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## Continue to run water to avoid frozen pipes

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Pipes in the ground do not freeze due to the immediate outside temperature; they freeze due to the temperature of the ground and as the frost continues to drive further down into the ground, the more susceptible your water lines are to freezing. Frost in the Boyne City area has been reported to extend over seven feet below ground. The combination of extremely cold weather, clear sunny days and warmer weather ahead will probably lead to the frost being driven even further down in the days and weeks ahead.

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 run your water and keep running it until notified. The City will announce through the media and on its websites 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.

Customers with questions on these matters are urged to visit the Boyne City webpage at [www.cityofboyne.com](http://www.cityofboyne.com) or call either 231-582-6597 or 231-582-0335 during office hours and "keeping dripping".

Boyne Falls & East Jordan win District Championships

# DISTRICT CHAMPS!

East Jordan takes Class C District Title



An emotional East Jordan boys basketball team celebrates their hard-fought victory over Boyne City in the Class C district final. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

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Boyne Falls takes Class D District Title



BF boys bball results - district champs) The Boyne Falls Loggers boys celebrate their Class D district title victory over previously unbeaten Bellaire. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)

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## Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix

On Saturday, March 22nd the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 4th Annual Business Expo and Business to Business (B2B) Night at Castle Farms. New this year, the event will also include the Taste of Charlevoix, a special portion of the event where area restaurants showcase some of their signature dishes. The event is broken into three signature events, each with their own distinct feel.

The Business Expo: Noon-5pm, free admission

Come and explore more than 60 different local businesses all in one location! If you're looking for a new contractor, dentist, or car repair business, this is your opportunity to learn what our local companies can do for you. There will be live demonstrations throughout the day and free food to sample in conjunction with the Taste of Charlevoix. We will be giving away a door prize every hour.

Business to Business (B2B) Night: 6-9pm, \$10/person

The largest networking event in Charlevoix County! B2B will feature all of the same great opportunities of the Business Expo but our guests will also enjoy a microbrew bar, giveaways, appetizers and networking opportunities with more than 500+ representatives from all over the region.

Expo Party: 9-11pm, \$10/person or FREE with admission to the B2B Night

Time to forget about business and let loose! Enjoy music from A+ Digital DJ, half off of all drinks, and discounted cab rides.

This event is being made possible with support from our sponsors: Fox Motors, Northern Michigan Review, Charlevoix State Bank, Castle Farms, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

For more information or to get your tickets call 231-547-2101 or e-mail [info@charlevoix.org](mailto:info@charlevoix.org). Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

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## weather

## THURSDAY



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

## FRIDAY



HIGH: Low 40's  
LOW: Mid 10's

## SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 20's  
LOW: Low 00's

## SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 20's  
LOW: Low 00's

## snowfall

2012-13	Amt.	2013-14	Amt.
3/11/2013	48.1	3/10/2014	56.9
3/11/2013	81.3	3/3/2014	112.2
3/11/2013	99.2	3/3/2014	139.5
3/11/2013	117.3	3/3/2014	164.3
3/11/2013	41.9	3/3/2014	64.1
3/11/2013	64	3/3/2014	111.5
3/11/2013	105.6	3/3/2014	167.6

## record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
13	41°F	19°F	68°F (1990)	-9°F (1960)
14	41°F	19°F	74°F (2012)	-7°F (1963)
15	42°F	20°F	79°F (1990)	-7°F (1956)
16	42°F	20°F	67°F (2003)	-8°F (1998)
17	43°F	20°F	82°F (2012)	-6°F (1967)
18	43°F	21°F	82°F (2012)	-7°F (1967)
19	43°F	21°F	80°F (2012)	-12°F (1989)

## OBITUARIES

## Harold E. Black, 93

(JAN. 14, 1921 – MARCH 5, 2014)

Harold E. Black of Charlevoix passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. He was born January 14, 1921, in Pontiac, to Leo and Grace (Watkins) Black. Harold graduated from Pontiac High School in 1940. He served in the US Army from 1942-46, as an artillery, small weapons, and automotive mechanic. He also trained in the use of anti-aircraft artillery.

On November 15, 1947, he married Juanita Davis. They made their home in the Bay City area before moving to Charlevoix in 1962.

Harold began working in maintenance for Consumers Power in 1949, and retired from the Big Rock nuclear power plant in 1983. He then worked in maintenance at the Wharf Condominiums until 2009. Before moving north, Harold also owned Buckshot's Outboard Service in Quai-casee and raced boats for Alto Outboard Motor Company, (now Evinrude). He was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman, and a proud member of the NRA.

He is survived by his daughters, Deborah Kay (William) Bellinger of Traverse City, Claudia Lynn (Guy) Lewinski of Sault Ste. Marie, Tina Marie Powers of Houghton, NY; stepson, Riley Eugene (Barbara) Martin of Atlanta; daughter-in-law, Linda Black of Boyne City; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Campbell of Rockford, Virginia Reeves of Orchard Lake; sister-in-law, Marion Black of Saginaw.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita;

son, Donald; grandson, Brandon; son-in-law, Ed Powers; step-daughter, Joan Pettitt.

Funeral was Friday, March 7, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend David Behling officiated. Burial will take place in the spring at the Norwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

## Gordon DuBois Faust, 84

(MAY 1, 1929 - MARCH 6, 2014)

Gordon DuBois Faust of Charlevoix, formerly of Marquette, Kan., passed away Thursday, March 6, 2014, at his home. He was born May 1, 1929, in Peabody, Kan., to Fred and Ruth (DuBois) Faust. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars retiring in 1968 as a Staff Sergeant after twenty years of service to his country.

On March 10, 1969, Gordon married Martha Ann Caruthers in Oklahoma. They made their home in Marquette, Kan. where "Gordy" was employed by Cargill in McPherson, Kan. retiring after nineteen years. Gordy and Martha moved to Charlevoix in 1995, where he worked for Ace Hardware for ten years. Gordy enjoyed working, and he enjoyed NASCAR.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in Marquette, Kan., and the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Martha A.; children, Eugene (Kami) Faust of Omaha, Neb., Bruce (Deb)

Faust of Lonsdale, Minn., Stormy Yeagley of Salina, Kan., Sky'e Farris of Marquette, Kan., Patrick (Lisa) Faust of Charlevoix, Debra Roe of Traverse City, David (Mary) Faust of Warrensburg, Mo.; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; sister, Velma Kocher of Stafford, Kan.; many nieces and nephews. Gordon was preceded in death by his son, James; grandson, Jeremy; brothers, Joe and Paul; sister, Pauline.

Funeral was held Tuesday, March 11, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, Pastor Dan Fulmer officiating. Interment will take place in the spring in the Marquette Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, 11906 U.S. 31, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please sign Gordy's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

## John H. "Jack" Coppens, 94

(OCT. 12, 1919 – MARCH 9, 2014)

John H. "Jack" Coppens of Charlevoix passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. He was born October 12, 1919, in Frankfort to Solomon and Gertrude (Dorsey) Coppens. Jack graduated from Empire High School. On August 14, 1943, he married Mae Gallagher in Pontiac.

Jack joined the US Coast Guard in 1937, and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal after serving in the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942. Following WWII, his Coast Guard career included many ports on the Great Lakes. His service in the rescue mission of the freighter, Carl D. Bradley, and protection services of President John F. Kennedy while in Florida were highlights of his career. He concluded as skipper of the Naugatuck in Sault Ste. Marie. In 1967, Jack retired as Chief Warrant Officer. That year, he and Mae made their home in Charlevoix. Jack went to work for Lexalite International and retired again after fourteen years.

He was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post #226, VFW Post #1153, the Pierre de Charlevoix Council 7172 Knights of Columbus, and the Charlevoix Elks Club. Jack enjoyed fishing and golfing.

Mae preceded Jack in death on January 24, 1997. He is survived by his children, John E. (Jackie) Coppens of Sugarland, Tex., Suzanne Carlson of Charlevoix, Marianne Coppens of Charlevoix, Cheryl (Randal) Chism of Traverse City; grandchildren, Suzanne, John, Michael, Erin, Robert, John, and Christopher; many great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Alice Diggins of Empire, Barbara Vogel of Suttons Bay; many nieces and nephews. Jack was also preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy; and brothers, Robert and James.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm, Friday, March 14, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 8 pm. Funeral will be 11 am, Saturday, March 15, at

Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton will officiate. Burial will take place in the spring at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Please sign Jack's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

## Roger Dale Westenbroek, 83

(NOV. 17, 1930 – MARCH 10, 2014)

Roger Dale Westenbroek of Charlevoix passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, March 10, 2014, in Charlevoix. He was born November 17, 1930, in Holland, MI, to Clarence and Alberta (Schipper) Westenbroek. He graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1948. Roger enlisted in the US Army in 1951, and served in the Medical Reserve until 1954.

On July 20, 1951, he married Elaine Joyce Bussies in Holland, MI. He and Elaine moved their five children to Charlevoix in 1965. He was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. He also served on the Charlevoix City Council.

Roger spent most of his career working in the electrical power industry, including three years in Bangladesh. He was very creative and enjoyed designing and building around the house and garden. He also had a life-long thirst for knowledge.

Roger is survived by Elaine; son, Michael (Denise) Westenbroek of Charlevoix; daughter-in-law Ruth Westenbroek of Issaquah, WA; daughters Sherry (Dan) Hawthorne of Vancouver, WA, Susan (Joe) Kaufman of Appleton, WI, Sally (Serge) Weiss of Pittsford, NY; grandchildren, Alyssa, Jennifer, Jason, Emily, Tyler, Andrew, Kallen, Bryant, Sarah, Melissa, Hannah, Westen, and Anika; great-grandson, Rylan. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Mark, brother Harvey, and sister Doris Elhart.

The memorial service will be at 1 pm Friday, March 14, with visitation at 12 pm at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Chip Sauer officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Thursday, March 13, at the Community Reformed Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to the American Heart Association, 3816 Pappas Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Please sign Roger's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

## Connie Smith, 60

JULY 6, 1953 - MARCH 6, 2014

Connie Sue Smith of Boyne City Michigan passed away March 6, 2014 at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey MI. She was sent off to meet the lord surrounded by her husband and her family at her side. Connie was born July 6, 1953 in Ypsilanti MI to William "Bill" Roach and Marilyn Roach. Connie has two sons Andy and Jason Wolgamott.

On October 23rd, 1996 Connie married her soul

mate Don L. Smith. Don and Connie worked side by side building Northland Tobacco in Boyne City, and then after retiring from Northland they started and ran Smitty's Steakhouse also in Boyne City.

Connie's days for the last three years have been brightened by her adopted granddaughter, Jaylin Habasco. They spent every morning baking, dancing, gardening, and doing their makeup.

Connie loved gardening, sewing, canning, bread making, and crafts of all kinds. Because of her love of crafts she was in charge of the craft show at the Moral Mushroom Festival for the last 8 years. She was also a member of the Boyne City Eagles. She will always be remembered for her generosity, she would help anybody in need.

Connie was met in heaven by her father Bill, her sister Sandi, and her grandparents Willis and Edna Moser.

Connie is survived by her loving husband Don, her loving sons Andy and Jason, her siblings Michael, Janis (Curt), Tim, Randy (Maggie), Kris (Ray), Patti (Larry), Step-daughters Kim (Pat), Sharri, Michele (Mike), 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

The funeral was held Wednesday March 12, 2014 at St. Mathews Catholic Church at 1303 Boyne Ave in Boyne City.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Connie's honor to Boyne Area Community Christmas fund 2261 Behling Rd Boyne City MI, 49712, or to a charity of your choice in Connie's honor.

## Arlene Mary Green, 92

APRIL 6, 1921 - MARCH 6, 2014

Arlene Mary Green of Boyne City died Thursday, March 6, 2014 at The Brook Assisted Living Facility in Boyne City.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held per Arlene's wishes. Burial will be at Sunset Hills in Flint and take place at a later date. Arlene was born in Lima, Ohio and resided in Flint, MI. until 1972 and then spent her later years in Boyne City.

Surviving are her son; Jack E. Green of Grand Blanc, MI; two grandsons Daniel Christenson of Boyne City, MI., Mark Christenson of South Lyon, MI; two granddaughters Jennifer Schakel of Glen Mills, PA, Laura Rose of Russia, OH; eight great grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren.

Arlene is preceded in death by her husband Dalton "Jack" Green; daughter Judy Arlene Christenson and sister Eleanor Dakin.

She enjoyed the Odawa casino and watching sporting events.

Arlene also enjoyed her early retirement years in Florida during the winter and her wonderful home on Deer Lake in Boyne City where she spent many years with her friend Charles Warstler

She spent her last year at The Brook assisted living facility where she had many friends, activities and relaxed surroundings. The family thanks the entire staff of The Brook and also Hospice of NW Michigan for their kind support and care of our beloved mother and grandmother.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Condolences may be made

to the family at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

## Ila Mary Breidenstein

Ila Mary Breidenstein, of Walloon Lake, passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey. Her final days were peaceful and without any complications.

She grew up in Gross Pointe and moved to Harbor Springs in 1968. She later moved to Walloon Lake in 1999 to be close to her children, and dearly enjoyed the small community in the village.

As a long-time resident of Harbor Springs, Ila worked on Harbor Point for the Wallace family for over 12 years, and was an active volunteer for many years at the Holy Childhood thrift shop. Her fond memories of living in Harbor were always a wonderful topic of discussion for her children and those who came to know her well. She spent her retirement years in Walloon Lake and enjoyed the near daily visits by her children. More importantly, she was famous for her home made brownies and shared them with everyone she could during their visits.

She was preceded in death by her brother Chester Williams and her parents Gordon and Gertrude Ross of Harbor Springs. She is survived by her three children Walter and Joseph Breidenstein of Walloon Lake, and Beth Breidenstein of Detroit.

Ila will be very much missed by family and friends, and the family gives glory to the Lord for the blessings she brought into our lives as our mommy.

Ila will be interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. The family is preparing a time of remembrance during the spring in Detroit and in Northern Michigan for friends and relatives.

Local arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

## Avien Odin Possert, infant

Avien Odin Possert, infant son of Daniel and Bridgett Possert, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2014, at his home in Charlevoix.

The funeral will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where friends may meet the family beginning at 11 a.m. The Rev. Patricia Orcutt will officiate.

## Robert Stillwell, 83

Robert Stillwell of Charlevoix died March 10, 2014, at his home. No services are planned at this time. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery this spring.

Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

## Vicki Lynne Wheat, 60

Vicki Lynne Wheat of Engadine, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2014, at her sister's home in Columbiaville.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp, 3606 Wilson Road, East Jordan.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

## Robert H. Jahns, 94

Robert H. Jahns of Boyne City died Feb. 28, 2014, at his home.

Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MARCH 10, 2014

## New Police Patch will be created by Ellsworth High School students

By Tina Sundelius  
 ELLSWORTH—Council members chose their favorite designs for a new police patch, gave their support for the upcoming Paddle Antrim and made year end budget amendments at the March 10 village meeting.  
 Every police officer wears a patch on the bicep of their right sleeve that announces the community they have jurisdiction over. A project to design a patch that is uniquely Ellsworth's was initiated by Officer John Morris a few months ago. After he received approval from the village council, Morris approached the high school for help designing the patch. "I wanted to incorporate the project into the community," he said. Morris brought renderings created by the high school drafting class for the council to review and narrow down to

only two or three concepts. "This is something that when we're wearing it they'll know they created it," he said. The sketches will be returned to the class to be tweaked and possibly combined. The new patch will be revealed and its creators honored at this year's Ellebration.  
 An event sponsored by Short's brewery called Paddle Antrim is in the planning stages. The event is an outgrowth of the Shorts to Shorts Paddle and will still be sponsored by the brewery. After discussion, a motion was made to support the event and it passed unanimously. The three day paddle is set for September of 2015 and will begin in Ellsworth and end at Lake Michigan. The challenge is expected to attract both novice and experienced paddlers.  
 In order to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget some ad-



Officer John Morris shows Ellsworth Village Council President Pro Tem, Ron Boss and Trustee Carla Kammerer renderings created by Ellsworth High School drafting students for a new police patch.

justments are made to reflect actual spending. "There are some areas where we overspent and others we didn't spend, it's just moving the money around (on paper), we normally do this monthly but this is the end of the (fiscal) year."

One broken water line was discovered in the village this week. Residents are urged to keep their taps running even though the weather is warming up. "The frost is deep, this is when it's absolutely going to freeze," said Village Clerk Hellen Allen. All water bills will be estimated based on past water usage until residents receive the all clear to turn off their faucets.  
 Members of the village council were asked to attend the March 24 Banks Township Board meeting. Discussion will be held on a letter from the DEQ which contains soil quality test results on the corner lot at Center Street and Ellsworth Road which the village is interested in purchasing. The next meeting will be held on April 14 at 7p.m.

## The City of Charlevoix recognized for environmental leadership

The City of Charlevoix was recognized for environmental leadership at the Michigan Green Communities conference in Flint on February 25. As part of the Michigan Green Communities Challenge, participating local governments were awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze or Member seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as natural resource conservation, green economic development and energy efficiency.  
 Charlevoix achieved Gold status for exemplary action in a variety of categories including participating in collaborative regional initiatives to promote sustainability. The Charlevoix Municipal marina is recognized as "Michigan Clean Marina". Furthermore, the City partnered with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to develop stormwater management plan for a recent street reconstruction.  
 The Challenge is a new tool to help local leaders measure their progress in implementing energy, economic development and environmental improvements. It is supported by the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality,



Michigan Economic Development Corporation Energy Office, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association. It uses a rating system to recognize sustainability accomplishments and serves as a guide for the community leaders looking to learn from their peers. Participation is free and open to all local governments in Michigan as part of the statewide Michigan Green Communities network that aims to support local sustainability efforts.  
 The Challenge launched in 2009 and emphasized energy efficiency projects in an effort to help local governments prepare for and make the best use of federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds. In the past, graduate students from the University of Michigan worked with Challenge participants and the staff of a partner organization to update the program and reflect the evolving sustainability standards. The updated challenge reflects broader topics, such as green economic development, resource conservation and water quality in addition to maintaining a strong energy component.

## Women helping women

Professional Women in Building, a council of the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders, made a donation of \$1,634 to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). The contribution represents a portion of proceeds generated from the Lucky Seven Builder Run, an event organized and hosted by members of the PWB group. Pictured receiving the donation are Gail Kloss (from left) Chief Operating Officer of the WRCNM; PWB members Mary Greetis, Cindy Passant and Stephanie Baldwin; and Jamie Winters, WRCNM Safe Home Coordinator. Passant said the group wanted to hold an event that highlighted PWB businesses and supported women in the community. It was decided



donations to the WRCNM, as well as the Joppa House in Charlevoix, would be appropriate and needed. Passant indicated the event had significant support from sponsors and participants which helped strengthen the success of the fundraiser.

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According to state statute, children with an October or November birth date that will be five years old by December 1, 2014, are eligible for Kindergarten if the parents submit a written request to the district (a waiver form is available in the Elementary office) no later than June 1, 2014.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION, MARCH 11, 2014

## City receives grant money for street reconstruction

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—The Boyne City Commission approved the acceptance of a Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Grant, a bid to improve Pleasant and Division Streets both above and below ground, the application for a grant to establish a trail head at Old City Park and the purchase of a traffic counter.

As a matter of formality the City Commission approved the receipt of a MEDC DIG Grant earmarked to reconstruct one block of South East Street, two blocks of Ray Street and the alley south of the 100 block of Water Street between Lake and Park Streets. On Friday, February 28 at the monthly Team

Boyne meeting representatives from the MEDC presented the city with a symbolic check for \$583,519 which is 70% of the estimated project total of \$833,600. The city's share of the project is \$250,081 which is included in the 2015 budget and will not cost taxpayers any extra money. The project will involve the replacement of the complete roadways, as well as necessary curbs, sidewalks, and underground city utilities. In addition streetscape amenities will be added and wherever possible overhead power lines will be buried underground. "Grant money makes your local dollar go a lot further, it allows us to be a leader in Northern Michigan," said Commissioner Tom Neidhamer.

A bid was awarded to contractor Reith Riley to resurface Pleasant Street from Division south to the city limits and Division Street from Pleasant to Front Streets for a total amount of \$302,996.17. While working on the streets Water superintendent Dan Meads requested approval for the replacement of the sanitary sewer on Pleasant Street that has been on the city's replacement list and an aging storm sewer in the area. The additional cost to add this to the project is \$129,800. "With all the shaking that's going to be going on there's going to be some failures there," said Meads. Concerns about the project include a large detour which will be discussed at public meetings. "This isn't something you want to do

once and in two or three years turn around and do it again," said Meads. The commission approved the needed sewer work.

The commission approved a request by city staff to apply for a grant from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for \$7,500 for amenities toward the creation of a trail head in Old City Park. Items to be purchased with the funds include the renovation of one of the old Chamber of Commerce Kiosks, way-finding signs and WI-FI. "We hope this is going to be a great entrance to the community by water, bicyclists and for people who are driving through town," said City Manager Michael Cain.

The purchase of a traffic counter was approved. "I can see

many reasons why we could use this informally as well as formally," said Police Chief Jeff Gaither. The counter is used to conduct traffic count studies for grant applications and speed studies for the police department. "Our existing traffic counter equipment is older than dirt and runs on a DOS operating system from the 80's," said Streets/Parks Superintendent, Andy Kovolski.

A budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 8 a.m. and the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at noon.

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### BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

#### Monday, February 24, 2014

7:51am Request for unlock in the 700 block of West St  
9:09am Bad Check complaint from the 100 block of N Park St  
12:07am Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St  
3:19am Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of Cherry St  
7:52am Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
10:49am Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lake and Lower Lake St

#### Tuesday, February 25, 2014

1:53am 2 vehicle property damage accident on Charlevoix St at the city limits  
4:25am Report of lost ladder  
4:29am Citizen assist in the 700 block of Line St  
5:11am Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

10:34am Report of assault in the Industrial Park  
11:31am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Vogel St  
11:39am Contraband in the 900 block of Brockway  
2:38am Civil complaint from the 300 block of Silver St  
11:55am Assist EMS in the 100 block of River St

#### Thursday, February 27, 2014

9:05am Assist citizen in the 200 block of N Lake St  
10:39am Report of lost cell phone  
10:40am Civil complaint in the 300 block of Silver St  
11:16am 2 vehicle property damage accident at E Main and Boyne Av  
12:39am Civil complaint in the 100 block of E Water St  
1:48am Report of kids snowboarding on the railing over the river in Old City Park  
4:12am Suspicious situation in the 200 block of N Lake St  
4:13am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Vogel Streets  
8:23am Disturbance reported in the 300 block of E Division St

#### Friday, February 28, 2014

5:45am Report of vehicle on snowbank at M-75 and Air Industrial Dr  
8:06am Report of stolen license plate tab from the 600 block of Grant St  
12:20am 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 100 block of S Park St  
1:56am EMS Assist in the Industrial Park  
2:37am Found tool belt turned in at PD  
4:15am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St  
4:43am Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of N Lake St  
4:58am Assist EMS in the 3000 block of Marshall Rd.  
6:00am Arrested subject for possession of marijuana at E Main and Park St  
6:50am Larceny reported from the 300 block of E Division St  
7:30am Arrested subject on our warrant

#### Saturday, March 1, 2014

1:09am Motorist assist at Front and Division  
9:35am Assist EMS in the 600 block of E Main St  
4:34am Report of intoxicated subject in the 400 block of Boyne Av

7:21am Car deer accident on Boyne Av near High St  
7:59am Threats complaint in the 800 block of S Park St  
9:00am Driving violation on Boyne Av  
10:21am Lodged a stray dog

#### Sunday, March 2, 2014

1:05am Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 S  
11:00am 2 vehicle property damage accident State and Lake Streets. Citation issued for Violation of Basic Speed Law, no insurance, and presenting false certificate of insurance  
12:20am Gasoline drive off from the 400 block of N Lake St  
4:43am Welfare check on Boyne Av  
5:35am Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St  
9:32am Assist Road Commission on Fall Park Rd

#### Monday, March 3, 2014

8:01am Vehicle in the ditch at Front and Division St  
11:10am 1 vehicle private property damage accident in the 300 block of E Division St  
1:07am Assist citizen in the 100 block of N East St  
2:28am Arrest subject on warrant  
2:52am Motorist assist on State St

#### Tuesday, March 4, 2014

12:50am Parking complaint received from 100 block of E Water St  
1:04am 2 vehicle property damage accident on M-75 S at the city limits  
10:25am Citation issued for running stop sign

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2014

2:40am Assist to Road Commission  
7:12am Motorist assist at Pleasant and Morgan  
10:45am Bullying complaint received from the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
12:14am Report of damage to residence in the 600 block of Adams St  
12:22am Assist East Jordan PD in the 1000 block of West St  
1:28am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1:46am Fraud complaint received from the 500 block of S East St  
4:00am Report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of N Lake St  
5:50am Arrested subject for DWLS at Michigan Av and Lake St  
9:55am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Division St

#### Thursday, March 6, 2014

11:22am Driving complaint received on N Lake St  
2:16am Private property damage accident reported in the 400 block of N Lake St  
7:16am Private property damage accident at Front and Main St  
9:49am Citation issued for failure to yield at stop sign at N East and Vogel

#### Friday, March 7, 2014

6:13am Motorist assist at Boyne Av and High St  
9:58am Report of injured deer at Leroy and Division St  
11:50am Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Ann St  
12:28am Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lake and Vogel Streets  
2:33am Report of attempted phone scam in the 7800 block of E Main St  
2:50am Suspicious subject reported in the 800 block of Boyne Av  
3:27am Driving complaint reported on Boyne Av

#### Saturday, March 8, 2014

5:47am Assist Sheriff Department on Old State Rd  
8:05am Found cell phone turned into PD. Owner identified  
9:04am Report of possible suicidal subject in the 500 block of N Lake St  
10:25am Requested to lodge 2 stray dogs at the shelter  
5:03am Civil complaint in the 700 block of E Main St  
5:59am Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av  
6:38am Alarm in the 400 block of Sate St  
8:51am Arrested subject on warrant  
11:21am Assist Sheriff Dept in the 100 block of Pine St

#### Sunday, March 9, 2014

12:43am Report of vehicle stuck on Lake Park Dr  
1:26am Assist Sheriff Department at Boyne Mountain  
11:30am Assist Parole Agent on Trent St  
12:47am Lodged stray dog at shelter

### CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

#### March 3-9, 2014

911 Hang Up Call	2
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Abuse	0
Alarm	11
Animal Complaint	11
Annoyance	3
Assault	0
Assist Citizen	12
Assist Motorist	4
Assist Other Agency	6
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	0
Car/Deer Accident	21
Citations Issued	14
Civil Complaint	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0
Death	1
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	2
DNR Complaint	0
Domestic Dispute	2
Driving Complaint	3
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	0
Fraud	3
Health & Safety	0
Hit & Run	1
Intoxicated Person	0
Juvenile	1
Larceny	3
Lockout	14
Lost Property	0
Malicious Destruction of Property	0
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	0
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	0
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	15
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident	0
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident	0
Property Check	33
Property Damage Accident	10
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	9
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	2
Threat	0
Traffic Stop	42
Trespassing	2
Unknown Accident	0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	2
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	0

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## Grand Valley State University Graduate List

More than 1,000 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December 2013. A list of the names of Grand Valley's most recent graduates follows.

Grand Valley is dedicated to providing a rich learning environment for students, offering a wide range of majors and hands-on research opportunities. Highly credentialed and responsive faculty and individual advisors and mentors promote a liberal arts emphasis that teaches students critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Students who graduated

at the conclusion of the Fall 2013 semester from our area in December include:

**Carp Lake:** Meghan P. Mitchell, BA

**Charlevoix:** Julia E. Holdsworth, BA; Felicia M. Moses, BS

**Cheboygan:** Maggie L. Badgley, BBA

**Gaylord:** Alana L. Holland, BA

**Harbor Springs:** Dylan G. Hescott, BS; Christina L. Johnson, BS

**Mancelona:** Amelia J. Cook, BBA

**Onaway:** Derick T. Pterman, BS

**Petoskey:** Anne E. Redder, BBA

## Charlevoix We Won't Be Shaken Tour

By Heather DeLong

On March 23rd, Charlevoix is proud to present the We Won't Be Shaken Tour! From 6 to 9 pm at Charlevoix High School located at 5200 Marion Center Road, the tour will be featuring Building 429 and Family Force 5 with Hawk Nelson. This tour includes some of the best live bands in Christian music and is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Building 429 contains passionate vocals, skilled musicianship and insightful songwriting that has contributed significantly to We Won't Be Shaken. The title track is a "battle cry" for the church in these troubled times and the album is filled with songs that inspire believers to dream God-sized dreams and walk the Christian walk to the fullest extent.

The Family Force 5 has spent the last eight years "conquering" clubs



and arenas worldwide with an "unrepentant swagger that has made the band the poster child for DIY business models in the music industry."

Hawk Nelson provides high energy making for a fun and exciting night.

You can purchase your ticket for \$17 online by visiting [https://attendstar.com/event/show/we-wont-be-shaken-tour\\_4340/](https://attendstar.com/event/show/we-wont-be-shaken-tour_4340/). For questions about the event, call Caleb Arp at

(231) 675-4515 or Tabatha Simpson at 1 (231) 633-0453. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the door the night of the event.

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

## Students of the Week

### Boyne City High School

#### Madison (Maddy) Smith



**GRADE:** 10

**PARENTS:** Kim and Andy Smith

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Horseback riding, Reading, Painting, Hunting, Fishing, Skiing, Snowboarding, Acting, Singing, Playing softball, Camping, Hiking, Weightlifting, Photography

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Equestrian team, Drama, Softball

**FUTURE PLANS:**

"I am split three ways – either attending MSU for agricultural engineering or their vet program or possibly attending an art school."

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**  
"Never let anyone belittle your dreams."

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"Maddie is a very diligent student. What I like the most about her is that she takes what we do seriously and often does extra work on her own to satisfy her curiosity on issues." – Mark Pontoni, Economics Teacher

"It is inspiring to have a student like Maddie in English class! She actively participates in the classroom culture with positive enthusiasm and thoughtful insight." – Jeanne Heath, English Teacher

"Maddy is doing great in Biology. She is an excellent role model for her peers. Maddie is self-motivated intelligent, polite, friendly, and genuinely nice. I enjoy working with her as she has a positive attitude and is always smiling and willing to help others. Maddie is a hard worker and she exemplifies what a student of the week should be. Congratulations Maddie!" – Elizabeth Hemming, Science Teacher

### Boyne Falls Public School

#### Ashli Kaminski



**GRADE:** 6

**PARENTS:** Kyle Kaminski

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Ashli likes outdoor activities. She enjoys riding her snowmobile and 3-wheeler.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Ashli likes studying about different cultures and people. Her favorite subject is social studies. She also likes doing experiments in science.

**FAVORITE BOOK:**

The Child Called It by Dave Pelzer

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Ashli always has a smile on her face. She is a harder worker and strives to do well in her studies. She cares about people and makes friends easily. I enjoy working with Ashli. She is a pleasure to have in class. – Diana Knapp

## Consumers Energy Foundation supports Great Start preschool scholarships



Tim Petrosky recently presented a grant of \$10,000 from Consumers Energy Foundation to the Great Start Collaborative to help fund preschool scholarships. The purpose of the Great Start Preschool Scholarship Fund is to engage economically disadvantaged 3 to 5-year-old children in high quality preschool programs throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties.

Accepting the funds are members of the Great Start Preschool Scholarship Fund (from left) Nina Wagar,

Corey Berden, Maureen Hollocker, (Petrosky), Marcia Campbell and Susan Chowen. The generous funds will help in removing eligible children from the wait list for tuition free programs at capacity and send them to tuition-base programs rated high quality by the state's Great Start to Quality Star System.

The Great Start Preschool Scholarship Fund has achieved great success in the past three years by increasing funds raised and more than doubled the number of children that were removed from the

wait list from 19 in 2011 to 44 in 2013. "The Consumers Energy Foundation has been a funding partner in this mission since we began in 2011. Our community benefits greatly from their continued support," said Hollocker, Great Start Collaborative Director. For more information about Great Start and opportunities for your child to enroll in preschool, visit [www.greatstartforkids.com](http://www.greatstartforkids.com) and click on the Free Preschool tab.

## Striking Out Cancer Basketball Fundraiser

East Jordan needs your help in support of one of our Red Devils. Tom Reid, who is an East Jordan Public School Employee, parent, and our varsity baseball coach, has been diagnosed with cancer again. Tom has been working with EJPS and The American Cancer Society for many years putting on the Hoops for Hope fundraiser basketball game. This year Tom is undergoing chemotherapy so the East Jordan High School coaching staff is supporting his desire that the event continue. Money raised will be shared between local families fighting cancer and The American Cancer Society per the Reid family's request. Below are the details for an evening of family fun.



### EJ Coaches vs. EJ Teachers Chili Dinner and Charity Basketball Game

Wednesday, March 19th

Dinner: 5:00-6:30 pm

Game: 7:00 pm

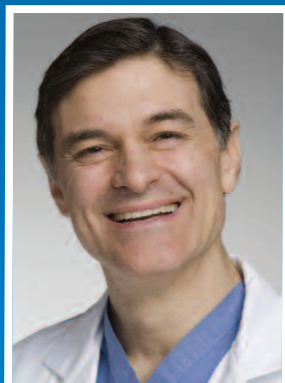
East Jordan High School

The evening will also include a bake sale, ice cream floats, change run, intermission activities/games, and more!! Concessions will also be available.

Cost of attending the chili and hot dog dinner is \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per student, or \$20 for a family. Game admission will be by donation.

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# News

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the Month for March 2014 is Lyle Eugene Barkley. Born on Dec. 16th, 1947 at the family farm near Boyne City, Mich., Barkley left school while attending the 11th grade going to work full time on the family farm. On Aug. 30th, 1967 Barkley was inducted into the Army entering into active service in Detroit, Mich. and was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he completed eight weeks basic training qualifying Sharpshooter with the M-14 rifle and Expert with the M-16 rifle. He then attended an eight-week school graduating as a Crane Shovel Operator and was promoted to Private First Class on March 15th, 1968. He was reassigned to the 22nd Engineering Company, Sixth Army, Fort Lewis, Washington embarking from there on two six month tours of duty in Vietnam. On Jan. 18th, 1969 Barkley was promoted to the Non-Commissioned Officer Grade of Specialist Fifth Class Technician and while at Fort Lewis Barkley married Shirley Gay Westbrook on May 15th, 1969. On Aug. 29th, 1969 Barkley received a Release From Active Military Service and was transferred to the U.S. Army Active Reserves, Control Group (An-



nual Training), U.S. Army Active Command, St. Louis, Missouri, receiving an Honorable Discharge on Aug. 29th, 1973, having completed his military obligation, and was awarded the following decorations and awards: The National Defense Service Medal, The Vietnam Service Medal, The Vietnam Commendation Medal, The Good Conduct Medal and Two Overseas Service Bars (each representing six months foreign service). After being released from active service in 1969 Barkley returned to the Boyne Area going to work for C. H. Smith Construction Company and later bought a gas station and towing busi-

ness in the village of Clarion, Mich. After selling the gas station and business he went to work on a farm in the Grand Rapids, Mich. area and later was employed at the Amoco gas station in Boyne City serving as their mechanic. In 1999 Barkley started his own excavating business and never really retired as he was always working on a project. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, playing jokes on people (as long as it wasn't being played on him), taking naps, was always ready to give a helping hand where ever needed, always stood up for what he believed was right and loved spending quality time with his grandchildren and family. On Sept. 28th, 2013 Lyle Eugene Barkley answered the final call and is being honored by his son Ken, his daughter Kim and their families.

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

## Volunteer Connections connects non-profit agencies with volunteers

Char-Em United Way is connecting volunteers with local opportunities to engage in service. Four years ago, Char-Em United Way launched Volunteer Connections, a virtual volunteer center. Since its introduction in late 2009, Volunteer Connections has referred 576 citizens to volunteer opportunities posted by local non-profits.

By creating a venue that both allows individuals to see the many ways they can make a difference and agencies to promote their needs, Char-Em United Way is increasing the potential for volunteerism, donations, and involvement in the community. On January 22, 2014, local nonprofits began posting their volunteer and other needs on a new and improved online system called, "Get Connected".

Non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet County list their volunteer needs on the Volunteer Connections website. Volunteers then help with these requests, based on their skills, interests, and availability. A wide variety of agencies and projects allow volunteers to focus their efforts on the environment and ecology, culture and the arts, education, health and safety, or emergency services.

With the current employment challenges in our area, job seekers can gain valuable experience through volunteering. Often non-profit organizations need skilled volunteers to develop their website, plan marketing, organize fundraisers, and lead programs- all experiences that can

build a strong resume.

Lisa Luebke, Char-Em United Way Program Administrator, believes that volunteering is an integral element of citizenship. "We have an amazing culture of service and giving in Northern Michigan. This United Way program is helping to harness that positive energy and community spirit. Volunteer Connections continues to grow and we are very excited to start using our new online system, Get Connected," said Luebke.

Many area programs rely on volunteers to complete their philanthropic mission. There are projects available for all ages and talents. Volunteer Connections is a free resource that benefits the entire community- those that serve and those that are in need of service.

Volunteer Connections also serves the volunteer needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by providing additional resources for volunteer recruitment, recognition, and management. It is one of the strategic initiatives developed by Char-Em United Way and is supported through donations to the United Way campaign which is currently in progress as well as proceeds from the annual spring fund raising event, Instant Wine Cellar. Save the date for this year's Instant Wine Cellar on Friday, April 25, 2014 from 7 to 11pm at The Perry in Petoskey. To volunteer, donate, or for more information visit: [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org) or call 231-487-1006.

### HIDDEN TREASURES

## Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances, furniture, racks and racks of clothing items, tools, home décor items, kitchen items, towels, bedding, curtains, dishes, nick knacks, collectable figurines and spoons, candles, holiday décor items, luggage, golf clubs, televisions, DVD's and VHS tapes, CD's, vinyl records, puzzles, books, games, toys, baseball

cards, and more...even a special area devoted to wedding dresses.

Astonishingly, A-2-Z has over 50 wedding dresses and over 50 prom dress on hand, plus over 4,000 pieces of jewelry, lots of buttons, purses, shoes, boots, sandals and 20 racks full of all types of clothing for men, women, children...even maternity and baby clothes. There has never been a more economical and stylish way to update your wardrobe or get decked-out for that upcoming special occasion.

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every day."

Carol Brown adds, "Many of



With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

the items that we offer, especially furniture, move very quickly. We

would love to thank everyone who has stopped in and for being

our customers for five years now. We would also enjoy seeing our friends from Onaway, Millersburg and Harrisville areas stop in and see us."

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale.

Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inventory.

A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. For additional information call (989) 732-9500.

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# Hidden Treasures

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231-582-5711  
[www.challengemtn.org](http://www.challengemtn.org)

### BOYNE FALLS

**Peg's Closet**  
3031 Main St., Boyne Falls  
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### CHARLEVOIX

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## ELLSWORTH

### Soup supper

Soup Supper to be held at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church on March 13 from 5 - 7PM. Benefit for Ebenezer Christian School.

## BOYNE FALLS

### BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

The Boyne Falls senior class is hosting its final senior fund-raising event of the school year at 5 p.m. Saturday March 15. It will be an alumni night featuring three basketball games. The highlight game of the night will be the Boyne City Fire Department against the Boyne Falls Fire Department. Both teams have reportedly been practicing for some time in anticipation of this game. Also scheduled that evening will be a game featuring Boyne Falls Alumni (under 30) playing Alba Alumni, and another game featuring over-30 Boyne Falls Alumni against a team to be determined. Admission is \$4 per person with children under 5 free. The admission ticket enters you in door prize drawings. Concessions and a bake sale will also be available.

## BOYNE CITY

### Concert

Willy Porter in Concert Saturday March, 15th 8:00pm. Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake St. Advance \$25 Tickets and info 231-582-2588

## EAST JORDAN

### Snow Lovers Breakfast

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

### Tryouts for girls travel basketball

Try out for Girls travel basketball On March 16th. 7th & 8th grade registration 2:30. Tryouts 3-5Pm at Bellaire high school. 9th, 10th & 11th grade registration at 5pm. Tryouts 5:30-7:30pm at Bellaire high school. More details at [www.northernpridesportsacademy.com](http://www.northernpridesportsacademy.com) or call Paul Koepke, 231-676-3559. Last year we had girls from all over Northern Michigan.

## PETOSKEY

### Women's Resource Center Fundraiser

St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser to benefit the women, children and families utilizing programs and services of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). March 17. Silent auction starts at 5:30 pm, live auction starts at 7pm. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. The FUNdraiser will be held, this year, at Whitecaps Restaurant located at 215 East Lake St. Tickets are \$10/person at the door, or call the WRCNM at (231)347-0067.

## BOYNE CITY

### St Patrick Day Luncheon

Boyne Area Senior Center on Monday, March 17, 12 NOON, CORN BEEF & CABBAGE, MUSIC, PRIZES, GREEN BEER. Music starts at 11am, Lunch served 12 to 1pm. Bring your friends, Seniors 60+ \$3.00 under 60 \$6.00

## EAST JORDAN

### Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction for Heather Rubin

Tuesday, March 18, 5-7pm at East Jordan high school. Heather became critically ill on February 13th with a serious strain of pneumonia.

She remained unresponsive for 8 days. Heather Hemingway Rubin's unexpected illness has been extremely hard on her and her family. Heather has two daughters McKenna Steltzner who is a freshman in college and Maddy Steltzner who is an 8th grader at EJMS. Heather is also the sole caregiver for her father Jeff Hemingway. The financial strain of medical bills and living expenses are going to be overwhelming. She does not have medical insurance. Heather is always there for her family, friends, and community. Please help us support Heather just as she has always supported many of the members of her community.

## EAST JORDAN

### Kindergarten Round-up

Parent Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 PM in the East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria. (Childcare will be provided) Kindergarten Screening (by appointment) April 8 and 10, 4pm- 7pm. call 231-536-7564 to make an appointment.

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

### Charities benefit from KorthaseFlinn

KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services recently announced local charities received \$5,000 on behalf of the agency's clients, who voted for their favorite non-profit organization by responding to the holiday greeting the agency sent in December. The holiday donation gift program represents nearly half of the agency's 2013 monetary donations to local non-profit organizations. More importantly, the program represents the agency's continued commitment to community. Non-profits chosen by KorthaseFlinn clients to receive their holiday gift were: The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, The Care & Share Pantry of East Jordan, Boyne Community Christmas, The Manna Food Project of Harbor Springs, Good Samaritan of Ellsworth, The Friendship Centers of Emmet County, The Nehemiah Project of Petoskey and Compassionate Hearts of Boyne City.

## CHARLEVOIX

### 4th Annual Business Expo

The date has been changed to Saturday, March, 22 for the 4th Annual Business Expo at Castle Farms. The Expo will offer businesses a chance to build awareness in the community. It will feature more than 100 booths in a wide range of categories, including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and restaurants.

## PETOSKEY

### Budgeting workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency in Petoskey will be hosting a workshop on Budgeting to be held March 27 from 6pm to 9pm, as part of a series of six workshops on financial fitness. This workshop will be offered at 2202 Mitchell Park, Ste. 4. To register or to find out about future workshops, please call (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518; or visit [www.nmcaa.net](http://www.nmcaa.net).

## CHARLEVOIX

### Journeying to Charlevoix

A new exhibit mounted by the Charlevoix Historical Society is available for viewing by the public on Saturdays, 10am-4pm, and Wednesdays 4-7 pm at the Depot, Depot Beach and

Chicago Avenue. This fully illustrated exhibit traces the arrival of Charlevoix's first inhabitants through the development of the town up to the arrival of the railroad in 1892. It appears in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Journey Stories," now at the Charlevoix Public Library, a larger overview of travel both to and within the United States. For more information, call (231) 547-0373 or 547-1816. Group and special tours can be arranged. Final day: Saturday, March 22.

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

### Let your water run

Due to extremely cold weather conditions causing some water service freeze ups cities all over the area are requesting that all water customers continuously run their water until further notice. Service leads to individual customers may be more vulnerable. To help prevent freezing of underground service lines, customers should continuously run a stream of water about the width of a pencil from a single faucet. Please note, warmer weather may not immediately mean that the risk of freezing is over. Although dependent upon weather conditions, the run water order is anticipated to last several weeks.

## CHARLEVOIX

### BASES Community Education Series

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

## CHARLEVOIX

### FARMERS MARKET to Start Up Again May 1st

The Farmers Market Committee met last week to discuss the future of the Winter Market. Due to low vendor and community/shopper involvement following the holiday season, it was decided to discontinue the market through the remainder of the winter months. The farmers market will start up again the 1st of May in East Park. Please contact Bethany Pearson at the City of Charlevoix regarding 2014 Market applications and information 231.547.3257 or [bpearson@cityofcharlevoix.org](mailto:bpearson@cityofcharlevoix.org)

## BOYNE CITY

### Farm market

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

## BOYNE CITY

### New location for Celtic sessions

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

Low-to-moderate income families and individuals can get help with tax preparation at Boyne District Library on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm. Tim Cooney, a trained volunteer with the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, will prepare and electronically file both federal and state returns at no charge. Cooney also serves on the library's board of trustees. Appointments can be made by calling the library at 231-582-7861.

## EAST JORDAN

### Father of the Year nominations sought

The East Jordan Rotary Club is accepting nominations for 2014 Father of the Year. The deadline for father of the year nominations is Saturday, April 5. Nominations can be sent to P.O. Box 195, East Jordan. Nominations should include a brief, 200 words or less, summary of why the individual is worthy of this honor as well as the name, address and phone number of the person making the nomination. The award will be presented during the club's 94th annual father/son banquet at 6pm on April 26 at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Dick Hartrick at (231) 350-8025.

## EAST JORDAN

### Kindergarten Screening

April 8 and 10, 4pm- 7pm. call 231-536-7564 to make an appointment.

## PETOSKEY

### NLEA Luncheon

Join a large group of business and community leaders who are all interested in the economic vitality of our region at the 2014 NLEA Annual Luncheon, Friday, April 11. The luncheon is from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Student and Community Resource Center of North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. This year's event will include knowledgeable guest speakers, inspiring awards and recognition of outstanding projects and people throughout the NLEA region. Reservations are now being accepted for individual seats at \$20 each and reserved tables of eight for \$200. Event sponsors are North Central Michigan College and DTE Energy Foundation. For ticket or table reservations download the form at [www.northernlakes.net](http://www.northernlakes.net) and return the form to NLEA, PO Box 8, Boyne City MI 49712. Phone 231-582-6482 or by Email [info@northernlakes.net](mailto:info@northernlakes.net)

## BOYNE CITY

### 50's dance

The Northern Michigan crusaders will be hosting their annual 50's dance fundraiser at the Eagles hall on River St. April 12 from 6pm to midnight. All proceeds go to individuals with cancer. \$6 donation.

## BOYNE CITY

### Easter egg hunt

On Saturday, April 12, First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome, and bags are provided. For more information, visit [fbboyne.org](http://fbboyne.org) or call 231-582-7983.

## EAST JORDAN

### Downtown open house

The Chamber is presently working on the 2nd Annual Downtown Open House - Date this year will be Saturday, April 12, 1PM - 3PM. This open house will feature the vacant spaces available in the first two blocks of Main Street that are for sale or rent. Building owners or retailers are asked to be on site to give tours and answer questions.

## BOYNE CITY

### Tax preparation help

at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Sherry Pursell at 231-536-7117.

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## CHARLEVOIX

### Cash Raffle Party

The Annual Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party is Saturday, May 3 at Castle Farms. Tickets remain \$150 for a wonderful, fun-filled event with over \$15,000 in cash prizes available. Early Bird ticket buyers will be entered into a special drawing for \$500 with the winning ticket returned for the big prizes. Early Bird ticket buying deadline is March 1st. For your ticket, please contact: Steve Seely 231-499-3674; Ed Linse 231-547-4526; John Haggard 231-547-4046; Roger Nesburg 231-547-5111.

## BOYNE CITY

### Fun run

The second annual Boyne City PD and East Jordan PD D.A.R.E. 5K/1 mile Fun Run will start and finish in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Boyne City May 24. Registration forms are available at Boyne City Police Dept, East Jordan Police Dept, Boyne Chamber, East Jordan Chamber. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to continue the D.A.R.E. programs in Boyne City and East Jordan schools. The D.A.R.E. program is presented to 5th grade students and focuses on drug and violence prevention as well as promoting safe and responsible decision-making. The D.A.R.E. program continues to foster a strong positive relationship between schools, law enforcement and the community.

## BOYNE CITY

### Mystery dinner postponed

"Murder, Mayhem, and Politics," the mystery dinner benefitting the Charlevoix Area Humane Society has been postponed to Friday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner includes salad, choice of beef ribs, salmon, or vegetarian entrée, and a dessert. Cost for the evening is \$60 per person. For further information contact Jamie at (231) 675-8792 or Carla at the Humane Society (231) 582-6774.

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## Nominate your mom for Mother of the Year

The East Jordan Lions Club is seeking nominations for the 2014 Mother of the Year award.

Nominations should be submitted with a brief, 200 words or less, summary of why the individual is worthy of this honor. Nominations submitted in 2013 will be considered for the 2014 award. The deadline for "Mother of

the Year" nominations is Saturday, April 19 and should be mailed to East Jordan Lions Club, PO Box 845, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The club will host the annual Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6pm on Saturday, May 10, at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Sherry Pursel at 231-536-7117.

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# The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performs music and drama March 16

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Carlos Andrés Botero, and with pianist Eduardo Rojas (see inset), will present a program titled "Music and Drama". The concert will be held March 16 at 4pm, at the Charlevoix High School.

Composers' inspirations come from many sources. In Beethoven's case, he had admired Goethe's works for years and he was eager to accept the commission to compose music for Goethe's Egmont, with its plot of the drama and the struggle for freedom against tyranny. At the end of the drama, the hero, Egmont, is taken to the scaffold while exhorting his fellow countrymen "March on, Brave nation . . . I die for the freedom for which I have lived and fought, and for which I suffer in sacrifice." Beethoven captures this moment of glory for the hero in the coda of the overture. Goethe later declared that Beethoven had expressed his intentions with a remarkable genius.

The orchestra is delighted to have pianist Eduardo Rojas return to play Piano Concerto # 24 in C Minor, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In 1785-86 season, Mozart first presented the C Minor concerto and two additional concertos. Unlike his typical piano concerto, which Mozart described to his father as . . . "a happy medium between what is too easy and too difficult . . . very brilliant, pleasing to the ear, and natural, without being vapid," his C Minor concerto lifts the genre to a profound musical level. The C Minor concerto represents Mozart's great genius in its brilliance, intensity, and classical proportions.

Opera is a dramatic art form, and the orchestra will continue this concert by playing the Prologue to Hippolyte et Aricie. This opera was written by Jean-Philippe Rameau, with the orchestration by the conductor, Carlos Andrés Botero. Rameau, who composed many works for harpsichord, had ambitions to write for the stage. So, at the age of 50, he collaborated with the librettist, Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin to produce his first opera, a tragedies lyrique, Hippolyte et Aricie. Our conductor, Carlos Botero, has edited and arranged the Prologue from a series of movements from several acts and scenes of the opera.

Completing the concert, the orchestra features Maurice Ravel's Le tombeau de Couperin. It was composed between 1914 and 1917, as World War I brought a heightened sense of nationalism to the fore. The term "tombeau" was a common musical term during the 17th and 18th centuries for a work composed as a memorial. Each of the movements in Ravel's suite was dedicated to the memory of a friend who died in World War I.

The audience is invited to meet the conductor, soloist and orchestra members for a reception following the concert.

Tickets cost \$20, and may be purchased online at glcorchestra.org and MyNorthTickets.com, at the GLCO office (231-487-0010), and at Chambers of



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The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra produces live orchestral performances that provide entertainment, education and inspiration for Northern Michigan. Support for the orches-

tra is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Bay Harbor Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and hundreds of individual patrons of the arts. For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, go to www.glcorchestra.org.



by Igor Zetsev

## EVENTS & EXHIBITS 2014

### MARCH

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### APRIL

"WORLD TREASURES"  
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Saturday, April 5, 6-8 p.m.  
Exhibit: April 5 - June 7

### MAY

"WORLD TREASURES"  
*Fine Art and Sculptures from Michigan Museums*

### JUNE

"MICHIGAN . . .  
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OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, June 19, 6-8p.m.  
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### JULY

"Plein Aire FRESH AIR, FRESH ART"  
Exhibit July 30 - August 10

### AUGUST

"PLEIN AIRE" OPENING RECEPTION:  
Saturday, August 3, 6-8 p.m.  
MICHIGAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION:  
August 16, 6-8p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

MICHIGAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
Exhibit through September 27

### OCTOBER

"INSIDE THE WORLD OF OUTSIDER ART"  
OPENING RECEPTION:  
Saturday, October 4, 6-8p.m.  
Exhibit October 4 - November 15

## Communication, Self-Control, Music and Drama

**CHARLEVOIX:** - Eduardo Rojas, piano soloist for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's performance of "Music and Drama," scheduled for March 16, has a music history that spans several generations. Both his parents were music teachers, so it was natural for them to teach music to their five children. Consequently, today all four of his siblings play instruments, and two are professional musicians, one in jazz. His daughter is a conductor.

"I started playing music when I was two years old, playing the xylophone and other musical toys. At four, I started with the piano. I could read music and play before I learned to speak Spanish. At the age of six, I practiced three hours a day and could play Mozart and Beethoven. I gave recitals for my family."

By the time Eduardo Rojas was fourteen, he practiced piano 6-8 hours a day. "I was crazy," he laughed, quickly adding, "Doing something you love isn't always easy. At an early age, I learned discipline and self-control, which are keys to accomplishing any goal."

"I try to make every concert my best performance, but my focus is to feel every piece I play and communicate those feelings. When a person listens to music, he should feel something deep inside. Without this, music is boring."

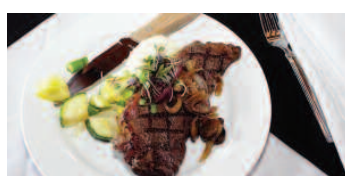
One of the pieces Mr. Rojas will play on March 16 will be Mozart's



EDUARDO ROJAS, PIANO SOLOIST

Piano Concerto #24 in C Minor, which contains a cadenza, an improvised or written-out ornamental passage, played by a soloist. "Improvisation was the way they composed back then. They created something in the moment. Classical musicians don't do that anymore. I want to play my own cadenza. It won't be written down, but it's shaped in my mind, so it will have a form. It's nice to do something on one's own, having fun in the moment."

Eduardo Rojas will be the featured soloist at Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's "Music and Drama" on March 16 at Charlevoix High School, 4:00 pm. After the performance, the audience is invited to meet him, along with guest conductor Carlos Andrés Botero and orchestra members for a reception with refreshments.



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## Free Foreclosure Prevention workshop and counseling

Michigan residents continue to fall victim of losing their homes. Residents who seek foreclosure prevention assistance in northwest lower Michigan can find help with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), a NeighborWorksá Chartered Member.

Free Foreclosure Prevention Education workshops are available in NMCAA's Traverse City, Petoskey, and Cadillac offices. Homeowners will learn how to avoid foreclosure and the different foreclosure programs that are available. NMCAA, a certified HUD and MSHDA Housing Counseling Agency, will also educate homeowners about the foreclosure process and counsel families on budgeting for their personal financial situation.

Homeowners do not have to be within the actual foreclosure process to access these services. Many are available to assist before a crisis actually occurs to keep the clients out of the foreclosure process altogether.

For details or more information, or learn about the workshop, please call (231) 947-3780 or (800) 632-7334. NMCAA's website is www.nmcaa.net.

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St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser to benefit the women, children and families utilizing programs and services of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). March 17. Silent auction starts at 5:30 pm, live auction starts at 7pm. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. The FUNdraiser will be held, this year, at Whitecaps Restaurant located at 215 East Lake St. Tickets are \$10/person at the door, or call the WRCNM at (231)347-0067.

## Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction for Heather Rubin

Tuesday, March 18, 5-7pm at East Jordan high school. Heather became critically ill on February 13th with a serious strain of pneumonia. She remained unresponsive for 8 days. Heather Hemingway Rubin's unexpected illness has been extremely hard on her and her family. Heather has two daughters McKenna Steltzner who is a freshman in college and Maddi Steltzner who is an 8th grader at EJMS. Heather is also the sole caregiver for her father Jeff Hemingway. The financial strain of medical bills and living expenses are going to be overwhelming. She does not have medical insurance. Heather is always there for her family, friends, and community. Please help us support Heather just as she has always supported many of the members of her community.

# Local Community Foundations Mark Centennial of Community Foundation Movement in America

One hundred years ago, the community foundation concept was born in the Midwest, giving rise to a new philanthropy, a new way of participating in community, and a new vision for the future.

Today, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and Charlevoix County Community Foundation are two of more than 700 community foundations across the United States that invite everyday people with a vision and a passion for community to create something together: For good. Forever. Nationwide, community foundations manage more than \$48 billion in assets and make grants of approximately \$4.5 billion a year to improve life in their communities. This philanthropic model has spread beyond U.S. borders, with approximately 1,700 community foundations established worldwide.

"Our local community foundations have been connecting people to the projects they care

about most for more than two decades. We're proud to be trusted resources for philanthropy in the two-county area, and look forward to all the good work that our organizations will do in the years ahead," shared Chip Hansen, Executive Director of Charlevoix County's Community Foundation.

"We're thankful for the support of so many friends, whose gifts, large and small, allow our community foundations to build permanent endowments that make a difference in our communities," added David Jones, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation's Executive Director.

Community foundations translate collective giving into big impact

Cleveland lawyer and banker Frederick H. Geoff established the first community foundation in 1914. His vision was to pool the charitable resources of community members, people of all means, into a single, great and

permanent endowment for the benefit of all. Within five years, community foundations were established in Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Buffalo and New York.

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We are making history together. Community foundations

across the country are helping people invest in the future of the communities they care about.

Trillions of dollars are expected to transfer from one generation to the next during the next 50 years. The philanthropic opportunity during this transfer has the potential to improve the quality of life—in urban centers and small towns alike—through economic development, education, health, human services, environment, arts and culture. As place-based organizations that focus collective assets for good works, community foundations are helping people of all means give back and make a difference.

To learn more about Charlevoix County Community Foundation, visit www.c3f.org or call 231-536-2440. To learn more about the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, visit www.phsacf.org or call 231-348-5820.

## Schedule for Boyne City Irish Heritage Week



CAPTION: Tuesday of Boyne City's Irish Festival includes an informal discussion with DR. George Colburn on immigration, patriotism and politics with a nearby county's namesake, Robert Emmet, at the center of the conversation.

**Sunday, March 9** - Celtic Music Session with Gaeyle Gerrie and other musicians, Boyne District Library, 1 to 3 pm.

**Tuesday, March 11** - Irish history talk and discussion with Dr. George Colburn, Boyne District Library, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 13** - Business After Hours at Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 S. Lake St., 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Friday, March 14** - Irish Dinner at Porter Creek Fish House at Sommerset Pointe, \$13, 5-9 pm.

### Saturday, March 15

Tastes of Spring - Boyne City Farmers Market in the Red Barn next to Boyne District Library, 9 am -1 pm.

Irish Story Time and Crafts - Boyne District Library. Children and leprechauns of all ages welcome, 10 to 11 am.

Irish Soda Bread Contest -

Community cooks are invited to participate. Info and registration forms online and at the Boyne Chamber and Local Flavor Bookstore. Culinary Arts Room of the School Administration Building, 11 am.

Irish High Tea with scones and biscotti at Local Flavor Bookstore, 1 to 3 p.m.

Irish Step Dance Workshop with Jeanine Sladick in the Culinary Arts Room of the School Administration. Wear comfortable shoes. 9 to 10 a.m.

Willy Porter Concert - Freshwater Art Gallery, 231-582-2588, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, March 16** - Irish Music Singalong with John Richey, Boyne District Library, 1 to 3 pm.

**Sunday, March 16** - St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration at Café Santé featuring Gaelic Sounds with Gaeyle Gerrie and Friends, 10 am to 2 pm, plus Irish food and drink specials.

Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration at Café Santé continues, featuring Grand Rapids Irish folk fusion band The Saltbound, 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Food and drink specials all day.

Visit www.boyneirishfestival.com for complete details.

Irish Heritage Week is organized by local volunteer Linn Williams and is sponsored by Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber. Call 231-582-6222 for further information.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### AMERICAN GESTAPO

To the Editor:

THIS IS HAPPENING ALL ACROSS AMERICA. With reference to the civilian massacres in Afghanistan and Iraq, one might extrapolate that metastasis has imported this malfeasance home to the local police forces. In any case it seems to be such a widespread anomaly that there is little likelihood of this being a fluke or coincidence. The incidences are legion.

The catalyst for police state tactics appears to be the taking of photos or videos of police actions at traffic stops or crime scenes. Logic tells us that no harm can come from citizens or reporters taking videos of a situation transpiring in a public place or a private domain. The only logical reason for resisting and demanding no pictures is that the police don't want incriminating evidence of malfeasance. Some even purpose to rewrite the 1st Amendment, actually saying to reporters, "You have no rights". People have been clubbed, cameras broken, jailed, fined for exercising their rights as per Constitution.

So what's the answer here? We have enough evidence of wrongdoing by cops, what to do? First, it must be asserted that not all cops are so inclined but those that are may influence the others. If others do not participate in this illegal activity, do so halfheartedly, or indeed remain silent about it, complicity is rife. Necessary after the fact as a prosecutorial charge has landed many a person, especially teens, in prison for life without parole just for being there "wiffin". As above so below; what's right for the goose is right for the gander. If cops break the law they need to be held accountable. This, however, is not being addressed, not even by courts with few exceptions. Therefore the matter must be taken up by the US Supreme Court in the ultimate though may be relegated to regional courts, appellate courts, US Attorney General &c in the interim. It's doubtful the US president will have anything to say about this since this is a lame duck situation now and neither confrontation nor hot button items are or have been on the agenda but for secretive affairs or grandstanding movie scripts.

As with internet accessibility and related matters the issue of police state tactics will have to be addressed in a nationwide way, with complete transparency throughout the system or nothing will come of it. Police secrecy may also follow the NSA spying affair thereby making it appear to be alright despite the Bill of Rights. There are and have been many times when the system cannot or will not fix itself and federal oversight has to step in. Deregulation of business almost always results in shady tactics, recessions, the Great Depression &c. The military industrial legislative consortium has a free pass on spending tax money and running up the national debt and deficit, thus the cops no doubt figure why should they not have a free ticket to ride, make up their own laws and rules of conduct.

Make no mistake: when things are hidden there is something afoot. We know for sure that cops lie in court and always have. That unwritten rule extends further because, simply put, when once official rules are superseded there are no limits as long as the corruption creeps in incrementally. When once the

acceptance level is felt to be established the corruption is extended as far as is deemed justified by the courts. There will assuredly be no justification of this policy via the press unless it's the radical rightwing press, that is, until they as the quip goes, get mugged (arrested and beaten) while on the job and metamorphose into liberals. The whole quote is: A liberal is a conservative who's been mugged; a conservative is a liberal who's been indicted; a passionate prison reformer is a conservative who's in one".

The Obama administration is unconcerned with transparency despite campaign promises (guffaw). It is time to address this malodorous syndrome before it becomes too ingrained. It's a burgeoning system of money collection, ego tripping, and increasing oppression. Cops are now not there to serve and protect; they're there to unnerve and collect. All the laws are on their side, even the ones that say they can't do that; therefore the laws must be reenacted or abetted and reinforced. Otherwise it's Gestapo America.

**Mitchell Jon MacKay,**  
East Jordan

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## Health of Northern Michigan Hospitals Otsego Memorial

By Norma Jean Babcock

For Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, changes due to the Affordable Care Act have been slow in coming; however changes are coming and administrators are doing their best to prepare for what serious problems could arise.

We spoke with Christie Perdue, Foundation and Marketing Director for OMH who shared with us the issues they have dealt with already, and what they see coming down the line.

Perdue explained that OMH has yet to face significant challenges due to new health care changes, but that they are beginning to have concerns over Medicare and the rate at which reimbursements through it are lowering for the hospital.

"Otsego Memorial is working to address ongoing declining reimbursements from Medicare. Reimbursement from Medicare is expected to decrease in a number of areas and dollars are being shifted to help support the Affordable Care Act (ACA) changes," said Perdue.

They face this in a similar vein to what Charlevoix Area Hospital shared with us last week; with the expanded version that is available to those applying for health insurance under the ACA the government support of Medicare is fast becoming a challenge.

"It is too early to know if the additional reimbursement from patients who obtain Marketplace or expanded Medicaid coverage will sufficiently offset these losses," said Perdue.

It's not only the government support that could cause future problems however, Otsego Memorial is also cautious regarding whether or not patient reimbursement will be lowered due to higher deductibles.

"We are concerned about the slow



enrollment for the Healthcare Marketplace and the high deductibles in many of the plans. A patient may be able to afford the premiums for the insurance, but reluctant or unable to pay for high out-of-pocket costs," shared Perdue.

OMH is making every effort to help consumers find the best plan for them including partnering with several agencies in Otsego County who have Certified Application Counselors who are able to assist patients in enrollment or determine their eligibility for Medicaid. In addition, they have trained Patient Access staff and front office reception staff to help uninsured patients who may be able to enroll in Medicaid.

"We are aggressively working to assist our patients in their efforts to obtain Marketplace insurance or Medicaid coverage," stated Perdue.

The ACA isn't all that OMH is focusing on. They are widening out their ability to help patients in vari-

ous ways, including opening the OMH Medical Group-Indian River in 2012 and OMH Medical Group-Boyne Valley in 2013. They recently expanded the Indian River group to include obstetric and gynecological services on site; this change takes effect this month.

OMH is also welcoming five new physicians to their medical group, which will make theirs the largest multi-specialty group in Northern Michigan. The medical group is a collection of health care providers who offer outpatient and inpatient services at both the hospital and of offices associated with the hospital.

The outlook for OMH is healthy; as they increase patient accessibility and widen their medical group many more are able to benefit from the hospital, something that will hopefully weather any changes the ACA could bring.

## Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



### SURPRISE WAY TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTHIER

BY MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D., AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

If you've ever gotten one of those official-looking class-action lawsuit letters in your mailbox, you know the drill. Step 1: Rip it open. Think, "Hey, looks like some corporation ran afoul of something and owes me big money!" Step 2: Wade through the legalese to discover that, shucks, you might qualify for a settlement, but it's so small that it wouldn't buy a gallon of gas. Step 3: Toss it. (Sigh.)

Ever wonder what happens to unclaimed cash left on the table after a company settles a big lawsuit with a large group of people? It can amount to tens of millions of dollars. In most of the U.S., it usually goes right back to the company or person accused of cheating or causing harm in the first place. But it doesn't have to.

In 11 states, this unclaimed money is fueling better health, better schools, food banks, housing and legal assistance for those in need. We think that's the way it should be everywhere! And now, it can be.

A pioneering movement based in Dr. Mike's hometown (we're talking about you, Cleveland!) is urging lawyers (yup, lawyers) in Ohio and beyond to lead the charge. We're so inspired that we're devoting this week's column to this exciting project -- and we hope you share it with friends, family and especially with any attorneys you know.

Patrick Perotti, a partner in the northeast Ohio law firm of Dworken & Bernstein, got the ball rolling several years ago when he discovered that there were hundreds of thousands of dollars left over in one of his first consumer class-action lawsuits. Wielding a legal concept called "cy pres" (pronounced sigh-PRAY), which means "as near as possible," he argued that the funds should go to charity. They did, and he vowed never to settle a class action without considering the use of cy pres for unclaimed funds.

That was just the beginning. Perotti and his partners founded Ohio Lawyers

Give Back to help spread the word about this health-promoting doctrine and to encourage other attorneys at other firms to do the same thing. The group estimates that \$500 million in class-action settlement money goes uncollected each year across the U.S. because only 2 percent of people who can make claims in class-action suits bother to file all of the paperwork!

To date, Mr. Perotti has distributed more than \$25 million to more than 187 groups that help fight and prevent heart disease, cystic fibrosis, vision loss, muscular dystrophy, foot problems, leukemia, cerebral palsy, autism, diabetes, alcoholism and more. Kids have been the big winners, with funds going to help a children's hospital, a kids' emergency room, schools, after-school programs, projects that provide warm clothing and shoes, and programs for pregnant women and mothers with new babies, too. Want to help?

Make your state a "Smart State"! If you live in one of 11 smart states -- California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee and Washington, according to the National Law Journal -- rules direct lawyers to make plans up-front for this unspent money, usually earmarking it for legal aid or charities. But in the rest of the states, there usually are no provisions.

So if you don't live in one of the smart states, spread the word; and if you're a lawyer, our friends at Ohio Lawyers Give Back can help you reclaim and redirect leftover funds from class-action suits you've worked on. That'll make your community stronger, healthier and happier.

try to make this a state law, you probably will run into resistance. Opposition by the Chamber of Commerce is why this smart idea was not enacted as law yet in Ohio (according to one key politician we spoke with). But even where it is not a law, each plaintiff's lawyer can insist on such a community-building resolution. And lawyers won't earn an extra dime by doing this -- but the rewards are priceless.

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## Spring Ahead to a Better Night's Sleep

Research suggests tart cherry juice may help increase sleep efficiency

With the shift to Daylight Savings Time, Americans may need to prepare for sleep disruptions -- as studies show that this transition increases night-time restlessness and compromises sleep.<sup>1</sup> For a country already plagued by sleep disorders<sup>2</sup> and the use of sleep aids higher than ever before<sup>3</sup>, the March time change should serve as a wake-up call. Sleep experts suggest we consider natural ways to re-set the body's internal clock to improve sleep patterns.

"With so many Americans lacking quality sleep, now is the time to reconsider some new sleep solutions," said Dr. Carol Ash, Director of Sleep Medicine for Meridian Health in New Jersey. "Simple steps, like adding tart cherries to your daily diet, may help you to be a better, more efficient sleeper."

Tart cherries are one of the few natural sources of melatonin, a compound with sleep-regulating properties. These ruby-red fruits

are quickly gaining recognition as a natural sleep aid alternative. That's because studies have shown that tart cherry juice may:

- Help improve the quality and duration of sleep
- Reduce the severity of insomnia
- Increase overall sleep efficiency

In one study, adults who drank two daily glasses of tart cherry juice slept about 40 minutes longer on average and had up to a 6 percent increase in sleep efficiency.<sup>4</sup> Researchers also found that drinking tart cherry juice daily helped reduce the severity of insomnia and time spent awake after going to sleep.<sup>5</sup>

Researchers attribute the sleep benefits to the melatonin and phytonutrient content of tart cherries, which are especially abundant in anthocyanins. Each serving of tart cherry juice concentrate used in the studies is estimated to contain the equivalent of 90 to 100 tart cherries.

The same compounds that give tart cherries their unique sweet-tart flavor profile and bright red color -- anthocyanins -- are also an indicator for a myriad health benefits. In addition to evidence supporting the benefits of tart cherry juice as a natural sleep aid alternative, research indicates that tart cherries may:

- Help promote heart health
- Reduce inflammation related to arthritis
- Ease exercise-related muscle pain

Tart cherries are available year-round in dried, frozen and juice forms (including juice concentrate), and readily accessible on the shelves at a variety of retailers across the country and online. For more ways to Go Red Before Bed, and to learn more about the many health benefits of tart cherries, visit [www.choosecherries.com](http://www.choosecherries.com).

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## MARCH IS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

# Protection is Key to Avoiding Traumatic Brain Injury

**Deb Hagen-Foley**

According to the Brain Injury Association of America, an estimated 1.7 million children and adults in the U.S. sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and another 795,000 individuals sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) from non-traumatic causes each year. More than 58,000 Michigan residents sustain a TBI annually, according to the Michigan Public Health Institute. More than 3.1 million children and adults live with a lifelong disability as a result of TBI and an estimated 1.1 million have a stroke-related disability.

Medical and indirect costs of TBI, such as loss of productivity, in the United States are in excess of \$76 billion annually. Children aged 0 to 4 years, adolescents aged 15 to 19 and adults aged 65 or over are most likely to sustain a TBI, according to the Center for Disease Control. Persons aged 75 and older have the highest rates of TBI-related hospitalization and death. They are 4-5 times more likely to be admitted to a long-term care facility following a TBI. Persons in this age group also recover more slowly and are more likely to die from their injuries than younger persons.

In all age groups, TBI rates are higher for males than females. The leading causes of TBI are: Falls (35.2%), motor vehicle/traffic accidents (17.3%), struck by/against events (16.5%) and assaults (10%). Falls are the leading cause of TBI among children aged 0 to 14 (50%) and accounted for 61% of TBIs among adults 65 years and older. Motor vehicle crashes and traffic related incidents resulted in the largest percentage of TBI related deaths (31.8%).

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force. Motor vehicle accidents and gunshot are common causes. Sports injuries, assaults, or falling and striking your head can also result in TBI. TBI is common to many troops returning from Iraq as a re-

sult of an improvised explosive device or a rocket hitting a vehicle. They may have no outward signs of injury, but the pressure of the blast itself could have rattled the brain resulting in a TBI. About 75% of TBIs are considered Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI).

Acquired brain injury (ABI) includes all types of traumatic brain injuries and also brain injuries caused after birth by cerebral vascular accidents (commonly known as stroke), and loss of oxygen to the brain (hypoxic brain injury).

Mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBI) account for a majority of brain injuries reported annually. MTBI occurs when a sudden impact or forceful movement of the head results in an altered mental state, such as confusion or disorientation, loss of memory for brief periods immediately prior to or after the event, or brief loss of consciousness. More severe TBI result in a loss of consciousness of more than 30 minutes and/or longer periods of memory loss, more than 24 hours. Many MTBIs are not reported. The actual incidence of MTBI is considerably higher than 1.25 million annually.

Brain injury is classified as mild, moderate or severe using the Glasgow Coma Scale, a measure of coma and impaired consciousness. The term Mild Traumatic Brain Injury does not describe the severity of the outcomes of MTBI. A brief period loss of consciousness or memory loss as the result of a blow to the head can affect the ability to complete routine, daily activities and the ability to return to work. Following an MTBI, individuals can experience: Problems with memory, concentration, and emotional control, headaches, fatigue, irritability, blurred vision or seizures. Researchers report unemployment rates three months following injury among previously employed MTBI victims as 34 percent.

Sports-related injuries account for approximately 20% of TBIs reported in

the United States. Injuries can be prevented or reduced in severity through wearing helmets, but repeated impacts to the brain can lead to serious negative consequences. More than 4,800 former players have sued the NFL over concussions in recent years. Hundreds of former NFL players have been diagnosed with conditions resulting from brain injuries: ALS, Parkinson's, and dementia, among others. Autopsies of more than 50 former NFL players show signs of degenerative brain disease.

Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a crippling brain disease, was found in dozens of former NFL players. Tony Dorsett and Joe DeLamielleure, both Pro Football Hall of Famers and former NFL All-Pro Leonard Marshall tested positive for the disease, previously found almost exclusively on autopsy. CTE has been linked to memory loss, depression and dementia.

In January, former Detroit Lions running back Jahvid Best filed suit against the NFL and helmet maker Riddell for failing to adequately protect NFL players from concussions. The suit claims that the league, "was aware of the evidence and the risks associated with repetitive traumatic brain injuries . . . but deliberately ignored and actively concealed the information." In 2012, the NFL introduced stricter guidelines regarding when players could return to work after suffering a concussion. The frequency of TBI can be reduced through prevention.

Life can change in an instant. Brain injuries can happen in an instant and change a life forever. Knowing the symptoms of TBI and getting immediate treatment can reduce the severity and assist individuals in coping with the long-term consequences of TBI.

# Submitted to Federal Court: fourth report measuring state's progress under child welfare settlement

## Monitoring team highlights several significant accomplishments DHS made

The Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) has received the latest in a series of monitoring reports as part of its modified settlement agreement (MSA) with Children's Rights, Inc.

The latest report, filed with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, is the fourth monitoring report of the MSA, which was first implemented in 2011. It was presented March 10 in a public hearing before Judge Nancy Edmunds.

The report covers the monitoring period that occurred approximately one year ago, from Jan. 1- June 30, 2013.

This latest submission from the federal monitors once again reflects many of the department's key initiatives and improvements, progress that will eventually lead to DHS moving back to state – rather than federal – child welfare oversight.

After hearing from DHS, the plaintiffs' attorney and the federal monitors, Judge Edmunds said: "It's clear that we are in a hugely better place than we were back in 2008 at DHS. Director Corrigan has done a phenomenal job in so many areas."

For MSA reporting period 4, monitors noted the following positive outcomes related to the MSA:

**New Staff Qualifications and Training:** Since the new DHS leadership team took the reins in 2011, staff hiring and training initiatives have been strengthened and the department has ensured that its new staff is appropriately qualified and trained timely.

**Caseloads:** The attention paid by DHS leadership to improved hiring, training and case allocation has led to significantly smaller caseloads for most child welfare staff across Michigan, including Children's Protective Services (CPS) investigators, CPS ongoing staff, foster care staff and child welfare supervisors.

**Post-Adoption Services and Support to Children and Families:** At the outset of this reform effort, DHS had a very thin – and often nonexistent – set of supports available for adoptive children and families. Now, DHS reports that 922 adoptive families throughout Michigan received services from the post-adoption resource centers during MSA Period 4.

**Centralized Intake:** DHS has built and staffed a statewide child abuse and neglect Centralized Intake system to improve service and consistency with the reporting and assignment for investigation of abuse/neglect complaints across Michigan.

**Guardianship for Children:** Over the past three years, DHS has bolstered its juvenile guardianship practice. DHS agreed to finalize 165 juvenile guardianships during 2013. At the conclusion of the reporting period, DHS had already met and bettered its commitment by finalizing 250 such guardianships.

For its part, DHS also highlighted for the court the remarkable overall progress that has taken place since the MSA was negotiated in 2011. That

progress includes: Caseload-ratio compliance that has improved dramatically.

Greatly increased adoption rates. In 2008, only 64 percent of children available for adoption were adopted. In 2012 that percentage rose to 83 percent, the highest rate in decades.

Soaring grades for timeliness and permanency of reunification, rising to meet national standards.

Timeliness of adoptions. Michigan's score now far exceeds national standards.

Achieving permanency for children who have been in foster care for a long period of time. Michigan's score now far exceeds national standards.

Placement stability for children while in foster care. Michigan's score now exceeds the national standard.

New worker training. In 2009, 65 percent of new workers completed initial training within required timeframes. Today, more than 90 percent do.

In-Service training. In 2009 only 46 percent of workers completed in-service trainings. Now, 99 percent do.

DHS' presentation was made in court by its lead legal counsel, John Bursch, the former Solicitor General for the state of Michigan. Bursch has a distinguished record as counsel, arguing 15 times before the Michigan Supreme Court. He has also litigated cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Once again DHS has shown excellent progress and we will continue to do so on a wide range of benchmarks and reforms," said Maura Corrigan, DHS director. "Even in areas where we have missed the mark, we have not missed by much. DHS will strive to improve and meet both the goals of this MSA and our longer-term goals and vision for the future of child welfare in the state of Michigan."

DHS, as it continues to move forward in implementing the provisions of the MSA is also constantly reviewing its own child welfare system and is increasingly aware of the need for:

The capacity to monitor its work, identify areas of strength and need, and make corrections as needed while demonstrating to the court and the parties its ability to self-monitor, self-correct, and make substantial improvements in the most critical areas of intervention with the children and families the department serves.

Prioritizing its focus of attention to ensure children within DHS care are safe from harm, have permanency and stability in their lives, and have their needs for well-being identified and addressed.

Michigan's child welfare system came under federal oversight in 2008 as a result of a lawsuit filed by New York-based Children's Rights. Shortly after taking the DHS helm in January 2011, Maura Corrigan worked with her team to renegotiate the consent decree, focusing less on bureaucracy and more on outcomes. The new MSA took effect July 18, 2011.

To view the latest full report, along with earlier reports and the original modified settlement agreement, please visit [www.michigan.gov/ChildWelfareAgreement](http://www.michigan.gov/ChildWelfareAgreement).

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197 State St, Boyne City  
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**SENIOR ASSISTANCE**

**Otsego County Commission on Aging**  
120 Grandview Blvd., Gaylord  
989-732-1122  
[www.otsegocountycoa.org](http://www.otsegocountycoa.org)

**Crawford County Commission on Aging**  
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**Charlevoix County Commission on Aging**  
218 West Garfield St. Charlevoix  
231-237-0103  
[www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp)

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**Otsego County Sportsplex**  
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**Otsego County Community Center**  
315 S. Center, Gaylord  
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**Powerhouse Gym**  
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[www.gaylordsgym.com](http://www.gaylordsgym.com)

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1140 Gornick Ave. Gaylord  
989-732-5820  
[www.gs20expressworkout.com](http://www.gs20expressworkout.com)

**HOME HEALTH CARE**

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

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





# Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

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

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- Foot Care Management
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- Home Delivered Meals
- Homemaker Services
- In-Home Respite
- Information & Referral
- Medicare D Counseling
- Medication Management
- Personal Care Assistance
- Project Lifesaver
- Senior Hi-Lites Newsletter
- Tax Assistance
- Volunteer Opportunities

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp

## Area March Happenings

3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 Saturdays, 9am – 1pm

**FARMERS' MARKET**

Indoors for the winter season at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on S. Park Street.  
www.boynechamber.com

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, Thursdays, 9am – 1pm

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**

Charlevoix Public Library, Community Rooms A & B www.charlevoix.org

3/7, Friday – 3/9, Sunday

**BOYNE – KIDS' FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

Village Party with a cookout, face painting, balloon twisting, and many more fun family events.  
For complete event details, visit BOYNE.com

3/7, Friday – 3/9, Sunday

**CAMP DAGGETT – FATHER/SON WEEKEND**

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or big brothers are invited to bring their sons, ages 8-16, for a fun-filled week-end. For more info, visit www.campdaggett.org.

3/8, Saturday, 6 – 10pm

**"MURDER MYSTERY" – (MURDER, MAYHEM, & POLITICS)**

Sponsored by Charlevoix Area Humane Society at Boyne Mountain. Call (231) 582-6774 for details.  
www.charlevoixhumane.org

3/13, Thursday, 9am – 1pm

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**

East Jordan Civic Center  
www.ejchamber.org  
3/14, Friday – 3/16, Sunday  
Boyer – Carnival Weekend  
Carnival Kick-off Party, On-Hill

Party, Adult Costume Con-test, Village Party, Slush Cup, and much more. For more event details, visit BOYNE.com.  
www.ejchamber.org

3/15, 3/21, 3/22, 7pm; 3/16, 2pm

**MUSICAL "BYE, BYE BIRDIE"**

Boyer City High School  
www.boynechamber.com

3/19, Wednesday, 10am - 3pm

**PROJECT CONNECT**

A day of FREE services for those in need @ the Emmet Co. Fairgrounds, Community Building, Petoskey  
www.ProjectConnect231.com

3/21, Friday

**FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL**

East Jordan Elementary School  
Obstacle course, games, bounce house, cake walk, pig races, and many more fun family events.  
www.ejchamber.org

3/22, Saturday, 12 – 5pm

**4TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX**

More than 100 booths in a wide range of categories and the opportunity to sample and enjoy specialties from each dining establishment. Expo held @ Castle Farms.  
www.charlevoix.org

3/27, Thursday, 5:30 – 7:00pm

**MARCH SWIRL**

Join us for wine tastings in our galleries. Mingle among beautiful art, listen to local musicians, and sample fine wines and food from local restaurants. Tickets may be purchased on-line, telephone, or at the door. Event takes place at the Crooked Tree

**MEDICARE NEWS**

### I Lost My Medicare Extra Help Benefit – Now What?

Medicare has special rules for beneficiaries who have lost their Extra Help benefit at the end of 2013. Seniors who are in this situation have until March 31, 2014, to enroll in another Prescription Drug Plan, if they choose to do so.

The Extra Help program is administered by the Social Security Administration. Qualification is based on income and assets. If a change in either category caused the maximum eligibility levels to be exceeded in 2013, the Extra Help benefit was terminated effective January 1st of this year.

Those who are affected by this often find that their Medicare Prescription Drug plan will no longer be the best one for them, once the Extra Help benefit is lost. Medicare understands this and has made a special provision allowing those people the option to switch plans no later than March 31st.

Medicare beneficiaries can get help to find another Prescription Drug plan, and also be screened to verify that their income and assets have been correctly calculated. They can contact the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 800-803-7174. MMAP personnel are trained and certified to provide help in all areas of Medicare health care insurance, Medicaid benefits, fraud and abuse, billing issues, and a number of other related topics.

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

### BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, March 13</b> Wii Bowling Students' Visit!	<b>Friday, March 14</b> Foot Clinic 11am-12pm Backwoods Raffle	<b>Monday, March 17</b> St. Patty's Party! Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> Brown-Bag Bingo	<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> Foot Clinic 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	<b>Thursday, March 20</b> Wii Bowling Students' Visit!
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### CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, March 13</b> 12pm Back Porch Music 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	<b>Friday, March 14</b> 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Monday, March 17</b> St. Patty's Party! 11:30am Roger Hartson 1pm Wii Bowling 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> 9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep Wii Bowling Competition 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> 1pm Bingo	<b>Thursday, March 20</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Thursday, March 13</b> Foot Clinic Karaoke Day!	<b>Friday, March 14</b> 10am Advisory Bd Mtg 11am Tag-A-Longs Bingo/Raffle	<b>Monday, March 17</b> Foot Clinic & BP St. Patty's Party! 8am-1pm Walking M-F	<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> 11am Wii FUN!	<b>Thursday, March 20</b> Karaoke Day!
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

<b>Thursday, March 13</b> BEEF CHILI	<b>Friday, March 14</b> FISH**	<b>Monday, March 17</b> CORNEB BEEF & CABBAGE	<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> PORK	<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> SALISBURY STEAK	<b>Thursday, March 20</b> TURKEY TETRAZZINI
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