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ART IN THE NORTH

Summer Solstice Art Show, June 29th & 30th

East Park, Charlevoix

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Allen Telgenhof
Tommy Zipp
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Baseball Coach of the Year

The 15th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show will take place downtown Charlevoix in East Park on June 29 & 30th. The Show features quality art and fine crafts displayed in East Park in beautiful downtown Charlevoix. Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations. The Summer Solstice Art Show will showcase paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry, clothing and more.

Watch artists at work as they create beautiful paintings before your eyes! If you're interested in the creative process, be sure to visit the booths of landscape artist Thomas LeGault out of Plymouth or marine artist, Gary Odmark from Holland - Two "en plein air" artists with unique painting

Summer Solstice Art Show
Downtown Charlevoix

Saturday, June 29 10am - 5pm
Sunday, June 30 10am - 4pm
www.charlevoix.org

styles and techniques. Over 70 artists will display their work in East Park during this two day event. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a wonderful representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many beautiful items on display.

Join us as we welcome the arrival of summer in northern Michigan at the Summer Solstice Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away! Dates and times for this year's show will be Saturday, June 29, 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday, June 30, 10:00am - 4:00pm

For a full list of participating artists, visit www.charlevoix.org or contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101.

The 2013 East Jordan Freedom Festival has arrived!

By Jim Akans

The 2013 East Jordan Freedom Festival is underway...and there is no better way to begin the celebration of freedom season in northern Michigan than by joining in the fun with family, friends and neighbors at this annual Jordan River Valley area event. Every year, the East Jordan Freedom Festival seems to get just a bit bigger, and offer just a little more excitement for the thousands who partake in this annual celebration of our freedoms.

Throughout the coming weekend the Freedom Festival will bring a huge variety of activities, events, games and downright fun for those of every age and interest. That includes a "Crafts and Things" event at Sportsman's Park, a Carnival by Schimdt Amusements on Main and Esterly Streets, live music, the Friday Night Block Party, a Grand Parade, fireworks, a prize raffle, the "Freedom 500 Drawing" and lots of activities for the kids to enjoy.

Check out the following 2013 Freedom Festival schedule, and

See Freedom Festival-8A

4th Annual SOBO Arts Festival June 28th & 29th

South Boyne, The Arts District, Boyne City



The Arts will be celebrated in Boyne City at the 4th annual SOBO Arts Festival next Friday and Saturday, June 28th and 29th. Artists from New Orleans, Florida, Arizona, and all over Michigan will be featured at the two-day festival.

Music will fill the streets in Boyne City's historic downtown district as the festival opens on Friday evening, June 28, from 6-9 p.m. during the much acclaimed "Stroll the Streets" event. The evening will feature a variety of musicians and entertaining activities such as jugglers and magicians, business open houses, beer tasting at the Thirsty Goat, a "sneak peek" at artists exhibiting on Saturday, all culminating with an outdoor concert in the SOBO Arts District

from 7-9 p.m. featuring the Bay Area Big Band. Back by popular demand, the 17-member band builds on a proud tradition of the historical bands of Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Count Basie and Glenn Miller and promises to be a great evening for dancing in the streets. The Bay Area Big Band is being featured thanks to a grant from the Wisser-Saworski Endowment for the Arts Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

On Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the SOBO Arts Festival activities continue at nearby Peninsula Beach, a beautiful park with ample lawn and open

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SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 60's

MONDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 60's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Low 80's
LOW: Low 60's

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
20	80°F	52°F	96°F (1995)	31°F (1970)
21	80°F	52°F	93°F (1998)	31°F (1992)
22	80°F	52°F	94°F (1988)	29°F (1992)
23	80°F	52°F	92°F (1966)	34°F (1979)
24	80°F	53°F	94°F (2009)	35°F (1979)
25	81°F	53°F	94°F (2009)	33°F (1970)
26	81°F	53°F	95°F (2003)	36°F (1982)

OBITUARIES

Ruby Geraldine (Newland) Shooks, 93

(OCT. 6, 1919 – JUNE 14, 2013)

Ruby Geraldine (Newland) Shooks died on Friday, June 14, 2013.

She is survived by one sibling, Fran M. Bruner, 91, of Pomona, Calif.; her five children, Wesley Shooks Jr. (Janet) of Kankakee, Ill., Carol (Stan) Martin of Charlevoix, Richard (Irene) Shooks of Ellsworth, Douglas (Nancy) Shooks of Livonia, David (Fransessa) Shooks of Ellsworth; 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Ruby was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Detroit, as one of 10 children. She lived in the Detroit area; her family spent summers in Central Lake where she met her future husband, Wesley Shooks.

Wes and Ruby were married Oct. 11, 1942, during a weekend pass while he was in the U.S. Army. They made their home in Ellsworth in 1946 where they lived for the rest of their lives. Wesley died in 1996.

Her interests included her rock gardens and landscaping. She loved shopping the various sales and never came home empty handed. She generously handed off these treasures to others. She was also an excellent cook.

In 1969, Ruby dedicated her life to serving God as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She held dear the Bible's promise that soon God will fulfill his original purpose for the earth and that those asleep in death will be resurrected (Psalm 37:10,11, 29; Revelation 21:4). As a woman who loved the beauty of

nature and lamented the loss of her eyesight, she looked forward to the time when her own health would be restored and she could have a full share in restoring the earth to its original beauty. Her faith remained strong to the very end.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. No services are planned at this time. The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Walter 'Butch' Goebel, Jr. 70

(DEC. 10, 1942 – JUNE 13, 2013)

Walter "Butch" Goebel, Jr. lost his battle with ALS Thursday, June 13, 2013, at home in East Jordan surrounded by his loving family. His family takes comfort knowing he is now mowing, farming, boating, tinkering with his tools and fixing things.

He was born Dec. 10, 1942, in Charlevoix, and is the son of Walter P. Sr. and Dolores (Sheridan) Goebel.

On Feb. 9, 1974, in East Jordan, he married Marilyn J. Bennett. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1960 and served in the U.S. Navy.

Butch had a career that spanned 42 years with EJ Co., formally known as East Jordan Iron Works, where, through hard work and achievement, he went from a position in the maintenance department to becoming facilities manager before his retirement in 2009.

Butch loved spending time with his family, espe-

cially his grandchildren, and was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan.

Butch is survived by his wife, Marilyn J. Goebel, of East Jordan; four children, Tracee C. Goebel of Redondo Beach, Calif., Nichole S. (Matthew) Imel of East Jordan, Jennifer C. (Bryan) Banfield of East Jordan and Joseph W. Goebel of Chicago, Ill.; four grandchildren, Garrett, Miles and Oliver Imel and Adia Banfield; his parents, Walter P. Sr. and Dolores Goebel, of East Jordan; two sisters, Cathy (Dale) Everett of East Jordan, and Patty (Roger) Sutton of Apache Junction, Ariz.; two brothers, Robert (Barbara) Goebel of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Bay Harbor, and Timothy (Peggy) Goebel of Williamsburg, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Walter P. Goebel III.

The funeral service was Tuesday, June 18, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan with Rev. Kenneth Lein officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfh.com.

Dane E. Bandy, 68

(JULY 27, 1944 – JUNE 12, 2013)

Dane E. Bandy of Norwood Township died Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

He was born July 27, 1944, in Jackson.

Dane's parents, Elvin and Patricia Bandy, and sister, Susan, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Norwood Township; son, Mark Bandy, of Byron Center; daughter, Elaine Yanz, of Kentwood; aunt, Martha Yoas, of Mancelona; and several cousins.

He graduated from Lansing Everett High School, and served in the U.S. Army, stationed in the Korean DMZ.

Dane worked as a supervisor of grounds and landscape maintenance for the city of Lansing, and after retiring in 1993, moved to Norwood.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Julia Marie Dickhout, 90

(JUNE 19, 1922 - JUNE 12, 2013)

Julia was born on June 19, 1922, in Boyne City, the daughter of Willard and Malissa (Munhead) Sickles. She grew up and attended school in Boyne City.

During World War II, Julia worked as an inspector at Willow Run Bomber Plant and while there had the opportunity to fly several times with Charles Lindbergh.

Following the war, Julia and her husband, Fred Schroeder, returned to Boyne City and bought a farm on Behling Road. In the late 1950s, Julia went to work for Boyne Products until she retired in 1979.

She enjoyed camping,

mushroom hunting, gardening, canning and being a farmer's wife. In her retirement, Julia enjoyed traveling and planning trips across the country and in Europe.

Julia is survived by her son, Nord (Patricia) Schroeder; grandchildren, Krale Schroeder, Jeffrey Wilson, Vicki Kester, Lori Boyd, Wendi (Michael) Hilton, Derek (Jessica) Schroeder and Raissa Schroeder; and two great-grandsons, Bram and Caid Schroeder.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Malissa; husbands, Fred Schroeder, Donald Priebe and Jack Dickhout; son, Bram Schroeder; daughter, Donna Wilson; sister, Beatrice Chipman; and brother, Lester Sickles.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Maple Lawn Cemetery with Pastor David Behling officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Boyne City Senior Center. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Julia are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Thomas Garth Wieland

(JUNE 20, 1930 – JUNE 11, 2013)

Thomas Garth Wieland passed away at home on June 11, 2013, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born at the Charlevoix hospital on June 20, 1930, and grew up on a farm outside of Ellsworth. He graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1948.

Like his grandfather and father before him, Tom pursued farming as his life's work. He owned and operated a dairy farm with his brother, two nephews, his daughter and son-in-law, his son, and many valued and loyal employees over the years. He was fortunate enough to have a job that he loved — he was passionate about farming. He graduated from the Kellogg Farmer's Study Program at Michigan State University in 1970, which afforded him the opportunity to travel throughout the world and learn about agriculture on four different continents.

In 1951, he moved from Banks Township to the Barnard community outside of Charlevoix.

He married Ardeth Howe of Boyne City on June 18, 1955.

He spent his entire life in a community he cared for ... on the land he loved. Tom was very involved in many Michigan organizations and served in various ways to enhance the surrounding area. Prominent was his service as a board member of the Charlevoix County Farm Bureau, acting as its president for 23 years; the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, where he acted as chairman for many of the 46 years he served.

For many years he was on the boards of organizations including the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, the Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative (North Star), the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange and the Charlevoix County Development Corpora-

tion. As a valued leader of other initiatives and organizations too numerous to mention, he set a remarkable example of what it means to "give back."

But anyone who knew Tom knew he took time to appreciate the lighter side of life. He enjoyed watching high school basketball, especially when the Rayders were playing in the state championship series. He maintained a record of having attended 82 Venetian Festival parades in a row (every one that had been held to date).

He loved animals, especially Labrador retrievers, and could often be seen with one of them in the passenger seat of his pickup truck. His love for the outdoors included hunting and spending time in his deer blind with friends. He was an accomplished softball player, basketball player and water skier. He enjoyed baseball and watching the Tigers. He was interested in the world and made new friends in the many places he traveled to including Holland, Panama and Australia. No matter how busy he was, he always found time to turn his tractor into a neighbor's driveway to say hello.

Tom lived life with enthusiasm, optimism and humor. He loved to tell a story or a joke. Despite life's hurdles, he never lost his ability to enjoy the moment or to see a silver lining. Each year he was optimistic that the corn he planted would be rained upon and that the sun would shine to produce a good crop. Throughout his extensive treatment at Northern Michigan hospitals he came to know many of the staff and other patients he encountered, always asking about their children or pets and sharing a smile and "hello" despite his own circumstances.

Tom is survived by his wife, Ardeth (Howe), and his children, Tammy (Bob) Leake, Wendy (Alan) Walls, Janna Wieland and Tim (Amy) Wieland, along with his brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Doris Wieland, nieces and nephews: Kathy (Marv) Ruis, Joni Wieland, Sue (John) Cliff, Lyndon (Barb) Wieland, Chris, Sarah, Owen and Leslie Bates; his brother-in-law, Larry Speigl; his sister-in-law, Arvilla Bates; and an extensive network of friends and family. Again, too numerous to mention, he leaves them all with a special memory of a man who was wealthy in the way that truly counts, as he richly loved, and laughed and lived.

The memorial service was held Tuesday, June 18, at the Charlevoix Reformed Church.

Contributions may be given in Tom's name to a memorial Agricultural Scholarship Fund, established and administered by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich. 49727; (231) 536-2440.

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

Karen Clark Cosier, 66

A memorial benefit luncheon for Karen Clark Cosier of Boyne City took place Saturday, June 15, at the American Legion Post 228 in Boyne City.

Karen passed away on May 31, 2013.

Judith Farrar, 78

Judith Farrar of Harbor Springs died June 12, 2013, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Winchester

Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Darrell L. Wright, 82

Darrell L. Wright of East Jordan died Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral service was Friday, June 14, at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Barbara Ann Simpson, 67

(JAN. 26 1946 – JUNE 10, 2013)

Barbara Ann Simpson of Charlevoix passed away June 10, 2013, in Petoskey.

She was born Jan. 26 1946, in Alpena, the daughter of Walter and Lucille (Halleck) Jackowski.

On Dec. 16, 1989, she married Ronald J. Simpson in East Jordan and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Barb was employed by Lexalite International for more than 15 years. She also worked for Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home and at Glen's Markets. She attended the Family of Faith Church in Charlevoix.

Barb and Ron loved to travel and camp out.

Barb is survived by her husband, Ron; children, James Irwin and Lee (Donna) Irwin, daughter, Sandra (Rob) Evans, all of Jacksonvile, Fla.; stepchildren, Tracey (Tabatha) Simpson, Robert Simpson, Jason Simpson, all of Charlevoix; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sisters, Tootsie Harrison, Donna (Dale) Hines, all of Alpena, Mary (Mark) Cole of Charlevoix; brothers, Walter (Sue) Jackowiak of Alpena, Joe (Marla) Jackowiak of Detroit. Barb was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Skyler and Taishaann; and brother, Richard.

The funeral was Thursday, June 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Polk officiated. Burial at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family of Faith Ministries, 203 East Upright, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720. Sign Barb's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Lee Currier, 71

Nancy Lee Currier of Charlevoix died Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center - Eden Center Long Term Care.

A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, July 26, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

The Rev. Ginger Stevens of the Third Day Fellowship and Outreach in Charlevoix will officiate.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements. A complete obituary will follow.

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A Charlevoix Icon has returned

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—When Village Inn Pizza, more commonly referred to a VIP pizza moved out of the downtown blue trimmed building with the round nautical window after thirty years, a ripple went through the community. There was no doubt that the restaurant had become an integral part of the daily lives of Charlevoix County residents. Last spring Chris Sarasin and his wife Lisa opened a VIP pizza in the Olsen's plaza but what people may not have known is that there are more similarities to the original than just the name.

"Once I realized what VIP meant to this town I wanted everything back to the way it was," said Chris. He worked for VIP original owner Jim Whithers as a young man. The Sarasin's corresponded with Whithers on recipes that they practiced in their garage and tested on Charlevoix natives who frequented the original VIP to get the taste just right before opening the carry out restaurant. They also tried to get the same building downtown without any luck. "The atmosphere that Jim generated is what we're trying to carry on, besides trying to make good pizza," said Chris. He remembers VIP as a great place to visit and work as a kid and that's the atmosphere he is trying to replicate.

To carry out the VIP tradition of fresh dough made throughout the day and VIP's in house home-made ranch wasn't enough. The



Chris and Lisa Sarasin, owners of the new VIP pizza in Oleson's plaza, stand in the newly expanded sit down restaurant portion of the pizzeria. They have worked hard at keeping with the VIP tradition of good food and a friendly, hometown atmosphere.

Sarasin's have expanded the carry out to a sit down restaurant like the original with Jim's famous salad buffet bar. "We're modest people, we're not going to say we have the best of every-

thing but what other people say is important to us and appreciated, one customer even said we should bottle the ranch and sell it," said Lisa. Although they aren't thrilled

about being tucked away in the plaza, one benefit is how easy it is to go to Oleson's each day for fresh ingredients. Also Cinema III is selling VIP by the slice on the weekends. "It's still a work in

progress, we want feedback from people, we want Charlevoix to take pride in VIP again," said Chris.

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CHARLEVOIX

New Exhibit: Beaches, Boats, Bars and Ballads

Join the Charlevoix Circle of Arts for their new exhibit "Beaches, Boats, Bars and Ballads." The new exhibit will have an opening reception on Saturday June 22 from 6-8pm. The exhibit opens on June 21st and runs through July 16th.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

Stroll the Streets celebrates with music and other performers on the streets of downtown Boyne City every Friday evening through the summer, 6 to 9pm.

June 21 entertainers include Debra Adamcik, Harbor Hoe Down, Kirby Snively, Kowalske Family Band, Mark Sanders Band, Ribo & The Flavanauts, Spectrum, Twister Joe

June 28 entertainers include Boyne River Remedy, David Paquette, Dwain Martin & Friends, June Bug, Kellerville, Kowalske Family Band, T N T, Tommy Tropic, Twister Joe, Wyatt & Sheri Knapp

July 5 entertainers include Kowalske Family Band, Off Duty, Rachel Brooke, Randy Reska, RFD Boys, Sunshine String Band, Twister Joe

Entertainment will be provided from 6 to 10pm for Boyne Thunder. July 12 entertainers include Blue Shadow Band, Craig Cottrill Band, Debra Adamcik, Horton Creek, Kristin Glasgow, Kowalske Family Band, Sweet Water Blues Band, Twister Joe

July 19 entertainers include Debra Adamcik, Jania Taylor, JUSDUIT, Keith Scott, Kowalske Family Band, Lake Street Ramblers, Marsh Road Smoke House Trio, Melissa Welke, Rustic Heart, Up North Vocal Institute

July 26 entertainers include Galactic Sherpas, Karen Brooks, Kowalske Family Band, Natural Reaction, Scott & Mary Paquette, Spectrum, Twister Joe

Stroll the Streets

August 2 entertainers include Apple Seed Collective, Boyne River Remedy, Kowalske Family Band, Nightshades, Smith & Puroll, 2nd Time Around, Twister Joe

August 9 entertainers include Bob Greenway, Dwain Martin & Friends, Ernie Mindel & Cedar Valley, Hipps & Ricco, Russell Schmidt, Rustic Heart, Sunshine String Band, Twister Joe

August 16 entertainers include Ann & Will Rowland, Beer Bottle Blues Band, Kellerville, Kowalske Family Band, Loud Mouth Soup, Steve Guthrie, Twister Joe,

Wooden Nickles

August 23 entertainers include Adolph Cwik, Charlie Millard, Don Rivers & Denny, Fonda Star, Genesis Church, Harbor Joe Down, Jania Taylor, Kowalske Family Band

August 30 entertainers include Craig Cottrill Band, Debra Adamcik, Kowalske Family Band, Mel Sweet, T N T, Twister Joe, Where's Steven, Wyatt & Sheri Knapp

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Day of Caring

On June 21, the longest day of the year, Char-Em United Way will be holding its annual Day of Action. This is an opportunity for volunteers to read to children and promote early childhood literacy. This event is just one of many United Way's Day of Action that will be happening all over the state. This year's Day of Action is dedicated to Ardith Hawley. Ardith spent time volunteering as a Foster Grandparent, reading and being a positive influence on children in school. She has been the driving force behind the Boyne City Community Christmas, serving over 400 children and 250 families each year. Because of her dedication to service and helping others we would like to dedicate this event to her memory and lasting impact that she has had on our communities. Volunteers are still needed but space is limited. Contact Matt at 231-487-1006 to reserve your time to share the gift of literacy.

CHARLEVOIX

Youth Camp

2013 Youth Camp starts in July at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Check our website for details at www.charlevoixcircle.org or call 231.547.3554. We cordially invite you to join us for many wonderful activities planned for the cultural arts.

BOYNE CITY

Work day

The view at the top of the hill at the Hill Nature Preserve overlooking Lake Charlevoix is a sight to be seen. We are going to be clearing some trees to maintain the view for all to enjoy on Thursday, June 20 at 9am. Phase I will focus on a small section of the view clearing project. Volunteers will be moving brush, cutting small trees, and enjoying the scenery. Bring work gloves and any bow saws or loppers you may have on hand. Contact Mike Lynch to register, mike@landtrust.org or call 231.347.0991.

EAST JORDAN

Krafty Kids

Each Saturday from 2pm - 4pm you will have an opportunity to work on craft projects at East Jordan United Methodist Church. This is a free activity time and will be held in the lower level of the church. Please enter through the Esterly Street entrance. All kids are welcome to come and work on crafts. For more info, please call 231-536-2161. Barb Anderson will be the Krafty kids leader.

KEWADIN

Gardening Classes, Tours and Workshops

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a summer full of gardening classes, tours and workshops! You'll find eleven hands-on Make and Take

Workshops, three Herbal Hour Workshops presented by Alana Haley of Roots & Wings Herbs, a free Private Garden Tour series of three diverse area gardens, four interactive classes just for kids, four Art & Wine Evenings led by Becky Naples, three Plein Air Watercolor Painting Classes led by artist Mary Guntzville, three special events, a Claudia Schmidt Concert and two Art Shows! Go to www.pinehill-nursery.com for full details. First up are a Wine Bottle Tiki Torch Workshop on June 19, Plant a Garden Pallet Workshop on June 21, our 35th Anniversary Party on June 26 and an Herbal Happy Hour Workshop featuring Tea on June 27. To register for a class or for more information, call 231-599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located at 886 Highway 31 North just 10 miles north of Elk Rapids and 20 miles South of Charlevoix.

CHARLEVOIX

Palette Knife Classes in June 2013

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

Tuesday, June 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

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is hosts the popular Monday Movies by the Marina film schedule in East Park. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and arrive early so youngsters can enjoy movie-themed activities and prizes prior to each show.

Monday, July 1, 9:15pm, The Lorax (G)

Tuesday, July 22, 8:45pm, Venetian Vision: Title to be determined by public voting

Monday, August 19, 8:45pm, National Treasure (PG)

GAYLORD

Big Ticket

June 20-22nd The Big Ticket Festival is one of the nation's largest faith based festivals. Join us at the Otsego County Fairgrounds for 3 days of music and events. www.bigticketfestival.com

BOYNE CITY

Paula Poundstone performing in 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. Net proceeds from this event will help purchase a \$20,000 vertical wheelchair lift to make our two-story, yet-to-open Boyne Country Community Center building barrier free. Poundstone has been recognized as one of Comedy Central's 100 greatest stand-up performers of all time. It's impossible to attend a Poundstone performance without marveling at her ability to interact spontaneously with audience members in conversations

bound to garner riotous laughter. Armed with nothing but a stool, a microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi, Paula's ability to create humor on the spot has become the stuff of legend. Little wonder people leave Paula's shows debating whether the random people she talked to were "plants" - which, of course they never are, and complaining that their cheeks hurt from laughter. Click here to see her video.

> 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Concert

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is proud to offer the Charlevoix Concert Series, a summer full of evening concerts in Downtown Charlevoix's state-of-the-art lakeside amphitheater — the Odmak Performance Pavilion. Thursday, June 20, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Thursday, June 27 - The Snyders.

Thursday, July 11 - The Petoskey Steel Drum Band.

Thursday, August 8 - Randy Kaplan, sponsored by the Charlevoix Public Library.

Thursday, August 15 - Claudia Schmidt Trio.

Thursday, August 22 - The Blue Water Ramblers.

Thursday, August 29 - The Alley Cats

CHARLEVOIX

Adult Art Classes

Beth Bynum will teach Collage at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on June 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$90.00

EAST JORDAN

Picnic in the Park

Jordan Valley Outdoor Youth Programs Presents Picnic in the Park Sunday, June 23, 1pm, meet at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center for carpool or caravan. FREE, family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Monthly offering of an environmentally-inspired play and seasonal activities, led by naturalist Fischer Jex and highlighting the bounty and beauty of our unique locale, the scenic Jordan River Valley. This month we will carpool to a local "swimmin' hole" where we will play, swim and picnic while celebrating the beginning of summer in northern Michigan. Healthful kid-friendly snacks provided; feel free to bring your own to share if you wish.

BOYNE CITY

KorthaseFlinn Insurance & Financial Services is pleased to announce the addition of Michael Williamson to the position of Senior Account Manager in its Business Insurance Division. Michael joined KorthaseFlinn in April and along with his wife and three children recently relocated to Northern Michigan from the Chicago area. Michael has worked as a Property & Casualty insurance professional for over ten years. His experience includes seven years with a large global insurance brokerage where he was responsible for risk management consulting and insurance placement for some of the firm's largest national and international clients. His client experience includes manufacturing, real estate, healthcare, and other complex risks. At KorthaseFlinn, Michael provides risk management consulting, coverage analysis, contract review, audit resolution, and carrier negotiations for our large business clients. Michael has earned his Associate in Risk Management designation and has held a Property & Casualty license throughout his career. Michael earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

CHARLEVOIX

Adult Art Classes

Caesar Citraro, 20 Yrs at Chicago Art Institute. "Plein Air" intensive workshop at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts June 24 - 26, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

BOYNE CITY

It's time to register for 4th of

July Parade and races

Organizers of the Boyne City 4th of July Celebration say it's time to register for the parade and running races. The celebration features a giant parade at 10 a.m., evening fireworks plus a dozen other activities including the Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, 2-mile and 10k running races, a wacky raft race and duck race in the Boyne River, Pinewood Derby for kids, lots of food, and children's games. The festival is centered in Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. There will be live music including Horton Creek playing at 1 p.m. in the park all day. Info and full schedule: 231-582-6222 or www.boyne4thofjuly.com.

BOYNE CITY

Evenings at the Gazebo

Free concerts in Old City Park, at the corner of Park and River Streets Summer Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, a picnic basket and maybe a bottle of wine.

June 26 - Mike Fornes, Gordon Lightfoot Tribute from Cheboygan

July 3 - Up North Vocal Institute - Opera students studying in Boyne City

July 10 - Billy Strings - 19-year-old bluegrass folk sensation from Traverse City

July 17 - Craig Cottrill Band - One of the most popular bands at Stroll the Streets

July 24 - Jazz North - A "little big band" playing the best of acoustic and electric jazz

July 31 - New Third Coast - Harmony-driven "power folk" with multi-instrumental polish

Aug. 7 - Neptune Quartet - Imaginative acoustic/electric folk string group

Aug. 14 - Jon Archambault Band - Combining elements of blues, jazz, funk and classic rock

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival

The Arts will be celebrated in Boyne City at the 4th annual SOBO Arts Festival, June 28-29. Artists from New Orleans, Florida, Arizona, and all over Michigan will be featured at the two-day festival. In addition to creative art and cultural experiences, food vendors will be on hand and Boyne City's wonderful restaurants are all within walking distance of the park. There is no admission to any of the festival activities. This is a weekend event the entire family will enjoy!

GAYLORD

Mark Mellon Triathlon

The Mark Mellon Triathlon returns to Otsego County Saturday, June 29th for the event's 33rd anniversary, offering a little something for everyone. The event, which takes place at Otsego Lake County Park, boasts an Olympic triathlon, a Sprint triathlon, an Olympic/Sprint triathlon relay and a 5K run. For more information, call Dave Smith at (989) 858-5240, or visit www.markmellontri.com.

BOYNE CITY

Fun Boyne Challenge raises funds for kids in need

The Boyne Challenge is a fun event being held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29 to raise funds for Compassionate Hearts. This non-profit organization run by local resident Sally Pasque, who works with schools to help children in need, assisting with basic necessities such as shoes, clothing, haircuts and health care. The Challenge is a combination of the "Amazing Race" and "Minute to Win It." There will be about 15 challenges, some challenge your mind, some challenge your physical endurance, some are easy, some a little more difficult but all promise to be fun. The Challenge is for teams of four, and registration is \$80. per team. Trophies and prizes will be awarded and water, food and dessert are included with registration. If you would like to make a donation to help us help others, you may mail to Compassionate Hearts at PO Box 113, Boyne City, MI 49712. For more information, call Sally at 231-582-0154

CHARLEVOIX

Summer Solstice Art Show

The 15th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show features quality art and fine crafts displayed in East Park in beautiful downtown Charlevoix on

Saturday, June 29, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Sunday, June 30, 10:00am - 4:00pm. Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations.

BOYNE FALLS

Aten Place concerts

Turn east on Cherry Hill Road. Immediately after crossing the railroad tracks, turn south on Old Mackinaw Trail, and Aten Place is 1/2 mile south on the left. Tickets \$16 (Credit Card) or \$15 (Cash or Check)

Saturday, June 29, 7:30 pm, Jill Jack

Saturday, July 6, 7:30 pm. Motor City Josh and the Big 3

Saturday, July 13, 7:30 pm. Harpeth Rising

Thursday, July 18, 2:00 pm. Children's Matinee, Baffling Bill the Magician

Saturday, July 20, 7:30 pm. Moors & McCumber

Saturday, July 27, 7:30 pm. Nora Jane Struthers & The Party Line

Saturday, August 3, 7:30 pm. Big Leg Emma

Saturday, August 10, 7:30 pm. Moxie Strings

Saturday, August 17, 7:30 pm. LJ Booth

Saturday, August 24, 7:30 pm. Jennie DeVoe

BAY HARBOR

Horse expo & clinic

Horsemanship, showmanship & equitation clinic, equine massage, equine nutrition, hoof care, ask the judge, pre-purchase pet checks, dressage, jumping, 4-H presentations and more. Vendor area, door prizes and silent auction. Vendors and clinic participants needed. June 30 at Bay Harbor Equestrian Center, 8am - 5pm. Benefits Second Chance Ranch & Rescue. Contact Jill, 231-920-9645 or drury.jill@yahoo.com

BOYNE CITY

Cummings benefit

A Benefit Luncheon for Mike and Lynn Cummings will be held at the Boyne City Eagles Lodge from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Both Mike and Lynn are dealing with cancer; Mike recently served four years as a city commissioner for the City of Boyne City. A \$5 suggested donation for lunch includes: hot dogs, salads, baked beans and desserts. There will be live music from The Kowalske Family Band and a silent auction. If you can't make it to the benefit and would like to help, you may leave a donation at Radio Shack or en vogue salon. If you would like to donate an item for the auction you may leave it at Ace Hardware by noon on June 29.

CHARLEVOIX

VOTE FOR CHARLEVOIX

The city of Charlevoix has an opportunity to participate in the International "Main Street Matters" revitalization campaign at no cost to the city or property owners. Benjamin Moore, the paint manufacturer and retailer, has launched the "Main Street Matters" campaign across the United States and Canada, with the City of Charlevoix being one of the approximately 100 cities nominated. 20 cities will be selected by an online vote to have their Main Streets repainted by the company and their local retail location. Under this program local contractors are used and paint is provided to improve building facades at no cost to the City or the building owners. Benjamin Moore will not only provide the paint and supplies needed for facades, porches, railings, shutters and other exterior building trims, but its color experts will consult on the best choices to enhance the architectural style, regional influences and historic references in each community. The voting has already begun, and will last thru June 30, 2013. To vote, visit www.paintwhatmatters.com, select the state of Michigan, then Charlevoix and finally 'Vote Now'. Everyone is allowed one vote per day, so don't forget to check back daily and submit another ballot. Results will be announced online in July. For more information, visit www.paintwhatmatters.com, or contact the City Planner, Mike Spencer at 547-3265.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market is open from 8am to noon every Wednesday and Saturday in Veterans Park.

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BOYNE CITY

Support group

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

BOYNE CITY

Computer classes

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

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday of each month 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

2013 Yorktown Dates

Mark your calendars for the arrival of the Yorktown Cruise Ship. They will be in town on July 1- morning, July 5- morning, July 10- afternoon/evening, July 20- morning, July 24- afternoon/evening, August 23- morning, August 28- afternoon

CHARLEVOIX

Teachers wanted for Circle of Arts Camp

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

BOYNE FALLS

County office hours

Tuesday, July 2, 9am, Office Hours - County Clerk and Treasurer, Boyne Falls Substation, 2287 Railroad St.

BOYNE CITY

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Applications are now available. The theme of this year's parade is "Great Moments in Time," and floats will be judged. The Grand Parade will be held at 10am on July 4th. Registration forms for the 35th annual Independence Day Run - 2-mile and 10k races along the edge of Lake Charlevoix are also available. A tentative schedule for the 4th of July Celebration is online at www.boyne4thofjuly.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Adult Art Classes

Betty Bea Washburn, Watercolor Artist at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on Saturday, July 6 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

CHARLEVOIX

Circle of arts summer youth camp

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

EAST JORDAN

Dig into Reading

2013 Summer Reading Program at Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan is July 1-31. Children, ages 5-13 will win prizes for reading, have a scavenger hunt and enjoy special entertainment. Registration is required to win prizes. Sign-up begins on July 1. The library welcomes children of all abilities. All pro-

grams are free of charge.

EAST JORDAN

Dig into the Earth

With Cheri Leach Raven Hill Discovery Center's Cheri Leach will lead readers on an exciting trip through geologic time from the beginnings of our Earth through the ice ages and beyond. Participants will explore the rocks and minerals of Earth and the fossils of the plants and animals that once lived here and collect small rock and fossil samples from "under Michigan" to take home with them. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program. No registration is necessary. Suggested ages 5-13. Wednesday, July 3 10:30-11:30

CHARLEVOIX

Youth art camp

Youth Camp starts July 8 through August 9. Sign up now for the wonderful classes planned for summer 2013. Call 231.547.3554 or visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

EAST JORDAN

The Miner Forty-Niner

Digs with Mat Emerick "The Miner Forty-Niner Digs then Dances a Gold Strike Jig!" a musical show with juggling and mime. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program. No registration is necessary. Suggested ages 5-13. Wednesday, July 10 from 10:30-11:30

CHARLEVOIX

Young Writer's Workshop

A Young Writer's Workshop, led by Jim McKinney, will be hosted at the Charlevoix Public Library this summer. Writers, ages 8 - 12, are invited to attend. The workshop is hosted 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, July 11 - August 15. The workshop will be a fun adventure and a great beginning for tomorrow's great writers. Jim is an accomplished writer of scripts for television and films, short stories and plays. The workshop is free and open to all kids ages 8 - 12. Please register through the library's calendar: www.charlevoixlibrary.org/calendar. For more information about the workshop call Audrey at 231.237.7351.

CHARLEVOIX

Beautiful Charlevoix

Once again, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club is encouraging the even further beautification of Charlevoix by sponsoring a program to reward merchants who have the most attractive outdoor natural plants displays. The plants can be either in a window box or container located outside the business or in a garden. Judging is based on four categories; color, texture, originality and design. They are scored individually from one to five with five being the highest. The garden club will judge the displays on July 15th and award certificates on July 16th. If you would like to participate in this year's Beautification Project, please call Kirsten Berwick at 231.547.3526 or Susan Flanders 231.547.4887.

EAST JORDAN

Dig into Reading

With the Acting Up Theatre Company "Readers of the Lost Book", a play filled with comedy, song, adventure and books! Join archaeological hero Michigan Jones as he digs into reading, looking for the lost book of the Library. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program. No registration is necessary. Suggested ages 5-13. Wednesday, July 17 10:30-11:30

NORWOOD

Peoples of Northern Michigan

Summar: Dr. Chuck Cleland Presents on Peoples of Northern Michigan since the 17th Century. Wednesday, July 17, Norwood Schoolhouse, 7:30 p.m. Professor Chuck Cleland will present on the native people of northern Michigan, tracing their history since the arrival of Europeans in the 17th century. This talk will discuss such topics as fur trade, treaties, land loss, Christianity, boarding schools, poverty, tribal sovereignty and casinos. Dr. Cleland is the author of many books and articles on Native Americans including "Rites of Conquest the History and Culture of Michigan's Native People" and "Faith in Paper: the Ethnohistory and Litigation of Great Lakes Indian Treaties."

EAST JORDAN

Digging Up Bones

with Martina Hahn Artist and storyteller, Martina will tell the story SkippyJon Jones and the Big Bones as well as facts about the author and fossils. Her program concludes with a 7 minute speed painting accompanied by music. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program. No registration is necessary. Suggested ages 5-13. Wednesday, July 24 10:30-11:30

EAST JORDAN

Digging Dinosaurs with PaleoJoe

Author, storyteller and paleontologist, PaleoJoe will bring to life animals, plants and creatures that have been extinct for millions of years. He will take readers on a wild ride through the ancient world. This free event is part of the Summer Reading Program. No registration is necessary. Suggested ages 5-13. Wednesday, July 31 10:30-11:30

CHARLEVOIX

Adult Art Classes

Cal Kempainen, Winner of 2013 Venetian Painting Will teach landscapes at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts August 15th & 16th and Oct 10th & 11th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$100

BOYNE FALLS

Lady biker day

Ride Like a Pro - Great Lakes" A franchise of Jerry "Motorman" Palladino's Ride Like A Pro! The cost for this class is \$100 per student, but if you are attending the 2013 Lady Biker Days Event, the class will be discounted to \$75. Morning and afternoon classes will be available on August 16th & 17th. To sign up, please contact Gary at: 586-246-4344 or e-mail request to gary@ridelikeaprogl.com You too can learn the same fundamental skills that the motor officers use. Even experienced riders will show a noticeable improvement in their overall riding skills! During the LBD's event, please stop by our display at the Boyne Mountain Resort! Ride Like a Pro DVD's and other merchandize will be available at event prices! Visit our website at www.ridelikeaprogl.com

CHARLEVOIX

Car Raffle

The 2014 Car Raffle tickets are now available! This year the Chamber will be raffling a 2014 Mustang Convertible OR \$20,000. Tickets are 1 for \$100 or 3 for \$200 and available on a first come first served basis. The car will be raffled off at our annual party on September 19th at Fox Motors, you need not be present to win. For more info or to purchase your tickets come to the chamber office or call 231-547-2101.

CHARLEVOIX

Adult Art Classes

Michael Todoroff, Still Life Oil Painting class at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. He has won national awards. August 24 - 25, 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Cost is \$100.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

NCMC offers courses locally

North Central Michigan College will offer college courses in Charlevoix County starting Sept. 3. The courses will be held in Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan. North Central students living in Charlevoix County and taking any of the above classes may be eligible for tuition assistance through the North Central Michigan College Link to Learning Fund. The Link to Learning program pays the difference between Emmet County tuition rates (the lowest rate because Emmet County taxpayers partially fund the College) and the higher tuition paid by residents of all other Michigan counties. The difference in tuition for a typical three contact hour class is \$170.25. The award is granted per contact hour. However, if students are receiving other forms of financial aid that cover tuition costs, they will not be eligible for the Charlevoix County Link to Learning award. The Link to Learning program, based on the availability of funds, is a designated fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The money for this program has been contributed by donors with an interest in helping students in Charlevoix County.

Banks Township Board Hears Road Complaints

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—A group of residents that live on Scott Road attended the Banks Township Board meeting to complain about the condition of the road, a representative from the Historical Society addressed the board concerning the status of a joint restoration project they have been working on and funds were prorated to the village to cover advertising expenses on the new LED village sign at the June 17 meeting.

Scott Road residents were present both in person and by letter, with complaints about the condition of the road. The complaints were of dust when dry and slimy conditions after rain, as well as excessive potholes. One property owner spoke out (by letter) against paving the road which was suggested by some of the residents. The Board thanked them for their comments and expressed their intent to pass the complaints on to the Roads Committee for evaluation.

Shirley Tornga of the Banks Township Historical Society (BTHS) reported on the progress of a headstone restoration project at the Antrim City Cemetery on Old Dixie Hwy. The BTHS contributed \$1,500 to the project and Banks Township has contributed \$3,700. Supervisor Mann expressed the gratitude of the entire Board for the BTHS contribution towards this project. The project is expected to

take three to four years initially and then will require periodic maintenance.

The new LED Message Board is a little short on funding. Donations from Ellsworth Schools, a \$10,000 Grand Vision Grant and donations from other members of the community left \$1,000 deficit on the purchase of the new LED Message Board in front of the High School. The Banks Township Board voted to contribute \$700 to the project as an advanced payment for advertising on it and the Lioness Club will be holding a bake sale at the Ellsworth Farmers Market to raise the remaining \$300.

Lake front resident, Chip Schwein attended the meeting to request support for the placement of a slalom ski course on Ellsworth Lake. The DEQ has given direction as to placement of the course that will be open to the public.

The Atwood Fire Hall lights have been replaced courtesy of a grant from Great Lakes Energy however the Ellsworth Fire Hall is served by Consumers Power Company and no such funds are available to replace those sub-standard light fixtures. Cost for that project will have to come from the Fire Fund and will be considered at next month's meeting.

The Breezeway Cruise takes place starting at Boyne Mountain on June 20. Elaboration is coming up quickly this July 5-7 with fireworks on July 6. The next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on July 22 at 7P.M.

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County Commissioners Hear Audit Results

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The county audit ending September 2012 was summarized and presented to commissioners at the June 12 County Commission meeting and a new member appointed to the Parks and Recreation committee.

Ron Harris of the Harris Group was on hand to walk commissioners through a detailed audit of last year's county activities. "The county's financial status has declined by \$1,190,000 from the previous year," he began. He then gave a 67% decrease in the tax base and the pay-off of the Grandvue bond, which saved tax payers five hundred thousand dollars, as reasons for that decline. "We paid out more than we brought into the road fund but some of the things we pay out aren't going to be collected right away," he said.

A total of 4.7 million dollars was paid out in 2012, two million loaned to the road fund to finish the Boyne/Charlevoix road project and the remainder to pay off the Grandvue bond early to save interest. The money loaned to the road fund will be repaid to the general fund over the next five years with tax revenues.

An area Harris pointed out as needing attention concerned the

way in which the post retirement health benefits were budgeted. There are presently 67 county employees that qualify for the benefits, 57 already retired and 16 still employed by the county. Harris suggested that the county set aside the funds rather than "paying it as you go." The county has one million "set aside" in the fund balance and Harris' suggestion was to move it, earmark it and continue adding to it so that with the rising costs of health care one day the fund will be self-sustaining. "Even if you put in \$1.5 million, you're going to have to make a contribution every year because of the increasing cost of health insurance," he said.

Concern was stated about journal entries that had to be adjusted. "We're looking at the significant adjustments, those that will materially impact your financial status," he said. One entry was overstated by \$2.2 million. Harris did comment on the county's bookkeeping efforts by stating that, "The process is getting better compared to the year before, they're learning the system as far as finding and booking those receivables," he said.

The commission appointed Dennis Jason to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Commis-



Ron Harris of the Harris Group walked County Commissioners through last year's audit at the June 12 Commission meeting.

sioner Larry Sullivan voiced some concerns that all of those who applied for the position were from the same side of the county. "My concern is that we're getting heavy concentration from Evangeline Township," he said. There

are currently three committee members from that area. Jason's pertinent experience includes his service as the Parks and Recreation Director of Boyne City for seventeen years, employed in the underground construction indus-

try and a previous member of the Parks and Recreation Committee when the Whiting Park and Thumb Lake Projects were being designed.

Groundbreaking in Boyne City



Members of the community, city council and other interested parties join John McLeod, President of Classic Instruments, standing with an arm around his mother at the groundbreaking ceremony behind the Classic Instruments facility in Boyne City where an L-shaped addition will allow the manufacture of automotive instrumentation and related products for the aftermarket auto enthusiast and hot rod industry to include a state of the art manufacturing facility, an expanded research and development center, an advanced custom shop, an area for product installation and the first environmentally friendly permeable concrete parking lot in Northern Michigan. "There's nobody in the world that does what we do," said Ron Hannah, General Manager (located to the left of McLeod).

One Definition of Manhood

By Jamie Woodall

The other day I came home after a long day of back-to-back appointments ready to eat dinner and relax. As I walked through the door my 5-year old son ran up to me and jumped in my arms. He said, "Hey dad, are you going to put my chain on my bike?" Then my youngest daughter reminded me to trim our dog "because it's getting hot out." My wife then asked if we were going to go work in the garden after dinner. This was just before my 14-year old son asked when we were going to do the over-night-camp-out thing together... As he was asking, I remembered it was the first rubbish day of the season and we had yard sale to plan for...Uuuggghhh.

After "uuuggghhh", I began to think more about that father-son campout. We were going to talk through four areas of life based on a definition of true manhood. Robert Lewis shared that a mature man is one who "rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously, and expects the greater reward."

Rejecting passivity: I must confess, there are times when I have looked at the overwhelming tasks in front of me and turned toward the couch. Rejecting passivity means choosing to engage in the needs of others around us. My 5-year-old needed a bike fixed. My wife needed follow-through on a commitment to a garden project. My oldest son was asking for time together camping.

We see pictures of the modern-day man in commercials and sitcoms, as one who grabs a beer, the clicker, and heads for the couch choosing not engage. He pretends not to be aware of any needs around him except his own. This person launches toward comfort and pleasure only to please himself. However when we reject passivity and engage in the needs of others we grow strong healthy relationships and life is good. Sometimes we may need to recharge. But most often I believe God is calling us to engage, by following-through on commitments to love and help others who are depending on us.

Accept responsibility: This closely follows rejecting passivity. Parents usually try to train their kids to do what needs to be done. Get dressed, tie your shoes, clean your room, put your plate in the dishwasher, mow the yard, etc. We want kids to grow up to shoulder life on their own, because we know it will help

them. But we also want them to learn to help out. The burden of life is too great for others to carry alone. We need each other. A mature man sees the need to help, and immediately activates when necessary. A dad sees when a shoe needs tying, or a wife needs help with the dishes.

These can be difficult things after a long day. Rejecting responsibility means to pass up the opportunity to help, thinking "she'll do it." But if others know we are reliable, then greater love and friendship usually follows. Everyone's life is better.

Lead courageously: Our world is desperate for heroes who are doing the right thing. I love the idea of volunteer coaching. These are community servants who sign up to help kids by teaching them a sport. We all need friends to help point the way for us at times. Leading courageously means stepping up to be a coach in the lives of others. This leadership isn't directing but rather serving. This requires modeling values like kindness, compassion, godliness, hard-working, diligent, just, merciful and other things. It requires hard work. It means helping others do the right thing in the right way so they can have the best life.

Expect the Greater Reward: If we do these things we can expect rewards to flow into our lives. We can't be deceived in thinking that if we do what we want (rejecting responsibility and leadership by golfing or fishing more, watching more TV on the couch, drinking more, etc.) then we will be relieved. Unfortunately as we choose passivity and self-indulgence finances will be strained, relationships broken, and our true dreams will slowly die.

However when we honor the one who created us by engaging the needs around us and fulfilling the commitments we've taken on, then we will ultimately become deeply satisfied.

King Solomon says wrote in Proverbs chapter 11 verse 25, The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered. Another translation reads like this, "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

A man who desires to follow God will work hard to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and expect the greater reward. When we choose these things the world will be changed forever in positive ways, and the One who made us will smile.

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

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911 Hang Up Call	1
Abandoned Vehicle.....	5
Abuse.....	0
Alarm	5
Animal Complaint	41
Annoyance.....	3
Assault.....	0
Assist Citizen	4
Assist Motorist.....	5
Assist Other Agency	9
Attempt to Locate.....	6
Attempted Suicide.....	1
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation.....	1
Breaking & Entering.....	2
Car/Deer Accident.....	14
Citations Issued.....	38
Civil Complaint	5
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	1
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	2
DNR Complaint.....	0
Domestic Dispute	3
Driving Complaint.....	4
Fireworks Complaint.....	2
Found Property.....	4
Fraud	2
Health & Safety	2
Hit & Run.....	1
Intoxicated Person.....	0
Juvenile.....	2
Larceny	3
Lockout.....	7
Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	3
Mental Subject.....	1
Minor In Possession	1
Miscellaneous Criminal.....	1
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	2
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	20
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident.....	1
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident.....	1
Property Check.....	16
Property Damage Accident	2
Prowler.....	1
Road Hazard.....	2
Stalking.....	0
Suspicious Situation	11
Threat.....	1
Traffic Stop	102
Trespassing.....	1
Unknown Accident	0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	0

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, June 3, 2013

8:50am Report of tree limb being cut from tree in the 200 block of S Lake St
9:53am Civil complaint in the 300 block of S Lake St

9:57am Health and safety complaint at the Industrial Park Entrance
10:06am Gasoline Drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St. Subject later returned to pay.
12:57pm Unlock vehicle at Avalanche Mountain
2:20pm Fraudulent check complaint
2:55pm Littering complaint On M-75 S
8:41pm Wildlife complaint in the 100 block of E Water St

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

2:57am Found property on Ray St
6:44am Larceny reported in the 400 block of W Michigan
10:51am Missing person reported from the 500 block of W Michigan. Returned home
12:52pm Fraudulent phone calls received on Boice St
2:07pm Suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
3:30pm Received 2 NSF check complaints from the 400 block of N Lake St
7:18pm Assist EMS on W Water St
10:46pm Citation issued for expired plate and no proof of insurance at Lake and Vogel St

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

6:17am Arrested subject for DWLs-third offense
10:17am 2 parking citations issued for parking violations on Pine St near Park
11:08am Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of N Lake St
11:10am Report of missing keys
12:29pm ... Vehicle unlock on S Park St near Ray St
3:20pm .Report of abandoned vehicle on Wilson St
9:40pm Report of possible counterfeit bill received in the 400 block of N Lake St
10:52pm Suspicious subject in the area of Main and Front Streets
11:04pm False alarm on W Water St

Thursday, June 6, 2013

9:39am Report of missing cell phone
10:38am Harassing text message complaint received from Jaycee Ln
12:21pm Found Dodge key found at Avalanche Mountain
4:27pm Noise complaint from the 800 block of S Park St
4:38pm Disturbance reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
6:52pm Report of stray dog on Vogel St
7:03pm Juvenile complaint in the 500 block of Grant St
9:00pm Citation issued for expired plate at Park and Vogel
11:39pm Report of vehicle leaking fluids near Old City Park
11:50pm Driving complaint received

Friday, June 7, 2013

6:26am Arrested subject for no insurance at E Division and Second St
7:18am ... Report of subject hitchhiking on N Park St
8:50am Report of subject putting detergent in the fountain at Old City Park
10:01am Suspicious subject in the 400 block of N lake St
12:04pm Report of subject being run off the road on Boyne Av
3:46pm Driving complaint received on Lakeshore near Marshall Rd
3:56pm Subject in Veteran's Park with his dog not under control
4:06pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Water and Front St
5:40pm Lodged stray dog at shelter
6:01pm Report of private property damage accident in the Industrial Park
6:11pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
7:21pm Parking complaint received in the 100 block of N Park St
8:54pm Assist Sheriff Dept with domestic dispute on Glenwood Beach
9:04pm Civil complaint in the 800 block of S Park St

11:42pm Report of missing medication in the 300 block of Silver St. Was later located.

Saturday, June 8, 2013

2:27am Citation issued for speed at Lake and North St
3:10am Assist MSP with stolen vehicle in Boyne Falls
9:16am Threats complaint received from Avalanche Mountain
1:55pm .Wallet found in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:45pm Report of lost keys downtown
6:20pm Report of unattended children playing in Veteran's Park.
9:10pm Citation issued for speed at Division and Park Streets
9:25pm Report of suspicious activity in the 900 block of Roosevelt St
9:37pm Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 300 block of E Division St

Sunday, June 9, 2013

1:39am Juvenile complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St
12:00pm Burning complaint in the 100 block of Court St
1:00pm Assist Emmet County with missing person complaint
3:18pm Request for civil standby in the 300 block of E Division St
3:18pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
4:30pm Report of intoxicated subject in the 400 block of N Lake St. Located subject was not intoxicated just tired
5:16pm Arrested subject for MIP, disorderly conduct and attempted resisting and obstructing in the 400 block of N Lake St
8:23pm Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Hannah St
8:27pm Juvenile complaint in the 200 block of S East St
8:46pm Report of larceny of solar lights from the 300 block of E Cedar St
10:39pm Subjects located in Old City Park after closing
10:39pm Suspicious subject reported in the downtown area
11:18pm Suspicious male reported in the 400 block of N Lake St

Monday, June 10, 2013

9:16am Report of kids partying at vacant house in the 200 block of E Cedar St
9:38am Report of old television dumped in tall grass in the area of Division and Park St
11:08am Report of suspicious male in the 400 block of N Lake St
12:48pm Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Division
3:32pm .Assist Tuscola County on warrant pick up.
4:15pm Report of lost or stolen keys from the 100 block of E Water
4:30pm Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Lake Park Dr
5:32pm Report of trucks speeding on W Division St
6:14pm Hit and run accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
8:30pm Burn complaint in the 100 block of W Court St
10:38pm 4 juveniles located in Old City Park after hours
11:00pm Assault reported in the 300 block of E Division St

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

2:12am Suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
8:16am Report of lost wallet in the 400 block of N Lake St
9:23am Report of stolen license plate
12:30pm Fraud complaint reported that occurred in Antrim County.
12:48pm Larceny of ice from the 100 block of E Water St
5:54pm Subjects at PD with fake \$10.00 bill found near N Park St and Collings

7:39pm Report of harassing phone calls
8:42pm Vehicle unlock at the Little League Fields
9:30pm Stalking complaint on W Water St
11:02pm Retail fraud complaint from M-75 S

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

12:35am Parking and noise complaint from the 300 block of Silver St
1:29am ..False alarm in the 300 block of E Water St
8:14am Found license plate turned in. matched the one reported missing on 6/11/13.
11:58am Report of abandoned bike at S Park and Cedar St
1:13pm Report of abandoned bike near Grant and Pine Streets
4:33pm .Vehicle unlock near park and River Streets
8:59pm Fireworks complaint in the 300 block to E Division St
10:00pm Report of group of teenagers hanging out in parking lot near Park and State St. Playing loud music and making obscene gestures to area employees.

Thursday, June 13, 2013

1:35am Subject witnessed punching paperbox in the 100 block of E Water St
1:56pm NSF check complaint received from the 400 block of N Lake St
2:30pm Driving complaint received. Subject ran stop sign at Lake and Main
5:51pm Health and Safety issue reported from the 100 block of E Main St

Friday, June 14, 2013

11:48am Driving complaint on S Lake St north-bound from E Main
11:53am ...Suspicious male reported in Sunset Park
12:21pm Larceny of bicycle from the 400 block of Front St
3:01pm Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Prospect
3:10pm Report of lost wallet in the area of Brockway St
4:45pm Larceny of bicycles from the 300 block of Silver St
6:20pm Recovered one of the stolen bicycles from Silver St on W Michigan
8:26pm Intoxicated female threatening to harm herself on Water St near East St
8:34pm ... Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St

Saturday, June 15, 2013

12:34am Report of suspicious situation in the 600 block of Beardsley
10:15am Citation issued for speed at Pleasant Av and Trent St
12:29am Citation issued for speed at Pleasant Av and Trent St
12:35pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Michigan Av and John St
1:55pm Report of lost or stolen wallet from the 200 block of S Lake St
3:19pm Vehicle unlock in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
8:20pm Attempted vehicle unlock in the 700 block of N Lake St

Sunday, June 16, 2013

1:15pm Lodged stray dog at the shelter
2:44am Assist Sheriff Department with vehicle chase that ended at Cedar and Douglas; included damage to power pole, tree, yards, and Sheriff Department patrol vehicle
2:35pm Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Trent
4:40pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Park and Water Streets
5:08pm Car pedestrian accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
8:15pm Pontoon boat washed ashore by the Little League field
8:45pm Made attempt to unlock vehicle at Veteran's Park
9:20pm juveniles warned for trespassing on N Park St

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Thursday – June 20

9am-1pm Farmer's Market (Sportsman's Park)
 5pm-10pm Carnival - Schmidt Amusements (Main and Esterly Streets)
 6pm Open Play Horseshoes – Gemini Lanes is offering outdoor seating and service, other games for adults - Open for bowling all weekend, \$2 per game. Sponsored by The Zone/Gemini Lanes.
 7pm Talent Show (Memorial Park) Sponsored by Bingham Well Drilling
 8:30 to 10:30pm Live entertainment by AUDIO CIRCUS in Memorial Park. Sponsored by Toby Prevo Residential Services, LLC & EZ Storage

Friday – June 21

Noon-9pm Crafts and Thing at Sportman's Park
 Noon-11pm Carnival (Main and Esterly Streets)

6-9:30pm Friday Night Block Party (Main Street) "You're a Grand Ole' Flag" Sponsored by Mobile Marine, Inc. Food and Game booths by various non-profit organizations. Also Button Drawings will be held throughout the event.

6pm Youth Parade "Red, White and Blue" Registration in Memorial Park at 5:30pm. Start at Marina parking lot, head north up Main St., left on Williams St. Prizes will be awarded on the Way Transportation Main Street Stage. Sponsored by Northwestern Bank of Charlevoix

6pm Horseshoe Tournament Doubles-\$5 per person, trophies awarded. Gemini Lanes is offering outdoor seating and service, other games for adults Open for bowling all weekend, \$2 per game. Sponsored by The Zone/Gemini Lanes.

7pm-9:30 Live Entertainment at the Way Transportation Main St. Stage featuring Tom Zipp Band and the Traverse City Knuckleheads. Sponsored by East Jordan Plastics & Fox Motors of Charlevoix.

10pm Tourist Park Light Contest Judging Winners will be announced Saturday during the Festival 500 drawing.



Don't miss the Grand Parade on Saturday starting at 3 pm, with this year's Grand Marshals being all veterans of the United States Military Service. The parade route is; West Side of Bridge to Main, Main to Division, end at Watson Field. COURTESY PHOTO

Saturday – June 22

10am Bingo (American Legion)
 10am-2pm Maddie's Petting Zoo (Murphy Field Area), Blueberry Hill Amusements - Pony Rides, Castle Bounce House (Murphy Field Area) Sponsored by East Jordan Glens Market, Water Cannon Recon - Murphy Field Area (Sign-up at 9:30am). Sponsored by First Choice Physical Therapy & Charlevoix Screenmaster, Ernst Construction LTD, Olstrom Excavation & Paving & Lake Charlevoix Tree Services.
 11am Skater's Competition (Skate Park) Warm-up begins at 10am
 Noon Grand Parade Line-up check in by The East Jordan Lionsess Club at the East Jordan

Family Health Center on Bridge St.
 Noon-9pm Crafts and Things (Sportsman's Park)
 Noon-10pm Vendors in the Park (Memorial Park) Outdoor seating
 Noon-11pm Carnival (Main & Esterly Streets)
 3pm Grand Parade. Sponsor: Sponsor; TG Plumbing and Heating. Grand Marshal: All Military Veterans - USA. Route; West Side of Bridge to Main, Main to Division, end at Watson Field.
 5pm Horseshoe Tournament Singles-\$5 per person, trophies awarded. Outdoor seating & service, other games for adults Lanes open for bowling all weekend, \$2 per game. Sponsored by The Zone/Gemini Lanes
 6pm Lip Sync Contest on stage in Memorial Park, sponsored by

Brett's Firewood Processing & Tim's Tire and Off road Center.
 6pm Prize Raffle (Memorial Park) Over 40 Great Prizes! Must be present to win. Drawings begin at 6pm during the Lip Sync Contest.
 8pm Festival 500 Drawing (Memorial Park) One \$500 Prize /Ten \$50 Prizes, Sponsored by Michigan Snowmobile Magazine
 8:30pm-Dusk Live Entertainment by "Brian Lorente and The Usual Suspects" (Memorial Park) Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank & Northern Michigan Dust Control
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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 18, 2013

City Commission puts Purchase of Tablets on hold

By Dave Baragrey

EAST JORDAN - The city commission plans to go paperless, but the plans are on hold for now.

The decision whether to have the city commission go paperless is going to have to wait a couple of months. The decision was tabled until the August 6th meeting to give the staff and commissioners time to research how feasible it is to go paperless. The benefits of using tablets (iPads) at city commission meetings include immediate access to documents, ability to research information at the meetings and sharing information.

However, the city commission chamber may not be ready to use

the tablets yet. City Administrator, Chris Yonkers suggested that the tablets should connect to the Internet via Wi-Fi instead of paying a monthly access fee to a wireless carrier, but the city chamber does not have a strong enough Wi-Fi connection for 11 tablets to operate without slowing the network down.

Commissioner Tom Breakey said, "How can we justify spending \$7,000 to \$8,000 for iPads when we are cutting every department's budget?" He suggested we try to find an alternative funding source.

Commissioner John Doebel suggested that before the commission makes a decision whether to purchase tablets that

the city staff first research what needs to be done. Those items include: Creating a broadband connection that will handle the tablet activity, determine what accessories are necessary (like cases, screen protectors), creating a user policy, determining a clean and easy process for scanning documents and try to find an alternative funding resource. The commission tabled the vote until the August 6th meeting to give the city administrator and staff time to answer the questions posed.

The commission also tabled discussion until the next meeting on a proposal to allow East Jordan Public Schools to install irrigation wells. Commissioners just

received a packet of information Tuesday and have not had time to review it carefully yet.

City Parks & Recreation Director, Tom Cannon reported that the dredging of the harbor has been successfully completed and marina traffic has been good. Seasonal slip rental is good, transient slip rental has been better than expected and rental of the cabins and camping sites at the Tourist Park is very busy.

City Administrator, Chris Yonkers reported that recycling has been increasing. "The biggest problem we seem to have right now is that the recycling containers are overflowing. We will have to work with American Waste to either provide more containers

or empty them more frequently." City residents are more conscious of recycling and the trend is increasing.

Commissioner Tony Cutler reported that the East Jordan Girl Scouts and the East Jordan Lions Club hosted a flag retirement ceremony on June 17. Community members brought 76 flags to be retired. The groups were assisted by area service men and women and monitored by the East Jordan Fire Department and Police Department.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7:00 pm on July 2 at city hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear editor,

I am humbled and flattered by the article written about my retirement. Even though I insisted on a low key transition to retirement it seems that my friends and colleagues have had different plans for me. However, I think it would be a travesty if I did not point out that each and everyone of the "highlights" of my tenure at Ellsworth were not accomplished by me alone.

I have had the pleasure of working with the very most dedicated school board anywhere; they have been supportive and helpful every step of the way. Ellsworth teachers and staff are unbelievable; if there is a project to be tackled they embrace it and take it to levels of quality

that I could not have imagined. The students and parents of Ellsworth are like done other; they are caring, committed and motivated to make our school the best.

And then there is the community! I did not make our school's accomplishments a reality, the community did. The businesses, the governmental entities, the churches and the service organizations support our school in so many ways.

All I can say is that Ellsworth is truly a "community school." And...I know that under the leadership of its new leader there are even better things to come.

Lynn Aldrich Spearing
Retiring Superintendent,
Ellsworth Community School

Good Samaritan Furniture & More offers quality finds in downtown Ellsworth

By Jim Akans

"Our inventory at the Furniture & More showroom changes daily and is priced to move," states Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Food Pantry/Resale Shop, an affiliate of the Furniture & More store in downtown Ellsworth. "We offer a wide variety of very nice quality furniture, home décor accessories and appliances, and the proceeds from the sales are utilized to help our Food Pantry serve area families in need."

The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan Furniture & More showroom is located at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth, and opened their doors about two years ago. Since 1990, Good Samaritan Family Services has been helping area families in times of need through a diverse offering of services, including a Food Pantry, guidance for new mothers, providing clothing, coats and shoes, assistance with home heating, and more. The Furniture & More showroom, managed by Evie Snyder, helps to support the Good Samaritan Family Services mission.

Peterson notes, "This is a great place to shop and browse for items for the home or cottage. We are located in a beautiful, original building in downtown Ellsworth that was home to the Shooks Market for many years. People enjoy the ambience of the showroom, with vintage



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wood flooring and several living area vignettes we have set up. While we have a wide variety of items on display, and if there is something in particular a shopper is looking for that we don't currently have, we will put them on a waiting list and give them a call when an item that fits their needs comes in."

The showroom is full of gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate

the home. The items are donated by local individuals and businesses, and donations are accepted during normal business hours.

The Good Samaritan Furniture & More Showroom is located on Center Street in Ellsworth diagonally across from the Front Porch Café. The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday. For further information, call the showroom at (231) 676-3339 or visit www.thegoodsam.org.



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Music at the Library

CHARLEVOIX - The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce its musical line-up for the summer. There is truly something musical for everyone this summer, from folk to kids' concert! To kick-off the musical season, Sunday Serenade will take place on June 24, 2PM with the Younce Guitar Duo. Sunday Serenades feature a local musician who plays from the library balcony for an hour in the afternoon. This year the Serenades will feature: Bill Wilson, guitar; Kelly Shively, playing the harp; Matt Koontz on Native American flutes, and Paul Gelderblom, on the hammered dulcimer.

The SummerFolk series kicks off 6:30 p.m. June 24 with Robin Lee Berry, a local dynamo. SummerFolk concerts are a one hour feature performance followed by an open mic in the Community Room. Sign up for the open mic begins at 6PM, with space for five. SummerFolk is hosted on the last Monday of the month. Other featured performers in the series include: Kellerville, acoustic duo of folk and Americana; Dwain Martin & Friends, singer and songwriter of folk and Americana; Charlie Millard, local favorite pianist and songwriter; Jack Elliot, acoustic blues & folk. JATL: Jazz @ the Li-

brary, will begin the season covering the jazz standards with Janice Keegan, vocalist, 7:00 p.m., July 10. JATL: Jazz @ the Library is held 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday in July and August, in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden (Bring your own chair). The JATL Trio of Chris Ames (drums), Andy Evans (bass), Steve Stargardt,

(keyboard), is joined each week by a featured performer including: Rob Smith (trumpet), Big Band Dance Party, Jeff Hall (saxophone), Claudia Schmidt (vocalist), Steve Little (guitar and vocals), Jim Cooper (vibraphone). JATL: Jazz @ the Library is in part funded through the generous donations of the patrons of JATL Con-

certs, as well as the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Melvy & Milford T. Lewis, Bobbie & Bob Williams.

This year the library is offering a special treat for the whole community. Randy Kaplan infamous children's musician will be performing in East Park, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, August 8. For the complete

schedule or just more information about the concerts or events at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or 220 W. Clinton St. or call 231.547.7340.



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Raven Hill Discovery Center presents Native American-Style Flute Program and Workshop

Petoskey flute maker Matt Koontz will present his Native American-style flute creations at 7 pm on June 21st at Raven Hill Discovery Center. Koontz's flutes have been featured in several local media outlets and on the television show "Destination Michigan". As part of the Summer Solstice celebration at Raven Hill, Koontz will discuss the flute making process, perform his music, and demonstrate some of the unique aspects of making music on a Native American-style flute. This hour

long program is free & open to the general public.

After the demonstration, guests will have an opportunity to sign up for a flute workshop scheduled for 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday, August 11th. Participants in the workshop will learn about the flute making process, step by step, and see how a flute is tuned. Each participant will get a flute (in the key of A minor) finished to the point that it is playable, and a lesson to get them started playing. In order to com-

plete the flute, each of the participants will need to do the finish work, including sanding, which they can start during the class, and later the application of whatever finish and decorations they want on their own. The charge for the instruction is \$50.00 per participant. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located at 4737 Fuller Road in East Jordan, Michigan 49727. For more information, call Cheri at 231-536-3369 or visit www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org

Youth Craft Show in Charlevoix

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce its call for crafty kids, tweens & teens for the annual Youth Craft Show, 10:30 - 12:30 pm, Saturday, August 10. This is the perfect opportunity for kids show off the diversity of their imaginations and talents and to step into a business venture. "It's a wonderful way for our kids to learn some valuable business lessons and earn a little extra money," states

Audrey Shapiro, Children's Services Coordinator. The kids have to make their own wares, plan and set-up their own booth, and then sell their gifts during the show. This year the Youth Craft Show is hosted at the same time as the Charlevoix Waterfront Art show to capitalize on the crowds. Stop by the youth department at the library to register a booth. Call 231.237.7350 for further information.

Paula Poundstone to perform in Boyne City

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. Net proceeds from this event will help purchase a \$20,000 vertical wheelchair lift to make our two-story, yet-to-open Boyne Country Community Center building barrier free. Armed with nothing but a stool, a microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi, Paula's ability to create humor on the spot has become the stuff of legend. Little wonder people leave Paula's shows debating

whether the random people she talked to were "plants" - which, of course they never are, and complaining that their cheeks hurt from laughter. Click here to see her video.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE....

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.

SOBO Arts Festival

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space on the shore of Lake Charlevoix just a short distance from downtown Boyne City. The juried art fair will blend with art demonstrations and workshops, hands-on art projects for children, and a musical performance by singer songwriter Kirby featuring his newly released CD, "Kirby for Kids and childish adults."

A new event added to the festival is sand-castle building. "Be prepared, you might spot a Sand Pirate or two as children 'Dig into Reading,' a program we are presenting this summer at the Boyne District Library," said children's librarian Monica Kroondyk.

In addition to creative art and cultural experiences, food vendors will be on hand and Boyne City's wonder-

ful restaurants are all within walking distance of the park. There is no admission to any of the festival activities. This is a weekend event the entire family will enjoy!

"The festival's mission is to celebrate the visual, performing, written and audible arts," said event chairperson Kathy MacDonald. "In Boyne City that's entertainment, great art, great music, great food and great fun for the entire family."

The SOBO Arts Festival was created three years ago to celebrate the many wonderful artists and musicians of our region and to bring a quality event to the Boyne City community. The event is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program with support from the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and many local sponsors. They include Pat O'Brien & Associates Real Estate, the Boyne River Inn, Northwestern Bank, Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau, Café Sante and Red Mesa, Eyes

on Main, State Farm Insurance, and several other local businesses.

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For more information about the SOBO Arts Festival, visit www.soboartsfestival.com or call Kathy MacDonald at 269.832.0496, or the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.582.6222. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

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“Ellebration!” coming to Ellsworth July 5th and 6th

Submitted by Alana Haley

The third Annual Ellsworth “Ellebration!” to held July 5 and 6 continues the tradition of a small town celebration of food, family and fun with the majority of events free!

Ellebration! kicks off Friday, July 5 with the 50’s “Drive-in” Dinner at 5:00pm at the Ellsworth Elementary School. At 6:00 head over to the Ellsworth Community Park for a party that’s all wet! For the second year two 100-foot hillside water slides provide big fun for all ages. Bring your super soaker and a beach towel and join the fun.

The main festival day, Saturday July 6, brings a full slate of events kicking off with the Ellebration! Bike Tour which leaving from the Ellsworth High School Parking lot at 8:00am. Post ride and pre-parade fill up at the Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00am at the Banks Township Hall. Also beginning at 10:00am are the always-popular Historical Trolley Tours. Additional tours are offered throughout the day. At 11:00am The Grand Parade begins featuring floats galore, antique cars, tractors, queens and more!

Following the parade is plenty of fun at the Ellsworth Community Park Grounds including Cirque Amongus from noon through 3:00 presenting a free circus show and circus arts



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stations; big top fun for the whole family! Children have the opportunity to take part in 10 circus stations including: acrobatics, barrels and globes, cycles, equilibristics, hoops, ropes and stunts, magic, manipulation and toss juggling, tight wire and trapeze. Also starting at noon through 4:00pm are three free kids Inflatable obstacle courses

and new this year, the Lava Flow Rock Climbing Wall making only it’s second appearance ever! This 25 foot high wall with 200 square feet of climbing area can accommodate 5 climbers at a time.

The event people look forward to all year is the famous Roast Pork Lunch under the Ellsworth Community Park Pavilion start-

ing at noon until 2:30 or we run out! Delicious roast pork, bun, cold slaw, baked beans and applesauce, beverage and dessert all for just \$8. Seniors and children under twelve \$7. Enjoy the sounds of the Jordan Valley Community Band while you enjoy your lunch.

At 1:00pm Duane Arnott will give an Archery Demonstration

at the Archery Range in Ellsworth Community Park, then let kids give it a try. 1:00pm also brings the free Kids Fireman’s Games just next to the Archery Range, where kids get to be the firemen and have a Waterball Competition! At 2:00pm join us for the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange Horse Pull at the Grandstand on Main St. between the Elementary and High Schools.

At dusk the Boat Parade begins on St. Clair Lake. At dark, the fireworks begin; one of the most spectacular fireworks shows in Northern Michigan! Seating at Ellsworth Sports Park offers the best viewing with plenty of free parking. Both the Boat Parade and Fireworks are sponsored by Ellsworth St. Claire Fireworks Committee.

To support Ellebration, be sure to purchase a raffle ticket, or six, from our booth at the Festival. Raffle Proceeds fund all Ellebration! events. You could be the winner of half a processed pig, 15 lbs of bacon from the Ellsworth Market or a Gourmet Gift Basket featuring items from local specialty food producers. Ellebration T-shirts will also be on sale at the festival. For complete details, go to www.ellebration.com, follow us on Facebook at Ellsworth Pig Roast or call Alana at 231-360-0676.

FOJ Announces 9th Annual ‘Visions of the Valley’ Photo Contest and Calendar

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed is pleased to announce its 9th Annual Visions of the Valley photography contest and calendar.

Photographers young and old, novice or pro, are invited to enter their favorite photographs reflecting the spectacular nature of the Jordan River Watershed. Theme for the 2014 edition is “The Rhythm of the River.” Fourteen photographs will be selected by an independent judge for cash awards and a page or cover in the 2014 Visions of the Valley Calendar. Cash awards include those for grand prize, viewers’ choice, president’s choice, youth, and

10 more, all sponsored by individuals and local businesses. All photos must have been taken within the Jordan River Watershed.

Awards will be presented Saturday, September 21 at the annual Awards Celebration at the Jordan River Watershed Center, 101 Union St., in East Jordan, which will also feature music and refreshments along with an exhibit of all the entries.

Deadline for entries is August 5, 2013. For submission guidelines and details, please visit the FOJ website at friendsofthejordan.org, or email: foj@friendsofthejordan.org

Boat Show Featured World-Class Watercraft

By Izzy Lyman

The 11th annual Bay Harbor In-Water Boat Show took place this past Father’s Day weekend. This year’s three-day event drew sizeable crowds who admired the display of dazzling watercraft – from luxury yachts to ranger tugs to powerboats with quad outboards – docked at the Bay Harbor Lake Marina.

The free-admission event, sponsored by Fox Motors, attracted (among many others) Dr. Frank and Joy Jamerson. The couple, who have been married 63 years and summer in Harbor Springs, gamely accepted a ride from Glen Siebert, a salesman for the Indian River Marina, on a state-of-the-art pontoon boat.

After their foray onto the Little Traverse Bay on a Manitou Tritoon, the Jamersons agreed that the vessel – which Siebert capably piloted up to fifty miles per hour – was more than they expected.

“Ten minutes on the lake does more than talking about it [the pontoon] all day,” noted Siebert, as to why his company offers the complimentary rides at boat shows.

The Tritoon lists for about \$50,000. That’s a steal compared to the price tag on another fancy vessel for sale at the Bay Harbor show: \$1,535,498 for the 2012 Cranchi Fifty Soft Top, a



Frank and Joy Jamerson enjoy a ride on a state of the art pontoon

sporty yacht. Perhaps some fortunate dad scored that as a gift.

Exhibitors, at the event, included several well-regarded ‘Pure Michigan’ entities, such as, True North Golf Club, Irish Boat Shop, Walloon Village Marina, and Walstrom Marine. Entertainment was provided by David Cisco, Adam Engleman, and Pat Ryan. Lite 96.3’s Tim Nixon

broadcasted live on Saturday.

The marina’s Facebook page repeatedly used the same word to describe the response to the boat show: “Fantastic.”

For further information, see www.bayharbor.com

Challenge Mountain Receives Grant

Charlevoix Community Foundation presenting a check to Challenge Mountain (CM) to purchase a support boat for CM Water Sports programs. Pictured at right (l-r) is Linda Armstrong, CM Program Director, Casey Keane, East Jordan High School YAC member, and Mishelle Shooks, CCCF Program Associate.

Recently Challenge Mountain (CM) received a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee. The grant was to help purchase a power boat that will be used to support the Challenge Mountain Water Sports

programs. During the warmer months CM provides water sports activities such as kayaking, canoeing, tubing, and sailing to the physically challenged and mentally impaired community. “We felt that we needed a boat that can be used as a safety tool,” said Mike Hurchick, Executive Director. If you have questions regarding our programs or would like to volunteer to help please contact Linda Armstrong, the CM Program Director, at 231-535-2141 or e-mail to linda@challengecmn.org. You can also check out all of our activities and fund raising efforts at our website,



cmski.org.

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MEDICARE NEWS

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, June 2013

As many of you may know, Sue Graybill has recently retired from the position of Regional MMAP and Employment Coordinator at the Area Agency on Aging in Traverse City. Sue will be joining her husband in this new adventure of retirement, and she plans to spend more time with her children and their families. We certainly wish Sue a great retirement. We will all miss her. Perhaps she may do some MMAP volunteer counseling later.

Let me briefly introduce myself. My name is Jim Verville. I began my tour-of-duty in MMAP starting in November of 2009 as a Volunteer Counselor. I served as the Site Coordinator from June of 2010 until April of 2013 at which time I was named to replace Sue Graybill as the Regional Coordinator for MMAP. I enjoy working with our beneficiaries and the 50 MMAP Counselors located throughout Region 10. More and more of the "boomers" are reaching Medicare age. This makes our jobs both interesting and challenging. I look forward to finding new and innovative ways to reach and help our Medicare population in Region 10.

Last year our team served 5,274 Medicare beneficiaries throughout our 10 county region. There are approximately 65,000 people who are currently eligible for Medicare throughout these same 10 counties, so we helped about 8% of the population. We are truly grateful for the 50

MMAP Counselors who are part of our team. About half of them are Volunteer Counselors and the other half are associated with an agency or private organization. Our Counselors are all trained and certified and do an excellent job in helping our beneficiaries. I can say they all have a heart for the seniors and those who are on Medicare because of a disability. We strive to help our clients with health insurance questions, medical billing issues, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid systems, along with a wide range of other related subjects.

Lastly, I want to talk about an issue that I see looming in the area of health insurance. The current session of the Michigan Legislature passed two bills that will reorganize Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. While the full details of this legislation is well beyond the scope of my comments, I have a deep concern that one aspect of these new laws will have a huge impact on Medicare beneficiaries in Michigan. As a result of this legislation the Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy Medigap plans will probably disappear after June of 2016. We have about 210,000 Michigan residents who are enrolled in these Medicare supplement plans. Very few of these subscribers are aware that the Legacy products will likely be ending in about 3 years. While there are certainly other medigap supplemental plans available, the Legacy products have

long been a favor-ite because of their relatively low cost and the excellent coverage offered by them. While the loss of these plans will result in a major change in health care costs for seniors, residents who are receiving Medicare benefits at an earlier age due to a disability will also face a crisis. These beneficiaries will not have many choices for medigap coverage because they are under the age of 65 and most companies do not offer supplemental plans for these individuals. Those that do offer them charge premiums that are unaffordable. Fortunately we have some time to react to this. My hope is that we, in Michigan, can arrive at some reasonable consensus regarding the availability and the pricing for medigap supplemental plans within the next three years. We need to ask ourselves, "What can I personally do to ensure that this happens".

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

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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 20 CASINO TRIP Pick up 11am	Friday, June 21 Maestros 11-12 Raffle	Monday, June 24 Bingo	Tuesday, June 25 Br. Bag Bingo	Wednesday, June 26 Night Meal 5pm Monti Loper Raffle	Thursday, June 27 Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 20 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Pinochle	Friday, June 21 9:30 am Craft Class 1 pm Rummy	Monday, June 24 1pm Pinochle 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, June 25 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wednesday, June 26 3pm Bingo NIGHT MEAL 5-6 pm	Thursday, June 27 10:30am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 20 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, June 21 BAKE RAFFLE everyone bring something! 11am Cousins Bingo	Monday, June 24 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, June 25 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, June 26 NIGHT MEAL! MUSIC at 4:00 EAT at 5pm	Thursday, June 27 KARAOKE DAY!
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Thursday, June 20 POLISH SAUSAGE	Friday, June 21 CHEESY MEATBALL	Monday, June 24 APPLE BBQ CHICKEN	Tuesday, June 25 HAMBURGER W/ BUN	Wednesday, June 26 NIGHT MEAL! LIVER & ONIONS	Thursday, June 27 CRUNCHY DRUMSTICKS
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