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Amanda Veenstra of Ellsworth nearly gets a hand on this Harbor Light shot.

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Rayder center Madeline Boss (32) gets off a shot attempt as Boyne City's Rainy McCune (3) defends.

(PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

East Jordan alumni return home to start businesses

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—After generations of young people graduating from high school and pursuing their dreams anywhere but the economically depressed small towns in the north, our very own East Jordan has recently been experiencing an influx of high school alumni returning home to either open a business or take over an existing one, according to the East Jordan Area Cham-

Pickers Exchange is one of the newest businesses to open it's doors in East Jordan. The store specializes in vintage everything.



Jessica Tison and Chris Kopacz not only promote their line of unique clothing but they are devoted to promoting Michigan as well using their business MI Rootsweat.

ber of Commerce.

Although East Jordan isn't the only place this is happening the impact on the community is significant. "Nationwide, in the past 5-10 years we've noticed that a lot of the young people go to where they want to live first, then find a job, instead of finding a job opening and then moving there," said Economic Development Specialist, Jan Kellogg with Northern Lakes Economic Development. "A lot of times what it ends up being is they start a business," she said.

The latest of East Jordan's re-

cent ribbon cuttings took place at the Pickers Exchange located at 507 Water Street. The new antique venue is owned by alumni Pat & Marcia Gibbard. Pat graduated in 1980 while Marcia technically graduated from Ellsworth in 1982 she holds a strong allegiance to East Jordan due to transferring back and forth between the two school districts throughout her school career. Like most young people raised in small towns, the high school

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION, FEB. 12, 2014

Debate over responsibility for legal fees

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On February 12 Charlevoix County Commissioners met to determine whether or not to pay fees accrued during a recent debate over one commissioner holding his position and becoming the city clerk.

In the past few months, Charlevoix officials have found themselves in a conundrum over whether Commissioner Larry Sullivan could hold the office of City Clerk without it being considered an incompatibility of office. This question initially sent the commissioners to County Commissioners Civil Counsel Bryan Graham for clarification.

At a July 24 meeting, Graham asked commissioners whether they would authorize him to investigate into the matter to determine if it was incompatible. Commissioners then passed a motion allowing Graham to do so under the impression that they would pay half of the cost and the city would kick in the other half for the legal opinion.

In August, county commissioners received that counsel, but as no opinion from the attorney general had been given. The City of



Commissioner Richard Gillespie was one of those expressing unhappiness with Attorney Fees

Charlevoix then chose to investigate whether or not Sullivan could hold both positions. In response to this, two more opinions were offered that incurred charges.

The commissioners expressed displeasure over the charges, explaining they had only asked for one opinion and no others.

"Once we received the opinion in July we never asked for more... for the first opinion we were on the line for half of it. As for the second and third charges we never had a discussion on those," said Commissioner Chris Christensen.

His opinion was seconded by the majority of commissioners who found the price tag for the re-

search, roughly \$4500, to be over the top.

"I agree to pay the first, that's it," said Commissioner Ronald Reinhardt.

Graham told commissioners he would drop the second and third charges, but that it had been his understanding that the county would pay for half of the first opinion. The county has already begun to pay for that fund, leaving roughly \$744.00 to complete payment for the first opinion. A motion was passed to cover this and to settle the issue from the county standpoint once and for all.

Despite that decision, some commissioners still voiced disagreement with how this situation has been handled. Several mentioned that these charges should be paid for by Sullivan himself.

"This was his issue, does he have any responsibility to pay these bills?" asked Commissioner George Lasater.

Graham said that Sullivan held no financial liability and would not be required to pay for the charges personally. Commissioners then asked that future issues such as these be clearer. Graham assured them that things would be explained better in the future.

Boyne City moving forward on Veterans Park Pavilion

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—A public hearing was held to discuss a proposed dog park, approval was given to move one step closer to weatherizing Veterans Park pavilion and a proclamation was signed at the February 11 Boyne City Commission meeting.

Discussion was held on details of the proposed Dog Park including the location, layout and the potential closing of a city street to through traffic. An extensive slide presentation was given by the Boyne City Dog Park Committee with assistance from Leadership Charlevoix who contacted the committee asking to help with planning the park. Part of the training Leadership Charlevoix provides requires that participants come up with a project that the community can benefit from. They approached the committee and put together the presentation complete with renderings of the proposed park for them.

Potential locations for the park investigated by the committee included Avalanche Preserve, North Boyne, Industrial Park, Riverside Park, off Spring Street, and the former city dump off Old Horton Bay Road. The two lots located on North Boyne near the DPW garage were chosen and presented to the commission as the best for the park. They are located on the north and south sides of Ridge Street between Escape and Addis. "These lots haven't really been on the radar for any other city uses, I think this would be a good place to try this and see if it works," said City Manager, Michael Cain.

One of the proposed plans for the park would include the closing of Ridge Street to through traffic. "A good portion of our consideration was that in the city's Parks and Recreation Master plan, there has been some discussion about creating some type of park on the north side of Boyne, this could actually kill two birds with one stone," said Dog Park Committee member, Scott MacKenzie. The commission approved the designation of the lots for the dog park. The committee will be starting fund raising and hope to break ground as early as May. "We want to make it world class, one more amazing asset for this community," said MacKenzie. About half a dozen homes could be directly affected by the positioning of the park. Another public hearing will be held as the process continues.

The Commission was asked to authorize the services of Environmental Architects at a cost of \$17,900 to complete the design phase of convert-

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SUNDAY



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

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2/18/201397.3	2/17/2014153.1
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record temps

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2435°F15°F54°F (1976)-24°F (1963)
2536°F15°F55°F (1976)-20°F (1963)
2636°F15°F62°F (2000)-31°F (1963)

OBITUARIES

Lorna Beishlag, 102

Lorna Beishlag was 102 years old when she passed away peacefully at Grandview Medical Care Facility, in East Jordan, under the care of loving and compassionate staff.

Lorna was born in Greenwich West, County of London, England, on July 12, 1911. She was the eldest daughter of Wm. C. Jackson and Ada (Sweetland) Jackson. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1927 and Lorna was proud of becoming an American citizen. March 30, 1935, she married Everett W. Beishlag and lived in the Detroit area, raising their four children, until 1950, when moving to East Jordan, MI. Lorna lived on Beishlag Road, raising four children, while Everett remained in Detroit working at General Motors.

Lorna was an avid reader; in Ladies Aide with MSU extension learning to cook, can and other skills needed to survive on the farm; a volunteer for the Red Feather Drive (United Way), the Cancer Drive, Easter Seals and at the Traverse City State Mental Hospital; active in the Lutheran Church participating in the choir; teaching Sunday school and vacation bible school, and a member on the church board; and previously, a volunteer at the Pontiac State Mental Hospital. Lorna moved back to the Detroit area in 1960 until Everett retired from General Motors, when both returned to the farm in East Jordan.

Lorna was predeceased by parents, three sisters, husband, oldest son (Everett Wm. Beishlag), oldest daughter (Diana L. (Beishlag) Thomas), oldest grandson (Stephen E. Thomas) and son-in-law (Scott L. Hauswirth).

She is survived by her son (Eric J. Beishlag) and daughter (Lorna E. (Beishlag) Hauswirth). She has 9 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Paul A. Johnson, 78

Paul A. Johnson of East Jordan died February 14, 2014 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the Barnard United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Ronald "Buzz" E. Grogan, 94

(AUG. 23, 1919 - FEB. 11, 2014)

Ronald E. "Buzz" Grogan of Boyne City passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

Buzz was born on August 23, 1919 in Weakley County, Tennessee the son of James and Grace (Brown) Grogan. Loving husband of Donna Grogan

who preceded him in death on March 25, 1999 and loving husband to Janet Thompson Grogan who survives. Janet and Buzz were married on November 26, 2004. He was a loving father of Catherine (Jim) Balten, Michael (Diana) Grogan, James (Linda) Grogan, Ronald (Gracie) Grogan and Martha (Bill) McNamara; fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Buzz worked twenty-nine and a half years with Fisher Body, General Motors Corporation, as a wood model maker and foreman. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a pilot and navigator. Buzz retired to Boyne City July 25, 1975 and was an avid golfer and enjoyed the beauty of nature.

In keeping with Buzz's wishes cremation has taken place and a private family memorial will be held at a later date. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Kenneth D. Dyer

(OCT. 22, 1921 - FEB. 11, 2014)

Ken Dyer of Boyne City went to be with the Lord on Feb. 11, 2014.

Ken was born on Oct. 22, 1921, to Benjamin F. Dyer and Beatrice L. (Paquette) Dyer in Boyne City. At the age of 17, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, served two years and attained the rank of cook. At 19, he returned to Boyne City and cooked at the Dil-

worth Hotel while graduating from Boyne City High School where he received state honorable mention as a football player.

In 1942, he married his best friend, sweetheart and the love of his life, Beverly J. Hausler, and they shared 71 wonderful years together.

During World War II, Ken worked as a seaman and cook for the Pittsburgh Steamship Co., for eight years on Great Lakes freighters hauling iron ore to the steel mills in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. After the war, he worked as a shipping clerk for the Michigan Tanning and Extract Co. (the Tannery). He then spent the next 34 years working for and retiring from the Wolverine Power Co., in Advance, Mich. He also served as the Wilson Township clerk for many years. Following his retirement, Ken and Beverly purchased a winter home in Zephyrhills, Fla., and spent 29 winters there.

Ken and his wife enjoyed travel vacations across the USA. They were both very fond of fishing together and often went to Canada. In the fall, Ken looked forward to hunting rabbits with his dog and deer hunting in November. Probably his favorite pastime was growing his lovely vegetable gardens and sharing his harvest with his family, friends and neighbors.

Ken passed away at the Hilland Cottage in Petoskey under the splendid care of Hospice.

He is srvived by his loving

wife, Beverly, and four devoted daughters, Brenda (Dick) Streufert, Barbara Dyer and Linda Kenney, all of Boyne City, and Sherry (Steve) Ernst of Newberry. He also raised a granddaughter, Cindy Burns, of Boyne City, whom he considered as one of his children. Also surviving is a sister, Beverly Walker, of East Jordan; two brothers, Steve Miller of Arizona and Terry Miller of Boyne City. There are 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was sadly preceded in death by his stepfather, Merle Miller; his mother, Beatrice Miller; one brother, Norman Miller; and a grandson, Stacey Ernst.

It was Ken's request to be cremated and buried at Boyne City's Maple Lawn Cemetery in the spring with a private, family graveside service.

Those wishing to remember Ken with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Hilland Cottage, One Hilland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is serving the family.

Rosalie A. Edger, 92

Rosalie A. Edger of Charlevoix passed away Feb. 13, 2014, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

ROUND LAKE MARINA CONTROVERSY

Dear Editor,

The Charlevoix Round Lake Marina has once again become a subject of controversy.

The remodeling several years ago caused public hearings and much input from the community. The city put forth a plan that would have extended docks 400 feet into Round Lake. WATCH (Water and Air Team Charlevoix) was concerned about the impact of such a plan and provided an alternate plan that indicated less than half of that distance. The designer gathered comments from all parties and came up with a scaled down, com-

To the Editor,

Prosecutor charges reporter with taking photos of a crime scene. Wait, didn't reporters always take pictures of crime scenes? Well, yes, but that was before an obscure law having to do with gravesite indignities that the current prosecutor of Charlevoix County, Michigan dug up from presumably computer search because he had no idea the law even existed.

This is a matter of relativity. Not long ago State Police employee Bill Smith, commander of the Gladwin post was busted for drunk driving in Sault Ste. Marie but got off through a complicit judge; trooper Aaron Sweeney of the Petoskey post was busted for domestic violence; a former Charlevoix deputy was charged with domestic violence on M-66 – it goes on and on. And a reporter is busted for taking photos. This is known as malfeasance, using the law and the uniform for nefarious purposes. Happens every day.

Way down there in Texas a former prosecutor was recently found guilty of malfeasance for failing to record exculpatory evidence in the Michael Morton trial which begot Morton 25 years in prison. The ex-prosecutor, most recently a judge – there's a scandal in itself – was disbarred, fined, ordered to community service, and received ten days in jail of which he did five with good behavior and...that's all. Twenty-five years of an inno-

promise plan which resulted in the marina that we have today. We feel that it has been accepted by the community as an asset.

Now we learn that the city is once again interested in extending one dock to that controversial length of about 400 feet. We wonder if the other docks will be in line for such an idea at some point in the future.

Our concerns are the same as in 2001 when the issue was under consideration. There would be increased boat traffic in an already congested area which would lead to more degradation of the water quality of Round Lake. Aesthetically, this beautiful resource would

be more cluttered with docks and boats and our view would be more restricted. More natural lake area would be lost forever to development.

We feel that the compromise that was reached was the point at which the community said "enough," and that that compromise should not be violated.

We urge you to keep the marina as it is and vote against any expansion.

Sincerely,

Bill Henne, Vice President of WATCH

cent man's life begot five days in jail and loss of license which he can reapply for in five years.

I know of a certain judge who did five years of disbarment for misappropriation of trust funds but he certainly never did anything so heinous as photographing dead bodies. That takes an especially diabolical paparazzi. Fortunately our local cops and prosecutors are on the job, even if some of these are on the docket.

But then, we have to allow for hypocrisy too. Well, like congresswoman Debbie Stabenow for instance who campaigned on the internet for salvaging the SNAP program of food assistance, then appeared for photos with the congratulatory promoters of cutting food assistance and rewarding agriculture with more corporate welfare, people like those Koch brothers. That photo should be illegal. Where would America be without hypocrisy? The US Constitution upheld slavery – yes, it actually says it in that short document. The US Constitution upheld Indian displacement – yep it's there too. What's not there in that hallowed parchment is separation of church and state; the framers didn't want to go there nor did they want to deal with the precept of presumed innocent until proven guilty – those items were added argumentum ad hominem in the course of interpretation thereafter. Well, sort of like "Citizens United" with nary a citizen voting.

What we have here, friends and neighbors, is the burgeoning police state that disallows anyone, reporter or public from "interfering" with police actions. They don't want proof positive of any malfeasance. That's what this is all about. First it's money, then it's power trip, then its secrecy, in that order. Isn't the latter what the whistleblowing chronicles are all about? And isn't the former what bureaucracy is all about? The middle ground is the benefit of putting on the uniform so that clemency is pretty much a done deal when officials go afoul of the law.

Look, if a prosecutor, a judge and a cop can break the law with impunity but a news reporter can be arrested for exercising the 1st Amendment, we may know there's something very wrong here in America. And this is not big bad Chicago, Los Angeles or Detroit; this is Charlevoix county, rural Michigan. But the coliseum games continue unabated because it's established in rule of law, due process. Watch this upcoming contest for Circuit judge of this county, which will prove to be a real sideshow, a freak show tragicomedy of errors but for the only reputable candidate to date, Roy Hayes III. It's time for another American Revolution, folks. The reason is exactly the same as ever: arrogant oppression.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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A flight of freedom



After a final countdown from the crowd, Lessard releases the roughly 3 1/2 year old eagle from a raised snow stage constructed by DPW Superintendent Troy Thomas and in front of an audience of 400 at Sportsman's Park in East Jordan. The eagle, fittingly named "Rebecca" by East Jordan volunteer Mark Penzien, was injured in December by a motorized vehicle before being brought to Wings of Wonder for rehabilitation. Active since 1990, Wings of Wonder is a non-profit raptor rehabilitation and release facility based out of Empire, whose mission is to educate the public about raptors and their role within healthy ecosystems. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

Five Wishes Program to be presented at Christ Episcopal Church

Brownie Flanders will present the "Five Wishes" Program on Tuesday, February 25th, at 5 p.m. free to the public at Christ Episcopal Church, Charlevoix.

Five Wishes is an easy to use legal document written in everyday language that lets adults of all ages plan how they want to be cared for in case they become seriously ill. Five Wishes helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself. It is unique among all other living will and health agent forms because it speaks to all a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual. Five Wishes also helps structure discussions with your family and physician.

Completing Five Wishes is a gift to your family, friends and your doctor because it keeps them out of the difficult position of having to guess what kind of treatment you want or don't want in case you can't speak for yourself. In Five Wishes, you clearly state it. This presentation is open to



Brownie Flanders (second from the left) is helping Sharon Witucki and Gunnar Lundteigen and Doris Lundteigen with their "Five Wishes".

the public and will be held in the Parish Hall. Brownie Flanders will present the program and will help participants put into writing their health care preferences. This presentation is funded by the Taylor Endowment- Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix Fund.

Following the presentation, a light soup and salad supper will be served. Please call the church at if you would like to attend.

Michigan virtual career fair live at Northwest Michigan Works

Job seekers and employers can connect with each other at the Michigan Virtual Career Fair February 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Northwest Michigan Works Service Centers in Cadillac, Petoskey and Traverse City.

www.MiVirtualCareerFair is an online career fair organized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and features jobs in all industries from across the entire state. Northwest Michigan Works is providing computer access for job seekers who want to participate. Staff will be available to help job seekers with targeted job search techniques that are suited to a virtual environment.

"We are thrilled to partner with MEDC on this event," said Janie McNabb, Northwest Michigan Works chief operating officer. "This is a great chance for job seekers in northwest Lower Michigan to access both the online job fair and to connect with a career advisor for help in making their job search a success."

MiVirtualCareerFair allows employers to connect with top talent and gives job seekers the opportunity to apply for dozens of available positions without the inconvenience and expense of traditional job fairs. Within MiVirtualCareerFair, employers host exhibitor booths that include links to job postings, company profiles, employee benefits, and employer contact information, and allow job seekers to communicate one-on-one with company representatives.

MiVirtualCareerFair will provide opportunities for live conversations between businesses and job seekers via instant chat and/or webcams. Job seekers will also be able to upload résumés for job listings.

Since 2012, ten MiVirtualCareerFair events have connected over 105 unique employers and 12,500 job seekers. For more information and to register in advance go to: MiVirtualCareerFair.com. Additional information is also available at your local Northwest Michigan Works Service Center.

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Local organizations receive \$22,900 in People Fund grants

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Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program made possible eight grants to local community non-profit organizations. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded a total of \$22,900 in grants in February to the following non-profit organizations in northwestern Michigan.

1. The Lions Club of East Jordan: up to \$4,000 matching grant for a disc golf course.
2. Crooked Tree Arts Council,

Petoskey: \$2,400 for tables, umbrellas and seating for outdoor area.

3. East Jordan Care and Share Program: \$5,000 for a refrigerator and freezer for food pantry.

4. Pregnancy Care Center, Petoskey: \$1,000 for an ultrasound monitor and probes.

5. Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: \$3,000 for supplies and inventory for a shoe store for children in need.

6. Hayes Township, Charlevoix: \$4,000 for a sign to mark new public park entrance on Lake

Charlevoix.

7. Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling: \$2,500 for commercial freezers for the home delivered meals program.

8. Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$1,000 for ladders and yard carts.

The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. More than \$2.4 million in grants have been awarded since 1999 to chari-

table and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the western side of Michigan.

"The People Fund is a simple and inexpensive way Great Lakes Energy members can give back to their local community," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "The average contribution is just 50 cents a month, but it really adds up when members join together and round-up their bill to the nearest dollar."

Great Lakes Energy members

can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting gt-lakes.com.

Non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can apply for a grant through the People Fund by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. The next grant application deadline is June 1, 2014.

Family Fare and Glen's Markets begin campaign for Habitat for Humanity

SpartanNash is pleased to announce the launch of its 9th statewide campaign to support Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the communities where the company operates D&W Fresh Markets, Family Fare Supermarkets, Valu Land, VG's and Glen's Markets stores. The statewide campaign begins February 23 and continues through March 15, 2014.

This partnership began in 2006 and has raised more than \$930,000 for Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Spartan associates have volunteered more than 2,500 hours toward helping build affordable Habitat homes.

Customers have an opportunity to donate toward the campaign by purchasing a Habitat for Humanity medallion at D&W Fresh Markets,

Family Fare, Valu Land, Glen's and VG's locations. The medallions are located at all checkouts (including self-scan) and customers may donate \$1, \$5 or \$10 to help partner with Habitat families to build new and or renovate existing homes. When customers make a donation, they also receive four coupons towards their next purchase.

"SpartanNash Stores is thrilled to be working with Habitat for Humanity and the communities we serve to address the need for affordable housing. We recognize the importance of corporate leadership, fully understanding the power of smaller contributions from generous individuals," says Meredith Gremel, Director, Corporate Affairs, SpartanNash. "Our financial backing along with our

SpartanNash employees volunteering on the job site and our assistance in raising awareness can build not only homes but hope for Habitat partner families. This long-term partnership along with the homebuyers' zero percent interest mortgages is what helps make dreams come true," said Gremel.

Along with the scan campaign, SpartanNash Store associates have been involved with community events for Habitat for Humanity through volunteering to build Habitat for Humanity homes. This fundraising campaign brings together SpartanNash and Habitat for Humanity and is a celebration of both company's shared values – hard work, dedication and community service.

Boyer Falls Public Schools refinances bonds

Boyer Falls – The Board of Education of Boyer Falls Public Schools is pleased to announce that it has successfully refinanced its outstanding Series 2004 School Building and Site Bonds, which were issued to finance additions and improvements to the Boyer Falls Public School facility. To refinance the Series 2004 Bonds, the District sold Series 2014 Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$1,590,000.

"Boyer Falls Public Schools is delighted with the results of this refinancing," said Karen Sherwood, Boyer Falls Public Schools' Superintendent. "We are pleased that we were able to take advantage of current low interest rates to reduce the interest cost for our taxpayers and stabilize the millage rate in the future."

The refinancing allowed the District to reduce the interest rate from an average rate of 4.57% on the Series 2004 Bonds to 2.01% on the Series 2014 Bonds. The interest reduction resulted in total savings of \$218,166 and allowed the District to stabilize the millage at 4.05 mills. The total savings will be achieved over a period of 11 years.

FOOD TRUCKS: WHY, WHAT, WHEN and WHERE?

An opportunity to learn and share information about food trucks

Food Trucks are growing in popularity in Northern Michigan and around the State.

To date, the Boyer City Planning Department has had five inquiries from individuals interested in operating food trucks in Boyer City during the spring and summer of 2014. Currently, the City does not have a policy or set of requirements specifically regulating this type of business. With the approval of the City Commission, the Main Street Program and City Staff are reaching out to the public to gather input and share information. Please come learn about this new trend and give us your insight about incorporating them into our community.

- TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD:**
- v February 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Boyer District Library Community Room
 - v March 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Boyer District Library Community Room

Businesses and the general public are invited to attend one of these meetings to discuss and share information about the potential for food trucks in Boyer City.

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Annie Doyle at 231-582-0337 or email Annie atannie@boyncity.com

East Jordan Run Water Notice

Due to extremely cold weather conditions causing an increasing rate of water service freeze-ups, the City of East Jordan is requesting that all municipal water customers run their water continuously 24-hours per day until further notice. Customers should begin running a pencil-width trickle of cold water from one of their faucets farthest away from where their service line enters their structure. A rate of one gallon per 15 minutes seems to work well. Customers should remember to run their water continuously, even though the outside temperature may rise above freezing, because the frost will remain in the ground until spring and could cause water services to freeze if the flow of water is turned off inside.

The City asks that customers do not run water on all faucets, or run more than the recommended amount on the one faucet. Even a flow rate of one gallon every 15 minutes uses approximately 100 gallons per day per customer. Multiplying that times approximately 1,100 municipal water customers results in the use of an additional 110,000 gallons of water per

day. All of this excess water ends up at the City's wastewater treatment plant via a network of sewer lines and pump stations. It costs extra money to run both the wastewater pumps and the City's numerous water wells and two booster stations to supply the additional water. Finally, the storage lagoons at the wastewater plant are nearing their capacities, so please do not run more than one faucet per building.

Customers are also urged to take special care in the cold unheated parts of their buildings (basements, crawl spaces & outer walls) to avoid the freezing and bursting of pipes. Insulating or installing heat tape on those exposed pipes will help lessen the probability of freezing. Opening of kitchen or bathroom cupboard doors under sinks on outside walls is also recommended.

Frost in the East Jordan area has been reported to extend over six feet below ground. The frost is the deepest under paved roads and other areas, such as driveways and sidewalks, where the blanket of snow and its insulating properties has been removed.

The combination of extremely cold weather, clear sunny days and warmer weather ahead will probably lead to the frost being driven even further down into the ground.

While most City water mains are not in risk of freezing due to their depth and the continual movement of water through them, service leads to individual customers may be more vulnerable. To the best of the City's knowledge the last time frost conditions have been this severe was over 20+ years ago.

To avoid the possible inconvenience of customers losing their water supply, possible damage from frozen pipes and the costs of having services restored or pipes repaired, customers are urged to take this voluntary action. The City will announce through the media and on its website and Facebook page when this temporary measure can be ended. Customer accounts will be adjusted to offset the additional water used during this period based on previous usage history. Questions about this run-water advisory should be directed to East Jordan City Hall at 231-536-3381.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, February 3, 2014

- 10:50am Report of identity fraud
- 1:20am 2 vehicle accident in the 700 block of S Park St
- 1:56am Harassment complaint received from the 800 block of S Park St
- 6:07am Missing 13 year old reported from Wenonah St. Was located.
- 10:17am Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyer Falls

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

- 5:55am Assist citizen in the 400 block of S Park St
- 7:34am Citation issued for failure to maintain equipment at Lake and North St

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

- 7:47am Assist Sheriff Dept. with car accident on Boyer City Rd
- 1:06am Subject arrested on our warrant in Wexford Co
- 3:58am Civil complaint from Trent St
- 4:30am Driving complaint from S Lake St
- 6:18am Arrested shoplifter in the 400 block of S Lake St
- 6:46am Civil dispute in the 700 block of S Lake St
- 7:30am Car Deer accident at Boyer Av and High St

Thursday, February 6, 2014

- 12:13am Assist Sheriff Dept. in the 700 block of Line St
- 12:45am Assist EMS with subject in the 300 block of E Division St

- 4:06am Vehicle unlock in the 1200 block of Boyer Av
- 6:28am Vehicle unlock on M-75 S

Friday, February 7, 2014

- 2:15am Assist Fire Dept. on E Division St
- 2:53am 911 hang up call from 500 block of N Park St
- 10:04am Welfare check requested on West St
- 3:25am Civil complaint in the 200 block of N Lake St
- 4:38am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 8:11am Fireworks complaint near Wilson and Ann
- 9:02am Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of E Water St

Saturday, February 8, 2014

- 5:57am Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of N East St
- 10:54am Driving complaint received coming into town on Boyer City Rd.
- 2:33am Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Park and Water St
- 3:40am Parking complaint in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 9:15am Citation issued for fail to display valid registration plate at Boyer Av/Division
- 9:56am Juvenile complaint from the 700 block of N Lake St

Sunday, February 9, 2014

- 1:17am Subject plowing snow into roadway on Lakeshore Dr
- 2:08am Stalking complaint received from the 1000 block of West St
- 7:00am Assist to Water Dept. on Fall Park Rd
- 8:15am Arrested subject on 2

- warrants in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 11:16am Citations issued for operating snowmobiles on the sidewalk on E Water St
- 12:15am Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyer Av
- 1:12am Vehicle unlock from the 800 block of Douglas St
- 2:11am MDOP to the public restrooms at the river mouth
- 3:11am 911 hang up call from the 700 block of N Lake St
- 3:14am Disturbance in the 300 block of Vogel St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

February 10-16, 2014

- 911 Hang Up Call3
- Abandoned Vehicle.....3
- Abuse0
- Alarm5
- Animal Complaint15
- Annoyance.....1
- Assault.....1
- Assist Citizen1
- Assist Motorist.....7
- Assist Other Agency11
- Attempt to Locate.....2
- Attempted Suicide.....0
- Bank Alarm0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation0
- Breaking & Entering.....0
- Car/Deer Accident.....9
- Citations Issued.....6

- Civil Complaint1
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
- Death1
- Disorderly Person0
- Disturbance2
- DNR Complaint1
- Domestic Dispute2
- Driving Complaint.....2
- Fireworks Complaint0
- Found Property.....0
- Fraud3
- Health & Safety.....1
- Hit & Run0
- Intoxicated Person0
- Juvenile5
- Larceny1
- Lockout.....7
- Lost Property0
- Malicious Destruction of Property0
- Mental Subject0
- Minor In Possession0
- Miscellaneous Criminal1
- Missing Person0
- Noise Complaint.....0
- Operating Under the Influence0
- Paper Service10
- Parking Violation.....0
- Personal Injury Accident.....0
- Personal Protection Order0
- Private Property Accident.....2
- Property Check.....35
- Property Damage Accident4
- Prowler0
- Road Hazard.....3
- Snowmobile Violation2
- Stalking.....1
- Suspicious Situation.....6

- Threat0
- Traffic Stop24
- Trespassing0
- Unknown Accident0
- Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
- Vehicle in the Ditch.....4
- Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....3

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 Boyer 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.

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Western Michigan University Dean's List FALL SEMESTER 2013

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

FAIRVIEW
Szubelak, Camille

GAYLORD
Burke, Karly
Burke, Kyle
Hamilton, Natalie
Horrigan, Scott
Neff, Sarah
ORourke, Devin

GRAYLING
Boylan, Laura
Lewis, Alyssa
Reusch, Magena

HARBOR SPRINGS
McShane, Cally

INDIAN RIVER
Osborn, Cole

MIO
Allwardt, Kimberly
Satkowiak, Shelby

PETOSKEY
Baumgartner, Erika
Bell, Carrie
Esterline, Wesley
Marvin, Andrew
Pattullo, Michael
Stoos, Matthew

BOYNE CITY
Ameel, Quinn

CHEBOYGAN
Cooper, Cameron
Tule, Molly
Umphrey, Lois

East Jordan Public Schools offer Commitment Performance Scholarships

East Jordan Public Schools send a strong message regarding the importance of academic rigor by committing to performance based scholarships.

Beginning with the Class of 2014, East Jordan High School students are being given an opportunity to earn scholarship money by committing to academic challenge. Students who enroll in and complete an Advanced Placement (AP) course will earn scholarship money based on their performance on the end of year AP exam. Students can earn up to \$1,000.00 for each class they take.

The College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level classes in a wide variety of subjects that you can take while still in high school. They offer challenging course work and a taste of what college classes are like. Students may take AP courses in their junior or senior year. At the completion of the course, students take an AP exam. If they score successfully on the exam, they earn college credit that is accepted at colleges and universities across the country. Additionally, colleges and universities recognize that students who complete AP courses are better prepared to be successful in college and will often consider this factor when making a decision regarding admission.

Three AP courses are offered at EJHS this academic year; Biology, Statistics, and English/Composition. In addition to the courses offered on site, students also have the option to "customize" their AP experience by choosing to take other AP courses through on-line class opportunities. These off site courses also qualify for the Commitment Performance Scholarship.

EJHS students who accept the challenge of academic rigor stand to earn up to \$6,000.00 toward college costs! To fund these Scholarships, the school is holding its first fundraising benefit, The EJPS Extravaganza on March 8 from 6-11:00pm at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Tickets are \$50 each and include admission, plentiful hors d'oeuvres, DJ and dancing. In addition there will be a cash bar, silent and live auctions, a photo booth and plenty of fun including an opportunity to "dance with the devil," the East Jordan mascot. Free childcare is available at the High School. You'll find more information at the Extravaganza's Facebook page. Tickets are available by phone at 231-536-2259 or at any school office.

Questions about the AP Academy or Scholarship program can be directed to Tammy Jackson, East Jordan High School Principal by email at or by phone at 231-536-2259.



Paige Poindexter, Taylor Raymond, Ellen Brandell and Nick Lewin confer on material.



Oscar Scheier and Dustin Hejka helping one another out in AP Biology.



Tommie Outman, Colette Tuck and Maddie Clark compare results.



Donvee Burks checking in on an experiment.

Students of the Week

Boyne City
High School

Allen Bielas



GRADE: 11

PARENTS:

Amy and Bill Bielas

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Playing Sports

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Soccer

FUTURE PLANS:

"Play soccer in college."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Allen is a determined student who is polite and works hard to do quality work every day." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

"Allen is a hard-working, dedicated, and polite student. I love having him in class!" – Andy Bryant, Chemistry Teacher

"Allen is an awesome student aide in the media center! He is extremely conscientious and has taken on the role of sign maker in our production room. Congratulations Allen!" – Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist

"Allen is a wonderful young man in the classroom and out of the classroom. His willingness to mentor our 5th grade basketball team shows the type of person he is! Thank you for setting a great example Allen!" – Michele Deming, History Teacher

Boyne Falls
Elementary

Kayden O'Neil



GRADE: 5

PARENTS:

Becky and Mike O'Neil

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Drawing, crocheting, reading

FAVORITE BOOK:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Pediatrician

"Kayden is a great student and classmate. She is always willing to help out, and works very hard to do her best work. She is kind to her classmates. Kayden's creativity makes our classroom a better place." – Maeve Green

Grant Award Connects Art, Science & History for Boyne Falls Students

Boyne Falls Public School has been awarded a grant of \$7,500.00 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 428 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year

2014 funding.

Boyne Falls School CASH (Connecting Art, Science, History) for Kids project will impact 50 middle school students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 as well as their regular classroom and art teachers, as it links science and history to art for all participants. Students will explore traditional art forms from around the world; increase their appreciation, understanding, and insights into the connections between science, history and art and experience opportunities to create their own traditional art works. Raven Hill Discovery Center's Program Director, Cheri Leach, will serve as Arts in Education Residency instructor. Cheri will spend a total of 32 sessions with students at the school with a culminating field trip to Raven Hill Discovery Center, where students will make additional connections between science, history and the arts that they will have studied.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars and volunteer time, including matches from Boyne Falls Public School and Raven Hill Discovery Center. Anyone wishing to donate matching dollars may contact Boyne Falls Public School or Raven Hill. For more information, call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@RavenHillDiscoveryCenter.org

Nathan Kuznicki, Boyne Falls 7th grader, cutting glass as part of the CASH for Kids Egyptian Fused Glass unit.



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Charlevoix State of the Community

AWARD WINNERS

At the State of the Community Address & Awards Ceremony, the Chamber of Commerce presented six members of the community with their prestigious annual awards. Congratulations to all of the winners! The awards were well deserved.



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OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD – MR. MIKE HINKLE

Dedicated and giving, this individual over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents, and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live. Congratulations to Mike Hinkle; President & CEO of Charlevoix State Bank.



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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR – MR. SCOTT PHILP

Driven and leading by example, this individual demonstrates leadership in professional development, civic, charitable and social endeavors in Charlevoix. The recipient of this award is 40 years of age or under and a Chamber member. Congratulations to Scott Philp; Owner of Landscape Logic.



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CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD – Ms. CANDY SMITH

Service excellence is a top priority. The recipient of this award, an employee of a member business, exemplifies high standards giving priority attention to every customer, client or guest. Congratulations to Candy Smith; Owner of Harbor Health & Fitness.



NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – CHARLEVOIX CINEMA III

Having opened its doors within the last 24 months, the recipient of this award is a Chamber member and entrepreneur that has demonstrated strong business growth and performance, sound business strategies and practices, unique and innovative approaches, and community involvement. Congratulations to Luther & Mary Kurtz; Owners of Charlevoix Cinema III.



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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – CHARLEVOIX AREA HOSPITAL

Inspirational and visionary, this business operates at a level that inspires others and exhibits vision that goes beyond "business as usual." The Business of the Year demonstrates success and exceptional performance in business practices, customer service and community involvement. Congratulations to the Charlevoix Area Hospital!

"It's an honor to have been selected for Business of the Year. This honor is a direct reflection of the people who work at CAH. At CAH, we care deeply about the people we serve, and we have chosen to emphasize our mission of improving the health of the communities we serve. We are proud to contribute to the economic vitality of our region—with 365 staff members and annual economic impact of over \$50 million. We are also committed to working with businesses, schools and others in our area to make Charlevoix County the best place to live and work in northern Michigan. Being selected as Business of the Year reflects the hard work of our staff at CAH and our continued mission to provide hometown healthcare, world class caring to the people of Northern Michigan."
 – Lyn Jenks, Director - Charlevoix Area Hospital



AMBASSADOR AWARD MR. TODD WYETT

In recognition of an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs. Congratulations to Todd Wyett!

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sweethearts couldn't wait to leave Northwestern Michigan. "We married right out of school then moved to the Detroit area. It wasn't the kind of environment we wanted to raise our kids in, so we moved back," said Marcia. Both Marcia and Pat missed the small town environment that only a few years earlier they couldn't wait to get away from and while they were gone they learned that they wanted that environment for their children. "Because of the smaller school system and everybody knows everybody atmosphere, everyone helps each other and they support one another, you don't get that in the big cities. Not to mention you have all four seasons and the ability to hunt and fish out your back door if you want to," she said.

Moving home can be motivated by a gamete of varying emotions but trying to make a business successful stems from a different attitude altogether. "When it came down to it, we decided that we need to do something to revive East Jordan. We need to do our part. This is where our heart has been our whole lives and we need to keep that heartbeat alive," said Marcia. "The community has supported us all these years and we want to give back, you know, try and keep the community alive so to speak, she said.

Picker's Exchange Vintage Store buys, sells and trades items of all different interests. They are open 5 days a week, Tuesday through Saturday in

the Walker Building. Over 20 vendors are represented in the business. For more information call 231-803-4485.

Theresa Nachazel graduated in 1990 and opened East Jordan Floral in 2011 after a family tragedy brought her home. She left the area at age 17, got a degree from Lake Superior State University and began a life away from her roots. "(after the tragedy) Instead of going a different path I chose to be close to my family and that has turned out to be the best decision I could have ever made," she said. Returning home turned her family's life around and left her feeling that she was able to make something positive out of something terrible. "East Jordan is a welcoming town, no matter how long you're gone you always feel like you've never left," she said. She will be opening the Garden Center in the yard of her downtown shop at 401 Water Street again this May through August. Besides the usual florist wares she sells balloons and rents plants and tuxedos. She has everything needed for prom and weddings. "I can do your flowers and dress your men," she said.

Clothing store, MI RootsWear, was founded with the goal of helping to show the world where a customer's roots are by representing all that the state of Michigan has to offer. The company promotes the many different aspects of Michigan's culture, with a focus on the lesser-known amazing places, people, and things that are sometimes overlooked by the mainstream, like East Jordan.

Co-owner, Jessie Tison, graduated in 2002 but like others she thought she was missing something and headed downstate. "When you're born and raised

here you don't appreciate it. My whole generation didn't see much for us here, in coming home and visiting I realized the value," she said.

Tison earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Saginaw State University and planned to go to graduate school but her and her significant other and MI RootsWear co-owner, Chris Kopacz, had been vacationing in East Jordan. "He felt it was a totally different world than anywhere he had lived downstate and I was having an intense hankering to come home," said Tison. Once they made the move they were both struck by the feeling that they were always on vacation and realized they wanted to invest in this town. "People discount East Jordan, they hear Lake Charlevoix and think Charlevoix. We've got the Jordan Valley. If you want to go kayaking in one of the most beautiful places in the state, go the East Jordan," she said.

She is especially passionate about all the area has to offer by way of art, musicians and authors unique to the area. "There's so much different talent making a collaborating effort to showcase each other. It's neat to say I know that person and I'm proud of them. In the city it's not so much pride but more competition," she said.

Tison has deep roots in this community, her grandfather was the postmaster and her mother taught in East Jordan schools for over thirty years. "Here I can walk down the street and probably see someone I know, people in Grand Rapids don't get that," she said. She still can't believe how the community has welcomed and rallied around their business. "They are proud of us

and want to support us and do whatever they can, like they have a personal investment in our success," she said.

MI RootsWear is not just a clothing company, they are trying to do Michigan advocacy. Some of their slogans are, "Put your money where your roots are and Wear your roots with pride!" "I've never been happier to be home," said Tison. "People don't realize that there are really cool things happening when you get into the heart of these small towns, our town is something to be proud of," she said.

Tatum McWaters, owner of Tatum Photography, graduated in 2003 and always knew she would set up shop in East Jordan. "I just always wanted to be one of the businesses downtown, I always hated to see people leave," she said. McWaters has a love for her community and a desire to make something happen. As a sophomore in high school she started a youth center called Edge, she brought in bands and put on concerts for six years before leaving to get certified in photography at Lansing Community College. "This town has so much potential and I've always thought that if people would give it a chance so much could happen here," she said. McWaters has a desire to bring the "pizazz" back to East Jordan. "Growing up, there was nothing going on. I'm glad to be an adult and make something happen. I want to be a part of the change," she said.

Nikki Skrocki took over the family business. The Insurance Shop was started in 1981 by her father and she began working there with him in 1999. She graduated in 1990 then went on to Michigan State University to

study business. With her experience and education, Skrocki knew better than most how tough making a small business work in Northern Michigan was. "I believe that hard work pays off and with today's technology you aren't limit by area in any business you do," she said. She also believes that there is only one way to make a business work, service. She describes service as, loyalty, dedication and response. "You have nothing more to sell in this small town community other than your service, it's a face to face personal investment in both them and us," she said.

The 1980's was a time when everybody was going to the bigger cities looking for a better, faster, glitzier lifestyle. Today we are seeing evidence of people getting back to a simpler way of life. This was witnessed by the nearly 500 people that turned up in East Jordan at the recent Wings of Wonder bald eagle release. Priorities are changing. For a number of years most new businesses in the area were started by people trying their hand at making a go of it in their favorite vacation spots. Now the trend in new business looks more like it did long ago. Children growing up and taking a role in the communities they were raised in. "I think it's kind of neat that with East Jordan the most recent businesses that we have had are reflecting an upturn of people returning and either starting a new business or taking over an existing one," said East Jordan Area Chamber Executive Director, Mary Faculak. "And there are plenty of great opportunities and spaces for them to get into, she added.

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Musical Journey with Stephen Guthrie



CHARLEVOIX - A musical journey is about to take place at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St. Stephen Guthrie and Friends, in conjunction with the Journey Stories exhibit, will be at the library sharing their musical stories 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 24. As part of the WinterFolk Concert Series, an open mic session will also be offered after the performance. Open mic is an opportunity for the public to share talents. Sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert and is limited to five performers.

Stephen Guthrie performs a lot of different styles of music, and plays with a wide variety of local musicians. That's why he seemed the right choice to present the February WinterFolk concert in honor of the Charlevoix Library's hosting of the Smithsonian's Journey Stories exhibit. Drawing from a catalog of American music that includes big band standards, jazz, western swing, classic country, blues, soft rock and folk, Steve has pieced together a concert of songs that speak to what happens in the hearts of people when they take their own personal journey. Joining him for the evening are a number of his friends, each an engaging performer and accomplished musician.

J.D. Lamb will perform his Midwestern folk/rock style at the March 31 WinterFolk Concert. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

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Natives vs. Invasives exhibition at Crooked Tree

On display at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in the Atrium Gallery is the new work of Petoskey artist Anne Morningstar. Anne Morningstar is an Interdisciplinary Artist, whose work embodies the arts of: Animation, Film, Book Arts, and Papermaking. In 2008, Morningstar graduated from the Milwaukee Institute of Art + Design with her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation. She continued her studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, where she graduated in 2010 with a Master of Science in Telecommunications, New Media. Morningstar has recently become a Professor of Art at North Central Michigan College, located in Petoskey, Michigan.

Her current exhibition entitled "Natives vs. Invasives: A Great Lake Narrative" is a compelling series of eighteen 8" x 8" paper collage paintings that explore life below the surface of the Great Lakes. You are brought up close and personal with invasive species like Quagga Mussels and Round Goby Fish offset by native species like Chinook Salmon and Smelt. Morningstar has a vision all her own and brings you into her conflict with what was supposed to be and what is.

"This series of paper paintings is meant to tell the story of a few inhabitants residing in our most beloved Great Lake, Michigan. Loving deep with 1.3 trillion gallons of water love countless numbers of animal and plant species. Here before you are a few of the residents who have taken a moment to come up for air. The native species possess a certain organic quality, natural, allowing them to become more fluid within their environment. The invasives do what they can to fit in and survive, despite the reality that they are, literally, fish out of



Smelt (Native)



Quagga Mussels (Invasives)



Round Goby (Invasives)



Chinook Salmon (Native)

water. As invasives continue working toward survival, the environmental balance for these natives becomes more threatened" explains artist Morningstar.

This exhibition will be on display through March 22. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information

please call the Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit . This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and Petoskey.

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BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, FEB. 17, 2014

Township salaries increased, Budget hearing up next

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—A public hearing was held to discuss the Fire Budget, much discussion was held on a request made to the Planning Commission, a new member was appointed to the Board of Review and salaries were increased at the February 15 Banks Township Board meeting.

The fiscal year for both the township and its two fire department's budget ends March 31, 2014. Township Supervisor Thomas Mann presented the fire budget with numbers that reflected last year's expenditures. "It's a crap shoot because you never know what the runs are going to be," said Township Clerk Donna Heeres. Because of recently purchased new equipment the board anticipates less money spent this year on repairs and has no plans for extensive training which can be expensive. The budget presently has about \$53,000 left with only one more month to finance, so Treasurer Katy Postmus anticipates being able to carry over a "healthy" balance. Based on property values and a mileage of 1.1 the fire departments should start with a \$95,000 balance. The fire mileage has been set at 1.1 for two years now. "We're hoping to keep it



Steve Parafin was appointed as an alternate to the Banks Township Board of review at the February meeting.

here for the third year," said Mann. No electors attended the hearing.

Trustee Tom Cooper who represents the board on the Township Planning Commission reported that the commission has recently been given a request by Patrick McGuire of Royal Farms in Atwood to add two modular dwellings with walk out basements to house transient workers. The request requires an amendment to the zoning ordi-

nance special uses list and then the granting of a special uses request. "It really doesn't fit with the zoning we had," said Heeres. The new housing would allow for Royal Farms to house up to 81 transient workers on a one and a half acre parcel on Beyers Road. "I've talked to some people who live in Atwood and there are some concerns," said Cooper. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held March 11 at 6 p.m. The board appointed Realtor

Steve Parafin who has recently moved to the south end of the township from Elk Rapids as an alternate to the township board of review. "He has a lot of energy, he is a shaker and a mover," said Heeres. Members of the BOR listen to taxpayers appeals for assessments levied on their property values. This board has the power to make changes to the assessments.

A resolution to increase board member salaries was passed. An increase from \$2,000 per year for trustees to \$2,400 and an increase of \$1,200 for each of the officers was passed. The pay raise brings salaries up to \$15,200 for the Supervisor, \$19,200 for the Treasurer, and \$22,200 for the clerk. Compared to other governing township boards in the county these salaries are slightly above average for the clerk and treasurer and a little below average for the supervisor.

Banks Township co-hosted the Michigan Township Associations Annual Educational Conference with Grand Traverse County. The conference was held at the Grand Traverse Resort and the township was given a booth in the expo with businesses that provide services for townships, like fire department suppliers, etc. "It was kind of a neat thing that we could

showcase our county," said Heeres. A video that highlighted all fifteen township halls in Antrim County played in a hospitality room where 129 door prizes donated by various Antrim County businesses were given away. Dried cherries and apples were also distributed at the booth. "People kept coming over saying, 'I heard you have dried cherries here,' we are surrounded by this stuff and don't realize how lucky we are," said Township Supervisor Thomas Mann. Mann then requested that the minutes reflect gratitude for the contributing businesses of the township including A Matter of Taste, Friskes, Royal Farms, Work n Play, the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange, Rocky Top Farms, Yettaw Cottages, the House on the Hill, MI Farm Market, the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Front Porch. "I really appreciate the local businesses who donated heavily because of them Banks Township had a nice presence which was seen by officials statewide," said Mann.

A township budget workshop is set for March 17 at 6p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 24 at 7 p.m., a public hearing on the budget will be held at that time.

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is a win-win organization

By Jim Akans

It's truly a win-win organization. The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area families in need.

"The Food Pantry serves families throughout Antrim County," states Edith Plumb, a volunteer at the establishment and Secretary of the Board. "It was founded about 10 years ago and is ran by a very dedicated group of volunteers. We serve approximately 200 families in assisting with the food needs each month, which translates into approximately 700 individuals."

Proceeds from sales at the Re-

sale Shop greatly assist in serving those family's needs. Highlights of the donated items available include just about every type of household article; including furniture, nick knacks, dishes and tools. Shoppers will also find a wide selection of toys, yard equipment such as lawn mowers, grills and even snow shovels. These goods are donated by local individuals, businesses and those from downstate who have summer residences in the area.

The facility is a large three-story building that was once a church. Inside, customers will find two levels devoted to resale displays, and one floor level for the food pantry and fellowship hall.

"It is a very nice environment," relates Edith Plumb. "Our mission is getting more and more important all the time as more



The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona and is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area families in need. COURTESY PHOTO.

people are in need of assistance with the food needs. We are part of the Northwest Michigan Action Agency Food Coalition, with is a group of about 40 food pantry's in the area that cooperate with each other in staying in-

formed about the issues affecting us."

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona. The Resale Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am until 4

pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 587-9606.



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LOTS OF FUN at Sno-Blast and Shiverfest

by Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN/ELLSWORTH—The past two weeks have provided nonstop opportunities for fun and good natured competition at the Snoblast and Shiverfest celebrations held on consecutive weekends in February.

Although organizers of the Snoblast anticipated record crowds because of the abundance of snow, attendance was down this year compared to last. The most popular event at the snoblast which included antique snowmobiles and snow sculptures was softball in the snow which was won by a team sponsored by The Insurance Shop. Other Snoblast winners included the 2014 Belle of the Blizzard, Teresa Nac hazel, Winter Knight, Mike Stark, Sno-Sculpture winners first Place, the Jeane



Some event numbers were way up, while others held steady. Our goal was to get people out to enjoy all Ellsworth has to offer in

winter and we succeeded," said Shiverfest organizer, Alana Haley.

nine Sladick Family, second Place, the Jon Neuman Family and third Place, the East Jordan Cub Scout Pack 17.

Fishing Contest Winners included Rick Pierson, Chet Raymond, Renne Okkonen II, Tyrail Wilson, Renne Okkonen Sr., Shawna Stephens, Robert Washburn, Steve Leaman, and Rex Gibbard. Over \$700 in prizes was awarded. "We had 53 contestants and they caught fish what more can you ask for," said Tom Durecki of Tom's Bait and Tackle, the contest sponsor.

The Shiverfest saw the return of uncomfortably low temperatures but the events scheduled at the Community Park were still well attended with more time spent at the warming fires. It was no surprise that the most successful event took place inside with ten tables full of not-so-serious euchre players. Door prizes were distributed during the tournament throughout the evening and three winners were honored at the end of the event. Herb Reiley received a \$10 prize for having the lowest score while

Bob Petrie took home \$40 with a high score of 68. Penny Paris was honored for sportsmanship.

Other event winners included Bella, McKenzie, Nolan and Hannah Essenberg and Jagger and Juergen Griswold all of Ellsworth for the best designed cardboard sleds while Jayden Alfred won the downhill race. The Snow Art Contest was won by Lexie Montgomery and John Moyer. Logan Masters, Ronald Keith DePotty, Keith Peebles, and Tim Spencer took prizes in the ice fishing contest. A total of twenty-one people participated in the Dark Sky Hike from 5th graders to people well into their sixties. Dave Heeres won the snowmobile Fun Run. "We enjoyed another successful Ellsworth Shiverfest! Thankfully, the weather cooperated. Although it was a little on the cold side, the sun was shining, and everyone who came out to the events had a great time.



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ing the pavilion in Veterans Park into a year-round structure. The project is supported by a matching grant for \$12,500 from the Michigan Development Economics Corporation, \$1,500 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and \$8,000 from Main Street and the Boyne City Farmer's Market. The pavilion would be the winter home of the Farmers Market. Commissioner Gaylord voted against progressing with the project stating that feedback he has received from the public is that it would be a nice "someday project" but there are too many other priorities. "You can keep the renderings but I'm not in favor of even moving forward with the design phase,"

he said. The commission discussed the fact that the grant would be lost if not used by May 2014. "It seems like the excitement level for this project is there," said Commissioner Sansom. "We can have more than one project going at once, some things on our radar, the marina, if we get grant money, Court Street, if we get grant money, the dig project downtown, if we get grant money, so it makes sense that we proceed with this and spend the money that has been granted for it. I have no problem with being progressive and aggressive building our assets for the city. I agree that we should move forward with it," said Commissioner Tom Neidhammer. The commission approved the request 4 to 1.

A proclamation to designate the week of February 16-23 as Geek the Library Week at the Boyne District Library was

adopted. Geek the Library is a nation-wide campaign to build public awareness about the value of public libraries. The campaign uses "geek" as a verb stating that whatever you "geek" the public library supports you. Displays will be up at the library to highlight all the things they have been doing during their youth campaign which is ending. "I'm in favor, I think it's a great campaign. I enjoy going into the library and looking at all the pictures," said Commissioner Laura Sansom.

A New police officer was hired. Police Chief Jeff Gaither reported that 74 applicants were put through an extensive hiring selective process which included background and medical checks. The new hire, Kyle Smith, is a resident of Charlevoix County, has military experience in the Coast Guard as well as a background in law enforcement. "He

comes highly recommended," said Gaither. Smith started work Tuesday, February 18.

Boyne City residents have been asked to run a pencil width of cold water to prevent pipes from freezing. City Manager Michael Cain reported that running the water was a precautionary measure because of frost reaching as deep as six feet on uncovered roads. "We don't believe it will affect any of our service mains but it can affect the service leading to individual accounts," he said. Billed accounts will be adjusted for the extra water use.

Two contracts were awarded. One to RB Lyons Inc. in the amount of \$107,387 for renovation of the city's fixed finger piers and one to Flotation Docking Systems in the amount of \$97,918.72 to make improvements to the Shoppers Pier. "Because they are fixed and the water level has gone down so much it has

made them unusable for some of the boaters, a lot of them prefer not to be on those docks, so we wanted to address those, to lower them in some way," said Executive Assistant Harbor Master Barb Brooks. Work on the docks was first bid in 2011 and a grant from the Waterways Commission that covers 50% of the total cost was secured at that time. Since then the price has gone up. "I believe the project still needs to be done," said Brooks. "Right now I anticipate only being able to do three of those fingers instead of five," she added.

A meeting to discuss food trucks in the community will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 6p.m. and Thursday, March 6 at 5:30p.m. in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyne City Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at noon.

Health

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School Nurse Program Earns National Recognition

The Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse Program was among five programs from across the country named a Program of Promise by the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, a national program sponsored by Jackson Healthcare. The CAH School Nurse Program places registered nurses in nine local schools. Through the dedicated hard work of the school nurses, students have the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyle habits that will last a life time.

The five programs were commended as early-stage hospital-sponsored programs with a clear vision for addressing underserved community health needs. At a banquet that was the culmination of the National Hospital Charitable Services

Conference, each Program of Promise was presented with a monetary investment toward their growth.

“These initiatives are not alone in giving back to their communities,” said Charles R. Evans, FACHE, Chairman of the Hospital Charitable Services Awards program. “What makes each Program of Promise unique is their potential to impact their community in life-changing, sustainable ways.”

Kathy Jacobsen, Director of Community Health Education thinks it's her staff that deserves all the credit. “This award reflects the hard work that our school nurses demonstrate every day in their school settings. I am fortunate to support such innovative and dedicated nurses who make a lasting

difference every day.”

Jackson Healthcare instituted the Hospital Charitable Services Awards in 2010 to honor exemplary hospital-sponsored community programs, share their stories and make them models for other programs. Jackson Healthcare also uses the awards to cultivate a community of charitable hospital programs that want to encourage and learn from one another, and establish best practices. Each nominee had to demonstrate excellence in at least one of five areas: community impact, innovation, collaboration, transferability and/or best practice.

About the Hospital Charitable Services Awards

The Hospital Charitable Services Awards is a national program sponsored by Jackson

Healthcare. It recognizes hospitals whose commitment to their community - whether defined locally, regionally, nationally or globally - goes beyond “community benefit” and “free care” and has led to innovative efforts to improve community health and increase access to healthcare education and services. All hospital-funded charitable programs are eligible to participate regardless of the size, tax or ownership model. A national charitable services conference was scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia on February 4, 2014 to bring together individuals and hospitals in an effort to explore evidence-based approaches to community benefit and charitable services.

February is American Heart Month:

Know Your Numbers

BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) — from McLaren Northern Michigan based on American Heart Association guidelines.

One out of every four deaths in the United States can be attributed to some form of heart disease, including heart attack, angina, heart failure, arrhythmia, and stroke. Heart disease is also the nation's leading cause of disability. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 715,000 Americans have a heart attack every year, and 600,000 people die from some form of the disease. And, the overall cost of heart disease is in excess of 300 billion dollars every year. All Americans are urged to have important tests — blood cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index, and blood glucose levels — to learn their scores, and to save their lives.

Body Mass Index (BMI)

Don't ignore your BMI; this important number tells you whether or not you are living with a healthy weight. BMI is a numerical value of weight relative to height, or kg/m². A desirable BMI score is less than 25 and is indicative of a healthy weight. Sometimes a doctor might change a patient's target number to reflect individual risk factors. Waist circumference is another important body marker; women should have a waist of 35 inches or less, and men should have a waist of 40 inches or less. If BMI and waist measurement are not in the acceptable range, lifestyle changes can help. “Increased physical activity and dietary changes are a good place to start,” explains says David C.M. Corteville, MD, Cardiologist at McLaren Northern Michigan.

Consult with a physician for more information about BMI and achieving a healthy weight. If you do not have a primary care physician, call (800) 248-6777 or visit northernhealth.org for a full list of providers who can help. To calculate your own BMI, visit the Center for Disease Control website at cdc.gov/bmi for an online BMI calculator.

Knowing the signs of a heart attack could save a life

Deb Hagen-Foley

February is American Heart Month and Go Red for Women Month. The proclamation by President Obama marks the 50th anniversary of this recognition. These events are intended to bring attention to the fact that 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. In the United States, someone dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds. You may have heard that a massive heart attack was blamed for the death of Jon Henson, son of Muppets creator Jim Henson and an accomplished Muppets puppeteer in his own right. He died on Friday, February 14 at home with his daughter while building an igloo. He was 48 years old.

A heart attack happens when the flow of oxygen to the heart is blocked and the heart can't get oxygen. Most heart attacks are a consequence of cardiovascular disease. In cardiovascular disease, plaque build-up inside the coronary arteries leads to atherosclerosis. When the plaque ruptures, it causes a blood clot to form on the surface. The clot can become large enough to block the blood flow



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through the coronary artery, preventing oxygen from flowing to a portion of the heart. If not treated quickly, the portion of the heart muscle will begin to die, and is replaced with scar tissue. It might not be noticeable right away or it may be severe. Early treatment can reduce the long term damage to the heart.

A heart attack can also be caused by a severe spasm of a coronary artery, cutting off blood flow through the artery. Spasms can occur in coronary arteries not affected by atherosclerosis. Spasms can be brought about by: emotional stress or pain, taking certain drugs, such as cocaine, exposure to extreme cold, or cigarette smoking.

Knowing the signs of a heart attack and taking action quickly can prevent permanent damage

to the heart and potentially save a life. The primary symptom of heart attack is chest pain. The pain can feel like squeezing, fullness, pain or uncomfortable pressure. If you or someone you know has discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back, seek medical attention.

Chest pain isn't the only possible symptom of a heart attack. Women, in particular, may experience other signs of a heart attack. The sign might be pain or discomfort in other parts of the upper body. This could include one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Shortness of breath can be a sign of a heart attack, with or without chest pain. Other signs are: nausea, light-headedness, or breaking out in a cold sweat.

The symptoms may come on

suddenly, but more often, they start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Too often, people don't believe it is a heart attack because of the gradual onset of symptoms. Not all signs will occur in all heart attacks. It is important to call

9-1-1 if you suspect a heart attack. New treatments have improved survival rates of heart attacks, reducing disability and mortality. They must be given quickly in order to be effective.

Cardiovascular disease is often preventable by changing the behaviors that can put you at risk, including changing your diet. According to the American Heart Association, preventing a heart attack is as easy as A, B, C. - Avoid tobacco, Become more active, and Choose good nutrition.

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do to improve your health. Getting at least 30 minutes of physical activity on five or more days per week can help lower blood pressure and help in maintaining a healthy body weight. A diet including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy will reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease.

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL, FEB. 17, 2014

Fuel charges ignite discussion at Council Meeting

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the Monday night City Council meeting amendments to the city budget were discussed; but one amendment had Council member Shirley Gibson frustrated.

City Treasurer Joel Zielinski came before council to explain some of the changes to the 2014-2015 budget that council needed to approve. The budget must be approved thirty days before the beginning of the fiscal year, which begins April 1. One change eliminated a 25 cent fuel charge for those using a city owned fuel truck at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

This charge had been discussed at the last regular meeting, when Airport Manager Scott Woody told council that there was a need for the charge, especially for certain charter companies who used the truck frequently. An owner of one such company came before council at that time to indicate they felt the charge was discriminatory, leading to Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson requesting that the problem be discussed outside of council with mediation by himself and City Manager Rob Straebel. That discussion ultimately led to dropping the fuel charge on the budget.

Shirley Gibson questioned why this had been done; indicating that the change hadn't been discussed with all of council and that the charge should be included.

"The budgets been changed without our knowledge... we did not agree to take out the 25 cent fuel charge," said Gibson.

Carlson and Straebel explained that excluding the charge stemmed from difficulty



A change in the city budget to eliminate a fuel charge for use of the city owned fuel truck led to a debate between Charlevoix City Council members.

understanding the true cost involved in using the fuel truck. Both explained that taking it out didn't eliminate the possibility of having it later on, but that before instituting it more discussion was needed.

"None of the numbers jived... hard for us to justify a (charge) when we don't know what the cost is," said Mayor Carlson.

The numbers given reflected the cost of using the truck to fuel airplanes, which includes taking the truck to the location, fueling the plane, and driving it back to the Airport. However, the numbers didn't seem right according to Carlson.

"Those numbers were at least double what they should have been... we had been given a number in there for labor that was way out of whack," he said.

Woody defended the charge before council, stating that it

was fuel cost that created a need for the charge. He explained that retail fuel costs 90 cents, but that companies such as Fresh Air and Island Airways are only paying 35 cents.

Gibson warned that if the fuel charge wasn't replaced she wouldn't vote to pass the budget.

"I would like that amended and the rate put back in, or I won't approve it," said Gibson.

Ultimately, the budget did pass without the fuel charge, although Mayor Carlson was required to vote in order to break the tie between council members.

Straebel told Gibson that the decision had been last minute, but he did apologize for not discussing it with council beforehand.

City Council addresses multiple issues

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Monday night's City Council meeting addressed issues that have been plaguing city officials for months.

First, council examined the proposal to add several slips that would accommodate 60 to 80 foot boats in the marina. The City Planning Commission had examined the proposal last week, and chose to approve sending it to council for review. However, several council members were still irritated over the lack of options for the proposal.

The concept would entail enlarging Dock A and adding ten slips to it. Council had initially requested further research into other options that could be less invasive on Round Lake however City Planner Mike Spencer explained no other ideas were deemed viable.

"...we can't expand docks C and D... B wouldn't allow the size we need. A is the only one that can," said Spencer.

Council was reluctant to proceed with such limited options, but agreed to set a public hearing on March 3 to further discuss the issue with the input of Charlevoix citizens.

Second, council examined problems with the towns Blight ordinance. Council member Jeff Porter stated that he felt the ordinance needed to be tightened up, especially when dealing with abandoned buildings such as Phillips Northside Service Station which has sat empty for several years.

"For years we've had to look at this gas station that's been abandoned...what does it take for the city to condemn something? We need to tighten this up," said Porter.

City Planner Mike Spencer explained that the blight and nuisance ordinances left quite a bit of room for interpretation, and that keeping an eye on the regulations was the best they could do. Although buildings were referenced extensively, he also explained that last summer 30 weed violations were issued, but only two people were ticketed. Problems arise when people who are not full time residents violate regulations; many times it is simply a matter of not being here to care for the issue. The vague nature of the zoning words makes regulating these ordinances difficult.

"We simply don't have the language in our zoning words...most cities have this covered by the police," said Spencer.

Council member's encouraged City Planning officials to look further into Michigan blight laws which have become stronger in recent years, and to begin looking into what it would be required to have police enforce nuisance and blight regulations.

In other business, an interview committee was formed to select candidates for City Attorney.

The City Manager, Rob Straebel told council that so far it was unnecessary to have city wide run water ordinance. Sixteen homes have faced frozen pipes, with several requiring garden hoses to be run from nearby houses for water. However, according to Straebel, the city has not reached "the critical point yet."

No bones about it—East Jordan pet project earns bark of approval

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN – Parks Director Tom Cannon and Leadership for Charlevoix County (LCC) presented a proposed service project to the city of East Jordan at Tuesday evening's commission meeting. The project, Parks for Paws, would repurpose the intended site of Watson Field as a dog park and playground.

This year's LCC class plans to create dog parks in three county cities: Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan. Dog parks are among the fastest growing division of city parks. They offer a place for dogs to socialize, exercise, and play off-leash, while being supervised by their owners, said LCC members.

Dog parks not only benefit the dogs themselves by offering more exercise, interaction between dogs, increased agility and intelligence, and a stronger dog/owner bond, but they also offer many benefits to the community.

East Jordan business owner,

Chris Kopacz of MI Rootswear said he currently travels to Traverse City to take his dog Porter to the dog park, as it is the closest canine park to East Jordan as of now.

It is this kind of desirability LCC hopes to bring to the community of East Jordan. The parks will also help keep dogs out of public areas, reduce barking, and allow socialization among community members and those visiting from other towns.

LCC and Cannon settled on the plan to use Watson Field, located at 98 Division Street behind Penzien Funeral Home, because it is an undeveloped area that has become vacant ever since Little League baseball games were moved to the Community Park on Maple Street.

"[Watson Field] is vacant and looking for a purpose," said Cannon.

While LCC plans to focus on the dog park, Cannon will concentrate on the playground and the renovation of bathrooms. LCC hopes to include dog foun-

tains at the park, agility equipment, a 2-gate entry, benches, trashcans, and mutt mitt dispensers. The playground equipment at Watson Field would be replaced by new structures designed for children ages 5-12.

City Commissioner Mark Penzien supported the project but suggested LCC members and Cannon also consider issues of lighting and parking at this location.

"Part of the issue with vandalism (at Watson Field) is because of lighting," said Penzien.

If the park were to be better lit, Penzien believes it would discourage vandalism that regularly occurs at the park.

The city commission unanimously approved to collaborate on the dog park with LCC so that March 1 grant deadlines can be pursued to help fund the venture.

The city commission also awarded the bid for improvements of water well #2 and well house reconstruction to Robinson Electrical and Mechanical, Inc. of Riverdale, MI. Robinson

Electrical bid the amount of \$246,600. A second bid by Jordan Construction Group, Inc. of East Jordan came in at roughly \$48K higher than Robinson Electrical.

While the city commission expressed interest in supporting the local construction group, they could not justify the higher price tag of nearly 20%.

"If [the bids] were a lot closer, I might not have hesitated, but that's quite a big gap," said City Administrator Chris Yonker.

Well #2 is the highest capacity well in the city of East Jordan. A notice to proceed with the project will be issued by mid-April, and renovations are expected to be complete by the 4th of July or possibly before the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival. The project is hoped to increase the volume/capacity of the well to its original capacity.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

BC Schools refinance bonds, saves taxpayers \$250,000

Boyne City Public Schools taxpayers are getting a huge break after the Board of Education refinanced bonds to a significantly lower interest rate.

At their February meeting, board members unanimously voted to refinance the 2004 bond for the original high school construction to a new rate. The change lowers the interest rate from 4.1 percent obtained in 2004 to a current 2014 rate of .73 percent – saving taxpayers more than \$250,000.

"We are not extending the terms (of the bond), which will still be paid off in May 2017," said Superintendent Peter Moss. "Similar to refinancing your home, you still pay off the debt but at a lower interest rate. We are saving our taxpayers a significant amount – almost \$250,000."

The bond for the new high school was originally approved by voters in 1999 and refinanced in 2004 and now in 2014, explained business manager Irene Byrne.

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- > dependent care provider information (name, employer ID, Social Security number)
- > All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
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- > Receipts for any other large or unusual purchases
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