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Boyne Falls' Brendan Matelski (21) puts in this layup in the Logger victory over Alanson. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)



Charlevoix's Gabby Gray launches a 3-pointer in the Rayders' win at Grayling last week. PHOTO BY BOB GINGERICH.

Perfect conditions for Boyne City Winterfest

Saturday January 25th • Boyne City, MI

By Norma Jean Babcock

Boyne City is going to make the most of this season and take advantage of the arctic temperatures with the family friendly Winterfest on Saturday January 25th. If you remember last year, Boyne City temporarily changed the name of the winter event to "Slush-fest" due to the unseasonably warm temperatures in January, 2013.

If you're an avid downtown shopper you'll be excited by the amazing indoor sidewalk sales that shops are having for the entire day! And once your toes are cold from shopping till you drop, head to the Boyne City Wine Emporium from 4 to 7 p.m. for a taste of three seasonal wines, snacks and warm conversation.

After that take your pick of incredible local musicians as the downtown scene begins to rock at 8:00 pm. Whether a concert at Freshwater Art Gallery featuring Steppin' In It is your flavor or live music paired with tasty food at Café Sante; Boyne City is sure to delight.

This festival is bursting in awesome outdoor activities as well! In Sunset Park test your skills with an all day snow sculpture contest; to find out rules and guidelines and to register call 231-459-4007. At 5:00 p.m. winners will be announced. If creating isn't quite your thing, enjoy great



sledding, skiing and ice skating at the Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area. Plus if you forget your sled, the Warming House has loaner sleds and ice skates for free!

If you're a skilled skier head over to The Hill Nature Preserve at 1:00 pm to follow Jack Laurent in a cross country expedition. If you're bringing the kids along your spot will definitely be Old City Park. There, kids of all ages can take part in the Frozen Fish Toss, or Frozen Turkey Bowling and many other games. Plus hot chocolate and delicious doughnuts will be there courtesy of Glens.

Once you need to get off your feet Old City Park will sweep you

away on Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides from 1-3 p.m. for just a \$1.00 per person!

But if all that is little too cold for you, fear not, Local Flavor Bookstore will keep toasty at 1:00 pm while author John Deckinga signs his book "The Road to Cocoyoc" after a reading. Once you have your copy head over to Coldwell Banker Schmidt at 3:00 pm with one gallon of your favourite chili in a crock pot to compete and see which Boyne citizen has the best chili in the city. To register, call Libby at 231-582-6554. Prizes will be given for judges favorite and for peoples favorite!

Whatever you're favorite winter activity Boyne City Winterfest has it!

Updates in Child Abuse Charges

By Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: A man arrested last week with child abuse charges has pleaded no contest this week which could mean 10 years in prison once he is sentenced on January 31st.



Steven Cronk

Steven Cronk is facing Child Abuse Second Degree charges due to allegations that Cronk shook his three month old daughter Brooke to the point of extreme injury. The incident occurred on July 12, 2013 when Cronk was alone with the child and other children present in the home.

A call was placed to central dispatch requesting an ambulance to the home for an infant who was not breathing.

See Child Abuse - 5A

Charlevoix City Council Vacancy Controversy

Stevens resigns, Council disagrees on filling position

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the regular meeting of City Council on January 20, Greg Stevens resigned from the council leaving a vacancy that caused a stir amongst the remaining members.

Greg Stevens resigned from council with a letter that explained he had moved out of the City limits and therefore could no longer represent the second ward. This leaves a vacancy in the council that will need to be filled within 30 days according to the City Charter.

City Manager Rob Straebel recommended that council make the vacancy public knowledge and have an application that could be filled out online by those interested in serving on council. His recommendation met with mixed feedback as some council members felt doing so was unnecessary and different from what they had done in past years.

Leon Perron of the Second

See Council Vacancy-5A

Sullivan Cannot Hold Both Offices

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the January 20 City Council meeting the final ruling from the attorney general regarding Larry Sullivan holding both the office of City Clerk and County Commissioner was finally revealed.

According to Bryan Graham Civil Counsel for the City of Charlevoix the Michigan Attorney General responded to a letter sent to them which inquired whether or not Sullivan holding both offices was at odds with the Incompatibility of Office Act. The attorney general responded that it was an incompatibility and in addition it violated Charlevoix City Charter.

Sullivan was in attendance at the meeting and was called upon to offer any comments on which position he would choose. Sullivan instead told council members that he was interested in the salary and hours that the city clerk's position would have before he would announce which position he would hold.

Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson explained to Sullivan and members of the public that the



Larry Sullivan addresses the Charlevoix City Council.

Compensation Committee requires that a new clerk be paid 90% of the previous clerk's salary. The past clerk's salary was \$41,542.77 which means that after a 10% reduction Sullivan would receive a salary of \$37,388 if he chose to be city clerk.

Despite this being a salary that council cannot set or change, several council members expressed their disapproval of the salary. Shirley Gibson stated that the salary was too high, and that the job should have several stipulations including having set hours,

accountability to the City Manager and no benefits.

"I really think that is unbelievable...no experience and a part time job; that's way too much money," said Gibson.

Other council members agreed to the stipulations but not necessarily the recommendation to reduce the salary.

"It is too much, but you cannot supplement the income," said Jeff Porter. He felt that having set clerk office hours and requir-

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LOW: Low 00's

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SATURDAY



HIGH: Upper 10's
LOW: Low 00's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 10's
LOW: Low 00's

snowfall

2012-13	Am t	2013-14	Am t
1/21//2013	...20.5	1/20/2014	...35.8
1/21//2013	...29.5	1/20/2014	...60.6
1/21//2013	...35.6	1/20/2014	...74
1/21//2013	...60.9	1/20/2014	...115.5
1/21//2013	... 17.3	1/20/2014	...39.4
1/21//2013	... 34.6	1/20/2014	...79.8
1/21//2013	...42.7	1/20/2014	...103.2

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
23	...30°F	...13°F	...50°F (1969)	...-25°F (2011)
24	...30°F	...13°F	...48°F (1969)	...-17°F (2004)
25	...30°F	...13°F	...51°F (1950)	...-10°F (2004)
26	...30°F	...13°F	...51°F (1973)	...-15°F (2000)
27	...30°F	...13°F	...52°F (2002)	...-21°F (2000)
28	...30°F	...13°F	...52°F (2002)	...-25°F (1963)
29	...30°F	...13°F	...46°F (1990)	...-8°F (1986)

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Thompson, 63

Evelyn Thompson of Elmira (Hudson Twp. Charlevoix County) died Monday, January 20, 2014.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Helen R. (Sysel) Cherry, 90

(JUNE 1, 1923 - JAN. 15, 2014)

Helen R. (Sysel) Cherry of East Jordan passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The daughter of Joseph and Louise (Hornicek) Sysel was

born on June 1, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan. When she was 13 years old, the family moved from Detroit to East Jordan and made their home in the Bohemian Settlement.

Helen was a 1941, graduate of East Jordan High School. After graduation, Helen returned to Detroit to work for the Civil Service where she was an inspector for Federal Aircraft. In May of 1947, she married Edward Cherry in St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in the Bohemian Settlement. They were married for 55 years.

Besides being an at home mom, Helen devoted her time to the East Jordan High School Band, South Arm Township Clerk, Girl Scouts and 4-H. In her spare time...she loved to sew and play the piano.

Survivors are her two daughters, Marica J. Knoell of Scottsdale, AZ and Kamila Millea of

Plymouth, IN; three grandchildren Corey S. (Brianna) Millea of Mishawaka, IN, Erin S. (John David) Hornbrook of St. Charles, MO and Kelsey Millea of Buena Vista, CO; and two great grandchildren, Charlee Alexandra Hornbrook and Trey Sean Millea. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Friends were welcomed by the family Tuesday, January 21, 2014, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorial gifts in Helen's name may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Joseph Michael Murphy, Jr., 48

(MAY 14, 1965 - JAN. 15, 2014)

Joseph Michael Murphy, Jr. passed on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, in his home in East Jordan and went to be with The Lord.

Joseph was born on May 14, 1965, in Lansing, Michigan.

He loved life, people and being out in nature. His pleasure was making people laugh.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Joseph M. Murphy, Sr.

He is survived by his son, Richard A. Murphy-Carson of Alma, MI; his parents, Gladys DesRochers of East Jordan and Rex (Nancy) Bartholomew, Sr. of East Jordan, MI; siblings, Virginia Murphy of East Jordan, MI, Michael Murphy of Howell, MI, Rex Bartholomew, Jr. of Ellsworth, MI, Roxann Bartholomew of Kalamazoo, MI and Teresa Bartholomew of Traverse City, MI; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 22,

2014, at 2:00 P.M. at the Light-house Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan will officiate. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan, MI.

Robert Eugene Paul, 68

(JAN. 19, 1945 - JAN. 13, 2014)

Robert E. Paul Robert E. Paul, "Plumber Bob" of Banks Township died Monday, January 13, 2014 at his home.

He was born in Huntington, Indiana on January 19, 1945 to Herman Jr. and Jenna Mae (Swing) Paul.

Bob worked in plumbing and heating in Indiana and in Michigan where he worked with Chuck Clark. He enjoyed having coffee at Ellsworth Market, meeting people as he was working, and driving around in his rusty Chevy pick-up.

Bob had a heart of gold and had many friends in the area - Joe Hull, Jim Maine and Chuck Clark, to name a few. As his health declined he was "adopted" by Ed Boh, Theresa Hughey and family. He enjoyed Ed's dogs and helped care for them at the shop. When he joined Ed's family at Christmas he was delighted to receive a stocking filled with sugar-free goodies. While in Munson Medical Center recently he enjoyed the ministry of harpists who also prayed with him. Because of his adopted family and friends he came to know that "where there is love and caring, there God is."



A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, January 25 at the VFW Hall in Central Lake with a benefit dinner to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ed Boh, P.O. Box 563, Central Lake, MI 49622 or Hastings Funeral Home, P.O. Box 72, Ellsworth, MI 49729 - online at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

Betty Arlene Inman, 90

(DEC. 30, 1923 - JAN. 14, 2014)

Betty Arlene Inman passed away on January 14 in her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 30, 1923 to Grace (Sischo) and Beck Smith in the family home on Division St in Boyne City, MI.

She married her sweetheart, Charles William Inman in Detroit, MI on November 4, 1944 while he was on leave from service in the US Army. After his discharge, they settle in the Boyne City area and raised their family. She worked at Boyne City Bendix/Courters as an inspector and supervisor for 20 years.

Arlene (Betty) had a large, loving family. She leaves her children Dorothy (Verlin) Thompson of Boyne City, Kathryn (Jimmie) Rice of Tecumseh, MI, Ronald (Anida) Inman of East Jordan, MI and Peter (Beth) Inman of East Jordan, MI.

Her grandchildren are Darryl (Marcie) Thompson, Sharon (Greg) McGeorge, Lisa Leist, Suzanne (Kerry) Thompson, Jeremy Rice, Shannon (Theresa) Coonrod, Justin Coonrod, Sierra Coultres, Mark Coultres, Shayler Coultres, Douglas Coultres, Peter (Regina), Michelle (Jay) Loviska, Angela (Shawn) DeYoung, Angela (Rich) Seldon, Hope (Kyle) Hinterman, Amy (Joe) Bender. She was blessed with 45 great-

grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles, her young son, Paul, her sister Elaine Rennekamp, her brother, Robert Smith and granddaughter, Shannon Rice.

If one were to describe our Mom, the words kindness, strength and constant support come to mind. She was very wise, yet never offered opinion unless asked. Never did she utter an unkind word. She would always listen without judging when you just needed someone to talk to. She was a very good example for a daughter to follow. She was not a mother in law; she was a Mom and a best friend.

When asked to what she attributed her longevity, her reply was kindness, live your life being kind and you will be happy, along with the constant presence of her loving children and their families. There was never a day when her home was not filled with family visiting and the smell of food that she had lovingly prepared. If she had one downfall, it was by preparing food that threw your diet out the window.

In the words of her grandson, Peter Inman, "We have lost our compass"

A funeral service was Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Memorial donations may be directed to Breast Cancer Society of America or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Rachel A. Niswander, 76

Rachel A. Niswander of Charlevoix passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, in Homosassa Springs, Fla.

A memorial will take place at a later date.

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Megan Potter

Ellsworth Embezzler formally charged

By Norma Jean Babcock

ELLSWORTH: Meghan Potter who worked as an in home caregiver to an older man in Hayes Township has been charged with five crimes including embezzling from a vulnerable adult.

Potter, who had been in control of the man's finances, was

accused of writing 48 checks from his checkbook over a two year period to the sum of \$24,000 according to state police.

Potter had presented herself as a licensed caregiver, but apparently never gave proof of such to the family of the victim.

She was arrested on Thursday of last week and was put into the Charlevoix County Jail, but

posted her \$2,000 bond quickly. She was arraigned on Tuesday morning and five charges were leveled against her. Those charges include; two counts of forgery, two counts of uttering and publishing and 1 count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult.

These charges vary in maximum sentences, uttering and

publishing could get as much 14 years, and forgery depending on the type has 7 year maximum. For the count of embezzlement Potter could face up to 15 years in prison or a significant fine.

The preliminary examination for Potter is scheduled for February 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the 90th District Court in the Charlevoix County Building on State St.

CHARLEVOIX CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Marina Slips on Slippery Ground

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On January 15th, the Charlevoix City Planning Commission met to discuss a plan that would add several 80 foot boat slips in the Marina.

The plan includes increasing the amount of larger boat slips at the Charlevoix City Marina from the current number of 3 to 10 for 80 ft boats and from 5 to 11 for 60 ft boats. To accommodate these larger slips 150 ft would be added to Dock A which is the dock closest to the Beaver Island Ferry.

The decision to create this plan such comes after several summers of turning away larger boats because of having very few larger slips, according to Harbor-master Hal Evans. Evans explained that in recent years several larger vessels have come to the area looking for dockage but have had to leave because the current three were filled.

"We have three 80 ft slips; these spots are used up all summer long...the larger boats come from quite a ways, they will not venture over here unless they know they have a spot," said Evans.

Most of the commission reviewed felt that more investiga-

tion was needed before they felt comfortable approving the plan and presenting it to City Council.

"We only have one plan here, I feel rather limited with only one," said R. J. Waddel.

That opinion aptly expressed how the majority of citizens present at the meeting felt. Their concerns ranged from the impact such a large expansion could have on the view of Round Lake to the environmental issues the project could cause. Many came before the commission to advocate looking into other options before deciding.

"It becomes more a parking lot than a marina. I like to see Round Lake...congestion could be an issue. Do we sacrifice our lakes and our parks for the revenue?" asked Charlevoix citizen Pat Duffy.

However a few in the audience were excited by the prospect of this plan. Including one local business owner, Leon Perron who felt that the revenue such an expansion could create would be good for Charlevoix.

"I don't think this extension is too intrusive...this idea can produce revenue and produce jobs. I think it's a good idea that ought to be looked into," said Perron.

City Planner Mike Spencer re-



minded the commission that this plan is in the very early stages, and that it wouldn't proceed without public support.

"We don't want to pursue this project until we have public sup-

port...firm numbers aren't even in yet," said Spencer.

Due to public comments and the commissions reluctance to approve of the presented plan City Planners are going to do fur-

ther investigation into other plan options at this point. The next meeting of the City Planning Commission is scheduled for February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

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Banks Township approves new ambulance authority

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—Banks Township voted to approve the Jordan Valley Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation and reviewed recommendations for the next five year road improvement plan at the January 20 board meeting.

The Jordan Valley Ambulance Authority is being established to address funding issues for emergency services for the city of East Jordan and surrounding townships including Banks, Echo, South Arm, Jordan and portions of Wilson and Eveline. The formation of the Authority gives the entities served by it a voice vote on how the authority is funded and operated. "Instead of the city of East Jordan saying this is how it's gonna work, we'll have a representative

of the seven townships making those decisions," said East Jordan Ambulance EMS Director, Jay Peck, who attended the meeting to answer any questions about the process.

Peck reported that Echo, South Arm and Wilson Townships had already approved the articles of incorporation and that the city of East Jordan and Jordan Township would be addressing the matter at meetings set for this week. The Banks Township Board had the articles published in the local papers before voting to solicit public opinion. "We've gotten no comment from the public," said Township Supervisor, Thomas Mann. If all townships served by the present ambulance service run by the city of east Jordan approve the articles the next step in forming the authority is to submit them to the state

and publish them in the local papers for the public to review.

When the authority is established a mileage to support its services will be placed on the August 5 ballot. Normally the township pays a set amount but that amount has been continuously rising and it has become increasingly more difficult to maintain mercy services.

A great deal of discussion concerning the cost was held. "I'm never in favor of something where a blank check can be written but I'm in favor of the authority so our people can decide," said Township Clerk, Donna Heeres. Peck projects that a half mill will be required to maintain ambulance services. "Once we get some of the capital items taken care of it doesn't have to stay there, I'm looking at three years and we can start pulling it

back," said Peck.

Trustee Thomas Cooper was appointed as Banks representative to the Authority and Trustee Dave Rasmussen as his alternate.

The board earmarks an average budget of \$85,700 per year for road improvements in the township. The Antrim County Road Commission analyzes the roads and sends a recommendation to the board every five years which grades road quality and urgency of repair.

In a report read at the meeting, the ACRC recommended crack fill and chip seal on Banks Twp Park, Brown, Jolliffe, Antrim Dells, Doctor and Eaton Roads and HMA overlay on Pleasant Hill, Coeling and Boss roads. The board did not fully agree with the recommendations. "We need to set aside some funds to maintain our dirt roads like Lakeshore and

Scott Roads," said Township Treasurer Katy Postmus.

Trustee Dave Rasmussen felt that the volume of traffic on the road should influence where the money is spent. "Just taking Church Road to get to these roads you could lose an axle or something," he stated. Discussion was held on how frequently traveled Church Road was, the "dip" at the bottom of Townline Hill on Marion Center Road and the Ellsworth/East Jordan Road. No motions were made.

The next meeting of the Banks Township board will be held on February 17, 7 P.M. at the township hall in Ellsworth. A public hearing on the Fire Budget and compensation resolution will be held during that time. Shiverfest is scheduled for February 14-16.

Should you multitask?

By Deb Hagen-Foley

If you have been following this column in recent weeks, I have been offering suggestions for ways of finding time in your day to work on your goals. You may have completed a weekly log of your time and learned that you are spending time on not urgent/not important activities rather than important activities that will move you closer to your goals. Perhaps even after completing these tracking exercises, you have found it difficult to make enough time in your day to incorporate a new healthy activity.

Do you multitask? The term multitasking originated in the computer engineering area and as more electronic devices are taking more of our attention, the term and practice has been adopted by humans, with less success. Multitasking is used to describe the ability of a micro-processor to perform multiple tasks simultaneously. Similarly, human multitasking refers to a human attempting to complete two tasks at the same time. For instance, a person might multitask by answering the phone while reading e-mail. Do you think multitasking helps you finish tasks more efficiently? Think again.

We know about the dan-



Multitasking by using a cell phone while driving distracts the driver and is illegal in many states, including Michigan. Other forms of multitasking are not efficient and can have detrimental effects. PHOTO FROM WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

gers of using a cell phone while driving. Research and numerous motor vehicle accidents have shown that cell phone use, even using hands free devices, distracts the driver from what should be their primary focus - driving! Cell phone use while driving is now illegal in many states, including Michigan.

Multitasking is really "task-switching," as it is not possible to give full attention to two tasks at the same time. In actuality, when we think we are multi-tasking, we are asking our brains to switch from one activity to another and back again re-

peatedly. Task-switching, according to the research, results in a loss of time as the brain identifies which task to process.

Multitasking has both short and long-term negative effects. In the moments while multitasking is being attempted, each of the tasks may suffer from a lack of attention and, overall, the tasks will take more time than if they were completed sequentially rather than simultaneously. If a person is multitasking in an effort to acquire new knowledge or skills, the results are even worse.

If you are able to learn

while multitasking, research on brain functioning finds that the learning is more specialized and difficult to retrieve later. According to one researcher in the area of multitasking, Russell Poldrack, of the University of California, ". . . humans are not built to work this way. We're really built to focus. And when we sort of force ourselves to multitask, we're driving ourselves to perhaps be less efficient in the long run even though it sometimes feels like we're being more efficient."

Scholarship will send North Central Michigan College student to Ireland

North Central Michigan College and the Robert Emmet Society seek entries for a scholarship contest that will send a North Central student to Ireland this fall for a semester of study.

This is the only scholarship awarded by the college that sends a student abroad for study. The competition is based on an essay contest, academic achievement, student activities and an interview with college and society representatives.

Entrants must be enrolled in an academic program at North Central Michigan College for the 2013-2014 school year and must be prepared to submit an essay on the topic, "How do the political values of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot and namesake of Emmet County, relate to our world and our lives today?"

Essays must be submitted to Samantha McLin, associate dean of liberal arts, by April 7. The winner will be announced before the end of the school year. Details are available at .

The winner of this competition will receive a scholarship for Fall 2014 at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) in Galway, Ireland. The scholarship covers round-trip air fare from Detroit or Chicago and tuition, room and books at GMIT.

The Society was founded in the early 1990's to honor Robert Emmet, the namesake of Emmet County, Michigan, and to make area residents more aware of Emmet's brief but courageous life and his enduring legacy as a champion of freedom and democracy. The Society works closely with North Central in awarding the scholarship that is named after Joseph W. McCarthy, a local businessman, and Dr. William McCullough, a Petoskey physician, both active members of the society since its founding. The Robert Emmet Society and the Blissfest Music Organization raise funds for the scholarship through donations and annual music events.

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Child Abuse

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Paramedics arrived to a child struggling to breathe and took her to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. From there Brooke was airlifted to DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids where doctors confirmed that her injuries were sustained through child abuse.

"My overall assessment for (the child) is definite pediatric physical abuse. Although an accident has been explained by (Cronk) that accounts for (the child's) low oxygen brain injury, this accident does not explain her subdural hemorrhages, retinal hemorrhages, or fractures... (These) are signs of severe whiplash injury. Whiplash injury to an infant can occur through violent shaking, shaking ending with impact, or single violent maneuvers ending with impact. ...I believe that (the child) was abusively head injured on the afternoon of Friday 7/12/13," said Dr. Sarah J. Brown, a pediatrician at DeVos.

Cronk was arrested and initially paid the \$1,000.00 required for his bond. His trial was to be held February 5, 2014. However when Cronk failed to appear at a pre-trial hearing on January 10th, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest and he was arrested the same day. He is currently in the Charlevoix County Jail until his sentencing on January 31.

His plea of no contest indicates that Cronk will accept the punishment but does not admit to having done the crime. It also means that Cronk will not go to trial, and that this charge cannot be further used against him in any civil or criminal proceeding. If sentenced fully Cronk could face 10 years in prison. His attorney Christopher Turkelson stated that the decision to plead no contest was due to potential civil liability.

A civil liability would allow Brooke's guardians to sue Cronk for financial damages incurred due to her injuries. The plea of no contest will not allow this to happen.

Council Vacancy

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Ward indicated that he would like to make a motion to appoint Peggy Brennan to the position immediately. Shirley Gibson seconded this idea, but Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson expressed concern over appointing a council member without a time period where others could express their interest in the position.

Carlson agreed that Straebel's idea to use an application process was clear and transparent. He felt that the public would not feel that things had been done behind the scenes if done that way. However, several council members disagreed with the idea that appointing Brennan so quickly would be an issue.

"What is not transparent?" asked Gibson.

Gibson reminded council that in the past they have filled a vacancy the night that it became open. She told council that switching to the application process was not something they had done in the past and that it seemed unnecessary to do it now.

Other council members felt that perhaps allowing a waiting period would be a good idea so that the public would have an opportunity to express interest. Perron also stated that although he wanted to immediately appoint Brennan he was willing to wait until the next meeting to do so.

His opinion stemmed from the comments of the citizens present at the meeting who felt that appointing a member so hastily was not a good idea.

"...what does it hurt to wait for a couple of weeks?" said Mike Doherty.

Ultimately the council made a motion to follow the application process explained by Straebel, but three members voted against doing so and the motion died on the table. Council did not motion to appoint Peggy Brennan either. At this point those interested in the position are free to contact a member of council.

Boyer Chamber recognizes community leaders

By Tina Sundelius

Boyer City—During what they called the "can't miss event of the year," the Boyer Area Chamber of Commerce honored local business and civic leaders at their Annual Awards Meeting, Thursday, January 16 held at Boyer Mountain.

The winners of the business and leadership awards were chosen through a vote of the chamber membership as well as area residents and visitors who responded to an online survey.

Chamber Director, Jim Baumann opened the awards ceremony by reading a message sent from one of the survey respondents. "One community leader made this comment after filling out their survey," he said, "These are all really great, and hard, choices. There are so many great things and people it is very tough to pick one winner. But there is only one winner, the Boyer Area Community! Thanks to all who make it the special place that it is." "Well put, I thought," he began.

The Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award, named for a former Chamber board president who died of cancer, was presented by Sally Roselli's sister, Julie Wellman, to Bob Grove for his purchase of the 101-year-old Dilworth Hotel and his efforts to make it into a long-term success. Baumann quoted Boyer City Manager Michael Cain's praise of Grove in his State of the Community address, he said, "This is a huge step forward for not only the Dilworth but for all of Boyer City. The potential the Dilworth has in again becoming an important economic engine for our community cannot be understated. I have been very impressed in what I have seen in Mr. Grove. He has the resources, skills and heart to do what is needed for the long term success of the Dilworth." In recent years renovating the property has been identified as one of the top community goals for Boyer City.

The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to two people this year, Ruth Witsenski and Mike Hurchick. Witsenski for her involvement with the Boyer Area Community Christmas program and Hurchick for his association with Challenge Mountain. "Ruth works year round to make sure the Boyer Area Community Christmas is successful in



New Chamber President, Kristine Brehm. COURTESY PHOTO

its mission to provide food, clothing and gifts to several hundred needy families at Christmas time," he said. "Mike Hurchick has been a board member, program director and volunteer at Challenge Mountain for 25+ years. Challenge Mountain would not be what it is today if it wasn't for Mike Hurchick," said Baumann.

The winner of the Community Pride Award for a local organization or non-profit this year is the Boyer District Library. "For their ongoing efforts to provide life-long learning and community involvement," said Baumann. Programs provided through the library such as the "One Book, One Community" Boyer Reads program, yoga and tai chi classes, author talks, and this year's creative "I Geek" campaign were mentioned.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award for starting or expanding a business was presented to Jonathan and Matt Borisch who are responsible for transforming the Walloon Lake Village marina, boat shop, Barrel Back restaurant, adding new and restoring buildings for office and retail shops. "Best of all, they donated prime lakefront property for use as a public park with a gazebo, trees, benches and in winter and ice rink," added

Baumann. The pair has recently purchased the Walloon Lake Inn.

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award went to Drake Nagel and Drue Wright for Happy's Taco Shop food truck which serves Boyer Mountain as well as the Boyer City area.

The Heritage Award for ongoing contributions to the community by a long-time business leader was presented to Pat O'Brien. "Pat O'Brien is an astute and successful businessman who is one of the most dedicated Boyer supporters out there," said Baumann. O'Brien and his real estate agents contribute a percentage of every commission to local charities giving more than \$40,000 to the community to date.

A special Historic Business Award was given to Randy and Eric Frykberg of the Boyer Avenue Greenhouse for being the oldest continuously operating business in town.

"You know, we have these nice historic plaques that are placed on historic buildings around our downtown, courtesy of the Main Street Program. But we came to realize that the oldest continuously operating business in town did not have a plaque because it isn't within the DDA area. So the Chamber and Mark Kowalske of Coldwell Banker Realtors have funded this plaque," said Baumann. A greenhouse has been operating on the site since 1900.

The gala event that drew a crowd of nearly 300 was sponsored by Korthase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services and included live and silent auctions, music and an opportunity for those present to meet the newly elected Chamber Board members while waiting for the main event. New board members included President Kristine Brehm of The Wine Emporium/Boyer Country Provisions; Vice President Karen Guzniczak of Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River; Treasurer Ryan Moskal of Ryan Moskal Chiropractic, and Secretary Emily Wilmot of KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services, Ed Grice of Boyer Mountain Resort, Leslie Neilson of inspired living, Tony Williams of Freshwater Art Gallery, Kelly Woodard of Bella Vita restaurant and Tom Heath of A+ Event Entertainment. The new board was officially installed at the meeting.

Boyer City to see infrastructure changes

By Norma Jean Babcock

BOYER CITY: At the semi-monthly meeting of the Boyer City Commission on January 14 further details were announced regarding the proposed infrastructure changes that could take place downtown this summer.

Boyer City officials have been interested in a complete restructuring of Ray St between Lake St. and East St. and one block of East St. between Ray St. and Main St. This would include changing the entire system of underground utilities as well.

The project will improve the sidewalks, streets and underground water and sewer. It will also install a storm water system. The

focus of the project is to clean up the area, improving public health and welfare. In addition the changes will hopefully increase the aesthetics of downtown encouraging visitors to the area.

They propose to do this using a state grant that gives federal funds to certain projects throughout the state. City Manager Michael Cain indicated that they had applied for the grant in November and had Part 1 of the application approved.

From there, the go ahead was given by the state to apply for Part 2, which includes an environmental review process and holding a public hearing. At the meeting the commission needed to pass a resolution to allow the city manager to submit the grant application

for the estimated \$833,600 project.

The grant will provide \$583,519 worth of funding and the city will come up with the other portion. At the meeting it was indicated that the city will have the funds to do so.

Commissioners were excited about the plan and felt that the community would benefit from the proposed changes.

"I think we should move forward and take advantage of it if we can," said Commissioner Laura Sansom.

The next Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28 at noon in City Hall.

Charlevoix Chamber Hosts Community Report & Annual Community Awards

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Fourth Annual State of the Community Address on Friday, February 7th from 7am-9am at Castle Farms.

This year's event 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. Presenting sponsor Berkshire Hathaway (formally Prudential Preferred Properties) will also give a short report about the major changes within their company.

Speakers at the Community Address include: Steve Seely, Chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce; Boogie Carlson or Rob Straebel from the City of Charlevoix; Jeff Crouse, Assistant Superintendent for Char-Em Intermediate School District; Lyn Jenks, CEO of Charlevoix Area Hospital; and Bill McDonough; representing the community of Beaver Island.

"This is a great event for anybody who wants to learn more about our community," said event Chamber of Commerce Board Member and Community

Economic Development Director Bethany Pearson. "It's exciting to see how much we can accomplish in a single year and how we can work together to make our community a better place."

Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce will also be presenting six members of the community with their annual awards. Awards include Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Best Customer Service, Ambassador of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Admission is \$30 per person or

\$230 for a table of eight. Tickets include a catered gourmet breakfast by Grey Gables, and a community organizational booklet with over 40 reports from different community sectors that have an impact in Charlevoix.

The general public is encouraged to attend. Please make your reservation by calling the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101, or e-mail ferguson@charlevoix.org.

Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis, tickets are limited to 200.

Larry Sullivan

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ing the clerk to report a time card to the City Manager were fair stipulations.

The council indicated that they would make their recommendations to the Compensation Committee at their next meeting. Sullivan did not make his office choice clear to council.

cil.

In other council news, council approved Stage 1 of a study that will research the cost of having free Wi-Fi throughout downtown Charlevoix. Bethany Pearson presented the study to council which has three stages and would cost roughly \$9,920 if all are completed. Council approved the first stage of the study.

Council also began discussing amendments to the city charter

that could clarify some of the vague wording that has created problems in recent months. Carlson pointed out that amending the charter was not unheard of and had been done as recently as 2006. No motion has been put to this yet.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Charlevoix City Council is scheduled for Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm in city council chambers.

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Laughter is the best medicine. But, in today's high pressure, high tension, and competitive world, laughter is fast disappearing. Join Tiffany from Yoga Roots in a Laughter Yoga class at the Charlevoix Public Library, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 25. Laughter Yoga is a breakthrough laughter delivery system that enables a person to laugh continuously for 15 to 20 minutes. It is a powerful exercise routine fast sweeping the world and is a complete wellbeing workout.

Earlier, people laughed at least 18 minutes a day, but nowadays we laugh not more than 6 minutes per day, despite the huge increase in the standard of living. Researchers have proved that laugh-

ter has the ability to unwind the negative effects of stress: the catalyst for many of our health problems. It has been scientifically shown that laughter lowers blood pressure, relaxes muscles, improves blood circulation, increases oxygen level in the body, elevates mood, brings hope, enhances communication and most importantly boosts the immune system, which is the master key for maintaining good health. But, until now there was no reliable and effective system to deliver laughter. Humor was the only tool available, and it is not reliable and seldom leads to continuous hearty laughter.

Laughter Yoga is the brainchild of Dr. Madan Kataria, an Indian

physician from Mumbai who started the first laughter club in 1995. Today, it has become a worldwide phenomenon with more than 6000 social laughter clubs in 60 countries. It combines unconditional laughter with yogic breathing (PRANAYAMA). The concept of Laughter Yoga is based on a scientific fact that the body cannot differentiate between fake and real laughter. One gets the same physiological and psychological benefits.

Join the craze of healthy living through laughing by attending this session 2PM, January 25. For information about this or other library events, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231.237.7340.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Venus & Blue Jeans offers gently used designer clothing, accessories & home décor items

By Jim Akans

Venus & Blue Jeans resale shop in Gaylord, launched by Cheryl Scheer in October of 2009, is sort of a "shabby chic" boutique, focusing on consignment sales of upscale designer/brand name clothing items, from just a few years old to recently off the rack, as well as accessories and home décor items. Displayed in a comfortable, easy to browse showroom on the Westside of Gaylord's downtown business district.

"We have a wonderful assortment items available," states Cheryl Scheer. "We also have a wide variety of reasonably priced name-brand clothing and accessories, often including Lucky brand, Silver jeans, American Eagle, Abercrombie, Hollister and Ralph Lauren. We encourage people to bring in their designer and name brand items and consign them."

The selections at Venus & Blue Jeans also include a wonderful collection of accessories such as purses, shoes and jewelry, as well as a wide selection of home furnishings, jewelry and antiques.

The consignment arrangement at Venus & Blue Jeans is refreshingly straightforward, offering a 60/40



Venus&BlueJeansPhoto; Offering gently used designer clothing, accessories & home décor items, Venus & Blue Jeans is located at 340 W. Main Street in Gaylord. Photo by Jim Akans

split between the shop and the consigner. Clothing items must be no more than a few years old, clean, free of stains and in "ready for the rack" conditions. Clothing is kept for 60 days, and is marked down after 30 and 45 days. All consignment requests must be made by appointment. The atmosphere is friendly and up-

beat, and there is plenty of parking conveniently located right next to the shop.

Venus & Blue Jeans is open Monday through Friday from 11 am until 5:30 pm, and from 11 am until 4 pm on Saturday, and is located at 340 W. Main Street in Gaylord. They can be reached at 989-731-2600.

Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Brianna Burnell



GRADE: 10
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Tennis, Cross Country, Pride Team, Robotics, Drama
FUTURE PLANS: "Go to college and get a degree in the medical field or to be a Marine Biologist."

FAVORITE QUOTE:

Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your gonna get." -Forrest Gump

STAFF COMMENTS

"Brianna is a goal-oriented, conscientious student who takes pride in her work! She is a dedicated student! Great job Brianna!" – Michele Deming, History Teacher

"Brianna as a member of the Pride Team has very insightful ideas and input for improving our school's climate." – Cindi Place, Media Specialist

"Brianna is interested in the content of my class, thoughtful about her work, and is strong at looking for connections to things she learns elsewhere. She's a delightful student." – Dale Thomason, Health Teacher

"Bri is delight to have on the JV team and is extremely hard working. She is a great teammate that always helps her teammates out by helping them get to where they need to be on the floor." -Coach Nate Dzwik

"Brianna is doing excellent in Biology. She is polite, friendly and genuinely nice. I enjoy her positive attitude and pleasant smile. Brianna is self-motivated and hard working. She is doing a wonderful job and is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Brianna you are deserving of this recognition." – Elizabeth Hemming, Biology Teacher



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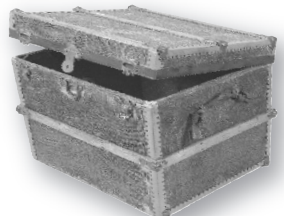


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HOUGHTON LAKE

Tip-Up Town
64th Tip-Up Town USA final weekend January 24-26. 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.

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/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.

CHARLEVOIX

Snowmobile Club Annual Community Ride-In
Ferry Beach, Saturday, January 26, 11am-3pm. Fire pit, pavilion heaters, chili, burgers, brats, hot dogs, hot cocoa, coffee. FREE food, beverages, and prizes! Snowmobile riders and non-snowmobile riders are welcome to come enjoy winter with Charlevoix Snowmobile Club! Snow or no snow, come out and enjoy winter! www.chxsnwmobile.com, charlevoixsnowmobile@gmail.

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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
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 www.redcrossblood.org

CHARLEVOIX

Up North Artists Exhibit
Charlevoix Circle of Arts Artists Up North opening Saturday, February 1, Reception from 6 to 9pm. Artists featured in show will be Capel Campbell, Margie Guyot, James Kosloskey, Todd Warner, Cal Kempainen, Igor Zaytsev.

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 Snowmobile 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.

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.

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

CHARLEVOIX

State of the Community & Awards Presentation
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
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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.

EAST JORDAN

Swiss steak dinner
The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All you care to eat Swiss Steak Dinner with homemade pies, Sat, Feb 8, 5-7pm. The dinner will be held at the EJ United Methodist Church, Corner of Fourth and Esterly. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, under 5 free.

CHARLEVOIX

Oil Painting Class
The Cal Kempainen Oil Painting Class is one you do not want to miss on Feb. 12 & 13. Cal's teaching skills are exceptional and he has won many awards got his work. Amongst his latest; the 2013 Venetian Poster, a finalist in Art Prize in Grand Rapids.

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.

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

CHARLEVOIX

Business After Hours
Join us for Business After hours at Kelsey B's Feb. 19, 5-7pm

EAST JORDAN

Hot Meal / Warm Coat
In need of a Free Hot Meal? Free Warm Coat? or Both? Do you know someone who does? Come on in downstairs at East Jordan United Methodist Church (Corner of Fourth & Esterly Streets) Friday, February 21 - 5pm to 7pm.

BOYNE CITY

Computer classes
Boyne 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

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 presentations 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.

PETOSKEY

Roller Derby League forming
A local group is forming a local roller derby league. The Roller Derby Girls' need our support and help from our communities and regional areas. It takes a league of people, to make this work. They need a location to host practice and derby nights (up to 10,000 sq. ft), referees, non-skating officials, coaches, and volunteers! If you can help or have any info or idea leads, please contact the Petoskey Roller Derby League. www.facebook.com/petoskeyrollerderby

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 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 snow-mobiling season, 7am to Noon. Sno-Mobilers Club House - Mt. Bliss Rd.

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. 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

St. Patrick's Day party
Tickets will be on sale soon! Contact your local Rotarian to reserve your tickets because they will sell out. Don't forget to make sure to mark your calendars for March 15th at Castle Farms

CHARLEVOIX

4th Annual Business Expo
Mark your calendar for March, 21 for the 4th Annual Business Expo at Castle Farms. The Expo will offer businesses a chance to build awareness in the community. It will feature more than 100 booths in a wide range of categories, including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and restaurants.

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N.W. Michigan Works learning labs offer help preparing for new GED test

Northwest Michigan Works! Learning Labs are offering help for students preparing for the new GED test, which was revamped this year for the first time since 2002. The Learning Labs are open for new registrations and offer personalized scheduling and self-paced, individualized instruction.

The GED 2014 test emphasizes problem-solving over memorization and is designed to more quickly move people to college and career options that mean better wages, and ensure that adult learners are prepared for college and career training programs.

Any adult wishing to prepare for the GED test can register in person at

any of the Learning Labs or by calling 800-442-1074. Classes are also available for adults who would like to complete their high school diploma, or improve their basic reading, writing, math, or computer skills. There is no cost to attend. Learning Labs are located in Benzonia, Cadillac, East Jordan, Kalkaska, Manistee and Traverse City. More information about the Learning Labs is available at: nwm.org/labs

Adult education services are available through the cooperative efforts of TBAISD, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, and Northwest Michigan Works!

What's YOUR Agenda for Michigan in 2014?

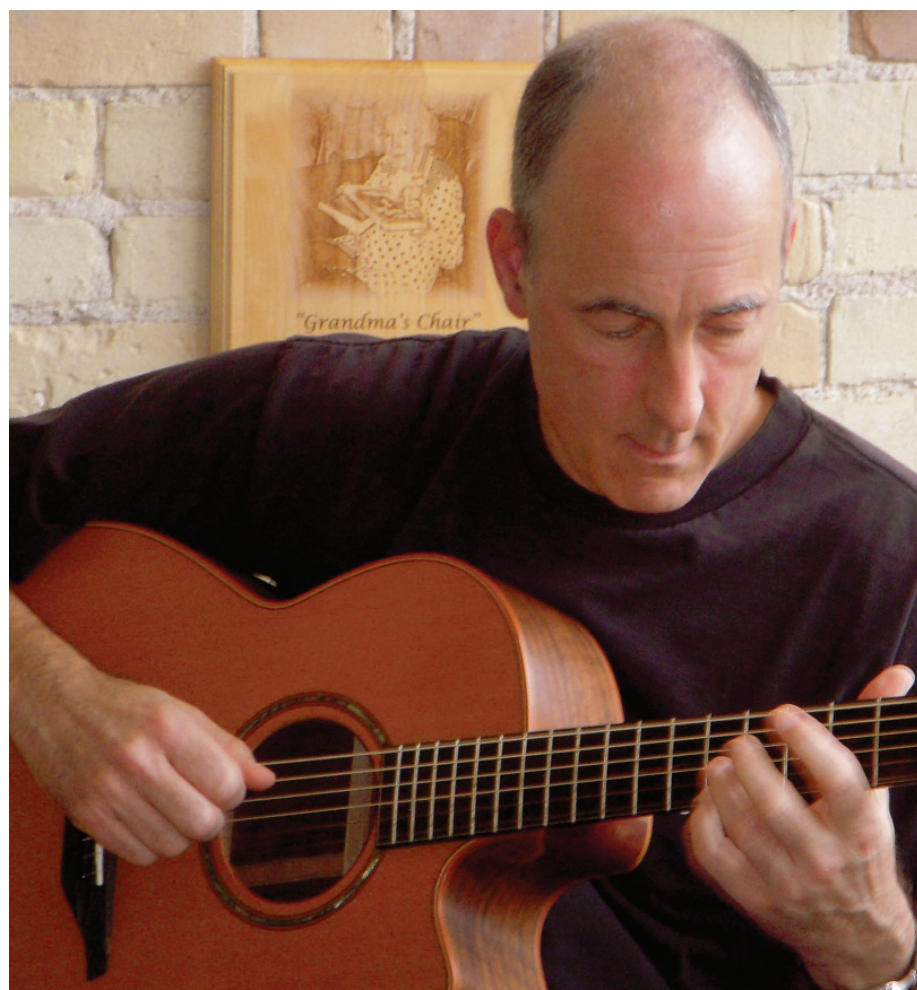
The Charlevoix Public Library, in partnership with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, is pleased to host a Community Conversation with the Center for Michigan. Ken Winter will facilitate this discussion 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28 in the Community Room of the Library.

The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, non-partisan think-and-do tank, never endorses political parties or candidates for office. Instead, they seek to frame public issues with public input and then outline for those issues for the public leaders based on what the public stated they want. With the

Community Conversations, the Center aims to engage thousands of people across Michigan with the goal of identifying priorities for our state in 2014 and beyond, and then amplifying these public priorities in all campaigns and in the state capitol after the election. Discussion topics for the January 28 session will include: Education, Economy & Prosperity, Quality of Life, and Public Money Priorities.

Please register to participate in the conversation at the library's website calendar www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call the Information Services Desk at 231.237.7340.

WinterFolk Concert Series



The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce that Bill Wilson will be the kick-off performer for their WinterFolk Concert Series, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the last Mondays of the month. The WinterFolk Concerts celebrate local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the evening with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share talents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to 5 performers.

Bill Wilson will perform 6:30 p.m., January 27. Bill has been playing guitar for over 35 years. As a finger style guitarist, he writes original tunes, and enjoys playing instrumental arrangements of folk and popular songs, as well as a few classical pieces. In celebration of the Journey Stories Smithsonian exhibit at the library, Steve Guthrie and Friends will present a special concert at the February 24 WinterFolk Concert.

For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

Winter activities planned at Camp Daggett

Camp Daggett offers great activities for families this winter. On January 25 and February 22 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., experience the solitude of the wilderness as you snowshoe by torchlight at Camp Daggett. Bearcub Outfitters of Petoskey has once again graciously sponsored this family-fun event. Afterward, come in from the cold for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies and to warm-up by the crackling fire in camp's beautiful main lodge. Buy raffle tickets for great Bearcub products with all proceeds going to Camp Daggett. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snowshoes are available for all ages!

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers

or big brothers are invited to bring their sons (ages 8-16) for a fun filled Father/Son weekend, March 7-9, at Camp Daggett. Cost is \$150 for father/son, plus \$50 for each additional son. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Participants can expect a weekend of fun and adventure as they try their hands at various outdoor activities and enjoy wild game lunches and dinners in front of the lodge fireplace. For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Leverenz at Camp Daggett, ext. 112.

If you're looking for a way to beat the winter blues, or want to schedule a birthday party or family retreat at the Camp Daggett Adventure Center,

the cost is \$20 per person, which includes initiatives and high climbing walls, plus a room to do cake and ice cream. Minimum for this three-hour event is 15 people for a total of \$300. It's a great way to spend the day, play and learn together.

Registration is now open for Camp Daggett summer camp. Applications are available online or at area schools and local chambers of commerce. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrants for the first week of camp, June 15-21, get \$50 off the registration fee.

To learn more about Camp Daggett, visit or call executive director, Brent Marlatt at 231-347-9742.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION JANUARY 21, 2014

City supports new ambulance authority, Considers allowing street vendors

By Tina Sundelius

East Jordan—East Jordan City Commissioners voted to accept the newly proposed Ambulance Authority's Articles of Incorporation and heard a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee concerning transient merchant sales at the January 21 City Commission meeting.

After discussion initiated by Commissioner Tony Cutler who voiced concerns about the Ambulance Authority's ability to levy a mileage and possible ability to raise taxes in lieu of a failed millage proposal, the commission voted unanimously to ap-

prove the Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority's Articles of Incorporation.

"Creating the Authority puts the problem back to all seven entities. If the millage fails they have to work together to find a reasonable solution rather than the city taking the sole responsibility for it," explained EMS Director Jay Peck, clearing up Cutler's concerns.

City Administrator, Chris Yonker was appointed as the city's representative to the Authority for the first year.

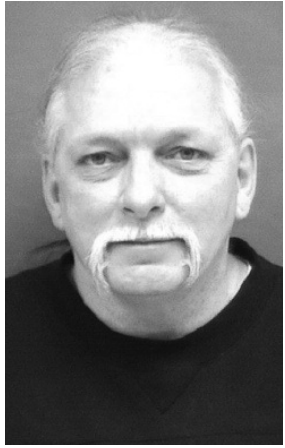
Parks Director, Tom Cannon addressed the commissioners with a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee to allow street vendors, roadside stands and transient merchants to operate in city parks, excluding Tourist Park Campground, Community Park, baseball and softball fields and harbor docks, with proper application and approval from the city administrator or the parks director.

Currently vending in the city's parks is prohibited by city ordinance but because of the popularity of truck vendors, allowing them has been an ongoing discussion for a long time. "I don't want to take away from our local dining establishments that have come to rely on business from festivals in the park," said Com-

missioner Paul Timmons. The commission was not prepared to do anything with the recommendation but formally accepted it and set a future date to discuss in detail how vendors will fit in with the city's master plan. "Our goal is to set an ordinance that allows for the best parts of this to come forward," said Mark Penzien. A public meeting or forum with stakeholders was suggested. No action was taken.

The next regular meeting of the City Commission is scheduled for 7 P.M., Tuesday, February 4.



Brian Paul Sloboda

Norma Jean Babcock

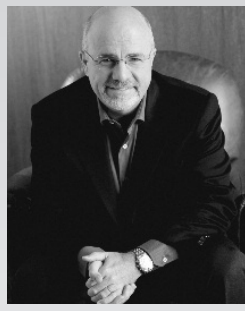
EAST JORDAN: Brian Paul Sloboda a man accused of fourth degree criminal sexual assault could be looking at 2 years in prison.

Police charged Sloboda after being contacted by a social worker who stated that Sloboda had taken nude photographs and inappropriately touched a minor between 13-16 years of age in December 2012.

Initially Sloboda had been facing another charge, but this charge was dropped when he plead guilty to the fourth degree criminal sexual assault.

He was sentence on Friday January 10 at the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix to a minimum of 16 months to 24 months maximum. He was also required to pay court fees of \$198. His sentence has two days credit for time previously served.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Pay the IRS first!

Dear Dave, My husband has his own business installing windows. As a result, we now have IRS and state tax debt. We're managing the payments, but where should these debts be placed in the debt snowball plan? Olivia

Dear Olivia, I don't usually cheat on the smallest to largest progression of the debt snowball, but I'd recommend moving these

debts to the top of the list.

Both state and federal taxes come with ridiculous penalties and interest rates, and the authorities at either level have virtually unlimited power at their disposal to screw with your life if something bad happens. The IRS can actually take your money without suing you. So, you don't want to become a blip on their radar screen by being late with payments.

Get it cleaned up as quickly as possible, Olivia. You don't want to mess around with these guys! —Dave

Check on the checking account

Dear Dave, My husband died eight years ago, and I never closed his bank accounts that were opened when we lived in another state. We lived in Florida before moving to Oregon. I didn't probate the estate, and he did not have a will. I'm trying to work with the banks to get this settled, but they're giving me the runaround. Do you have any advice? Melinda

Dear Melinda, The first thing you need to do is contact an attorney who handles estate planning. If the accounts were opened in Florida, but you both lived in Oregon at the time of his death, technically the estate would be probated in Oregon. That may be what has to happen. If so, a judge would appoint you as executor. As executor, you can close the accounts and disperse any money to the rightful heir—which is you. Be prepared, though. It may take

somewhere between \$250 and \$500 in attorney fees and court costs to make this happen. If you're lucky, you might get a simple motion from the court that would cost you next to nothing. But find a good estate planning attorney who knows Oregon law inside and out. Estate laws and probate laws differ from state to state, and Florida and Oregon both have some weird laws in these areas.

This probably seems like a lot of trouble, but you have to remember the banks are simply trying to protect themselves and follow the law. Anyone could walk in with a death certificate (they're public record), and claim to be an heir. So, they have to have a court document in order to avoid any potential liability.

I'm sorry for your loss, Melinda. I know it still hurts after all this time, but you need to address this as soon as possible. I'm sure it's what your husband would have wanted. —Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, January 6, 2014

- 7:13am Assist Sheriff Dept with plane crash off Addis Rd
- 1:08am 2 vehicle property dam age accident at Boyne Av and Main St
- 3:03am 2 vehicle private property dam age accident in the 200 block of S Park St
- 3:12am Assist citizen with false alarm activation at Boice and Roosevelt.....
- 4:57am Citation issued for failure to yield at stop sign at River and Park St
- 5:13am Citation issued for running red light at Lake and Water Streets

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

- 3:25am Vehicle on a snowbank N. Park and Franklin St. Arrested one subject for no insurance and improper use of registration plates. Citation issued for careless driving. Second subject was arrested for MIP.
- 7:30am Driving complaint received coming into town on Boyne City Rd
- 10:3am Assist Fire Dept in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1:13am 3 vehicle private property accident in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 4:55am Gas drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St. Driver came back and paid.
- 5:02am Vehicle unlock in the 400

- block of N Lake St
- 6:48am Lodged stray dog at the shelter
- 11:35am Vehicle in the ditch at State and Hannah

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

- 2:05am Three vehicles cited and towed for snow removal downtown
- 7:05am Alarm in the 100 block of E Michigan
- 7:58am 2 vehicle accident at Boyne Av and Boyne Summit
- 9:12am Semi not able to make it up hill on Lake St at Cedar. DPW assisted with sand.
- 3:30am Subject arrested on 2 outstanding warrants
- 3:37am 3 vehicle property dam age accident at Main and Boyne Av
- 6:23am Vehicle stuck in driveway creating traffic hazard on Boyne Av
- 5:17am Assist MSP with school bus issue arising in Boyne Falls

Thursday, January 9, 2014

- 2:22am Assist Sheriff Dept at Old State and Addis Rd
- 7:34am ...Assist EMS on Knollwood
- 10:00am Civil issue in the 300 block of Silver St
- 2:16am Harassment complaint reported in the 300 block of Silver St
- 2:19am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 7:55am Arrested subject on 2 warrants in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

Friday, January 10, 2014

- 9:30am Civil complaint from the 300 block of Silver St
- 10:02am Parking complaint reported in the 300 block of S Lake St
- 10:25am Computer fraud reported in the 300 block of State St
- 12:35am Report of disturbance in the 900 block of Brockway
- 3:11am 2 vehicle PDA in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 5:25am Report of vehicle in snowbank at Lake and Water
- 7:02am 1 vehicle property dam age accident in the 100 block of W Michigan
- 9:47am Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of Boyne Av
- 11:55am Assist MSP and Child Protective Services on N East St

Saturday, January 11, 2014

- 9:31am Vehicle in the ditch at Boyne Av and Brockway
- 11:54am Report of dam age to mailbox in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1:19am Health and Safety issue reported in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 10:40am Assist EMS in the 300 block of State St

Sunday, January 12, 2014

- 12:14am Assist Sheriff Dept with assault in Boyne Falls
- 12:53am 911 hang up call in the 700 block of Earl St
- 10:49am Alarm in the 100 block of E Water St

- 2:47am Disturbance in the 300 block of E Division St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

January 13-19, 2014

- 911 Hang Up Call.....2
- Abandoned Vehicle.....5
- Abuse.....0
- Alarm.....2
- Animal Complaint.....8
- Annoyance.....2
- Assault.....2
- Assist Citizen.....4
- Assist Motorist.....4
- Assist Other Agency.....11
- Attempt to Locate.....0
- Attempted Suicide.....0
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation.....0
- Breaking & Entering.....0
- Car/Deer Accident.....9
- Citations Issued.....9
- Civil Complaint.....6
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
- Death.....0
- Disorderly Person.....0
- Disturbance.....1
- DNR Complaint.....0
- Domestic Dispute.....0
- Driving Complaint.....2
- Fireworks Complaint.....0
- Found Property.....1

- Fraud.....0
- Health & Safety.....3
- Hit & Run.....0
- Intoxicated Person.....0
- Juvenile.....1
- Larceny.....5
- Lockout.....4
- Lost Property.....0
- Malicious Destruction of Property.....1
- Mental Subject.....1
- Minor In Possession.....0
- Miscellaneous Criminal.....5
- Missing Person.....0
- Noise Complaint.....0
- Operating Under the Influence.....0
- Paper Service.....2
- Parking Violation.....1
- Personal Injury Accident.....1
- Personal Protection Order.....0
- Private Property Accident.....1
- Property Check.....37
- Property Dam age Accident.....8
- Prowler.....0
- Road Hazard.....16
- Snowmobile Accident.....1
- Stalking.....0
- Suspicious Situation.....2
- Threat.....0
- Traffic Stop.....29
- Trespassing.....0
- Unknown Accident.....2
- Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
- Vehicle in the Ditch.....19
- Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

January thaw brings the return of the pothole

It's not spring yet, but a mid-January warm-up brought with it a bumper crop of potholes across Michigan. If you spot a pothole on an I-, US- or M-route, you can report it to the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Pothole Hotline.

Motorists in Michigan can report potholes on state highways in three ways: calling the Pothole Hotline at 888-296-4546; clicking the "Report a Pothole"

link in the Spotlight section at www.michigan.gov/mdot; or by calling your local MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC) or region office.

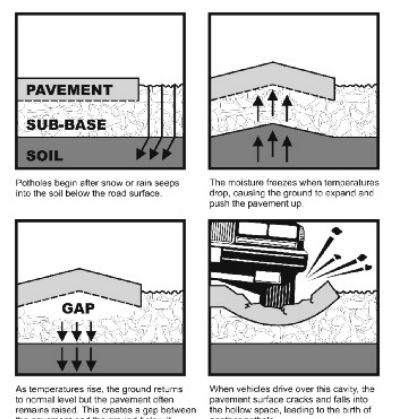
"The quicker we know about where potholes are forming, the sooner we can get them patched," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Patching them won't last, but will help get us through until warmer weather returns."

Potholes are most prevalent during freeze/thaw cycles, when water penetrates the pavement surface and refreezes, pushing the pavement up. Vehicles then push the pavement back down, breaking it and starting a pothole.

"Extended winters and aging pavements result in more potholes on Michigan roads, and increased costs to keeping our roads in good shape," Steudle

said. Those reporting pothole locations are asked to provide the route name (M, I or US designation), the county, the nearest community, and the closest cross street or interchange. Potholes on non-state roads should be reported to local road commissions since MDOT does not have jurisdiction over roads that are not part of the state system.

Birth of a Pothole



This information can be accessed on MDOT's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Rev. 03/2004



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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER



Come enjoy Ping Pong at the Charlevoix Senior Center! Available at most times Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm. Lots of fun to be had!!!



The Charlevoix Wii Bowling Team greatly enjoyed their first friendly Wii bowling competition at the Friendship Center of Petoskey in November. They were warmly (and exuberantly) greeted at the door, enjoyed lunch together, and bowled several friendly games. A great time was had by all and they are eagerly looking forward to the next outing!



Come Rummy around with these Gals at 1pm Friday afternoons!

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER



Students of the Boyne Middle School Drama Group come once a month to entertain and join in for lunch! Check the Center for their next visit! Pictured L to R: Kathryn Zucker, Natalie Snyder, Auriana Leismer, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Aurora Seelye, and Brooklyn Fitzpatrick.



Special "thanks" go out to the Petoskey Choral Group, Kathleen, Shirley, Mike, Ricardo, Jerry and so many more for helping to make a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!



New Fraud Hotline!

If you detect a fraud or scam aimed at seniors . . . there's a new toll-free number for assistance.

1-855-303-9470 operates from 9 am to 5 pm EST on Mondays through Fridays, staffed by a team of investigators from the U.S. Senate

Special Committee on Aging. Consumer protection is a key focus of the committee's work and their investigators understand the vast array of government agencies involved in consumer protection complaints.

You can also contact the committee

through its new website - www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline. The site features large print and simple navigation, and is of course available 24/7.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 23 Wii Bowling	Friday, January 24 B-DAY DAY! 11am-12pm Roger Raffle	Monday, January 27 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	Tuesday, January 28 Brown-Bag Bingo	Wednesday, January 29 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	Thursday, January 30 Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 23 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, January 24 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, January 27 1pm Wii Bowling 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, January 28 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wednesday, January 29 1pm Bingo	Thursday, January 30 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 23 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day	Friday, January 24 10:30am Exercise 11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle	Monday, January 27 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10:30am Exercise	Tuesday, January 28 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, January 29 10:30am Exercise 11am Wii FUN!	Thursday, January 30 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, January 23 PORK ROAST	Friday, January 24 CHEESY MEATBALLS	Monday, January 27 CHICKEN ALA KING	Tuesday, January 28 BEEF STROGANOFF	Wednesday, January 29 VEAL W/GRAVY	Thursday, January 30 CHICKEN
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