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B.C. City Council uses community input to set direction on food trucks and goals

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—Boyne City Commissioners approved a liquor license and reviewed the findings of research done by city staff on the presence of food trucks in the community and the city's future goals at the March 25 meeting.

The commission approved a request from the Farmers Market for a one day liquor license for a Food Truck Rally Fundraiser to be held April 17 at Veterans Park. Market committee members hope to expand on the Farm Meal concept that they have sponsored the last two years by creating an additional event that would be more inclusive and less expensive. A cover charge in the form of a donation will be required to enter a roped off area where music and locally grown foods will be sold and sampled. Beverages from Michigan breweries and wineries will be available as well which is why the license is required. "It's an opportunity to taste good local food at a cost you can determine yourself," said Market Master Rebecca Harris.

Commissioners listened to a presentation by Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator Annie Doyle of findings gathered at two informational meetings regarding what food trucks are, how other cities are dealing with their presence

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East Jordan team repeats as State Quiz Bowl Champions

By Norma Jean Babcock

East Jordan High School students won the Central Michigan University Quiz Central tournament for the second year in a row on March 19.

Under the direction of Coach John Liesenberg the team defeated Gaylord St. Mary's on Wednesday afternoon to defend their title. Liesenberg's son Joel has been on the team for both years and will graduate this year as an undefeated member of the team.

The Quiz Bowl is held every year at Central Michigan University where students are asked various questions that focus on academics with varying levels of difficulty. In preparation the students meet on a weekly basis and review practice questions. They also compete several times a year against other schools to qualify for the State level tournament.

The students volunteer and can be from any grade in the high school. This year 6 students were a part of the team. The students were; Laura Harden, Garret Imel, Joel Liesenberg, Alex Newman, Nick Lewin and Raven Joseph.

"The team is made up of an impressive group of students, who work year round to increase their knowledge base. The knowledge they apply in the Quiz Bowl competition will serve them the rest of their careers," said Principal Tammy Jackson.

On arriving back in town Wednesday evening, the bus carrying the competitors was given an escort by police and an ambulance in celebration of their victory.

Congratulations Quiz Bowl competitors!



ABOVE: Front l-r Laura Harden, Garrett Imel, Joel Liesenberg, Alex Newman. Back l-r Nick Lewin, Coach John Liesenberg, Raven Joseph



The East Jordan City Police, Fire Dept and EMS escorted the High School Quiz Bowl Team back through town as they returned after winning the State Championship for the second year in a row. (They played at CMU on Wednesday afternoon). The team defeated Gaylord St. Mary's in the final round to defend their title.

BANKS TOWNSHIP BOARD MARCH 24, 2014

DEQ says drinking water and lake not at risk from contaminated site

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—Public hearings were held on the proposed budgets for 2014-15 fiscal year and representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality spoke on the topic of contamination at the vacant lot on Main Street in Ellsworth at the March 24 Banks Township Board meeting.

Discussion was held on the General, Fire, Vehicles, Roads and Liquor budgets for nearly 45 minutes with no public comment. "I like the idea of leaving the mileage the same as the last two years," said Township Supervisor Thomas Mann. In the end, no mileage increases were included and funds were set aside in the general fund in the event that a new Ambulance Authority mileage which will be placed on

the May ballot doesn't pass, leaving the ending balance at -\$40,599. The final budget will be on the website in late April. A copy of the budget(s) is available now for public inspection at the Banks Township Hall.

Heidi Pixley and Randy Roth from the DEQ spoke briefly to give contamination findings after conducting soil samples on the northeast corner of the main intersection in Ellsworth. The site is where a service station which had confirmed leakage from previously removed storage tanks burned down in December of 2011. Over the last three years the DEQ has removed approximately 116 tons of building remnant and approximately 416 tons of contaminated soil from the site. "We're done and I think it turned out pretty well," said Roth. There

is a small amount of remaining contaminated soil that is located under the Village sidewalk at the main intersection. According to a summarized report, they concluded that drinking water and the lake were not at risk and that the site is not a risk to human health, safety, welfare, or the environment.

Township Hall Caretaker Jerry Rassmussen requested that the board open discussion on the topic of raising hall rates for weddings. Presently the hall which has a maximum capacity of 240 people and includes a kitchen, rents for \$400 for three days. In comparison, Elk Rapids Town Hall has a capacity of 130 persons and rents for \$595, Tapawingo, capacity 200 rents for \$3,000, Knights of Columbus big room, capacity 500 for \$1,200, small room, capac-

ity 100 for \$500 and Milton Township Hall with a capacity of 100 rents for \$195. Rassmussen suggested raising the rate to \$725 especially since it was being requested more frequently in the winter months and the cost of heating the banquet area is high. This sparked discussion on lighting and insulation improvements, a topic the board discusses frequently. A committee was formed to work on the matter.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Planning Commission. Members of the commission must be registered voters, live in the township and have a desire to serve the community in terms of zoning.

The next Banks Township Board meeting will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m.

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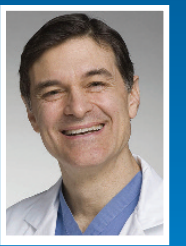


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THURSDAY



HIGH: Upper 30's
LOW: Mid 20's

FRIDAY



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

SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's
LOW: Low 20's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 40's
LOW: Low 30's

snowfall

2012-13	Amt.	2013-14	Amt.
3/26/2013	52	3/25/2014	58.9
3/26/2013	90	3/25/2014	115.7
3/26/2013	122.9	3/25/2014	144.6
3/26/2013	139.8	3/25/2014	169.5
3/26/2013	47.2	3/25/2014	64.9
3/26/2013	71.6	3/25/2014	114.4
3/26/2013	129.1	3/25/2014	174.2

record temps

Day	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
3/27	47°F	24°F	71°F (1989)	-8°F (1965)
28	47°F	25°F	71°F (1989)	0°F (1965)
29	48°F	25°F	72°F (1986)	-7°F (1970)
30	48°F	25°F	71°F (1986)	4°F (1964)
31	49°F	26°F	80°F (2010)	6°F (1965)
4/1	49°F	26°F	83°F (2010)	6°F (1964)
2	50°F	27°F	85°F (2010)	10°F (1965)

OBITUARIES

Robert W. Milstein, 79

(SEPT. 9, 1934 - MARCH 22, 2014)

Robert W. Milstein passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014, while residing at Tendercare Greenview Nursing Home in Alpena, Michigan.

He was born on September 9, 1934, in East Jordan, Michigan to the late parents, Barney Robert and Helen O. Ward Milstein.

He is survived by brother, Samuel A. Milstein and his wife, Patricia of Petoskey; one sister-in-law, Christine Milstein of Bay City; numerous nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by brother, James L. Milstein this past November.

Robert was born with Downs Syndrome and lived to be among the oldest persons in the State of Michigan afflicted with Downs Syndrome. He enjoyed hugs, shaking hands and kisses from anyone he met. Of special interest were his collection of stuffed animals and looking at comic books and magazines.

Special thanks and appreciation go to all the staff at Tendercare Greenview for their loving care and attention during the last several years. Also, former East Jordan neighbors and longtime friends for their continual love and kindness to Robert for all these years.

There will be no formal funeral but a viewing will be held Friday, March 28, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan next to his parents. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the United Way Down Syndrome programs.

Sadie N. Brooks, 95

(NOV. 4, 1918 - MARCH 22, 2014)

Sadie N. Brooks of Sugarland, TX, formerly of Ellsworth, passed away on March 22, 2014 at her home in Sugarland.

Sadie was born on November 4, 1918, in Banks Township, MI, the daughter of Gerritt and Ida (VanderVeen) Nicola.

Sadie was a long time resident of Ellsworth then moved to Charlevoix for several years and then permanently to Sugarland to be near her family.

She was a member of the Eastport Baptist Church for many years.

She is survived by 3 children, Darwin (Bonnie) Brooks of Oregon, Judy (Elton) Wilkerson, Brenda (Terry) Jenkins of Texas, 8 grandchildren, Shelly Mathews, Robert Mathews, Rebecca Brooks, Rachel Brooks, Jennifer Curley, Stephen Brooks, Jeffrey Jenkins, Jorie Jenkins as well as 8 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law Iva Nicola and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lester in 1986, many siblings as well as her parents.

Graveside services will take place at the Antrim City Cemetery in Banks Township at a later date. Date and time of services will be published in the near future on the Mortensen Funeral Home website.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastport Baptist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Please sign our online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Alta Elaine Gilmore, 67

(FEB. 8, 1947 - MARCH 21, 2014)

Alta Elaine Gilmore of Boyne Falls passed away March 21 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. She was born on February 8, 1947, the daughter of Everett C. and Opal Elaine (Gillespie) Leist.

She will be sorely missed by her better half, Elmer Gilmore; her children, Joella Foster, Terry (David) Padgett, Ryan Foster, Sheila Marie (Cliff) Diener, Joseph Louis Foster; grandchildren, Tabitha, Kasara, Tiia, Everett James, Matthew, Jonathon, Alex and Jacob; great grandchildren, Veda, Greyson, Grant, Amadeus and one on the way.

She is also survived by her sister, Merna Byrd; nephews, Chad Leist, Brian Gellis; great nieces and nephews, Jordin, Tyler, and Gunner Gellis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her infant great grandson, Ethan.

Lyle King, 85

Lyle King of Charlevoix died March 21, 2014, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A graveside service will take place in the spring.

Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Thomas G. Derenzy, 69

(SEPT. 5, 1944 - MARCH 20, 2014)

Thomas G. Derenzy passed away at his home on Thursday, March 20, 2014. A life-long resident of East Jordan, Michigan, Thomas was born to Gerald and Margaret (Lord) Derenzy on September 5, 1944.

After graduating from East Jordan schools, Tom served in the Michigan National Guard. He then spent his career as a brick mason working with Petrie Construction. Tom participated in the construction and refurbishing of many municipal buildings and local landmarks. He retired several years ago to take up a life of leisure on the family farm that he dearly loved.

He was a dedicated member of American Legion Post #227, where he was very active until the decline of his health this past year. He proudly served as District Commander for 19th district

of the Michigan American Legion. Tom spent many hours managing weekly bingo games, organizing scholarships for local youth, and coordinating other events for service veterans.

Tom leaves behind a large and loving family that will miss him greatly. He is survived by his wife, Carole (George) Derenzy, daughters Lynsey (John) Von Seggern of Chicago, Illinois, Valerie (Kellen) Youngedyke of Gaylord, Michigan, and step-children Chris Thornton, and Kenneth Thornton, both of East Jordan. Thomas is also survived by five grandchildren: Ken, Saddle, Bodhi, Elsa and Clara. His sister, Nancy and brothers, Brad, Glenn, and Chris also survive him.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams Street, East Jordan, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604-1242.

Darlene Dorothy Bricker Persons, 82

(OCT. 14, 1931 - MARCH 18, 2014)

Darlene Dorothy Cremeans Bricker Persons passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in Zephyrhills, Florida, with her husband, Don, and a dear friend at her side.

She was born to Jasper and Myrtle (Moffitt) Cremeans on October 14, 1931 in Elmira, Michigan. She attended Gaylord High School and married Calvin E. Bricker on November 4, 1948 in Boyne City. They were married over thirty-eight years, raised seven children, and were proud of their loving family. She was a devoted, loving wife, and together, they taught strong family values and life lessons about love, work ethic, pride, honor, and respect. They enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends, and spending time alone.

On September 14th, 2002, she married Donald R. Persons in Boyne City. They were married over eleven years and increased their family circle. They shared time between their homes on The Farm and The Lake, spending a few months in Florida during the



winter. She loved their family, doing things with Don, and knitting mittens for her second and third generations. They spent years in T.O.P.S. and became members of the United Methodist Church and Choir in Gaylord. She enjoyed creating personalized note cards and sent out words of encouragement and prayers showing she genuinely cared for others by continuing to keep in touch.

She is survived by her husband, Don; his children, Matt and Chandra Persons, Selinsgrove, PA; Sharon Persons, Goodrich, MI; Mindy and Jack Henry, Gaylord; and Glen Persons, Boyne City; five grandchildren. Her children are Calvin E. and Colleen Bricker, Jr., Lansing; David and Robin Bricker, Boyne City; Dixie Lahti, Haslett; Christy and Dale Reinhardt, Boyne City; Connie and Frank A. Shaler, Boyne City; Bette and Bob Brewer, Boyne City; and Sara and Mitch Hildebrandt, Gaylord; twenty-six grandchildren; fifty-eight great-grandchildren including two newborns, and two more great-grandchildren are on the way; and three great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Walter Cremeans, Gaylord; sister-in-law, Leone and Roy Dewing, Albuquerque, NM; many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and an overwhelming number of dear friends!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin E. Bricker; her parents, Jasper and Myrtle Cremeans; father and mother-in-law, Melvin C. and Ruby Bricker; sister-in-laws, Wanda Cremeans and Robbie Bricker; brother-in-laws, J. Howard, M.C., and William (Bill) Bricker; son, Timothy Bricker; son-in-law, William Lahti; grandchildren, Carrie Bricker-Hauger, Edward Lahti, Christina Hilderbrant Smith; and great-grandchild, Nico Trevino.

Friends and family may attend visitation on Wednesday, March 26th at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 PM. Thursday, March 27th, visitation will be held at the United Methodist Church in Gaylord between 2:00-4:00 PM and her funeral service will follow immediately after. She will be laid to rest at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in her memory to United Methodist Church of Gaylord, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

Dr. Oz Health Tips

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



DUPED BY FRUIT

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

When Bullwinkle the Moose tells his buddy Rocket J. Squirrel, "Hey, watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat!" a rabbit is never what appears. That kind of switcheroo isn't so comic, however, when certain snack and cereal bars claim on their front label that they contain (ta da!) Real Fruit. If you look at the ingredients list (in very small type hidden on the back) to see what you're really getting, like Bullwinkle, it might not be what you were hoping for.

The ingredients in these supposedly fruit-packed and, you assume, healthy meal substitutes and snack bars are listed in order of weight. Chances are good that high fructose corn syrup

along with other sugars and fats are the first three to five ingredients. After that you might see mention of the advertised "real" fruit, but it's usually something like strawberry-flavored fruit pieces (sugar, cranberries, citric acid, natural strawberry flavor with other natural flavors, elderberry juice concentrate and oil). Huh? And that's followed by a parade of health-damaging partially hydrogenated oils (trans fats), artificial colors and preservatives. We found one with TBHQ (tertiary butylhydroquinone), a synthetic antioxidant used in varnishes and lacquers.

Now, you may not want to go as far as one woman did -- she sued a large food manufacturer when she noticed her "real strawberry fruit snack" contained only pear concentrate. But while the Food and Drug

Administration tries to chase down the companies that make these misleading claims on their labels, we say choose real real fruit if you want a mid-afternoon pick-me-up.

FOLIC ACID FOLLIES

The Ziegfeld Follies were the epitome of glitzy, amusing Vaudeville shows from 1907 to 1930. But today's Folic Acid Follies are no laughing matter: Only about 40 percent of North American women take a folic acid supplement, and the average North American gets less than half the recommended intake.

If this essential nutrient doesn't show up in the daily diet of women who can become pregnant, fetal development can be compromised. (We recommend that women and men get 400 mcg daily from a supplement and make sure to eat folate-rich leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, asparagus, citrus fruit, beans and 100 percent whole grains.)

Now, it's long been known that folic acid helps a fetus develop properly and prevents birth defects such as spina bifida. But maybe

the latest research news will inspire every woman of child-bearing age, whether you plan to get pregnant or not (remember, about half of all pregnancies are unplanned), to follow the recommendations. In one study, taking a folic acid supplement from four weeks before conception through the first eight weeks of pregnancy cut the risk of having a child with autism by 40 percent! We suggest you take it for 12 weeks before conception.

And whatever your age, get plenty of folic acid every day. Tip: Prepared and packaged foods such as breads, rice, and breakfast cereals are fortified with folic acid, but they often come loaded with added sugar and syrup. So we say, avoid those and go for nutrition-packed leafy greens and a 400 mcg supplement!

* * * Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic. To live your healthiest, tune into "The Dr. Oz Show" or visit www.sharecare.com.

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4th Annual Charlevoix Business Expo

A crowd of Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce business-to-business attendees have fun as they wait in anticipation for the door prizes to be distributed after the 4th annual Business Expo Saturday at Castle Farms.

Main prizes were donated by A Matter of Taste, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, American Waste, Beacon Dental, Bingham Insurance, Business Network International, Central Drug, Screen Masters, Cherry Republic, Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, Letters Online, Sports Medicine Center, Odawa Casino and Quick Lube.



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LEFT: Marty Van de Car (from left) and Suzanne Sipes, both of Odawa Casino, encourage Tony Schwartzfisher and Gretchen Schrage, both of Petoskey, to try and win a prize during the 4th annual Business Expo Saturday at Castle Farms.

LOWER LEFT: Cheryl LaLone (from left) and Richard Christner, both of Charlevoix State Bank, smile as they help Lisa Schofield and her mother Nancy Waldron, both of Burt Lake, register for the free iPad drawing.

BELOW: Shelby Mittig of Boyne City has her blood pressure checked by Katherine Forrester of Charlevoix Area Hospital, a free service to the public, Saturday during the Charlevoix Business Expo at Castle Farms.



Fox Motors of Charlevoix completes the Mardi Gras theme of their booth by sponsoring the Jon Archambault Band to entertain the business-to-business crowd attending in the 4th annual Business Expo Saturday at Castle Farms.

Congratulations to the Charlevoix Area Chamber March Business of the Month, Randall Chiropractic Clinic



Pictured left to right: Dennis Kusina, Charie Metevia, Nona Szezepanski, Dr. Aaron Wilkin, Dr. Rick Randall, Peggy Kusina, Cindy Vermeesch, Paul Vermeesch.

Randall Chiropractic has been practicing natural health and wellness care in Charlevoix since March 2001, when Rick and Audra Randall moved to the Charlevoix area. Dr. Rick Randall and Dr. Aaron Wilkin and their talented staff have always supported the Charlevoix Chamber (Dr. Randall holding a board position from 2009-2013). They also as-

sisted with the creation and continued development of the New Years Eve Bridge Drop, have been supporters of the Venetian Festival for several years, Rotary Club (both doctors being past presidents), and Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, (Dr. Wilkin as president). They are involved with the high school - participating in senior exit interviews, STRIVE program, and

coaching sports such as volleyball and tennis for 10 years (Audra Randall). Dr. Randall and Dr. Wilkin have enjoyed their outreach in our community and have spearheaded projects bringing new and fresh ideas to Charlevoix. The team at Randall Chiropractic is a great asset to Charlevoix.

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“Doing the Most Good” – Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

By Jim Akans

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop, one of six being rolled out in the organization's Eastern Michigan division between 2012 and 2014, opened on October 26th of last year, and is operated under the direction of Lori Oldenburg, Store Manager and Timothy Schroeder, Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant.

“The inventory we carry comes from community donations,” Schroeder explains, “and we rotate that inventory consistently to keep it fresh for our customers. Our revenue, after expenses, is utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need.”

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, notes, “In Otsego County, much of the funding we receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting individuals and families in need. We also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food, and on a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas vouchers.”

Revenue from the Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of “Doing the Most Good.” The store also provides employment for approximately 20 people. Shoppers are impressed with the



The Salvation Army Family Store is operated under the direction of Store Manager Lori Oldenburg, (at center) and Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant, Timothy Schroeder (at right). Brian Jergenson, (at photo left) is the Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large items such as furniture, televisions and appliances.

Schroeder points out, “We also offer a 15-percent discount for Senior shoppers every Wednesday, and a 15-percent discount for those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays.”

Shoppers will also find half-off specials each week, and the store offers pick-up service for donated items. In keeping with the organization's mission of “Doing the Most Good,” clothing items that aren't

sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

“Many people don't realize that the Salvation Army is a church,” states Schroeder. “We are Christian mission and a Christ-center organization. We are about helping others.”

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday – phone (989) 448-2357

Petoskey Rotary Park Fund Committee announces grant application process

Nonprofit agencies in the region are urged to apply to the Petoskey Rotary Park Fund Committee for a minimum grant of \$5,000 for capital projects. The deadline to submit a grant application is April 22, 2014.

Three documents that detail the grant application process are available at www.petoskeyrotary.org by clicking on the link “Rotary Park Fund Grant” and include:

An overview of the grantmaking process

Application submission form

Application form

“We are pleased to offer organizations within Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties with the opportunity to apply for these grants,” said Petoskey Rotarian Bob Waldvogel, chair of the Rotary Park Fund Committee.

The fund was established with proceeds from the sale of land the Rotary Club of Petoskey owned across the street from Odawa Hotel. Through awarding grants, the Rotary Park Fund Committee is committed to addressing a broad range of community issues in the three-

county region.

Grants are accepted for capital projects only and must be for a minimum of \$5,000. Additional information about the grant requirements is included in the documents on the www.petoskeyrotary.org website by clicking on “Rotary Park Fund Grant.”

The deadline for applying for Rotary Park Fund grants is April 22. For more information, visit the website or contact Rotarian Waldvogel at 231.348.9585 or rwaldvogel@charter.net.

Char-Em United Way volunteers are invited to a Pistons game

Char-Em United Way is sending out special invitations to community volunteers to join the Game Changers section as the Detroit Pistons take on the Toronto Raptors, April 13 3:30pm, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

As a token of our appreciation for the work volunteers do in our community, tickets will be offered free for volunteers. Each volunteer may bring up to 3 guests with them to the game, also free of charge. Volunteers will be given a parking pass for the game as well as a food voucher, gift and coupon for the Locker Room gift shop. It's our way of saying thank you for all you do in the community.

What is the Game Changers Program? Game Chang-

ers are everyday people making a difference within their communities through service, leadership and volunteerism. Char-Em United Way along with the Michigan Association of United Ways has partnered with the Detroit Pistons to provide tickets to volunteers as a gesture of appreciation for their dedication and volunteering.

If you know of a volunteer and would like this invitation extended to them, call the United Way office at 231-487-1006 and we will send the electronic invitation out with additional instructions for ordering tickets. These tickets are first come first serve until gone. Attending a game at the Palace is entertainment from start to finish, no matter who wins!

MDOT's 2014 statewide construction map now available

The annual “Paving the Way” state highway construction map is now available from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The free map is updated each year to help motorists locate major MDOT road and bridge projects across the state.

The 2014 print edition will be available at all MDOT Transportation Service Centers and region offices, as well as at all Welcome Centers. Welcome Centers in the Upper Peninsula are expected have maps available starting in late April. The map also is available for viewing at state rest areas. Information on the map is current at the time of printing.

“MDOT provides both printed and online versions of this map so that as many motorists as possible are prepared for Michigan's upcoming construction season,” said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. “We remind everyone to slow down and be alert when driving through any work zone. Nearly 99 percent of

all people hurt or killed in work zones are drivers and their passengers. Avoid distractions, don't tailgate, and pay attention to barrels, cones, signs, and workers.”

Paving the Way also provides specific maps for construction on state routes in Detroit and Grand Rapids. You can download a PDF of the 2014 map from the section of the MDOT website.

Motorists also can get real-time information about planned and unplanned lane closures on the MDOT Mi Drive traffic data website, along with camera images of major state routes in Detroit, Grand Rapids and the U.P., rates of speed and incidents on Grand Rapids and Detroit-area freeways, and statewide weather and carpool lot information. Mi Drive can be accessed from any computer, smartphone or mobile device at .

To request copies of the printed 2014 map, contact the MDOT Office of Communications at or send an e-mail to withyournameandaddress.

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Fab Lab: Mobile manufacturing training comes to Northern Michigan

By Izzy Lyman

PETOSKEY - A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Mobile Digital Fabrication Lab on March 21st at the North Central Michigan College gymnasium.

Known colloquially as the "Fab Lab," the 44-foot, self-contained mobile manufacturing training lab is pulled by a pickup truck. The trailer features 12 computers loaded with Surf Cam and AutoCad (design programs), as well as lathe and milling centers. The goal of the Fab Lab - the only one of its kind in Northern Michigan - is to bring a simulated industry atmosphere and hands-on training to high school and college students, as well as prepare them for jobs in the manufacturing sector.

After the ribbon was cut, visitors (including several East Jordan high school students) were invited to take a tour of the Fab Lab. Kevin Glines, NCMC's Director of Industrial Fabrication, said that the lab will help interested teens in rural locations to "gain an interest in manufacturing, as well as gain some credits toward a college certificate."

To bring this project to fruition, NCMC partnered with Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Char-Em Intermediate School District, Precision Edge Surgical Products, Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Moeller Aerospace and Machining, ACAT Global Manufacturing, and EJ and Industrial Magnetics.

Email fablab@ncmich.edu for further information.



Kevin Glines demonstrates some of the Fab Lab equipment



Left to right: Tribal Vice Chairperson Deborah DeLeon, Tribal Chairman Fred Kiogima, NCMC Dean Christine Hammond, Tom Erhart (of NLEA), NCMC President Cameron Brunet-Koch



Students of the Week Boyne City High School Rebeca Wiser



GRADE: 12

PARENTS: Christina Evans

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Making new friends/being with friends
Taking leadership positions
Traveling, Volunteering

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Varsity Soccer, DECA, Green Team, Pride Team,
Student Council, National Honors Society

FUTURE PLANS:
"Attending Grand Valley State University and studying marketing and public relations/advertising"

STAFF COMMENTS

"Beca is an incredibly talented and enthusiastic student! As a member of the Pride Team, she has awesome ideas to improve school spirit and jumps right in to any project we decide to sponsor. We will really miss Beca when she graduates!" - Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist

"Beca is organized, responsible, and helpful. She is always volunteering to help others and is a positive leader. I enjoyed having her in my class this year! Congratulations, Beca!" - Amy Hertel, Spanish Teacher

"Rebeca is an amazing young woman with a pleasant and friendly personality and always has a smile. She is hard working and willing to go the extra mile. I thoroughly enjoy having Rebeca in our office." - Linda King, Counseling Secretary

Boyne Falls Public Schools Natalie Aikens



GRADE: 12

PARENTS: Mandy Rodriguez

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
likes to play softball and go running

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
cross-country and softball

FAVORITE BOOK:
Hunger Games

FUTURE PLANS:
Plans to attend Baker College and become a veterinarian technician

STAFF COMMENTS

"Natalie is doing a great job in the classroom. She puts in the effort it takes to be successful. Natalie is always polite, contributes, and a pleasure to have in class. She is a student who represents Boyne Falls Public School in a positive way. Keep up the good work Natalie." - Jason Stolarski

Students of the Month East Jordan Public Schools



Lucas Stone Elementary School Student of the Month for March

Lucas Stone is an outstanding example of what it means to be an East Jordan Red Devil. He is ALWAYS respectful, responsible and safe. Lucas is always on task in the classroom. He asks questions when he doesn't grasp a concept and then tries harder next time. He is respectful to everyone. The most important quality that Lucas possesses and why I nominated him for Student of the Month, however, is his unfailing kindness. Lucas leans over to help a classmate who needs help, he comforts those who are sad or hurt, and he never ever says a mean or hurtful thing to anyone. That type of kindness can't be taught. He is simply an outstanding person with a true kind heart. The other person in the room that exemplifies these same outstanding characteristics is his twin sister Lillian. The love they share for each other is an inspiration and warms my heart every day. I am so happy to have them both in my class as students and role models for all. - Laura Reid



Madelyn Hardy Elementary Student of the Month for February

Madelyn Hardy is East Jordan Elementary School's Student of the Month for February. Madelyn is in Mr. Ziebarth's Second Grade Class. This outstanding student is honored this month for her amazing behavior and academic achievement. In addition, Madelyn recently raised her reading scores by a significant amount. She accredits this to reading every day at school and every night at home.



Chandler Bartig Middle School Student of the Month for February

Chandler has been outstanding in Math this year and is very worthy of being selected Student of the Month! I am not solely speaking from an academic standpoint, but from one that encompasses the complete Chandler. He is very conscientious about his work, and puts in the extra time to ensure he submits a high quality assignment. In addition to schoolwork, Chandler is a role model for others to follow in the sixth grade. He is genuinely a nice young boy. He is friendly to all students, and is very well thought of by his peers. Having these qualities makes Chandler a natural leader; a leader that parents would like to have their son or daughter try to be like. He is a true pleasure to have in class! Congratulations Chandler! - Mr. Keyser



Gus Scheier Middle School Student of the Month for March

...And the Student of the Month goes to - Gus Scheier - for his outstanding performance in English class! Gus is very deserving of this honor. He demonstrates PRIDE daily in how he conducts himself academically and socially. I can always count on him to voice his thoughtful opinion about a current issue, and his work ethic is top notch! In addition, I just really enjoy Gus' personable nature; he adds enthusiasm to my first hour class. Congratulations Gus! - Mrs. Bergquist



Daniel Hunter High School Student of the Month for March

Daniel Hunter is nominated as Student of the Month for East Jordan High School for all of the qualities that you would normally expect. He is hard working, conscientious, kind and a creative thinker, but the real reason that he is deserving of this honor is his amazing follow through. He is the "#1 Go TO Guy" in his Automotive Technology Class according to his instructor Mr. Wilson. He is always the Go To Guy when a student needs help or tutoring as his volunteer hours in the National Honor Society will show as well as his willingness to serve as Vice President in the busy chapter. Daniel is also a member of our first ever Robotics Team and his creative thinking and his follow through has helped push the team to qualify for the finals at their first ever competition, states his Coach, Mr. Nachazel. Congratulations to you Daniel Hunter. It is a pleasure to teach you. - Pat Tinney

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City of East Jordan Awarded Recycling Bins for City Parks Department

Keep America Beautiful and Dr Pepper Snapple Group Fill Need for Recycling Bins in Public Parks

East Jordan, MI 3/24/2014 - City of East Jordan will receive 8 recycling bins designed specifically for placement at City Parks and Recreation facilities. City's Parks Department was one of 26 local and county governments in 19 states to receive durable, permanent recycling bins as part of the Dr Pepper Snapple Group /Keep America Beautiful Park Recycling Bin Grant program.

"Much appreciation goes to Keep America Beautiful and

Dr Pepper Snapple for the generous award. The recycling program will positively assist recycling efforts at all parks and especially athletic fields where beverage containers are commonly used" said Tom Cannon, East Jordan's Parks Director. The recycling bins are 34 gallon "barrel style" and will be labeled "bottles and cans".

"Individuals, businesses and governments all have a stake in cleaner communities and reducing waste," said Vicki Draughn, DPS vice president of corporate affairs. "Working with Keep America Beautiful, we're embracing the opportu-

nity to make recycling more convenient for our valued consumers in communities across the country as they enjoy their favorite public parks and other outdoors spaces."

"Access and convenience are two of the biggest obstacles to recycling," said Brenda Pulley, senior vice president, recycling, Keep America Beautiful. "By making these recycling bins available in parks, nature trails, athletic fields and other public spaces, the grants awarded through our partnership with Dr Pepper Snapple will help these communities increase on-the-go recycling."

In total, the grants will provide nearly 900 recycling bins for placement in a variety of park settings. The grant program was open to all government agencies that own or manage local, regional or state park, with nonprofit organizations and KAB affiliates eligible to apply on behalf of government agencies. For a full list of communities receiving grants, visit <http://irecycleonthego.wordpress.com>

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90TH CIRCUIT COURT

Scotton Sentenced for Criminal Sexual Conduct

By Norma Jean Babcock

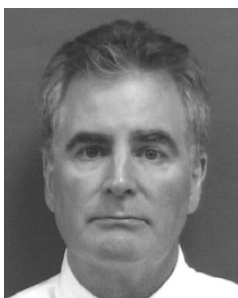
CHARLEVOIX: Local man Matthew John Scotton, 54, was sentenced on March 21 for charges including First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, and Domestic Violence.

Scotton was convicted in February after a four day jury trial in the 90th Circuit Court in Charlevoix. The charges stem from an incident that occurred August 28, 2013.

Scotton will serve anywhere between 180 months to 480 months in prison for these charges.

The charges come from police investigation into the well-being of the victim who had initially stated that "everything was okay." However, Chief Gerard Doan felt that something didn't seem right and chose to go back and investigate further. At that time the victim was separated from Mr. Scotton and told police what had happened.

According to Charlevoix County



MATTHEW JOHN SCOTTON

Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof, it was the excellent police work of the City of Charlevoix Police Department that led to an arrest and conviction of Scotton. "Chief Doan, Assistant Chief Scott Hankins and Officer Matt Umilis all worked on the investigation and testified at trial. They were key to obtaining this important conviction," said Telgenhof.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kayla Nixon with the aid of Katrina Martin of the Charlevoix County Prosecutors Office. Scotton was represented by Attorney Christopher Turkelson.

Large crowd attends public forum on Jordan River Bridge and Access Sites

By Tina Sundelius

A public discussion was held to review proposals for a new bridge and access sites on the Jordan River at Old State Road by the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed on March 25 at the VFW Hall in East Jordan.

The audience of over a hundred was told about plans being developed to replace the twin culverts on the Jordan River at the Old State Road crossing with a 90 foot clear span bridge. Conversation about replacing the culverts, that Burt Thompson of the Antrim County Road Commission stated still had 30 plus good years left, began after the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Committee conducted a study of road stream crossings in 2001. "I see this as a two to three year fundraising effort and a chance to look at the recreational challenges at this site," said Biologist Kim Balke, Project Manager with the Conservation Resource Alliance concerning the \$850,000 bridge. The major driving forces behind the call for a bridge to replace the culverts are that the culverts focus the rivers currents causing faster water, they inhibit fish passage and the area lacks adequate space and soil types for high recreational use. Other concerns not related to the con-

dition of the river include public safety and sanitary issues resulting from high volume use.

Two new public access sites are also being planned to accommodate the growing number of river users

which will have no access when the bridge is built. "It's important that whatever we do it suits the needs of the people that use the river, we need to be able to use it without hurting it," said Antrim County Soil Erosion Officer, Heidi Schaffer. Although the 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, Schaffer told the audience that the DNR Parks and recreation department has gotten involved with the project and she isn't sure how much the present plans will change as a result.

The theme of the meeting was informational and a call to get the interested public to contribute their thoughts, ideas and concerns. "We want to include the liversies in this process as well," said Schaffer. For more detailed information on the plans presented contact Friends of the Jordan River Watershed at (231) 536-9947.



Heidi Schaffer, Antrim County soil Erosion Officer answers questions



Kim Balke, Biologist with the Conservation Resource Alliance

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, March 10, 2014

5:30am Assist Sheriff Dept with warrant arrest in Industrial Park
12:48am Report of possible child abuse in the 300 block of Silver St
2:43am Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N Lake St
3:39am Alarm in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
3:55am Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of N East St
5:02am Arrested subject on warrants during traffic stop at Park and River St
7:58am Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of Grant St
9:29am Assisted Sheriff Dept on Lalone Rd

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

8:51am 911 misdial from the 1000 block of Boyne Av. All OK
9:07am Citation issued for speed at Michigan and Lake
9:25am Report of lost license plate from the 100 block of N Park St
2:08am Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N Lake St
4:17am Assist to LCC in the 100 block of S Lake St
6:40am Assist Sheriff Dept on Addis Rd
9:40amArrest subject on warrant
10:36am Suspicious situation in the 400 block of State St

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

12:43am Assist citizen in the 400 block of Lewis
10:20am Assist DHS in the 500 block of Grant St
11:09am Report of B&E in the 400 block of N Lake St
1:08am Private property damage accident in the 500 block of N East St
3:10am Report of threats in the vicinity of Park and Pine Streets

Thursday, March 13, 2014

8:19am Vehicle in the ditch at Division and Boyne Av
8:25am Citation issued for speed at Division and Lake Streets
6:40am Request for civil standby in the 300 block of E Division St
8:34am Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St

Friday, March 14, 2014

7:30am Car deer accident at Maddy and Vogel. Deer dispatched.
10:33am Report H&R accident believed to have happened in the 400 block of N Lake St
12:38am Assist Sheriff Dept on Dietz Rd
1:18am Citizen assist in the 100 block of Front St
4:00amReport of lost keys
3:56am 911 hang up from the 800 block of S Park St
4:22am Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
4:36am Suspicious vehicle reported on Pearl St
6:58amAssist citizen on Bay St
8:56am Assist Fire Dept in the 500 block of N Lake St
10:56am Assist Sheriff Dept on Boyne City Rd

Saturday, March 15, 2014

11:18am Alarm in the 300 block of S Lake St
11:44am Welfare check on puppy in the 600 block of Jefferson St
4:46am Threats report from the 200 block of S Lake St
6:36am Assist Sheriff Dept with OWI on Front and Division St
7:59am Domestic dispute in the 200 block of S Lake St
9:26am Suspicious vehicle reported on N Park St
9:40am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

Sunday, March 16, 2014

4:28am Suspicious vehicle reported

on N Park St
10:49am Alarm in the 100 block of S Park St
2:16am Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

March 17-23, 2014

911 Hang Up Call3
Abandoned Vehicle.....0
Abuse.....1
Alarm8
Animal Complaint17
Annoyance.....0
Assault.....3
Assist Citizen3
Assist Motorist.....1
Assist Other Agency.....8
Attempt to Locate.....2
Attempted Suicide.....2
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....1
Car/Deer Accident.....13
Citations Issued8
Civil Complaint3
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....1
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance1
DNR Complaint.....2
Domestic Dispute1
Driving Complaint0
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....0
Fraud2
Health & Safety0
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person.....0
Juvenile.....4
Larceny2
Lockout.....4
Lost Property1
Malicious Destruction of Property1

Mental Subject.....2
Minor In Possession0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....9
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint0
Operating Under the Influence0
Paper Service9
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....2
Personal Protection Order.....0
Private Property Accident.....0
Property Check.....12
Property Damage Accident5
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....2
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation8
Threat.....1
Traffic Stop21
Trespassing.....2
Unknown Accident0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch3
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

2-Car Crash on US131

On Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 9:29 pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a 2 car personal injury traffic crash on US131 just north of Robbinsiding Road, in Boyne Valley Township. 53 year old Curtis Stephen Justin, of Boyne City, was travelling northbound on US131 in a 2009 Nissan Versa. His passenger side tires ran off the edge of the roadway and he attempted to correct, but lost control. The Nissan crossed the centerline into the path of a 2008 Jeep Liberty, which was being driven by 52 year old Brian Michael Ramsey, of Belaire. Ramsey's vehicle struck Justin's vehicle on its' passenger side.

Ramsey was transported to McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital, by the Boyne Valley Ambulance, where he was treated and released. Ramsey complained of abrasions on his wrists, from the airbag, and pain in his chest, from the seatbelt, and pain in his knees.

Justin was transported to McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital by the Boyne City Ambulance. Justin complained of pain in his

back and hip. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Ambulance and Paramedic Unit. The Boyne Valley Ambulance and Fire Department and the Michigan State Police.

Both drivers avoided much more serious injuries by wearing their seatbelts.

Single Vehicle Accident on South Advance Rd.

On Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 11:58 pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on South Advance Road just north of Dutchmans Bay Road.

21 year old Jessica May Cowles, of Boyne City, was travelling northbound on South Advance Road when she lost control of her 2002 Dodge Durango. The Durango crossed both lanes and struck the hard snowbank on the west side of the road causing minor damage to the driver's side front corner of the vehicle.

After the crash Cowles drove home and began to complain of pain in her head and abdomen. Her boyfriend's mother called 911 and the Boyne City Ambulance, and Paramedic and Sheriff's Office responded.

Snowmobiler injured.

On Saturday March 22, 2014 at 2:59PM the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was requested to respond with Boyne Valley EMS to snowmobile trail 76 near Thumb Lake Road Jenkins Road in Hudson Township for a report of a snowmobile crash with a 48 year old male driver with a back injury.

48 year old Vince Ramirez of Chesaning, was riding with a friend on Trail 76 approximately a mile north of Thumb Lake Road when he approached a right curve and realized he was traveling too fast to navigate the curve and lost control leaving the snowmobile trail and entering the woods. The snowmobile struck a tree, ejecting Ramirez from his snowmobile, and throwing him into another tree where he struck his back He was transported by Boyne Valley EMS to McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital for treatment of his injuries. He was wearing his helmet. No one else was injured in the crash. Excessive speed and being unfamiliar with the trail are the main contributing factors of the crash.

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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.

LAKE CHARLEVOIX

Ice-Melt Contest

The Contest is On! Ice-Melt 2014 - LCA's First Annual, "The Endless Winter" Official Rules and Invitation to Enter (It's Free!) The object of the game is to guess the date and time the "ice-melt object" sinks. The prize for 2014 is \$50 in your choice of either Boyne Bucks or Charlevoix Chamber Checks. Deadline for entry is midnight March 31, 2014. Details and the entry form is at this link: www.lakecharlevoix.org/fun-on-the-lake/ice-melt-2014/

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Five attorneys seek to replace Pajtas as Circuit Court Judge

So far, five candidates have entered the race to replace retiring Judge Richard Pajtas in the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County. The five candidates include four Charlevoix attorneys in the race: Roy C. Hayes III, Edward Engstrom, Mary Beth Kur and Valerie Snyder and Boyne City attorney Thomas Schraw. The five will face off in the August 5th primary election with the top two vote-getters advancing to the November 4th general election.

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 Non-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

March is Reading Month across the county and Ellsworth Elementary is Going Gold for Reading! Educating approximately 110 students, the school is trying to get students excited about reading in a big way and are looking for some help. During the month of March, at home students will be reading as much as they can in an effort to win a medal. The school is seeking new or gently used books, promotional items, gift certificates, etc. as well as larger cool prizes to offer students as additional incentives. The closing ceremony will be held on April 8th. Any donations received during the month of March will be on display for students to see and as encouragement to keep them 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 lsvenson@ellsworth.k12.mi.us or jvallance@ellsworth.k12.mi.us

PETOSKEY

Pilgrim

Pilgrim is presented by The Purity Ring Family Theater, a group of students from all over

northern Michigan, reaching from Mackinaw City to Gaylord and Charlevoix to Cheboygan who meet in Petoskey for Practice. The performances will be held at the Petoskey Middle School's auditorium on Friday, April 4 and 5 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 6 at 2:30. \$5 tickets are available at the door. Pilgrim is a full-length, two-act "Broadway style" musical set in contemporary times. This production is an adaptation of John Bunyan's classic work, Pilgrim's Progress, written in the 1600s. Using Bunyan's allegories, the play conveys biblical themes of faith, repentance, friendship, hardship, temptation, death and eternity. The script is by theatre professionals Janice Landry and Cathy Mays. Music is by Bob Kaufflin, Mark Altrogge and others. The story follows a boy named Christian, portrayed by local student, Andrew Benzing, who finds encouragement and temptation on a spiritual journey. Along the way, Christian, who walks with the "unseen" King, played by Martin Fuss, meets unsavory as well as encouraging characters, such as Pliable, Faithful, Goodwill, Flatterer, Atheist and the always present and evil Apollyon. With moving music, dance, humor, and drama Pilgrim is a relevant look at faith and the real world.

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 Pointe no later than Thursday, April 10th at: PinterestAndPursesParty@hotmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

Aqua egg hunt

2nd Annual Aqua Egg Hunt at the CVX Community Pool Saturday, April 12th - the first hunt is at 12:30pm with a 2nd hunt at 3pm. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for pictures and to exchange found eggs for goody bags! You could win a 3-month family pass, session of swim lessons, or a private Pool party for 20! Pre-regis-

tration is strongly recommended as each wave is limited to 50 participants. \$8/child or \$10/child with parent in the water. Visit our web site at www.charlevoixpool.org to see photos from last year and print a registration form. For more information, call the Pool at 231.547.0982

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch concert

We are excited to kick-off Spring by bringing Muzyka! to the Back Porch Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 12. Muzyka! members Johnny Hunt, Hillary Huebler and Lee Anne Whitman will perform an eclectic variety of music with exciting vocal harmonies accompanied by guitars, fiddle, ukuleles, penny whistle and mandolin. The music begins at 7pm, suggested donations (all for the musicians) are \$5 - \$10 per person (\$10 - \$20 per family). The doors will open at 6pm and soups, cookies and coffee will be available at no additional charge. A Circle Jam will follow the scheduled performers. The Back Porch Music Series is held at the Charlevoix Senior Center building, at the corner of Carpenter and Sheridan streets- the facility is fully accessible. This is a community event for all ages.

BOYNE CITY

Concert

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will be performing a free concert titled "Brass-Mania and WhirlWinds" at First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13.

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, May 10, at the East Jordan High School. For more information, contact Sherry Pursel at 231-536-7117.

EVERYWHERE

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is April 20 celebrating the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

UNITED STATES

Earth Day

April 22 is Earth Day.

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 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

Cash Raffle Party

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

BOYNE CITY

Fun run

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

BOYNE CITY

Mystery dinner postponed

"Murder, Mayhem, and Politics," the mystery dinner 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.

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Health

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic neurological disorder affecting the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). In MS, the myelin sheath, which covers nerve fibers in the central nervous system, is destroyed. Myelin is required to transmit nerve signals.

The cause of MS is unknown. It is believed to be triggered by environmental factors in persons who are genetically predisposed to develop the illness.

Incidence. Estimates are that 2.3 million people worldwide have MS. Most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 years old. Geographically, MS is more common in areas furthest from the equator. MS occurs in most ethnic groups and is more common in Caucasians of northern European ancestry.

MS is 2-3 times more common in women than men. The average person in the US has a 1 in 750 chance of developing MS. First-degree relatives of a person with MS (children, siblings) have a much greater risk for developing MS - approximately one in 40. An identical twin of a person with MS has a one in four chance of developing the disease. If genes were

solely responsible for determining MS, the incidence of the disease in an identical twin of someone with MS would be 100%. Other factors, geography, ethnicity, and environment also contribute to the development of the disease.

Symptoms. The symptoms of MS vary from person to person and vary over time for each person with the disease. The most common symptoms are fatigue, vision, and bowel and bladder problems. Fatigue is so severe that it significantly interferes with the ability to function and may be the most prominent symptom in some persons. Vision problems, often the first symptom of MS, involve sudden onset double vision, poor contrast, eye pain or blurring. Numbness or tingling is common, as are walking difficulties, dizziness and spasticity problems, a feeling of stiffness and involuntary muscle spasms.

Depression and other emotional changes are common symptoms. Cognitive changes occur in about 50% percent of those with MS, affecting high-level brain functions, including the ability to learn and remember information, organize and problem solve and focus attention.

Diagnosis. No single test is used

to diagnose Multiple Sclerosis. A medical history is taken and symptoms assessed. Other illnesses are ruled out. The accuracy of diagnosis is largely dependent on the patient's accuracy and thoroughness in reporting their medical history and the physician's skill in interpreting the symptoms. A neurological exam is conducted to detect evidence of lesions or plaques in the Central Nervous System. An MRI and lumbar puncture (spinal tap) are frequently performed. The MRI is used to look for areas of damaged myelin (demyelination). A lumbar puncture is conducted to remove spinal fluid for analysis to rule out other diseases that may present similar to MS.

Treatment. Treatment for MS typically includes one or more of ten FDA-approved disease-modifying drugs. Treatment should begin as quickly as possible following the diagnosis and therapy should continue indefinitely, or for as long as the patient benefits from the treatment, and is without significant side effects. The drugs will not cure the disease, but they may show the progression of the disease and reduce the accumulation of new lesions in the CNS, offering the patient improved quality of life.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



GLUTEN-FREE FOODS WORTH EATING

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

Americans spend a whopping \$10.5 billion a year on gluten-free foods, including calorie bombs like zero-gluten cakes, pizza, fast-food fries and, new this year, gluten-free, chocolate-chip Girl Scout cookies. But even as food marketers cater to the craze with so many unhealthful products, you should tune in to the fact that there are real benefits from reading the labels and going gluten-free or easy on gluten. (Hint: You're going to want to dump all that processed, refined flour that shows up in cereals, breads, snacks and frozen meals in favor of tasty, nutrition-packed alternative grains and grain-like foods.)

What started this trend was the realization that at least 1.8 million Americans have celiac disease (it was underdiagnosed for a long time) -- an autoimmune disorder triggered by a mistaken immune system reaction to gluten proteins found in wheat, barley and rye. If gluten is eaten, the reaction causes damage to the small intestine and malabsorption of nutrients, and can lead to osteoporosis, brain fog and other complications.

Another 18 million of you may have a gluten or wheat sensitivity that triggers headaches, tiredness, inflammation, joint pain and digestive discomfort. There's no test for this kind of intolerance. But if you've given up gluten and feel better, then stick with it. And the rest of you? Whether gluten makes you feel bad or not, you can benefit from trying these amazing gluten-free strategies.

Replace some grains with veggies. Long before gluten-free foods hit the mainstream, people who avoided G-packed grains hit on a smart move: They ate sandwiches on slabs of lettuce instead of bread, served an extra veggie with dinner instead of rolls, and dled pasta sauce over spaghetti squash or other veggies instead of noodles. Replacing refined grains (white bread, rolls, pasta, cereals) with veggies is a great way to get more fiber, vitamins, minerals and cell-protecting phytochemicals -- and cut calories

at the same time. (We think this is one reason why people who go G-free feel great and lose weight.)

Munch a new grain. You can hit your whole-grain quota (we recommend three to four servings a day) with delicious alternatives that deliver unique nutrition profiles. Tasty alternatives include:

Quinoa: Safe for people with celiac disease, this delicious side dish actually comes from the same vegetable family as beets and spinach. But it looks and eats like a grain, thanks to its tiny seeds packed with protein, fiber, B vitamins and iron. Quinoa has a mild, nut-like flavor; cooks up in 15 minutes, and is delicious with stir-fries, paired with chicken or fish, or as a base for your famous, secret-recipe spaghetti sauce.

Millet: In Chinese, the words for millet and mouth together make the word "harmony," a nod to this grain's popularity. Rich in polyphenols and in magnesium, millet cooks in 25 minutes. Its fluffy texture makes it a natural in pilafs or as a hot breakfast cereal. Toss it in soups and stews, or bake into bread, too.

Buckwheat: Like quinoa, buckwheat (also known as kasha) isn't a true grain. It has long been prized in great cuisines around the world -- as kasha in Eastern Europe, soba noodles in Asia, even in French pancakes. It contains blood-sugar-friendly soluble fiber, plus slow-digesting starches that help protect against colon cancer.

Amaranth: These tiny, protein-packed seeds cook in 15-20 minutes and never lose their crunch. They "pop" in your mouth, revealing a creamy texture within. Rich in protein, amaranth helps control cholesterol, too. Amaranth releases lots of starch as it cooks, creating a porridge-like consistency. Depend on this grain for breakfast, or add it to baked goods or soups.

Sorghum: Yup, you can eat it. Sorghum is packed with protein, iron and fiber. Widely eaten in India and Africa, you're most likely to find it here as flour. Its starches digest slowly, which helps keep blood sugar lower and steadier -- a good deal if you add it to healthy muffin or bread recipes!

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Northern MI agencies help residents beat March 31 deadline as Marketplace enrollment tops 5 million

As enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace tops 5,000,000 Americans, the clock is ticking for those who still need to select a private insurance plan before the March 31 enrollment deadline.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has been leading Enroll Northern Michigan, an initiative to provide personalized assistance to anyone in the region needing help with Marketplace enrollment. According to Linda Yaroch, Health Officer, this is made possible through ongoing partnership with District Health Department No. 4, the Northern Health Plan, area hospitals and community health centers. Yaroch says the Enroll Northern Michigan effort has also been buoyed by the efforts of local insurance agencies like Korthase-Flinn.

Denise Lewaniak, Certified Benefits Consultant for Korthase-Flinn, said her agency has five agents certified to assist individuals, both on and off the Health Insurance Marketplace. She said clients have lots

of concerns about their premiums and deductibles, and general fears that the Affordable Care Act will not be affordable enough. But Lewaniak and her colleagues stand ready to provide clients with the support they need to get the best possible rate.

"Our local expertise helps clients quickly sort through dozens of plans, comparing deductibles, co-insurance, copays, limits, exclusions and provider networks," Lewaniak said. "We can provide local support for the lifetime of the plans clients choose when they work with us. Plans cost the same whether clients go direct to HealthCare.gov or through Korthase-Flinn, so we feel it makes sense to call on our expertise, for peace of mind."

The Health Department wants those needing enrollment assistance to know they can call upon local insurance agents who are licensed in Health by the state of Michigan and certified for the Marketplace. The Health Department can also provide direct assis-

tance. Whether using an insurance agent or the Health Department for enrollment help, appointments are recommended, and you must enroll before March 31 to receive insurance benefits during 2014. Call your preferred insurance agent or contact the Health Department at (800) 432-4121. Allow approximately 1 1/2 hours for an appointment, and have an estimate of your 2014 income ready.

"We have enrolled many individuals who have broken down in tears of joy, because of the savings they attain," said Susan Tubacki, lead individual enrollment consultant at Korthase-Flinn.

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

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Art Across Generations

Eleven area families share their passion for art

The exhibit, "Art Across Generations", gives viewers a chance to explore how the love of creating art has been passed down through generations of family members. Eleven area families exhibit their work and share the influences that have inspired and fostered their creativity.

The stories are as varied as the

art itself. Jane Diller taught high school art in Ohio for 25 years. As a teacher she worked in many media; painting, printmaking, clay and textiles. She was active in community theater and after retirement moved to Advance, Michigan and continued her love of art through her work as a board member of the Jordan River Arts Council. Her son Thomas Diller got his BFA in Ceramics at the University of Cincinnati and worked both in clay and with textiles. He presently owns a gallery boutique in Brooklyn, which features a textile based clothing line and

now creates art from found objects, Jane's granddaughter Rachel Diller is currently studying art at the University of Cincinnati and is considering a career in art therapy.

The Stoppel family also has a long and varied passion for the arts. Grandfather, Roger Stoppel, is a registered architect whose love of watercolors began with a broken ankle. Bored with inactivity, he dug out a sketchbook and began painting. His wife, Sarah, learned to knit from her father, Donald Grey, and fiber arts have been a lifelong love. She taught her granddaughter Hannah to

knit and sew and that passion followed Hannah as she worked in the MSU Theater Department's Costume Shop during her undergraduate studies. Hannah comments that with a piece of string "you can do just about anything." The Stoppel family story does not end here. At the exhibit you will see more amazing work from Roger's son Joel, Joel's wife Julie and their other daughter (Hannah's sister) Petra.

Nine other families are represented. The families are: Bier; Braun/Bishop/Thomas; McCune; Midener/Froud; Mohr/Barraco; Murphy; Otis;

Tinney and Walker/Ogden. They encompass many media including clay, sculpture, photography, assemblage, digital media and more. The art is amazing. The stories are inspiring. This is an exhibit you won't want to miss. "Art Across Generations" runs from April 6 thru May 2. The exhibit is open from 1-4 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. The Jordan River Art Center's address is 301 Main St. in downtown East Jordan. For more information you can call curator Cynthia Tschudy 231-544-6167.

4th Annual Instant Wine Cellar fundraiser in April

The 4th annual Instant Wine Cellar is scheduled for 7p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

Entry to the event is either a bottle of wine, a six-pack of craft beer, or \$15. With the purchase of raffle tickets, guests have a chance to win an "Instant Wine Cellar" from the donated beverages, as well as many other fantastic prizes. Boyne River Remedy will perform music throughout the evening. There will also be a silent auction, Stafford's hors

d'oeuvres, and cash bar.

A committee of local young professionals is organizing the evening to benefit Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program and hopes to bring awareness of the positive impact the organization has on the community. Betsy Britton, Ben Crockett and Rebecca Otto are co-chairing the evening.

"This is a huge event for Northern Michigan" said Ben Crockett. "Every year we have more people coming out to support this

great cause, listen to music, and enjoy delicious food, wine and beer with their friends."

All proceeds from the Instant Wine Cellar will support Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections program. Volunteer Connections is a virtual volunteer center which promotes volunteerism in the community and helps people find opportunities that meet their passion and interests.

East Jordan Rotary Club celebrates 75 years

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—Acting according to their mottos of "Service above Self" and "He profits most who serves best" the Rotary club has contributed to the growth and prosperity of the East Jordan community for the last 75 years. To fully appreciate the contributions the organization has made in the community, a brief reflection back to the clubs origins may be in order.

The club was established in 1939 with twenty founding members including William H. Malpass whose father and grandfather began the Iron Works in 1883. Other founding fathers included brothers Howard and John Porter of the East Jordan Lumber Company and East Jordan Canning Company. The John Porter estate is utilized by the Historical Society on Elm Point and was built by the Lumber Company. A little research shows that all of the Rotary founders had huge positive impacts on what makes East Jordan what it is today. "One of the members great, great grandfather was connected loosely with the Rotary in Boyne City, he talked to these guys



about starting the club in 1938 and we've had grand and great grandchildren of those charter members. Some families in town are fourth generation Rotarians," said the club's public relations director Dan Thomas.

The club spent its early years concentrating on organization and initiating policies that emphasized community service. Members were coached to test their actions by practicing the Four-way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? and Will it be beneficial to all concerned? "Today, all the members are people that are involved in the community as well as business, the Rotary was started and runs that way today," said Thomas.

From 1941 to 1946 the club became involved in the war effort with scrap drives, packages for soldiers and fuel conservation projects. In 1956 the club started the tradition of hosting exchange students, bringing 21 students from Germany almost doubling the number of students in the high school. "John Smith, a member from Charlotte MI that spent his summers in East Jordan, was excited about how great it was to host a student exchange and he got some of the Rotarians here

at the time excited. At that time the Berlin wall was being built and the cold war was going on, there was an outreach of the American people to the Germans. The club president wrote some letters to the schools in Germany and all of a sudden we had all these German exchange students. I think something like fifty percent of the graduating seniors that year were German," explained Thomas.

Special programs initiated right from the beginning of the club's conception included honoring members wives at the "Change of Command" ceremonies and the father-son banquet to name just a couple. Raising money to help the handicapped started with funds raised for surgical assistance where needed but on an international level, the club took on the mission of eradicating polio and still continues those efforts.

For 75 years the East Jordan Rotary club has invested directly in the future through hosting parties for elementary students, sponsoring youth sports leagues, scholarships, leadership training and mentoring for East Jordan's future Rotarians and they continue to strive to build a better community and promote peace and understanding.

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NCMC presents storm chaser lecture

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Warren Faidley is the original professional storm chaser, pursuing storms full-time as a journalist, cinematographer and photographer. He has received international acclaim and awards for his photography, videography and cinematography, in addition to his contributions to severe weather awareness, safety and education.

Warren is an accredited journalist specializing in the coverage of severe weather, global warming and natural disasters. Unlike the majority of people who chase storms as seasonal, recreational or as a part-time pursuit, Warren works year round reporting on, photographing, filming, lecturing, consulting and writing about all forms of extreme weather.

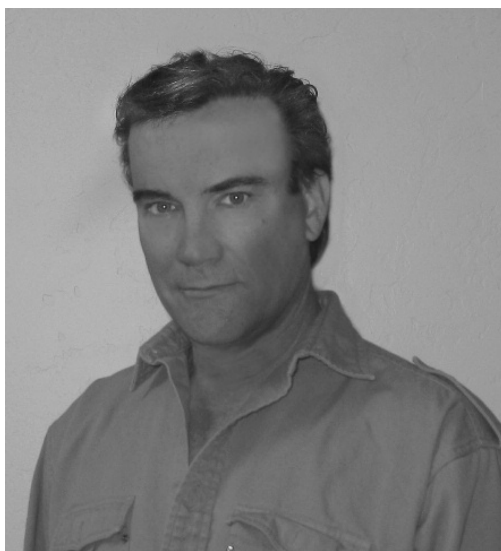
Over the past 20 years, he has experienced and survived some of earth's most breathtaking and sometimes violent weather, including an F-5 tornado, a category 5 hurricane, flash floods, firestorms, incapacitating cold, baseball-sized hailstones, rogue waves, lightning jolts, bullets, rock-slides, reptiles, sinkholes and more. It is estimated that Faidley's adventures and images reach over 20 million people worldwide every year in print, advertising, Internet, radio and on television.

TV 7&4's chief meteorologist, Mark Watkins, will emcee the lecture program. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the North Central Michigan College Student Services office, fitness office and book-



store on the Petoskey campus and at the college's Gaylord and Cheboygan offices. For more information, call North Central Michigan College at 231-348-6621.

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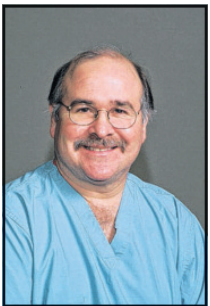
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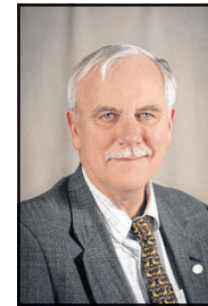
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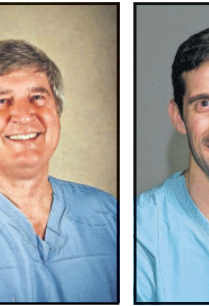
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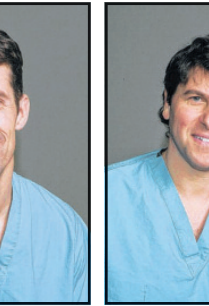
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