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Logger junior Andrew Stevens patiently awaits for a play to develop during the Boyne Falls win over Mackinaw City. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)



Tiffany Pollaksi (42) of East Jordan moves the ball upcourt against the Harbor Springs pressure. (PHOTO BY NELSON OGDEN)

**HAVE A (SNO-) BLAST!**

**East Jordan hosts 33rd Annual Winter Sno-Blast Festival**

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—Winter enthusiasts will not be short on snow for this year's Sno-Blast, as East Jordan kicks off its 33rd annual festival this weekend Feb. 7-9.

What began as a snowmobile race and poker run put on by the Jordan Valley Trailblazers more than 30 years ago, now stands as a full-fledged winter festival attracting more than 1000 people from all over the state.

"The Chamber took over the event more than 20 years ago... (and) has added many new events," said Shannon Fender of East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

With an array of both indoor and outdoor activities, the Sno-Blast has something for everyone, Fender said, including those who are less enthusiastic about the snow.

**Friday Funday**

Kicking off the weekend of events is the Mid-Winter Walleye Classic Fishing Tournament. Fishing starts at noon on Friday and finishes at noon on Sunday. For more information, contact Tom's Bait & Tackle at (231) 536-3521 or Boyne City Co-Op at (231) 582-9971.

Looking to warm-up? East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House will be hosting a Chili Supper from 4:30-7 p.m. Enjoy chili, salad, dessert, and a beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and children 12 & under \$5.

All weekend long, East Jordan area stores and businesses will be offering sales and specials. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, happy hour, or maybe just dessert, local restaurants and bars will offer Sno-Blast specials. Participating businesses will also have indoor side-walk sales for those who want to shop 'til they drop.

**Saturday Sno-Day**

Saturday is when most of the Sno-Blast action occurs, with East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club hosting many of the events.

Located on Mt. Bliss Road, the Sno-Mobilers Club House will have a light breakfast from 8-10 a.m., serving biscuits and sausage gravy. From there, hit

up the Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show at the club, which begins at 9 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. Offering the chance to win a free snow lovers breakfast is a Sno-Blast favorite, the Frozen Pancake Toss. Starting at 9:30 a.m., each toss costs 25 cents or 5 for \$1. The longest frozen breakfast toss in each of the four age categories will win a piping hot breakfast from the club.



2013 Winter Knight Tom Fender and 2013 Belle of the Blizzard Courtney Fender will relinquish their crowns to the 2014 winners following the Grand Parade on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 4:15 p.m. in front of the East Jordan Community Center.



Businesses and residents of East Jordan show off their creative talent with snow sculptures all over town. This year's Sno-Sculpture theme is "Nature's Beauty" and is sponsored by Darlene's Restaurant. The Sladick family of East Jordan won the 2013 title with their rendition of Rich "Uncle" Pennybags, the game of Monopoly's mascot.

New to this year's festival is the Blessing of the Sleds. Father James Gardiner of St. Joseph Parish will offer a blessing over all snowmobiles in attendance of the event. Taking place on club grounds, the blessing will begin at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday and is free of charge. Immediately following the blessing will be an antique/vintage/classic snowmobile ride.

For those looking to spend some time in town, Harvest Barn Church on M-66 is hosting roller-skating from 12-3 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes skate rental.

Another classic Sno-Blast event is Softball in the Snow.

"[It is] a unique event that you don't see at most winter festivals," said Fender.

Taking place at 12 p.m. in town, contact Nikki Skrocki at (231) 536-3331 for more information on this Sno-ball of an event, whether looking to watch or participate.

At 4 p.m. is a Sno-Blast highlight, the Grand Parade in downtown East Jordan on Main Street. Led by this year's Grand Marshal, Tom Sheridan, the parade will be followed by an awards ceremony and crowning of the Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard.

"The Bell and Knight candidates are chosen by the Sno-Blast committee," Fender said. "We try to choose people that work in East Jordan businesses and will be well known by the town and that enjoy winter, [which is not always easy to find]."

This year's candidates for Bell of the Blizzard include Holly Nierman, Theresa Nachazel, and Rachel Bernier. Winter Knight candidates are Mike Stark, Brandon Brimacomb, and Brandon Argetsinger.

"Also new this year are the Indoor Family Games," said Fender. "They will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the

**Charlevoix City Council Approves Big Changes**

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the regular monthly meeting of City Council on February 3, a new member for the second ward was appointed and two new businesses retained liquor licenses.



Peggy Brennan was inducted as a Second Ward Council member.

The void left by the resignation of Greg Stevens was filled at the meeting by unanimous approval by Peggy Brennan. Leon Peron, also of the second ward, had motioned for Brennan to take the position at the January 20 meeting but met with opposition

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**Attorney Fees Cause Tension at Council**

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In another episode involving Larry Sullivan and his denial of the City Clerk's position City Council found themselves in quite the quandary over fees owed to city attorneys Jim Young and Bryan Graham.

During the regular meeting of city council Jeff Porter asked to discuss a check that had been issued to the attorneys before allowing payment of it. Porter stated that he felt the amount was excessive, and indicated that he felt the time spent researching whether or not Sullivan could hold both offices was over the top.

"The city has spent over \$14,000 since July, for 105 hours of work...I can't believe the city would even

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## weather

## THURSDAY



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

## FRIDAY



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

## SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 10's  
LOW: Mid 00's

## SUNDAY



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

## snowfall

2012-13	.....Am t	2013-14	.....Am t
2/4/2013	.....29.4	2/3/2014	.....45.1
2/4/2013	.....63.5	2/3/2014	.....92.4
2/4/2013	.....70.8	2/3/2014	.....108.6
2/4/2013	.....75.7	2/3/2014	.....139.3
2/4/2013	.....24.7	2/3/2014	.....50.5
2/4/2013	.....46	2/3/2014	.....90.2
2/4/2013	.....73.5	2/3/2014	.....137.2

## record temps

Day	.....Avg. High	.....Avg. Low	.....Record High	.....Record Low
6	.....31°F	.....13°F	.....56°F (2005)	.....-20°F (1978)
7	.....31°F	.....13°F	.....46°F (2005)	.....-22°F (1967)
8	.....31°F	.....13°F	.....49°F (1990)	.....-21°F (1962)
9	.....31°F	.....13°F	.....50°F (1966)	.....-32°F (1979)
10	.....32°F	.....13°F	.....56°F (2009)	.....-31°F (1994)
11	.....32°F	.....13°F	.....58°F (2009)	.....-20°F (1958)
12	.....32°F	.....13°F	.....56°F (1999)	.....-23°F (1968)

## OBITUARIES

## Raymond Anthony, 88

Raymond Anthony of Boyne City passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014.

Arrangements for Raymond are pending and will be announced by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

## Sandra Enbody, 77

Sandra Enbody of Boyne City passed away at home Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

Family and friends will be gathering 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, and a funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City.

## Dennis Lee Kopkau, 70

(MARCH 21, 1943 - FEB. 1, 2014)

Dennis Lee Kopkau died Saturday, February 1, 2014 at his home in East Jordan.

He was born on March 21, 1943, in East Jordan, the son of Ernest and Beatrice (Palmeteer) Kopkau. On September 10, 1972, in East Jordan, he married Karen Swift.

Dennis was a heavy equipment operator and was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #324. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Kopkau of East Jordan; four children, Debbie (Chris) Derenzy of East Jordan, Todd Kopkau of Kent City, Patty Kern of East Jordan and Chris Kopkau of East Jordan; twelve grandchildren; Jimmy Gagnon, Donna Dyer, Jessica Kinner, Tyler Kopkau, Jacob Lavake, Will Lafferty, Renee Kern,

Brenda Kern, Robby Kern, TJ Kopkau, Bret Kopkau, and Eric Kopkau; five & three-quarter great grandchildren; one brother, Ernest Kopkau, Jr. of Plainfield, Illinois; as well as several nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Wanda Bolser and Wilda Croff; and two brothers, Alvin "Budd" Bates and Harold Bates, Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

## E. Lorene Segraves, 90

(JULY 29, 1923 - FEB. 1, 2014)

E. Lorene Segraves of East Jordan died Saturday, February 1, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on July 29, 1923, in Richmond Township near Hersey, MI, the daughter of Solomon and Grace (Benzing) Haist. Lorene graduated from Hersey High School in 1941.

On August 1, 1942, in Reed City, Lorene married Robert L. Segraves, who later was known as "Boyne Auto Bob". He preceded her in death on May 28, 2013.

She is survived by one son, Glen A. (Mary Jane) Segraves of East Jordan; three grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; one sister, Ruby Van Alstine of Boyne City; and many nieces

and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one newborn daughter, Julianna Segraves in 1947, and one son, Karl J. Segraves on August 16, 2010.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 4 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A graveside services will be held in the spring at Hersey Village Cemetery in Hersey, Michigan.

Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

## Eva M. Healey, 94

(APRIL 30, 1919 - JAN. 29, 2014)

Eva M. Healey of East Jordan was welcomed into the arms of her Lord on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on April 30, 1919, in East Jordan, the daughter of Charles, Sr. and Martina (Thompson) Dennis. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1937. Eva married Wade Healey on May 11, 1937, in East Jordan and he preceded her in death on December 26, 1996.

Eva enjoyed the distinction of holding the title, "Belle of the Blizzard" for 57 years. On February 28, 1936, Eva was crowned "Miss Aurora Borealis" supreme ruler of winter storms, guardian of the Northern winds and defender of the "Northern Lights". The contest drew attention from the national media as the City of East Jordan was the first city in the United States to recognize King Borealis, better known as "Old Man Winter", due to the record breaking snowfall received during the month of February. The festival was brought to light as a stress reliever and to have some fun. The potential contestants had to be at least 16 years old and not over 21, no girl having false teeth, fallen arches, or hang nails would be considered. Contestants had to have been seen skating on the old mill pond at least once being able to keep their balance with the help of no more than three people! Eva passed on her crown during Sno-Blast '92 and was honored as grand marshal of the festival's parade.

In 1937, Eva and her husband Wade opened Healey Hardware which they owned until 1976. Healey Hardware was a hardware and sporting goods store for the men and household goods for the women. If you were looking for an item she didn't have in stock, Eva would find it for you. Customer satisfaction was top on her list.

Eva loved to cook and she could cook up a mean breakfast on Sunday Mornings. The

whole family would gather together to share in what became known as "Eva's Kitchen". She had a great personality, beautiful smile and sincere love for her children and grandchildren. Some of the family's favorite destinations were the Upper Peninsula and Canada where great memories were made. Her motto: Give of yourself, be honest and fair to your fellow man.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda (Tom) Louiselle of Charlevoix, Glenda (Gary) Ciszewski of East Jordan and Sally Pomante of Kalkaska; one son, Bruce (Carol) Healey of Charlevoix; one daughter-in-law, Zila Healey of East Jordan; 16 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one sister, Jean Peterson of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one son, Tom Healey; one sister, Dorothy Sommerville and three brothers, Clifford Dennis, Charles Dennis, Jr. and Delbert Dennis.

Funeral service was held on Monday, February 3 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan officiated with interment following in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

## Helen Irene Behm

(FEB. 14, 1924 - JAN. 28, 2014)

Helen I. Behm of Boyne City died January 28, 2014 at Autumn Joy in Charlevoix, MI.

Helen was born on February 14, 1924 to Eli and Celia (Vaughan) Olsen. She grew up in Petoskey and attended Petoskey Schools. Helen resided for a short time in Hazel Park, MI where she met and married Harold Behm in 1965. Together they moved to Walloon Lake where they owned and operated the Junction Inn. Their retirement in 1977 brought them to Boyne City where she resided until her 2012 move to Autumn Joy. Helen was also an active member of St. Matthews Catholic Church for many years.

Helen is survived by granddaughter Angela (Ernest Selbee) Piehl of Shelby Township, MI; grandson Victor W. (Andrea) Piehl of Columbus, MI; great grandchildren Karissa, Madison and Chloe Piehl and Nathan and Kaelin Selbee;

brothers Cleo Olsen of Petoskey, Eli (Audrey) Olsen of

Cresville, OR; sister Virginia Smith of Charlevoix and Frances Spitler of Grand Rapids, MI.

She is preceded in death by her husband; son Victor M. Piehl; brothers Daniel, Clio and Donald Olsen and sister Ruth Nuismar.

A family service has been held. As she wished, a graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery will be held and announced at a later date. Donations in Helen's name may be directed to a charity of choice.

Family is being served by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

## Thomas Edwin Morrison, Jr., 90

(SEPT. 7, 1923 - JAN. 30, 2014)

Thomas Edwin Morrison, Jr. of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, January 30, 2014, at his home. He was born September 7, 1923, in Waterbury, Conn., the son of Thomas Patrick and Emma (Duhamel) Morrison, Sr.

He joined the US Coast Guard in 1942, was stationed in Charlevoix, and as Officer-In-Charge in Alpena and Saint Joseph, before being transferred to San Juan Puerto Rico from where he retired as a Chief Boatswain's Mate in 1963. Following retirement from the Coast Guard, he traveled the world sailing on the Great Lakes and Oceans as a ship's engineer until 1982.

On October 8, 1957, he married Donna Marie Armstrong in Boyne City. Tom was a member of Saint Mary's Church, the American Legion Post 9, in Muskegon, and the VFW Post #1153, Charlevoix. He enjoyed his daily outings around town, striking up conversations with a smile where ever he went.

He is survived by his wife, Donna M; sons, Thomas E. (Lyddy), Gene F. (Mel), Philip R., Kevin P. (Lisa) all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Tasha Lee (Justin) Furgeson, Cody Thomas Morrison, Christian A. Morrison, and a very special granddaughter; great-grandson, Jax Richard Furgeson; sister, P. Audrey (Fred) Newvine of Waterbury, Conn.; brother-in-law, Joe (Annette) Armstrong of Marcellus.

Funeral Mass was February 4, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton officiated and military honors were presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans. Burial will take place in the spring at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's School.

## One Billion Rising: a call to break the silence

## Local survivor stories told through messages on t-shirts in Clothesline Project display

To coincide with One Billion Rising, North Central Michigan College and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) are teaming up to organize a Clothesline Project display of more than 40 t-shirts created by local survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. The shirts will be displayed February 10-21 at the college library. The shirts are a powerful and creative way for survivors to explore the power of their unique voices, to tell their stories and for the community to bear witness to this extraordinary, enlightening and empowering process.

One Billion Rising began as

a call to action based on the staggering statistic that one in three women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, that amounts to more than one billion women and girls.

In 2013, one billion women and men in 207 countries shook the earth through dance and music to raise awareness and help end this violence. One Billion Rising was the biggest global action in the history of the world.

One Billion Rising takes place annually on February 14. The focus this year is to break the silence that continues to surround domestic abuse and sexual assault, as well as examine the root causes of these crimes. It is a call to survivors to break the silence and release their stories – politically, spiritually, outrageously – through art, dance, marches, ritual, song, spoken word, testimonies and whatever way feels right.

"The shirts represented in this Clothesline Project display represent each person's personal experience with violence," said Chris Krajewski, domestic abuse and sexual assault program director at the WRCNM. "The messages are so impactful because they are raw and so brutally honest they take your breath away. The shirts show the pain, fear and anger that survivors experience, as well as hope and healing."

The Clothesline Project display will be available for public viewing and reflection February 10-21, at the North Central Michigan College library in Petoskey. Books focusing on social injustice will also be displayed.

For more information or library hours, contact North Central Michigan College at (231) 348-6600, or contact the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan at (231) 347-0067 or online at wrcnm.org.

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## Ellsworth Shiverfest takes place next weekend

By Tina Sundelius

Mother Nature has cooperated with festival planners this year to create a perfect environment for the Fourth Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest on the Breezeway Saturday and Sunday February 15-16.

The festival includes something for everyone and coincides with Michigan's free fishing weekend so registration for the Shiver in the Shanty Fishing Contest will kick-off events at A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo at 8 A.M. Fisherpersons can shiver on Lake Ellsworth or Lake St. Clair until weigh-in begins promptly at 3 P.M. with awards immediately following. "We weren't able to have the fishing contest the last two years because we didn't have anyone to run it and we are happy to have it back this year and because of the free fishing weekend, no fishing license required," said Ellebration Committee Rep, Alana Haley.

Snowmobilers are invited to follow the St. Clair Trail to enjoy the festivities at Community Park. A warming fire, free hot chocolate, hot dogs and s'mores will be available from 1-3P.M. Kids are encouraged to bring their sleds and ride the big hill as well as designing their own cardboard creations which will be judged at 1:30 P.M. followed by the Cardboard Sled Race. Winners of the race will receive accolades as well as the sled with the best overall design. "We had our biggest turn out ever last year and we are hoping for even more kids to come with their cardboard sleds this



year, said Haley.

A Snow Art Contest will begin at 2 P.M. Artists of all ages are invited to make a masterpiece on a snow pallet with squirt & spray bottles of paint. The tough job of judging for both the sleds and art has been given to Banks Township Citizen of the year, Lynn Aldrich Spearing.

On Saturday the fun doesn't end when the sun goes down, bring a headlamp or flashlight and some warm boots and enjoy the Dark Sky Hike starting at 7 P.M. at the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast. A warming fire will be blazing before, after and during the hike and free hot chocolate and s'mores will be available. This guided hike takes place on just over a mile of groomed trails with hikes starting on the hour and half-hour. "We have something you can do indoors and something you can do outdoors," said Haley.

Also starting at 7 P.M. is the Cabin Fever Reliever Euchre Tournament at the Banks Township Hall presented by the Ellsworth Lions Club. Players will be paired with a different partner each game and prizes will be awarded for a

variety of events and to the overall winner. For those who still have energy to burn, live music begins at the Gold Nugget Bar & Grill at 9P.M.

The Fireworks Fun Run for Snowmobiles, takes place from 9am-4pm Sunday and includes five area stops. The first at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club where a pancake breakfast will be provided then a brief stop at the Mallard Golf Course in East Jordan. Next the Flight Deck Bar in Charlevoix then back to Ellsworth to the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast/A Matter of Taste for Chili and a bonfire. The run ends at the Gold Nugget at 4P.M. where appetizers & prizes will be doled out. There is an entry fee of \$15 for the run which is sponsored by SCM Fireworks Committee, which provides the Ellebration fireworks. The Michigan Free Fishing Weekend continues through Sunday so diehard fisherpersons can continue to fish.

For information contact Jerry 231-675-2828 or Alana at 231-360-0676 or check out the Shiverfest facebook page.

## KorthaseFlinn moves East Jordan office to Main Street

EAST JORDAN – KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services announced today the relocation of its East Jordan office to Suite 10 on 100 Main Street. A full-service agency that first opened its doors in the East Jordan area more than 80 years ago, KorthaseFlinn has always been a strong supporter of the community. The new office location provides even greater opportunity for employees to immerse themselves in the Main Street community.

"With a front door opening right onto Main Street, the office is now more accessible to street traffic, and provides us with a greater opportunity to become more involved in main street activities and events," says Emily Wilmot, Operations & Human Resources Manager for the agency.

The East Jordan branch office number, 231-536-2268, will remain the same. In ad-



dition the Boyne City branch remains located at 1150 Boyne Avenue, next to McDonalds and across from the Boyne City High School, and the Petoskey office continues to operate at 1098 Bay View Road, in the Kilwin's Plaza.

About KorthaseFlinn With roots in Boyne City, East Jordan and Petoskey, KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services has served Northern Michigan

for more than 80 years. The professionals at KorthaseFlinn continue to operate from the same spirit of service that began decades before, as we strive to support and strengthen the communities in which we live, work, and grow. We take pride in delivering contemporary solutions for personal and business insurance, financial services, and individual and group health plans.

## Sno-Blast

continued from 1A

Civic Center."

Games include 9 Square in the Air, Sno-Bowling, and much more.

## Sunday Slow-Day

As things wrap up on Sunday, snow enthusiasts can slow down with a Sno-Lovers breakfast at East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club. "The Works" breakfast will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, pota-

toes, and eggs. Adults eat for \$6 and children 10 and under \$3.

And before taking that Sunday afternoon nap, take a drive around town to check out the area's Sno-Sculpture Contest winners. With record snowfall, this year's theme of "Nature's Beauty" is sure to produce some stunning creations.

For more information about the East Jordan Sno-Blast, contact East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 536-7351 or visit them online at www.ejchamber.org.

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## Abundant Snowfall Brings Relief to All-Time Low Lake Levels for Michigan and Huron



“Both lakes went from 27” below average to 17” below since January.”

By Heather DeLong

As much as many want this winter season, full of freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall, to turn into spring, the abundance of snowfall brings good news to the Great Lakes. 9 and 10 News recently re-

ported that water levels are rising again in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron due to the great amounts of snow accumulation this winter. They are increasing after hitting an all-time low earlier in the year.

According to the Michigan Sea Grant in Traverse City,

both lakes went from 27” below average to 17” below since January. Precipitation, melting snow and evaporation all play a role in water levels.

When water levels are higher in the Great Lakes, cargo ships can hold more weight and therefore carry

more cargo.

It is hard to predict what the water levels will be later on, due to their dependency on varying weather factors.

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

## Mary Beth Kur announces candidacy for 33rd Circuit Judge

Charlevoix - Today, Mary Beth Kur, of Charlevoix, formally announced that she is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge. Admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1991, Kur has been practicing law in the Circuit Courts of Michigan for nearly 23 years. She spent the first 13 years of her legal career in prosecution, serving as the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney from 1995-2004. Since 2005, she has been in private practice. Her practice has focused primarily on family law and criminal defense. Kur resides in Charlevoix with her husband Vince Left, a Beaver Island native who grew up in Charlevoix.

Kur received her Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law. She is admitted to practice in all Michigan courts and the Federal District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan. She is a member of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan and is a certified domestic relations mediator in the Emmet and Charlevoix Circuit Courts. She has appeared in numerous divorce cases involving children and litigated many complex criminal cases including homicide, narcotics and sexual assault cases. She was appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan in 2003 to serve on Michigan’s Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. The Governor also appointed her to the Executive Clemency Advisory Council in 2007. She was appointed by the Michigan Attorney General as a Special Assistant Attorney General to prosecute people throughout northern Michigan who were delinquent in their child support payments. She is a past member of the Board of Directors for Northern Community Mediation, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, the Charlevoix Lion’s Club, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan Board of Directors, the Northern Michigan Child Abuse Council Board of the Directors, the Straights Area Narcotics Enforcement Team Board of Directors and a past member of the Human Services Coordinating



Body of Emmet & Charlevoix Counties.

Mary Beth Kur is endorsed by four judges on the Michigan Court of Appeals including Judge Christopher Murray who said, “I am quite confident that Mary Beth has the intelligence, intellect and high-level of professionalism that is necessary to properly serve as a judge of this state.” Other judges who have endorsed Kur include Judge Amy Ronayne Kraus, Judge William Whitbeck and Judge Michael Riordan.

“The importance of this position to our county motivates me to seek public office again after a rewarding 10 years in the private sector. Serving the public is an important part of my life, and I believe in giving back to my community. Throughout my 23-year legal career, I’ve seen the court system from a variety of vantage points, which gives me a unique perspective, and will serve me well as a judge. I want Charlevoix County to have a Judge who is hard working, smart, no nonsense, ethical and fair to all,” said Kur.

Kur said she would like to explore establishing a sobriety court for offenders in Circuit Court and would like to implement electronic filing to improve the efficiency of the Court. “Sobriety Courts have a proven record in this state and across the nation; they enhance offender accountability and save tax dollars at the same time,” said Kur. She said she would also like to estab-

lish an interactive website to better assist the lawyers and the public and involved with the Court.

Kur also added, “Our current Judge, Richard M. Pajtas has established and maintained extremely high standards in the operation of our court during his tenure. I would be honored to follow him and feel confident in my abilities to maintain those high standards. I have worked with and have great respect for several other people I know are interested in this position. Our campaign will focus on those qualities we feel make me the best person for this very important job. Speaking for everyone involved in my campaign, I can safely say that we, along with most of the people we know, have grown very weary of any sort of personal attacks and negative, hurtful attempts to win elections at all levels.”

“I have been a voice for crime victims, and I have been a voice for those accused of crimes. I have handled dozens of child abuse and neglect cases as well as over 100 juvenile delinquency cases. I have handled all types of guardianship cases and dozens of Personal Protection Order cases. I have also volunteered my services to victims of domestic violence. All of this experience I gained in the Circuit Court over the years as a lawyer makes me uniquely qualified to serve the citizens of Charlevoix County as their Circuit Judge.”

Judge Michael Riordan said, “I believe that Mary Beth’s extensive trial experience makes her an excellent choice for Circuit Court Judge. She has practiced in Circuit Court for her entire 23-year career. She has 13 years of prosecutorial experience. She has worked as a defense lawyer in Charlevoix and Emmet counties for the past 10 years and she has done civil work as well. She also has the respect of her peers and the local judiciary in Northern Michigan. I know her to be respectful, approachable and honest.”

To learn more about Mary Beth Kur visit [www.mbkforjudge.com](http://www.mbkforjudge.com) or email her at [mbkforjudge@gmail.com](mailto:mbkforjudge@gmail.com)

## East Jordan commends Whiteford and Vollbach for service

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan City Commission met Tuesday evening to give commendation to two of the city’s finest.

For service to the city of East Jordan, Frederick A. Vollbach was given commendation for his dedicated service to the community. Vollbach served on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board from Nov. 19, 2002 until Nov. 10, 2003, as well as on the City Commission from Nov. 10, 2003 until Nov. 6, 2007.

Vollbach passed on Jan. 25, 2014 at 79 years of age. Daughter Paula Vollbach accepted the commendation on behalf of the surviving family and wished the City Commission luck in their future community endeavors.

The city of East Jordan also gave commendation to Jack “John” Whiteford for his service on the East Jordan Fire Department from the early 1950s until 1966. A native of East Jordan and dedicated community member, the city extended its



John Whiteford accepts commendation on behalf of his father Jack “John” Whiteford for his years of service on the East Jordan Fire Department.

heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Whiteford’s years of service.

Whiteford passed on Jan. 27, 2014 at 79 years of age. Son John Whiteford accepted the commendation on behalf of the surviving family.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

## East Jordan Schools 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.

## Child Abuser Sentenced

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Steven Cronk, a man arrested and charged for abusing his 3 month old daughter was sentenced on January 31, 2013.

Cronk was sentenced for 5 to 10 years in prison and was ordered to pay \$7,000 in restitution.

The charges stem from an incident that happened in Boyne City in July 2013 when emergency responders answered a call regarding an in-

fant who was not breathing.

Cronk chose not to make a statement to the court concerning his sentence. The mother of the child Katie Eaton spoke to the court of the challenges that the baby girl will face due to the abuse she suffered.

Eaton expressed that the amount of time Cronk will serve isn’t enough, but that she understood the reality was he wouldn’t face a life sentence.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, January 20, 2014

3:49am Assist Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls  
5:45am Domestic dispute in the 1000 block of S Lake St  
6:42am Dispatched injured deer at Wildwood Harbor Rd and Park St  
9:15am Report of lost keys in the area of Park and Pine  
9:55am Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1:00am 2 vehicle private property accident on Beardsley St  
1:02am 2 vehicle property damage accident at Call and Vogel Streets  
2:24am Parking complaint on S Park St  
7:36am Suspicious situation in the 500 block of Groveland  
8:58am False alarm in the Industrial Park

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

9:05am Assist to Prosecutor’s Office on Cam p Ten Rd  
9:28am Report of missing 17 year old from the 100 block of N Park  
12:47am Natural death in the 600 block of Pine Pointe Tr  
12:58am Domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Silver St. 3 arrested.  
13:32am 2 vehicle accident at Kunert and Lagoon Dr  
3:50am .....Salvage vehicle inspection  
8:07am Citizen assist in the 100

block of E Water St  
8:55am Vehicle broken down in the 200 block of S Park St  
10:10am Keys turned into PD that were found on Glenwood Beach

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

2:15am Civil complaint in the 100 block of N Park St  
11:32am Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
12:19am 2 vehicle property damage accident at Lake and Water  
10:24am False alarm in the 400 block of N Lake St  
11:02am Assist MSP at R St

Thursday, January 23, 2014

12:16am Report of possible suicidal subject in the 400 block of N Lake St  
6:06am Citation issued for running red light at Water and Lake St  
10:09am 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 300 block of E Division St  
10:20am Possible embezzlement in the 1100 block of Boyne Av  
10:50am .....Alarm on W Water St  
2:55am Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park  
6:52am Threats complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
8:22am Report of assault and attempted CSC in the 300 block of Collings St  
9:12am Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St

Friday, January 24, 2014

9:52am Parking complaint in the 600 block of W Court St  
11:40am Assist to Sheriff Dept in the 300 block of Silver St  
3:07am Arrest subject for OWI in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

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Saturday, January 25, 2014

7:05am Report of car stuck in driveway in the 900 block of N Lake St  
8:47am Vehicle in the ditch in the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
10:00am Subject reporting lost key chain

Sunday, January 26, 2014

2:05am Report of possible suicidal subject in the Boyne City Area. Subject was located and not suicidal  
8:26am Juvenile complaint from the 200 block of E Lincoln  
8:30am 2 vehicle property damage accident at Boyne Av and Brockway  
5:36am Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of E Michigan  
9:21am Threats complaint in the 300 block of Arthur  
10:14am Suspicious situation in the 500 block of N Lake St

## CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

January 27-February 2, 2014

911 Hang Up Call .....0  
Abandoned Vehicle.....0  
Abuse .....0  
Alarm .....5  
Animal Complaint .....11  
Annoyance.....4  
Assault.....0  
Assist Citizen .....4  
Assist Motorist.....5  
Assist Other Agency.....10

Attempt to Locate.....0  
Attempted Suicide.....2  
Bank Alarm .....0  
Boating Accident .....0  
Boating Violation .....0  
Breaking & Entering.....0  
Car/Deer Accident.....13  
Citations Issued.....6  
Civil Complaint .....1  
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0  
Death .....0  
Disorderly Person .....0  
Disturbance .....1  
DNR Complaint .....0  
Domestic Dispute .....2  
Driving Complaint.....2  
Fireworks Complaint .....0  
Found Property.....0  
Fraud .....3  
Health & Safety.....1  
Hit & Run .....0  
Intoxicated Person .....0  
Juvenile .....3  
Larceny.....4  
Lockout.....11  
Lost Property.....0  
Malicious Destruction of Property.....0  
Mental Subject .....0  
Minor In Possession .....0  
Miscellaneous Criminal .....3  
Missing Person.....0  
Noise Complaint.....1  
Operating Under the Influence .....0  
Paper Service .....13  
Parking Violation.....1  
Personal Injury Accident.....2  
Personal Protection Order.....0  
Private Property Accident.....3  
Property Check.....15  
Property Damage Accident.....18

Prowler .....0  
Road Hazard.....1  
Snowmobile Accident .....1  
Stalking.....0  
Suspicious Situation.....3  
Threat .....0  
Traffic Stop .....15  
Trespassing .....1  
Unknown Accident .....0  
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile 0  
Vehicle in the Ditch.....14  
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

## Vehicle collides with propane truck, one person injured.

On January 28, 2014 the Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Boyne City-East Jordan Road and Wilson Road in Wilson Township.

An Ellsworth Farmers Exchange propane truck was traveling Westbound when another vehicle failed to stop, sliding into the path of the propane truck. The driver of the propane truck, Joel Telgenhof of Ellsworth, made an attempt to avoid the collision, but was unable to do so. The driver of the other vehicle, Gregory Baker of East Jordan, refused treatment by EMS at the crash scene, but was later transported by East Jordan EMS to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for injuries sustained in the crash.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office was assisted on scene by East Jordan EMS. The crash remains under investigation.



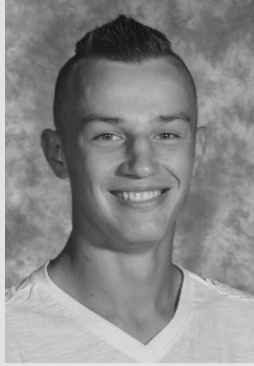
# Schools

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## Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

### Chandler Roberts



**GRADE:** 12  
**PARENTS:** Heather MacNaughton  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Art, Travel (especially to Costa Rica), Performing magic, Working at the Wood Shop  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Wrestling, Football, Baseball, President of the Boyne City Investment Club, Drama  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Accepted to Northern Michigan University to Major in Art and Design; after that, wrestle in WWE.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

*"As the President of the Boyne City Investment Club within the Personal Finance class, Chandler does an outstanding job leading the class meetings about investments. He is a dedicated Rambler who works hard every day and always has a great positive attitude to inspire those around him."* – Tony Cutler, Personal Finance Teacher

*"Chandler is the captain of the wrestling team. His energy and enthusiasm are his best traits. I am glad to see him be recognized in the classroom as well."* – Coach Don Nohel

*"Chandler is a great kid who has worked very hard to become a better student over the past couple years. He will continue to be successful with the attitude and work ethic that he displays."* – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

*"Chandler is a mature, responsible young man who is a pleasure to have in class! Thank you for setting a great example for others Chandler!"* – Michele Deming, Psychology Teacher

*"Chandler brings enthusiasm and a positive attitude to class on a daily basis. He is a positive influence on other students!"* – John Hertel, English Teacher

*"Chandler uses very original designs to convey his positive messages while creating in art class."* – Jim Beckering, Art Teacher

Boyne Falls High School

### Damion McCauley



**GRADE:** 12  
**PARENTS:** Bob and Nicole King  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Hunting and fishing  
**FUTURE PLANS:** A contractor or anything outdoors  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** Field and Stream Magazine

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?**  
 Video Game maker

*"Each morning that Damion rides the bus, he helps out another fellow student with mobility issues. He helps her down the stairs of the bus to the sidewalk. The smiles on each of their faces makes this job well worth doing. He is setting a great example to the underclassmen. Even as a bus driver you can help mold young minds."* – Skylar MacNaughton – Bus Driver

Boyne Falls Elementary

### Mackenzie Smith



**GRADE:** 1  
**PARENTS:** Wade & Heather Smith  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Swim Lessons  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Lego Club  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** I like Junie B. Jones books.  
**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?** I want to be a nail salon worker so I can paint people's nails.

*"Mackenzie has become a great role model to other classmates. She makes good choices to help her reach her learning potential. She treats others with respect and kindness. Mackenzie comes to school ready to learn and have fun. Great job Mackenzie!"* – Ms. Disney

## Bay Winds announces 2014 scholarship opportunities

### Program offers \$1,000 awards to ten northern Michigan students

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce the return of its annual scholarship program, which awards \$1,000 scholarships to ten northern Michigan students seeking to further their education beyond high school students. Eligible students must attend

high school in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau or Otsego counties. Membership in Bay Winds Federal Credit Union is not required. "Ever increasing college costs make the pursuit of higher education more challenging each day," said BWFCU President/CEO David Leusink. "We hope the Bay Winds Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program continues to ease the financial burden for northern Michigan students in their pursuit of a

college degree." Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, community service, demonstrated financial need, and composition of a short essay question. Application packets may be obtained from any of Bay Winds six branches or downloaded from [www.baywinds-fcu.com/youth](http://www.baywinds-fcu.com/youth). Entries and accompanying materials must be received or postmarked prior to March 31, 2014 to be eligible.

## Charlevoix-Emmet County United Way and Castle Farms "Toast to Literacy" Friday, February 7th

By Heather DeLong

A fundraiser for early childhood education will be presented for the first time by Char-Em United Way and Castle Farms on Friday, February 7th at 7 pm. The event will feature beer and wine from local breweries and wineries, along with a food competition from many local establishments. "Toast to Literacy" will also have silent auctions, local authors, music and many more activities during the evening.

Proceeds from the event will assist in supporting Char-Em United Way's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. "This program puts a book a month into the hands of children from birth to age five," states Char-Em United Way Board Chair Dee Vincent. "These books are age appropriate and sent directly to the child's home at no charge to the family. The cost of this program for each child is just \$30 per year. We feel that this is a valuable investment for our children in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Every child that is given the chance to start reading early is not only more prepared for school, but has more confidence and self-esteem."

Tickets are \$15 for event entry and food tastings, \$30 for entry, a glass of wine, and tickets for ten tastings of choice. The ticket price for a full drink is \$6.

Sponsors are welcome for this event, with a fee of \$150. That will provide books for a year for five lucky children. To become a sponsor, contact Char-Em United Way at 1 (231) 487-1006.



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Dolly Parton once stated, "Dream more, Learn more, Care more, and Be more." Those are words we should live by, and we should work together to improve the lives of our children in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to ensure a good start for successful lives!

For more information on the event, visit [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org).

To contact Heather DeLong for any comments, questions or concerns, send an email to [heather@weekly-choice.com](mailto:heather@weekly-choice.com).

## Area schools host suicide prevention program for youth

A member of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program (YRSPP) will be offering suicide prevention presentations to area middle and high school students.

YRSPP is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through awareness, education and collaboration. The school based Yellow Ribbon program raises awareness on the warning signs and risk factors of youth suicide. The presentation helps students understand there is help for any struggles they may be having and there are people in our community they can reach out to.

The message is "It's OK to Ask4Help!" for yourself and anyone you may know who might be hurting or struggling with their mental and/or emotional health.

According to presenter Barb Smith, originator of the Saginaw

Survivors of Suicide, "suicide is a serious problem in America. Without the skill and knowledge to perform simple prevention, intervention and post intervention strategies, the trauma of a suicide, or a threat of a suicide can become overwhelming. People have expressed that, as a community, they are at a loss as to where to begin. This initiative shows communities where to begin," she explained.

In addition, the students will be given tools to help someone who may be depressed or suicidal as well as identifying community resources.

A presentation will take place Thursday, Feb. 6, Pellston High School Auditorium. Presentations took place at East Jordan High School on February 4th and in Charlevoix on February 5th.

Middle school students will at-

tend from 9-10 a.m., followed by high school students from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Counselors, nurses and mental health staff will be available at all locations until 2 p.m.

YRSPP began in Colorado in 1994 following the tragic suicide of 17-year-old Michael Emme. Mike was a caring, loving and gifted youth who shocked the entire community when he took his own life. Now the YRSPP is in use in all 50 states and over 47 countries, with chapters throughout the world.

These presentations are being coordinated by the Suicide Prevention Subcommittee of the Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Funding for the events is provided in loving memory of Kiersten Clavier, an East Jordan student.

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## Artists North Exhibition Wows

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: The Charlevoix Circle of Arts presents "Artists North", a beautiful exhibition featuring seven Northern Michigan artists.

"Artists North" opened with a striking reception on February 1, where locals could meet the artists, grab a glass of delicious wine and snack on delectable cupcakes from Cre8tive Cupcakes a new Charlevoix business.

The show has artists from all different mediums and represents the multi-talented capabilities of those who create in Northern Michigan. Many of the artists are also teachers for the Circle of Arts and are avid supporters of the Art community in Charlevoix.

The exhibition features local sculptors and painters such as Todd Warner; who sculpts the whimsical creations found in downtown Charlevoix at Todd Warner Studios, and Margie Guyot whose paintings are sold at North Seas Gallery.

Calvin Kemppainen exhibits multiple works including his "Celebration on the Grand" 8 foot wide by 5 foot tall painting that competed at the Grand Rapids Art Prize in 2013. James Kosloskey, whose palette knife paintings are on exhibit, will also be teaching a class at the Circle of Arts on February 12 and 13. Michael Todoroff, Igor Zaytsev and Capel Campbell are also exhibiting pieces.



Todd Warner, Charlevoix Artist and Sculptor presented his whimsical animal sculptures at the "Artists North" Reception on Saturday, February 1 at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. On Saturday, February 15th a second reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm so that visitors up for the Valentine Celebration can enjoy the exhibit during their stay. PHOTO BY MIKE SCHLITT

The show is being held earlier in the year than past exhibitions at the Circle, in an effort to get more shows through in a year and encourage more interest in coming numerous times. Under the new management of co-directors Glory Wood and Steve Overton the Circle is ramping up for an exciting season of shows, classes, and events that will involve the community in the arts more than ever before.

"It's a new era here at the Circle," said Overton.

Various attendees agreed with his assessment, including Charlevoix citizen Paul Weston. Weston explained that the

"Artists North" exhibit was unique and more memorable than most, and commended the new co-directors for doing a great job.

"I'm very pleased with the new leadership here...this show has excellent accomplished art; large and impressive pieces that really pop out as you walk around. They set it apart from other shows," said Weston.

The Board of Directors is excited about the fresh energy that has been infused into the Circle since switching from volunteers to full time staff. The Circle will be open longer and more often and shows will come through more rapidly so that summer residents and yearlong folks alike will have opportunities to enjoy a wider range of art. They are encouraging citizens to take part in forming the new Circle by giving input on what they would like to see happen.

"We are here to support the arts, we love what we do and we hope you will join us and we welcome you," said Co-Director Glory Wood.

If you missed the first reception, another will be held on February 15, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. For further information or to sign up for a class call 231-547-9554 or visit [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).

## February events at Wagbo Farm

### COMMUNITY POTLUCK & PROGRAM: Barter Circle & Trade Blanket

Saturday, February 8th, Noon at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free and family friendly, donations welcome. Registration encouraged.

Trade Blankets were once a major part of commerce and are paramount to the rich history of the Great Lakes region. Come join us for a community feast followed by a revival of the tradition of the Barter Circle. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, and valuables that you would like to trade. Past barter items that were popular include handmade goods, home preserved foods, tools, cookware and outdoor gear.

### NORTHWOODS FAMILY NATURE CLUB: Building a Snow Fort

Sunday, February 9th, 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free and family friendly, donations welcome. Registration encouraged.

Attend our monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured playtime in the natural world. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos romp and explore.

This month we will try our hands at building a snow fort. Once we have it built, we'll sit inside and have a treat of "sugar-on-snow" with real

Maple syrup! All ages can participate.

### Mid-Winter Mushroom Hunt

Saturday, February 15th, 1pm, call ahead for location, free, donations welcome. Bring skis or snowshoes if there is snow! Registration encouraged.

Yes, you can harvest wild mushrooms in the winter! Join our local foraging group W.E.E.D.S. (Wild Edibles for Ecological & Dietary Sustainability) while we seek the coveted Chaga Mushroom or Tinder Conk (Inonotus obliquus), a powerful medicinal mushroom traditionally made into a curative tea and recently popularized in Western holistic health-circles. Learn about Chaga's medicinal potentials, its ecology, identification, and preparation. Chaga tea and a few wild edible snacks provided.

### Wild Harvesting Native Teas

Saturday, February 22nd, 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free, donations welcome. Bring snowshoes if there is snow! Registration encouraged.

Come learn to identify and harvest various evergreens for brewing your own winter teas. Take a snowshoe hike through forest and fields overlooking the lovely Jordan River Valley, sip gentle infusions and make your own tea garland for brewing.

Picker's Exchange is celebrating the East Jordan Sno-Blast this coming weekend Feb. 7th-9th with their own Groundhog Phil predicting the savings for the next 6 weeks. Every Friday and Saturday for the next six weekends stop in and spin the wheel to see what Phil will predict for you.

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# THE SKETCHBOOK PROJECT

## EXHIBIT AND WORKSHOPS

**EXHIBIT: FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 23, 2014**

OPENING RECEPTION FEBRUARY 23, 1:00 - 4:00

In 2013 the Jordan River Arts Council distributed over 100 sketchbooks to artists who committed to returning them for exhibit in a year along with a companion piece of art. The responses to this challenge are widely varied and give insight into the creative process. Essentially there were no rules or suggested themes. Sketchers of all ages and persuasions, working in many mediums, participated. Most worked individually, but others took on the challenge with partners, as a class or as a family group. Sketchbooks became workbooks, journals or stand-alone pieces of art. Some completed more than one sketchbook others left blank pages. Participants were asked to include statements reflecting their experience with this project. This exhibit opens on Sunday, February 23rd, 1-4pm and ends on March 21st. Following this, a small sampling of the sketchbooks will become a traveling exhibit. Eventually the books will be housed at the Jordan District Library for reference. This project was partially funded through a generous grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.



### RELATED WORKSHOPS (All at affordable prices)

Taking Your Sketches to the Next Level, **February 22** with Cayla Tinney

Mono-Prints to Multi-Prints: Printmaking, **March 1** with Beth Bynum

Altered Book-Making an Alternative Sketchbook/Journal, **March 9** with Pat Tinney

Sketching for Non-Sketchers, **March 15** with Cynthia Tschudy

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### FUTURE EXHIBITS

**APRIL 6 – MAY 2**  
Art Across Generations

**MAY 11 – MAY 23**  
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**MAY 18, 1PM**  
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Awards Presentation

**JUNE 1 – JUNE 13**  
Shanna Robinson & Barbara  
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**JUNE 22 – JULY 18**  
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## “America’s Got Talent” Semi-Finalists Set to Light Up Northern Michigan

What does cutting edge technology and 1000-year-old children’s tales have in common? One is interpreting the other on February 21st when Crooked Tree Arts Center presents Lightwire Theater at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center. With a special performance at 6 p.m. of “The Ugly Duckling and the Tortoise and the Hare,” this show is visually stunning, and though the story may be a children’s fable, the show itself is nothing short of a must-see spectacle for all

ages, adults included. Lightwire Theater uses dazzling visuals, poignant choreography and creative use of music ranging from classical to jazz to pop, to literally bring two classic tales into a new and brilliant light. In 2012, the judges of NBC’s America’s Got Talent couldn’t have agreed more. “What a way to end the show! You brought it home,” Howie Mandel told them, going on to declare that they deserved to go all the way to the finals.

Sharon Osbourne agreed, calling the act “spectacular.” Howard Stern even added, “No disappointments here.... That’s a big stage show. That’s a million-dollar act, no ifs, ands or buts.”

The Lightwire Theatre show’s creators Ian Carney and Corbin Popp met while dancing in Twyla Tharp’s Broadway show, “Movin’ Out.” Becoming fast friends through their mutual love of art, theater and technology, Corbin showed Ian a product called EL wire and their creative partnership took off. EL wire is electroluminescent wire powered by batteries and is used mostly to illuminate walkways, signs and instrument panels on cars.

Ian and Eleanor Carney founded Lightwire Theater as a platform for stage production, in conjunction with Corbian Visual Arts and Dance, and began pre-production on “The Ugly Duckling and the Tortoise and the Hare.” Using Corbian’s signature electroluminescent puppetry, Lightwire has adapted these two classical tales and set them amidst a wide range of music, dance and movement...all performed in a completely darkened theatre.

“We’re really excited to be able to include a special school performance,” says Carole Carroll, Crooked Tree Arts Center Performing Arts Committee member. “We saw a highlight performance of Lightwire at a performance conference in Grand Rapids and it was just breathtaking. I’m looking



A stage shot from Lightwire Theater's inventive “The Ugly Duckling”



Stephen Fish, one of the creative minds behind Lightwire Theater's ingenious productions.

forward to seeing the whole show.” Boyne City Elementary school students will be treated to a special private performance the afternoon of the show.

Lightwire Theater will perform “The Ugly Duckling and the Tortoise and the Hare” at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 21 at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center. Reserved

tickets – \$10 for adults, \$5 for students – are on sale now at [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or by calling 231.347.4337. Reserve your tickets today!

## Chocolate Covered Boyne Valentine’s weekend

By Tina Sundelius

Boyne City’s Chocolate Covered Boyne takes the traditional flowers and chocolates to a whole new level. Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15 Boyne City will once again celebrate the romantic holiday with chocolate, chocolate, chocolate.

More than 30 businesses are participating in this year’s sixth annual ode to romance. The sweet event is expected to be sweeter and livelier than ever. “It’s a great winter celebration and opportunity to introduce new spring clothing and accessories,” said The Bird’s Nest owner Holly Watson. Many in-store specials and something

chocolatey can be found at the women’s clothing store over the weekend.

Saturday at 8 P.M. The Freshwater Art Gallery will once again present Wine, Women and Chocolate. The four-women-in-a round style concert includes Blake Elliott, Darlene Ya, Ruby Williams, and gallery co-owner Robin Lee Berry. “We each take cues from each other’s materials, the stories weave from one artist to the other and it’s a really fun show.” said Berry. Musicians and poets Glen Wolf, Norm Wheeler and friends will accompany the ladies. “You get four women together and chocolate and wine it’s a pajama party. It’s so much fun we can’t

help it,” she said. Tickets are \$20 and includes appetizers call to reserve tickets (231) 582-2588.

Of course chocolate specials can be had at the Alpine Chocolate Haus and Kilwins with assorted samples of chocolates and truffles as well as Valentine specials but this weekend only chocolate themes can be found in less likely places like the library and hardware store. It appears that downtown Boyne City is this year’s Valentine destination with both food and drink tastings of chocolate treats and goodies, special chocolate desserts, displays of chocolate-themed books and even jewelry featuring chocolate.

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

# Intense Snow? We Sure Think So!

By Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: With a nonstop onslaught of snow the Charlevoix County Road Commission is pushing hard to keep up with Old Man Winter this season.

Charlevoix County has already seen 130 inches of snow since November. Numerous blizzards have barraged Northern Michigan residents and some have moved the Sheriff and County Road Commission (CRC) to recommend people stay off the roads. All of that may have locals wondering how the men who drive those giant plow trucks are holding up. CRC Manager Patrick Harmon explains that despite the intense winter, they are keeping up as best as possible.

"This year has been more intense than past winters. This winter reminds me of what winters were like growing up here" said Harmon.

Harmon says the CRC is doing everything possible to keep the roads plowed and clean for citizens to travel. However, they can't control how much snow comes down and when which has caused an increased need for overtime and affected the limited budget they are working with.

Throughout Michigan road fund-

ing generally comes from vehicle registration fees and state-collected gas taxes. Once these are collected into the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) they are then distributed between MDOT, county road commissions, cities and villages.

For Charlevoix County, the CRC uses one third of its MTF revenue for winter road upkeep. That amount equates to roughly \$1,000,000. So far the Road Commission has spent \$754,164.88, which is a concern.

"We are better than three quarters of the way there and we have two months to go...sometimes March is the worst month for the whole winter," said Harmon. He warned that the usual length of a Michigan winter means that February and March could still produce intense weather which the strapped budget would have to keep up with.

Harmon added that the increased snowfall has been frustrating, and that people are running out of space to get rid of snow. But he urged citizens to remember that pushing snow into the roads is illegal and can cause serious problems. Not only does doing so create problems for the plows, but it can create issues for the home owner as well.

"Lots of people plow their driveway and push it on the shoulder...on

the wrong side of their driveway so when the plow comes by it throws it in the driveway," said Harmon.

There are also ways that community members can help keep things clean and avoid potential accidents. When conditions are severe the Road Commission strongly recommends that people stay off the roads as much as possible. Not only does it keep citizens safe but it cuts down on the amount of cars that are abandoned on the roads. These abandoned cars slow down the plowing process and make it more difficult for people to get back on the roads quickly.

Harmon urges citizens to be patient and aware of the large plow trucks. The larger they are the more blind spots they have. To be safe it's best to stay further back where you can be seen by the driver. Also, be prepared for the plows to make sudden stops or back up in intersections.

"They can't see, stay back, give them extra room and please don't tailgate them," asks Harmon.

Ultimately, the County Road Commission will continue doing its best for the remaining two months of winter. With patience and cooperation from citizens the roads can be safe and clear for travel.

## Attorney Fees

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consider paying that amount of legal fees," said Porter.

He asked Graham who was present at the meeting why the city was required to pay for the entire investigation into Sullivan holding both offices when the county wanted to investigate the matter as well. Graham stated that the city would not be required to do so, as he was going before the County Commissioners to request half of the money owed for the fees. He stated that if the commission decided not to pay their portion, he would issue the city a credit for half of the fees so they did not end up paying for the whole investigation.

However, his offer did not settle Porters frustration over the amount of the bill or the way the investigation was conducted.

"It's unfortunate we've had to pay this amount of money for what seems to me to be common sense," said Porter.

Not all the council agreed with him though, and Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson defended the city attorneys and their investigation as being exactly what was requested by council. He also said that if there was any uncertainty involved it was because the attorneys had not been given all the in-

formation required to form solid advice.

Graham also stood behind the amount and reaffirmed the offer of a credit in the event of the county refusing to pay half of the fees. He spoke directly to Porter at one point in defense of the fee.

"You don't agree with the advice we've given, that doesn't negate the fact that we actually gave the advice and the advice was supported by the attorney general's office," said Graham.

Porter was not the only person to express frustration with the decision. Despite Sullivan officially choosing to remain a county commissioner, Charlevoix citizen Mike Doherty spoke to council about his disappointment in their handling of the matter.

"It's just sad...you work for the voters, I think you've made a misjudgment," said Doherty.

Carlson responded that council didn't always make decisions that pleased everyone, but that they made the right decision and upheld the City Charter.

"We did not do an injustice...we first and foremost uphold the City Charter. You don't get to make your own rules when you're up here. It should always be the right decision, but it's not always the decision you want to make," said Carlson.

Sullivan was present, but had no comment regarding the fees accrued.

# Great resale finds at Peg's Closet and sales proceeds benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry

By Jim Akans

Peg's Closet in Boyne Falls not only offers shoppers some amazing bargains on quality resale items, proceeds from the sales of those items are utilized to benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry, which happens to share the same building as Peg's Closet.

Founded in April of 2010 by Peggy Vondra and her mother, Marti, Peg's Closet operates solely with a volunteer staff, and the wide variety of items offered in the approximately 1,000 square foot shop is donated by individuals and organizations in the Boyne Falls and surrounding area.

Marti Vondra states, "We have donations coming in regularly. Boyne Falls and surrounding area are very generous with providing donations. The community likes the idea that our resale shop helps support the food pantry."

Shoppers will find a huge variety of items at Peg's Closet, including knick-knacks, furniture and plenty of clothing for men, women and children. Clothing items that are not sold are either shipped overseas or sent to recycling facilities where they find new life in products such as rugs or even building insulation.

Peggy Vondra notes, "Customers enjoy shopping here and they tell us that our clothing prices are inexpensive (clothing items are available starting at just \$2 per item). Though our pricing is very reasonable, the items that we sell are all in good condition and ready to be re-utilized."

Peg's Closet is located at 3031 Main Street in Boyne Falls, at the corner of Main Street and Center. Hours of operation are Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm, Thursday from 11 am to 4 pm, and Friday from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. The store can be reached at 231-675-2463,



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## 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 Snowmobilers 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### State of the Community & Awards Presentation

Friday, February 7th is 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

### Chili Supper

The East Jordan Rotary Club is hosting the famous Sno-Blast Chili Supper on Friday, Feb. 7, 4:30-7pm. New location this year at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. clubhouse, 5586 Mt. Bliss Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for Seniors and \$5 for children. The dinner includes the world's best chili served with cornbread, a drink and dessert. Home delivery is available within the city limits. Call 231-536-0964 for delivery before Noon on Friday, Feb. 7.

## 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.

## EAST JORDAN

### Barter Circle & Trade Blanket

Saturday, February 8th, Noon 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](mailto:info@wagbo.org), or leave us a message at [www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm](http://www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm). Trade Blankets were

once a major part of commerce and are paramount to the rich history of the Great Lakes region. Come join us for a community feast followed by a revival of the tradition of the Barter Circle. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, and valuables that you would like to trade. Past barter items that were popular include hand-made goods, home preserved foods, tools, cookware and outdoor gear.

## 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

### Building a Snow Fort

Sunday, February 9th, 1pm 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](mailto:info@wagbo.org), or leave us a message at [www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm](http://www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm). Attend our monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured playtime in the natural world. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos romp and explore. This month we will try our hands at building a snow fort. Once we have it built, we'll sit inside and have a treat of "sugar-on-snow" with real Maple syrup! All ages can participate.

## BOYNE CITY

### Beat the winter blues

Join your neighbors at the Boyne Area Senior Center, 411 Division St on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 1-4pm. Fun, food and music. Bring a dish to pass. No Cover Charge. Silent Auction will be held during event. Music by Monty Loper & Friends

## MICHIGAN

### Changes in personal property taxes for businesses

Business owners in Michigan should be aware of the changes in personal property taxes that have been enacted by the State of Michigan. All business owners, both those who qualify and those who do not qualify for the \$80,000 exemption to personal property taxes are required to file form 5076 (Affidavit of Owner of Personal Property Claiming Exemption from Collection of Taxes) is February 10. Business owners who qualify for the exemption but do not file the required forms will lose their exemptions. City and County clerks in the appropriate jurisdictions can answer any questions regarding this issue. I hope you will encourage business to comply with the State requirements and where appropriate to take the exemptions that are allowed by State law.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Art class

The First Art Class at the CHX Circle will be held on February 12 and 13 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The Cal Kempainen Oil Painting Class is one you do not want to miss. Cal's teaching skills are exceptional and he has won many awards for his work. Amongst his latest; the 2013 Venetian Poster, a finalist in Art Prize in Grand Rapids. Please check the CCA website at [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org) for additional info. Artist Kempainen will also have his work in the "Artists North" exhibit at the Charlevoix Circle on Saturday, February 1 through March 29

## 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

## EAST JORDAN

### Mid-Winter Mushroom Hunt

Saturday, February 15th, 1pm, call ahead for location, free, donations welcome. Bring skis or snowshoes if there is snow! Registration encouraged - call 231-536-0333, email [info@wagbo.org](mailto:info@wagbo.org), or leave us a message at [www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm](http://www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm). Yes, you can harvest wild mushrooms in the winter! Join our local foraging group W.E.E.D.S. (Wild Edibles for Ecological & Dietary Sustainability) while we seek the coveted Chaga Mushroom or Tinder Conk (Inonotus obliquus), a powerful medicinal mushroom traditionally made into a curative tea and recently popularized in Western holistic health-circles. Learn about Chaga's medicinal potentials, its ecology, identification, and preparation. Chaga tea and a few wild edible snacks provided.

## MICHIGAN

### Free fishing weekend

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has scheduled its annual winter weekend when people can fish without a license. Free Fishing Weekend will be February 15 & 16. All state fishing regulations except the license requirement will remain in effect on those dates. Michigan has celebrated the Winter Free Fishing Weekend every year since 1994 to promote the sport and awareness of the state's water resources. Among them are more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes. Activities are being planned around the state to encourage involvement in Winter Free Fishing Weekend. Schools, parks, businesses and organizations are coordinating them. A list can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/freefishing](http://www.michigan.gov/freefishing).

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race on Tap

The 2nd Annual Dogman Challenge is on tap for Saturday, February 22nd. The race will begin with a mass start at Noon at the base of the Mt McSauba Ski Hill. Riders will race Fat Bikes on a 1.5 mile loop through the trails of Mt McSauba and North Point Nature Preserve. The rider to complete the most laps in two hours is the champion and will be awarded the Dogman trophy and cash prize. Prizes will also be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in both the men's and women's division.

## ELMIRA

### Winter extravaganza bean pot

Free public event with hatchery tours, showshoe trails, hot beverages and hot bean soup at the Jordan River national fish hatchery. Snowmobilers can access off Jordan River

snowmobile trail. Vehicles access from Turner Road off US 131. Feb. 22, 10am - 3:30pm. Sponsored by Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery.

## EAST JORDAN

### Wild Harvesting Native Teas

Saturday, February 22nd, 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan, free, donations welcome. Bring snowshoes if there is snow! Registration encouraged - call 231-536-0333, email [info@wagbo.org](mailto:info@wagbo.org), or leave us a message at [www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm](http://www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm). Come learn to identify and harvest various evergreens for brewing your own winter teas. Take a snowshoe hike through forest and fields overlooking the lovely Jordan River Valley, sip gentle infusions and make your own tea garland for brewing.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### Lasater writing a book

Retired Charlevoix County Sheriff George Thomas Lasater is completing a book regarding his 32 years of experience as Sheriff. If a citizen has a story or situation they would like to have included, contact Mr. Lasater at 231-582-7001 before February 28.

## MIO

### Gun show

Saturday, March 1 from 9am - 3pm at the Mio Community Center located 2 blocks east of Rite-Aid. Admission is \$5, under 12 free with adult. Contact 989-335-3195 for more info.

## 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

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/petoskeyrollerderby)

## CHARLEVOIX

### Recycle for the Community

## Food Pantry

Please recycle your old cookbook and kids' books! The Community Food Pantry would be happy to pass them out to our clients, so if you have any cookbooks or children's books (K-5) you no longer need, please drop them off at our drop box at 100 W. Hurlbut. And remember we really appreciate non-perishable food items and money donations too. 237-9490.

## 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.

## 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 north-west 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.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### The Political Back Story (largely fiction built on a bit of truth)

It is 2014. An old debate about where the county seat should be located - Charlevoix, East Jordan or Boyne City - has sparked the interest of the county commissioners, who are gearing up for a vote to settle the highly contested issue. The Public Forum at Boyne Mountain will allow each city's advocates an opportunity to engage in a public debate at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8. County commissioners, both real and imagined, will be in attendance to hear comments from the expert panel and the audience. All county citizens are aware of the great economic benefit to the community that is named the county seat. Thus, it would be appropriate for attendees to dress the part and to pass out buttons. Picket signs and other political paraphernalia are encouraged. Throwing of rotten fruit, eggs or other foreign objects is strictly prohibited. We hope you will join us at the dinner/forum to speak your mind and be involved in this important topic.

## CHARLEVOIX

### 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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## Celebrate American Heart Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

February is American Heart Month, as proclaimed by President Obama, making 2014 the 50th year for this distinction. Your heart will pump 5000 to 6000 quarts of blood per day. Over your lifetime, it will work harder than any other muscle in your body.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women. About one million people in the United States die of heart disease annually. Someone dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds. Cardiovascular disease accounts for 1 in 4 of all deaths in the U.S. Attention to the issue of cardiovascular health has made a difference. Deaths from cardiovascular diseases have dropped nearly 1 million per year since the 1960's, while the population has grown by more

than 129 million.

Women are less likely to believe cardiovascular disease is a concern for them. It is important to know your risks for cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is often preventable by changing the behaviors that can put you at risk. Adopting healthier habits - getting regular exercise, eating diets rich in fruits and vegetables, low in salt, saturated fat, and cholesterol - can reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease.

According to the American Heart Association, your risk for cardiovascular disease is greater if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, high levels of bad cholesterol, are overweight or a smoker. Having diabetes as an adult doubles or even quadruples the likelihood of heart disease or a stroke. By controlling diabetes through lifestyle changes and/or medication, the risk of heart dis-

ease is reduced.

High blood pressure causes your heart to work harder with every beat. Women are more likely to develop high blood pressure if they have a family history of heart disease, are 20 or more pounds overweight, or have reached menopause. High blood pressure can't be cured, but can be managed through lifestyle changes. High blood pressure can be controlled through maintaining a healthy body weight and increasing physical activity and eating a diet low in saturated fat, sodium, cholesterol and alcohol.

Cholesterol occurs naturally in the body. Over time, the substance hardens, narrowing the artery walls, reducing blood flow and causing blockages resulting in blood clots. These clots can cause a heart attack or stroke. It is important to maintain cholesterol at healthy level for the

health of your heart. Strive to maintain overall cholesterol at 200 mg/dl or below and LDL at 100 mg/dl or below.

There is evidence that maintaining HDL, or healthy cholesterol at 60 mg/dl or above can help to remove plaque from the arteries. High levels of LDL or "bad cholesterol" can cause a build up along the inside walls of the arteries. You might have a family history of high levels of LDL cholesterol, which can increase your risk as well. Lower levels of LDL can be achieved through eating a diet low in saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol.

Being overweight, particularly carrying excess weight around the waist, increases the risk for heart disease. Excess weight makes the heart work harder, raises blood pressure, increases the risk of diabetes and increases levels of LDL (bad) cho-

lesterol. Increase your activity levels and follow a healthy eating plan to lose weight. Exercising moderately for thirty minutes five days per week can reduce the risk of heart disease by 30-40% and the risk of stroke by 25% over those who are not active.

If you are a smoker, quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health. Smoking increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times over non-smokers. Women who smoke have a 25 percent higher risk of developing heart disease than male smokers. Overall, smoking will reduce your life expectancy by 13 or more years.

Learn your risk factors for heart disease during American Heart Month and commit to taking good care of your heart for years to come.

## Northern Michigan woman shares HPV heartbreak during Cervical Cancer Month

There is no treatment or cure for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), an infection that is spread through genital contact and causes 75 percent of all cervical cancers. However, there are vaccines that can help to prevent young women and men from getting and spreading HPV.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 79 million Americans have HPV, with 14 million new cases each year. The virus rarely carries symptoms, so many people don't know they have it until potentially serious complications - such as cancer - arise later. Routine vaccination with three doses of the HPV vaccine is recommended for all 11 and 12-year-old boys and girls; vaccination is available through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Although the vaccine is most effective in younger people, it can still be given through age 26.

During Cervical Cancer Awareness Month this January,

the Health Department talked with a 26-year-old Antrim County woman who had been diagnosed with HPV. The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she did not know about HPV or the vaccine until it was too late. Despite being a generally healthy person and having regular exams, the virus was just discovered last year, and it led her to have a hysterectomy.

"I am sharing my story with friends," she explained, adding that she strongly encourages all parents to have their children vaccinated. "I'm not a big 'vaccine' person... but I can tell you that I would have gotten this one, especially knowing what I know now, and what I have had to go through."

The message from the CDC is clear: HPV vaccination = cancer prevention. That's why the Health Department's child and adolescent health centers - the Hornet Health Center in Pellston, and the Ironmen Health Center in Mancelona - have

launched an initiative to raise community awareness about cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine, and to increase immunization rates for males and females. Meanwhile, the young Antrim County woman says she hopes that sharing her story and encouraging vaccination might save someone else the heartbreak of HPV, the increased risk of cancer and her lost dreams of carrying children and having a family. "I am an example," she said.

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. Call (800) 432-4121 for more information about the HPV vaccine, or to schedule an appointment.

## Chemotherapy and Infusion Center partners with Munson Oncology

Andrew Riddle, DO will begin seeing patients Feb. 12

Charlevoix area patients will find hometown health care close to home as the result of a new collaboration between Charlevoix Area Hospital (CAH) and oncologist/hematologist Andrew Riddle, DO, a physician from Munson Oncology Services.

The new Chemotherapy and Infusion Center offers oncology and hematology care including: diagnostic procedures, surgical intervention and drug therapy. Dr. Riddle will be providing consultations and treatment options for patients needing oncology and hematology services.

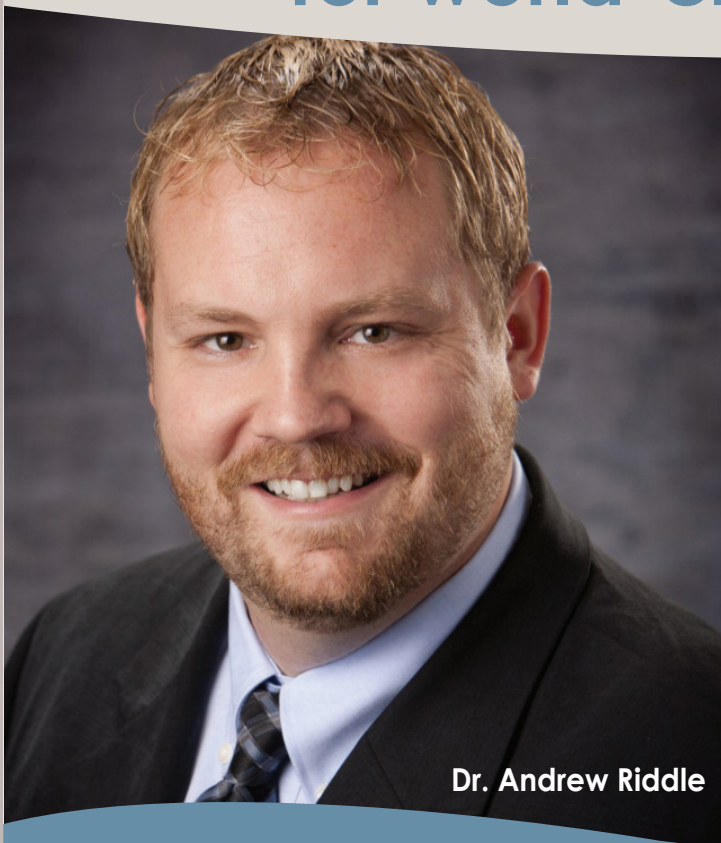
This partnership with Munson Oncology Services allows CAH to provide a wider array of services to the people of Northern Michigan. Dr. Riddle commented, "As an oncologist, I help patients decide the best course of treatment and care. Facing a life threat-



ening illness is frightening; however, I'm here to help patients understand their options."

Dr. Riddle's office is located at 14695 Park Ave, Charlevoix, MI. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Munson Oncology at (231) 392-8400, option 1.

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His office is located at 14695 Park Ave., next to Charlevoix Area Hospital, Charlevoix, MI. For more information or to schedule an appointment call: (231)392-8400.



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## Big Changes

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when Mayor Norman “Boogie” Carlson advocated advertizing the position before filling it.

Additionally the owners of new craft beer restaurant came before council to request a transfer of liquor license at their 202 Bridge St. location. The owners are Phil Parr, Richard Bergmann, Aaron Hagen and Adam Engelman who are all Charlevoix county citizens. In addressing council Parr explained that they intended to open a restaurant that features Michigan microbreweries and uses locally grown resources. The owners hope to focus on building a strong year round business that encourages a strong community.

“Our goal is to become one with the community of Charlevoix,” said Parr.

The restaurant which will be called Bridge Street Tap Room is expected to open sometime in early May of this year. The council voted to approve the transfer of the liquor license.

Charlevoix will also see additional beautification this summer via Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, the group who carry out “Operation Petunia” each year. In addition to the roadside flower gardens, money has been donated to the group to put large baskets of petunias around the downtown area. The baskets will be located on several streets and will hopefully encourage visitors to explore businesses beyond those on Bridge St.

Council also faced the challenge of deciding what to do about the vacant city clerk’s position which needs to be filled until November. The position was denied by Larry Sullivan who had been voted in, but chose to stay a Charlevoix County Commissioner when the Michigan attorney general deemed holding both offices incompatible and a violation of the City Charter.

Several members expressed frustration over the salary and lack of accountability the position has as outlined in the City Charter. City Manager Rob Straebel explained that council was unable to change the parameters of the job until changes were made in the City Charter. He reminded council that the deadline for ideas as to what should be changed in the charter is due February 17. For now the city clerk position remains an elected one, and council is advertizing for someone to fill the position until the November election.

## Make-A-Wish Michigan celebrates 30th birthday and recognizes first wish from 1984

This year Make-A-Wish® Michigan celebrates its 30th Birthday – a special celebration of three decades of wish granting in Michigan and an opportunity to honor donors, volunteers and other supporters who have helped to share the power of a wish®.

**The First Wish**  
Make-A-Wish Michigan granted its first wish 30 years ago today - on January 30, 1984 - to 11-year-old Joshua from Tecumseh, who had a malignant brain tumor and wished to visit Walt Disney World Resort.

Two years prior, Joshua’s family had moved to Michigan, and he became ill a short time later. At first, his family thought it was the flu, until he lost his balance one morning walking down the steps. It was then the doctors discovered the tumor. He underwent three surgical operations, chemotherapy and radiation treatment before his wish was fulfilled.

Joshua’s mom had heard of Make-A-Wish through her family in Nevada, and contacted the month-old local chapter, Make-A-Wish Michigan, which was headquartered in Traverse City at the

time. “Just really, to say thank you... it’s not really enough,” Joshua’s mom, Carol, told a local newspaper at the time of his wish.

Thirty Years of Significant Impact

That first year, Make-A-Wish Michigan granted 15 wishes. Since then the organization has granted more than 7,500 wishes to Michigan kids, providing great hope, strength and joy in the midst of their serious medical challenges. In the chapter’s 30th year, the goal is to reach more than 400 kids throughout the entire state of Michigan – that’s a little more than one wish per day.

“We are so excited to celebrate 30 years of wish granting in Michigan,” said Karen Davis, Make-A-Wish Michigan president & CEO. “From the moment a child begins anticipating a wish, through the cherished memories created during the wish, the experience creates unforgettable moments for the child and family. Throughout 2014, we look forward to sharing inspiring stories of our wish kids from throughout the decades and the vital role the wish experience played in their

lives as they battled their medical challenges.”

In fact, the wish experience has been proven to strengthen families and impact wish kids’ physical and emotional wellbeing. A Make-A-Wish® America Impact study found that:

- A combined 89 percent of doctors, nurses and health professionals surveyed say they believe a wish experience can influence wish kids’ physical health.

- 96 percent of parents said the wish experience strengthened their families.

- 97 percent of wish families observe increases in their wish kids’ emotional health.

30th Birthday Commemoration  
Our 30th Birthday will be celebrated throughout 2014 with our signature events, including Wish Ball, Walk For Wishes®, and the Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour - as well as other special events and activities that will highlight wish kids and honor those whose deep commitment to our mission has been key to our ability to create life-changing moments for so many Michigan families.

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Thirty years of wish granting in Michigan would not be possible without the passion, generosity and unrelenting support of donors, volunteers, medical professionals and others who have helped make heartfelt wishes come true for thousands of children in all 83 counties in Michigan. Help Make-A-Wish Michigan grant wishes for another 30 years by visiting or calling 800.622.9474.

In 2014 Make-A-Wish® Michigan celebrates its 30th Birthday, three decades of granting wishes in Michigan. Since 1984, Make-A-Wish® Michigan has granted more than 7,500 wishes to Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Based in Brighton, Mich., with an office in Grand Rapids, Make-A-Wish Michigan is funded through community support. More than 80 percent of each dollar spent directly benefits the Michigan wish-granting program. Visit to learn more.

## Children’s Dental Health Month: Good oral health habits begin at birth

FEBRUARY – You know regular dental check-ups, healthy food choices and daily brushing and flossing are essential for healthy teeth, but did you know there are important steps for parents to take with infants and toddlers too?

During National Children’s Dental Health Month this February, Dental Clinics North and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan ask you to help your child develop a smile that lasts a lifetime by starting healthy regimens at birth.

“A healthy smile is an important part of overall health and wellbeing,” said Rose Straebel, Oral Health Coordinator for Dental Clinics North. “Good oral health habits include scheduling your child’s first dentist visit by age one, and regular dental check-ups throughout life. Eating a balanced diet, limiting snacks, daily dental care at home, and adequate use of fluoride are the keys to a child’s future of healthy teeth and gums.”

Because fluoride is such an important way to prevent cavities and build strong teeth, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan’s WIC Programs began applying fluoride varnish to children’s teeth a few years ago. “It just flows with the nutritional and educational goals of the WIC Program,” said Suzette Daly, RN, WIC Program Coordinator.

Here are some tips to help your infant or toddler join the “SuperSmile Team” right now:

Place only formula, milk or breast milk in bottles. Avoid filling with liquids like sugar water, juice or soft drinks.

Infants should finish their bedtime and naptime bottles before going to bed.

If your child uses a pacifier, provide one that is clean – never dip it in sugar or honey, or put it in your own mouth.

Encourage children to drink from a cup by their first birthday; discourage frequent or



prolonged use of sippy cups.

Serve nutritious snacks and limit sweets to mealtimes.

Assisting toddlers and school-age children with brushing and flossing routines helps them remove the food and bacteria that can lead to tooth decay and gum disease. Setting a good example by brushing your own teeth twice a day and flossing daily will reinforce these habits for your children. Decreasing the amount of sugary beverages like fruit juices, soft drinks and energy drinks consumed in a day can make a big difference in your teeth and your body. Also, it’s not just the sugar in soft drinks that decays teeth; it’s the acid too,

making soda pop double trouble.

Dental Clinics North, a partnership of local health departments, has clinic locations in Alpena, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Mancelona, Traverse City, Harbor Springs, and West Branch. The clinics, operated by Michigan Community Dental Clinics, focus on serving persons enrolled in Medicaid, Healthy Kids Delta Dental, MICHild, Medicaid, Northern Dental Plan and the new Healthy Michigan Plan, as well as low-income uninsured adults and children. For more information on Dental Clinics North or the WIC Program, please call (800) 321-7070 or visit [www.dental-clinicsnorth.org](http://www.dental-clinicsnorth.org).

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**SENIOR ASSISTANCE**

**Otsego County Commission on Aging**  
120 Grandview Blvd., Gaylord  
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[www.otsegocountycoa.org](http://www.otsegocountycoa.org)

**Crawford County Commission on Aging**  
308 Lawndale St., Grayling  
989-348-8342  
[www.crawfordcoa.org](http://www.crawfordcoa.org)

**Seniors Helping Seniors**  
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**Charlevoix County Commission on Aging**  
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231-237-0103  
[www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp)

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**Powerhouse Gym**  
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**HOME HEALTH CARE**

**Health Dept. of NW Michigan**  
220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix  
231-547-6092  
[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)

**Northern Management Services**  
657 Chestnut Ct., Gaylord  
989-732-6374  
[www.northernmanagement.org](http://www.northernmanagement.org)





# Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."

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Phone: 231-582-6682

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**WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

[www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp)

## Area February Happenings!

**2/8, 2/15, 2/22, Saturdays, 9am – 1pm  
Farmers' Market**

Indoors for the winter season at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on S. Park Street  
[www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

**2/9, 2/16, 2/23, Sundays, 7am – 12pm  
Snow Lovers Breakfast**

Sno-mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd  
[www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org)

**2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27,  
Thursdays, 9am – 1pm  
Winter Farmers' Market**

Charlevoix Public Library, Community Room A  
[www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org)

**2/7, Friday, 7 – 9am  
State of the Community/Awards Presentation 2014**

Help us honor the recipients of the Chamber's Annual Awards at a presentation at Castle Farms. \$30 person/\$50 table. [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org)

**2/7, Friday – 2/9, Sunday  
33rd Annual Winter Sno-Blast Festival**

Antique Sno-Mobile Show, Sno-Sculpture Contest, Pa-rade, and many more fun family events.

Call Chamber Office for more info @ 231-536-7351.  
[www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org)

**2/8, Saturday, 12 – 4pm  
Raven Hill Discovery Center**

2d Saturday Series: A Family Affair – Free Admission  
[www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org)

**2/11, Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:45pm  
Navigating the new health care law**

An overview of the Affordable Care Act resources, your options, and how to sign up for a plan. Meeting held in the Trustees Conference Room, Charlevoix Public Library  
[www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org)

**2/13, Thursday, 9am – 1pm  
Winter Farmers' Market**

East Jordan Civic Center  
[www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org)

**2/14, Friday – 2/16, Sunday  
4th Annual Ellsworth Shiverfest**

Fishing contest, Dark Sky Snowshoe Hike, Cardboard Sled Contest & Sled-ding Party, and much more. For more info, contact Alana @ 231-360-0676.  
[www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org)

**2/14, Friday – 2/15, Saturday  
Chocolate-Covered Boyne**

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.  
[www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

**2/15, Saturday, 8pm  
Wine, Women and Chocolate Concert**

Concert held at Freshwater Art Gallery.  
[www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

**2/22, Saturday, 12 – 2pm  
2nd Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race**

A 2-hour, fast/challenging 2-mile loop through the trails of Mt. McSaubia Recreation Area and North Pointe Nature Preserve. Call Revolution Bike at 231-237-0900 for details.

**2/24, Monday, 6:30-8:30pm  
Winter Folk Free concert**

Local folk performer followed by an Open Mic. Charlevoix Public Library, Community Room A  
[www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org)

**TICKLE YOUR TOES!**

Charlevoix County Seniors enjoy personalized foot care at three Senior Centers.

The cost is \$16 and you need to bring your own towel. Contact Nona at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 231 547-5361, Terry at the Boyne Area Senior Center, 231 582-6682, or Brenda at the East Jordan Community Center, 231 536-7831 to schedule an appointment. From all reports, it is a much appreciated service...no ticklin'! :)

**BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, February 6</b> Wii Bowling	<b>Friday, February 7</b> 11am-12pm Cousins Raffle	<b>Monday, February 10</b> Foot Clinic Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Wednesday, February 12</b> 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	<b>Thursday, February 13</b> Wii Bowling
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**CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, February 6</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	<b>Friday, February 7</b> 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Monday, February 10</b> 1pm Pinochle 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> Wii Bowling Competition 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Wednesday, February 12</b> Foot Clinic 1pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, February 13</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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**EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, February 6</b> Karaoke Day!	<b>Friday, February 7</b> Birthday Day! 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am Tag-A-Longs Bingo/Raffle	<b>Monday, February 10</b> 8am-1pm Walking M-F	<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	<b>Wednesday, February 12</b> 10:30am Exercise 11am Wii FUN!	<b>Thursday, February 13</b> Foot Clinic & BP Karaoke Day! 1 2:30pm Movie Day
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**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU**

<b>Thursday, February 6</b> LIVER & ONIONS	<b>Friday, February 7</b> MEATLOAF	<b>Monday, February 10</b> BAKED FISH	<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> BEEF CHILI	<b>Wednesday, February 12</b> HAM DINNER	<b>Thursday, February 13</b> CHEESY MEATBALLS
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