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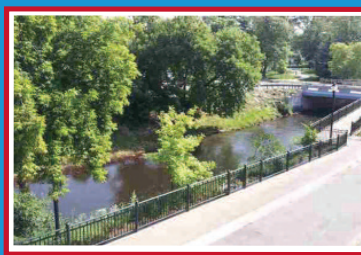
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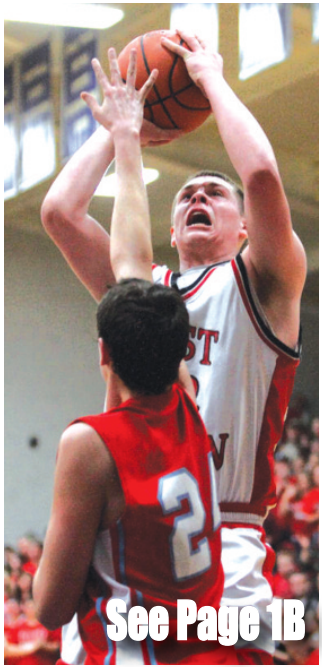
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East Jordan Wins Regional Tournament



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East Jordan sophomore, Jordan Weber goes up strong for this inside bucket against Beaverton. (PHOTO BY ROB DE-FORGE/RDSPOSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

Loggers Fall in Regional Semi-Finals



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Logger junior Andrew Stevens looks to make an entry pass in Boyne Falls regional semifinal loss to Au Gres-Sims. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)

Boyne City man charged with brother's death

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: A Boyne City man, Christopher Mellon Grice, was arrested on March 13 on charges of involuntary manslaughter related to the death of his younger brother William Benjamin Grice.

These charges stem from an incident in the early morning hours of December 22, 2013 after which William Grice was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital; however the injuries he sustained required emergency surgery requiring his transfer to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. The surgery was unsuccessful and William Grice was pronounced dead on December 23.

According to the probable cause affidavit from the 90th District Court a female witness was there the evening of the altercation that led to William Grice's death. She stated that she witnessed the two men arguing which escalated to physical altercation and resulted in William Grice falling to the floor and hitting his head. At that point he became unconscious.

Several hours passed between the altercation and William Grice being taken to the hospital. Upon reaching the hospital records indicate that William was unresponsive with bruises and swelling on his face. A CT scan revealed massive brain hemorrhaging and a broken nose, the emergency surgery began, but failed, after which his body was sent to Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids for an autopsy. There David A. Start M.D. a forensic pathologist



CHRISTOPHER MELLON GRICE

determined the cause of death was homicide due to craniocerebral trauma. William suffered extensive injuries, including a contusion of the right parietal scalp, fractures of the left maxillary sinus and nasal bones, many facial contusions, abrasions and lacerations, and severe brain hemorrhages.

Emmet County Medical Examiner Carl W. Hawkins, M.D. cited the manner of death as homicide and lists the causes of death as craniocerebral trauma and a blow to the head on the death certificate.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Allen Telgenhof explained that he and police wanted to gather as much information as possible be-

fore making a decision to charge someone.

"We owe it to both brothers and the family not to rush into anything," said Telgenhof.

Telgenhof also explained the definition of what involuntary manslaughter includes in a release dated March 13. He explained that the charge will require prosecutors to show that although the defendant intended to injure, the death was caused by an "unlawful act such as an assault" or the defendant acting in a "grossly negligent manner."

Telgenhof also described the difference between a charge of murder or manslaughter as opposed to involuntary manslaughter.

"A homicide, as the phrase was used by the doctor, is a death caused by the deliberate act of another person. The difference between murder and manslaughter is that with a second degree murder, the prosecution must prove that the defendant took the life of another with the intent to kill or to do great bodily harm, or that the defendant acted in wanton and willful disregard of the likelihood that the natural tendency of his act would cause death or great bodily harm."

Involuntary manslaughter is a felony that carries a maximum penalty of fifteen years in prison.

The charges against Christopher Grice are mere accusations at this point and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The judge ordered a \$50,000 bond which Grice posted ten percent or \$5,000 of. At this point a pretrial hearing is scheduled for April 29.

Public invited to review proposals for new bridge and access sites on Jordan River

Plans are being developed to replace the twin culverts on the Jordan River at the Old State Rd. crossing with a clear span bridge. Two new public access sites are also being planned to complement a new bridge and accommodate the growing number of river users.

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Michigan Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, Conservation Resource Alliance, Antrim County Road Commission, Antrim Conservation District, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Jordan River Action Group and others have spent several years developing these plans. Now is the time for others to contribute their thoughts, ideas and concerns.

"The Jordan River crossing at Old State Road is plagued with fundamental design problems," said Friends of the Jordan president Dr. John Richter. "These ultimately result in pollution, erosion, congestion, and public health and safety problems. This is a popular spot, and nobody wants to deliberately harm the river, but unless we redesign this site, normal activities will degrade the river and accelerate problems that already exist."

The bridge and landing proposals are designed to protect the high environmental quality of the legendary Jordan River while accommodating the growing number of river users with minimal harm to the river. These projects will impact many people and cost significant money. It's important to consider as many perspectives as possible before work begins, and participation by all concerned will be an important component to the overall success of these projects. We encourage everyone to attend. Representatives of the work group will offer details, answer questions and receive comments and suggestions.

The proposals will be presented March 25 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the East Jordan VFW Post 7580 located at 4960 M-32.

Facade improvement grant program for Boyne City businesses

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—The Boyne City Main Street Program has set aside \$10,000 to be awarded to property owners in the Main Street District through a newly initiated Façade Improvement Grant Program and will be accepting applications for the 50/50 grant until April 30.

Main Street Program leaders, who established the grant, hope to encourage private investment in Boyne City by rehabilitating the facades of buildings in the district. Façade grants have been secured by some down town property owners through the State of Michigan already. "The other grants we've gotten have been really good but that's just a start," said Mainstreet Program Manager Hugh Conklin. Main Street will continue to work with property owners to secure these grants but the goal of this new grant is to attend to the areas the

other state grant can't. "It's easy and we address local needs, what we feel is important," he said.

The Main Street district includes all of downtown Boyne City and the properties on North Lake Street from Water Street just past the Glen's shopping plaza. The Design Committee to the Main Street Board will be responsible for making all grant-funding decisions keeping in mind the program's intent to encourage good design and to preserve Boyne City's distinctive architectural character. The program provides a matching grant for the improvements that means that for every dollar awarded, the applicant must spend an equal amount. Individual grant amounts will be up to 50 percent of project cost. There is no set minimum or maximum number of projects per year.

Larry Lenhart owns the Radio Shack store in the Mainstreet District and is a member of the Mainstreet board. He re-



Radio Shack in downtown Boyne City remodeled the store front last summer with help from the Mainstreet program

ceived a facade improvement grant through the State of Michigan last year and used his matching funds to replace a failing roof. "The front of the building was removed and replaced with all new brick. The building was put back to the way it was at the turn of the century. I went to the historical society and found pictures so we could match it exactly," he said. However he did say that the process to get the grant is long and constantly changing. "Although these grants have

had an enormously positive impact on our community our goal through this local program is to provide assistance for many important projects that may not qualify for state incentives," said Conklin.

Funding for the Façade Improvement Grant Program comes from money raised through Main Street's involvement in Boyne Thunder. Information and applications for the program are available from the Boyne City Main Street Office at 231-582-9009.

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weather

THURSDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's
LOW: Mid 10's

FRIDAY



HIGH: Low 40's
LOW: Low 20's

SATURDAY



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

SUNDAY



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

snowfall

| 2012-13 | Amt. | 2013-14 | Amt |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 3/18/2013 | 49.5 | 3/17/2014 | 56.9 |
| 3/18/2013 | 86 | 3/17/2014 | 113.7 |
| 3/18/2013 | 111.2 | 3/17/2014 | 141 |
| 3/18/2013 | 127.8 | 3/17/2014 | 166.5 |
| 3/18/2013 | 46.3 | 3/17/2014 | 64.1 |
| 3/18/2013 | 68.7 | 3/17/2014 | 112.5 |
| 3/18/2013 | 116.3 | 3/17/2014 | 169.9 |

record temps

| Day | Avg. High | Avg. Low | Record High | Record Low |
|-----|-----------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| 20 | 44°F | 21°F | 85°F (2012) | -7°F (1986) |
| 21 | 44°F | 22°F | 87°F (2012) | -11°F (1989) |
| 22 | 45°F | 22°F | 87°F (2012) | -11°F (1989) |
| 23 | 45°F | 23°F | 73°F (2012) | 5°F (1960) |
| 24 | 46°F | 23°F | 70°F (1987) | -3°F (2008) |
| 25 | 46°F | 23°F | 70°F (1987) | -6°F (1965) |
| 26 | 46°F | 24°F | 68°F (1998) | -5°F (1951) |

OBITUARIES

Robert Dean (Bob) Stilwell, 83

(APRIL 21, 1930 - MARCH 10, 2014)

Robert Dean (Bob) Stilwell died peacefully at home in Charlevoix, Michigan, on March 10, 2014, with his family at his side. A son of Guy Holland and Mattie Elizabeth (Jones) Stilwell, Bob was born April 21, 1930 in Blair, Illinois, and grew up in the neighboring towns of Waukegan and Zion. He moved to Charlevoix in 1952, where he married Virginia Mae Brown on June 18, 1954.

Bob was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and the Illinois National Guard, and after moving Up North he attended agricultural training courses and began his life as a farmer. Bob was happiest out of doors, working his fields, caring for his cattle, tending his garden, or sitting and watching the light change on the hills behind the house. Guy Stilwell's job required his family to move frequently, and Bob was proud to have made a home for his family on their Charlevoix farm. In his later years, Sunday drives with a stop for a hamburger were among his simple pleasures.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Ginger; son Robert, Jr., of Charlevoix; daughter Diana and her husband Rick Gould of Sharon, Mass.; loving granddaughters Brie Ann Stilwell and Audrey and Lindsey Gould; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sister Alberta Korunka; brothers Guy and Richard; sister Mildred Scheck; and his beloved dog Rags.

At Bob's request, no funeral will be held. Interment will be at Norwood Lakeside Cemetery in the spring.

Those wishing to honor Bob's memory may consider donations to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay (c/o McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, 360 Connable Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770). Please sign Bob'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 Reserves 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, his brother Harvey and sister Doris Elhart.

The memorial service was Friday, March 14 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Chip Sauer officiating. 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 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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 Nau-gatuck 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.

Funeral was Saturday, March 15, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton officiated. 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.

Andrew J. Shivley, Jr., 72

Andrew J. Shivley, Jr. of East Jordan died Friday, March 14, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Rosa Violet Klooster, 85

(JULY 13, 1928 - MARCH 15, 2014)

Rosa Violet Klooster of Eastport died Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Eastport Village Care Home.

She was born July 13, 1928 in Bay City to Walter and Josephine (Clark) Ross.

On September 20, 1947 she married Henry E. 'Bud' Klooster in Norwood. They lived in Norwood, moving to Eastport in 1974. Henry died in 2012.

Rosa was a member of the Eastport Baptist Church. She enjoyed visiting with friends and knitting.

Surviving are her daughters Linda (Everett) Ingalls of Ellsworth, Shelly Dorland of Kewadin, daughter-in-law Patti Klooster of Central Lake; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry E. 'Bud' Klooster, sons Gary Klooster, Edwin 'Mike' Klooster, and Rev. Gerald Klooster, sister Amelia Willette, brothers Henry Ross and Elmer Ross.

Friends may call at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth on Friday, March 21, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Eastport Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the Eastport Baptist Church. Sign the online guest book at hastingsfuneral.com

Pauline L. Goodburn, 76

(APRIL 9, 1937 - MARCH 14, 2014)

Pauline L. Goodburn of East Jordan died Friday, March 14, 2014, in Albany, Georgia.

She was born on April 9, 1937, in Reed City, Michigan the daughter of Forest and Fleda (Hegner) Wanstead. On June 9, 1959, in Ewart, Michigan, she married Edward G. Goodburn.

Pauline had worked at the Wolverine Shoe Factory in Big Rapids for many years as well as ITT and Glens Market in East Jordan.

Pauline and Ed enjoyed camping and traveling with their family and together. They once had a Honda CB 500 that Ed modified one of the saddlebags to accommodate their small dog. Pauline was

constantly looking for things to do. She was a woodworker, sewer, quilter and loved any kind of craft-work.

She is survived by three sons, Thomas (Ann) Edward Goodburn, Sr. of East Jordan, Richard "Rick" (Anne) Lynn Goodburn of Sylvester, Georgia and Lawrence Eugene Goodburn of South Lyon, MI; two daughters, Deborah (Larry) Scott of Ewart, MI and Barbara (Steve) Reynolds of Ishpeming, MI; 20 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; one brother, Chuck (Sylvia) Wanstead and his wife in Hawaii; as well as one sister-in-law, Angie Wanstead of Hersey, MI. Pauline knew she was going to be a great, great grandmother in October of 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband on June 22, 1994; her parents; one grandson, Thomas Brodin; and a brother, Glen Wastead.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Silas Doctor of the Jordan Valley Baptist Church in East Jordan will officiate. Interment will follow in the spring at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc.

Ralph E. Harmon, 84

(OCT. 11, 1929 - MARCH 16, 2014)

Ralph E. Harmon of Boyne Falls died March 16, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital under Hospice care.

He was born October 11, 1929 in Boyne Falls to Wilfred and Katha (MaGee) Harmon and graduated from Boyne Falls Public School in 1947. On August 12, 1950 he married M. Inis Howard in Boyne City. Together they raised 5 children.

Ralph worked in construction for most of his life. He was co-owner of H&J Construction and owner of Harmon Construction. For 17 years Ralph served as a Charlevoix County Commissioner. He later retired from driving school bus for Boyne Falls Public School. Throughout the years Ralph successfully farmed, served on the Board of Review for Boyne Valley Township as well as the Parks and Recreation Committee of Charlevoix County.

Ralph enjoyed hunting, fishing, tractors, and community service. He put forth a tremendous effort to maintain Thumb Lake Beach remain open to the public. Ralph personally assisted in the creation and construction of Thumb Lake Park utilizing harvested lumber from the park to build 14 picnic tables.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Inis, of 63 years; son Howard (MaryEllen) of Waddy, KY, son Patrick (Rebecca) of Boyne City, daughter Maureen (John) Hausler, son Kelly (Paula) both of Boyne Falls, and daughter Kathee of Grand Rapids. Ralph is also survived by 9 grandchildren. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Forrest and sister in law Helen.

Visitation is from 6p.m. - 8p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 and 10a.m. - 11a.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Pastor Paul Wise of Trinity Fellowship will officiate the funeral service on Wednesday, March 19 at 11a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to be directed to them for the building of a new pavilion at Thumb Lake County Park.

Lura B. Towns, 91

(SEPT. 27, 1922 - MARCH 15, 2014)

Lura B. Towns of Petoskey passed away peacefully on March 15, 2014 at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey surrounded by her loving family.

Lura was born in Boyne Falls, MI on September 27, 1922 to Harry and Ida Detcher. Lura was raised on the family farm that her grandparents established, and then later in life she and Warren raised their family there. Boyne Falls was always treasured by Lura and her family.

As a wife her love and commitment remained constant for sixty-four years; as a mother she loved unconditionally; as a grandmother she bonded them with loving memories; as a sister, daughter and friend she remained devoted and filled with grace and gave all she had.

Lura was preceded by her husband Warren of sixty-four years; daughter Lori; brothers Harry and Richard; and sister Amaryllys.

She is survived by her daughters Janet (Craig) Frank and Janice Prawdzik Baird; sons Warren Towns and Richard "Hank" Towns; brother Michael Detcher; and her special friend Russell

MaGee; twenty-two grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; great great-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church. Pastor Wayne McKenney will be officiating.

Lura requested that donations in her memory be directed to the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church.

Lura's care has been entrusted to the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Cleo Elizabeth Hoffman, 86

(DECEMBER 24, 1927 - MARCH 12, 2014)

Cleo Elizabeth Hoffman of Petoskey passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family in the evening hours of Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Cleo was the first of five daughters born to Probert and Helen (Hardy) Lumley. She was born on the family farm on December 24, 1927 near Boyne City where she grew up and attended school.

Cleo's parents wanted each of their daughters to learn to play music, so each of the girls were given an instrument of their own to play; Cleo learned the drums. Cleo became an accomplished drummer and played not only with her sisters but also with a number of area bands for many years.

On December 28, 1949 Cleo married the man with whom she would share 51 wonderful years, Edward Hoffman. Cleo and Ed began their married life together in Petoskey. For a number of years they were both employed by Louis C. Hankey within the Hankey home. Ed worked for many years as a contractor and painter with Cleo closely at his side, she helped Ed with whatever he needed and also kept the business books. Ed preceded Cleo in death on January 1, 2001.

Cleo's family and friends will forever remember a mother, grandmother and friend who was gentle and kind, a woman of strong faith and convictions who was easy to like and even easier to love. She always kept busy and was rarely without a project; for many years she knitted little caps for area newborns to wear on their first trip home from the hospital. Cleo was a faithful member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, where she served in the Altar Society, helped with bingo as well as helping to serve more Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts than she could count.

Cleo is survived by her two daughters Marie (Jim) McBride and Louise (Tom) Waterman. She is also survived by her four grandchildren Molly (Mike) Pascola, Brad McBride, Ellie Waterman and her fiancé Mike Bricker and Thomas J. Waterman. Her great grandchildren include Madeline and Sawyer Pascola. Three of Cleo's sisters also survive Joan Jackson, Linda (John) Juday, and Juanita (Norm) Conklin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Including her husband Ed, Cleo was also preceded in death by her sister Bonnie Campbell.

Cleo's life was remembered, honored and celebrated during a Funeral Mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Monday, March 17th. Fr. Bryan Medlin officiated. Interment will take place this spring within St. Francis Cemetery.

Earl Harry Perrault, 70

(JULY 9, 1943 - MARCH 11, 2014)

Earl H. Perrault of Gaylord died March 11, 2014 at Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center in Fr. Walton Beach Florida.

Funeral services for Earl will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday March 19, 2014 at Stone Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Visitation will be at the Stone Funeral Home from 1:00 PM till the time of services on Wednesday.

Earl was born July 9, 1943 in Detroit, MI. the son of Lester and Marie (Veriden) Perrault. He grew up in Roseville, MI. and was a graduate of Roseville High School. On March 2, 1974 he married Darlene Klont in Boyne City, MI.

After graduation from high school Earl worked for General Motors for a short time and then worked with his father in the construction business. He then went to work in computer systems management and worked at various hospitals including Charlevoix Area Hospital, Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming, MI., War Me-

morial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. He then went to work as an Insurance Administrator for FINCOR/MHA Insurance Company of Lansing. Earl retired in 2009 he enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing golf, and loved to watch football and baseball. He was a member of the Elks club of Negaunee.

Earl is survived by his wife Darlene, Daughter Dorothy Perrault (Brandon Crain), Step Daughters Debbie (Cary) Elzinga and Dorene Crandell, sister Bonnie Williams (Jim), Mother Marie Perrault, Aunt Dorothy Babuik, Nephews Jamie (Heather) and Jason Williams, grandchildren Justin and Joshua (Megan) Mosley, Kimberly and Shelby, Laura and Brandin Elzinga, great grandchildren Hayden, Josie and Lilee Mosley. Earl is also survived by many nieces and nephews and close family friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Lester Perrault, Uncle Frank Babuik, close friend Al and his beloved dog Seger of 18 years.

James L. Holton, 65

(APRIL 4, 1948 - MARCH 14, 2014)

James L. Holton of Bellaire passed away on March 14, 2014 at Munson Medical Center.

James was born on April 4, 1948, in Charlevoix, the son of Lloyd and Esther (Umlor) Holton.

James was a lifelong resident of Bellaire and was employed by Lamina Bronze for over 30 years. He drove school bus for Bellaire Public Schools as well as being a school board member.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching the cooking channel.

He served 2 tours in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. While serving his country he earned a Bronze Star.

On June 29, 1974, in Bellaire, he married Linda M. Hoalt who survives. Also surviving are 3 sons, Michael (Anita) Holton of Mancelona, Daniel (Shannon) Holton of Mancelona, Joseph Holton of Arizona, a sister Joanne (Dale) Reeves of Bellaire, and 7 grandchildren, Tanner, Dylan, Justin, Jessica, Jacob, Jarrett and Austin.

He was preceded in death by a brother Jack White, sister Donna Lockman, and his parents.

Memorial services with military honors will take place at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Date and time of services will be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude.

Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign our online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Donald Lee Olson, 83

(MARCH 25, 1930 - MARCH 14, 2014)

Donald Lee Olson of Chelsea, Mich. and formerly of East Jordan, died Friday, March 14, 2014, at home with his family.

He was born March 25, 1930, in East Jordan, the son of Ingwald and Mabel (Maddocks) Olson.

On Oct. 13, 1955, he married Margaret Jane Scott in Petoskey, and she survives.

Donald was in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict, where he was an airplane mechanic and instructor. He attended Cal. Aero. Tech.

Donald installed elevators for 35 years, working for several companies including OTIS and Houghton-Schindler. He was a member of the VFW in Iron River.

Donald enjoyed hunting and fishing at his home on the Jordan River.

He was a family man, and the best "Pa" in the world to a daughter Lynn Olson of Chelsea; son, Jim (Karen) Wicker of Hamburg; nine grandchildren, James, Kenneth, Jeffrey, Mindy, Jenna, Sheri, Kimberly, Jon and Krista; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a special son-in-law and daughter-in-law, Doug and Phyllis "Jeannie" Sumner. He was preceded in death by a son, Eric Olson, and a daughter, Marjean Laws.

The family will host a memorial service in the spring at their home on the Jordan River.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ann Arbor Veteran Affairs Office. Arrangements are being handled by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.



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Agent retires after serving East Jordan community for more than 30 years

EAST JORDAN – After serving East Jordan residents for more than 30 years, Personal Lines Agent Nancy Nyland, known by her client's as Nan, will retire from KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services on April 3, 2014. Nyland has been working closely with Cristina Hogarth, who was promoted to agent, and Mike Houser, who was hired in December as a customer service representative, to ensure a smooth transition for clients.

To give clients an opportunity to discuss this transition, KorthaseFlinn will host an open house on April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East Jordan branch inside suite 10 on 100 Main Street.

Nyland, who began her insurance career in East Jordan more than 30 years ago, joined KorthaseFlinn in 1998. Throughout the

years, Nyland has demonstrated a commitment to helping her community find peace of mind with insurance programs that protect families when they need protection most. Auto-Owners Insurance Company honored Nyland for these efforts by ranking her 25th nationally, which earned her a place in the carrier's prestigious President's Club in 2012.

Relationships are important to Nyland, who is confident Hogarth and Houser will follow in her footsteps by placing client needs first.

"Relationships are important because it means our clients have placed their trust in me, and our agency, and that's something I have always valued and taken very personally," said Nyland. "Cristina and Mike also understand the importance of building trustworthiness relationships and that's

one of the many reasons I feel they will be there when our customers need them most."

Hogarth has worked diligently to prepare for her new producer role. Since joining the agency last year, Hogarth has earned licenses in Life and Health as well as a Property and Casualty. She is also an active member of her community, where she participates in Leadership Charlevoix County.

For Houser, a Boyne City native with more than 10 years of customer service experience, the transition to KorthaseFlinn just made sense. "Almost everyone I know has insurance through KorthaseFlinn," said Houser of why he chose the agency. "I'm excited to be a part of a company that has been taking care of my neighbors for so long."

New staff member at Small Business Development Center

The Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Northwest Michigan has hired Tricia Stevens as their new Intake Specialist. Tricia will be the first point of contact for current and future northern Michigan business owners hoping to establish or grow their businesses. She will help new clients identify and access SBDC counseling and development services.

Tricia has a long history of helping people connect with ideas and resources including 12 years as a Northwest Michigan Works Learning Lab Aide and Testing Specialist, eight years with the Northwestern Michigan College Fine Arts and Humanities Division, and three years as the owner of an educational book distributorship. Tricia studied business, psychology, and education at Cedarville College, Univer-



TRICIA STEVENS

sity of Michigan-Flint and Northwestern Michigan College. In addition to her new role as Small Business Development Center Intake Specialist, Tricia has personal experience in small business start-up.

"I love new perspectives and the energy of shared discovery when connecting people with the specific resources, ideas and contacts

that lead to significant answers and success," said Stevens. "I'm excited about making new connections in the small business community in beautiful Northwest Michigan."

For more information about SBDC programs contact Tricia at: tricia-stevens@nwm.cog.mi.us or (231) 922-3780.

The SBDC is a statewide business assistance program that provides one-on-one counseling, training and research support for Michigan small businesses. The Northwest Michigan Regional office is hosted by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and provides services for Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. For more information, go to: north-westmichiganbusiness.com

Charlevoix Area Chamber Announces New President

The Board of Directors for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Alison Boyer Hubbard as its new President and COO. The Chamber's selection resulted after a national search spearheaded by an appointed selection committee. Alison will begin her new role on April 7 and will report to the Executive Committee of the Chamber Board. As the Chamber's President and COO Alison will oversee the staff and work closely with the Board of Directors to implement the Program of Action identified in the Chamber Strategic Plan. Alison's main focus this year will be to continue the emphasis on the community branding program-Charlevoix First!- and implement the Chamber takeaways from the Charlevoix First! Economic Forum which will enhance and promote local businesses, working in conjunction with local government offices and the residents of Charlevoix.

"Chamber and community members will be very excited when they see Ali-



son put her ideas and energy into action on their behalf. Alison has a proven track record in leading membership growth and retention in her past chamber role. Her enthusiasm, experience, and knowledge make her an excellent fit for leading the Charlevoix Area Chamber through its next phase of growth and development. The Chamber selection committee was blown away by her background and concepts. A huge positive for our membership and community is the fact that Alison is another "Boomerang" who went out to see the world and returned to grace our community with expanded skill sets and visions" said

Steven Seely, Chamber Chairperson and CEO.

Alison returns to Charlevoix with extensive chamber and business experience having most recently served as the Annual Giving Manager for McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. Among her varied experiences she served as the Director of Membership for the Vail Valley Partnership in Vail, Colorado and worked in New York City, Boston and Bozeman, Montana in retail management for top retailers Saks Fifth Avenue and Gap Inc.

"I am honored to return to my home town and to be joining the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce team," said Alison. "The Chamber's work is vital to the region's business community and I look forward to working with the Chamber's board, volunteers, and staff to grow the organization and to promote Charlevoix First! and ensure the livelihood of local businesses."

Alison is married to Fritz, and they have two children-Ole and Paige.

East Jordan to host Downtown Open House

If you have ever thought of opening a business in downtown East Jordan and need a space to rent or purchase, April 12th is the day to explore all of the vacant spaces available in the first two blocks of Main Street. Stop by the East Jordan

Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up a list of the vacant places from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Owners of the buildings or realtors will be on site to give tours and answer questions. Here's your opportunity to secure a location and open

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FUNdraiser raises supports Women's Resource Center

PHOTOS BY M. CHRIS LEESE

The St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser benefiting the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) was held at Whitecaps Restaurant in Petoskey on Monday,

March 17. Beyond providing a celebratory respite from the long, cold winter, the event raised approximately \$10,000 for WRCNM programs and services which thousands of individuals

throughout the area rely on every year.

"We appreciate the generous donations from the community which help make this a very special event," said Deb Smith,

WRCNM Assistant Director. "The dollars raised are absolutely essential to the organization and help support children's educational programming and scholarships, the 24-hour crisis

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To participate in the NFT Program, an adult individual must live in a nursing facility and want to move back to a community setting. They must also be financially eligible to receive Medicaid assistance. In Northwest Lower

Michigan, the NFT Program is administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Northern Health Care Management and the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan.

A simple phone call and conversation with an Intake Specialist will help determine potential eligibility and provide valuable information about options to consider. If the initial telephone interview indicates that the person may be eligible, a face-to-face meeting is set up with a NFT Supports Coordinator, who will travel to the nursing facility to verify needs and con-

firm eligibility. The Supports Coordinator will then help the interested person further understand their specific options.

The NFT Program can help persons overcome barriers to going "home". A unique plan is developed for each eligible person, based on their specific needs. Services may include: assisting in finding housing (returning to own home, moving to home of caregiver or friend, or locating new housing); setting up the household (including obtaining furnishings and arranging for utilities); making the home accessible (i.e., installing

ramps or grab bars); and connecting the participant with support services (personal care, housekeeping, meals on wheels and so forth).

If you'd like to know more about the NFT Program and how it can help someone you know or if you want to schedule a presentation about the NFT Program for a group or organization in your community, contact the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan at 800-442-1713. The NFT Program is funded by Medicaid through the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Centers

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| Thursday, March 20 Wii Bowling Students' Visit! | Friday, March 21 11am-12pm Tag-a-Longs Raffle | Monday, March 24 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo | Tuesday, March 25 Brown-Bag Bingo | Wednesday, March 26 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program | Thursday, March 27 Wii Bowling |
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| Thursday, March 20 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle | Friday, March 21 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy | Monday, March 24 Foot Clinic 1pm Wii Bowling 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study | Tuesday, March 25 9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy | Wednesday, March 26 Birthday Day! 12pm Adolph Cwik Music 1pm Bingo | Thursday, March 27 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle |
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Northern Michigan 911 providers looking at ways to increase connectivity

911 providers in 11 northern Michigan counties are looking at ways they can work together to share technology and save money. Northwest Michigan 911 CONNECT (Collaborating Neighbors for Networks of Emergency Communications & Technology) is made up of representatives from Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford

counties. The group is exploring ways they can voluntarily collaborate for greater public responsiveness, flexibility, and long-term cost savings.

"We're looking at how we can collectively take advantage of available technology to bring our 911 centers to a level of functionality that is expected in today's world and to prepare for the continued evolution of 911," said Ed Boettcher, an Antrim County

commissioner and 911 CONNECT member.

The group is not looking at consolidation. They would like to develop fiber and microwave networks that would provide for sharing of equipment, software, and dispatchers while maintaining local 911 call centers. The improved connectivity would also provide redundancy and a multi-layered back up capability.

"The public expects our 911 call

centers to accept and process the best technology available," said Boettcher. "They want the best services we can afford to provide."

A collaborative 911 network is already being used in the Upper Peninsula. Representatives from the 911 CONNECT counties learned about that project and other issues related to 911 service at a recent symposium in Traverse City. The group will con-

tinue to meet on a regular basis and each of the counties involved in the discussion will be able to decide on a case by case basis if they want to be involved in any future projects.

911 CONNECT is being convened and facilitated by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is grateful for the terrific community support during our St. Patrick's Day FUNdraiser held at Whitecaps Restaurant in Petoskey. The event was instrumental in raising funds which help ensure the continuation of programs and services for women, children and families in our five-county service area.

We thank Robin Morris, Jeff Kimble, Darin Kimbler and the staff at Whitecaps for graciously hosting the event and providing an array of delicious hors d'oeuvres. We appreciate the donations from businesses and individuals to the silent and live auctions that helped us raise needed dollars. We also thank the dedicated volunteers and

board members for promoting and attending the event, as well as helping to secure so many great auction items. We appreciate the time and effort of staff and volunteers who helped in numerous ways from those who checked in guests to our auctioneer extraordinaire, Jason Guthrie. Finally, we thank those who attended the event, bid on auction items and shared a celebratory St. Patrick's Day with us!

Many thanks for the ongoing support of this community and your confidence in the work we do every day.

Sincerely,
Deb Smith
Assistant Director
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Find resale bargains and one-of-kind items at the Bergmann Center Resale Shop

By Jim Akans

Many Northern Michigan residents are familiar with the outstanding opportunities provided by the ongoing work of the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix. The staff at the non-profit Center assists in building life skills for individuals with developmental disabilities, with programs that include on-site job training and employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, community awareness, daily living skills and enrichment classes.

What many may not be aware of is that starting in August of 2010, The Bergmann Center opened a fantastic Resale Shop located right next to their



main facility on Ance Road, offering terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals.

The shop has many exciting products made by individuals at the Bergmann Center; such as fire starters from recycled

material, furniture painted by a local woman artist, gazing balls made from recycled bowling balls adorned with donated stained glass, items from clay, handmade jewelry, love lights made with clear stained glass and candles, and much more.

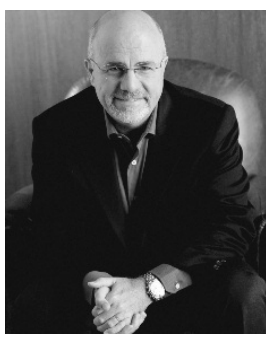
In addition to a lot of great merchandise, the Bergmann Center Resale

Shop also offers a great place for individuals in the Center's program to learn skills on the job, such as running a cash register and processing inventory. These are valuable skills that will continue to provide rewards for these individuals for years to come.

The Bergmann Center Resale Shop is located at 8888 Ance Road in Charlevoix, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and the staff accepts item donations during those hours as well.

For additional information call (231) 547-9624 or visit www.bergmanncenter.org and follow the Resale Shop link.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Giving a tenant mercy

Dear Dave,

I own a one-bedroom condo that I'm using as a rental property. The current tenant's old agreement is up soon, but she signed a new lease less than a month ago and gave me a deposit, plus the first month's rent. Just the other day, she

called and wants to back out of the agreement. She said she discovered after she signed that her ex is having serious health problems, and she needs to move to help take care of their kids. What do you think I should do?

Flavia

Dear Flavia,
I own a bunch of rental prop-

erties, so I know for a fact that as a landlord you run into all kinds of situations. Some are more genuine than others. I would want some proof as to what's going on, but on the surface it sounds like she's got a valid reason for wanting to cancel the agreement.

Basically, she's asking for your understanding and mercy. If it were me, and what she's said turned out to be true, I'd try to lease the place to someone else as quickly as possible, and I'd refund her the deposit plus any money it doesn't cost you in the process. In other words, if it took two weeks to find another tenant, then I'd give back the deposit and two week's rent. Of course, if she's in really bad shape—and you're on solid enough financial ground to withstand the blow—you could let her out of the agreement completely and move on to finding another tenant.

You don't want to profit from

someone who's genuinely struggling. But you have to look out for yourself and, if possible, try to break even. Regardless, I wouldn't take advantage of anyone who's truly going through hard times. That's just not right.

—Dave

Keep the lifestyle simple

Dear Dave,

I recently got a new job that will increase my income by \$20,000 a year. I've got \$65,000 in debt, and I'm trying to pay it off, so I know I need to adjust my budget. Do you have any suggestions for a situation like this?

Mitchell

Dear Mitchell,
Congratulations on your increased income! The first thing I'd tell you is not to get used to any permanent luxuries while you're

paying off debt. Go out and celebrate with a really nice dinner or something like that after you get your first paycheck. But don't go nuts or pick up any big, new stuff. The more you put toward debt, the faster it goes away.

I've been doing this financial thing for a lot of years, and the one thing I've found that gets people out of debt is passion. I want you to be so passionate about getting out of debt that you don't even consider doing anything else until it's all gone. Your thought process needs to be, "Wow, I got a new job making more money. I can get out of debt even quicker!"

Again, I'm okay with you adjusting a bit that first month and having a little fun to celebrate your good fortune. But after that, I want you to turn around and attack the debt with even more intensity than before. Way to go, Mitchell!

—Dave

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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Payton Bauman



GRADE: 9
PARENTS: Shawn and Kelly Bauman
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Hunting, Being outdoors, Bowling, Being with family and friends
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: BCHS Pride Team, Student Council Class of 2017 Vice President
FUTURE PLANS: "Start off at NCMC to work towards my plans to become a social worker."

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
 "Transferring to Boyne City School System has been a great experience for me."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Payton is an exceptional individual who takes academics seriously, works diligently to be successful, and takes responsibility for his work. He is always enjoyable to work with." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher.

"Payton is a dedicated student in US History! He enjoys learning, interacts well with his peers and participates in class discussion! Great job Payton!" – Michele Deming, US History Teacher

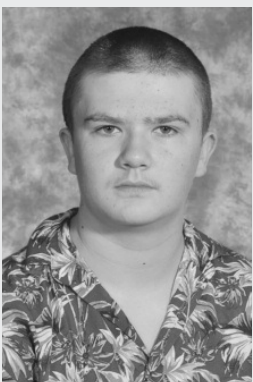
"Payton is a member of the BCHS Pride Team and has valuable input at every meeting. He is a great go-to person for any project he works on, as Payton is one of the most reliable and hardest workers I have ever met!" – Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist

"What an awesome young man. He gives great effort on whatever he is doing in class. His enthusiasm and positive attitude make having him in class a joy. I see plenty of upside for Payton in the future." – Don Nohel, Woodworking Teacher

"I have Payton this year in Physical Science. He is dedicated, dependable, cooperative, and hardworking. Payton's assignments are always of the highest quality. His positive attitude and pleasant smile make him an ideal "Student of the week." Payton is a pleasure to have in class and I am honored to recognize him for this accomplishment. Congratulations Payton!" – Elizabeth Hemming, Physical Science Teacher

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Benny Wheeler

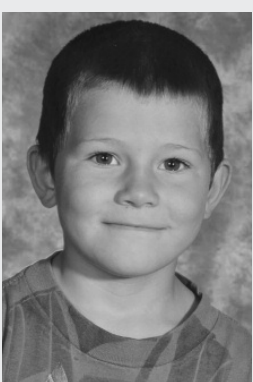


GRADE: 8
PARENTS: Scott Wheeler
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Reading, basketball, video games, anime
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and baseball
FAVORITE BOOK: The Last Apprentice series
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college or join the Army or the Navy

STAFF COMMENTS

"Benny is an awesome student! He works hard in all of his classes. He is helpful, friendly, sincere, and well-liked by both students and staff. He played both 8th grade and JV basketball this year, and is looking forward to baseball this spring. It will be exciting to see everything that Benny will accomplish in the future!" – Melissa McGuinness

Jason Masserant



GRADE: Kindergarten
PARENTS: Jessica Jenkins and Jason Masserant
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: I like to ride my bike.
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: I like to use the i-pads to learn!
FAVORITE BOOK: Pete the Cat
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? A dad

STAFF COMMENTS

"Jason is a wonderful boy who is willing to help anyone. He works hard and always tries his best. It is a real pleasure to have him in class!" – Beth Meier

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reading. If you'd like to make a donation you may drop it off at the East Jordan area Chamber of Commerce located at 100 Main St in downtown East Jordan. Questions? Please email lswenson@ellsworth.k12.mi.us, or jvallance@ellsworth.k12.mi.us



Swimming Lessons are a hit with 2nd Grade at East Jordan Elementary School

East Jordan Elementary swim lessons are a hit with second graders! Mrs. Brandell, Mrs. Reid, and Mr. Ziebarth's students receive swim lessons in addition to their regular physical education class. Each child learns important water safety, floating techniques, and a variety of swim strokes. This valuable class, offered to all East Jordan students, will help keep them safe when they hit the beaches this summer. The class is taught by East Jordan Elementary PE teacher, Mr. Morris, and pool instructors.

Pictured: Zoe Bunker and Adriana Saltzberg

Michigan ranks in Top Ten on National education report card

While fewer than half of state charter school laws in the United States earn above-average grades according to The Center for Education Reform's (CER) 15th Edition of Charter School Laws Across the States: Rankings & Scorecard released today, Michigan lands in the top ten, ranking 4th out of 42 states and the District of Columbia, earning a grade of "A."

"But even the highest achieving states in CER's annual rankings still have a long way to go in meeting parental demand and allowing highly accountable charter school options to flourish, as they are ten or more points away from a perfect score," said Alison Consoletti Zgainer, executive vice president of The Center for Education Reform and lead author of the rankings.

"With the length of the average charter school waiting list increasing to nearly 300 students there absolutely needs to be a sense of urgency around creating strong charter school laws that will accelerate the pace of growth to meet demand," said Kara Kerwin, president of The Center for Education Reform. "Not only are there hundreds of thousands of students on charter school wait lists, but the U.S. Census predicts the largest in-

flux of school-aged children over the next 20 years at over 11 million. State lawmakers must be thinking outside the box to create a portfolio of new educational opportunities to meet this demographic reality."

"While it is true the charter school sector in the United States has grown at a steady, linear pace since the first charter school law was passed in 1991, we know the highest charter school and enrollment growth is in jurisdictions with strong charter school laws," said Zgainer. Strong charter laws feature independent, multiple authorizers, few limits on expansion, equitable funding, and high levels of school autonomy.

"These critical flexibilities and equitable resources must be codified in law, otherwise they fall prey to the whims of politicians. We are seeing this play out right now in New York City under Mayor Bill de Blasio, and have seen it before in Washington, D.C. and in Oakland, California," said Kerwin.

Among the nation's 43 charter school laws, there are 5 As, 9 Bs, and 18 Cs, with the remaining 11 states earning Ds and Fs. Three states improved letter grades, with Mississippi jumping from an "F" last year to a "C" in 2014, Arizona

going up from a "B" to an "A," and Wisconsin going up from a "C" to a "B." Mississippi had the largest advance in score because of new legislation that increases schools' autonomy.

"As the nation celebrates twenty-plus years of charter schools, history suggests state laws need to be modeled after success, not theory," Kerwin added. "There should be no excuses from elected officials in Michigan now that we have powerful evidence of what works."

Since 1996, the Center has studied and evaluated charter school laws based on their construction and implementation, and whether or not they yield the intended result of the charter school policy, which is to ensure the creation of numerous quality learning opportunities for children.

Founded in 1993, to bridge the gap between policy and practice, The Center for Education Reform is the pioneer and leading voice for substantive change that transforms learning opportunities and outcomes for America's children. Additional information about CER and its activities can be found at www.edreform.com.

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Kenneth Orval Wingo Jr.

Boyne Falls man sentenced for breaking and entering

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Boyne Falls man Kenneth Orval Wingo Jr., 19, was sentenced on March 14 on charges of breaking and entering, larceny in a building, possession of a controlled substance and receiving and concealing.

The charges stem from an incident in which police followed footprints in the snow from Betty's Restaurant, which had been broken into and had

items stolen, back to the residence of Wingo where his vehicle was parked.

Police interviewed Wingo and obtained a confession to the break in of Betty's Restaurant. A search warrant then gave officers the ability to further search his car in which other stolen items were found.

Wingo then admitted to committing thefts from the Boyne Mountain Ski Patrol Room and a vehicle that was being repaired at Erickson's 131 in

Boyne Falls.

Wingo was sentenced to 18 to 120 months in prison for the charge of breaking and entering, 18 to 48 months on the charge of larceny in a building, 18 to 48 months for the charge of possession of a controlled substance and 93 days in jail for receiving and concealing. These sentences will run concurrently.

Wingo had pled guilty to these charges on January 31, 2014 as part of a plea bargain

in which two other felonies and one misdemeanor charge were dismissed.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof praised the police work of Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Smithburg and Justin Kieliszewski for their investigation in the matter.

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

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March 10-16, 2014

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Assist Motorist.....5
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Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation.....0
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Lost Child Found

Charlevoix Co. Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a residence off Boyne City Road in Hayes Twp. Sunday March 16 at 6:39pm for a lost child. It was reported to 911 Central Dispatch that a 3 year old girl wandered off with 2 family dogs. Family members began following foot tracks and called 911.

Charlevoix EMS & Charlevoix Twp. Fire Department were called to assist in the search. The 3yo girl was located about 1 hour later by family members in a heavily wooded area near a creek about 1/3 mile from the house. They were unable to find their way out but were able to give searchers an approx. area of where they were. Charlevoix Twp. Firefighters then were able to locate them, assisted them out of the woods.

Temperature at the time was +9 degrees. The family was examined by Charlevoix EMS on scene. Other than being extremely cold, everyone is fine.

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CHARLEVOIX Run Water Update

The City of Charlevoix has received information that there are radio and Facebook posts asking citizens to boil their water. This information is not correct. The City of Charlevoix is NOT asking for its customers to boil their water. The City is asking its water customers to continuously run their water to avoid water line freezes. Please run your water until further notice.

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.

BOYNE CITY to CHARLEVOIX Non-motorized trail

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners is poised to start seeking the two biggest chunks of funding for the third of five expected phases of a non-motorized trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix. Construction on the first phase of the trail is expected to begin late this summer. That section will go from Boyne City to the Bay-Evangeline Township line near Summer Road. The second section, which is slated to be constructed in 2015, will go from U.S. 31 north of Charlevoix to Quarterline Road.

MANCELONA Snowmobile Drag Races

Infinity Raceway will hold snowmobile drag races March 22. For details see www.InfinityRW.com. Infinity Raceway is located on Doerr Road, just west of US 131, north of Mancelona.

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.

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.

EAST JORDAN An Evening of Culture

Wednesday, March 26 from 6-8 PM in the East Jordan High School Auditorium.

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 presentations or materials) All presentations conducted at BASES Teen Center. Topics include: Developmental Model of Recovery / Relapse, Relationships in Recovery, Emerging Drug Trends, Dealing with Other Addictions in Recovery, Raising Drug Free Kids, Young People in Recovery, Brain Training for Addiction Recovery. Attend one or all, no pre-registration required, call (231) 547-1144 for more information.

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

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.

CHARLEVOIX First Friday Business Breakfast

To be held at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on Friday, April 4th from 7:30-8:30am. Business Breakfast is \$7 for Chamber Members & \$10 for Not-yet Members.

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.

ELLSWORTH Students going for gold

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EAST JORDAN Kindergarten Screening

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

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 fpboyne.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.

LAKES OF THE NORTH Pinterest & Purses Party

A Fund Raiser for Relay for Life hosted by the Lakes of the North Busy Bees team. Saturday, April 12, 11am to 2pm. \$2 per person at Lakes of the North Clubhouse, 6330 Pineview, Mancelona. No children under 12 please. Grab your girlfriends and join us! Sample recipes and get crafty with inspiration from the popular Pinterest website. Plus there will be a silent auction of new and gently used purses (some with surprises) and accessories. Also Chinese auctions, chair massages and door prizes. All proceeds go to our local Relay for Life!

Volunteer Incentives: We're looking for prepared Pinterest recipes. If you would like to bring a dish to the event, we've got a great incentive program to thank you. Please contact Cindy Poite no later than Thursday, April 10th at: PinterestAndPursesParty@hotmail.com

BOYNE CITY Tax preparation help

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.

IRONTON Ironton Ferry board trims spring, fall hours to save money

The first voyage of the Ironton Ferry is six weeks - or more - away, but the board that oversees the ferry's operations will trim some of its spring and fall operating hours in a move that is expected to save about \$10,000 this year. The Charlevoix County Transportation Authority board voted

to reduce the ferry's operating hours between its season opening (usually around April 15) and May 15 and from Sept. 15 through the end of the season. During those times, instead of closing down for the day at 10:30pm, the ferry will close at 7:30pm.

BOYNE CITY Good Friday service

The Boyne City Ministerial Association will host the community Good Friday Service at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. Join us on Friday, April 18, for a time of spiritual reflection.

EAST JORDAN 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. 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, May10, at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Sherry Pursel at 231-536-7117.

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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 benefiting 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.

CHARLEVOIX Little League Teams Up With Retired Major League Players

The Charlevoix Little League is teaming up with retired Major League Baseball players the weekend of June 14th and 15th. On Saturday the 14th there will be a clinic for boys and girls ages 8-14 to learn fundamentals from former Major League ball players at the Shanahan Sports Complex. Sign in will be at 9am. The clinic will be from 10am-1pm. After the clinic, there will be a cook out and the players will

be available to sign autographs for participants in the clinic. Saturday evening there will be a reception/fundraiser and auction at the Weatheravane Restaurant from 6pm-9pm. Sunday the 15th will be a golf outing/fundraiser tee time 9am.

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Public Invited to Review Proposals for New Bridge and Access Sites on Jordan River at Old State Road

Plans are being developed to replace the twin culverts on the Jordan River at the Old State Rd. crossing with a clear span bridge. Two new public access sites are also being planned to complement a new bridge and accommodate the growing number of river users.

The bridge and landing proposals are designed to protect the environmental quality of the legendary Jordan River while accommodating a growing number of river users with minimal harm to the river. We encourage everyone to attend. Representatives of the work group will offer details, answer questions and receive comments and suggestions.

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Lamb performs at WinterFolk Concert

J.D. Lamb will be performing in the Charlevoix Public Library's WinterFolk concert, 6:30p.m., March 31. The WinterFolk Concert Series celebrate local folk artists with an evening of music. The featured performer kicks off the evening with a 45 minute concert, which is followed by an open mic session; an opportunity for the public to share talents. Open mic sign-up begins at 6:00 p.m. the night of the concert, and is limited to five performers.

Although Lamb hangs his hat in Royal Oak, he's a frequent performer in the Little Traverse area throughout the summer, bringing a touch of mid-western folk-rock to the region. Lamb writes thoughtful songs with a wry touch — he's a thinking person's songwriter. "You get the impression

that "keeping it real" is the most important part," states organizer Dwain Abramowski. With a laid-back, made-in-Detroit drawl, Lamb's voice and lyrics invite comparisons to populist songwriters ranging from Mellencamp to Steve Earle, with roots buried in the heart of the country. He also provides Northern Michigan with the celebrated Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters, which is a very dynamic venue for songwriters all across the region, always held in November in Harbor Springs.

Mary Anne Rivers, with Family Reunion will be performing at the April 28th WinterFolk Concert. For more information about the Folk Concert Series, talk to Dwain at the library, 231-547-2651.

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Petoskey Home Show Celebrates Family

By Izzy Lyman

The theme for the 2014 Home Show, sponsored by the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders, was "Family is the Foundation of Your Home." To that end, a portion of the proceeds benefited Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity and the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society.

Held at North Central Michigan College, the two-day show featured over 100 exhibits and \$12,000 worth of kitchen and bathroom makeovers as prizes. Sponsors for this year's show included Birchwood Construction Company, Culligan water, Petoskey Granite & Quartz Countertops, and Great Lakes Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning.

The first home show was held in 1977 and remains a favorite venue for those Northern Michigan residents interested in home improvement information and consumer tips.

Joslin Blakes and Barton K. Chatman, representatives with DTE Energy, were distributing free home energy kits. Blakes said that by Saturday afternoon the pair had given out about 70 kits.

Gary Schilkey, who was manning the EPS Security booth, said he liked participating in the home show because "it draws the community in."

In addition to the high-dollar giveaways, other prizes included power tools, cash, and a hunting blind. Outreach to youth was represented by Bailey Stark, a Pellston High School senior and participant in the Garage Build program. She discussed with attendees her involvement with the Construction Trade Education program. Meanwhile, Petoskey author Chris W. Weston offered copies of his children's fiction fishing book, Hawgeye.

For more information about the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders, which serves Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego, and Cheboygan counties, visit www.ltahb.com



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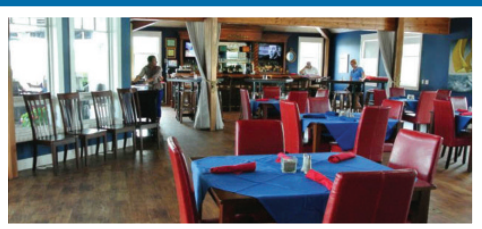
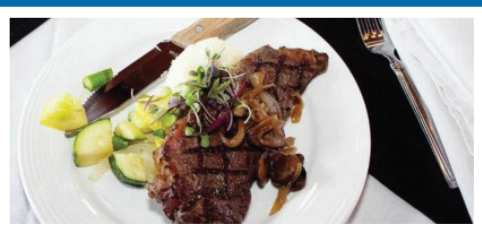


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Bailey Stark, Pellston High Senior greeted people at the Garage Build booth



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City Council hears public opinion on "Land Swap"

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Monday night City Council listened on as members of the public shared their opinions on a proposed "land swap" between St. Mary's Cement and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

The swap has been a source of discussion for several weeks as many members of the community feel that the swap of a portion of Fisherman's Island State Park for an area currently owned by St. Mary's Cement is wrong. This matter has been brought before Charlevoix Township residents, Charlevoix County Commissioners and now City Council.

The discussion began with a brief slide presentation by Dirk Cox, Operations Manager at St. Mary's Cement. He explained what the land swap would entail; the benefits the community would receive from the swap and encouraged face to face dialogue between the community and St. Mary's regarding this matter.

In an informative brochure passed to audience members multiple questions regarding the swap were addressed; including why the land swap had initially been proposed, how the community would benefit from the swap, and an assurance that



This map shows the current boundary of SMC (yellow), the property to be traded to the MDNR (blue) and the area to be gained by SMC (red).

the MDNR will investigate every aspect of the trade should St. Mary's choose to submit an application to them for the land.

Cox reminded all present that the swap was at this point "just a concept," and that St. Mary's is encouraging the community to express their opinions and concerns before sending any type of application to the MDNR.

Despite this many of those present voiced their apprehension before City Council.

Anne Zukowski presented the opinion of those opposed to the swap. She is a founder of the Facebook group "Save Fisherman's Island" which has over

1,300 likes.

"The value of a place is measured in more than mere acreage. The north end of Fisherman's Island State Park... is a valuable asset to our residents and summer visitors and to our State Park System," read Zukowski from a flyer given to those in attendance.

That opinion was further expressed by various people in attendance, including members of WATCH (Water and Air Team Charlevoix) who are advocates for environmental sustainability in Charlevoix County.

"WATCH is...still strongly opposed to the land swap," stated Bill Henne who represented



A large audience listens to Dirk Cox explain the potential benefits of the land swap.

both himself and WATCH Monday evening.

That sentiment was strongly voiced by Hayes Township resident LuAnne Kozma, who warned council that this swap could affect the way people view Charlevoix in the long run.

"Do people really want cement companies taking over state parks? Are you going to be Charlevoix the Beautiful or Charlevoix the City Contaminated by a Cement Plant?" said Kozma.

Near the end Cox explained that he wanted to create a working committee with members of all interested groups involved to discuss the swap and deem it vi-

able or not. Council supported the idea, as long as the committee could be objective, a task which may be difficult as so many have strong opinions on the matter.

For those who want to know more concerning the land swap you can communicate with St. Mary's at landswap@att.net or 231-547-9971. For those interested in supporting the petition to oppose the land swap, login to Facebook and search "Save Fisherman's Island."

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Health of Northern Michigan Hospitals Mercy Hospital Grayling

By Norma Jean Babcock

Recently the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News have focused on area hospitals and the changes they are facing in light of recent national health care mandates under the Affordable Care Act. This week we caught up CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, who explained that Mercy is facing significant challenges.

Those challenges have included eliminating 24 positions and not replacing 11 positions which are vacant. This decision on the part of Mercy is in line with a nationwide trend in hospitals cutting back as patient numbers decrease and reimbursements from the federal government lower.

The removed positions included front-line and management positions, a subspecialist, a physician, a nurse practitioner and practice staff employed by the hospital. Reimer-Matuzak stated that those who have lost positions will continue working during a 45 day transition period and will be provided with resources and referrals to help them gain future employment.

"It is incredibly difficult to make changes that impact good people. In order for us to continue to provide

quality health care in the Grayling region, this action was necessary," said Riemer-Matuzak.

Prior to the changes of the ACA taking effect the hospital had begun to prepare itself for these types of problems by trimming capital purchases and investing in new services that would bring in more income; and hospital officials say they will continue to make changes that will lessen the impact of the ACA and enhance their quality of care.

"We've cared for patients for more than a century and our providers have been nationally recognized for quality care and patient safety. This remains our top priority as we make these difficult changes to prepare us for the future," said Riemer-Matuzak.

In light of the difficulties the hospital has faced, they are encouraging education of the ACA and are participating in several workshops to help members of the community make healthcare choices that fit their budgets. Two such workshops will take place this month on the 26th and 27th when Certified Application Counselors will be available for those applying for health insurance. In addition, although open enrollment through the Healthcare Marketplace will end March 31,

Mercy is offering Enrollment Assistance Workshops during the month of April. These workshops will focus on those seeking to enroll in the Healthy Michigan Plan which should begin April 1.

One positive aspect of the ACA is that people will be able to go through primary care services offered at Mercy Physician Network locations instead waiting and going through the Emergency Department at the hospital.

"We have some of the most talented providers in our organization, and I am excited for more patients to be able to take advantage of their services," said Riemer-Matuzak.

The outlook for Mercy Hospital Grayling is difficult to discern at the moment, but with their continued focus on helping people get immediate care through primary caregivers in the Mercy Physician Network the hospital is making every provision to keep going and give excellent patient care. For those interested in learning more about Mercy Hospital Grayling or the Mercy Physician Network please visit their website www.mer-cyhealthgrayling.com or call (989) 348-5461.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



FIVE EASY STEPS BUILD STRONG BONES ALL YEAR LONG

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

From the North Pole to Atlanta, an icy Arctic vortex chilled most of us to the bone this winter. But a deep freeze might not be all that's happened to your inner scaffolding. Reports we've seen also suggest that if you're not bolstering your vitamin K and D-2 or D-3 (read on for the best way) in the wintertime, your body can't make enough of these bone-friendly vitamins, and that can accelerate bone loss. That's why it's so important to protect yourself from developing brittle bones or osteoporosis, no matter what your age.

Most studies show building strong bones as a teenager and young adult is the best way to dodge life-threatening fractures that effect one in two women and, yes, one in three men past age 50. That's right guys, don't underestimate your odds of developing osteoporosis, especially if you have clinically low testosterone levels or you get hormone therapy for advanced prostate cancer. Too few men get the checkups and bone-saving treatments they need.

So, no bones about it: Young, middle-aged or senior, here's how to use the latest skeleton-strengthening science to keep your bones sturdy:

Keep up your calcium. You need 1,000 mg a day until age 50; 1,200 mg daily after that. Get at least half of that from your diet, and add some from supplements. (Dr. Mike takes 600 mg of calcium daily, along with vitamin D-3.) Good food sources include fat-free dairy (about 300 mg per cup of milk or yogurt), kale (120 mg in 1 cup, cooked), white beans (113 mg in 1/2 cup) and calcium-fortified breakfast cereals and orange juice (up to 500 mg per serving).

Add vitamins D-3 and K. We recommend 1,000 IU vitamin D-3 from a supplement, and for adults, 90 mcg K from your multivitamin daily. They help your body absorb and use calcium. Tip: Get a blood test to measure your D level; aim for 50-80 ng/ml.

Tackle belly fat. If you've got excess visceral fat in your midsection (a waist larger than 35 inches for women, 40 for men), you may have excess fat within your bone marrow as well (there's always supposed to be some)! That excess stimulates release of inflammation-boosting compounds that weaken bone. Go to sharecare.com for tips how to flatten your belly, fast.

Skip high-sodium foods ... and that diet cola. A salty diet loaded with processed foods, take-out and restaurant meals could raise your fracture risk four-fold. Instead, eat more fresh, frozen or canned veggies, all without added sodium, and snack on a small handful of nuts daily; you'll get potassium, a surprise bone builder. Just one cola per month can weaken bone density in your hips. It could be because phosphoric acid can leach calcium from bones, or because caffeine (in diet or regular soda) blocks calcium absorption.

Challenge your bones. Weight-bearing exercise, such as walking, running and strength-training, stimulates cells in your bones to keep rebuilding your frame. And exercise inspires stem cells to become bone rather than turning into fat!

Know when to get a bone scan. Women age 65 and older, and men age 70 and older get greater benefit than risk from a bone density scan. This check looks for early signs of bone thinning (osteopenia), giving you time to make lifestyle changes, so you don't develop full-blown osteoporosis. Or if you have osteoporosis already, you can discuss using medications that may help stop bone loss, too. Just getting scanned could lower your odds for a hip fracture by 36 percent! One new report suggests that 66 percent of women with early bone loss miss the chance to stop the erosion if they wait until 65 to get a scan. You may need an earlier bone check if: You had a bone fracture after age 50; one of your parents has or had osteoporosis; you're underweight; a smoker; have rheumatoid arthritis, Type 1 diabetes or chronic liver disease; or you've taken prednisone for three months or more at any time in your adult life.

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Dr. Webb received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He will begin seeing patients at the East Jordan office beginning March 7, 2014.

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Drastic reduction in child obesity is a victory for public health and WIC programs

A 43-percent decrease in obesity among children ages 2 through 5 is being hailed as a public health victory by the National WIC Association. According to its recent news release, WIC – the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children – played a significant part in the reduction of obesity among preschool-age children.



HDNW Family Health Supervisor, Suzette Daly - RN, BSN

Recent changes in the WIC Program's nutrition education and food package may have contributed to the drastic decline in childhood obesity. Healthy items like fruits, vegetables, and whole grain foods were added, while the amount of fruit juice and whole milk was reduced.

Locally, the WIC Program is administered by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. It provides nutrition education and healthy foods to women who are pregnant and breastfeeding, and to infants and children up to age 5. In addition, WIC has brought nearly \$1.9 million in food dollars to the Health Department's four-county service area, which includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

"WIC's role in the reduction of childhood obesity is exciting," said Suzette Daly, Family Health Supervisor for the Health Department. "The invaluable nutrition education and healthy foods provided by WIC help play an integral role in putting nutritious foods on the plates of young children 2 to 5 years of age, and have enabled better access to healthier food across the nation."

The Michigan WIC program celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, visit www.nwhealth.org, or call (800) 432-4121 to make an appointment.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Char-Em SAFE Youth kicks butts with new video and Sticker Shock campaign

A volunteer youth group is preparing to kick butts in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Armed with a new YouTube video and supported by a partnership with Johan's Pastry Shops, students participating in Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE) Youth will be celebrating the annual Kick Butts Day on Wednesday, March 19, as a way for youth to speak up and take action in support of tobacco-free living.

There are more than 1,000 Kick Butts Day events scheduled worldwide. According to Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, this is the first year SAFE Youth will be partnering with all six Johan's Pastry Shop locations in Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and Boyne City for a special "Sticker Shock" event. Johan's customers will find a green Kick Butts Day sticker on their coffee cups, carrying a specially-designed logo and the 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) tobacco help line.

Pulaski said she is also excited about SAFE Youth's new tobacco awareness video on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilsKTBUeE_A&feature=youtu.be

"The SAFE Youth student volunteers created this new video to deliver some alarming facts about the harmful effects of tobacco on our bodies and our communities," she said. "For example, they found that nine out of 10 smokers began smoking before age 18. There are more than 15,000 new youth smokers each year in Michigan."

While the tobacco industry spends nearly \$300 million each year to market tobacco products in Michigan alone, the state spends only \$1.5 million each year on tobacco prevention programming. Meanwhile, tobacco use costs Michigan an estimated \$3.4 billion in annual health care costs. "The good news is that evidence-based programs and policy changes, now being implemented at state and community levels, reduce smoking rates," Pulaski noted. "New 24/7 tobacco-free school and recreation areas, smoke-free multi-unit housing, and improved access to tobacco dependency treatment options



(Left to Right): SAFE Youth members Emilee Evans, Connor Ingleson, Kyle Sitkins and Tanner Evans

are all effective in reducing youth and adult tobacco use rates."

SAFE Youth members are high school students from Charlevoix and Emmet County who take part in efforts to raise awareness of substance abuse, expose issues that are of concern, and encourage their peers to be tobacco, alcohol and drug free. For more information about Kick Butts Day, visit kickbuttsday.org. For local event and tobacco prevention information, contact Pulaski at (231) 347-5813. For help in quitting tobacco, talk with your

healthcare provider or call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline, (800) 784-8669.

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Whooping cough in Northern Michigan spurs vaccination reminders

Pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, was confirmed recently in an Antrim County student. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has mailed letters to parents in the affected school, recommending that students in that classroom be treated by their doctors with an antibiotic as a preventive measure. Letters also provided information about symptoms of the illness, and vaccination recommendations.

Pertussis is spread by coughing and sneezing, and is highly contagious. Symptoms start with a runny nose, mild fever and mild cough, similar to a cold, but progress to severe coughing spasms that may interfere with eating, drinking and breathing. Infants and young children often

have the most severe symptoms.

"The best prevention is to ensure everyone in the family is vaccinated," said Joshua Meyerson, M.D., Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Make sure young children receive all five recommended doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) vaccine at two, four, six and fifteen months of age, and again between four and six years of age. Starting at age 11, everyone should receive at least one Tdap booster dose, even if they have had a regular tetanus (Td) vaccine recently. Routine hand-washing is also helpful."

Dr. Meyerson warns that those who refuse vaccination are putting others at risk. "Even if you aren't concerned about the threat

of pertussis for yourself, you may be unknowingly spreading the illness to others, especially infants and young children, to whom it may be fatal," he said.

He added that there are new vaccination recommendations for women who are pregnant. "All pregnant women are now being advised to get a Tdap during their third trimester, between 27 and 36 weeks, and they should get the Tdap with each pregnancy," he explained. "This provides additional protection for infants when they are born."

The Health Department offers all necessary immunizations, including Tdap and DTaP vaccines, through its clinics in Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, Gaylord, and Harbor Springs/Petoskey. Medicare, Medicaid and many

forms of private health insurance are accepted. Those without health insurance coverage for immunizations qualify for reduced rates for these vaccines. For more information, or to schedule appointments for yourself and your family, call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 today.

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Boyne City High School Robotics Team brings home award

The Boyne City Blaze High School Robotics team won the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award during a Michigan FIRST District Robotics Competition, March 7-8 at Gull Lake High School near Kalamazoo.

This award, one of the highest presented during the event, recognizes outstanding team achievement in fostering respect and appreciation for engineering at school and in the community. In making the award judges remarked "This [Boyne City] team is the complete package. After a major reorganization, they reconstructed their business plan to get their entire city involved. These changes will keep this team running for years to come."

FIRST competitions challenge student teams to design and build a robot designed to perform prescribed tasks against other competitors. Students, under adult mentor guidance, also organize fund-raising, develop team skills, and promote their efforts.

"Receiving the Engineering Inspiration Award was the best feeling in the world," said team member Kaitlyn Skornia. "It was such an honor and made all of the long hours worthwhile, and spoke volumes about the support that we receive from our community."

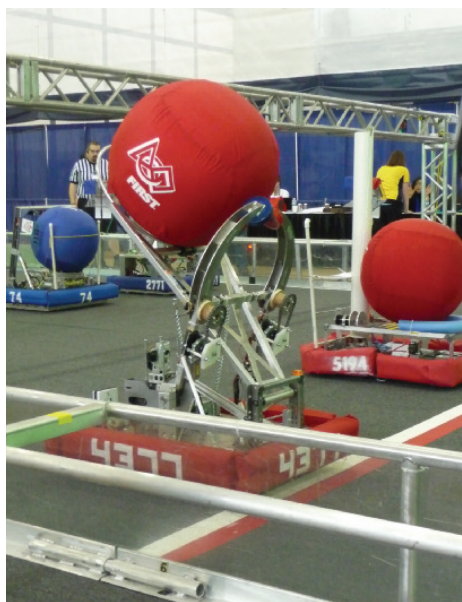
This year's game challenges teams to

design a robot that can navigate the game arena, pick up or catch a 24-inch exercise ball, and toss it into a goal. Coalitions of teams gain points by catching, passing and scoring. Boyne City's robot and team performed very well at the event, qualifying as one of the top 9 of 40 teams, becoming captain of an alliance working cooperatively to earn point in the later rounds. Their alliance made it to the semi-finals.

The team of 23 students and 15 adult mentors and parents made the trip to Gull Lake to compete and support the effort.

"It was fun to see our robot in action and see everyone come together as a team, cheering for Boyne City," said team member Elizabeth Mansfield.

Boyne City's next competition will be March 28-29 in St. Joseph, Michigan. For more information about the Boyne City Blaze Robotics team, visit their website at www.boyne.k12.mi.us/robotics or contact the High School at 231-439-8130.



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