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SPORTS



Erica Westbrook of Boyne City took second in the 3200M run in 12:32. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)



Dustin Hejka of East Jordan delivers a pitch in game two against Boyne City. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

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Brides and grooms to be; don't miss a fabulous opportunity to check out scores of Northern Michigan area wedding-related vendors in one convenient spot at the Northern Michigan Bridal Expo taking place at Boyne Mountain's Civic Center this coming Sunday, May 19th, from 1 to 5 pm. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS.

Northern Michigan Bridal Expo

this Sunday at Boyne Mountain Resort

By Jim Akans

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Sunday, May 19th, from 1 to 5 pm. "This is a 'must attend' event for couples planning to exchange wedding vows," states Cindy Akans, event coordinator. "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



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS.

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

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Mushrooms and more

at this weekend's 53rd Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City



FILE PHOTO

The Morels are poppin! The 53rd annual National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City begins this Thursday, May 16th, and continues through Sunday, May 19th. COURTESY PHOTO

By Jim Akans

The 53rd National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City begins this Thursday, May 16th, and continues through Sunday, May 19th. Morels are elusive, exotic, and oh so delicious and that's why each spring, thousands of people head for the northern Michigan woodlands in search of this magnificent mushroom.

During the festival, there will be a Morel Seminar led by local morel expert Anthony Williams, a guided morel hunt and the Morelfest "Wine & Dine," a Morel Breakfast, the Boyne Valley Lions National Mushroom Hunt, "Taste of Morels!" event, and a "Great Morel Giveaway." Throughout the festival there will be carnival rides courtesy of Schmidt Amusements, plus a Craft Show at Veterans Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be lots of music in

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SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 70's

MONDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 70's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 70's

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
16	70°F	40°F	93°F (1998)	25°F (1967)
17	70°F	41°F	88°F (1977)	26°F (1983)
18	70°F	41°F	87°F (1998)	25°F (1981)
19	70°F	41°F	88°F (1975)	24°F (2002)
20	71°F	41°F	91°F (1977)	27°F (1954)
21	71°F	42°F	89°F (1975)	25°F (1967)
22	71°F	42°F	88°F (1964)	22°F (1967)

OBITUARIES

Donald H. Graham, 81

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

A military graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 17, at Lakeside Cemetery in South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Mich. Arrangements are by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Antoinette L Gunderson, 92

(NOVEMBER 18, 1920 - MAY 11, 2013)

Antoinette L. Gunderson of Boyne City peacefully passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Antoinette was born on Nov. 18, 1920, in Elmira, the daughter of Steven and Katherine (Bankowski) Francis. She attended St. Mary's High School in Gaylord.

In 1941, she married Edward Gunderson at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Elmira.

Antoinette was a beloved mother and homemaker. She cherished her children and grandchildren. Her strong Catholic faith helped her live a long rewarding life with family as its center.

Antoinette is survived by her eight children, Judith (Paul) Cobb, Larry (Sue) Gunderson, Dennis (Annie) Gunderson, Jennifer (Norman) Renaud, Lauri (Mark) Lindsay, Gail (Sam) Reid, Kristina (Matt) Powers, Kirk Gunderson; 15 grandchildren, Greg (Jill) Cobb, Matthew Cobb, Trevor Gunderson, Tracy (Justin) Nelson, Brooks and Travis Gunderson, Kelsey (Josh) Hersha, Alisha (Dan) Hissong, Kati Peck (Andrew Williams), Angela (Dave) Nunn, Carlee and Bryan Lindsay, Garrett and Danielle Powers, and Kori Gunderson; 11 great-grandchildren Tyler, Jacob, Madelyn and Easton Cobb, Ava LaCroix-Carr, Ava and Elliana Hissong, Andrew, Andre and Ayden Williams, and Isabella Nunn; sisters, Ella Kolas and Victoria (Charles) Gruner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward Gunderson; infant daughter, Diana Gunderson; grandson, Daniel Cobb; brothers, Ignacius, Joseph, Vincent, Albert, Wallace and Sylvester; sisters, Tilly Chomicz, Clara Gubb, Pearl Osga and Helen Grover; two stepsisters, Sister Balbina and Sister Emeldina; and mother-in-law, Catherine Howe.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 14, at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City with the Rev. Duane Wachowiak serving as celebrant.

The family requests memorial donations to be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Richard James Wheeley, 82

(MARCH 19, 1931 - MAY 5, 2013)

Richard James Wheeley of Clearwater, Fla. passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at his home.

Dick was born on March 19, 1931, in Decatur, Mich., the son of Jacob "Jake" and Mary Delia (Geer) Urick. On July 25, 1939, he was adopted by Horace J. and Alice M. Wheeley. He grew up in Kalamazoo with a rather unusual childhood. Richard was incorrigible from the very start and after running away twice to join the circus, followed by a short period working in a local drug store, in 1949 he finally ended up as an orderly at Bronson Hospital. At that time, he met a nursing student, Esther Elaine Ryefield, and it was love at first sight. On April 26, 1951, in Angola, Indiana, he married the love of his life and they re-

cently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Richard joined the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War as a photo-journalist. His love of photography and adventure followed him into the service and he became the first serviceman to hitch-hike from South Africa through the Middle East and into England. Upon his discharge in 1954, he worked in retail sales while raising his four daughters.

Dick retired from sales in 1988 when he realized his long-term dream of earning a college degree. He worked for Raymond James Financial as a computer technician from 1988 until beginning his second retirement in 1997. Richard then went to work for Ace Hardware and began his third and final retirement in 2009.

Dick enjoyed photography, building remote control wooden boats and model airplanes, camping and reading science fiction. Gifted with a beautiful baritone voice, he could usually be found with music playing close by.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where he continued to sing in the choir. Like Esther, he spent many an hour teaching his girls the "ins and outs" of his hobbies and interests. While in Michigan, he served as councilor for Methodist Youth Fellowship group in Clio. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 474 in Mount Morris.

He loved his family and they will miss him greatly. Richard is survived by four daughters, Debbi (Darryl) Lee of Davenport, Fla., Marsha (James) Hewitt of Palm Harbor, Fla., Cyndi (Mark) Penzien of East Jordan, Mich., and Diane (James) Shewburt of Safety Harbor, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Carol Herdgen, of Raymondsville, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his loving wife, Esther, on Friday, May 3, 2013, in Clearwater, Fla.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Inurnment will follow at Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Esther Elaine (Ryefield) Wheeley, 83

(FEB. 3, 1930 - MAY 3, 2013)

Esther Elaine (Ryefield) Wheeley of Clearwater, Fla. passed away on Friday, May 3, 2013, in Largo, Fla.

Esther was born on Feb. 3, 1930, in Muskegon, the daughter of Aaron B. and Nina L. (Lovejoy) Ryefield. Esther was the third of five girls with one brother leading the line up. She grew up in Muskegon, graduated from Muskegon High School in 1947.

On Sept. 12, 1951, she graduated from Bronson Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse.

While a student, she met a young orderly named Richard James Wheeley and was swept off her feet. On April 26, 1951, in Angola, Ind., she married the love of her life and they recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Esther and Richard relocated often and each of their four girls was born in a different city. She continued working in her chosen profession and retired as the director for the Head Start Program in Beecher, Mich.

Their final relocation in 1979, took them to the sunny south where they put down roots in Clearwater, Fla. She was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church and was active in the U.M.W. and hand bell choir.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, latch-hook rugs, sewing and baking. Esther spent many

hours teaching her talents to her four girls. While in Michigan, she served as councilor for Methodist Youth Fellowship group in Clio and numerous Detroit Methodist Conference bicycle-camping trips. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Stars Lodge No. 474 in Mount Morris.

She was proud of her family and found any chance she could to share photos and stories with others willing to listen.

Esther is survived by four daughters, Debbi (Darryl) Lee of Davenport, Fla., Marsha (James) Hewitt of Palm Harbor, Fla., Cyndi (Mark) Penzien of East Jordan, Mich., and Diane (James) Shewburt of Safety Harbor, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Eunice Albers, of Belle Vista, Ark.; one sister-in-law, Jeanne (Walter) Ritter, of Muskegon, Mich.; one brother-in-law, Mike Alfultis, of Spring Lake, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews. Richard followed Esther in death on Sunday, May 5, 2013, in Clearwater, Fla.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Inurnment will follow at Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project or St. Paul United Methodist Women.

Mary C Finkbeiner, 81

(JUNE 14, 1931 - MAY 9, 2013)



Mary C. Finkbeiner of Boyne City died Thursday, May 9, 2013, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born on June 14, 1931, in Detroit, the daughter of J.T. and Mary Elizabeth (Case) Kirby.

She is survived by her children, Gayle (Pietro) Lucido, James Finkbeiner, Denise (Jack) Miller, Daniel (Vicki) Finkbeiner and Lynne (Kevin) Fineout; grandchildren, Kristin (Sam) Girgenti, Sal Lucido, Daniella (David) Reling, Ann Marie (Jeremy) Feen, Michael Finkbeiner, Matthew Greenan, Bridgett Greenan, Arris, Justin and Emily Finkbeiner, Madesen and Jessica Fineout; six great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Pat) Kirby; and her dog, Becky.

Mary's family and friends will always remember her for the time she would take to share and talk with anyone.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Finkbeiner; and daughter-in-law, Cindy.

A memorial service was Saturday, May 11, at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Christ Lutheran Church of Boyne City, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, or the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Brian F. Slattery, 43

(MAY 28, 1969 - APRIL 18, 2013)

Brian F. Slattery of Maple Lake, Minn., formerly of Charlevoix, died Thursday, April

18, 2013, at his home.

He was born May 28, 1969, in Farmington, to John and Karen (Trewater) Slattery. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1987.

Brian became a Navy S.E.A.L., and while in the Navy was a welding engineer specializing in nuclear power plants. He also served as a Navy recruiter.

Since 2001, Brian has designed and engineered 3-D imaging equipment and software for M.Q.C. Labs in Aberdeen, Md. For the past year, he's been employed by Northstar Imaging Inc., in Rogers, Minn.

Brian was a member of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. He enjoyed his Jeep, boating, snowmobiling and fishing.

On Sept. 13, 2010, he married Lea Hough in Elkton, Md.

He is survived by, Lea; his son, Patrick, of Abingdon, Va.; stepdaughter, Lauren (John) Williamson, of Norfolk, Va.; stepson, Michael Berry, of Wilmington, Del.; step grandchildren, Clayton, Weston and Kade; father and stepmother, Jack (Anne Marie) Slattery, of Charlevoix; brother, Sean Slattery, of Hazel Park; sister, Colleen Sam, of Manistee; nephew, Gabriel Sam; uncle and aunt, James (Mary Powers) Slattery, of Apple Valley, Minn.

Brian's mother, Karen A. Slattery, preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 2008.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. A memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Matthew Wigton will officiate.

Contributions may be made in the form of Masses for Brian at St. Mary's Church.

Silas Raymond Pratt, infant

Silas Raymond Pratt, infant son of Cody D. and Amberose L. (Radle) Pratt of Petoskey died April 2, 2013, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral service was Friday, May 10, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Matthew Wigton officiating. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

Richard 'Dick' Brown, 95

(MARCH 10, 1918 - MAY 5, 2013)

Richard "Dick" Brown of Boyne City passed away Sunday, May 5, 2013, at the home of his daughter, Faye.

Dick was born on March 10, 1918, in Kalamazoo, the son of Glen and Ila (Shear) Brown. He married Velma Vest who preceded him in death.

Dick worked as a tool and die maker for several different industries prior to moving to the Boyne City area in 1956. In Boyne City, he owned and operated the Homestead Bar and continued in his trade as a tool maker.

Dick enjoyed fishing, playing pool and was a member of the Boyne City Eagles.

He is survived by daughter, Vivian Williams, of Alanson and her children, Wayne, Dorothy and Hank; daughter, Faye Jean (Randy) Bearss, and their children, Rebekah, Hannah and Zachariah.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and son, Richard Jr.

A memorial service was Saturday, May 11, at Walloon Lake Community Church.

The family requests memorial donations be directed to the Nehemiah House in Petoskey.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

John "Mike" Pankey M.D., 64

(MAY 27, 1948 - MAY 7, 2013)



John "Mike" Pankey, M.D. of Petoskey died May 7, 2013.

A service celebrating Mike's life will take place at a later date and will be announced by Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey.

Thomas B. Stelk, 60

(OCT. 1, 1952 - MAY 2, 2013)

Thomas B. Stelk, of East Jordan, born Oct. 1, 1952, in Moline, Ill., passed away peacefully on May 2, 2013, in Ormond Beach, Fla., at the age of 60.

Tom loved his family and is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Paula, and his beautiful daughter, Stephanie, as well as his faithful dogs, Jake and Lady.

Tom enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as well as hunting, fishing and watching NASCAR races.

Tom proudly served in the Army during the Vietnam era and was stationed in Germany.

A memorial service in his honor will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at the VFW Hall in East Jordan.

Helen (Friend) McGeorge, 87

(OCTOBER 15, 1925 - MAY 5, 2013)

Helen (Friend) McGeorge of Boyne City died at Grandvue Medical Care Facility on May 5, 2013.

Helen was born on Oct. 15, 1925, in Horton Bay, the daughter of Charles and Alta (Vogg) Friend. Helen grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School.

Before her marriage, she often helped out in her parents' store, C.C. Friend Grocery and Dry Goods, located in Boyne City. She worked for Essex Wire for a number of years.

Helen enjoyed baking, sewing, knitting and gardening with her husband. She and her twin sister were born above the Horton Bay Store which her father and his brother owned at the time. She always felt a connection with the history of the store.

Helen is survived by her son, Thomas (Sandy) McGeorge, and daughter, Linda McGeorge; three grandsons, Michael (Nancy), Paul (Jodi) and Josh (Becky) McGeorge; four great-grandchildren, Parker, Alex, Troy and Victoria. She is also survived by many loving members of her husband's family.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Clifford, in November 2012; her sister, Anna (Friend) Bowman, and her twin sister, Dorothy (Friend) Fleszar.

A gathering of family and friends took place Saturday, May 11 at the Boyne City Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Elizabeth Broschart officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

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

Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is serving the family.

News

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Esperance selected as Charlevoix Chamber Business of the Month

By Jim Akans

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

Founded in 2001 by husband and wife team Pram and Suzanne Acharya, the couple brought 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry (including working at the renowned Tapawingo restaurant) and a commitment to offering the highest quality of wine and food products literally to the table at Esperance. In addition to the market where shoppers can select from a wide range of wines and fresh seasonal foods, the Café Esperance restaurant offers a elegant and delicious dining occasion for both locals and Northern Michigan travelers.

Suzanne Acharya states, "We have cultivated relationships with local farmers, foragers, and ranchers, so the product we offer is amazing. It is delivered every day, so it is very fresh. When the food is amazing, that speaks for itself. Our menu is ever changing with the seasons and availability. Every bottle of wine in cellar has been tasted by Pram, so whether an eight-dollar or \$1,000 bottle, everything we offer has passed the test. That is unusual in wine business. It is the same for the food items we have, every product has been tried and we can offer advice to our customers in how to best utilize it."

Suzanne notes that there are approximately twelve people on staff, each sharing a dedication



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to offering their customers the ultimate in service. That staff is led by manager Aaron Hagen.

"We have amazing people that work with us," she relates. "We want people to walk in our door, take a deep breath, slow down, and be served by staff that are experts at what they do. The customer is most im-

portant part of what we do."

Esperance is also very involved in the Charlevoix community. They continually participate in a wide variety of fundraisers for community-oriented organizations, such as the Bergmann Center, the Historic Preservation Society of Michigan, Operation Petunia, the United Way, the Women's

Resource Center and the Enduring Arts, which is a fine arts program associated with Charlevoix Area Schools.

"We have continually tried to make Charlevoix a more beautiful and thriving community in a small part through our efforts," notes Suzanne. "Not only are we fortunate to be living and working in place where most people can only vacation, it is a magical place to be. This area brings people to vacation from all over the world, we have clients from places such as Italy and Germany and across the globe. We truly have a passion for wine and food that we love to share with others."

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

Esperance is located at 12853 US 31 North in Charlevoix. The Market is currently open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, and after Memorial Day will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Dinner service at Café Esperance start from 6 pm and continues until everyone is seated on Wednesdays through Saturdays in May and June, and Tuesdays through Saturdays in July and August. Reservations are requested. For additional information call (231) 237-9300 or visit www.esperancewine.com

What's Your Story?

Nonprofit organizations serving Charlevoix and Emmet counties are invited to attend "What's Your Story?" a workshop focused on helping nonprofits connect with their audiences on Thursday, June 6 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation are again partnering to provide this capacity building training for area nonprofit organizations. Participants will gain an understanding of: why storytelling is important for nonprofit organizations; common storytelling ideas and approaches and how they apply to nonprofits; how to uncover good stories from within your organization; how to pitch your stories to the media; and questions to ask to elicit good stories from unexpected places.

The cost is \$10 per attendee and the deadline for pre-registration is Monday, June 3, 2013. To register, go to www.c3f.org and click on "What's New", then "Workshops Offered". Please contact Maureen maureen@c3f.org or Laura laura@c3f.org or by phone at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation 231-536-2440 with any questions.

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Announcing the 1st Annual Boyne City Police and East Jordan Police 5K/1mile Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser for D.A.R.E.

The Boyne City and East Jordan Police Departments are pleased to announce the 1st annual D.A.R.E. (Drug & Alcohol Resistance Education) 5k/1 mile Fun Run/Walk fundraising event, to be held on Saturday, May 25th. This event will replace the D.A.R.E. golf Tournament which would have celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. The Charlevoix County D.A.R.E. Association was looking for an event that would be more family friendly and involve the kids that the D.A.R.E. program benefits.

The DARE program is presented to 5th grade students and focuses on drug and violence prevention as well as promoting safe and responsible decision making. The D.A.R.E. program fosters a strong positive relationship between schools, law enforcement, and the community.

The run will begin and end in Sunset Park (behind the Chamber of Commerce) in Boyne City. Registration will begin at 7am and the run will start at 8am. The course of the race will proceed southbound on Front St to Lakeshore Dr and along the lake to approximately the city limits. Water, coffee and snacks will be provided for participants.

The cost to participate in the event is \$25 for individuals and \$50.00 for families. For students who wear their D.A.R.E. T-shirts, the cost will be \$5.00. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 200 registrants.

If you are interested in

registering for the run or getting more information about the run, or about the D.A.R.E. program, please contact a local D.A.R.E. Officer. They can be reached at the following numbers; Officer Dan Mercer of the Boyne City Police Dept. at 582-6611; Officer Clyde Payton of the East Jordan Police Dept. at 536-2274 or email boyncitypd@yahoo.com. Registrations forms are also available at both Boyne City and East Jordan Police Departments and the Chambers of Commerce in both East Jordan and Boyne City or on the following websites; www.boyncity.com, www.eastjordancity.org, www.boynechamber.com, or www.ejchamber.com. If you cannot participate, but still wish to support the D.A.R.E. Program, donations will be accepted.

During the time of the race it will be necessary to close Front St from the city limits to Water St. Lakeshore Dr will also be closed from Advance to Front St. Traffic for Lakeshore Dr will be rerouted to Wilson and Marshall Roads. Roads should be reopened by 9:30am. We want the public to be aware of this so they have time to adjust their schedules.

The proceeds from the fundraiser are used to purchase educational materials, train D.A.R.E. officers, purchase graduation supplies and instructional equipment used for the D.A.R.E. program.



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A Guiding Light for Changing Times

Charlevoix Area Hospital celebrates National Hospital Week 2013

May 12-18 marks National Hospital Week this year and is a celebration of the history, technology, and dedicated professionals that make our facilities beacons of confidence and care.

This year's theme, "A Guiding Light for Changing Times," is quite appropriate considering the turmoil surrounding the health care industry these days. Hospitals across the country are being forced to reconsider their role in the health of their communities. They are more than a place to heal, having also become integral parts of the community that promote health, well-being, and hope.

Charlevoix Area Hospital is celebrating in several ways. Kristie Roberge, who works in the Charlevoix Schools as one of CAH's school nurses and also coaches a local Girls on the Run group, has her students making hospital week-themed placemats for the patient trays.

The hospital also invites members of the community to stop by throughout the week, starting on Monday, May 13, during normal business hours (7am-7pm) to enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee in our cafeteria or solarium, both of which showcase wonderful views of Lake Michigan. Display tables will be set up near the

solarium on the upper level with helpful information about various services available at CAH, including urgent care, physical and occupational therapy, dietary and diabetes education, bone density testing, cardiac rehab, and more.

Employees will be treated to a fish fry on Friday and will receive a token of appreciation from CEO Lyn Jenks. "Hospital Week, first and foremost, is a celebration of people," Jenks said. "We are extremely proud of each member of our staff and we recognize the important role they play in extending a sense of trust and caring to our patients and our communities."

The celebration of Hospital Week began in 1921 after a magazine editor suggested that more information about hospitals might alleviate public fears about the medical institutions of the day. Originating in Chicago, the celebration succeeded in promoting trust and goodwill among members of the community and eventually spread to facilities across the country.

Charlevoix Area Hospital is located at 14700 Lake Shore Dr. in Charlevoix. For more information on hospital week activities, please contact Chelsea Townsend, Communications Coordinator, at 231-547-8686.

The Importance of patient satisfaction

What Charlevoix Area Hospital is doing to improve the patient experience

While health care is undergoing radical changes at the national and local levels, one thing has remained constant – the patients. Regardless of how insurance coverage changes or how facilities get reimbursed, people still need check-ups, fall ill, and schedule surgeries.

What is changing is how patients perceive their care. In the past, health care consumers often had close relationships with their physicians and almost always acted upon their advice. They were used to long wait times and rarely considered the cost of procedures. As younger consumers are added to the patient base, and as the internet and other media sources make it easier to find health information, many people are taking the time to research their options, compare costs, and listen to other people's reviews. They expect shorter wait times, a variety of treatment options, and most of all, a positive outcome.

So how do people go about researching providers' positive outcomes? Many consumers are trusting company branding and advertising less and relying more on personal reviews, even if they come from strangers. They want to hear people's stories. They want to know there is a personal connection.

The diagnosis is of course, critical, but may not be the most important piece of the patient care mix, now that the focus has shifted to the process of care: how a diagnosis is reached, what treatment options are discussed, and ultimately, how the patients felt they were treated throughout their care. That is the story they will share with others.

Hospitals, and emergency departments in particular, by nature do not lend themselves to high cus-

tom satisfaction. There, the customer is the patient and most of them probably wish they were anywhere else. Hospital visits, planned or unplanned, are often accompanied by feelings of apprehension, anxiety, sometimes even confusion and fear.

Providers can take certain measures to alleviate some of those negative feelings. Frequent updates while waiting to be seen and during the visit, acknowledging how the patient is feeling and making sure their questions have been answered before discharge all contribute to the patient's perception of their visit. Ensuring these communication techniques are in place can work to place the patient more at ease, and being comfortable often helps the patient better understand explanations and instructions regarding their care.

Interested in understanding the current patient experience at Charlevoix Area Hospital, the hospital conducted a patient satisfaction survey in 2012 and in early 2013 completed a similar emergency department survey.

When the survey results arrived, they came with good news. Patient satisfaction scores were consistently high (at or above 90%) on nursing and physician care. Patients felt they were treated with courtesy and respect, were listened to and had instructions explained well to them by both nurses and doctors. The same numbers were reflected in patient's overall rating of their hospital stay and whether they would refer someone to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

On the emergency department survey, very high marks were received for compassionate nurses

and physicians, short wait times, clear discharge instructions, and patients feeling that sufficient time was dedicated to their concerns. 9 out of 10 people said that they were satisfied with their overall experience and would recommend Charlevoix Area Hospital's Emergency Department to others.

In addition to striving to provide exceptional health care, the hospital wanted to take things one step further. A new practice was recently implemented where surgical patients are given a CAH mug that contains a cup of soup, a bag of crackers and a thank you card signed by the staff to take home with them. Chris Good, RN, Surgery Manager, said, "We wanted to do something nice for the patients, and thought the Cup of Soup would be a great way to show our appreciation. We know our patients have other options for care, and we're glad they chose Charlevoix Area Hospital."

Lyn Jenks, CEO, added, "Especially when working in a small community, it is the little things that can make all the difference. We are committed to making that personal connection with everyone who comes through our doors."

Everyone wants happy customers. If a hospital visit is necessary, then the goal is to have the patient feel like they can arrive and be cared for not only with competence, but with compassion and concern. By focusing on creating a positive process of care, providers can shape the stories that their patients will tell, and if all goes well, they will be happy ones.

"Girls Get Fit" program students learn tennis from Boyne City Varsity Girls Tennis Team

By Jim Akans

This past Wednesday, May 8th, 50 girls took to the tennis courts at Rotary Park to learn the basics of the game of tennis from the Boyne City Girls Tennis Team. The event was part of the "Girls Get Fit" program for Boyne elementary and middle school girls, a program created by Brittney Brook.

She relates, "Girls Get Fit is an encouraging program for girls, including my own, in the Boyne Valley. Volunteering with the program, I watch dozens of girls improve their physical fitness, eating habits, and self confidence as they try a variety of new activities that keep them fit and moving."

Kristin Bates, who assists in running the program, states, "Girls Get Fit is a fitness program, run by volunteers, created

to emphasize the importance of exercise, a healthy diet/lifestyle and working together as a team. As part of Girls Get Fit, we ask people in the community to demonstrate the many different ways of living a healthy lifestyle. Throughout the course of the season, volunteers have taught the girls Yoga, Mad Dance, Core Training, Pilates, Zumba, Karate and Kayaking, with a focus on training for a 5K run."

She adds, "Susan Lahti, 5th grade teacher at BCMS, offered to volunteer her time to teach our girls tennis at Rotary Park. She enlisted her Varsity Girls Tennis team to help. It was amazing watching 50 girls learning the basics of tennis. Even better, the opportunity to interact and learn from the Varsity team!"

Bates notes that Girls Get Fit started at Boyne City Elementary

and Middle School this past fall, and the group meets each Monday and Wednesday after school for eight weeks in the spring and the fall. Currently, 60 girls participate in the program ranging from 3rd grade up through 9th grade. The goals of the program are to provide information and activities relating to a healthy lifestyle as well as introduce participants to the many fitness options available to remain active throughout their lives. At the end of the season, the girls participate in a 5K run.

For last Wednesday's tennis lesson, Bates explains, "Each girl knew they had to run/walk to the park, which was 1.5 miles away from the school before the tennis lessons. Not only did all the girls make the distance, they didn't want these lessons to end when it was time to catch the bus. With childhood obesity on the rise and



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activity levels on a downward cycle, it really is cool to see what

each girl can accomplish when given a chance."



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May Activities and Events

Beaver Island
Wed, 5/15 7pm
BINGO!
Location: Gregg Fellowship Center

Boyer
Tues, 14, 21 & 28 5pm-12am
Boyer City American Legion Bingo
Location: S. Lake & Main Street

Charlevoix
Thurs, 5/16, 23 & 30 9am-1pm
Charlevoix Indoor Farmers' Market
Location: Charlevoix Public Library
220 W. Clinton St, Charlevoix, MI

East Jordan
Tues-Sat,
Jordan River Arts Council - Student Scholarship Exhibit
Open Tuesday - Sunday 1-4 PM. Info 231-536-3385

Thurs, 5/16, 23 & 30 9am-1pm
Farmers' Market
Location: Sportsman's Park
Many of the great vendors from the summer market!
Sat, 5/11 6pm Mother & Daughter Banquet
Location: East Jordan High School
East Jordan Lions Club will host the Mother/Daughter Banquet.
The 2013 Mother of the Year will be announced.

Fri, 5/17 7pm
Murder Mystery - Front Porch Fundraiser



"Express to Murder" Theatre Performance at Castle Farms. This is a fundraiser for the Front Porch Cafe' in Ellsworth. Ransom Note Entertainment. Appetizers by A Matter of Taste. \$25/ticket. Silent Auction 6:30 PM, Show starts at 7:00 PM. Tickets @ The Front Porch or East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office.

Sun, 5/19 1-4pm
Polish Dinner
Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church
Great Polish Food, Golabki, Pierogi, Sausage & Kraut, Dill Soup, Dessert and Beverage. Silent Auction.

Beaver Island
Catch a Flick!
Saturdays @ 7pm All Movies
Free-will donation!
Check the Community Cen-

ter or www.beaverislandcommunitycenter.org for updated listings!

Next Sunday Dinner! 5/19 11am-12:30pm
Join us for a yummy Spring Dinner and "side-splitting" entertainment!

Take a walk on the Harbor Side!
Tues & Fri 9-10am Starting at the Beaver Island Community Center
Come join us for the new Arthritis Foundation "Walk with Ease" program!
Learn some surprising things about something you've been doing a long time! Then take a trek around the harbor and share some refreshments!

Not to Miss...at the Beaver Island Community Center!
6/20 7:30pm Karl Hinkle

Contemporary Christian music concert, Free-will donation!
6/29 8pm Old Friends: A Simon & Garfunkel Tribute A concert dedicated to the timeless music of the legendary American duo from their Concert in Central Park.
7/5&6 8pm The Chenille Sisters The inimitable harmonies, wit & wisdom return to BI!

Try the Beaver Island "Dining Out Program"!
Your choice of special Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Senior Menu options from the Shamrock, Dalwhinnie, Stoney Acre & soon more restaurants!
Get Dining Out Certificates*, menus & info from Ann at the Community Center M-F after 1pm.
Call ahead and your Certificates will be ready for easy pick-up! 448-2022
*Requires a current NAPIS form on file.

Try the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program!
It really works!
Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm
This free program emphasizes the range-of-motion, flexibility, balance and joint mobility so necessary for everyday activities, regardless of your age or whether you "officially" have arthritis. Each class also features health education, fun activities that engage your brain, and relaxation techniques. Join us—you'll feel great!

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 16 Ed May 10-11 Wii Bowling	Friday, May 17 Tag-a-Longs 11-12 Raffle	Monday, May 20 Bingo	Tuesday, May 21 Br. Bag Bingo	Wednesday, May 22 Night Meal 5pm Don Judd	Thursday, May 23 Ed May 10-11 Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 16 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle 11:30am Back Porch Music	Friday, May 17 Foot Clinic 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, May 20 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, May 21 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, May 22 1pm Bingo	Thursday, May 23 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 16 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, May 17 BAKE RAFFLE everyone bring something! 11am Cousins Bingo	Monday, May 20 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, May 21 11am Line Dancing 12:30 BINGO 1 pm Paint Class	Wednesday, May 22 NIGHT MEAL! MUSIC at 4:00 EAT at 5pm	Thursday, May 23 KARAOKE DAY!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, May 16 HAMBURGER W/ BUN	Friday, May 17 MOTHERS' DAY! CHICKEN & STUFFING	Monday, May 20 CREAM CHIP BEEF ON BISCUIT	Tuesday, May 21 TUNA PATTI W/ CHEESE	Wednesday, May 22 NIGHT MEAL! BONE IN CHICKEN	Thursday, May 23 HAMBURGER W/ BUN
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BOYNE CITY

Boyne Arts Collective opens for the season May 17

The Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) is calling all artists to submit new or existing work that helps our community understand and appreciate what local artists can create. The show will express our famous Morel Mushroom and the Spring Festivities with visions of what it means to live in Northwest Lower Michigan. BAC members can deliver their artwork to the Boyne Arts Center at 210 S Lake Street. The BAC Reopening Reception will be held May 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. All artists are encouraged to attend the Friday evening reception to welcome the public to Spring/Morel Exhibit in a variety of media. The Display of Artwork will begin in connection with the 53rd National Morel Mushroom Festival. Jasmine Witthoef has created the oil painting for the SOBO Arts District poster. Witthoef's painting will be displayed in the gallery window and she will be available to sign posters during the May 17th reception. Local artists are also helping organize the family-friendly SOBO Arts Festival on June 28-29. For more info, visit www.soboartsfestival.com.

BOYNE CITY

Used book sale

The Friends of Boyne District Library are holding their Annual Used Book Sale on Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th in the Boyne Library Community Room. The sale hours are from Friday 10am - 5pm and Saturday 9am- 1pm. All proceeds from this sale will be used to support the Boyne District Library programs. This year the Friends group purchased iPads, digital cameras and supported many other children's activities and purchases for the benefit of the library patrons. The Friends is a non-profit service organization supporting the library. Friends of the Library members may shop prior to the sale from 9 to 10 a.m.

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.

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 17 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 runfortheirlives@charter.net.

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.

BAY HARBOR

5K to Benefit Char-Em United Way

The Bay Harbor Foundation's 9th Annual Bay Harbor 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, May 18th in beautiful Bay Harbor. This year the Foundation is partnering with the Char-Em United Way, and proceeds will support the 2-1-1 information hotline, which connects local residents with health & human services. As in previous years, participants will enjoy a race course that will travel along the shores of Bay Harbor Lake. This race is endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health & Sport, and has earned the Governor's Council seal of approval. Entrants may register for the chance to participate in the 10th Annual Labor Day Run over the Mackinac Bridge. Visit www.bayharborfoundation.org to download an entry form, or for more information.

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

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.

BAYVIEW

Concert

Songs of Love & Joy featuring Carlos Botero, viola; Joan Holland, harp and Lori Sims, piano. Saturday, May 18, 7:30pm, John M. Hall Auditorium. Tickets: Reserved \$50 & \$35, General Admission \$20. Tickets may be purchased online at www.glcorchestra.org and www.Mynorthtickets.com, at GLCO office, at the door or at local Chambers of Commerce Offices. Sponsored by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra & Chorus.

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, Harbor Springs, Grayling, Traverse City and more. Sponsored by Boyne Mountain Resort, the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News.

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 Is-

land. 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 Cafe, 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

Blood Drive

Harbor Industries hosts their annual on-site blood drive on Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30-3:30pm. Public is welcome; please check in at the front desk upon arrival...and thank you for helping Harbor care for our community.

EAST JORDAN

Wild Leek Preservation

Wednesday, May 22 from 6pm to 8pm at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, 5745 N M-66. There are many ways to preserve wild leeks. This workshop will cover how to sustainably harvest, then dry, freeze, pesto and pickle these members of the Allium or onion family that grow in our north woods. Each participant will take home one half pint jar of pickled leeks. This event is a partnership of ISLAND and Wagbo Farm WEEDS foraging group (Wild Edibles for Ecological Dietary Sustainability). \$8-\$10 sliding scale. For more information call 231-622-5252 or email yvonne@artmeetsearth.org

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

The first outdoor market of the season will take place on Thursday, May 23rd from 3-7pm in East Park. The Market will be at the same time as the annual Petunia Planting day. Following May 23rd the market will resume normal hours (9am-1pm) every Thursday in East Park.

ATWOOD, ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

Breezeway Garage Sale

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

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

EAST JORDAN

Volunteers needed

The Freedom Festival Committee is looking for some help with our annual Canister Day scheduled for Friday, May 24th at several locations around East Jordan. There are scheduled shifts of 1 hour so you can choose a time that works for you. If you have ever wanted to know how you could help with the festival, this is a small way you could without giving up a large amount of your time. If you would be interested in helping with a shift please contact Shannon, 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.

ATWOOD

Rest Stop/Rummage and Bake Sale

The Atwood Church (10090 N US Hwy. 31) invites you to our Rest Stop/Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 from 9 AM - 4 PM. Come enjoy free hot dogs (grilled on site), delicious baked goods (home-made by the bakers of the church), and a rummage sale (with a large variety of irresistible treasures from the church members).

BOYNE CITY

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

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

BOYNE CITY

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.



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BOYNE CITY

COOKING NOW & THEN -

Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River is presenting "Cooking Now & Then, Upstairs Chef Series" on four dates. Join them for Culinary Fun with local chefs - learn their techniques and hear valuable cooking tips on Thursdays from 6 to 8pm. Featured chefs will be:
 > May, 30 - Cindi Malin of Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff
 > June 13 - Emily Paquette of Frog Hollow Farm
 > June 27 - Kathy Grech of Kate's Little Cakes
 > July 18 - Drale Schroeder, a local caterer
 Refreshments and drinks will be offered, as well as tasting the dish being demonstrated. Each chef will feature local seasonal produce found at the Farmers Market. 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.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Photo display

Michael and Teresa McGill of Central Lake will be displaying their wildlife photographs throughout the library

during May and June. They are passionate wildlife videographers and photographers who began their journey over twelve years ago after a strange encounter with an exotic bird walking through a marsh in the Upper Peninsula. All photos are available for purchase.

CHARLEVOIX

Family 5K and Doggie Dash

Come to the Family 5K and Doggie Dash is sponsored by Charlevoix Area Hospital and its School Nurse Program on Saturday, June 1. This event has fun for the whole family - pets too! In addition to the scenic 5K route, a variety of activities will be offered throughout the morning, including yoga, hula hooping, karate, dancing, Cross Fit, and face painting. Registration starts at 8am, with the 5K set to begin at 9:00am. Fruit, bagels, and water will be provided for participants. All runners receive a free event t-shirt with registration.

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

CHARLEVOIX

What's Your Story

Nonprofit organizations serving Charlevoix and Emmet counties are invited to attend "What's Your Story?" a workshop focused on helping nonprofits connect with their audiences on Thursday, June 6 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Charlevoix Public Library. The cost is \$10 per attendee and the deadline for pre-registration is Monday, June 3, 2013. To register, go to www.c3f.org and click on "What's New", then "Workshops Offered". Please contact Maureen maureen@c3f.org or Laura laura@c3f.org or by phone at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation 231-536-2440 with any questions.

BOYNE FALLS

Hospice benefit

Hospice of Northwest Michigan Swings into Summer at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center at the annual benefit auction and dinner on Thursday, June 6. The evening will feature a summer themed buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, games, live music. Please call Cheri at 231-547-7659 to make your reservation. Come out for a great evening of summer fun and support one of our most important local resources!

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.

EAST JORDAN

Beautiful baby contest

The East Jordan Freedom Festival will be holding the 3rd Annual Beautiful Baby Contest this year. If you have a baby between the ages of newborn and two years old and would like to be a part of the contest please stop in at Charlevoix State Bank in East Jordan to pick up your entry can. (limited number of entries available) Entries are given one empty can that they can decorate and used to collect spare change (or big bills) as votes for your baby. The baby with the most money will be named the 2013 Most Beautiful Baby. You can leave the cans at a local business with their permission, take it with you wherever you go - work, family reunions, etc. to get votes. Cans can be picked up at Charlevoix State Bank and must be returned by Friday, June 14th by noon. The winner will receive a \$25 Gift Certificate from Marty's Cones & Carry-out and a \$25 Gift Certificate from Murray's sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Cans donated by Burnette Foods, Inc.

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.

BOYNE CITY

Paula Poundstone coming to BC

Boyne Country Community Center is proud to present comedienne Paula Poundstone at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 22. TICKETS can be purchased online at www.poundstone.net. All seats are reserved, and you can choose your seats and print your own tickets. You can also buy tickets at Boyne City Ace Hardware or by calling the store at 231-582-6532.

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 10 - 6 pm Craft Show Showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items.
- 10 - 6 pm M.O.R.E.L. Show "Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences and Living Show" in Sunset Park.
- 3 pm Schmidt Amusements Carnival
- 4 pm Morel Seminar Featuring local morel expert Anthony Williams. Beer & Wine available.
- 4:30 pm Festival "Guided" Morel Hunt Departs from Veterans Park \$15 Register in advance online @ www.morelfest.com
- 5:30 pm Morelfest "Wine & Dine" 5:30-7:30 pm @ the Beach House Restaurant. Register in advance @ www.boynechamber.com reservations required.
- 8:30 pm **YANKEE STATION** performs. Admission is \$5.00 at the door Beer & wine.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7-10 am Morel Breakfast at the VFW Post 3675 @ 1108 Boyne Avenue
- 7:30 am Boyne Valley Lions' National Mushroom Hunt. Register 7:30 - 9 am at new location 1315 Boyne Ave., former Carter's parking lot. Leave at 9:00 am. Winners announced at 3:30 pm in festival tent. Register in advance at www.morelfest.com
- 7:30 am Humane Society 5K run register in Sunset Park beginning @ 6:30 am.



SAT., MAY 17 *continued*

- 10 - 6 pm Craft Show Showcasing crafters with unique, hand-made items.
- 10 - 6 pm M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show, Sunset Park
- 11 am Schmidt Amusements Carnival
- 12 - 3 PM TASTE OF MORELS** *Our Premiere Event!!* Area restaurants & chefs provide morel infused delicacies! Beer & wine available.
- 4 pm Great Morel Giveaway at participating merchants ~ downtown Boyne City
- 8:30 pm Audio Circus performs. Admission is \$5.00 at the door Beer & wine.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 11 - 4 pm Craft Show
- 11 - 6 pm M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show Sunset Park
- 12:00 noon Carnival
- 1:00 - 5 pm The Cancer Crusaders Concert & Silent Auction featuring TNT & Northern Nites. All proceeds to local families. Food, beer & wine available.



National Morel Mushroom Festival Mascot Woody Pickme

SUN., MAY 18 *continued*

- The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale: Friday from 10 - 5 pm Saturday from 9 - 1 pm Boyne District Library ~ 201 E Main Street Shop the "Morel Festival Store" open from 12 - 5 pm under the tent for all your morel gear (T-shirts, hats, books, etc.)!
- MOREL POLE** Mushroom hunters can hang their morels on the Main Street Mushroom Pole from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, May 18. Located on the southwest corner of Park & Water. Enter your "picks" in these categories: First mushroom on the pole ~ Largest ~ Smallest ~ Best of Show ~ Best dressed (dress up your mushroom for fun!) ~ Longest distance traveled to pick your mushroom. Awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. at the Mushroom Pole. Call Karen Guzniczak 582-2355 for details.

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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Trevor Day

**GRADE:** 10**PARENTS:**

Debbie and Chuck Day

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Fishing, Kayaking, Wakeboarding, Hanging Out With Friends, Kazoo Playing

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Track, Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: "Attend Michigan State University and interested in sports medicine; not completely sure yet."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Trevor is a GREAT kid!! He is involved in co-curricular activities and has a rigorous class schedule. I love his enthusiasm! Congratulations, Trevor!!" (Mrs. Hertel, Spanish Teacher)

"Trevor is a great student to have in class! I appreciate his enthusiasm and willingness to get involved! Great job Trevor!" (Mrs. Deming, Government Teacher)

"Trevor is a great student who along with maintaining a high academic standard is also able to add an incredible amount of enthusiasm and energy to the classroom!" (Mrs. Heath, English Teacher)

"Trevor is the kind of person that loves to stay busy; he keeps himself busy by playing Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball and Track. He shows teamwork, dedication and leadership on an off of the field, court or trail. He conducts himself the way that others can look up to, and he has a lot of Rambler Pride! Congratulations, Trevor!" (Ms. Neidhamer, Athletic Secretary)

Northwest Academy Exceptional Student Graduates This May

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—Some people might say "good job" to sixteen year old KayLee Davis for graduating a year or two earlier than most of her peers. When they hear she is salutatorian of her class they might even be a little more impressed and when they hear she has been dual enrolled at North Central Michigan College since she was 14 where she earned a 4.0 GPA, some people might think this young lady has something special. Then let's add a unique past to the intrigue of her success. KayLee started her life 10 weeks premature and joined her family through adoption.

No one would agree more that KayLee has that special something than her mother Shelia Davis. "She is very smart and has excelled from the beginning," said Shelia. KayLee has already been accepted at Grand Valley State University in Saginaw and has received two scholarships totaling \$7000 a year for the next four years. She has always been an avid reader. "I've always had a passion for books and writing stories," said KayLee. "Not that I don't spend time with my friends or enjoying other activities, but when I am, there is sometimes a really great book on my mind."

KayLee's birth mother's name is Missy, and she has been a part of KayLee's life through a process called open adoption. Missy selected Duane and Shelia Davis to parent her daughter before she was born. Because of her premature birth, KayLee stayed in the hospital until she was 21 days old at which time the Davis' brought her home and Missy came along to help her get settled in. KayLee even stood up in Missy's wedding. "And now KayLee will be going to Saginaw Valley State and Missy lives there near Saginaw. I have so much comfort knowing Missy will be right there if there is a problem because I will be 3 hours away from my daughter," said Shelia.

It was in the second grade that the Davis became aware of how intelligent KayLee was. "The teacher said she was way over her grade level and she was having to re-



search and get work to keep her busy and stimulated," said Shelia. By 4th grade there was talk of moving KayLee ahead to keep her challenged but her parents felt that would be socially difficult for her. When the Davis' moved to Charlevoix in 2007 they enrolled KayLee in Northwest Academy Charter School where, because of the combined, smaller classes and individualized educational program provided there, an opportunity for advancement without social implications presented itself. KayLee was finally free to work at her own rate and advanced two grades in one year with much success. While in 11th grade, at age 14, KayLee became dual enrolled through North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and has been on the Dean's List there since. Her favorite class is English and she has chosen to major in it. She hopes to do something in editing, publishing or possibly writing and also has a strong interest in psychology. She has a desire to understand how the brain works in regards to mental disabilities, relationships and how people interact with each other.

KayLee is the oldest of three siblings. She has a 14 yr old Sister, Hannah who is in 9th grade at NWA and a 10 yr old brother, Nathan, who has autism and is also at NWA in 4th grade.

KayLee will graduate with her class on Friday May 25th at The Castle at 7:00 pm. She was asked to give a speech but forfeited the opportunity to help a friend's dream come true. "There is another girl in her class that has always dreamed of doing the class address at graduation, she started writing it in like the 7th grade and has talked about it throughout their years together so KayLee is going to turn the speech over to her so that Liz can have her dream. I love my daughter's heart for others so much," said Shelia.

So when KayLee Davis walks across the stage to receive her diploma with honors this month she will have a very proud family in the audience including two mothers, in the words of Shelia Davis, "Crying like babies over her achievement."

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Breaks Ground on New Facility

East Jordan – The Charlevoix County Community Foundation will soon have a new home. The organization recently became the owner of a property in East Jordan and began renovations just a few weeks ago. The project has been in the works for more than a year, and the construction will continue over the coming months, with a proposed move-in date in late summer.

Having outgrown its current office configuration, the foundation is pleased to have a permanent location and new offices. "This past year we celebrated our 20th anniversary with the theme 'Deeply Rooted, Growing Stronger,'" says Chip Hansen, President. "It seems fitting that we are putting down roots of ownership in Charlevoix County, deepening our commitment to the region and to bettering the lives of everyone who lives here."

The gift of the land and building (formerly the Quilt Cottage) came from Fred and Barbara Malpass, and the new construction was made possible by generous gifts from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Frey Foundation, and the Malpass Foundation. "We are so fortunate to have community members who believe in our mission and who are looking toward the future with us. Their foresight and generosity are creating the conditions for the community foundation to continue taking positive steps forward," says Valerie Snyder, Chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Every space in the newly renovated facility has been designed to support the work of the foundation's staff. The facility will include private spaces for staff to conduct day-to-day business, as well as multifunctional spaces that can be utilized by staff in meetings with community members and the foundation's youth advisory council. The final layout includes four offices (with room to grow), one small conference room for meetings of six to eight people, and a larger meeting space to accommodate advisory



Valerie Snyder, Chair of the Board of Trustees, takes a look at the drawings, and the progress made on the construction for the new facility for the Charlevoix County Community Foundation with Floyd Wright, General Contractor.

committees and to meet the needs of local nonprofit agencies.

"We are growing in every way," says Hansen. "Our grant-making capacity, our assets, and our community engagement are all growing. Now we will have a permanent place to bring people together to support that growth for the long-term."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area. The foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, commu-

nity development, and various civic projects. 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 grantmaking opportunities or about the community foundation, call 231/536-2440 or visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org.

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Dear Editor

I'd like to discuss some misconceptions related to prescription drug abuse. I'm not sure everyone understands what it means, why it's dangerous or how dangerous this growing problem really is.

To understand what prescription drug abuse means, you need to know there's a reason for medications containing certain substances to be controlled by a physician's prescription. If you have prescription drugs to treat a medical condition and are following your doctor's instructions then you are using those prescription drugs legally and properly. Your doctor and pharmacist

are able to monitor potentially harmful side-effects and drug interactions. They can regulate your doses and monitor your condition. But without that careful regulation and monitoring, those same drugs can hurt or kill someone.

Abuse occurs when these controlled substances are consumed by people with no prescription, solely for their intoxicating, mind-altering side effects, and often in an unsafe dose. There's false belief, especially among teenagers, that prescription drugs are a "safe" way to get high. But after seeing more than 550 Northern Michigan deaths in the past dozen years due to drug overdoses and poisoning, I can

tell you there is nothing safe about it.

If you have prescription drugs to treat a legitimate medical condition, keep them in a safe place – especially if there are kids or teenagers who might have access. Drugs left in a purse, a drawer or even a medicine cabinet are easily found and can be taken without your knowledge. Some prescription drugs have a "street value" and plenty of kids and teens already know how to sell whatever they can find.

Nationwide, 2,500 teenagers per day are using a prescription drug to get high for the first time. Most of those who abuse prescription painkillers started doing so before age 15. Prescrip-

tion drugs are equivalent to marijuana in terms of the number of 12 to 17 year olds who abuse them.

You can prevent the abuse of prescription drugs. First, any unwanted, expired or unused medications should be taken to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the City of East Jordan Police Department, the City of Charlevoix Police Department, or to the City Hall building in Boyne City. Each of these locations has a free prescription and over-the-counter drug drop-off box, or POD. The POD can be accessed weekdays between 8:00am and 4:30pm. Do NOT simply flush drugs down the toilet.

Second, I urge you to talk with

your kids about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Even if you don't have prescription medications on hand, your kids can get them from friends and they may not realize the risk of severe illness or death.

If you still have questions about how prescription drugs are being abused, why it's so dangerous or what can be done about it, visit <http://www.drugfreenorthernmichigan.com/> for more information. Just by being aware and informed you're on your way to preventing prescription drug abuse in Northern Michigan.

W.D. (Don) Schneider,
Charlevoix County Sheriff

NEW WORLD ORDER

George H. W. Bush slipped up in 1991 and used this term as the Soviet Union crumbled. He was quickly reminded of the connotation and dropped it like a hot pressure cooker. Actually the term had been used previously as a positive omen and not the pejorative it has become. Totalitarianism, one world government, slave labor or serfdom for the masses, no social care system, all are now supposed indicators of this transition, not a comforting ambition.

Though Communism is often cited as matrix for this takeover it doesn't quite fit since Socialist benefits are ingrained in that social template. The NWO idea seems to be conceived as a nineteen-eighty-four scenario with a coordinated control system worldwide and one control center instead of three as in the 1984 story. The masses are mostly left to their own devices for survival, government handouts being discontinued. Presumably the all-volunteer military due to economic downturn is integral to this plan. Having no anti-war protests legitimizes this and military might would naturally be a

major portion of worldwide conquest.

How this would work in actual terms is still unclear. There is constant jabber about FEMA camps already prepared for martial law and such atrocious preambles to the supposition. With US military bases strewn around much of this world it's easy to visualize the mobilization potential should events coalesce to a point wherein the coordination of military political control could be announced and carried out. That would necessarily involve other governments and their standing armies and civil patrols.

These sorts of secret societies, for that's what it is purported to be, have ulterior motives to say the least. Guilds and lodges, Freemasons, all bands of brothers that find refuge and advantage in forming sovereign groups of clandestine activities always are highly suspect just because of their secrecy. Even the founding fathers of this country privately organized a select group of well-to-do white men of middle age and upper middle class bearing although the inference was equalitarian inasmuch as popular opinion had it. Private clubs are

very handy for those able to join. The Skull and Bones club of Yale University is known to be instrumental in the workings of government and industry, hence military and legislative complex in full. Though not widely reported journalistically such origins often account for business and political influence as leaders and pundits.

Some maintain that the Revelation of John in the New Testament refers to a NWO type scenario. The Mayan calendar cycle ending is attributed to a new beginning. Hopi legends bespeak of the ending of an age. Astrologically we are entering the Age of Aquarius. It has been established that the Giza pyramids of Egypt were built to mirror the constellation Orion which was in direct alignment with the placing of the three monuments in 10,500 BC, a cosmic dating certainty due to the precession of the Earth's rotation in definite repetitive timely manner. In other words the signs are lining up to indicate some phenomenon transpiring.

So why does a potential world at peace look so sinister? Well, it's the method of getting there that causes the trepidation. Milit-

ary takeovers are not friendly. Anything acquired by force will never settle as right. Though the conquests of the past to consolidate far flung territories offered some benefits, resentment always festered until breaking free or through very lengthy assimilation. Secret societies crop up wherever imperial conquest is rife and nationalities collide in acculturation. A One World Order would find great difficulty in trying to rid or avoid the influx of other secret societies undermining. For this reason alone it does not bode plausible to effect a true one world government.

The mood of America is best described as murky. The middle class is said to be devolving, young people without definitive career goals and means to prepare are seemingly aimless and lacking in lifestyle directives. Perhaps this was true in the 1950s too but the 60s brought us out of our complacency. The early millennial decades promise no such event. And with terrorism at large the military is often the best option. Tea Party advocates seem subdued as do their counterpart OWS chapters. With Bradley Manning and Julian As-

sange taking the hit for free press and free speech there's little impetus to challenge those rights. The First Amendment is for all practical purposes defunct. The rich are definitely getting richer, the poor poorer. Insult by injury, audacity by outrage, the law has managed to curtail all incursion into the top secret classified workings of big government, big military and big business. The stage in effect is set.

There are however mitigating circumstances. Renegade regimes, like secret societies, will always balk at relinquishing power. It is probable that enough resistance exists to consolidation of power to thwart this supposition. Still, the inference is worthy of note as we tend to lose a little more each year. The socio-philosophy of trends points toward assimilation of Earth's cultures but the rationale is yet to be justified. As America was once referred to as a "melting pot" culture that has not truly happened, for speaking the same language does not necessarily make a concerted social order new world or old.

Mitch MacKay, East Jordan

LAW ENFORCEMENT

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, April 29, 2013

- 12:51amIllegal burn in the area of Hemlock and Harris Streets
 - 6:08amAssist motorist at State and Hannah Streets
 - 8:09amWallet dropped off at PD that was found in the 100 block of Front St. Was returned to owner.
 - 8:17amAssist fire department with cable line down in the 200 block of E Main St
 - 10:32amReport of ring found on Avalanche
 - 11:20amReport of damage to building from the earlier downed cable line
 - 1:30pm Funeral Escort
 - 1:55pmReport of fraudulent money orders
 - 2:42pmReport of suspended driver driving in town on regular basis
 - 4:26pmJuvenile complaint in the 300 block of E Ann St
 - 5:06pmViolation of Controlled Substance Act reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
 - 8:26pmReport of dog running at large in the 300 block of N Park St
 - 9:00pm ...Lodged stray dog at shelter
 - 9:04pmDomestic disturbance in the 400 block of Harris St
 - 9:30pmCivil standby in the 400 block of Harris St
- #### Tuesday, April 30, 2013
- 6:37amCitation issued for fail to yield on N Lake St near Lower Lake
 - 7:31amCitation issued for no proof of insurance on Boyne Av near Division St
 - 12:00pmAttempted phone fraud complaint received from the 500 block of N Lake St
 - 12:15pmAssist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
 - 1:23pmDamage to lawn reported in the 700 block of Boyne Av
 - 5:51pmAssist EMS on East St near State St
 - 6:40pmCitation issued for speed at Division and Park Streets
 - 7:11pmJuvenile complaint in the area

- of Lake and Lincoln Streets
 - 7:39pmReport of missing 6year old. Was located at Peninsula Beach
 - 8:15pmAssist to Animal Control at the shelter
 - 10:28pmIncorrigibility complaint from the 200 block of E Cedar St
 - 11:55pmDisturbance reported in the 300 block of E Division St
- #### Wednesday, May 1, 2013
- 7:15amAssist MSP with accident in Advance
 - 8:06amSuspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 - 11:03amReport of 2 vehicle property damage accident that occurred the day before on Boyne Av near Lincoln St
 - 11:30am2 vehicle accident reported at Boyne Av and E Main St. Both vehicles gone on arrival.
 - 11:40amSuspicious subject in the 300 block of N Lake St
 - 12:35pmNuisance dog and owner asked to leave Veteran's Memorial
 - 3:10pmReport of breaking and entering in the 300 block of E Division St
 - 6:43pmAssist Sheriff Department on High Country Dr
 - 7:46pmVehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St
 - 10:59pmAssist to Antrim county Sheriff Dept in the 300 block of E Division St
 - 11:40pmIntoxicated subject on Beard-sley St
- #### Thursday, May 2, 2013
- 7:10amAlarm on W Water St
 - 9:45amRequest for civil standby in the 500 block of N Lake St
 - 10:28am1 vehicle property damage accident in the 800 block of State St
 - 12:22pmComplaint of fully loaded trucks coming down Pleasant Av
 - 1:10pmReceived littering complaint in the 400 block of Vogel St
- #### Friday, May 3, 2013
- 10:20amReport of cat in tree on Charlevoix St
 - 12:19pmCivil complaint in the 100 block of W Court St
 - 1:28pmReport of the odor of marijuana in the 100 block of E Water St
 - 2:02pmAttempted fraud complaint in the 400 block of North St
 - 4:05pmReport of larceny in the 100

- block of N Park St
 - 8:52pmAssist Sheriff Department on Addis Rd
- #### Saturday, May 4, 2013
- 9:22am Civil custody issue
 - 12:06pmDog running at large in the area of E Main and S Park
 - 12:29pmIllegal burn in the 100 block of W Michigan
 - 3:15pmVehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 - 4:11pmSuspicious situation in the 600 block of Forrest Av
 - 7:45pmCitation issued for speed in the 900 block of Brockway
 - 10:39pmAlarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
 - 10:46pmReport of dog running at large in the 300 block of E Division St
- #### Sunday, May 5, 2013
- 9:20amVehicle unlock in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
 - 9:55amCitation issued for passing on a double yellow line at Pleasant and Timber
 - 10:17amCitation issued for speed at Pleasant and Timber
 - 10:31amDog running at large on State St near Park St
 - 10:47am Warrant arrest
 - 11:22amDog running at large on Jersey St
 - 1:03pmCitation issued for speed at Pleasant and Timber
 - 1:38pmCitation issued for speed at Pleasant and Timber
 - 2:25pmCitation issued for no proof of insurance at Pleasant and Timber
 - 2:44pmFound wallet turned into officer. Owner contacted and later picked up.
 - 3:00pmAssist to Water Dept on State St
 - 7:25pmReport of vehicle with loud radio on N Lake St
 - 8:50pmCitation issued for speed in the 900 block of E Main St
 - 9:40pmVehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
 - 10:08pmGasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St. Suspect later returned and paid.
- Also of note, are a couple of telephone frauds that are currently going around.

The first is a subject who says his name is Michael Reed and that he claims to be an attorney for Watkins and Associates collecting money for alleged debts. When you tell him you do not owe this money, he will then start asking for personal information "to get it sorted out".

The second is a recorded message that tells you a family member or friend have purchased a Life Alert system for you and ask you to press 1, so they can get shipping information.

As a reminder do not give anyone any personal information if you have not initiated the phone call.

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

May 6-13, 2013

- 911 Hang Up Call.....2
- Abandoned Vehicle0
- Abuse0
- Alarm.....5
- Animal Complaint.....19
- Annoyance2
- Assault1
- Assist Citizen10
- Assist Motorist2
- Assist Other Agency14
- Attempt to Locate1
- Attempted Suicide1
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident0
- Boating Violation0
- Breaking & Entering3
- Car/Deer Accident5
- Citations Issued16
- Civil Complaint.....4
- Criminal Sexual Conduct3
- Death.....0
- Disorderly Person.....0
- Disturbance.....1
- DNR Complaint.....0
- Domestic Dispute.....3
- Driving Complaint5
- Fireworks Complaint1
- Found Property1
- Fraud.....6
- Health & Safety0
- Hit & Run.....0
- Intoxicated Person2
- Juvenile1
- Larceny3
- Lockout3
- Lost Property1

- Malicious Destruction of Property.....0
- Mental Subject4
- Minor In Possession.....0
- Miscellaneous Criminal2
- Missing Person1
- Noise Complaint2
- Operating Under the Influence.0
- Paper Service.....24
- Parking Violation1
- Personal Injury Accident0
- Personal Protection Order1
- Private Property Accident2
- Property Check15
- Property Damage Accident.....1
- Prowler0
- Road Hazard2
- Stalking0
- Suspicious Situation4
- Threat.....1
- Traffic Stop.....47
- Trespassing0
- Unknown Accident.....1
- Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
- Vehicle in the Ditch0
- Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....1

Phone Scams

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider would like to advise citizens of the latest scams being reported in the last few weeks:

1) The caller identifies themselves as the Social Security Administration and states they will be visiting the citizen at their home. They proceed to ask questions of the citizen reference their social security number and account numbers. We believe the only reason they advise they will make a home visit to the citizen is to make their call sound legitimate. After these calls we have not experienced any visits being attempted. The Social Security Administration advised they do not telephone individuals.

2) The caller identifies themselves as being from Medic Alert and states that someone in your household must have fallen recently and requested this emergency alert phone system be installed at your house. They also state the system has been paid for, but they need to verify some information and ask you to push 1 to set up the installation. The phone number calling is 734-794-3078, a non-working phone number. We are asking citizens to hang up and refrain from pushing 1 or giving them any information.



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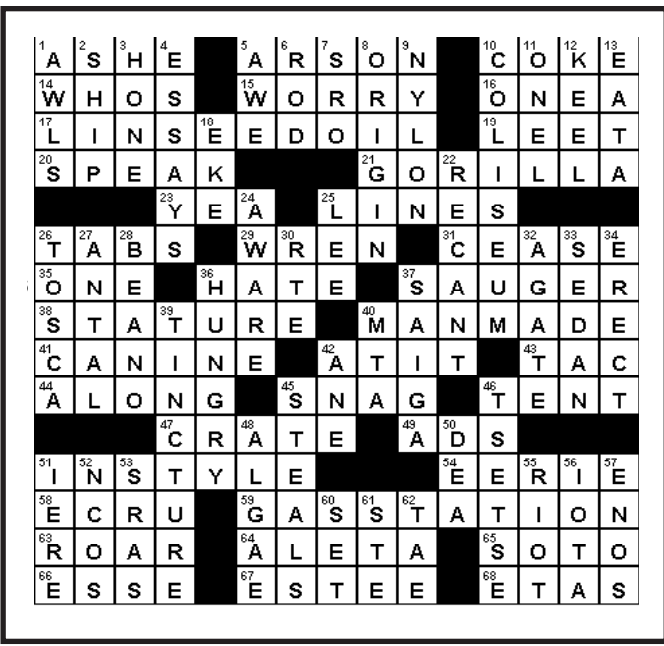
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Spring turkey season reminders

GAYLORD -- Commemorative 2013 Wild Turkey Management Cooperator patches are available from the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). Once given only to successful turkey hunters who submitted feather samples to DNR for data collection purposes, today this special patch is available to any turkey enthusiast through a partnership between the NWTF and the DNR. The NWTF took over the patch program in 2001 and worked with the DNR to incorporate a contest for youths to design the patches, which has been very successful.

Lauren Gamboa of Lake Orion, a

freshman at Lake Orion High School, was in eighth grade when she submitted her winning design for the 2013 Wild Turkey Management Cooperator patch. The oval patch features drawings of feathers from a turkey's breast, wing and tail on a bright green background.

Hunters, collectors or other wild turkey enthusiasts can order a patch by sending a \$5 check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865. Youths 16 and younger can receive a free patch by mailing a copy of their spring turkey hunting license.

For more information on the

turkey patch program, email michiganwildturkeypatch@yahoo.com.

The DNR would also like to remind hunters to submit their spring turkey harvest information. Although not required, reporting information about hunting experiences and success is encouraged. This information helps the DNR make scientifically supported recommendations regarding turkey harvests to the National Resources Commission.

To report your harvest online, visit www.michigan.gov/hunting and click on the "Wildlife Surveys and Reports" tab on the left hand side of the page.

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During National Electrical Safety Month Consumers Energy offers spring, summer safety tips

Consumers Energy has spring and summer safety tips for Michigan residents in recognition of National Electrical Safety Month this May.

"It's important that residents take time to become aware of the electric and natural gas facilities around them, both overhead and underground, to allow outdoor activities to be accomplished safely this spring," said Daniel J. Malone, Consumers Energy's senior vice president of distribution and customer operations. "Part of our promise to Michigan includes working together for safer communities – and reminding citizens about safety hazards, both big and small, helps us keep that promise."

As Michigan residents are venturing outside to work and play this spring and summer, Consumers Energy offers the following tips:

- Never fly a kite close to a power line – and if a kite does get stuck on a power line, do not attempt to remove it, as electric shock could be fatal

- Parents should ensure children never climb a utility pole or tree located near a power line

- Do not trim branches or trees near power lines themselves; call our forestry management professionals for a free estimate at (800) 582-4238 before starting a trimming project.

- Look up before moving ladders, long tools, or working around the outside of your home to ensure you never come

within 10 feet of an overhead wire

- When planting a tree, be aware of the power lines and natural gas pipes that provide electricity and natural gas to your home and throughout your neighborhood

- Always call 811 at least three working days before doing any digging around your property to have underground facilities marked, free of charge

- Avoid planting tall-growing trees such as large maples, oaks and most pines under power lines

Additional details regarding planting trees, digging safely and keeping your family safe around electricity and natural gas this season can be found on the Consumers Energy website at: www.ConsumersEnergy.com/safety.

National Electrical Safety Month is initiated by Electrical Safety Foundation International and is held each May to raise awareness about electrical hazards, which can cause electrical fires, injuries and death. Visit www.esfi.org for more information.

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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Lions name Phyllis Priest Mother of the Year



The East Jordan Lions Club announced the 2013 Mother of the Year, Phyllis Priest, at their 45th annual Mother Daughter Banquet, Sat. May 11. Phyllis is very involved with all her children and can be described as being very caring, generous, creative and a great teacher. In addition to her four biological children, Phyllis became a foster mother twenty years ago and continues her mission of caring for and adopting children. Currently there are 14 children in her home. Phyllis' love of children is unconditional and unmatched, and she is very deserving of the honor of Mother of the Year. She was presented the award by East Jordan Lions Club President, Jeff Argetsinger

Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn offer quality vintage and custom furniture

By Jim Akans

When looking to refurnish, redecorate or simply revitalize the furniture and accessory items in your home or cottage, don't miss the opportunity to check out the amazing selection of vintage and custom furniture at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn located in Charlevoix. The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. From antique wicker to Early American and European imports, the vast selection is sure to tantalize the imagination of virtually every furniture shopper.

Don Kelly founded his business back in 1985, as he recalls, "it was in a small room off my garage. I loved working with furniture, and while attending a furniture show I discovered a new type of finish stripper that worked extremely well. I went home, tried it out, and started my new business. It kept expanding and I moved into my current location in 1990."

Kelly adds, "Something we specialize in is wicker furniture items. This is a great time of year to look for wicker furniture, as it is great addition to porches or sunroom areas



Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. COURTESY PHOTO

during the warm weather months. We also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with solid wood or very good veneers. The workmanship and craftsmanship is excellent."

The services offered at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn also include customizing the size of furniture to match the customer's needs, and they will paint, stain and refinish items to

match the customer's décor if they desire.

Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until 1 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 547-0133 or visit www.dkellyantiques.com.

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Wolves in Northern Michigan



Retired professor Michael Cromley will be at the Charlevoix Public Library, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 discussing wolves in northern Michigan. Cromley will talk about how a small pack found its way below the Mackinac Bridge and how other Michigan wolves are faring. Learn about wolf behavior, the problems associated with them, and the latest status on protecting them.

The greatest threat to wolves is people's fear and misunderstanding about the species. The gray wolf is the largest of the canine family, standing about two and a half feet tall. Males are usually larger than females. In the Upper Great Lakes region, adult males weigh between 60-100 pounds and adult females weigh between 50-70 pounds. Wolves vary from four and a half to six

feet long from nose to tail.

Wolves were not "reintroduced" or transplanted to Wisconsin or Michigan from other states or countries, as some believe. As one of the first species to be listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, wolves have been protected from human persecution and allowed to return to their own from the existing population in Minnesota. Timber Wolf Alliance (TWA) fosters science-based education to dispel these myths and fears. TWA, formerly a program of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, is now a part of the North Lakeland Discovery Center. To learn more about wolves, visit: www.discoverycenter.net/wolf-resources-research.html. For more information about this or other library events, visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Lake Guardian program encourages businesses and residents to help protect Lake Charlevoix

By Jim Akans

Voted runner-up in last years USA Today "Best Lake in America" poll, Lake Charlevoix is a Michigan treasure that is enjoyed by countless area residents and visitors year-round. Protecting this pristine natural resource

for current and future generations is vital, and the Lake Charlevoix Association has recently launched a Lake Guardian program designed to encourage area residents and businesses to do their part in achieving that goal.

Joe Kimmell, secretary of the Lake Charlevoix As-

sociation board, states, "The Lake Guardian program has been about a year in development and is now structured and we ready to unleash it. Those participating in the program will receive a green Lake Guardian pennant that they can display on their property, and businesses will receive a Lake Guardian decal they can display on their vehicles or at their office. We will also list them on our website with links to their website, which helps promote them as supporters of the program."

Kimmell notes that the program is aimed to inform people what they can do to help protect the watershed and greenbelt areas around the lake, as well as what practices can hurt the lake.

"The greenbelt area around the lake is the number one defense in keeping the water clean," he relates. "90 percent of problems around the lake are caused by people not knowing what they can do in those areas that can damage the lake. So we have established guidelines that help people with property on the lake do the right thing, and expand that information to include contractors working around the lake. Lake Guardian is about encouraging lake friendly practices."

Currently, the Lake Charlevoix Association



Protecting Lake Charlevoix for current and future generations is vital, and the Lake Charlevoix Association has recently launched a Lake Guardian program designed to encourage area residents and businesses to do their part in achieving that goal. PHOTO BY JIM AND CAROL CARROLL – THE FIRST TO SIGN UP FOR THE LAKE GUARDIAN PROGRAM.

has about 700 members, and Kimmell estimates there are about 1,200 property owners on Lake Charlevoix. People can join the Lake Guardian program by becoming members of the Lake Charlevoix Association (\$25 for individuals and \$50 for businesses per year), and by signing a pledge to support the guidelines for the program. There is one-

time \$20 fee to cover the cost of the Lake Guardian pennant and decal.

The guidelines Lake Guardian supporters agree to follow are;

- Avoiding the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus and limiting the use of fertilizers when possible.
- Request any landscaper, yard maintenance company or other contractors

we employ to use only lake friendly methods and materials.

- Avoid the use of yard chemicals, including pesticides, and to take efforts to keep any chemicals used away from our lake, rivers and streams.

- Regularly inspect and properly maintain our septic system and control our pet waste in our yard.

- Preserve at least a 50 foot Greenbelt and enhance with native plants where appropriate, so as to ensure the Greenbelt is as effective as possible at filtering potentially harmful runoff.

- Cover exposed soil with native plants and work to control erosion on or near our lakeshore.

- Landscape and grade in a manner that controls and prevents harmful water runoff to the lake and preserves and utilizes the Greenbelt area.

- Control yard waste by removing, composting or mulching.

- Dispose of hazardous household waste at appropriate collection sites.

- Display the Lake Guardian pennant and/or sticker to show my support for this program.

For additional information about the Lake Guardian program, visit the Lake Charlevoix Association website at www.lakecharlevoix.org



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Young Soldier Home for Now, but Plans future Return to Afghanistan

"I feel blessed to be in the U.S. where I don't have to worry about someone taking a family member away"



Platoon Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is home on leave and recently sat down and talked about his experiences and how the experiences led him to appreciate the United States more than ever.

East Jordan Amends Dog Law

By B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — When grabbing the leash to take Fido for a walk in the city of East Jordan, dog walkers are advised to grab a disposable bag, as well. An ordinance was introduced at the city commission meeting on Aug. 3, to amend Section 6-36 of the Code of Ordinances. Section 6-36 addresses removal of dog feces if a dog happens to decide a neighbor's lawn is the perfect place to find relief. But the new ordinance adds the language that states: "Anyone walking their dog on property other than their own shall be required to have a disposable bag..."

Also at the meeting, the city administrator updated the commission on the construction of the Emergency Services Facility. The main part of the building under a roof, allowing the electrical and plumbing contractors to begin their portion of the work. There is still some flooring to be poured in the Fire Wing. The concrete walls are in place and the roof trusses on this portion of the building will be up soon. The completion target date is early fall. Mary Facala, president of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation to commissioners that informed them of what the Chamber does for the city, and updated them on events the Chamber has sponsored. She said she is excited about the Main Street Program.

Publisher's note: As this story appears in publication, Troy Drebenstedt is riding his bicycle from South St. Marie to the Gulf of Mexico with his father Bob Drebenstedt and his younger brother, Rogan Drebenstedt. The adventure is to raise awareness of the plight of disabled veterans.

By B. J. Conley

Sitting across from the 27-year-old soldier at the Charlevoix library on a summer day, observing his quick smile and steady calmness, it is surprising to find out that he was nearly killed in Afghanistan when the truck in which he was riding hit an Improvised Explosive Device and blew up.

Platoon Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt said he was thrown into the side of the vehicle, hitting his head and suffering other injuries. The next thing he knew he was on his feet heading down the road, intent on finding someone to help him.

"I was extremely angry," Troy said. A medic who had noticed signs of a concussion came to get him and his superior officer ordered him back to the truck. The other four men riding with him also sustained injuries, but no one was killed. The explosive device was made with the intention to kill everyone in a large radius anywhere near it. "It was 300 pounds of explosives. Forty to 100 pounds is the usual size," Troy said. "It cut a hole six feet deep across the road."

He is blessed, he says, and he credits his character to his Christian faith and his upbringing. His anger dissipated and he separates the Afghan people from the terrorists. "Being angry with a whole

race is buying into their bigotry," he said.

Troy's job in Afghanistan was one of the most dangerous. He was part of the Combat Engineering Unit, known as SAPPERS. He performed "route clearance," that is, his job was to find IEDs, planted by the terrorists and clear the area of them for safer travel by the military.

"This one of the toughest jobs, but the number one threat to our troops are the IEDs," Troy said.

Troy served in Afghanistan for 10 months and prior to that he served in Iraq for 14 months. He is now home in Marquette, undergoing treatment for his injuries and attending Northern Michigan University.

But he sees himself back in Afghanistan within the next two years.

Troy is the son of Marlys and Bob Drebenstedt of Charlevoix. Troy's father is a county commissioner who retired from the military and Troy grew up knowing that a career in the military was

By Young Soldier Returns, Pg. 2

Antique Auto Show & Flea Market

37th Annual Boyne City Event Takes Place This Weekend

By Jim Akens

Boyne City is certain to be a destination location this coming weekend as the 37th Annual Antique Auto Show and Flea Market takes place in Veterans Memorial Park from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. This is a free event for attendees, offering a once a year opportunity to peruse some awesome vintage vehicles and shop fascinating and unique wares on the shores of beautiful Lake Charlevoix.



The 37th Annual Antique Auto Show and Flea Market takes place in Veterans Memorial Park from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. COURTESY PHOTO

"This is a very popular event that has been going for many years," states Jim Bauman, Boyne City Chamber executive director. "We usually get about seventy vehicles for the show, all vintage and in original condition."

Among the exciting features of the show is a spectacular 1911 Ford Touring Car that was used in the classic 1979 movie, "Somewhere in Time" (filmed on Mackinac Island). The vehicle is owned by Arnie Hudson, a Walloon Lake Resident who is the immediate past president of the show.

Boyne City public marina dock hand, Amber Kozalk assists Kay and Bob Eva who are repeat customers from Pentwater and docked at the Boyne City marina.



Boyne City public marina dock hand, Amber Kozalk assists Kay and Bob Eva who are repeat customers from Pentwater and docked at the Boyne City marina.

Boyne City Public Marina Ranks High

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — What a summer for boating and Boyne City's E. Grant Moore public marina has drawn the boating crowd and recognition for its "Clean Marina" and, more recently, for "Best of the North West."



The Boyne City public marina is ranked as the #1 Great Lakes Municipal Marina in the recipient of several recognitions. City manager Michael Cain (left) and dock hand Amber Kozalk (center) join harbormaster Barb Brooks at the marina on Monday.

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Art on display at East Jordan Library throughout May and June

Michael and Teresa McGill from Central Lake will be displaying their photography during May and June in the East Jordan Library. They are passionate wildlife videographer and photographers.

They began their journey over twelve years ago after a strange encounter with an exotic bird walking through a marsh in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Michael and Teresa spend as much time as possible in the "wilds" of Northern Michigan. They also spend a great deal of their free time at Seney National Wildlife Refuge in the Upper Peninsula. It is, in fact, a 'refuge' for the McGills providing them with a peaceful, serene place to do what they love most...photograph and film

Michigan's wonderful wildlife. Teresa journals everything they observe when at the Refuge.

They have met some very interesting people along their journey. They have been privileged to go with the research team that bands and checks toxin levels in Michigan eagles. They discovered a farmer in their area who has been putting out carrion to supplement the Bald Eagles' winter diet for over twenty-six years. Michael & Teresa have an eagle blind on the property where they have filmed and photographed these amazing raptors for nine years now. Teresa also journals everything they see from their eagle blind.

They have also been very fortunate to meet Kris & Dixie Stewart owners of the Tahquamenon Falls



An eagle couple at Seney Wildlife Refuge. PHOTO BY MICHAEL AND TERESA MCGILL.

Riverboat Ride and Toonerville Trolley. The McGills have shared their love of photography and nature with the Stewarts which has led to where they are now... in a 'bear blind' along the tracks of the Toonerville Trolley and where they film and photo-

graph the gentle black bears that call this place home.

Teresa loves to journal all of the comings and goings of the various wildlife they observe especially the adorable antics of the black bear cubs. They like to think they are just ordi-



Shown here are a trio of bear cubs along the tracks of the Toonerville Trolley. PHOTO BY MICHAEL AND TERESA MCGILL.

nary people discovering extraordinary things in this wonderful State of Michigan that they call home. They hope to spread the word about what this amazing State has to offer from the Pictured Rock National Lakeshore, to the Bald Eagles that have made a spec-

acular comeback, to the multitudes of other hidden treasures that this Great Lakes State has to offer.

Check out their website www.mcgillsnatureinmotion.com or McGill's Nature in Motion on Facebook.



The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's second History Speaker Series program of 2013 will be "History of Chandler Township" on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Boyne District Library. COURTESY PHOTO

"History of Chandler Township" is Charlevoix County Historical Preservation Society May speaker event

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's second History Speaker Series program of 2013 will be "History of Chandler Township" on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Boyne District Library - Lower Level Community Room, 201 East Main Street in Boyne City. Our guest speaker will be Micki Howard.

During our country's Bicentennial Micki Howard was Co-chair of the Chandler Township Bicentennial Committee and researched the history of Chandler Township. From this work a slide-tape history was created as well as a quilt depicting the land ownership history of the area from the earliest settlers to 1976.

Both were shown at the Chandler Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 and will be displayed at her program on May 21st. In addition,

she will relate stories about the logging town of Springvale, Cobbs & Mitchell, a large logging company which owned more than 70% of the land in the township at one time, and the "heart of the township", the township hall. Once a one room standard school, it is more than the present township hall, but where residents celebrate weddings, baby showers, anniversaries, graduations, and memorial services. The township board works very hard to maintain the tin ceilings and the original look of the inside.

Join us next Tuesday to learn the history of yet another one of Charlevoix Counties' 15 townships. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 231-582-5326.

MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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Veterans Park during the evening, with a concert featuring local musicians on Thursday, SweetWater Blues Band and Yankee Station on Friday night, a special performance by Audio Circus on Saturday night, an TNT & Northern Nites will take part in the Cancer Crusaders Concert and Silent Auction on Sunday afternoon.

There will also be a Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences and Living (M.O.R.E.L.) show at Sunset Park from 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday, and open again from 11 am until 6 pm Sunday. There will be lots of presentations and displays from local businesses, providing a central spot for attendees to learn about and celebrate the outdoor beauty and countless recreational opportunities available here in Northern Michigan.

Here is the Schedule of Events for the 53rd Annual National Mushroom Festival:

Thursday May 16th

- 3:00 pm Schmidt Amusements Carnival
- 5:30 pm Free Admission: "Competition of Local Musicians" Prizes awarded

Friday May 17th

- 1:00 - 6:00 pm Craft Show Showcasing crafters with unique, handmade items.
- 10:00 - 6:00 pm M.O.R.E.L. Show "Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences and Living Show" in Sunset Park.
- 3:00 pm Schmidt Amusements Carnival
- 4:00 pm Morel Seminar Featur-



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

- ing local morel expert Anthony Williams. Beer & Wine available.
- 4:30 pm Festival "Guided" Morel Hunt Departs from Veterans Park \$15 register here. - 5:30 pm Morelfeest "Wine & Dine," at the Beach House Restaurant. Reservations required (event may be sold out)
- 7:30 pm SweetWater Blues Band will open for Yankee Station. Admission is \$5.00 at the door

Saturday May 18th

- 7:00-10:00 am Morel Breakfast at the VFW Post 3675 @ 1108 Boyne Avenue
- 7:30 am Boyne Valley Lions' National Mushroom Hunt (Registration 7:30 - 9 am) at new location 1315 Boyne Ave., former Carter's parking lot. Leave at 9:00 am. Winners announced at 3:30 pm in festival tent.
- 7:30 am Humane Society 5K run register in Sunset Park beginning @ 6:30 am.
- 10:00 - 6:00 pm Craft Show Showcasing crafters with unique, handmade items.
- 10:00 - 6:00 pm M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show, Sunset Park


- 11:00 am Schmidt Amusements Carnival
- 12:00 - 3:00pm Taste of Morels Our Premiere Event!! Area restaurants & chefs provide morel infused delicacies! Beer & wine available.
- 4:00 pm Great Morel Giveaway at participating merchants ~ downtown Boyne City
- 8:30 pm Audio Circus performs. Admission is \$5.00 at the door Beer & wine

Sunday May 19th

- 11:00 - 4:00 pm Craft Show
- 11:00 - 6:00 pm M.O.R.E.L. Outdoor Show Sunset Park
- 12:00 noon Carnival
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm The Cancer Crusaders Concert & Silent Auction featuring TNT & Northern Nites. All proceeds to local families. Food, beer & wine available.


There will also be a Friends of the Library Used Book Sale on Friday from 10 - 5 pm and Saturday from 9 - 1 pm at the Boyne District Library. For additional information, visit www.morelfeest.com.

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Dear Dave,
I'm a stay-at-home mom now, and my husband brings home \$2,600 a month. We're trying to get out of debt, but we need more money coming in. I want to go back to work, but emotionally part of me feels like I should stay home with our 2-year-old daughter. What do you think?
Kayla
Dear Kayla,
I understand the feelings involved, especially if you've spent all of your time home with your child. But don't make the mistake of blaming the debt if you simply want to go back to work. You're not a bad person if you have kids and you work outside the home.

husband to sit down, talk about this a lot, and pray about the situation. Don't worry about what anyone else thinks, because it's none of their business. You guys are in charge of your lives and your family. That makes it your job to decide what's best.

If you want to stay at home, and you guys can make it happen financially, that's a great thing. If you can't right now, or you simply want to go back into the workforce, that's fine too. It'll help solve your debt problem. Then after you've got your money under control, you might find you want to come home again. The option will be there.

For now, I think you should go back to work. Why? Because you want to!

—Dave

I have several ladies on my team who have young children, and they work 40 hours a week. Guess what? They're excellent mothers! Anyone who says a woman can't be a great mom because she works outside the home is full of crap. On the other hand, if anyone says you're not fulfilling yourself as a person or you're stunting your intellectual development because you're a stay-at-home mom, they're full of it too!

I'd advise you and your

BRIDAL EXPO

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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 give-aways during the afternoon.

Akans notes; "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.WeeklyChoice.com or www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

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.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

Possible restoration in the works for Boyne City "White house"

By Jim Akans

At the Tuesday, May 14th meeting, the Boyne City Commission approved Northern Homes Community Development Corporation's request for City support in pursuing a restoration of the former William H. White home (also known as the "White house") located at 417 Boyne Avenue. White was one of Boyne City's original residents, arriving back in 1882, and had a major influence on the development of the City. The property is currently in dilapidated condition and is in tax foreclosure by Charlevoix County.

The home is presently used for five apartments. Northern Homes plans to renovate the exterior of the home to match its depiction in a 1903 postcard photo. The interior will be remodeled to contain four apartments. Funding is to be provided through an Affordable Housing Program grant, and the application is due June 14th. The plan is to apply for the maximum grant amount of \$500,000 – and Northern Homes asked the City to offer a letter of support for the grant application. Northern Homes also requests that the City apply for CDBG Rental Rehabilitation funds from MSHDA in the amount of \$140,000 with a grant administration fee of \$14,000. No costs are expected to be incurred by the City for this project.

In a related matter, the Commission approved a motion to decline Charlevoix County's offer of five properties to the City of Boyne City and to ask the County

to have one of those properties, the 417 Boyne Avenue home, be added to the County's land bank for reuse as outlined by Northern Homes.

A request was presented by representatives for the upcoming Michigan Mountain Mayhem road bike event that Magnum Hospitality be allowed to serve alcohol in accordance with the rules of the Liquor Control Commission during a pre-event registration party on June 7th from 5 to 9 pm. The registration party event will be open to the public and held downtown, closing Main Street between Lake and Park Streets. A section of the road will be fenced off where the alcohol will be served. The Commission approved the motion, with Commissioner Derek Gaylord voting against.

The Commission also voted in favor of, with Commissioner Laura Sansom voting against, accepting a bid from All Aspects Forestry from Boyne City in the amount of \$9,500 to remove 25 trees from Maple Lawn Cemetery that have been deemed hazardous, and grind the stumps and remove all wood, brush and wood chips. Funding utilized for the project, which will begin after Memorial Day, will draw approximately \$7,000 from the Cemetery Fund balance.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th at 7 pm. A special City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th at 6 pm.

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1- 1975 Wimbledon winner; 5- Burning of another's property; 10- King of pop?; 14- ___ on first?; 15- Fret; 16- Draft classification; 17- Flaxseed oil; 19- Internet writing system that popularized "pwn3d" and "n00b"; 20- Talk; 21- Ape; 23- Verily; 25- Queues; 26- Bar bills; 29- Small songbird; 31- Quit; 35- Any person; 36- Detest; 37- Jackfish; 38- Height; 40- Created by humans; 41- Like a dog; 42- Arguing; 43- Tic ___ Dough; 44- As a companion; 45- Hang-up; 46- Portable shelter; 47- Box; 49- Spots; 51- Fashionable; 54- Strange and mysterious; 58- Beige cousin; 59- Service station; 63- Crowd noise; 64- Prince Valiant's wife; 65- And ___ bed; 66- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 67- First name in cosmetics; 68- Greek letters;

Down
1- Hole-making tools; 2- Vessel; 3- Give an edge to; 4- Compositions; 5- Wow; 6- Slender bar; 7- Hit sign; 8- Source; 9- Parachute material; 10- Stadium; 11- Like Nash's lama; 12- Ship stabilizer; 13- I could ___ horse!; 18- Supplement, with "out"; 22- Take back; 24- Alert; 25- Appomattox figure; 26- Puccini classic; 27- Conductor Dorati; 28- Game of chance; 30- Numbered hwy.; 32- Playing marble; 33- Four-door; 34- At attention; 36- Ravenous; 37- Goatlike antelope; 39- Tinge; 40- 1959 Kingston Trio hit; 42- "Wheel of Fortune" buy; 45- Takes by theft; 46- African fly; 48- Aquarium buildup; 50- Narc's org.; 51- Able was ___.; 52- Sgts., e.g.; 53- Ladies of Sp.; 55- Civil disturbance; 56- Small amount; 57- Slaughter of baseball; 60- Collector's goal; 61- ___-Foy, Quebec; 62- ___ kwon do;

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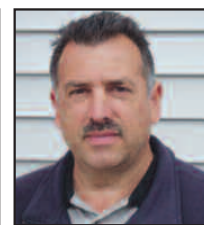
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