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## sports

ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2014

### Residents voice concern about snowmobiles on sidewalks

By Norma Jean Babcock

ELLSWORTH: Village Council met Monday at their regularly monthly meeting to discuss salary increases for village employees and complaints about snowmobilers in downtown Ellsworth.

The council decided that an increase was in order for several village employees, as well as Ellsworth police, the clerk and treasurer. These positions will

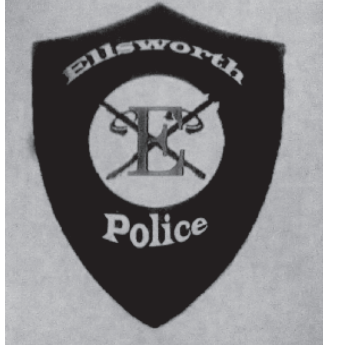
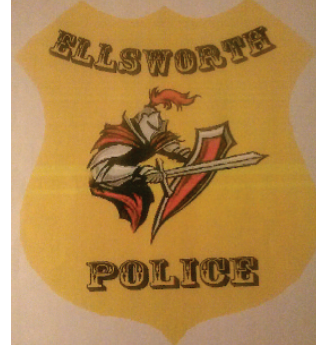
see a 3% increase to their salaries take effect in March.

Council was also informed of complaints by villagers of snowmobilers driving up and down the sidewalks of downtown. According to former council member Jerry Rasmussen, the bulk of these riders are unregistered, and do this at all times of the day, which could be dangerous for those walking the sidewalks. He com-

mented that this is especially an issue on Park St. Ellsworth Police Chief John Morris told council that he would speak with those who were suspected of doing so immediately.

Rasmussen also told council that snowmobile trails in the area could see significant changes. The trail running from East Jordan to Ellsworth could see route changes due to

See Ellsworth Council-9A



Chief Morris presented the preliminary sketches done by students at Ellsworth Public Schools for new police patches. The patches were drawn by students in their art and drafting classes and represent a wide variety of talent and artistry by the students.



Matt MacKenzie of Charlevoix makes a move to the basket in the Rayders' victory over Kalkaska. PHOTO BY DENNIS MANSFIELD.



Rambler junior Ali Johnson (4) goes up with a shot against the St. Francis defense. PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

### 33rd Annual East Jordan Sno-Blast to feature "Blessing of the Snowmobiles"



This year's Sno-Blast Winter Festival, February 7 thru 9, will feature a new event for snowmobile owners and enthusiasts. On Saturday, February 8 at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse/Grounds on Mt. Bliss Road, Father James Gardiner of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church will bless participating snowmobiles. The blessing will start promptly at 10:00 AM and there is no charge. Following the blessing a number of snowmobile and family fun events will follow. For more information on the Blessing, please contact E.J. Sno-Mobile Club Member - Caron Rogers at 231-222-2127. For a complete 33rd Annual Sno-Blast Schedule of Event visit the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.ejchamber.org or phone 231-536-7351.

### Accused Man Arrested after failing to appear at hearing

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof says that Steven Cronk, a man accused of Second Degree Child Abuse has been arrested after failing to appear at a pre-trial conference which caused a warrant to be issued for his arrest.

Cronk failed to appear at a final pretrial hearing according to the press release by Telgenhof. Because of this 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas issued a bench warrant for his arrest. Cronk was then arrested on January 10th, and is being held until the trial date without bond.

The charges against

Cronk stem from an incident in July 2013 in which his three month old daughter Brooke Leanne Cronk was shaken to the point of serious physical injury. The child suffered several broken limbs as well as bleeding in her brain and retinas. The doctors who diagnosed these symptoms felt that they were consistent with abuse, which caused Cronk to be charged.

This second degree charge indicates that the harm caused to the child was either by reckless actions or an intentional act. Because this is Cronk's first offense the sentence is limited to a ten year maximum.

Brooke Cronk has been in the care of her



Steven Cronk

maternal grandmother Laura Bush since the incident. Her mother Katie Eaton has created a webpage documenting the progress of Brooke's condition and details about the case against Cronk.

According to that page Brooke is progressing in recovering from her injuries. It indicates that Brooke is

suffering from the effects of Shaken Baby Syndrome. The blood behind her eyes is clearing and she is gaining weight quickly and working toward being able to eat on her own without a feeding tube. Though Brooke will likely face long term issues due to her injuries she is also beginning to smile, something doctors warned the family she may never be able to do.

Until the sentencing of Cronk Brooke will stay with her maternal grandmother, at which point Child Protective Services will decide if Eaton can have full custody of her. The trial date for Cronk is February 5, 2014.



Andy Hayes, President of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and Dean Solomon of the Charlevoix County MSU Extension Service conducted the goal setting session in Boyne City last week. PHOTO BY JEFF BOSSORY

### Boyne City gets public input on Goal Setting

By Jeff Bossory

On Thursday January 9, 2014 at St. Matthew's Parish, Boyne City held its annual city-wide goal planning session.

City officials and the general public were in attendance. Covered at the meeting was the current state of city services as well as a grading system of current services. After the grades were tallied the people in attendance were encouraged to put in suggestions on how to better the city services. Each item on the list was graded by order of importance.

Following is a list of goals the group identified as important to the city's future.

- City of Boyne City top 15 goals - Grade
1. Attract and retain family supporting jobs. B
  2. Promote high quality, balanced and sustainable community. B
  3. Encourage the redevelopment or reuse of sites and structures in town. B

See Boyne City Goal Setting-8A

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**weather**

**THURSDAY**



HIGH: Upper 20's  
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**FRIDAY**



HIGH: Mid 20's  
LOW: Low 10's

**SATURDAY**



HIGH: Low 20's  
LOW: Upper 10's

**SUNDAY**



HIGH: Mid 20's  
LOW: Mid 10's

**snowfall**

2012-13	Am t	2013-14	Am t
1/14/2013	19.9	1/13/2014	30.5
1/14/2013	18.3	1/13/2014	54.1
1/14/2013	23	1/13/2014	67
1/14/2013	41.2	1/13/2014	103.4
1/14/2013	16.4	1/13/2014	31.2
1/14/2013	28.5	1/13/2014	63.6
1/14/2013	40	1/13/2014	90.7

**record temps**

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
16	30°F	13°F	50°F (1949)	-19°F (1966)
17	30°F	13°F	48°F (1986)	-23°F (1978)
18	30°F	13°F	55°F (1996)	-23°F (1978)
19	30°F	13°F	53°F (1996)	-21°F (1982)
20	30°F	13°F	45°F (1999)	-11°F (2009)
21	30°F	13°F	43°F (1957)	-28°F (1970)
22	30°F	13°F	51°F (2002)	-17°F (2005)

**OBITUARIES**

**Ronald A. Celaschi, 76**

(SEPT. 30, 1937 - JAN. 9, 2014)

Ronald A. Celaschi of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, January 9, 2014, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He was born September 30, 1937, in Cleveland, Oh, to Andrew and Alice (Kasiewicz) Celaschi.



Ron served in the US Army during the Korean War stationed in Germany. On June 21, 1957, he married Diane M. Marquardt in Brooklyn, OH.

They moved to Charlevoix in 1964, where Ron worked as a welder fabricator for Medusa Portland Cement Company retiring in 2000. Ron was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix and the Knights of Columbus, Pierre de Charlevoix Council #7172. He enjoyed woodworking, playing poker, was a master sausage maker made the best smoked salmon.

Diane preceded Ron in death on January 8, 2002. He is survived by his son, Ryan A. (Karen) Celaschi of Charlevoix; step-grandchildren, Logan Baughn, and Breanna Barton; brother, David (Judy) Celaschi of Chandler, Ariz.; sister, Darlene Agle of Mesa, Ariz. Funeral Mass will be 11 am, Wednesday, January 15, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating, followed by military honors presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Tuesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the Rosary will be recited.

Inurnment will take place at Saint Mary's Cemetery in the Spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michi-

gan United Conservation Club (MUCC), 2101 Wood Street, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909.

**Nick Potter, Sr., 50**

(SEPT. 24, 1963 - JAN. 7, 2014)

Nick A. Potter Sr. of Central Lake died Tues. Jan. 7, 2014

as the result of a snowmobile accident. He was born Sept. 24, 1963, in Bellaire, the son of Fred Potter and Janet Barber.



Nick was a 1981 graduate of Central Lake High School and lived his entire life in the area. Nick was a motorcycle and snowmobile enthusiast, spending many hours in the great outdoors of northern Michigan that he loved so much. He also enjoyed his many canoe trips down the Jordan River.

Nick worked for many years at the East Jordan Iron Works and at the Central Lake Industries. He also did general maintenance for many people around the area.

Surviving Nick are his 12 cherished grandchildren that he loved to spend much of his time with, his children Teressa (Tim Buffman) Potter, Melinda (Jed) McDaniel, Mary Potter, Nick (Suzanna Dugan) Potter, Jessica Potter, Katherine Potter, Timothy Potter, his siblings Wayne (Wanda) Potter, Jim (Cindy) Potter, Tim (Lori) Potter, Nate (Hope) Wolverton, Darlene (Ed) Wilson and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his infant sister Phyllis and brother Don Boh.

Funeral services were held Sat. Jan. 11 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. A spring burial

will be held in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake. Please sign his online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com).

**Lyn E Johnson, 65**

(JAN. 31, 1948 - JAN. 6, 2014)

Lyn E. Johnson of Petoskey passed away on Jan. 6, 2014. For the past 30 years, he served as the Emmet County Controller.



Lyn was born Jan. 31, 1948, in Muskegon, the son of Everett and June Johnson. He graduated from Muskegon High School in 1967 and in 1972 he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in urban and regional planning. Following, he worked in government management positions in Ohio, Georgia and Illinois before returning to Michigan. He worked as an administrator in Marquette and Grosse Ile, Mich., before accepting the county controller position in Emmet County in 1983.

Lyn is survived by his wife of 43 years, Jean; sons and grandchildren, Jeff and his daughter, Preslee, Gavin Caverly (Christina Roberts), of East Jordan; Derek (Kelly) and their children, Alyvia and Everett, of Boyne City; Matthew of Palm Harbor, Fla.; Scott of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and daughter, Julianne, of Kentucky. He is also survived by his sister, Karen Seabolt, and his sister-in-law, Judy Niemi, and numerous nieces and nephews, including a favorite nephew, Chris. Lyn was predeceased by his infant son, Jason, Jeff's twin brother.

Lyn will be remembered for his love of his family, his golden retrievers, his forward-thinking approach to county government and his impact on Northwest Michigan over the last three decades. He was instrumental in creating parks and recreation opportunities for the public and he also led improvements to the county fairgrounds, Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga, Bay Bluffs Medical Care Facility, the Headlands International Dark Sky Park, McGulpin Point Lighthouse and Pellston Regional Airport, plus local trail efforts including the Little Traverse Wheelway and the new North Western State Trail.

Through his tenure in government management, Lyn served on numerous governmental committees and associations, including the Northeast and Northwest Michigan Councils of Government, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers. Lyn has been known as a collaborator among countless organizations, committees and entities, sharing his vast knowledge of county operations and financial management for the betterment of other communities. He was often invited to talk to other groups about the successes enjoyed in Emmet County under his leadership. It's likely that Lyn was also the longest-serving county administrator in the state of Michigan.

Lyn loved to SCUBA dive, travel to Florida and Disney with his family where he was a proud member of the Disney Vacation Club and was an avid Michigan State University athletics fan. His

family referred to Lyn as the "human GPS" for his ability to find his way in any of the new adventures they enjoyed taking in and out of the water. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time in nature. He had a passion for seeing new places and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to Emmet County.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Community Building at the fairgrounds in Petoskey. Presiding was the Rev. Vaughn Thurston-Cox of the Epsilon United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be made to the newly established Lyn E. Johnson Memorial Fund that will support and allow families to enjoy the Emmet County Parks and Recreation facilities. Donations to the fund may be made in care of Huntington Bank, P.O. Box 691, Petoskey, MI 49770.

**Thomas Luther Miller, 74,**

(JUNE 4, 1939 - JAN. 5, 2014)

Thomas Luther Miller of Charlevoix Michigan and formerly of Severna Park, Maryland, passed away from an acute attack of pancreatitis on January 5, 2014.



Born on June 4, 1939, in Highland Park, Michigan, Tom was the youngest of three brothers. At the age of three, Tom met his future wife, Ona Sieloff, at the church their families attended. Seventeen years later they were married, and they just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this past December. Tom graduated from Wayne State University and was a member of the Aviation Cadets Program. He served 22 years in the Air Force retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, and earned his master's degree in math. He worked for 32 years in the Defense Industry retiring from Northrup Grumman. During that time, he was a major contributor to the development of the most accurate interferometer for our National Defense.

Tom was a dedicated family man and an avid woodworker who enjoyed sailing Lake Charlevoix, reading science fiction, playing word games and racquetball, and enjoying "jam sessions" with his family.

A dad to many, Tom is survived by his 5 children, Beth Smith and Cindy Bauchspies of Annapolis; Tim Miller of Colorado Springs; Daniel Miller of Columbus; and Bonnie Schlachte of Ojai, California, along with 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, and of course his beloved wife Ona Miller. His eldest brother, Donald H. Miller, of Port Huron, Michigan, also survives him. In lieu of flowers, online memorial donations may be made to [www.wounded-warriorproject.org](http://www.wounded-warriorproject.org).

Memorial services were held on January 10, at the Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

**Jean Mae Marecki**

Jean Mae Marecki, of Boyne City, died Jan. 10, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, with a vigil service at 6:30 p.m., at St. Matthew Church in

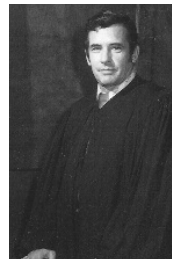
Boyne City.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at the church with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

**The Honorable Michael J. Kelly, 84**

(JUNE 16, 1929 - DEC. 31, 2013)

Michael James Kelly was born on June 16, 1929



in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents were Herman and Gertrude (nee Donovan) Kelly and they were of Irish descent. He died on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Bloomfield Hills. Michael was a resident of Boyne City, MI and a former resident of Bloomfield Hills, MI. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korea War. He graduated in 1956 from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. He was a longtime Judge for the Michigan Court of Appeals. He enjoyed golfing, boating, skiing, handball, racquetball and travel.

Beloved husband of Marilyn E. (nee Mugan) Kelly and the late R. Mary (nee Fogarty) Kelly. Dear father of Michael T. Kelly, Timothy G. Kelly, John F. Kelly (Michelle), Kathleen Chisholm (Malcolm) and the late J. Patrick Kelly. Stepfather of Christopher Ramirez, Susan Ramirez and Maya Ramirez. Also 10 grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren. Brother of Jack D. Kelly, Mary Kay Keegan (Mel) and the late Patrick Kelly (Peggy) and Marty Kelly.

The funeral Mass took place Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Oak Park, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial tributes be made to Boyssville of Michigan.

Of Bloomfield Hills, born 1929 in Cleveland, OH, admitted to bar 1956; trial practice tri-county area; founding partner Kelly, Oster, Brennan, Tatham & Solner; attended John Carroll University, Kent State University and the University of Detroit undergraduate schools (no undergraduate degree); JD University of Detroit 1956; LL.M. University of Virginia (Master of Laws in the Judicial Process) 1982; Korean War Veteran, Eighth Army, Seoul, Korea, 1953-1954; married 1957, four children, Michael, Timothy, John and Kathleen; remarried 1988 to Marilyn E. (Ramirez) who is a practicing R.N., Waterford, Michigan, three stepchildren; former member American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus, Board of Advisors of the Saint Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Board of Directors of Boyssville of Michigan; present member of Detroit Athletic Club, Michigan Handball Association, Trout Creek Condominium Association, Harbor Springs; Director of Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers; professional affiliations include ABA, IJA, AJS, Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and member of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, Inc.; elected member of Judicial Tenure Commission June 13, 1977 through December 31, 1985, past Chairman 1981-1982.

Arrangements were handled by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal

Oak. Share memories at [www.DesmondFuneral-Home.com](http://www.DesmondFuneral-Home.com).

**Gerald Lee Selph, 90**

Gerald Lee Selph of Eveline Township passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at his home.

He was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Prairie View, Ark., to Leland and Elizabeth (Cummins) Selph. On Sept. 7, 1946, he married Evelyn J. Hulett. Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the Asiatic Pacific.

Gerald was an automotive mechanic and worked at Cooper Pontiac/Cadillac in Charlevoix before owning the Gulf Service Station in Charlevoix during the 1960s and '70s. He retired from Medusa Portland Cement Company in 1985. Gerald and Evelyn enjoyed spending their winters in Florida before she passed away on Dec. 22, 2011.

He is survived by his children, Roger Selph of Buckley, Tim (Leah) Selph of Charlevoix, Pamela (John) Marek of Custer, Julie (Mike) Wood of Mason; grandchildren, Annette (Bob) Purple, Amy (Cory) Liddy, Michael Wood, Sarah (Ryan) Atkins, Mary Wood, Gordie (Emily) Selph, Tiffany Cowles; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Miriam (Eb) Koch of Prairie View, Ark., Kate Smith of Fort Smith, Ark.

No services are planned. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

**Gale L. Murphy, 86**

Gale L. Murphy, 86, of East Jordan died Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born on May 21, 1927 in East Jordan, the son of Ervin John and Erma (Pinney) Murphy. On January 7, 1951, in East Jordan, he married Frances A. Sommerville. He lived his whole life in East Jordan. He had worked for Gulf & Western in East Jordan, now known as Dura, and had served as a negotiator for the union. Gale also served as an Antrim County Commissioner for thirty years and served on the Jordan River Watershed Council.

He was a member of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. He also taught leather craft for 4H children for several years.

He is survived by four children, Mike (Sharon) Murphy of Henagar, Alabama, Donna (Ray) Nemecek of East Jordan, Karen Blanchard of East Jordan and Tim (Lynne) Murphy of East Jordan; nine grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel (Jack) Wilson and Shirley (Leon) Beal, both of East Jordan; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Frances A. Murphy on August 13, 2013; and two brothers, Sherman and Ervin, Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Jennifer Saad of the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan will officiate with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to [www.penzienfhn.com](http://www.penzienfhn.com).

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## Boyne City High School Hosts 2014 Robotics Kick-off

Saturday, January 4, 2014, high school robotics teams from all over Northern Michigan met to kick off their highly anticipated build season. Seventeen teams traveled to Boyne City High School to participate in the event. Teams included:

- Team 1711 Raptors of Traverse City Central
- Team 3537 Delta Force of Indian River
- Team 3618 Petoskey Paladins of Petoskey
- Team 3688 Norseman of Sutton Bay
- Team 3767 Titan Robotics of Traverse City West
- Team 3886 More Titans of Traverse City West
- Team 4376 Raydernators of Charlevoix
- Team 3377 Boyne City Blaze of Boyne City
- Team 4398 Imprimis Deo of

- Traverse City St. Francis Team 4983 Ironmen of Manclona
- Team 5086 Cadillac Connectors of Cadillac
- Team 5110 Elks of Elk Rapids
- Team 5183 Team Trinity of Gaylord
- Team 5223 Hillman Robotics Team of Hillman
- Team 5230 Wildcats of Alpena
- Team 5247 Red Devils of East Jordan
- Team 5314 ROBOMANIACS of Pellston

The Mission of FRC is to inspire young people to be science technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence,



communication, and leadership. FRC wants to inspire young people to become leaders in science and technology. Teams had a chance to attend workshop sessions focusing on: Concepts of a Robot Build, Controls/Programming, Team Organization, Effective Strategies, Fundamentals of FRC Safety, Competition Scouting, and Fundraising. Following the workshops, teams gathered together in the auditorium to watch a live broadcast, courtesy of NASA, where FRC revealed this year's robotic

build challenge "Aerial Assist." Boyne City was one of only 92 locations in the world to host the event. AERIAL ASSIST will be played by two competing Alliances, of three robots each, on a flat 25' x 54' foot field, straddled by a truss suspended just over five feet above the floor. The objective is to score as many 24 inch balls in goals as possible during a two (2)-minute and 30-second match. The more Alliances score their ball in their goals, and the more they work together to do it, the more points their Alliance receives.

The build season is intense, with only six weeks to design, build and test their robots before competition begins. Several of the teams are new to FIRST Robotics Competitions. All teams would welcome support from their community to make their experience a success. Support can be through a personal donation of time – Mentors are needed for all aspects of engineering design and build; or financial support through personal or business sponsorship.

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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Business of the Month is a business that goes above and beyond business as usual, positively impacting the community. This business is selected by the Chamber Ambassador Committee and will be a contender for the Chamber's Business of the Year Award. This prestigious award is presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Reception in February. We are proud to present to you the January Business of the Month:



The Chamber Ambassador Committee awarded the Charlevoix Circle of Arts as January Business of the Month. The success of the Circle of Arts is due in part to the many volunteer hours of its supporters. Pictured from left to right: Shelly Ferguson, Steve Seely, Glory Wood, Steve Overton, Rick Malamed, Cindy & Paul Vermeesch

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## STATE OF THE COMMUNITY & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 7, 2014 when the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the State of the Community Address & Awards Presentation from 7-9am at Castle Farms.

The State of the Community will feature five speakers recapping the accomplishments and challenges that the community faced in 2013 and will take a look at future plans for 2014.

The prestigious Annual Chamber Awards will also be presented during the event. Help us honor the recipients of the the Customer Service Award, Ambassador Award, New Business of the Year Award, Young Professional of the Year Award, Outstanding Citizen Award, and Business of the Year Award.

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## FERGUSON NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER

(Charlevoix, MI) The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Richelle (Shelly) Ferguson has been named Vice President of the Chamber, effective immediately.

Shelly has been with the Chamber since 2000 has served in various capacities within the organization during that time.

Shelly is currently responsible for managing day to day business operations for the membership and organization, tracking Chamber finances, overseeing the Chamber staff, and coordinating a variety of Chamber events and meetings.

Chamber Board Chair Steve Seely



commented, "The Chamber Executive Committee has been working very closely with Shelly over the past several months and have found her contributions to the Chamber to be invaluable. We wanted to not only reward Shelly for her outstanding work and commitment, but also identify her as an integral part of the Chamber's success when we bring in the new President".

Ms. Ferguson is a proud Charlevoix native and enjoys everything about Charlevoix.

She enjoys spending time with her family and outdoors activities-especially camping, hiking and biking.

## JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Please join us for Business After Hours at Challenge Fitness of Charlevoix! This exciting networking event will include a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, food, cocktails, a tour of the new facilities, door prizes and more. 2014 is the year for transformation. Challenge Fitness is a supportive gym where newcomers are welcomed with open arms, a health food café coming soon, and a salon to transform you to the Beautiful You. After Hours will be held on January 15, 2014, from 5-7pm, at 15144 Bells Bay Rd, Charlevoix, 231.675.2717

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## Finding time in your schedule for positive changes

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Making a lasting change is more than a one-time resolution. The best intentions start to fade in the reality of behavior change. Lack of time is often cited as a reason for not maintaining healthy behavior changes, particularly for those seeking to incorporate regular exercise into a busy schedule. Whatever your goals may be, do you blame lack of time for your lack of progress? We all have 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week. How much of that time do you use in support of your goals?

Think about how you would like to spend your time, that is, what activities would support your goals? Is there time in your current schedule for those activities? If achieving your goals is important to you, you will find time for them. There's a saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person. The more things you do, the more you can do" (Lucille Ball). Busy people don't have any more time in their days, but they find time for the things that are important to them. If you started the time log exercise I suggested last week, you are getting close to have a full week of information on how you spend your time. (You can download a template here: <http://lauravanderkam.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/168-Hours-Log1.pdf>)

How much of your time is committed to supporting your goals? Can you see where you can find time for exercising or incorporating another healthy activity? Perhaps you begin with the best intentions of setting aside 30 minutes a day for aerobic activity (and you know what they say about good intentions) only to be distracted by another time consuming task. Are you spending time on unimportant and not urgent activities? Number three of Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People (1989) is "Put first things first." Review the Merrill Covey matrix in light of how you are spending your time. How much of your time is spent on not urgent/not important activities? What activities can you eliminate, at least until the new behavior becomes a habit?

Examine your daily schedule (or create a schedule if you haven't already!) Make sure that you have scheduled time for the activity you want to incorporate. If you try to "fit it in" around everything else you need to do, it isn't likely to happen. It takes about six weeks for a behavior change to become a habit. If you are truly committed to making a behavior change, make the change a priority in your day and be consistent. It will get easier and you will be happy you stuck with it!

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	Crying baby Kitchen fire Some calls 1	Exercise Vocation Planning 2
Not Important	Interruptions Distractions Other calls 3	Trivia Busy work Time wasters 4

The MerrillCovey Matrix designates activities in terms of urgency and importance. Important/Urgent items must be addressed immediately. Spend the least time on Unimportant/Not Urgent items. Important/Not Urgent items, done consistently, will get you closer to your goal.

## North Country Community Mental Health awarded three-year CARF accreditation

Petoskey – CARF International announced that North Country Community Mental Health has once again obtained accreditation for a period of three years for several programs, including Assertive Community Treatment, Case Management/Services Coordination (adults and children), Community Integration, Crisis Intervention (adults and children), Crisis Stabilization, and Outpatient Treatment (adults and children).

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has undertaken a rigorous peer review process

and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

"We are very pleased by this decision, which represents our commitment to quality and client care," said North Country CMH Director Alexis Kaczynski. This is our third accreditation award from CARF, and we have performed with distinction."

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of

Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a severe emotional problem, serious mental illness or developmental disability. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit [www.norcoomh.org](http://www.norcoomh.org) or to access services call 800-834-3393.

## Physician Assistant Joins BAMC



CAH welcomes Heather Ferber to Boyne Area Medical Center

Heather Ferber has joined the staff of Charlevoix Area Hospital and Boyne Area Medical Center. Ms. Ferber is a graduate of Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant MI and a board certified physician assistant.

Ms. Ferber is delighted to be joining Boyne Area Medical Center.

"It is exciting to be working with three primary care physicians, and another physician assistant to provide excellent health care. This is a great opportunity to work with skilled health professionals."

With the addition of Ms. Ferber, Boyne Area Medical Center will employ three primary care physicians and two physician assistants.

With her addition, community members will have fast and convenient access to health care.

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital and Boyne Area Medical Center, visit [cah.org](http://cah.org).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

### CONSIDER THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Dear Editor,

She could be any woman. She could be your daughter, your sister, your friend, your mother. She may be wealthy, or she may be poor. She could be any race, any religion, any education level. She feels alone, even in a crowd, different, separate, isolated, and afraid. She does not look to the future with the same positive, self-confident hope she did three months ago. No, the future is different now. Where it was once bright, and clear, it has become foggy, dark, and filled with uncertainties. She is overwhelmed.

But she is certain of one thing, the life growing inside of her is a person, a human being, and she will protect that life! She knows she will encounter obstacles. She knows others will not understand her decision. She knows people will change how they feel about her. She knows some will try to counsel her against protecting that life, but she

has made her choice, and her choice is life for this child.

During the months of her pregnancy she will feel and see her body change. She will feel the baby stretch, and kick, and grow. Her growing tummy will remind her of all she must do before the baby is born. At times with great sadness, and other times with great joy, she prepares her heart for the day she will give the child growing inside of her to its new mother, and walk away, leaving her heart in another woman's arms.

According to the Guttmacher Institute's Fact Sheet on Unintended Pregnancy in the United States, 37% of pregnancies are unintended, and three in ten will end in abortion. However, seven of those same ten women will choose to see the pregnancy to term, and either keep their children, or give the child up for adoption. Those who choose adoption for their child learn something very important during the process; although their pregnancy may

be been unwanted, their child isn't. Many couples wait years before receiving a child through adoption. Many more continue to wait.

Please support these heroic women who find themselves overwhelmed, and alone. Encourage them for their decision, support them emotionally, and financially, if possible. Continue to be their friend even if you don't agree with them. They will need that friendship in the months following the birth of their child. Let them talk about their feelings, and make sure they know they have given another mother the best gift she will ever receive.

Sunday, January 19, is Sanctity of Life Sunday, please join us in prayer for those heroes who choose life.

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## Veteran of the Month

The Veteran of the Month for January 2014 is Douglas Warren Daman. Born on Jan. 25th, 1937 in Monroe, Mich.

Daman grew up in Monroe and after completing three years, five months of High School he enlisted in the Army on Jan. 26th, 1954. After he completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Daman was assigned to The 534th Signal Corps and was Transfer Duty to attend The Southeastern Signal School at Camp Gordon, Ga. in April of 1954 through June of 1954 graduating as a Lineman. In 1956 he passed the High School Battery Test and received his Government Education Diploma and on June 16th, 1955 Daman was promoted to the Non-Commissioned Officer rank of Specialist Third Class

Technician. On Jan. 25th, 1957 at The Separation Center, Fort Benning, Ga., Daman was transferred to The U.S. Army Reserves, Michigan Military District and on Jan. 25th, 1962, having completed his military obligation, he received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded The National Defense Service Medal. After completing his active service in 1957 Daman returned home and went to work for Ford Motor Company in Research and Development, Allison Gas Turbine Department.

On Sept. 7th, 1957, in Monore, Daman married Mary Ann Brown and while working full time, Daman continued his education by receiving an Associate's Degree from Washtenaw Community College, a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University, a Master's Degree in Engineering Technology from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's in Business Administration Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Daman gave back to his community by teaching the Hunter Safety Program and promoted The Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program at The Hall of the Divine Child Military Academy in Monroe. He was a member of The Boy Scouts of America, serving as Scout Master in 1961-62, The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, The American Legion and The Knights of Columbus.

Daman retired in 1992, as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer, built their retirement home in the Petoskey area, continued to work as an electrician, pursued his life long passion as a hunter and trapper that was a big part of his entire life and enjoyed spending time with his family. On Feb. 2nd, 2013 Douglas Warren Daman answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Mary and his family.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.



Douglas Warren Daman

### Winter Business Workshops at North Central

North Central Michigan College's Corporate and Community Education department is offering a wide variety of winter workshops in Petoskey - from iPads to financial security, communication skills to writing and publishing your own story, from sustainable farming to making beer. A complete schedule and registration form is attached. Our website () provides descriptions of each workshop.

Interested in building financial security? Start the new year by joining Chad Owens, financial advisor, on Mondays, January 20 through February 10 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. In this four-part series, participants learn the keys to sound financial planning and develop a personal plan for their future.

New this winter are iLunches. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide coffee, cookies and great tips for ways to use your mobile devices at work, at home and on the go. Instructor Christopher Cerrudo is North Central's assistant dean of instructional technology, an avid digital photographer and techie. Lunch sessions are from noon to 1:30 p.m. on February 13, March 13 and April 17.

In the Smart Talk workshops, you'll practice the communication skills to prevent conflict, understand different personality types, develop a creative work environment and grow your business. Join performance coach Anne Kirvan for all three workshops. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon on March 7, March 14 and March 21.

Write and publish your story in these special sessions. What's Your Story? Exploring the Elements of Story will be held on Wednesdays, February 5 through March 5 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join North Central's literature professor and published author Suzanne Shumway and creative writing graduate Dylan Taylor for a 6-week writing journey. Through readings, discussions and focused writing with creative direction, you'll practice the key elements in telling an unforgettable story - yours!

How to Get Your Book Published will be on Wednesday March 12 at 6 p.m. and How to Become a Children's Book Author will be on Wednesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. Publishing consultant Jerrold Jenkins will explain the details.

All workshops will be held on the Petoskey campus. For more information or to register, visit . CCE also offers customized workshops at your business. We'll tailor the content, materials, and schedule to your needs. To learn more, please call 231-348-6613.

### Recovery from the Arctic Blast

By Heather DeLong

Negative temperatures across the US in the previous week brought a threat to Americans and animals while in the outdoors. Some people saw the humor in the below zero degree weather by tossing boiling water into the frigid air and watching it turn to snow in an instant. Others spent the week in huge attempts to stay warm.

For those who have jobs that require being outdoors, it wasn't as pleasant. Policemen spent nights searching for animals left out in the cold by their owners, mailmen experienced frozen walks to deliver mail, and there was even a reported runaway prisoner in Kentucky that turned himself in because he couldn't handle the cold. Thousands of flights were cancelled, and many schools were closed. Temperatures like this could produce frostbite in minutes, so safety precautions had to

be made.

To everyone's relief, the Arctic Blast has subsided, and temperatures in the lower thirties for once feel warm to everyone. I came across a man who explained to me, "We had negative thirty wind chills last week, and now it's thirty above zero. That's a seventy degree difference. No wonder we feel like walking outside in jeans and a t shirt!"

Temperatures in the near future will be warmer than we experienced a week ago, but it is still cold. Please take precaution this winter while outdoors. Bring your pets inside; they have fur but not enough to keep them warm in freezing temperatures. Offer at hot meal to those working outside. It's times like these where we have the chance to look out for one another.

To contact Heather DeLong for any comments, questions or concerns, send an email to heather@weeklychoice.com.



Frigid temperatures are no laughing matter.

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## MDOT warns motorists, private plows of winter hazards

A private snowplow pushes snow into a state highway, causing a public plow to crash and roll over, injuring the driver. Meanwhile, in another area a motorist disregards winter conditions, traveling too fast and crashes into the rear of a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plow, disabling it.

Those are just two cases of hazardous actions in winter resulting in crashes this week in Michigan, and in both cases taking two winter maintenance vehicles out of commission.

"Slippery roads, reduced visibility, and excessive speeds greatly reduce the margin of error in winter driving," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We implore private plow operators and motorists to be extra cautious, and avoid doing anything that adds to the hazards of winter driving or roadway maintenance."

Two main concerns are when residents and businesses pile snow at the ends of driveways along the highway shoulder, and when snow is pushed

across the road, leaving snow or slush on the road surface.

The Michigan Vehicle Code prohibits depositing "snow, ice, or slush on any roadway or highway," and "the obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush." This includes the end of driveways, where banked snow can reduce visibility for vehicles trying to enter the roadway. Leaving a trail of snow on the pavement while plowing across the road also can create an added hazard to unsuspecting motorists and to road maintenance personnel.

Motorists also should be particularly careful around winter maintenance snowplows and salt trucks. These large, powerful vehicles may be traveling at slower speeds than vehicles around them, and may be obscured by blowing snow.

"For your safety and the safety of our operators, it's important to give snowplows a buffer to do their work," Steudle said.

Some tips for motorists encountering snowplows:

- Snowplows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks;

- Snowplows often throw up clouds of snow behind them, reducing visibility for drivers following behind them;

- Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With new wing plows and tow plows, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash; and

- MDOT snowplows throughout Michigan will be driving at 25 mph when applying salt, which helps keep more salt on the roadway driving lanes where it is most effective. Snowplows may travel at up to 45 mph when plowing only.

MDOT says: Drive like you want to make it home tonight.

## Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

By Jim Akans

"We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn't typically find in a resale shop," observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. "Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day."

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980's. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school's day care program.

The Shop began operating under the direction of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in 2005, being re-organized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated inventory from local residents and



businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who attend St. Francis in Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

"What truly sets our shop apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer," states Grissom.

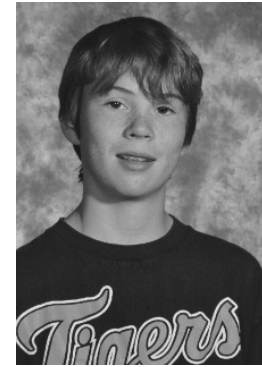
"The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store."

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm. For additional information call (231) - 348-2980 or visit New Beginnings Thrift Resale on Facebook.

## Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

### Lucas Day



GRADE: 9

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Football, Baseball

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Fishing, Tubing, Skiing

FUTURE PLANS: "Attend college and become a writer."

#### STAFF COMMENTS

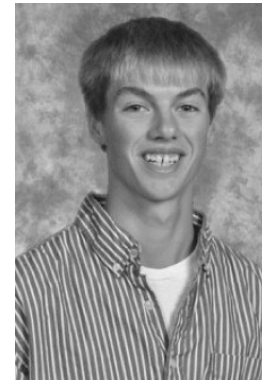
"Lucas is a student of history! His passion for detail, knowledge of different historical events and willingness to participate in class discussion are impressive! Great job Lucas!" - Michele Deming, History Teacher

"Great student, respectful, responsible, fun to have in class!" - Amy Hertel, Spanish Teacher

"Lucas works very hard to be successful both in and out of class. He also participates on a daily basis with a great attitude." - Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

Boyne Falls High School

### Marcus Matelski



GRADE: 10

PARENTS: Chris and Kelly Matelski

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Baseball, Grade School Basketball Coach

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Playing Basketball, Hunting

FUTURE PLANS: Go to college and get a degree bachelor's degree in physical therapy.

FAVORITE BOOK: Heart of a Champion by Carl Deuker

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"Marcus is pleasant and conscientious student. He works hard at his sports and his school work. He is a volunteer elementary basketball coach and helps pass his knowledge to the youth of Boyne Falls." - Mr. Ted Beyer, Math Teacher

Boyne Falls Elementary

### Gavin Fitzpatrick



GRADE: 4

PARENTS: Hank Fitzpatrick and Jeanne Puroll

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: I like to run around and build snow forts. Playing catch and soccer is fun too. I also really like Boy Scouts.

FAVORITE BOOK: My favorite book is one I'm reading right now. It is called The Transall Saga by Gary Paulsen. It's about a teenage boy who is teleported to a different planet.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? I want to be a football player for the Washington Redskins. I'd like to be a linebacker.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"Look back in the classroom...it's a desk...it's a plant. No! It's Super Gavin! Faster at getting ready for class than a speeding bullet, writing more powerful than a locomotive, a nicer, more responsible kid can't be found! Disguised as Gavin Fitzpatrick, mild mannered student at a local school, he fights the unending battle for hard work, kindness towards others, and the Boyne Falls way. Gavin's positive attitude, respectfulness, great effort and so many other positive qualities really do make him our "hero" and he deserves to be recognized as our Student of the Week." - Ryan Book

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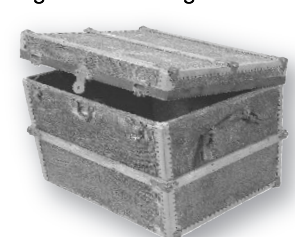
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# Hidden Treasures

## Northern Michigan Treasure Hunter's Guide to area antique, consignment, resale and thrift shops

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<p><b>CHARLEVOIX</b></p> <p><b>Bergmann Center Resale Shop</b> 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix 231-547-9624 www.bergmanncenter.org</p>	<p><b>ELLSWORTH</b></p> <p><b>Good Samaritan Furniture &amp; More Store</b> 6517 Center St., Downtown Ellsworth 231-588-2208 thegoodsam.org</p>	<p><b>ANGELS AT WORK RESALE</b> 1523 S Otsego Ave., Gaylord 989.448.8615</p>	<p><b>GAYLORD</b></p> <p><b>Venus &amp; Blue Jeans</b> 340 West Main St., Gaylord 989-731-2600 www.venusandbluejeans.com</p>	<p><b>MANCELONA</b></p> <p><b>Mancelona Food Pantry &amp; Resale Shop</b> 201 N. Maple St., Mancelona 231-587-9606</p>	<p><b>Goodwill</b> 1600 Anderson Rd., Petoskey 231-348-6947 www.goodwillnmi.org</p>





# News Briefs

## BOYNE CITY

**Concert**  
Café Sante will host a benefit for the Boyne City High School Hospitality Program from 5 to 11pm Friday, Jan. 17. The hospitality students will assist the restaurant's chefs in preparing a \$25 prix fix menu that they designed, and 100 percent of the prix fix proceeds, as well as Northwoods Soda sales will go to help send the students to ProStart, a culinary and management competition in Lansing. Entertaining from 8 to 11pm will be singer-songwriter sensation Rachel Brooke, who was called "The Queen of Underground Country" by one reviewer.

## HOUGHTON LAKE

**Tip-Up Town**  
64th Tip-Up Town USA January 17-19 & January 24-26. EAST JORDAN Wassail  
A Potluck and Winter Celebration Saturday, January 18th, 6pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free and family friendly, donations welcome. Registration encouraged - call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or leave us a message at www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm. Wassailing is an ancient rural tradition of toasting to the health of an orchard in hopes that a bountiful crop will ensue the following year. A community celebration, wasailing is done on a January night beginning with a feast and libations, followed by a short procession to the orchard where toasts are made and torches lit. Bring a sled! Immediately following will be a sledding party! Wassailing and sledding will begin at approximately 7pm following the potluck.

## BOYNE CITY

**Winter Snowshoe**  
Join LTC for a winter snowshoe outing through The Hill Nature Preserve on Saturday, Jan 18, 12pm - 3pm. There will be hot chocolate and snacks when we get to the top of the hill, which gives you an amazing view of Lake Charlevoix and the surrounding area. From there you can go on your own personal snowshoe adventure or join LTC staff Mike Lynch for a tour of the preserve. Bring your own snowshoes. Please pre-register by calling 231.347.0991.

## BOYNE CITY

**Hypnosis Show**  
Did you know Fifteen Minutes of Hypnosis is Like Three Hours of Sleep. Hypnotist Krazy Keith Kocher performs a hilarious show where he asks volunteers from the audience to be hypnotized. Volunteers may think they are meeting a movie star, missing their bellybuttons, and may even think they won a million dollars on a game show. Fall off your seat with laughter while students, parents, teachers and audience volunteers are hypnotized. Don't miss out on this incredibly funny show - get your tickets today for the show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now at Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne City High School, and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Advance ticket prices are \$6 for students, \$8 for adults. Expect to pay \$10 at the door. This show is approved for all ages. Concessions available.

## CHARLEVOIX

**BookTalkers**  
BookTalkers, the Charlevoix Public Library's book discussion group, is reading The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis and the discussion will take place 6:00 p.m., January 20. 15-year-old Hattie Shepherd, swept up by the tides of the Great Migration, flees Georgia to Philadelphia. Hoping to build a better life, she instead enters a disappointing marriage and watches helplessly as her firstborn twins die because she cannot afford medicine. Hattie gives birth to nine more children and through their lives is told the story of a mother's monumental courage—and a nation's tumultuous journey. This is the first of three discussions in conjunction with the Smithsonian Journey Stories exhibit at the library February 3.

## CHARLEVOIX

**Soup cookoff**  
The community is invited to Northwest Academy's 5th Annual Soup Cook-Off on Thursday, January 23 from 5-7 PM

at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room (220 W. Clinton in Charlevoix). There will be more than 10 local restaurants showcasing their favorite soups to sample. Try them all and vote for your favorite. Breads, beverages and desserts will also be provided. This is a fundraiser for Northwest Academy's Performing, Literary, Visual Arts and Enrichment programs. Northwest Academy is a K-12 Charter School located in Charlevoix. Minimum donation of \$2 per person requested. For more information please call Cindy at 231-547-9000.

## PETOSKEY

**Grand Opening**  
Ribbon-cutting event to commemorate the Grand Opening of the Newest Business Resource Center Network location! Event will be held at 9am on Friday, January 24th, at the North Central Michigan College Library, located on 1515 Howard Street in Petoskey.

## EAST JORDAN

**Community Potluck and Program**  
Feast & Film: A Wild Game Local Food Potluck & Film Showing Saturday, January 25th, 6pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free and family friendly, donations welcome. Registration encouraged. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or leave us a message at www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm. Join us for an evening in celebration of the bounty Northern Michigan has to offer. You need not bring a dish to pass to attend. Film (The Human Planet) will begin at approximately 7pm following the potluck. This breathtaking series explores the challenging relationship between humans and their environment. Approximately 1 hour.

## BOYNE CITY

**Winterfest**  
Winterfest fun planned in Boyne City on Saturday, Jan. 25. Nearly everything in the family-friendly Winterfest is free. Here is the schedule. Please check back for updated details:  
All day - INDOOR SIDE-WALK SALES at many downtown merchants (some outdoor sales too!)  
All day - SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST - Sunset Park, west end of Water Street. Call 231-459-4007 to register.  
All day - Great sledding, ice skating and cross-country skiing at Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area, end of Wilson Street. Warming house has restrooms and free loaner skates and sleds.

1 to 3 p.m. - KIDS' GAMES at Old City Park, including Frozen Fish Toss, Frozen Turkey Bowling. Complimentary hot chocolate and doughnuts from Glen's Market. Old City Park, corner of Park and River Streets.  
1 to 3 p.m. - HORSE-DRAWN SLEIGH RIDES at Old City Park, \$1 per person.  
3 p.m. - CHILI COOK-OFF - bring one gallon of chili in a crock pot to Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, 231 Water St. Tasting starts at 3 p.m. Prizes for Judges Choice and People's Choice. Call Libby at 231-582-6554 to register.  
4 to 7 p.m. - WINE TASTING - Stop by the Wine Emporium, 123 Water Street, for a complimentary taste of three seasonal offerings, conversation and snacks.  
5 p.m. - SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST winners announced in Sunset Park. 2013 Rules and information.  
5 to 6 p.m. - STAR GAZING with Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (cloud cover permitting), in Sunset Park.

8 p.m. CONCERT featuring Steppin' In It with Rachael Davis at Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake St. Tickets: 231-582-2588.

8 p.m. - LIVE MUSIC with Sean Bielby and Adam Engelman at Cafe Sante, One Water Street.

9 p.m. - LIVE MUSIC with the Galactic Sherpas performing at the Thirsty Goat, 220 S. Lake St.

## EAST JORDAN

**Chamber Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction/Awards**  
Jan. 25, 6:00 PM at Castle Farms - Call the Chamber for more info. 231-536-7351

## BOYNE CITY

**Concert**  
Freshwater concerts presents Steppin In It and Friends Jan 25 at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

## PETOSKEY

**Financial Aid night**  
Financial aid for college will be the topic of a free program at North Central Michigan College on Wednesday, January 29. North Central's financial aid office is hosting the program as a community service for parents and students attending or planning to attend any college or university. The program will take place from 7pm until 8:30pm in the college library on the Petoskey campus. The program will include an explanation of the categories, types and sources of financial aid, the cost of attending college, expected family contributions, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and scholarship searches. For more information on the program, contact Virginia Panoff, North Central's director of financial aid at 231-348-6698.

## BOYNE CITY & BOYNE FALLS

**Blood drive**  
Four blood drives have been scheduled in Boyne City and Boyne Falls:  
Jan. 21 at the Boyne City Eagles Lodge, sponsored by Honeywell, 106 River St., 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Jan. 23 at Concord Academy, 401 E. Dietz Road, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Jan. 24 at Boyne City High School, 1035 Boyne Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
Feb. 4 at Boyne Falls High School, 01662 M-75 South, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit <http://www.redcross-blood.org>

## ELLSWORTH

**Shiverfest**  
Feb. 14 - 16. 4th ANNUAL ELLSWORTH SHIVERFEST. Fishing Contest (Free Fishing Weekend), Dessert Tasting, Dark Sky Snowshoe Hike, Kids Shiver in the Park - Cardboard Sled Contest & Sledding Party and much more. For more information contact Alana at 231-360-0676

## BOYNE CITY

**Computer classes**  
Boyer District Library is offering free computer classes on Fridays at 10 a.m. 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

**Toast to Literacy**  
Char-Em United Way and Castle Farms present a Toast to Literacy, a fundraising event to benefit the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which promotes early childhood education and literacy in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Held at Castle Farms Friday, Feb. 7, 7pm - 11pm  
State of the Community & Awards Presentation  
Mark your calendar for Friday, February 7th when the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce host the State of the Community Address & Awards Presentation from 7-9am at Castle Farms. The State of the Community will feature five speakers recapping the accomplishments and challenges that the community faced in 2013 and will take a look at future plans for 2014. Help us honor the recipients of the Chamber's Annual Awards including the Customer Service Award, Ambassador

Award, New Business of the Year Award, Young Professional of the Year Award, Outstanding Citizen Award, and Business of the Year Award.

## WOLVERINE

**Winter Wildlife Adventure**  
Saturday, Feb 8, 10am - 12pm. The Greenwood Foundation is a privately owned property near Wolverine, MI protected with a conservation easement held by LTC. Greenwood welcomes the public to enjoy and explore this almost 1400-acre property for this special event. Snow groomed trails will lead you through the trail system and offer you the chance to let yourself find respite in the beauty of this winter wildlife haven. The field trip is free but skis and snowshoes are only provided for children 15 and under. Pre-registration is required by calling 231.347.0991. Please mention if you need snowshoes when you register.

## EAST JORDAN

**Sno-Blast**  
33RD ANNUAL EAST JORDAN SNO-BLAST. Antique/Classic Snowmobile Show, 1st Ever Sno-Blast Blessing of the Sleds, Frozen Pancake Toss, Softball in the Snow, Grand Parade, Indoor Family Games, Rotary Chili Supper, Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Winter Knight & Belle of the Blizzard, indoor & outdoor family fun. Call the Chamber Office for more information 231-536-7351. Feb. 7-9.

## EAST JORDAN

**Mid-Winter Walleye Classic**  
Walleye Fishing Tournament - Entry Fee \$15 (80% pay back) Kids, 10 years and under are FREE, but must sign up. For more information & full tournament rules call Tom's Bait & Tackle, 231-536-3521 or Boyne City Co-op True Value 231-582-9971. Noon start on Feb. 7-9.

## BOYNE CITY

**Chocolate Covered Boyne**  
Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15 Boyne City will be full of fun and chocolate this Valentine's Day weekend. Chocolate-Covered Boyne will celebrate chocolate and romance at more than 30 businesses. Organizers expect that this year's sixth annual event will be sweeter and livelier than ever. Wine, Women and Chocolate concert at Freshwater Art Gallery, 8pm Saturday, Feb. 15.

## BOYNE CITY

**New location for Celtic sessions**  
Boyer Celtic session concerts have moved to a new venue. The concerts are now 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.

## EAST JORDAN

**Snow Lovers Breakfast**  
Every Sunday during snowmobiling season, 7am to Noon. Sno-Mobilers Club House - Mt. Bliss Rd.

## CHARLEVOIX

**Wellness Wednesday**  
Charlevoix Area Hospital's next Wellness Wednesday will take place from 8am until 11am on Wednesday, March 5 in the Hospital's Solarium. Cost is \$15.

## PETOSKEY

**Project free preschool**  
Project FREE preschool in Petoskey has openings in both morning and afternoon sessions for children who turned age 4 before November 1, 2013. Certified teachers provide art, music, computer time, dramatic play and skill-building activities to build students' social and academic skills for a smooth transition into kindergarten. Project FREE preschool is offered half days, Monday through Thursday, October through May. Although there is often no cost to families, state eligibility requirements do exist. To learn more or register, call the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan at 231-347-0067.

## 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.

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## EAST JORDAN

**Art display**  
View the photography art of Onaway photographer, Dawn Thompson now through February at the Jordan Valley District Library. The woods and water display features photographs of Northern Michigan.

## 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 opportunities 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](http://nwm.org/video-challenge). There is no entry fee and the deadline for video submissions is March 1, 2014.

## EAST JORDAN

**Extravaganza**  
Attend the first annual East Jordan Public Schools Extravaganza! This guaranteed fun fundraising event will be held Saturday, March 8 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The Extravaganza will fund College Scholarships for East Jordan High School students who take on challenging AP Classes. Tickets, just \$50, will be available at all East Jordan Public School Offices. Sponsorships, donations and volunteers are needed. Please call the High School Office at 231-536-2259 for more information.

## EAST JORDAN

**Blessing of the Snowmobiles**  
This year's Sno-Blast Winter Festival, February 7 thru 9, will feature a new event for snowmobile owners and enthusiasts. On Saturday, February 8 at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse/Grounds on Mt. Bliss Road, Father James Gardiner of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church will bless participating snowmobiles. The blessing will start promptly at 10:00 AM and there is no charge. Following the blessing a number of snowmobile and family fun events will follow. For more information on the Blessing, please contact E.J. Sno-Mobile Club Member - Caron Rogers at 231-222-2127. For a complete 33rd Annual Sno-Blast Schedule of Event visit the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org) or phone 231-536-7351.

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## Just Us! Animating You and Me

Saturdays, January 18th and 25th from 9:30am-12:30pm join local artist and animator, Anne Morningstar as she leads an animation workshop for adults and kids at Crooked Tree Arts Center. If you've ever wondered what you might look like as a cartoon character, here is your chance to find out.

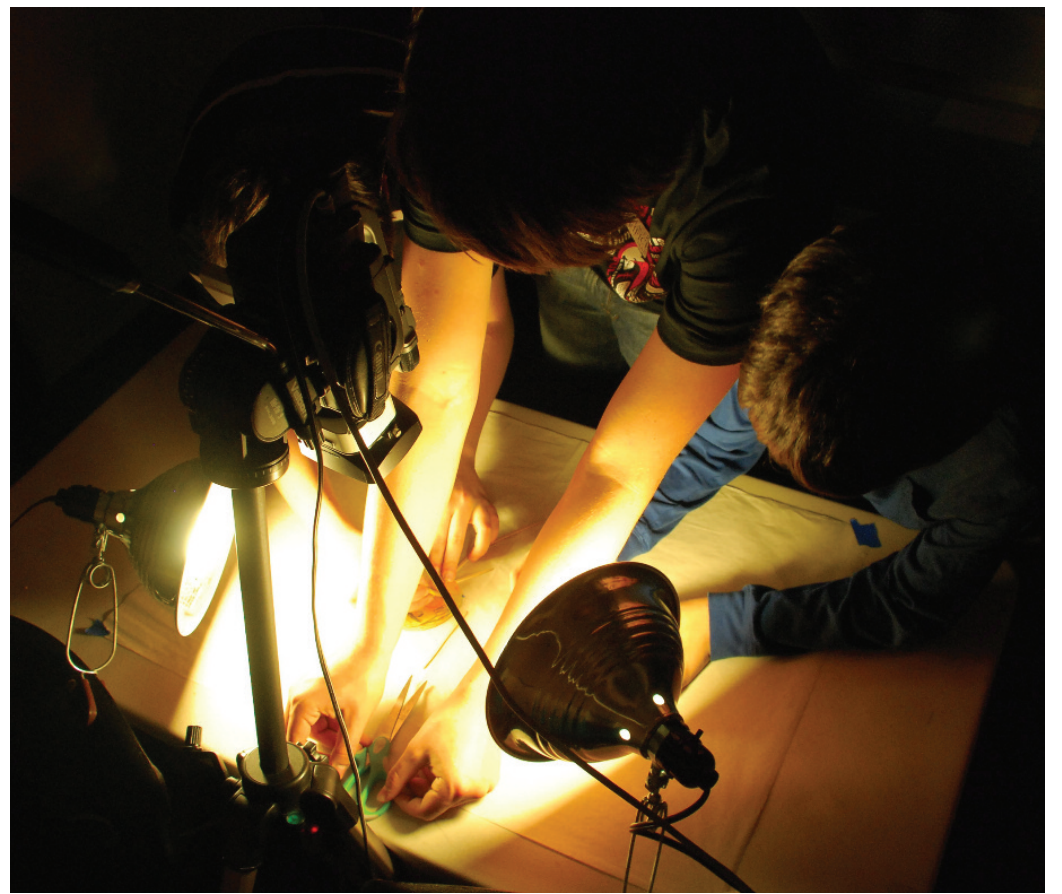
Kids and their favorite adult will create characters based upon themselves, develop a short script and storyline, add a little voiceover and wind up with their very own animation series. Each pair

will get to take their work home on DVD! The Just Us Series format is designed especially for kids and adults to spend some quality time together.

A storytelling artist who works primarily as an animator, book artist, and papermaker. Anne received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, as well as her Master of Science degree from Indiana University - Bloomington. Anne shares her mission, "As an artist, I strive to establish innovative foundations for educa-

tion, storytelling, and time-based media; to encourage self-expression through experimental and interdisciplinary art forms; and to maintain the integrity of, and respect for, traditional media."

Many students will recognize her as she also teaches the popular animation, youth photography and stop motion animation classes at the Arts Center. The full listing of the Just Us class series, as well as registration, is available online at .



Students from a previous Stop Motion Animation class work on getting the right shot.

## Radon Action Month hits home in Northern Michigan

Winter in Northern Michigan means homes are closed up tight - and that's the best possible time to test your home for cancer-causing radon. More than 21,000 Americans are killed each year by radon-induced lung cancer. That's why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated January as Radon Action Month.

Radon is detected often in homes throughout Northern Michigan. It is a radioactive gas that comes from decaying radium and uranium occurring naturally in the earth. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall, and is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Radon is odorless and invisible, so the only way to know if your home has a problem is to test for it. Radon levels can vary greatly from one home to the next. Fortunately, complete do-it-yourself test kits are available for just \$15.00 through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Bill Dietrich has been a real estate professional in Northwest Michigan for more than 40 years, working with home buyers, sellers and inspectors every day. He finally decided to test his own home in Charlevoix for the presence of radon. To his surprise, he discovered radon levels in his home exceeding the EPA's recommended action level.

"My wife and I were very



concerned about the results, and wanted to know what we could do to resolve the problem," Dietrich said. "The Health Department was helpful in providing information and guidance as to what this meant, and what to do next." After some further testing, Dietrich contacted a certified radon contractor, who was

able to correct the high radon level in his home with radon mitigation equipment. "The equipment was installed in one day, and has been effectively eliminating radon from our home for the past seven-plus years," he said, adding that follow-up tests have shown his home to have radon levels at or below those found in normal fresh air.

Dietrich says a large number of home buyers and sellers are not aware of the risks posed by radon. "I would recommend to buyers that they make radon testing part of their home inspection, or do it independently with the Health Department," he said. "Everyone should be informed and aware that elevated levels of radon in a home can be fixed - not only for sale purposes, but for the health and wellbeing of the homeowner and family living in the home."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Radon test kits can be purchased for \$15 in its Bellaire, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs/Petoskey and Gaylord offices; call (800) 432-4121 or visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) for more information.

## Consumers Energy Customers Urged To Keep Furnace Vents, Meters Free Of Snow And Ice

Following last weekend's heavy snowfall across much of Michigan, Consumers Energy is asking customers to keep safety in mind by making sure their gas furnace fresh air intake pipes and gas/electric meters are free of snow and ice.

"With the large amount of snow that fell over the past two days, we have received numerous no-heat calls from customers, particularly those who live in mobile homes where chimneys are located on top of flat roofs. Snow has piled up around and blocked many of these chimneys, which causes furnace pilot lights to go out," said Scott Bartholomew, manager of customer home and commercial services for Consumers Energy.

Bartholomew offered these safety tips:  
- Mobile Home customers: Safely clear snow away from mobile home rooftop chimneys, preferably by using a snow rake. The furnace can then be re-

cycled and should operate properly.

- High Efficiency Furnace customers: Make sure the fresh air intake pipes (typically two white plastic pipes that come out the side of the home) are free from drifting snow to prevent obstructions and improper operation.

- Keep gas and electric meters clear of snow and ice. When snow and ice is allowed to build up it can become compacted and freeze, causing damage that interferes with proper operation of meters and related appliances. Snow should only be removed by hand, never with a shovel or power snow removal equipment.

Bartholomew also warned customers that safe removal of snow and ice around chimneys, intake valves and meters can help prevent possible carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas that is colorless, odorless, tasteless and can be

produced when appliances aren't operating or venting properly.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning often mimic the flu and include headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, and stinging or burning of the eyes.

If any of these symptoms are experienced, leave the area immediately and call 911 or your local fire department for immediate help. The best defense against carbon monoxide poisoning is to install an audible alarm that will sound if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present.

To help ensure the safety of meter readers, customers are also asked to keep their sidewalks, stairways and gate areas free of snow and ice buildup. A clear path to the meter and a meter that is clearly visible without a build-up of snow and ice will help make meters easier to read and reduce the need for estimating energy use.

## Boyer City Goals continued from 1A

4. Improve and expand City Marina. B
5. Ensure EMS sustainability. B
6. Encourage and/or develop broadband and wireless network system. C

7. Maintain street and infrastructure. A
8. Review property assessments. B
9. Increase technology training through training partnerships. B
10. Improve city parks. B
11. Improve Boyne Ave. entrance to community. C

12. Provide curbside recycling. C
13. Improve city complex. C
14. Develop and promote snowmobile and other trails to and through town. C
15. Become a pet friendly community. C+

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# News

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### Monday, December 30, 2013

8:59am Report of B&E in the 700 block of E Main St  
 9:24am Citation issued for disregarding red light  
 10:02am Vehicle unlock on Front St  
 11:52am Report of lost purse in the area of River and Lake Streets. Found.  
 3:45pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St  
 4:03pm NSF check complaints received from the 400 block of N Lake St  
 10:03pm Civil complaint reported from the 500 block of N Lake St

### Tuesday, December 31, 2013

7:00am Alarm in the 100 block of S Park St  
 3:03pm Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of E Water St  
 3:33pm Assist Citizen in the 500 block of Michigan Av  
 3:46pm Report of stolen purse. Was later found  
 4:30pm Juvenile complaint in the 700 block of Wenonah St  
 6:01pm Vehicle in snowbank Lake and Lincoln

### Wednesday, January 1, 2014

12:13am Fireworks complaint on Division St  
 12:37am Juvenile complaint in the 600 block of N East St  
 2:39am Attempt to locate subjects in the 600 block of Grant St  
 2:54am Domestic assault reported in the 300 block of Silver St  
 10:30am Citizen assist in the 1100

block of Boyne Av  
 3:00pm Abandoned vehicle reported in the 200 block of S Lake St  
 4:12pm Subject at PD with injured duck. Referred to wildlife rehab.  
 4:14pm Gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
 5:11pm Assist Sheriff Department on Fall Park Rd  
 9:39pm .....Assist to Petoskey DPS  
 10:22pm Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lake and Vogel  
 10:59pm Report of assault on E Main St. Victim did not want to press charges.

### Thursday, January 2, 2014

8:09am Trespass complaint reported in the 100 block of Trent St  
 1:16pm False alarm in the 400 block of Front St  
 1:22pm Harassment complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
 1:29pm Vehicle in the ditch on Boyne City Charlevoix Rd and W Michigan  
 2:12pm Subject arrested for Domestic violence in the 300 block of N Lake St  
 7:15pm Civil standby in the 100 block of Trent St  
 11:29pm Arrested subject for restricted license violation at Lakeshore and Marshall Rd

### Friday, January 3, 2014

3:14am Citation issued for speed at Front and Second Streets  
 3:35am Subject arrested in Grand Traverse County on one of our warrants  
 10:45am 1 vehicle minor personal injury accident  
 3:20pm 2 subjects arrested in Emmet County on our warrants  
 3:52pm 911 hang up in the 300 block of S Lake St  
 6:36pm Motorist assist on State ST

near East St  
 7:01pm Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of Boyne City Charlevoix Rd  
 8:00pm Alarm in the 1400 block of Lakeshore Dr  
 8:24pm Suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St  
 10:35pm Assist EMS in the 100 block of S Lake St

### Saturday, January 4, 2014

5:15am Assist Citizen in the 100 block of Trent St  
 6:00pm Civil issues in the 100 block of Trent St  
 11:15pm Dispatched deer on Glenwood Beach Rd  
 11:45pm Vehicle unlock on W Water St

### Sunday, January 5, 2014

5:31pm Welfare checks on 2 subjects reportedly hitchhiking on Lake St

Car/Deer Accident .....	14
Citations Issued .....	13
Civil Complaint .....	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct .....	0
Death .....	1
Disorderly Person .....	0
Disturbance .....	1
DNR Complaint .....	0
Domestic Dispute .....	3
Driving Complaint .....	2
Fireworks Complaint .....	1
Found Property .....	1
Fraud .....	4
Health & Safety .....	0
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Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....1  
 Vehicle in the Ditch.....35  
 Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....6

### Single Vehicle Accident on Ellsworth Rd.

Single Vehicle Accident on Ellsworth Rd.  
 Sheriff Don Schneider reports that on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at approximately 11:30 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle personal injury accident on Ellsworth Road near Ranney Road in South Arm Township.  
 The driver, Lois Nachezel age 44 of Ellsworth, was Eastbound on Ellsworth Road when she lost control of her vehicle on icy roads and slid over the embankment into the ditch. Nachezel was driving a 2013 Ford F-150 Pickup. Passengers, Sara Nachezel age 18, Dana Nachezel age 15, and William Laffery age 17 of East Jordan, were all transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated for their injuries and released.  
 East Jordan EMS responded to assist along with the East Jordan Fire Department. The road was shut down for a short period of time in order to remove the vehicle from the steep embankment.  
 Weather and temperature are thought to be a factor in the accident. However, this incident is still under investigation.

### Ellsworth Council

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new property owners moving near the existing trail. This trail could also see changes due to the difficult nature of grooming certain parts of it. Rasmussen assured council that a new trail would definitely be created if the current one needed to be closed, but the location of it was still uncertain.

In other council news, Chief Morris presented the preliminary sketches done by students at Ellsworth Public Schools for new police patches. The patches were drawn by students in their art and drafting classes and represent a wide variety of talent and artistry by the students. Some include color, others use various governmental flags, and all of them include some aspect of the Ellsworth Lancer.

The council will determine which of these patches they think best represent the village, and will present their decision by the March regular meeting. The patches will then be created in time for Ellebration, and the student with the winning design will be given an award at that time.

The next Village Council meeting with February 10th, at 7:00 at Banks Township Hall.

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## Obtaining Extra Help for Medicare

Prescription Drug Premiums & Medication Copays Assistance is available to Medicare beneficiaries to help pay for their prescription insurance premiums and lower copays for their drugs. Eligibility is based on gross monthly income and assets. The Extra Help program is administered by Social Security and can provide huge cost savings along with other benefits for those folks who qualify.

The Extra Help program has five different levels of assistance based on monthly income and assets. The high-end level of assistance is available to those who are eligible for both Medicare and full Medicaid health benefits. These beneficiaries are referred to as being dual eligible and receive the lowest drug copays and usually a free monthly

premium for their prescription insurance plan.

In order to qualify for the lowest level of Extra Help, single beneficiaries must have no more than \$1,456 of gross income per month, and \$1,959 if married. The asset limits are \$13,300 for single individuals and \$26,580 for married couples. Income and asset amounts that are lower than these numbers will afford even higher levels of assistance in the form of lowering the cost for the prescription drug insurance premium and reducing the copays for medications.

Income is always based on the total gross amount and, generally speaking, includes items such as earned income, Social Security benefits, pensions, royalty payments, etc. Assets include categories such

as retirement accounts, IRA's, investments, and real property other than the principle residence.

There are four other important cost-saving benefits for Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for Extra Help as follows:

1. The donut hole does not apply.
2. Depending on the level of Extra Help, the annual prescription drug deductible may not apply.
3. Participants are not subject to the open enrollment period and can change their Medicare health and drug plans anytime.
4. If a beneficiary has been subject to a late enrollment penalty that will no longer apply.

Once eligibility has been determined, the application

process is relatively easy. The best and quickest way is to apply online at the Social Security Administration website found at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).

Also, Medicare beneficiaries can get in touch with a representative of the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program by calling 800-803-7174. MMAP personnel are trained to screen applicants for eligibility and they can provide help to complete an online application. This service is often completed over the phone with a MMAP representative.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator  
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program  
Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

### 10 Things to Keep in Mind when you need some inspiration!

1. Oprah was fired from one of her early anchor gigs, after being labeled "unfit for TV."
2. Lady Gaga was dropped by Island Def Jam Records after only three months.
3. Abraham Lincoln had less than five years of formal education.
4. Marilyn Monroe was booted from 20th Century-Fox, after producers declared her "unattractive."
5. Albert Einstein wasn't able to speak until he was almost 4 years old, with his teachers saying he would "never amount to much".
6. Steve Jobs was left devastated and depressed after being kicked out from a company he started.
7. The Beatles were rejected by Decca Recording Studios who said "we don't like their sound, they have no future in show business."
8. Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper he was working at for "lacking imagination" and "having no original ideas".
9. Louisa May Alcott was encouraged by her family to find work as a household servant. She wrote Little Women, instead.
10. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

**BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, January 16</b> Wii Bowling	<b>Friday, January 17</b> 11am-12pm Tag A Longs Raffle	<b>Monday, January 20</b> Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Wednesday, January 22</b> 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	<b>Thursday, January 23</b> Wii Bowling
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**CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, January 16</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch 1pm Pinochle	<b>Friday, January 17</b> Foot Clinic 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Monday, January 20</b> 11:30am Adolph Cwik 1pm Wii Bowling 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> Wii Bowling Competition 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Wednesday, January 22</b> 1pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, January 23</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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**EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, January 16</b> Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day	<b>Friday, January 17</b> 10:30am Exercise 11am Cousins Bingo/BAKE RAFFLE Everyone bring something!	<b>Monday, January 20</b> 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Exercise	<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	<b>Wednesday, January 22</b> 10:30am Exercise 11am Wii FUN!	<b>Thursday, January 23</b> Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day
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