man who has great potential in life. He has a great sense of humor and volunteers to help staff and other students when possible. Damion has put forth great effort to turn around his academics and has been working very hard this year. I have doubt that with determination, Damion will achieve the goals he has in life. I am very proud of him!" (Deanna Avery)

Alexandra Petitjean



GRADE: 10
PARENTS: Betsy Petitjean and Ray Luebke
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Swimming and taking care of animals
FAVORITE BOOKS: Fictional novels
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: currently focusing on academics
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Work for the FBI as an agent

STAFF COMMENTS

"Alexandra has been a great addition to the Boyne Falls school community. She has been working hard academically all year long without giving up. She is a unique individual who is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in. She has challenged herself with her classes and has also volunteered to donate blood for Red Cross throughout the school year. She continues to push herself daily, and her positive attitude will lead to a bright future." (Melissa Baker)

Jordan Valley Band awards Scholarship



Ellsworth sophomore, Hannah Heard (left), was awarded a scholarship from the Jordan Valley Community Band at their spring concert today. Hannah, with JVCB band member and Ellsworth Superintendent Lynn Aldrich Spearing, has been selected to participate in Blue Lake's European Choir tour this summer. COURTESY PHOTO

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, April 22, 2013

11:45am Subject arrested on warrant
 1:20pm Larceny of trailer reported from the 100 block of N Lake St
 3:13pm Wallet found in the 200 block of E Water St. Returned to owner.
 4:38pm Pit bull running at large in the Little League field. Lodged at shelter
 5:31pmVehicle unlock on Elm St
 5:46pm Vehicle versus skateboarder accident at East and Main Streets
 6:05pm Suspicious situation on Fall Park Rd
 9:07pm Arrested subject for OWI and MIP
 11:29pm Found wallet turned into PD. Returned to owner.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

7:24am Report of dead robins on Division St
 8:11amInvestigation of DHS referral
 9:40am 911 hang up call from E Main and S Lake St
 9:46am Suspicious vehicle reported around town. Located at on S Park near Cherry St. All OK
 1:50pm Assist sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls
 6:23pm Parking complaint in the 600 block of W Court St
 7:38pm Report of threat in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

8:35am German shepherd running at large dragging leash in the area of Morgan and Grant.
 4:06pm Annoying phone calls complaint reported from the 400 block of Boice St
 7:24pm Report of broken glass in Veteran's Park

Thursday, April 25, 2013

2:11pm 911 hang up call from E Main St and S Lake St
 2:28pm Car window shot out in the 1300 block of Lakeshore Dr with BB gun
 5:27pm Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of N East St
 8:14pm False report of stolen medications

Friday, April 26, 2013

1:19am Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 2:33am Civil dispute in the 600 block of E Main St
 6:52am Report of gunshot in the area of Fall Park Rd
 9:30am Littering complaint at the recycling center
 10:46am Assist Sheriff Department with

trespassing complaint in Walloon
 11:00amReport of lost purse
 4:08pm Complaint of illegal burn in the 500 block of E Division St
 5:22pm Alarm in the 100 block of River St
 5:37pm Gasoline drive off in the 200 block of S Lake St

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9:41am Parking violation in the area of State and East Streets
 10:05amLodged dog at shelter
 11:11amAssist EMS at Rotary Park
 11:47amCivil complaint on W Water St
 1:21pm Lost keys reported from Veteran's Park
 3:09pm Arrested subject for OWI and bond violation in the area of Park and Vogel Streets
 4:00pm Stalking complaint received from the 600 block of N East St
 7:34pm Motorist assist in the 500 block of N Lake St
 11:08pm Curfew violation in the 400 block of N Lake St

Sunday, April 28, 2013

2:31am Assist East Jordan PD on Behling Rd
 11:27am Illegal burn in the 500 block of S Lake St
 11:50am Illegal burn in the 1000 block of First St
 12:03pm Illegal burn in the 100 block of Cherry St
 1:41pm Illegal burn in the area of Hemlock and Harris Streets
 2:25pm Civil complaint in the 500 block of Jersey St
 3:00pm Illegal burn in the 1300 block of Pleasant St
 3:21pm Arrested subject for no operator's license. Citation also issued for no seat belt.
 3:50pm Report of lost wallet. Located by Sheriff Dept
 5:39pm Report of computer fraud in the 1000 block of E Main
 9:00pm Welfare check in the 300 block of E Cedar St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

April 29 - May 5, 2013

911 Hang Up Call1
 Abandoned Vehicle1
 Abuse1
 Alarm4
 Animal Complaint30
 Annoyance1
 Assault2
 Assist Citizen1

Assist Motorist	4
Assist Other Agency	7
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	1
Car/Deer Accident	1
Citations Issued	36
Civil Complaint	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	0
DNR Complaint	0
Domestic Dispute	4
Driving Complaint	2
Fireworks Complaint	0
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Road Hazard	1
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Suspicious Situation	12
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Test your water

Annual well water testing should be on tap for seasonal cottage owners – and everyone else

Your cottage, cabin or year-round home comes with its own set of seasonal rituals. If you have a seasonal place, chances are you'll soon be firing up the well pump for the first time in months, and flushing who-knows-what out of the pipes. But even the most crystal-clear water may contain pathogens, microbes and bacteria that are harmful to your health, according to Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

That's why the Health Department offers two types of well water testing kits at its offices throughout Northwest Michigan. The Bacteriological (Coliform) Kit, which tests for the presence of E.coli and other bacteria, is available for \$18. The Partial Chemistry Kit, which tests levels of fluoride, chloride, hardness, iron, sodium, sulfates, nitrites and nitrates, is \$20. Samples can be dropped off during scheduled drop-off hours at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs/Petoskey and Gaylord. Samples are then analyzed at the Health Department's Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory, and results are generally available within two to three days.

"This should be part of the seasonal routine for every private well owner," Kendzierski said. "It's one of the simplest and least expensive things you can do to protect your health, and the health of those you love." He added that well water

testing is especially important for anyone with infants or children, as unsafe water can contaminate infant formulas and can lead to illness among those who consume tap water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends annual well water testing, and the best time to do it is in the spring, following a rainy period.

Kendzierski explained that the presence of a contaminant in your well water does not necessarily mean there's a problem. However, when levels exceed state or federal health standards or recommended action levels, you should take steps to correct the situation. Health Department staff provide free consultation to help you develop a plan to resolve the problem. In most cases, the plan will call for identifying the source of contamination, having the well chlorinated, making well construction improvements or adding a water filtration/purification system.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about well water testing, visit www.nwhealth.org or call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121.

By Krystal Birgy

EAST JORDAN—Tuesday evening was the culmination of months of hard work and effort of the East Jordan City Commission, as the commission met to give final approval of the 2013/14 fiscal year budget.

In a tight 4-3 vote, the budget passed by the skin of its teeth.

An issue of contention surrounding the proposed budget was City Administrator Chris Yonker's recommendation to raise water and sewer rates. He proposed an 8.9% rate increase in water.

Commissioner Doebel expressed deep concern over the proposed increase, offering an example as to how this might affect an average family's quarterly water bill.

At the current rate, if a family's water bill were \$204, Doebel said, the 8.9% hike would increase that very same bill to \$252, which is about a 24% increase.

Commissioner Cutler argued that while the rate increase might be a solution for today, it wouldn't help bring in more users for tomorrow. "We want to encourage more users rather than discourage," he said.

Commissioner Penzien commented, "I'd like to see a modest increase, but maybe not the whole amount."

Ultimately, Commissioner Cutler made a motion that the city maintain current water and sewer rates and not proceed with the proposed increase. The motion passed in a 4-3 vote, with Commissioners Cutler, Timmons, and Doebel, and Mayor Peck voting in favor. Commissioners Penzien, Breakey, and Burr opposed the motion.

The proposed budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year was adopted, with the inclusion that water and sewer rates remain at their current rates. Mayor Peck and Commissioners Penzien, Doebel, and Cutler all voted to adopt the proposed budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year. Commissioners Breakey, Burr and Timmons were opposed.

With water and sewer rates not increasing, the general fund balance will lower said, Yonker, but it will not be destitute.

The city commission also moved forward with preliminary steps in the creation of an ambulance authority. An ambulance authority would mean that townships would band together with the city to operate the ambulance service. Each township and the city would become 1/7 of a partner and would be funded by millages that voters would have to approve within each township.

Todd Sorenson, Supervisor of Wilson Township said,

"Antrim County created an authority. [They] have been very successful. Our intent is to make sure East Jordan EMS is here in the future."

The fundamental goal: sustainability.

Sorenson and East Jordan EMS director, Jay Peck requested the city commission to authorize the city's participation in creating a set of draft articles of incorporation, which would allow them to form a business plan for an authority. The city commission unanimously approved the request and appointed City Administrator Chris Yonker to represent the city of East Jordan on the ambulance authority committee.

"[Yonker] has been an asset at the meetings," said Peck and welcomed Yonker to the committee.

The city commission also gave commendation of achievement to the East Jordan High School Quiz Bowl Team, as they defeated Class A Midland High on March 13, 2013 to earn the title of Quiz Central State Champions. The city commission offered congratulations to the team for their hard work and dedication in gaining the achievement.

The next regular meeting of the city commission is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday, May 21.

Low Water Forum in Boyne City looks at possible reasons for drop in Great Lakes levels

By Jim Akans

Is water in the Great Lakes literally disappearing into thin air?

According to a panel of experts leading a Low Water Level forum held at the Boyne City High School auditorium on Monday evening, May 6th, increased evaporation caused by changes in climate conditions may very well be the root cause to the 14 year stretch (and counting) of below average water levels on the Great Lakes. Over 350 people filled the Boyne City High School auditorium to listen to the presentation and ask the panel questions – an indication of the high level of concern over sustained low lake levels.

The panel at Monday evening's Low Water Level forum consisted of Jennifer McKay - a policy expert for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, retired US Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist and current chair of Restore Our Water International - Roger Guathier, and Lana Pollack - US Chair of the International Joint Commission based in Washington DC. Moderator for the evening was Dan Mishler, president of the Lake Charlevoix Association, which was also the sponsor of the event.

Each of the panelists gave an approximately 30 minute presentation covering the history of water levels on the Great Lakes, an analysis of natural and man-made effects on those water levels over the years, and a look at possible scenarios leading to the current low water levels.

Two popular theories for those low levels; diversion of water from the Great Lakes through either the Chicago canal or the result of dredging on the St. Clair River over the years, were dispelled by panelists McKay and Pollack, though panelist Guathier supported the concept that the deepening of the St. Clair River was a key element in lower lake levels on Huron and Michigan. Data does support that since the dredging of

that river began back in 1852, and again in the 1910's, 1930's and 1960's, lake levels on Huron and Michigan have indeed dropped between 16 and 20 inches.

However, McKay pointed out that total water inflow and outflow into the Great Lakes Basin is about equal (with the exception of 2012 when lower runoff amounts resulted in greater outflow than inflow), and those losses through the St. Clair River and Chicago canals were not a factor in the recent lower lake levels.

What the panelists did agree on was that the effect of climate change was a main suspect in receding lake levels over the last decade and a half. Some key points were that over the last 30 years, ice cover on the Great Lakes has decreased by an astounding 76-percent, and rising air temperatures have resulted in rising water temperatures; with Lake Superior water temperatures rising four-and-a-half degrees since 1974 – making it the fastest warming lake in the world.

All of this warming and lack of ice cover translates into suspected increased evaporation, a potentially huge water outflow from the Great Lakes Basin. Up to this point there hasn't been equipment installed on the Great Lakes to measure evaporation rates. Pollack announced that the International Joint Commission is in the process of seeking funding to have such systems installed.

Pollack concluded the panel presentations with a sincere, though rather dismal observation that low lake levels might well be the new norm, and those levels may continue to drop through the effects of climate change. She noted that future generations would be looking back at the decisions we are making now.

"So good friends," she concluded, "we need to think about our grandchildren and great grandchildren. Let's stop dumping CO2 into our atmosphere and do what we can now."



Water levels don't look so low right now, thanks to the recent heavy rains and snow melt run-off. But the panel at Monday evening's forum warned that long term effects of rising global air temperatures could make lower lake levels a new norm. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



Over 350 people filled the Boyne City High School auditorium to listen to the presentations of a panel of experts leading a Low Water Level forum looking at possible reasons for the drop in Great Lakes water levels. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

News

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County Planning Commission updates future land use plan

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The Charlevoix County Planning Commission continues work on the county's Future Land Use Plan, elected a new secretary and reviewed four township zoning changes at the May 2 meeting.

Future Land Use designations indicate the intended use and development density for a particular area. Charlevoix County Commissioners are presently in the process of updating the ongoing plan. To help

with the process Planning Coordinator Stark has been receiving training on a GSI imaging program that can superimpose old aerial photographs with new. This program will aid the commission in more accurately seeing changes that have taken place. "We can use this program to really analyze those changes over time," said Stark. The program will be used to look at land use over time. The commission is working on prioritizing the goals laid out in the plan.

Commissioner Larry Leven-good submitted his resignation

as Secretary of the Planning Commission on April 18. Leven-good has been acting secretary since the county planning department was rearranged after former Planning Director, Larry Sullivan's retirement. Prior to the departmental changes the present Planning Coordinator, Kiersten Stark, performed the job of secretary and a very detailed, almost word for word, script of each meeting was required. This job took hours. Following discussion regarding the role of the Planning Commission Secretary, its history, and the re-

lationship to the Planning Department Staff the excess detail was deemed as unnecessary, not required by Robert's Rules of order and a library of audio recordings is also being kept. The meeting minutes must only comply with the Open Meetings Act. Bob Tidmore was voted new recording secretary.

Four township zoning changes were submitted to the Planning Department for review. As per procedure, county staff reviewed the items and sent them to the Commission for consideration prior to the meeting. Re-

quests from Norwood and Eveline Township's changes were sent back for further consideration and clarification. Evangeline's changes to sign size requirements and shoreline standards was approved as proposed and Marion Township's intent to return three parcels at Loeb Road and M-66 that were accidentally changed to community service commercial (C1) back to industrial was approved. "I support the proposed rezoning," said stark, "because they are trying to correct the error."

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation Awards \$137,655 in Grants

The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved \$137,655 in grants, including a \$10,000 award from the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Fund to the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA). CRA will utilize the grant to conduct an engineering study of the road-stream crossing of the Jordan River at Rogers Bridge Road. The foundation's Youth Advisory Committee allocated more than \$29,000 of the total, making awards to organizations and projects that will benefit the county's young people.

Nonprofit agencies submitted 39 proposals for consideration and 34 of those proposals received full or partial funding based on the recommendations of foundation advisory committees. The awards represent distributions from a wide range of donor advised, field of interest and unrestricted community foundation funds. "The diversity of our funds gives us the re-



The Old State Road crossing on the Jordan River was the subject of a grant proposal submitted by the Conservation Resource Alliance and funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. COURTESY PHOTO

sources to meet a wide variety of community needs," said Maureen Radke, Program Officer. "We're fortunate to be able to provide the connection between the needs identified by our grantees, and donors who want to be helpful in meeting those

needs," she added. Radke also noted the presence of several requests from local food pantries. "Normally we see proposals for urgent needs in the October cycle, closer to winter," she said, "but their presence in the March cycle could be a sign of the

times."

Grants supported artistic and musical performances, substance abuse issues, urgent needs, environmental stewardship activities, grief counseling, education and more, and will impact every segment of the community, from the youngest children to the elderly. "Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for all people of Charlevoix County, and this cycle's grants will do just that," noted Radke.

"In a period where the needs are great and the resources are scarce, the funds provided through the generosity of our donors are making a big difference in the community," said Chip Hansen, foundation President, adding, "they increase our capacity for grant-making, while also increasing our permanent endowment, which will support worthwhile projects in the community, forever."

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the

Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents and nonprofit organizations.

Since it was founded in 1992, the foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$26 million, and grants and scholarships totaling more than \$13 million have been distributed for the common good.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is October 1, 2013. For more information about grant-making opportunities, or the community foundation, call 231/ 536-2440, or visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org, where a complete listing of the recent grants is available under the "What's New" tab.

MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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by simply entering the 4th annual Great Morel Give-away.

Approximately two dozen Boyne City businesses will be giving away two pounds of morels each. There is no cost or purchase required to enter - starting May 7, simply register at any or all of the participating stores. Every place you register gives you another chance to win. If you reg-

ister at 20 businesses, you will have 20 chances to win. You must be present with identification to win.

Register by 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18th. Drawings begin at 4 p.m. May 18th, beginning at Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff and proceeding to other businesses on Lake Street and then Water Street.

For a full schedule of National Morel Mushroom Festival events, and to order tickets to festival events in advance, visit www.morelfest.com or call the Boyne City Chamber at (231) 582-6222.

"Get your gear on" at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item. The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from



Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, high quality, military grade items are available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods. PHOTO BY DAN KLATT.

the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment."

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins,

patches, decals, window stickers... the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. Currently, they are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 7 pm and starting Memorial Day weekend they will be open seven days a week from 9 am to 7 pm through the summer. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.

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Wed, 5/1 & 15 7pm
BINGO!
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Boyne

Tues, 5/7, 14, 21 & 28 5pm-12am
Boyne City American Legion Bingo
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Charlevoix

Thurs, 5/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 9am-1pm
Charlevoix Indoor Farmers' Market
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Fri, 5/10 6:30-8:30pm

Castle Farms Workshop Series "Picture Perfect"
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Sat, 5/11 8am - 11am

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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 9 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Roger Hartson Music 1pm Pinochle	Friday, May 10 9:30 am Craft Class 1 pm Rummy	Monday, May 13 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, May 14 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, May 15 1pm Bingo	Thursday, May 16 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle 11:30am Back Porch Music
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 9 KARAOKE DAY! FOOT CLINIC 9-12:15	Friday, May 10 10am AVB meeting 11am MUSIC Bingo/Bake Raffle	Monday, May 13 Foot Clinic & B/P 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, May 14 11am Line Dancing 12:30 BINGO 1 pm Paint Class	Wednesday, May 15 NIGHT MEAL! MUSIC at 4:00 EAT at 5pm	Thursday, May 16 KARAOKE DAY!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Gaffney Honored at OPIE



Aaron Gaffney, Ellsworth High School math teacher, was honored at the OPIE (Outstanding Person in Education) Ceremony last night at Boyne Mountain. Aaron, Ellsworth 2013 honoree and a veteran teacher of 18 years, will assume the superintendent position at Ellsworth in July. Standing with Gaffney is president of Ellsworth Board of Education, Kandi Randall

Financial Tools Workshop helps businesses know their numbers

BAY HARBOR - The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC), a program of Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, will present a financial tools workshop Tuesday, May 14 at Bay Harbor. "Know Your Numbers: Five Keys to Using Financial Statements," a seminar to help the non-financial manager business owner achieve fiscal fitness, is a state-wide training program designed to strengthen financial literacy and improve the ability to access capital businesses need to grow.

The program is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank and will be held at The Inn at Bay Harbor Conference Center. Registration and breakfast start at 7:30 a.m. and the workshop is from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"You are not alone if reading financial statements leaves you puzzled," said Mary Rogers, MI-SBTDC Northwest Regional Director. "This

training will give you a whole new set of tools to manage your business for growth and profit."

With over 10 years of experience in commercial lending, Walt Muelenhagen, SBTDC Small Business Consultant, will lead attendees through the numbers, making them work for the business owner in making strategic decisions for growth and increasing profits.

- Topics to be discussed include:
- Identifying problems using your balance sheet and income statement
 - Providing ways to increase your company's cash flow
 - Using breakeven analysis to improve decision making
 - Planning the working capital to support your growth
 - How to keep your banker on your side

"The class involved how to read a financial statement, how to know if you're financially healthy, and what

kind of things you need to talk to your banker about. It was really good information for small business owners like us," said Terri Jo Umlor, CFO at Springfield Commercial Roofing.

"Know Your Numbers: Five Keys to Using Financial Statements" will cost \$45 per participant, which includes full breakfast, seminar, and workbook. Pre-registration is required at misbtcdc.org. For more information call 231-922-3780. Fifth Third customers may register at no charge by calling Daryl Krieger at: 231-439-8579.

The MI-SBTDC is a statewide business assistance program that provides one-on-one counseling, training and research support for Michigan small businesses. The Northwest Michigan Regional office is hosted by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.

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

Dear Editor,

My story is not that much different from the tragic amount of stories you hear about automobile accidents during the winter months, but it does stand unique because I met an angel in the darkest of times.

On December 19th of 2012, my husband and I were driving home from grocery shopping at night and we were blinded by an oncoming car that had the most uniquely jolted blue headlights. To avoid a head on collision, I swerved our vehicle which put us on the path of hitting not only a utility pole but a couple of trees. Needless to say, our van was totaled. Aside from mechanical damage, my husband and I suffered back injuries and an array of broken bones, all of which are healing.

Now comes the part of the story where I remind myself, and you dear readers, that even during the most unsettling times, life has a beautiful way of highlighting light during the dark that could otherwise be seen as disaster.

Our local EMT, Mr. Jay Peck, was one of the first on the scene. Jay was more than just a source of comfort for both of us, he was like an angel. Aside from handling the situation by what I am assuming was 100 % by the book, he also made my husband feel like we were his family - loved ones that need his attention, care and compassion when we felt vulnerable. With the help of Jay and others we were pulled to safety and transported to Charlevoix Hospital. Now this is where one would think the story would end - everyone did exactly what protocol called for, and my husband and I were on our paths to recovery - but this is where the story really starts.

After Jay completed his duties, he tracked down to the location where

they transported our recently abused van and removed all of our day's shopping and anything else of value and brought it to our house and carefully took care of everything. The simple act of putting eggs in their home, placing milk where the milk has always gone and saving cherished mementos gifted to me by my grandchildren that would have otherwise been viewed as trash. Mr. Jay Peck changed the way I view simple acts of kindness.

Several days later, Jay went out of his way to not only pick up my husband so he was able to retrieve medicine in Boyne City, but also took the time to attach a trailer to his vehicle so he could deliver me my wheelchair. Over the next couple weeks, Jay not only continued to drive my husband and I to and from hospital visits, but he also did exactly what we both needed to help us recover - he showed us that he cared.

I am humbled to know such a character. Jay deserves recognition and the highest praise for his selfless commitment to making others well being his priority. Every action that he took to ensure that we were cared for, got what we needed to help us push through this dark time was felt. His love and compassion speaks mounds of his character.

So as I write this I am realizing that it's not only so I can share the story of how one man went out of his way to show that good is all around, but to share that angels are not always what you and I may imagine - figures printed on holiday cards, robed and shining bright are not gifted to you and me everyday. They are our friends, our family and people like Jay who go out of their way to ensure we are safe and loved. They come into our lives when we need them the most changing the way we see forever.

So I humbly give thanks to every everyday angel that is already doing good out there, and those who don't know that they're angels yet. Thank you to Mr. Jay Peck, our friend, companion and angel.

Sincerely,
Cleta and George Trumble

Thank you to the entire staff of the East Jordan EMS. East Jordan EMS is a volunteer based emergency medical service serving the City of East Jordan and surrounding communities with emergency pre-hospital care as well as emergent and non-emergent inter-facility transfers 24 hours a day - 7 days a week - 365 days a year.

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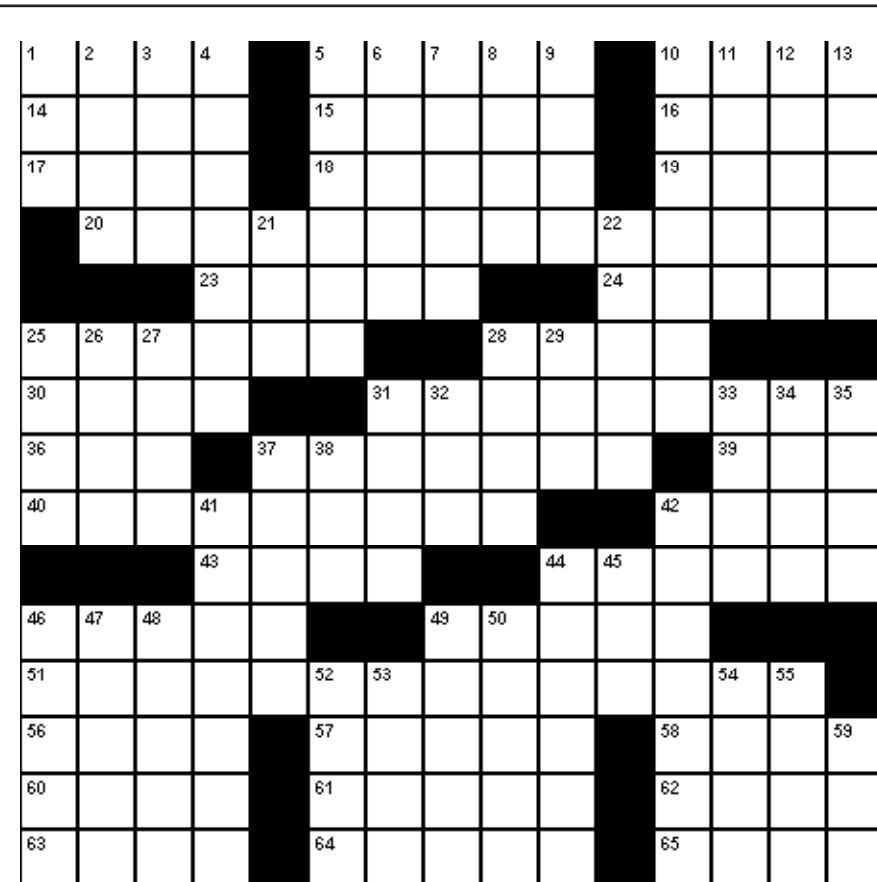
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Booth Space Available for the Summer Solstice Art Show

Calling all artists! Mark your calendar because the Summer Solstice Art Show will take place downtown Charlevoix on Saturday & Sunday, June 29 & 30. Seventy-five artists and craftsmen will be selected to exhibit their work in beautiful East Park on

Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. There are still spaces available for quality artists in various mediums including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, pastels, ceramics, fiber and more.

Charlevoix will be a hub of activity during the last weekend of June, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to present your artwork and unique creations to a multitude of avid shoppers and art lovers from around the country.

Please contact the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or ferguson@charlevoix.org for more information on this up-and-coming event. Details and applications are available online at www.charlevoix.org.

Join us as we welcome the arrival of summer at the Summer Solstice Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away.

Wedding Expo May 19

WEDDING EXPO

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ordinator. "Planning and exploring ideas for a wedding is a fun experience, and often the more "lead-time" a couple allows will maximize their options for their big day. Boyne is a beautiful venue for this show, drawing a wide array of vendors from across northern Michigan specializing in creating the perfect wedding event. These vendors are excited to meet brides and grooms-to-be, and to help them plan and coordinate their wedding day visions."

There will be a host of wedding-related vendors that will include caterers, wedding gown boutiques, photographers, wedding planners, wedding cake designers, DJ's and facilities available for holding a wedding and/or reception. Activities will also include a live bridal fashion show that has been a hallmark of the afternoon during previous expos.

Cindy Akans states, "Bride and groom fashion models will present a wide assortment of gowns, tuxedos and accessories. This is always a highlight of the show."

The Expo will also feature a cash bar, complimentary light beverages, food samples and several area DJ's who will provide background music during the event. There will also be several door prizes and



Couples planning to celebrate their love by exchanging vows within the next year or so will have an awesome wedding planning opportunity next Sunday, May 19th, from 1 to 5 pm, at the Northern Michigan Bridal Expo to be held at Boyne Mountain Resort's Civic Center. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS.

give-aways during the afternoon.

"This year we even have a professional torcedor demonstrating the art of making hand rolled cigars," notes Akans. "This expo is guaranteed to not only be an exciting afternoon, it will serve as an incredible informational

resource for anyone planning an upcoming wedding."

The 2013 Northern Michigan Wedding Expo is free to attend, though advance registration is encouraged. Attendees can also register at the door, or save time by pre-registering on-line at www.Weekly-

Choice.com or www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Centrally located in the heart of Northern Michigan, Boyne Resort is just 15 miles from Petoskey, 20 miles from Gaylord, 40 miles from Cheboygan, 25 miles from Charlevoix, and 45 miles from Grayling.

The 2013 Northern Michigan Bridal Expo is sponsored by Boyne Resort, Weekly Choice newspaper, and the Charlevoix County News.

For more information, please contact Cindy Akans at (989) 858-3910 or email Cindy.Akans@gmail.com.

Culinary Workshop in Petoskey

Wednesday, May 15th from 6-8p, Maria Nicholson will once again be sharing cures for the common meal in the Crooked Tree Arts Center Kitchen! Focusing on tasty, elegant and nutritious Culinary Series Home-style brings a fun twist to the culinary class idea.

May's dishes include a variety of homemade crackers, roasted garlic and sun-dried tomato spread, an herbed goat cheese alongside a beet, cucumber and feta cheese salad served over mixed greens with horseradish dressing. These dishes are wonderful for small meals, or dinner parties.

More information and registration can be found online at www.crookedtree.org or by calling 231.347.4337. Pre-registration is required for Home-style Culinary Workshops and filling quickly, so check it out today!

Mother – Daughter Banquet this weekend

The East Jordan Lions Club will be hosting the 45th annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday May 11 at the East Jordan High School. Dinner will be served at 6pm and will be prepared by Chef Joe Krumholz of the Jordan Inn. East Jordan Lions Club members with the help of family and friends will serve the dinner.

Past Mothers of the Year will be recognized, and the 2013 Mother of the Year will be announced. Harpist Jan Goodwin will provide dinner music throughout the evening. Please join us for this very special event as we say thank you to all mothers for their commitment to their children as well as to the community of East Jordan.

Tickets are available at the door or from any East Jordan Lion. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students, and preschool children will be admitted free of charge. Doors will open at 5:30 pm.

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NCMC Foundation hosting fundraiser for students

North Central Michigan College Foundation is hosting a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 15, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at cava in downtown Bay Harbor. The event, Dollars for Scholars, will raise money for North Central's Student Emergency Fund established to help students deal with financial challenges that impede their ability to complete their coursework.

Attendees will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and music. There will be a cash bar. Cava is located on Main Street in Bay Harbor.

Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are preferred. Call Sharmon Dulaney at 231-439-6218.

The mission of the North Central Michigan College Foundation is to initiate philanthropy in partnership with North Central Michigan College and the community in order to provide financial support for the mission and goals of the college.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey. Through its University Center partnerships, stu-

dents can take courses leading to certificates, bachelors and master's degrees from participating universities. North Central's Corporate and Community Education offers workforce training, professional development seminars, and personal interest workshops. In addition to its main campus in Petoskey, North Central offers classes, academic advising, testing and other services in Cheboygan and Gaylord. North Central is a Military-Friendly School® committed to providing a supportive environment for military students.

East Jordan Wheels to their 5th Annual Bike-a-thon

By Krystal Birgy

Pedaling for a purpose, East Jordan students and teacher John Twichel will be hosting their 5th annual community bike-a-thon on Monday, May 13th at East Jordan Middle School from 3:30-7 pm.

This year's event will be holding two separate bike-a-thons at one location. Third grade students will ride in the front parking lot located at the middle school, while 6th-8th grade students will use a trail course that begins at the front of the school.

While students are cycling, the public is invited to join in carnival-like festivities. For \$1 children and adults alike will have the opportu-

nity to drench a school staff member in a dunk tank. The mystery guests taking the plunge may include middle school principal Matt Stevenson, superintendent Jon Hoover, and middle school teachers Matt Hamilton, Sean Ferguson, Matt Peterson, and Paul Keyser.

Face painting will also be available on-site, as well as concession food, including popcorn, ice cream, and nachos.

Cycling teams are required to obtain sponsorship donations to participate in the event. This year, third grade donations are going towards a rock-climbing wall that they're hoping to have installed for continued healthy living. Middle school stu-

dents are working together to increase their school P.R.I.D.E initiatives.

P.R.I.D.E. is an acronym that stands for prepared, respect, integrity, dedication, and everyone can improve. Developed as part of the positive behavior support system at the middle school, P.R.I.D.E. focuses on positive student behaviors rather than negative behaviors. By encouraging and rewarding these positive behaviors, students learn to do the right thing.

In the event of rain, the bike-a-thon will be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 14th. For more information, contact John Twichel at 231-838-8508 or jtwitchel@ejps.org.

Northwestern Bank's 'Free Lunch' promotion expanded to include loans

Charlevoix - Northwestern Bank announced today that their "It's time for your free lunch!" promotion for opening a new checking account will be expanded to include new loans. The promotion will begin on Monday, May 6 and continue through Saturday, June 15.

Known for their exceptional customer service, Northwestern wants to attract new customers who are frustrated by their current banking experience by encouraging them to take out a loan or switch their checking account to Northwestern. New loan and checking customers will receive a "Lunch Bucks" certificate redeemable at one of dozens of participating restaurants in northwest Michigan.

"There's a perception that banks aren't lending, but Northwestern is," said Lisha Schilling, manager of the bank's Charlevoix office. "And, most other banks don't offer free checking any longer, but we do."

Current Northwestern customers can take out a new loan, access their home equity line of credit or refer friends and family

and also receive "Lunch Bucks" certificates. More than 100 restaurants in the 14 counties that Northwestern's 28 offices serve will be taking part in the promotion. A list of participating restaurants can be found on the bank's Web site, at nwbank.com/FreeLunch.

Northwestern Bank was chartered in 1955 and is now the largest independent community bank in northern Michigan. A growing financial institution with more than \$840 million in assets, the bank is one of the leading mortgage, consumer, and commercial lenders in the region. Based in Traverse City, Northwestern Bank offers complete banking, investment and trust, and employee benefit services from 28 offices throughout northern Lower Michigan. Northwestern is known for its "I can do that!" approach to service, which empowers employees to make decisions on the spot to meet customer needs and exceed their expectations.

For more information on Northwestern Bank, go to www.nwbank.com or call 231-547-6561.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office offering Boater's Safety classes on the following dates.

June 1, 2013
9:00a-1:00p
Charlevoix Yacht Club

June 15, 2013
9:00a-1:00p
Melrose Township Hall

NOTE: All classes are free of charge. Minimum age for class attendance is 12 years of age. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of this class is MANDATORY for individuals: (1) born after December 31, 1978 to operate a PWC (jet ski), (2) for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 15 to operate a boat and (3) and for anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 to operate a boat.

Please note that individuals must be at least 14 to operate a PWC. 14 and 15 year olds must be within 100 ft. of a parent, guardian or designee at least 21 yrs. of age to operate a PWC. Individuals must be at least 16 to operate a PWC by themselves. Individuals born after December 31, 1978 must have their boater's safety in their possession when operating a PWC.

Individuals can also take the boater's safety class on-line at the Michigan DNR website. There is a fee for the on-line class. Upon successful completion of the on-line class individuals can print out their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate.

For further questions call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at 547-4461, ext. 320.

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