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Boyne City senior center, Ryan Carson celebrates the Ramblers come from behind victory after grabbing the rebound as the clock expires following the Red Devils final shot attempt. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

County Commissioners Vote to Suspend Recycling Committee

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX - County Commissioners voted December 23rd to suspend the County Recycling Program in front of a rather disgruntled audience.

Members of the Recycling Committee spoke to the Commissioners before they voted, expressing their frustrations with the decision to suspend the Committee and hand over its jobs to the County Maintenance department and the Charlevoix County Conservation District.

Nancy Ferguson, former Chairperson for the Committee was the first to comment on the decision and how she was frustrated with the choice since the Committee had always been financially astute.

"We made the budgets, we made the contracts, and we did all our projects for free," said Ferguson.

Commissioner Larry Sullivan supported Ferguson's comments, and said that he disagreed with the decision to suspend the committee.

"...downsizing the Committee would be a mistake...personally I am opposed to reducing the committee," Sullivan said.



Recycling Committee members, Diane Gustin, Michelle Rick Biddick, Nancy Ferguson and Shirlene Tripp after the Board's decision to suspend the Committee.

Sullivan was not the only Commissioner to disagree with the choice to suspend the Committee. George Lasater, Commissioner for District 1 said that the more people that are involved in county government the better off the county government will be. Both Commissioners voted no to the choice to suspend the Committee.

Other Commissioners pointed out that this was a

suspension, not a complete elimination. Ronald Reinhardt, Vice Chair explained that this is just a change; change is constant, and not necessarily a bad thing.

Once the Commissioners voted to suspend the Committee Michelle Rick-Biddick approached them once more to ask that those now in charge make sure the whole County is taken care of and repre-

sented. She also expressed a desire to lower the millage rate for the community due to the amount of money the Committee has saved the County. She felt that money could be used to offset the difference.

"We have put a lot of time into this, over 13 years...you can't put a price tag on the amount of money saved...we have been very frugal with that money," Rick-Biddick said.

In other news; Human Resources Coordinator (HRC) Kevin Shephard was appointed Charlevoix County Coordinator/Human Resource Director. The change in title stems from the additional job duties Shephard has been handling that range outside of the job description for the title of HRC. No pay increase has been awarded at this time, but rather will be discussed when Shephard's contract comes up for renewal in May 2014.

The Commissioners also choose to create a subcommittee to handle discussions regarding the building of the Beaver Island Maintenance Garage. The subcommittee will deal with the details of building, gathering resources and bring their recommendations to the Building and Grounds Committee for consideration.

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EAST JORDAN PLANNING COMMISSION

East Jordan retains professional services for Master Plan update

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—For the first time in over a decade, the City of East Jordan Planning Commission is launching into the process for updating its Master Plan.

Adopted in June 1992, the original Master Plan was comprehensively amended in April 1998 and further amended in August 1998 and January 1999. It has now been nearly 15 years since the city has revisited the Master Plan.

"The City Planning Commission is looking to broaden the scope of the new Master Plan by ensuring that it considers more than just the city limits proper," noted City Administrator Chris Yonker. "Those that live or operate businesses in the immediate surrounding areas often identify themselves as being from the greater East Jordan community. They shop, recreate, work, pass through, seek services, attend school, and receive mail from or in town."

While not a formal joint planning effort between the city and the greater East Jordan community, Yonker says it makes sense to include those outside city limits on many levels.

"It makes sense...to cooperate in guiding how we want the greater East Jordan area to look, develop, redevelop, and support its citizens and visitors over the next generation," said Yonker.

At the December 17 City Commission meeting, the city approved the recommendation to retain the professional services of Land Information Access Association (LIAA) out of Traverse City to update the Master Plan.

"I know [LIAA] can do the job...having worked with this firm, this nonprofit for quite a few years," said Yonker. "[LIAA] is ready to go. They have the staff on board to run and do the project."

LIAA is offering a \$30K grant through the Cargill Foundation to use towards the project, which coupled with the \$20K grant that the city has been awarded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the \$15K they have budgeted to spend, will allow for a thorough planning process.

Always on the cutting edge of new planning techniques and processes, LIAA will most likely take 2-3 months to complete the update, which will include extensive public outreach and input.

LIAA will most likely work

with at least one of the neighboring townships. They will create a project website and will likely use social media to communicate with the public. They will be looking for ways to increase tourism through natural resource management and will focus on sustainability for the community. And because LIAA has an in-house mapping team, they have the capability to produce a variety of maps to assist in the planning process.

"Ultimately, [the city] would have a functioning mapping system that could be used by multiple city departments, including public works, parks, police, EMS, fire, assessing, utilities, planning/zoning, etcetera," said Yonker.

"[LIAA] will do the kind of job we need to be done," said City Attorney Scott Beatty. "It's in the best interest of the city."

Yonker will return to the commission with a contract for acceptance, pending authorization of the \$30K Cargill Foundation grant. And with a new year, the city will begin the long awaited update.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

Crisman pleads no contest to CSC charges

Today in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Floyd Bernath Crisman, 60, pled no contest to two charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct - First Degree, involving two separate victims under the age of thirteen.

These charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Crisman was originally charged with one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in 1993 but he failed to appear for trial at that time and absconded to Arizona, where he was arrested this December.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Crisman's court appointed attorney Kraag Lieberman indicated that Crisman pled no contest because his memory of the incidents was negatively impacted by Crisman's abuse of alcohol, mini-strokes suffered and the passage of over twenty years since the offenses occurred.

A no contest plea is treated the same as a guilty plea for sentencing purposes.

As part of a plea agreement, other Criminal Sexual Conduct charges involving one of the same victims and a misdemeanor Child Abuse charge were dismissed.

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EAST JORDAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

New management is on the menu at Murray's Bar & Grill

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—Celebrating 10 years of business on Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, Murray's Bar & Grill of East Jordan brings new energy to downtown under the management of Brandon Brimacombe.

Hired by owner and graphic designer Laurie Lesser Hodgson, Brimacombe took over as general manager on one of Murray's busiest days of the year, the Saturday of the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival. "We did 360 covers that day alone," said Brimacombe.

Brimacombe is from Cheboygan but has worked throughout many Northern Lower Michigan cities. His resume includes six years with Michigan Management, kitchen experience at Apache Trout Grill of Traverse City, and bartending at Odawa Casino of Petoskey.

"[Brandon] came in and whipped the kitchen and the front of the house into shape," said Hodgson. Assisting with the front of the house is marketing manager Jennifer Burr.

"[At Murray's] everyone gets along," said Brimacombe. "This helps move things a lot more fluently. It's a lot easier when you're not battling the back of the house and the front of the house."

Along with great food and friendly people, Murray's offers all of the biggest games on television. "We have three TVs and will be adding more," said Hodgson. "We have the Charter sports package with all of the games."

While looking to beef up the sports bar, Murray's is also enhancing lunch with the addition of pizza to the menu. Eat in or take out, Murray's has the standard "build your own pizza," along with many specialty pizzas, including "Pulled Pork" that has pork, caramelized onion,



General Manager Brandon Brimacombe works to fill a catering order for local business, E.J. Murray's offers catering for parties of all sizes both on and off-site.. Brandon took over as general manager on one of Murray's busiest days of the year

smoked gouda and BBQ sauce, as well as "Chicken Pesto" that has chicken, tomatoes, spinach, shredded parmesan, and house-made olive oil pesto sauce.

The pizza lineup includes a "buy 10 pizzas, get a 3-topping pizza for free" special. Save take-out box stamps and/or get a pizza punch card to earn the free



Murray's Bar & Grill welcomes hunters downtown East Jordan. Murray's kitchen is open 11:30 am-9:00 pm Monday-Thursday, 11:30 am-10:00 pm Friday and Saturday, and 12:00-9:00 pm Sunday.

pizza. For those looking to dine in, Murray's has an all-you-can-eat pizza and salad buffet Monday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm. Other daily specials include: Tuesday, all-you-can-eat tacos; Thursday, burger and beer night; Friday, all-you-can-eat fish fry with John Cross whitefish; and Saturday, prime rib.

Murray's is not only expanding their menu but also expanding their space. "We bought the building next door (113 Main Street) about two years ago," said Hodgson. The building, with its original tin ceiling tiles and exposed brick, is primarily being used for food storage in the back half, while the front half is currently undergoing a remodel. The space, which is connected to Murray's Bar & Grill through an interior door, will be used for dining overflow and will be able to seat 50-60 people. It will also

be a space that people can rent out, according to Brimacombe. The original hope was to have the new space completed by hunting season, but the renovation is a bit behind schedule, said Hodgson.

Burnette Foods, Inc. will be among the first to use the new dining space for their upcoming Christmas party. Hodgson also hopes to work with neighboring business, MI RootsWear to possibly provide a place for local musicians to perform.

Murray's Bar & Grill is located at 115 Main Street, serving lunch and dinner daily. Come by car or snowmobile for new beers on tap and the biggest games on television. For more information, 'like' Murray's on Facebook and love them in person, or call 231-536-3395.

For Auld Lang Syne

By Jim Akans

Forget about Hey Jude, My Way or even Good-night Irene, one of the best known songs in English speaking countries, particularly as New Year's Eve rolls around, is the hearty refrains of Auld Lang Syne.

It's surfacing is brief, typically just after the stroke of midnight on December 31st and then it is safely tucked away amid the noisemakers and party hats for the next 364 days, 23 hours and 50-odd minutes. But it's presence during those celebrated moments as the year changes faces is HUGE...it seems that everyone instinctively knows the words and melody.

Well, some of it anyway. Actually, there are five stanzas to the poem penned by Scotland's Robert Burns back in 1788. Typically, crowds gathering on New Years Eve sing verse one and the chorus, and while venturesome spirits sing a shortened version of the full song comprised of verse one, five and the chorus. Seldom do the other verses resound with voices.

There is some serious contention to the claim of Mr. Burns having been the originator of the piece. A letter written by Burns to an acquaintance named Mrs. Agnes Dunlop suggests that he restored the piece based on fragments of an old ballad dating back to the 15th or 16th century. It is generally agreed that at least two of the verses, (3 & 4), are directly attributed to Burns writing style.

The melody for Auld Lang Syne (which translates to "old long since") is commonly credited to

composer William Shield who originally used it in his 1783 opera; Rosina. The tune, with Burns words, quickly became popular as the last song sung as evening gather-

ings broke up. A ritual developed where the group stood in a circle, each person crossing his arms in front of his chest and clasping his neighbors' hands, and all arms

swung forward and back in time with the music as the song was sung. Give that a try when the clock strikes twelve this New Year's Eve.

Here are the complete lyrics to Auld Lang Syne. Happy New Years!

AULD LANG SYNE

Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,

For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne

We twa hae run about the braes

And pou'd the gowans fine;

we've wander'd mony a weary foot

Sin' auld lang syne

We two hae paidled i' the burn,

Frae mornin' sun till dine;

But seas between us braid hae roar'd

Sin' auld lang syne

And here's a hand, my trusty friend,

And gie's a hand o'

thine;

We'll take a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot

and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,

For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne

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OBITUARIES

Lewis Edward Upton, Jr., 83

(SEPT. 29, 1930 - DEC. 17, 2013)

Lewis Edward Upton, Jr. of Walloon Lake, Michigan, died December 17, 2013, at Hiland Cottage, Petoskey, Michigan.

Louie or "Scoop" Upton was born September 29, 1930, in Boyne Falls, Michigan. He was the son of Lewis Upton, Senior, and Gladys Hetrick Upton.

Louie grew up in Boyne Falls and graduated from Boyne Falls High School in 1948. That same year, he joined the U.S. Army and then transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserves 1949-1955.

Louie then married Evelyn Patricia Shaler on June 20, 1955, in Boyne City, Michigan. They then moved to Flint, Michigan, until 1959 when they returned to Boyne City to settle in their new home for the next 30 years to raise their family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, in 1987. Louie worked for 26 years at Moore's Hardware in Boyne City. He was locally known to many in town as the "Go-To Guy" for their entire home repair needs even going as far as opening the store after hours to help a customer out. In 1985, he began work at The Landings Condominiums in Boyne City in a maintenance/repair role until 1992 when he retired.

On September 30, 1989, Louie married Betty Urman in Walloon Lake, Michigan, where they enjoyed their retirement years together. During the coldest months of the Michigan winters, they would savor the warmth of Florida together. Betty preceded Louie in death in 2006.

Louie was well known within the Boyne City community as the Boys and Girls High School Basketball Scorekeeper for 35 years (1977-2012). He was also active in the Boyne City Sports Boosters. Louie grew to love the game of golf in his retirement years playing on leagues and with friends. He was also a very active member in the Boyne City Presbyterian Church for most of his life.

Louie is survived by sister, Barb Boudreau, and children: Brad (Joni) Upton, Scott Upton, Gregg Upton and Judy (Mark) Forreider, Gary (Vicki) Urman, Mary Lou (Rob) Bayha, Tom (Sheila) Urman, Victor (Eliza-

beth) Urman. Louie is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Boyne City Presbyterian Church. Pastor Beth Brochart delivered the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial offering to the Boyne City Presbyterian Church. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Beverly Ann Jensen, 75

(MAY 24, 1938 - DEC. 16, 2013)

Beverly Ann Jensen died on December 16, 2013 at Charlevoix Hospital.

Born to Richard and Vera (Hammond) Simmons May 24, 1938 in Charlevoix County, Beverly is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Margaret. She is survived by four sisters: Betty (Alan) Louiselle of Springfield, Missouri; Sue (Bruce) Bergmann of Moran, Michigan; Dixie (Dale) Cosier of Boyne City, Michigan; and Vera Arnott of East Jordan, Michigan.

"Bev" resided most of her life in Gaylord. She married Edmond William "Bill" Jensen on October 13, 1956 at the Evangelical Free Church where she was a life-long member.

Bill and Bev had five children: Brian, Gaylord; Barry (Kathy) Gaylord; Becky, Gaylord, Brad (Sandra) Alexandria, Indiana; Brett (Ross Witherbee) Gaylord. They have ten grandchildren, ten great-grand children and numerous nieces and nephews.

Perhaps best known for her love of newborn babies, Bev swaddled, rocked, and helped deliver hundreds, if not thousands of babies in her 42 years as a Nurse's Aide in the Obstetrics Department of Otsego Memorial Hospital. While there, Bev knitted hats for the newborns. Even after her retirement she kept OMH and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital supplied with the hats.

Fondly called "Granny" by

her family, Bev carried over her love for babies by volunteering in the nursery at MOPS meetings and doing laundry for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Rarely without a knitting project in her lap, she made sweaters for the Guide Post Sweater Mission Project, which today are keeping people warm all over the world.

Everyone who knew Bev would agree that she was a very giving person - always ready to share herself and her time to give a hand where needed. That generosity, her smile and how she could calm the fussiest baby is how we will remember Bev, our wife, sister, Mom and Granny.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 20 at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the family through Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548 Gaylord, MI 49734

Chester "Chet" L. Hankins, 80

(NOV. 24, 1933 - DEC. 18, 2013)

Chet Hankins lifelong resident of Petoskey passed away unexpectedly at his home in Little Traverse Township on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the age of 80.

Chet was born in Petoskey on November 24, 1913, the youngest of 8 children born to Clayton B. and Margaret M. (Hathaway) Hankins. He was a graduate of Petoskey High School, Class of 1952.

In 1953 Chet enlisted in the United States Army and served until his honorable discharge in 1956. Following his military service Chet returned to Petoskey and on October 19, 1957 he married the former Jacqueline Hausler at the United Methodist Church in Boyne Falls.

Many will remember Chet from his years with Ballard's Plumbing & Heating where he worked as Shop Manager. He was highly regarded and well respected by his colleagues and customers for his dedication, attention to detail and incredible work ethic. A true gentleman in every sense of the word; Chet was a man who did his best to care for the needs of his

family. In earlier years he enjoyed hunting and fishing; since his retirement in 1995 both he and Jacqueline have traveled extensively, enjoying vacations in Africa, Spain, Hawaii and all over the U.S.

Chet is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline and by his son Mark of East Jordan and his daughter Dr. Karen Knight and her husband Stephen Gould of Golden, CO. Chet is also survived by his grandchildren Zoe of Brooklyn, NY and Geoffrey of Colorado, and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 7 brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held on Monday, December 23 at Stone Funeral Home; Rev. David Behling officiated. Interment will take place within Greenwood Cemetery.

Waneta Marie Puroll, 76

(JULY 12, 1937 - DEC. 13, 2013)

Waneta Marie Puroll of Warner Township, Elmira, died on Friday, December 13, 2013 at HPH Hospice in Dade City, FL where Waneta had been living with her daughter & son-in-law, Cindy and Jamie Brown off and on for the last four years.

Born on July 12, 1937 in Onaway, she was the daughter of Gerald and Mable Curtis. On November 5, 1955 she married Walter Lester Puroll at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Elmira.

Waneta worked as a machine shop inspector at Honeywell in Boyne City for many years. She enjoyed fishing, baking and gardening. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially the children and grandchildren.

Waneta was preceded in death by her husband, Walter and her sister, Jeanne Vermilya. Surviving are her nine children, Louie W. (Devonna) Puroll of Arizona, Randy C. Puroll of Elmira, William G. Puroll of Kingsley, Mary J. Goy of Gaylord, Cindy L. (Jamie) Brown of Webster, FL, John L. Puroll of Boyne City, Daniel S. Puroll of Boyne City David A. (Martha) Puroll of Lakeland, FL and Jeanne M. (Eric) Belford of Elmira; 27 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Aaron and

Thelma Curtis of Onaway.

Services will be held on December 28, 2013 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Brooksville, FL. Local services will be held in the Spring at Hudson Township Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home, 850 North Center Avenue. Please share your personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com.

Barbara J. (Lenhard) Adams, 85

Barbara J. (Lenhard) Adams of Boyne City and formerly of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 17, 2013.

Beloved wife for more than 60 years of George F. Adams. Loving mother of Mary Ann (Dane) Hyde, Jane M. Sondergaard, Timothy J. (Pamela), Christopher J. (Michelle), Patrick M., Thomas G. (Laurie), Margaret (Dr. Paul) Gaudin and Kathryn S. Adams. Proud grandmother of 18.

Barbara graduated from Marygrove College and taught several years with the Detroit Public Schools.

Private family services are planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blessed Sacrament Monastery, Farmington Hills, the Capuchin Monastery, Detroit, or for memorial Masses at St. Matthew Church, Boyne City. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

Barbara Cherie Hernandez, 35

Barbara Cherie Hernandez of Boyne City passed away on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital.

A memorial service was Monday, Dec. 23, at Walloon Lake Community Church with a gathering of family and friends.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.



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Boyne City High School to host regional robotics event

The Boyne City High School Robotics Team will host the regional 2014 FIRST Robotics Competition Kickoff on Saturday, January 4, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

FIRST competitions challenge student teams to design and build a robot designed to perform prescribed tasks against other competitors. Students, under adult mentor

guidance, also organize fundraising, develop team skills and promote their efforts.

Over 250 students from 17 area schools will attend the event, which begins the six-week period during which teams are permitted to design and build their robot in advance of the competition season. Students and mentors will attend workshops, learn

from other teams, see robots from previous competitions, and hear about the 2014 challenge.

"We're very excited to host this event", said Karen Jarema, Boyne City High School principal. "Having the kick-off in our community is quite an honor for our program." Boyne City's team took a first place in a district com-

petition in Troy, Michigan during the 2013 season in just their second year as a team.

According to Jarema, anyone is welcome to attend the event to learn more about FIRST Robotics Competitions, and opportunities to contribute or serve as a mentor.

For more information, contact the Boyne City High School at 231-439-8130.

Kirtland Community College Announces Fall 2013 President's, Dean's Lists Honorees

ROSCOMMON – Officials at Kirtland Community College recently recognized students for their academic achievements during the 2013-14 fall semester which earned them placement on the college's dean's and president's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

Kirtland provides open access to education and cultural opportunities to enrich the lives of the people in northern Michigan. The faculty and staff seek to offer higher education in a student-focused environment, providing transfer and career technical programs; developmental studies; workforce development; personal enrichment and cultural opportunities. Annually, more than 3,000 students attend a variety of occupational, skilled trades, two-year and transfer degree programs at Kirtland's locations near Roscommon, Kirtland-Gaylord, Kirtland-West Branch and in Tawas. Kirtland also offers a wide range of online courses and degrees, all of which can be completed from home.

To learn more about Kirtland's veteran-friendly services, programs, advising, testing, financial aid and other services available to students, contact Michelle Devine, Admissions Coordinator, at 989-275-5000 extension 284 or visit <http://www.kirtland.edu>.

Following is a list of students receiving honors from within our distribution area.

President's List

Peter Rupinski, Ellsworth
Kaylee Wilson, Boyne Falls

Part Time Student Honorees

Tara Essenberg, Ellsworth

Students of the Week

Boyne City High School Emma Vondra



GRADE: 9

PARENTS: Chuck and Theresa Vondra

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Music, Sports

FUTURE PLANS:

"After high school I plan on going to college and hopefully pursuing a career in sports journalism."

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

"I'm very lucky to go to Boyne City High School where there are endless opportunities."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Great attitude and takes her responsibilities very seriously." (Randy Calcaterra, Visual Imaging Teacher)

"Great attitude and hard worker." (Erin Bybee Assistant Principal and David Hills, Athletic Director)

"Emma Vondra is a model student—dedicated to her academics, athletics and her community! Great job Emma!" (Michele Deming, History Teacher)

"Emma Vondra - participates thoughtfully and does quality work." (Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher)

4th graders wrap gifts for needy families



Concord Academy Boyne K-4 students wrapped gifts for local families in need of Holiday cheer. Behind the students is the Mitten Tree. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

Boyne City High School Candace Kauska



GRADE: 11

PARENTS: Robert and Amanda Kauska

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Hospitality Class

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Skiing, Shopping

FUTURE PLANS:

"I plan to go to college, get a good education and a good job."

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

"I feel like my education has increased and my positive attitude."

STAFF COMMENTS

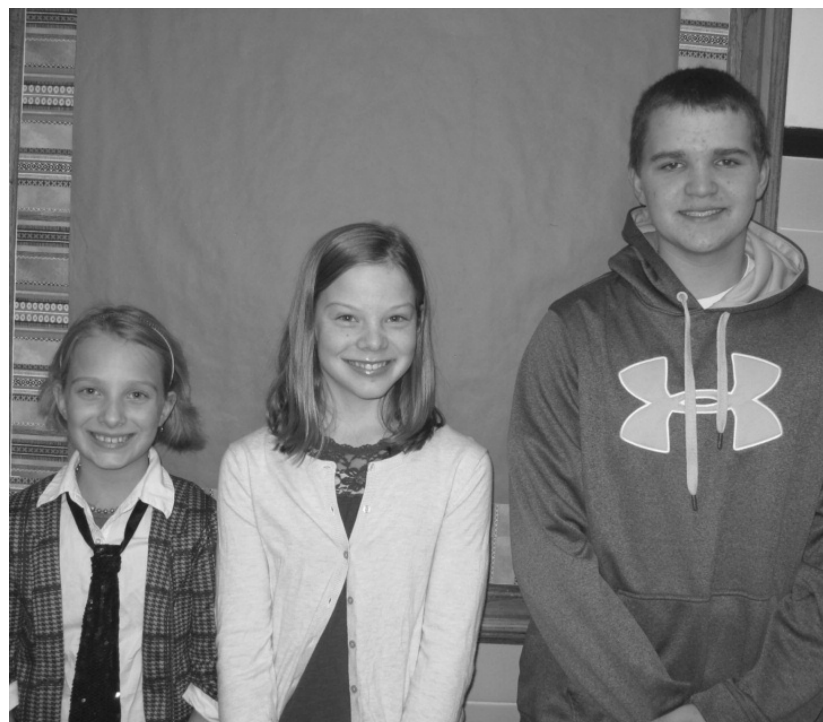
"Always positive" – Erin Bybee, Assistant Principal and David Hills, Athletic Director

"Candace is dedicated to being successful and always puts forth great effort. Further, she is personable, helpful and polite." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

"Candace Kauska is a solid student, I love having her in Hospitality. She will make a great leader someday." – Dennis Crissman, Hospitality Teacher

Students of the Month

East Jordan Public Schools



(l-r) Jayde Fazio, Maggie Stevenson, Collin Bajko

Jayde Fazio

"Jayde comes to school not only ready to learn but excited to learn every day. She always volunteers to help other students and her teachers. She is a role model to all students, she raises her hand to speak, always uses her manners, talks at appropriate times but not throughout class. Jayde is kind and respectful she is a good friend. She worries about others and when they are upset she comforts them. Jayde is a teacher's dream student she works hard and is a rule follower. Jayde is always safe, respectful, and responsible." (Mrs. Hewit)

Maggie Stevenson

"Maggie is my daily reminder of why I love teaching. She is enthusiastic about learning, gives her best effort in everything she does, and beyond all of that she does it with a smile. Her smile will brighten any room and her compassion for others reflects the quality of a true leader. THANK YOU Maggie for being YOU and sharing your love of learning, enthusiasm, and kindness with all of us daily!" (Mrs. Crick)

Collin Bajko

"Collin defines what a true student/athlete is. His work ethic in the classroom carries over onto the basketball court. He is usually the first one to class and the first one on the court for practice. He is diligent in his studies, is highly organized and prepared daily. Not only is he an outstanding student/athlete but a wonderful young man as well who is very respectful towards adults and his peers." (Darrin Weber)

Student of the Week

Boyne Falls Public Schools Amber Leinonen



GRADE: 9

PARENTS: Dave Leinonen and Judy Kirkpatrick

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Work for the Polish Festival

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: I love One Direction, The Beatles, Drawing and Traveling

FUTURE PLANS:

I plan to go to England, go to college and become a nurse.

FAVORITE BOOK:

The Hunger Games

STAFF COMMENTS

"Amber is a quiet young lady who enjoys interacting in a small group setting. She is always polite to her peers, and to the staff at Boyne Falls School. She is conscientious about her assignments and takes pride in completing them to the best of her ability, which is above average. She has transitioned well into high school, and exhibits responsibility and accountability for furthering her education every day." (Michelle Woodard)

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CAH and Petoskey High School NHS collected donations for Troops during the holiday season

During the holiday season, time spent with family and friends is priceless. However, for many people around the country, a family member or friend is stationed abroad in the military and for those troops that are stationed abroad and away from their families, the holiday season is difficult.

For Ms. Tina Foltz and Ms. Sam Fettig, the collection of goods for troops abroad was a cause that was very special to both women. Both mother and daughter have a family member who is an active serviceman. During the holiday season, their family would send care packages to their family member who was abroad.

On Veterans Day, any individual who had served in the military received a free cardiac rehabilitation session at Charlevoix Area Hospital. In the course of a day, Ms. Foltz, the Program Coordinator



of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness, noted "we were surprised by the number of veterans we had in our program. Each branch of the Armed Forces was represented in our Cardiac Rehab Program and on Veterans Day, our patients decided they

wanted to help active military personnel during the holiday season."

For the students from the Petoskey High School National Honor Society (NHS), service and leadership are both important components of NHS. Students were responsible for organizing the collection of needed items, creating a distribution list for the armed forces, and helping to package the collected items.

The students along with members of the CAH Cardiac Rehab Program packaged the items that were collected. The care packages will be sent to servicemen and women during the holiday season.

For Ms. Foltz, this collection has a very special meaning, "Having a nephew in the military brings home the importance of supporting our troops. When he was overseas, he received several care packages. He could not begin to tell you how much he

appreciated such simple act of kindness." Ms. Foltz believes, "What we are doing is extremely simple; however, we cannot begin to express our gratitude to our armed service men and women. We can only say thank you for your service."

Ms. Fettig, the NHS advisor for Petoskey High School, "was thrilled with the success of campaign. The students did a wonderful job collecting items and figuring out the logistics for packaging the items." For Ms. Fettig, "The students picked a wonderful cause. I hope this is something we can continue to support in the coming years."

Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Petoskey High School National Honor Society would like to extend its thanks to the men and women who have served and are currently serving this country.

Great Lakes Energy employees help Boyne Christmas group



Great Lakes Energy employees donated over \$2,700 along with food and toys to the Boyne Area Community Christmas program. The money was raised from a raffle and silent auction that included donations from employees and local businesses. GLE's Shari Culver (right) presents the check to program volunteer Nancy Hosmer.

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

By Jim Akans

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

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



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



The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. COURTESY PHOTO.

my new business. It kept expanding and I moved into my

current location in 1990."

Kelly adds, "Something we specialize in is wicker furniture items. People love old wicker furniture, and we also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with solid wood or very good veneers. The workmanship and craftsmanship is excellent."

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

Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am until 1 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 547-0133 or visit www.dkellyantiques.com.

Scholarships available to attend Dave Ramsey financial planning

Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity is offering scholarships for families to attend Financial Peace University (FPU), a nationally recognized Dave Ramsey financial planning course sequence which teaches household money management and financial planning skills. The weekly course will be held from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm for nine consecutive Wednesday's beginning January 8, 2014, at Walloon

Lake Community Church, located at 04320 M-75 North, Walloon Lake, Michigan.

This program is open to all area families at the regular price of \$95 per family. Partial course fee scholarships are available for lower-income families, made possible through a grant from the Hestia Women's Giving Circle of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Scholarships are reserved for lower

income families and reduce the regularly priced \$95 course to a net cost of \$25 per family on a first come, first served basis. One entrance fee per family/couple. The fee includes the evening courses plus all books, CDs and online materials. Early registration and information on scholarships is available by contacting Habitat at 231/348-6926. Registration information available online at .

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BOYNE CITY

Computer classes

Boyne District Library is offering free computer classes on Fridays at 10 a.m., including Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Classes will continue every Friday in January and February, with help available for all levels of users. Participants may bring their own laptops or other devices such as e-readers and tablets, or use the library's computers.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Gathering

Saturday, Dec. 28
Raven Hill Discovery Center Holiday Gathering: Enjoy, food, fun & friends 12 - 4pm

BOYNE CITY

Concert

Peter Mulvey will be featured in the next Freshwater Art Gallery concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. One reviewer said Peter Mulvey is "one of the foremost urban folkies on the scene. His literate, socially conscious lyrics combined with subtle and sultry right-on instrumental accompaniment has intrigued and impressed many." Future Freshwater concerts include "Wine, Women and Chocolate" on Feb. 15, and Willy Porter on March 15. Call 231-582-2588 for reservations. 213 S. Lake St.

EAST JORDAN

New Years Eve overnight

Raven Hill Discovery Center, Register your kids for a fun overnight (Tuesday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.-9 a.m. Jan. 1, 2014). Registration is limited, so book your spaces soon by calling 231-536-3369. Overnight and includes meals, snacks & activities. (Ages 4-14)

EAST JORDAN

New year's eve service

Lighthouse Missionary Church New Year's Eve Service & Party (food & games for the whole family), Tuesday, Dec. 31, 8 PM

CHARLEVOIX

Bridge drop

Join us downtown Charlevoix for the Bridge Drop on New Years Eve for food, fun, and fireworks! Celebrate the coming of 2014 in the biggest, brightest, and best way possible! Day: Winter petting zoo, camel rides, food trucks, snowman making contest, s'mores, hot cocoa, and special after Christmas sales! Night: Dinner and drink specials, live entertainment, food trucks, Bridge Drop, and fireworks! Don't forget to purchase your Bridge Drop Buttons! We are selling Bridge Drop Buttons at the Chamber for \$5. All wearing the button on New Year's Eve will receive special discounts from participating restaurants and retail! www.bridgedrop.com

EAST JORDAN

Christmas village

Lighted Christmas Village thru Jan. 5 at East Jordan Tourist Park. Sponsored by East Jordan Lions Club.

EAST JORDAN

Junior Achievement Looking Forward To 2013-14 School Year

After completing 13 Class-

es at East Jordan Elementary during the 2012-13 school year, Junior Achievement is pleased to learn that they will have the opportunity to be involved in 16 classes during the Spring Semester of 2014. In order to guarantee the success of these classes, additional sponsors for classes must be secured and volunteers recruited to teach the classes. If you would like more information on sponsoring one or more classes and/or providing a volunteer to teach a class please contact Mark Pankner at 231-582-4660 or e-mail to janso@ja.org.

BOYNE CITY

Ice pole

The downtown Boyne City ice pole has returned to Sunset Park behind the Chamber office. The pole was installed Wednesday by city crews. The water that creates the ice on the pole will be turned on when we get some below-freezing temperatures. The pole has not been put up the last two winters in favor of the downtown ice skating rink. The rink is not being installed this year because it wasn't used as much as city officials hoped it would be. It is possible the rink could be used in the future at another location such as Veterans Park. The ice pole was started about 34 years ago and has been a popular photo spot for locals and visitors.

ADVANCE

Historical info wanted

We are preparing a historical display for Advance, Michigan. If you have historical photos, information or stories regarding Advance we would like you to submit them to Edward May III to use in the display. Info regarding school, industries, buildings, people or other material is welcome. Please call Edward May III at 231-582-7266 or e-mail edmay111@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

BASES Community Education Series

2nd Wednesday's - October thru April from 6:30-7:30pm (no charge for these presentation or materials) All presentations conducted at BASES Teen Center. Topics include: Developmental Model of Recovery / Relapse, Relationships in Recovery, Emerging Drug Trends, Dealing with Other Addictions in Recovery, Raising Drug Free Kids, Young People in Recovery, Brain Training for Addiction Recovery. Attend one or all, no pre-registration required, call (231) 547-1144 for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Farm market

The Boyne City farm market is indoors at the Red Barn next to the library on Park Street. The winter market continues every Saturday at that location from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers Market

The Charlevoix Farmers Market is indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library every Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Stop in for bagels, maple syrup, scones, granola, preserves, veggies, pumpkins and more all

grown and produced locally here in northern Michigan.

BOYNE CITY

New location for Celtic sessions

Boyne Celtic session concerts are moving to a new venue. The concerts previously presented at the Freshwater Art Gallery in Boyne City will now be at the Boyne District Library community room. Singer and musician Gaeyle Gerrie-Boss will continue to host the free traditional Celtic music events from 1-3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. Musicians from the around the area will gather and play tunes from ancient Scotch, Welsh, Irish and Bretons for listeners of all ages.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Flu vaccinations available

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has received reports of increased flu activity, and reminds families throughout Northern Michigan to schedule an appointment to receive this year's flu vaccine. The cost

for seasonal flu vaccination is \$25, payable by check or cash. Private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are also accepted. Call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 to schedule an appointment. You can also visit www.nwhealth.org or www.facebook.com/nwhealthdepartment for details on the flu vaccine and other important vaccines.

CHARLEVOIX

CNC certificate program

Baker College of Cadillac will be offering a CNC certificate program at the Charlevoix High School Advanced Manufacturing and Machining Lab in January, 2014. Questions can be directed to the Baker College Admissions office at 231-876-3119.

CHARLEVOIX

New exhibit

Milagros an all media exhibit at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts runs through 01/14/14. Milagros, small metal figures used to thank Christian saints for fulfilling requests in a time of need

accompanied the Spanish as they arrived in the Americas. The featured exhibit for this show is a collection created by members of the Fiber Artists Coalition that celebrate Milagros, the small miracles and joyful surprises in everyday life. For details visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

CHARLEVOIX

State of the Community & Awards Presentation

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 7th when the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the Community Address & Awards Presentation during a special breakfast event at Castle Farms beginning at 7:30am.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Video Contest Promotes Careers in Manufacturing

Careers in manufacturing will be showcased in a student video contest available to all high school students in northwest Michigan. The contest is designed to show what modern manufacturing jobs are really like and to show that there are oppor-

tunities for rewarding careers in the manufacturing industry. The student teams with the top videos will win cash prizes for their schools and gift cards for each team member. The contest is organized by the Education Advisory Group (EAG) of the Northwest Michigan Workforce Development Board and sponsored by Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). It is open to all high school students in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. The student teams will visit local manufacturing plants and put together a three minute video highlighting career opportunities in manufacturing. Students do not need to be enrolled in a film or visual media program in order to participate in the contest. More information is available at: nwm.org/video-challenge. There is no entry fee and the deadline for video submissions is March 1, 2014.

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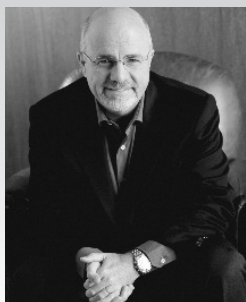


NOTICE of Early Deadline

Please note that the advertising deadline for the January 3, 2014 issue of the Charlevoix County News will be Friday, December 27, 5pm.

Thank You

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Model behavior

Dear Dave,
I live in Los Angeles, and my daughter makes \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month modeling. I don't want her to become spoiled by this job and the income, and I need advice on what to do with the money. Should it be put aside for a car, and do you think she should have to pay for something like that herself?

Lisa
Dear Lisa,
So how do we keep a high-income, high-profile job from ruining this little girl? I think a lot of it has to do with her interaction with you, and how you gently mold her work ethic and attitude. Don't let her become a diva. She's not there to be fawned over or placed on a pedestal. She's there to serve. That means working hard and doing the best she can. That's her job whether she's flipping burgers or making \$5,000 a month modeling. The money's nice, but what we're really doing is making sure she learns some important life lessons. And you're still being a parent, not a friend or peer, through every moment.

When it comes to the money, you guys should sit down and discuss some goals for the future. I think it's important that any car purchase be reasonable, because the best thing a kid this age could do with that kind of money is save up for college. Even if she goes to school on a full scholarship, she should be driving something low-key. Just because she gets a free ride in college doesn't mean she gets to cruise the streets in a Lamborghini. Set the rest of it aside for when life really begins—after college.

As her mom, it's very important that you teach her these lessons now. It's essential, too, that you don't surrender the position of parent, teacher and leader. Chances are when this young lady is 34, no one will give a flip that she modeled for a while as a teenager. The most important

things here are the lessons taught and learned, not the money.
—Dave

Garnishing while paying

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have about \$60,000 in federally insured student loans. Can our wages be garnished if we're paying less than the actual payment amount? If so, how far behind do we have to be for that to happen?
Jennifer
Dear Jennifer,
To the best of my knowledge there's no set formula for making this determination. In counseling people, we find some folks who are two years behind making payments before anything is done, while others are flagged at just a couple of months. In reality, they can garnish you immediately if you're paying less than the agreed-upon amount. But in most cases they won't mess with you as long as there's reasonable activity on the account.

The thing most people don't realize about student loans is that a lawyer doesn't have to be involved for them to garnish your wages. It's a lot like the IRS in that they don't have to sue you in order to take your wages. Congress gave them that power because it's a federally insured loan. And in my mind, that's way too much power.

If you're having trouble making your payments, don't just throw up your hands and default. Talk to them about a deferral, and keep sending them whatever you can. It's always better to be proactive than reactive in situations like these. Let them know you want to make good on your obligation, and ask what you can do to make this happen under terms you can afford.

Good luck, Jennifer!
—Dave

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Grants help Michigan combat veterans weather financial crises

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The program begins on January 13, with program start times also scheduled for February 3, May 12, May 19 and September 2. Financial aid is available.

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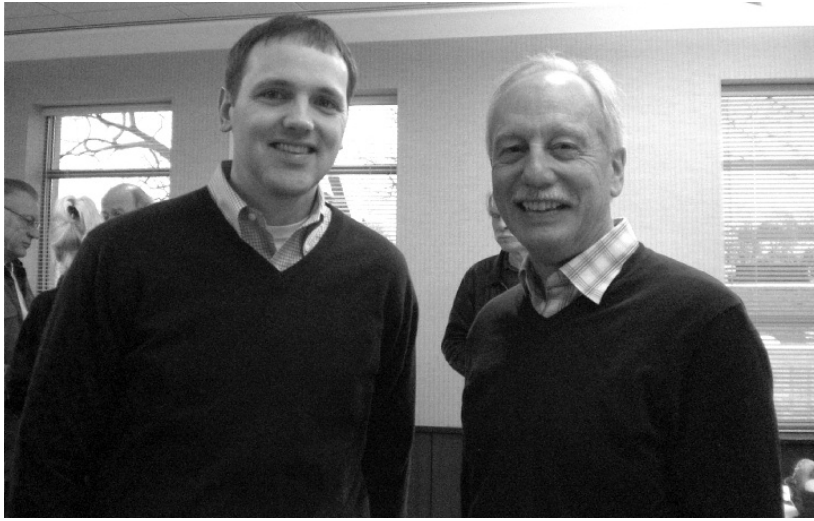
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Picture: Retiring Treasurer Rick Brandi stands with incumbent Treasurer Joe Zielinski.

City Treasurer of 27 Years Retires

Charlevoix: City Treasurer Rick Brandi will be retiring in January of 2014 after a 26 year stint in the office.

Brandi has been involved with Charlevoix government since 1987. Throughout his time here he has served as City Manager, a member of the Downtown Development Authority and sat on the Library board during their project to create what he calls “a great facility.”

Brandi states that one of the highlights of his time serving the city was during the East Park and Marina construction project that ran from 2007 to 2008. The end result was a beautiful public marina and outdoor Performance Pavilion where many Charlevoix events are held. The project cost roughly 13 million dollars which Brandi says was an impressive amount to collect.

“Funding this project was a challenging job and to see the users of the park reactions and how it all came together was amazing,” says Brandi.

Brandi hopes that the future of Charlevoix will include new jobs for many in the area, growth in school population, and improvements to the downtown business climate. His hope is that younger employees filling the open positions in Charlevoix government will bring in ideas for how these things can happen.

“I think we need everyone to participate in this process ... to use their ideas, connections and creativity to stimulate new business ventures and bring new families to the community,” said Brandi regarding how all the

community can affect positive change.

One of the new hires he is hopeful will bring ideas is Joe Zielinski, the man he has been training to fill the City Treasurer position upon his retirement.

“He is going to be great, he’s a really sharp guy, he has some great ideas,” says Brandi of Zielinski.

While Brandi hopes that Charlevoix will see positive change and increased growth in the future, he himself is looking forward to spending time with what he has around him now. His retirement offers the chance for him to be outdoors more, and spend increased time with his family.

“I am looking forward to some new projects at home, spending more time outside... having a little more time to travel and find some new things that interest and stimulate me... I will get to spend some more time reading, cooking and spending some quality time with my family,” Brandi says.

Mr. Brandi met with friends and well wishers on December 18th at a retirement party held in his behalf at the City Hall building. Included among the guests were Mayor Norman “Boogie” Carlson, various members of City Council and the incumbent treasurer Joe Zielinski. Brandi was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all his years serving the community.

Brandi will officially retire in January and Joe Zielinski will take on the position of City Treasurer.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, December 9, 2013

1:03am Assist Sheriff Department with vehicle chase on Clute and Griffin Rd

10:23am Subject in the 300 block of E Division St taken into protective custody and transported to hospital for mental evaluation

3:36am Report of lost Sam sung

4:25am Report of dam age to fence in the 100 block of E Main St

6:28am Assist to intoxicated subject in the 300 block of E Division St

11:45am Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

12:41am General assist to resident in the 300 block of E Division St

1:02am Parking violation in the 200 block of S Lake St

1:22am Vehicle in the ditch at Vogel and Maddy

10:24am Subject in the 100 block of Silver St reporting harassment on Facebook

11:19am Parking violation reported in the 100 block of E Water St

11:41am Found purse turned in from the 400 block of N Lake St. Returned to owner

11:55am Vehicle unlock on Franklin St

4:34am Report of vehicle in the roadway at Marshall and Lake Shore

8:41am Vehicle unlock at Lake and Main

8:55am Vehicle unlock on River St

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

5:45am Assist Sheriff Dept with rollover accident at 131 and Bauman Rd

9:18am Report of vehicle hit in the 400 block of N Lake St

1:18am Report of vehicle being hit in the 400 block of N Lake St

1:58am Subject at PD regarding landlord tenant issues

7:20am Vehicle unlock on LacVue

Thursday, December 12, 2013

6:45am Vehicle unlock on Brockway

11:11am Parking violation in the 100 block of E Water St

1:11am 2 vehicle property dam age accident at Boyne Av and Air Industrial Dr

1:23am Report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of E Main St since October

1:25am Assault reported in the 600 block of Grant St

1:35am Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park

Friday, December 13, 2013

7:55am 2 vehicle property dam age accident in the 900 block of S Lake St

8:20am Arrest for DWLS in the 300 block of N Lake St

11:37am Arrest for DWLS

12:12am Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St

12:53am Vehicle unlock on Beardsley St

12:59am Motorist assist at Boyne Av and Fall Park Rd

6:50am Report of audible alarm in the Industrial Park

11:35am Subject at PD regarding bond conditions

11:00am Attempted to unlock vehicle in the 600 block of E Main St

Saturday, December 14, 2013

11:16am Hit and run to parked vehicle on W Water St

1:54am Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park

3:36am Retail fraud in the 300 block of N Lake St

Sunday, December 15, 2013

10:11am 911 hang up from the 700 block of Vogel St

12:48am Private property accident in the 1200 block of Boyne Av

1:41am Abandoned vehicle in road at Park and State

3:37am Vehicle unlock on Beardsley St

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Roll-over accident on US 131

Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office responded to a one vehicle roll over personal injury vehicle crash on December 17, 2013 in Melrose Township. The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Melrose and Boyne Valley Fire and EMS services.

Randell Wilkinson, age 57 from Charlevoix, was traveling Southbound on US 131 South of M-75 when he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle ran off the road to the right and rolled after striking snow plowed to the shoulder of the roadway. The vehicle rolled and stopped upon its passenger side. Passenger Lance Daniels, age 19 from Petoskey, and Wilkinson were able to get out of the vehicle after the roll over.

Both occupants were seen by EMS and refused treatment for minor injuries sustained in the crash.

Two Vehicle Crash on Boyne City Rd.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office responded on December 22, 2013 to Boyne City Road and Horton Bay for a two vehicle personal injury car crash. Deputies were assisted by Boyne City Fire and EMS personnel. The crash occurred during snowy road and weather conditions.

Maurice Bacciocchi, age 61 of McMillan, did not see the approaching Westbound vehicle on Boyne City Road after he stopped at the Horton Bay stop sign. Bacciocchi pulled out in front of the Westbound vehicle turning left and crashed. Bacciocchi did not complain of any injury.

Becky Quackenbush, age 42 of Boyne City, was traveling Westbound on Boyne City Road. Bacciocchi’s vehicle pulled out in front of her and she was unable to avoid collision. Quackenbush was treated by EMS on scene and transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for evaluation of suspected injuries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor

The Truth about religious expression at Christmas time

Each year the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its many like-minded allies deliberately bully individual citizens, schools, and government officials into removing any mention of Christ or Christianity from the public celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has historically been one of the most celebrated holidays of the American people. Misconceptions and controversy about the fictitious “separation of church and state” and the celebration of Christmas has led many public officials to “remove Christ from Christmas” in places such as schools, parks, libraries, and government offices.

This was not the intent of the founding fathers. No court has ever ruled that the Constitution requires government officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas, or silence those who celebrate Christ’s birth.

In order to eliminate any confusion with regard to your right

to publicly celebrate Christmas, the following will equip you to dispel the myths and excuses that are used to silence the public celebration of Christmas.

Religious Christmas carols may be sung by individual students or by a group of students during school activities such as choir, Christmas programs, and other events.

School officials may refer to the school break in December as a “Christmas holiday”. The Supreme Court has acknowledged with approval that government has long recognized holidays with religious significance such as Christmas. Congress has proclaimed Christmas to be a legal public holiday.

School districts may not ban teachers or students from saying Merry Christmas. The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate. In order to violate the Establishment Clause, a teacher would have to use his or her authority to promote religion to his or her students.

The Supreme Court has stated that “the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like. The Court explained that the “study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education,” is constitutional under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has held that the Constitution “affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any. First Amendment rights accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom. School officials must permit students to convey religious sentiments through their school assignments, selection of reading materials, and clothing that conveys a religious message through words or symbols.

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a nativity scene if they have a clear educational reason for doing so. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity

scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

Public officials may display religious symbols such as a crèche or nativity scene. To determine the constitutionality of municipal religious displays, lower courts evaluate whether the religious display passes the Supreme Court’s three-prong Lemon test. Under the Lemon test, courts will inquire “whether the challenged law or conduct has a secular purpose, whether its principal or primary effect is to advance or inhibit religion, and whether it creates an excessive entanglement of government with religion”. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday. Courts often look to the endorsement test or “The Three Reindeer Rule,” which asks whether a reasonable observer would believe that the municipal display constitutes an

endorsement of religion by the government. This Rule requires a municipality to place a sufficient number of secular objects in close enough proximity to the crèche to render the overall display sufficiently secular.

The Constitution does not require government officials to eliminate all public religious expression of Christmas. The right of public school students and public officials to publicly celebrate the Christmas holiday is protected by the U.S. Constitution and the various court decisions. It’s okay to say Merry Christmas, regardless of the legal threats from the ACLU and its allies. To support and encourage others in your community to exercise their right to say Merry Christmas you’ll be part of an important effort to protect and preserve the rights of people everywhere to practice and observe their beliefs. We must protect what we have, reclaim what we’ve lost and shape who we will become. Resources available on request.

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Committee recommends to suspend County Recycling Committee

By Norma Jean Babcock

Charlevoix - The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee met for the last time Wednesday, December 18th to voice their opinions of the recent recommendation by County Commissioners to dissolve the Committee.

The Recycling Committee has been active in Charlevoix County for 12 years, during which time multiple recycling measures were implemented which involved the community in their efforts to be environmentally conscious. They created the twice a year event in which Hazardous Household Waste can be dropped off and carefully disposed of.

However, the Committee has in effect done its job according to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners who are planning to suspend the committee and hand over the duties of recycling to the maintenance department who will be aided by the Conservation District.

The decision to do so is based

on a 2 to 1 vote among the members of the building and grounds committee on which three commissioners sit. Commissioner Larry Sullivan voted to keep the Recycling Committee of which he is the Commissioners representative, however commissioners Richard Gillespie and George Lasater voted to suspend it. This recommendation was sent to the full board for consideration.

Members of the Recycling Committee are frustrated with this recommendation and expressed their concerns at the regular meeting on December 18th.

"I don't think the Commission is making the right choice here to do away with the Committee," said Chris Yonker the Committee's representative for East Jordan.

Many of the members worry that by switching from a committee, which has representatives from all of Charlevoix County, to a select few people within the Conservation District the Commissioners are choosing to eliminate community involvement.



Nancy Ferguson, Chair of Charlevoix County Recycling Committee hands out Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Committee.

"Having been on this Committee for a long time I'm disap-

pointed their considering this... every area has a representation

and a voice to be heard," said Michelle Rick-Biddick a founding member of the Committee.

Kelly Martin, a representative of the Conservation District was there at the meeting in an attempt to soothe the concerns of the Committee.

"The Conservation door does not slam shut. We are open to suggestions, I have always considered myself one of the team and I have every intention of carrying on," said Martin regarding her plans to keep the recycling spirit strong despite the Committee's suspension.

Despite the somber mood due to the impending suspension, the Committee ended their meeting on a positive note, with Chairwoman Nancy Ferguson handing out Certificates of Appreciation to those who were currently serving on the Committee and those who had been involved in the past.

"It's been great to work with everybody. Godspeed to recycling," said Ferguson in closing.

2013 Hot Cocoa Champion Announced

Grey Gables Quotes: "We are so pleased that the Charlevoix community loves our hot cocoa with caramel-wrapped marshmallows, and we appreciate your support of the Grey Gables Restau-

rant." -Kelly Romano
Congratulations to the Grey Gables Inn Restaurant, the winners of the 2013 Hot Cocoa Contest sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. The contest

was held during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House on Saturday, December 7th. Over 500 votes were cast between the 7 restaurants competing for the coveted Cocoa Cup. The competitors were Edgewater Bistro, Grey Gables, Shanahan's Prime, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, Stafford's Weathervane, The Landing's, and Scovie's Gourmet.

There was a wonderful variety of delicious cocoa made by the participating restaurants. The recipes were incredibly diverse. Those that followed the Cocoa Trail were treated to the traditional deep, rich chocolate, white chocolate, coconut milk cocoa and even a zesty barbecue blend.

It was a great event and we are looking forward to next year's competition!



Hot Cocoa Champions Darren & Kelly Romano



Dave Bennett bringing Benny Goodman to Crooked Tree Arts Center

Crooked Tree Arts Center swings into the New Year on January 11th at 8pm, when Dave Bennett takes the stage with his sensational Dave Bennett's Tribute to Benny Goodman.

A swinging evening of music led by Bennett, who recently appeared at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Steven Reineke and Tony Award nominee Montego Glover for "Sing, Sing, Swing." The Carnegie Hall program paid homage to the 75th Anniversary of Benny Goodman's legendary debut at Carnegie Hall with his jazz orchestra in 1938.

As far as traditional swing and jazz influences go- Bennett doesn't fit the mold. For starters, many jazz clarinet players don't name Alice Cooper, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Chris Isaak among their influences. It's also hard to find many musicians under 30 who are equally conversant with the music of Benny Goodman (the "King of Swing") and Roy Orbison ("The Soul of Rock and Roll"). And it

would be virtually impossible to find even one other clarinet virtuoso who occasionally breaks from his Swing Era repertoire to sing rock-a-billy hits while accompanying himself at the piano - where he plays a mean barrelhouse boogie-woogie.

"Since my early teens," says the Michigan-based clarinetist, "I've been influenced by many other genres besides jazz."

With his Tribute to Benny Goodman, Bennett has created written and "head" arrangements of many of Goodman's popular hits and "swing jazz" classics: Moonglow, I've Got Rhythm, Body and Soul, Slipped Disc, Sing Sing Sing, Airmail Special, Let's Dance, Don't Be That Way, Breakfast Feud, Poor Butterfly, Memories of You, Stompin at the Savoy and many others. The septet has worked out harmonized riffs and ensemble parts, famous from the original Goodman recordings of the 1930's and '40's. For some tunes the combo pairs down to a trio or quartet to accurately bring to life the sound of The

Benny Goodman Quartet. Regardless of which swing classic it is, Bennett is joined by an astoundingly talented group of musicians, as well as supporting the striking vocals of Toronto based vocalist Carol McCartney.

The Detroit Free press notes "Bennett, whose primary influence is Goodman, brings to the table an elegant sound, lickety-split technique and charismatic spark."

Bennett will also be celebrating his newly released cd "Don't Be That Way," which will be available for purchase that evening as well.

Reserved seats are available now online at . Patrons may also call 231.347.4337, after January 5th, to reserve tickets by phone. Support generously provided by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural and the Michigan Humanities Council. It will be sure to sell out, so Crooked Tree strongly recommends getting your tickets as soon as possible.

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MEDICARE NEWS

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2014

Hopefully all Medicare beneficiaries are aware that we are currently in the Medicare Open Enrollment Period. The time for new enrollments runs from October 15th through December 7th. This is when new enrollments can take place for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans for the upcoming year.

Each year can bring about changes in the Medicare drug plan offerings as follows:

Often there are new plans offered and some are terminated. Monthly premiums often change. Drugs that are approved for coverage under plan (formularies) can change. The deductibles often change. The co-pay charges can vary from year-to-year.

Existing plans may not provide the same level of coverage in the donut hole or gap.

These are just a few reasons that Medicare beneficiaries should review their prescription drug plans each year, even if their list of medications remains the same.

There are currently 31 stand-alone prescription drug insurance plans authorized by Medicare for 2014. In addition, there are another 5 plans that are under sanction and may possibly be available for the upcoming year, providing that the plan sponsors are able to demonstrate to Medicare that they can meet all of the requirements going forward.

While there are a large number of drug plans available, it is important to keep in mind that the only way to make a correct choice is to do an analysis using Medicare's Plan Finder located at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan>. Once the personal information and medications are entered, plans can be compared to determine which are going to work best. Enrollment in a different plan can also be done using the same website. If a Medicare beneficiary wants to stay in the same plan for 2014, then nothing needs to be done, presuming that their plan is still available for next year.

For those who do not feel comfortable doing their own online plan search, help is available from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Trained counselors can help with plan comparisons and also screen

for eligibility in the Extra Help Program that can assist with prescription drug and premium costs; and also screen for eligibility in Medicaid health benefits.

Please call 800-803-7174 to reach counselor. This is a message-only line and callers will

be asked to leave their contact information so a MMAP Team Member can return the call. This is a very busy time of the year for our staff, but we try to return calls in the order in which they are received, as soon as possible.

Here is a listing of all of the Medicare prescription drugs plans offered in Michigan along with their monthly premium cost:

Plan Name	Monthly Premium	Plan Name	Monthly Premium
AARP MedicareRx Enhanced	\$88.40	EnvisionRxPlus Silver	\$32.20
AARP MedicareRx Preferred	\$38.80	Express Scripts Medicare - Choice	\$65.90
AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus	\$22.20	Express Scripts Medicare - Value	\$36.80
Advantage-Plus Meridian	\$29.40	First Health Part D Essentials	\$47.10
Aetna CVS/pharmacy Prescription Drug Plan	\$31.00	First Health Part D Premier Plus	\$95.60
Aetna Medicare Rx Premier	\$108.40	First Health Part D Value Plus	\$42.50
Alliance Medicare RX	\$67.50	HealthMarkets Value Rx	\$30.20
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure	\$26.40	Humana Enhanced	\$45.60
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Max	\$102.90	Humana Preferred Rx Plan	\$22.80
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Xtra	\$71.20	Humana Walmart Rx Plan	\$12.60
Cigna-HealthSpring Rx - Reg 13	\$31.30	MedicareRx Rewards Standard	\$52.50
EnvisionRxPlus Silver	\$32.20	Prescription Blue Option A	\$62.80
Express Scripts Medicare - Choice	\$65.90	Prescription Blue Option B	\$98.30
Express Scripts Medicare - Value	\$36.80	Symphonix Rite Aid Value Rx	\$29.00
First Health Part D Essentials	\$47.10	Transamerica MedicareRx Choice	\$51.50
First Health Part D Premier Plus	\$95.60	Transamerica MedicareRx Classic	\$45.50
First Health Part D Value Plus	\$42.50	United American - Enhanced	\$57.80
HealthMarkets Value Rx	\$30.20	United American - Select	\$30.00
Humana Enhanced	\$45.60	WellCare Classic	\$16.10
Humana Preferred Rx Plan	\$22.80	WellCare Extra	\$44.60

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 26 Wii Bowling	Friday, December 27 B-DAY DAY! 11am-12pm Roger Raffle	Monday, December 30 Line Dance Bingo	Tuesday, December 31 Brown-Bag Bingo	Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 26 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, December 27 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, December 30 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, December 31	Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 26 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, December 27 10:30am Exercise 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Raffle	Monday, December 30 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10am Exercise	Tuesday, December 31 NEW YEARS PARTY! 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, December 26 BEEF CHILI	Friday, December 27 BAKED FISH	Monday, December 30 GARLIC CHICKEN	Tuesday, December 31 HAMBURGER W/ BUN	Wednesday, January 1 CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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Nutrition News: Selenium

What is it: A mineral needed daily, but only in small amounts. Why you need it: Protects cells from free radical damage, allows thyroid to produce hormones, and protects joints from inflammation.

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Wild cooked oysters (3 ounces, 61 calories) 87 percent daily value, Cooked snapper (4 ounces, 145 calories) 80 percent daily value, Canned white tuna, in water (3 ounces, 109 calories) 80 percent daily value, Cooked halibut (4 ounces, 158 calories) 76 percent daily value, Cooked shrimp (4 ounces, 112 calories) 65 percent daily value, Roasted turkey breast (4 ounces, 215 calories) 47 percent daily value, Broiled beef tenderloin (4 ounces, 240 calories) 40 percent daily value, Grilled portobello mushrooms (1 cup, 42 calories) 31 percent daily value, Hard-boiled egg (68 calories) 19 percent daily value, Raw tofu (4 ounces, 86 calories) 14 percent daily value

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