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SPORTS

Celebrating Memorial Day in Northern Michigan

By Jessica Boyce

Memorial Day unofficially marks the start of summer, but more importantly it is a time to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the US Military. It has been an official federal holiday since 1971, and was originally called Decoration Day. After the Civil War, there were many soldiers who had died, and this led to the establishment of the Country's first national cemeteries. Many towns would hold springtime ceremonies in these cemeteries to decorate the graves of the fallen soldiers and to say prayers for them. After WWI, the decoration of graves expanded to all fallen soldiers, not just those who died in the Civil War.

Waterloo, New York was named the birthplace of Memorial Day because they would host an annual, community-wide event where community members would decorate the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. It was originally recognized every year on May 30th, but in 1968 congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which declared that Memorial Day would be the last Monday in May as a way to create a 3-day weekend for federal employees. This Act went into effect in 1971, and ever since then Memorial Day is recognized as a



federal holiday.

There are many ways to celebrate Memorial Day such as attending parades, visiting memorials and cemeteries, and having family gatherings. Some of the biggest parades take place in New York, Chicago, and Washington D.C., but there are many local parades and events you can go to as well.

Some of the events going on in area towns:

BOYNE CITY:

There will be a Memorial Day breakfast at the High School on the 26th, followed by Memorial Serv-

ices at Veterans Park.

CHARLEVOIX:

On Memorial Day, starting at 9:00 am, there will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony in Veterans Park, and then at 10:00 am at Brookside Cemetery there will be another service.

EAST JORDAN:

They will be having a Memorial Day Parade on the 26th at 10:45 am starting at GAR Park across from the American Legion with a program to follow in Memorial Park.



Rambler shortstop, Dalton Gardner makes a play and tosses the ball to first baseman Derek Willis. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)



Boyne City freshman first baseman, Emma Vondra reaches high for this Rambler defensive out. Vondra would hit her first varsity home run in the contest. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

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Ticket to Ride

"Ticket to Ride" owned by Keith Attee of Charlevoix is lowered into Lake Charlevoix Saturday, along with 36 other boats in the Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Association. The group jointly hires a crane and slip owners help each other get all vessels into the water in a single day.

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5th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

A sure sign of spring is the Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway. The 5th Annual event will be held on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 - 24. Participating sales and events will be held across C-48 "The Breezeway" from Atwood, Ellsworth, East Jordan to Boyne Falls. Participating sales are asked to run at least from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A list of sales will be posted on the Breezeway website www.ridethebreezeway.com. Flyers will be available in Atwood in the "Breezeway mail box" in Ellsworth and in East Jordan at the Chamber of Commerce Office.

To list your garage sale or events please e-mail info to www.info@ejchamber.org. No phone calls regarding sale listings. For event information, please contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

Council won't take a stand against proposed land swap

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Monday night City Council turned down a resolution that indicated what stand they will take on a proposed land swap between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and St. Mary's Cement.

The resolution comes after months of public dissonance for the project. This caused Councilwoman Shirley Gibson to

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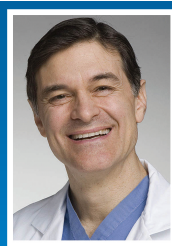


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weather

THURSDAY



HIGH: Upper 50's
LOW: Low 40's

FRIDAY



HIGH: Mid 60's
LOW: Mid 40's

SATURDAY



HIGH: Low 70's
LOW: Low 50's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Upper 50's

MONDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Low 80's

TUESDAY



HIGH: Mid 70's
LOW: Low 80's

record temps

Day	Avg.	High	Avg.	Low	Record High	Record Low
22	71°F	42°F	88°F	(1964)	22°F	(1967)
23	72°F	42°F	94°F	(2010)	26°F	(1963)
24	72°F	43°F	94°F	(2010)	22°F	(1956)
25	72°F	43°F	95°F	(2010)	25°F	(1992)
26	73°F	43°F	92°F	(2010)	26°F	(1958)
27	73°F	44°F	87°F	(1972)	26°F	(1961)
28	73°F	44°F	90°F	(1978)	29°F	(1992)

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 20, 2014

City partners with School and Lions Club for new recreation facilities

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—City commissioners landed in the fairway at Tuesday evening's meeting, as the commission unanimously approved projects to construct a disc golf course and mountain bike trail system, with work to begin early this summer.

The East Jordan Lions Club has worked closely with East Jordan Parks Director Tom Cannon for over a year in the development of a disc golf course at the East Jordan Community Park, located on M-32.

"Because of the park's space, tree coverage, public restrooms, and large lighted parking lots [it is] an ideal location," said Cannon.

The modern game of disc golf, also referred to as Frisbee golf, is a game not unlike standard golf. But rather than using clubs and balls, it is a game of flying discs and precision. Disc golf consists of a player throwing a Frisbee disc at a target. The target is referred to as the "basket," which is usually constructed of a vertical pole with sturdy chains that catch the flying disc.

Cannon said that the plan is to have an 18-hole, par-3 course that is beginner friendly, yet technical. Working with a course designer out of Traverse City, none of the holes will interfere with existing fields or trails at the park.

The Lions Club plans to complete the front nine this summer with funds from a Great Lakes Energy Grant and their service group. According to Cannon, the Lions Club will donate labor and equipment costs. The total cost of the 18-hole project is estimated between \$12K-\$15K, with plans

to include benches, trashcans, signage, and course equipment.

The East Jordan City Commission also approved a proposal for the construction of a mountain bike trail system in the Brown's Creek area, with trails to be located on property owned by East Jordan Public Schools and the City of East Jordan. The project, already approved by the EJPS School Board, will consist of two loops that are two and four miles long.

Cannon said that what makes this plan unique, is the number of access points in the trail sys-

tem. Some access points will include the transfer station, middle school parking lot, and high school parking lot.

This multi-use trail system will be on wooded properties with a variety of terrain and elevations, while remaining entirely within the city limits of East Jordan.

The first phase of the project will consist of brush cutting and trail building. Mostly volunteer based, work will kick off this summer.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Maxine Marme, 85

(MAY 19, 1928 - MAY 13, 2014)

Ruth Maxine Marme of Charlevoix passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at her home.



She was born May 19, 1928, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Lawrence and Mabel (Clark) Supernaw. On July 26, 1944, she married William G. Marme in Flint. They made their home in Charlevoix where Maxine was a member of Saint Mary's Church.

Maxine loved knitting and produced beautiful and artful pieces. She enjoyed knitting with her friends and knitting for her family. Her life was her family.

Bill preceded Maxine in death on July 4, 2001. She is survived by her son, William G. Marme (Patty Lane) of Corbin, Ky.; daughter, Debra Marme Tuck (Tom) of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Brian (Ada) Tuck, Andrea Tuck all of Charlevoix, Andy Tuck of Ann Arbor, William Lawrence Marme of Kentucky; great-grandchildren, Evie Tuck, Billy Lane Marme, Landon Marme, and Hayley Marme. Maxine was also preceded in death by her brother, Floyd.

Funeral mass was Monday, May 19, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating. Burial in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Hospice, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to: Circle of Strength, c/o Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Dorothy Hazel Thompson, 84

(JANUARY 8, 1930 - MAY 15, 2014)

Dorothy H. Thompson of Central Lake died Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.



She was born January 8, 1930 in Detroit to Enos and Marie (Dawson) Hopp.

On March 3, 1951 she married Charles I. 'Skip' Thompson Jr. in Detroit. They made their home in Central Lake. Skip died in 2010.

Dorothy was employed at Circuit Control in East Jordan and Central Lake Industries in Cen-

tral Lake. She was active in the Central Lake Fire Dept. Auxiliary. She enjoyed antiques, garage sales, bowling and square dancing.

Surviving are her sons Michael J. Thompson of Central Lake and Charles I. (Christine) Thompson III of Dallas, Texas; two grandchildren, Nicole Marie Thompson of Gaylord and Charles Scott (Twila) Thompson of Dallas, Texas; great-grandson Charles G. Thompson and step-great-granddaughter Kayla Huedka. Brothers: Stuart Banister, Richard (Mary) Allen of Central Lake, sister Viola (Henry) Wahl of Monterey, TN, sisters-in-law: Eleanor Girard of Livonia, Marisa Hopp of Portland, MI, Patricia Hopp of Rutland, VT, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded by brothers: William Hopp, George Hopp and Donald Hopp.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Southern Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Joe Fick, 78

(DEC. 29, 1935 - MAY 16, 2014)

Joe Fick of East Jordan died Friday, May 16, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on December 29, 1935, in Metamora, Michigan, the son of Joseph B. and Alice (Clingsmith) Fick.

Early in his life, he became a logger. Most of his working career, Joe worked construction as a heavy equipment operator and was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #324. Joe enjoyed fishing, watching football & baseball and cooking hamburgers for his dog, "Sparky". Joe was an avid Detroit Lions and Tigers fan. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Stephen L. (Deborah) Fick of East Jordan, Randy Fick of Louisiana, Timothy J. (Kathleen) Fick of Grand Blanc, Jeannie (Darrell) Fischer of Flushing, Julie (Victor) Wiser of Flushing, Wayne Eddy of Flushing, Jennifer (Troy) Neilding of Beaver-ton; thirteen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Jean Dubey of Metamora and Suzanne Cearlock of East Jordan; three brothers, Harold "Sandy" Fick of East Jordan, Paul Fick of North Branch and Danny Fick of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Shirley Fick in 1972; second wife,

Sylvia Fick in 2005; grandson, TaiLee Jordan Fick in 2012; and two sisters, Joanne Verran and Diane Watson.

Funeral service was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan officiated with interment following at Mt. Bliss Cemetery in Jordan Township, Antrim County, MI.

Memorial contributions may be directed to American Cancer Society.

Raymond H. Moyer, 74

(OCT. 30, 1939 - MAY 20, 2014)

Raymond H. Moyer of Alanson died May 20, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral will be held 1:00 PM Thursday May 22, 2014 at Stackus Funeral Home with visitation being held Thursday from 11:00 AM until the time of service.

Ray was born October 30, 1939, in Boyne City, Michigan, the son of Harold and Zada (Gardner) Moyer.

Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing and picking mushrooms every chance he could.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dell) Moyer, Daughter Peggy (Albert) Moore and three grandchildren, Austin, Kaitlyn and Travis Moore.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Zada; brother Leroy and two sisters, Clarabelle and Doris Ann.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Walter George Poquette, 76

SEPTEMBER 19, 1937 - MAY 17, 2014

Walter (Walt) G. Poquette, a native of Petoskey died peacefully at his residence May 17, 2014 with his loving wife by his side.

Walt was born, September 19, 1937 at the old Petoskey Hospital to Frank W. & Aileen A. (King) Poquette. He attended Charlevoix Public Schools and was a graduate of Charlevoix High School where he lettered in four sports. After high school he attended Lake Superior State University where he earned a civil engineering degree.

On November 1, 1958, he married Elizabeth Marie Blum at the First Presbyterian church of Petoskey. Together they shared 55 wonderful years of marriage.



Anna Marie Ricksgers, 89

Anna Marie Ricksgers of East Jordan died Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

The funeral Mass was Saturday, May 17, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. James Doherty officiated and burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Agatha Fires Myers, 94

Agatha Fires Myers of Charlevoix and formerly of Holt, died May 15, 2014, at Mallard Cove Assisted Living in Petoskey. Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Grief support group

Survivors of Suicide [SOS] is a grief support group for support and understanding after the loss of a loved one or friend. Meetings are held at the Boyne Area Senior center conference room, 411 East Division St., Boyne City, on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay 231-487-4825.

Operation Petunia Update

Spring has finally arrived, which means that Keep Charlevoix Beautiful's Operation Petunia is quickly approaching! Due to an early Memorial Day and a late spring we are postponing planting day until Thursday, May 29th. Planting will begin at 5pm and will be followed with a picnic in East Park for all of our planting volunteers. This year we are once again going to plant the petunias in the road side beds like we have in the past. We are also adding an additional 55 hanging baskets in the downtown area. These baskets will be on the first block of Antrim, Mason, Clinton, and Park Streets, as well as the corresponding blocks of State Street. The basket expansion was made possible by a very generous donation from Mr. Todd Wyatt.

Senior dinners

BOYNE CITY
The Boyne Area Senior Center is now hosting Wednesday night dinners (instead of Wednesday lunches) Suggested donation is \$3.

EAST JORDAN
The East Jordan Community Center is now serving Dinner every Wednesday. Dinner and entertainment - Entertainment begins at 4PM and dinner is served at 5PM. Lunch will not be served on Wednesday throughout the summer.

Old Fashioned Summer Celebration

Back to summer! Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, lawn chairs and blankets. Grilled hot dogs will be provided as well as lemonade and iced tea. Come meet new friends and greet old-timers at this old fashioned summer celebration kickoff picnic-- 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Norwood Schoolhouse. We'll start eating at 5:30 p.m.

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Morels were poppin' and Boyne City was hoppin' at the 54th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival



The hunt is on. Mushroom hunters take off in search of Morels. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—The cold weather may have kept the Friday night crowds down a little from past years but Morel lovers couldn't stay away and Saturday's activities at the 54th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City were bustling. More importantly, the Morels were plentiful.

Mushroom lovers from around the country came to seek the elusive morel taking part in the festival's guided hunt. "It's kind of amazing that people do come from all over the country for this," said Morel Mushroom Festival Committee Chairperson Pam Chipman. Hunt participants were taken to a nearby woods and clearing after attending a brief lecture on the do's and don'ts to finding the almost invisible delicacy. "The Morels are plentiful this year, if you left without mushrooms it was because you didn't try," she said.

This year's Grand Champion with seventy-four mushrooms found in ninety minutes is Scott Meering. "For some reason that cold winter that we all survived made it perfect pickings for this year," said Chipman.

The weekend was all about mushrooms. Restaurants prepared exotic, morel-laden entrees and desserts including Morel ice cream. The Morelfest "Wine & Dine," at the Beach House Restaurant was sold out again this year. Local songsters singing about the Morel were showcased at Veteran's Park with the Carnival as their backdrop. Unique, handcrafted items were for sale in the park as well. "It was one of our most successful festivals, the crowds were huge and the quality of our artists in the craft show was one of our best," said Chipman.

All in all the Morel Committee considered this year's festival another success. "It's a wonderful time and if you live in this area and you've never been you're really missing out. Anyone can throw a fourth of July parade, try to throw a festival when it's snowing," she said with a laugh.



ABOVE: Karen Gardiner and Jesse Better (far right) both of Stephenson sample the mushroom pizza served by attendants of the BC Pizza table Saturday during Taste of Morels at the National Mushroom Festival in Boyne City. Eleven restaurants, vendors and chefs distribute morel recipes to several hundred people participating in this year's event. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



ABOVE: Tony Reynolds is a 5 time national champion mushroomer. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS



LEFT: Maddie Bates, 14, of Boyne City (foreground) enjoys the free-spirited flying chair ride with her girlfriends, Sarah Quinton, 12 of Boyne City and Allyson Dobrowski, 14, of Boyne Falls, Saturday during the National Mushroom Festival in Boyne City. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE.

RIGHT: Bailey Saxton, 6, of Petoskey, braves a few, high-flying back flips on the bungee jumper for kids, Saturday during the Boyne City Mushroom Festival. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE.



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Charlevoix Memorial Garden a tribute to over 200 people

The Charlevoix Garden Club maintains the Memorial Garden which is one of the oldest gardens in Charlevoix (established in 1977.) It is located in an island on Mercer Avenue at the corner of East Dixon Avenue. The garden is open to the public 24/7 for contemplation or to rest during a long walk.

Anyone is welcome to make a contribution to the Memorial Garden as a tribute to a friend or a loved one who has passed away. The garden now memorializes well over 200 people. Contributions may be sent to the "Charlevoix Area Garden Club" in care of Nancy Fowler, 409 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

2014 Memorial Garden alpha list

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Pictured left to right: Bethany Pearson, Bo Boss, Aaron Wilkin, Dale Boss, Donna Stein, Rick Malamed, Amanda Wilkin, Cindy Malamed, Steve Bennett



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10am-10:30am - Coffee Break
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Join in the fun of Petunia Planting Day, Thursday, May 29, 2014. Please note the change in the planting date. Due to the extended period of cold temperatures, planting day has been pushed back one week in order to give our Petunias the best possible chance to flourish. Planting will begin at 5:00pm and will be followed with a picnic in the park for all of our planting volunteers.

FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Please join us for our June First Friday Business Breakfast at Friske Orchards! This month's exciting networking event will include the presentation of the 2014 Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to one very deserving high school senior. The Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 6th from 7:30 – 8:30am at 10743 North US 31 in Atwood. 231.547.9796. \$7.00 for Members, \$10 General Admission.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MAY 14, 2014

Non-Motorized Trail under more scrutiny

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On May 14 the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners found themselves dealing with more frustration about the non-motorized bike trail that intends to run 17 miles between Boyne City and US-31.

The discussion arose from a letter penned by Nancy LaCroix, a homeowner along the Boyne City/Charlevoix Road. Her letter voiced the opinions of several of those living along the road who oppose the trail running directly across the front of their properties.

Several of those property owners have mentioned a "Release of Right-of-Way" from the 1950's which allowed the Charlevoix County Road Commission to buy a rod (or 16 1/2 ft) beyond the existing easement. At the time this additional space was to be used to make the road safer as the Road Commission felt that the curves on the road were quite severe. This document had been mentioned by Civil Counsel Bryan Graham at a recent meeting as one way of taking the property needed to build the trail from those unwilling to sign the agreement.

LaCroix's letter directly addressed the 1950's agreement, questioned county officials decisions regarding the trail and its construction and offered a compromise that could satisfy those refusing to allow the trail to run across their property.



PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

Regarding the agreement with the Road Commission LaCroix wrote that "(Property owners) signed a...form...that the 'sole and only purpose' of this conveyance to the county was for a right-of-way 'for highway purposes'..." she added, "Fifty plus years ago I am sure the citizens thought 'sole and only purpose' meant cars and trucks and nothing else."

LaCroix's letter went on to question why commissioners were allowed to "reinterpret" the use of the "Right-of-Way" agreement, and why gathering the signatures from property owners was not taken care of before deciding to move forward with getting grant money for the trail. LaCroix also made clear why she and others had been reluctant to sign the agreement.

"Now our elected officials would...take down our trees and build a path, in some cases 10 ft

from homes, affecting property values, privacy and possible safety of the residents. Would anyone want their children or grand-children playing outside with strangers so close to their homes?" asked LaCroix.

LaCroix indicated that a compromise could be reached between homeowners unwilling to agree to this trail and the commissioners if portions of the trail were attached, or if the trail ran along the wide shoulder of the road as opposed to on a detached trail running across properties.

At the meeting commissioners did not comment on the trail, or give an indication if they would pursue using the "Right-of-Way" agreement to take property from homeowners for the trail. However according to the county website, they are pursuing grant money for Phase 2 of the trail.



Charlevoix Area Garden Club plant sale Saturday

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale this Saturday, May 24! In spite of our very late spring, we will have a most astounding array of healthy, mature plants in all varieties (perennials, ground covers, herbs, succulents, grasses and ferns, just to mention a few). Some are so advanced that they are already blooming! This year we will have plants never offered in past sales!

The venue has been changed to the Ferry Beach Pavilion at the corner of Stover Road and Ferry Avenue. The time will be the same: 8:30 SHARP to noon (or whenever the plants are all sold)! Look for the hot pink "swoopers" and signs to our new location on Saturday. As always, all the proceeds go to the Garden Club

to help maintain the eleven Civic Gardens in and around Charlevoix the Beautiful! The Club is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

As an added attraction at Saturday's sale, Marge McGoff, a Charlevoix resident known for her expertise in flower arranging throughout the United States as well as abroad, will be presenting demonstrations on how to create an attractive arrangement using grocery store bouquets and/or flowers cut from your own gardens! You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn from our own local treasure! Her demonstrations will take place starting at 9:30 and 10:00.

Come early to get the best choices before they are gone! Cash or checks only.

New Charlevoix Chamber Board Chairperson named

Alicia Mosher will be replacing Steve Seely as Chairperson for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. Steve has been an integral part of the transition with the Chamber as he stepped in to lead the charge while conducting a nationwide search for a new president. The Chamber is lucky to have had Steve's guidance during the 6 month vacancy. Steve's hard work has culminated in heightened awareness within the community and membership through teamwork and a unified vision. The Board of Directors and Chamber staff thank Steve for his unwavering support and guidance.

Steve has stepped down from

his position after being named the first Vice President-Investment Officer with Wells Fargo Advisors. This position will require a much greater amount of time to devote to Best Practice management for his investment clients. We wish Steve luck in his new role and look forward to working with him as a business member of the Chamber.

We also welcome long standing member, Alicia Mosher as she takes on the role as Chairperson. The role of Vice Chairman, previously held by Mosher will be filled by a current Board member at our upcoming meeting, June 12.



Charlevoix Chamber welcomes new president

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce now has a new president in the hopes of enhancing the City of Charlevoix and improving the strength of the year round economy.

Alison Hubbard, a Charlevoix native took the role of President earlier this month. Hubbard was born and raised in Charlevoix and left the area after college to pursue more business ventures throughout the country. Her time away from Northern Michigan garnered her many retail and chamber oriented experiences that Hubbard is excited to get back into.

"Chamber work was always something I wanted to come back to, I was just waiting for the right opportunity," said Hubbard.

Her time away from Charlevoix was divided among several major cities including New York, and Boston. She also spent time in Montana and eventually landed in Col-



orado.

"I worked with wonderful community leaders, gaining experience in member relations, sales and nationwide branding and messaging, strategic planning, web presence, and operations," says Hubbard of her time spent in Vail, Colorado.

In Vail, Hubbard spent time working in retail before being introduced to the Vail Valley Partnership which is equivalent to the Chamber of Commerce for that area. She worked in the sales department before becoming the Director of Membership. Additionally, she filled many board positions throughout her time there; each of which

she feels will help bring her success as she leads the Charlevoix Chamber in the years to come.

Hubbard is excited for the summer 2014 season and hopes that the experiences she garners this year will help Chamber staff to make the tweaks and changes necessary as they plan for 2015. The Chamber hopes to focus on strengthening membership benefits and on building stronger shoulder seasons for the area.

"The chamber staff and I plan to work closely to strengthen and grow membership benefits, develop an enhanced relationship between residents and business owner, and have the eventual goal

of creating extended shoulder seasons," said Hubbard.

Hubbard and her family are no strangers to the off seasons of northern Michigan and make the most of each season in their personal lives; a tactic which will hopefully strengthen Hubbard's ability to do so for the City.

Hubbard and her husband Fritz have been married for 10 years and have to amazing children, Ole and Paige. She and her family enjoy being outdoors and working on projects together.

"We are an active family," she says, "you will find us skiing in the winter and swimming and biking in the summer, enjoying all the things northern Michigan has to offer."

Charlevoix citizens would like to join the Chamber in welcoming Mrs. Hubbard to the role of Chamber President and are excited to see what she has in store in her new role!

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Marina Expansion sees no action

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the regular meeting of City Council on Monday no recommendation was given by council for going ahead with the proposed marina expansion that would add several larger boat slips in Round Lake.

The expansion has been discussed for quite some time, as Harbormaster Hal Evans stated that there is a need for larger slips to accommodate 60 to 80 ft boats in the marina. This need caused City Manager Rob Straebel and City Planners to create a plan to expand the marina to allow for several of these larger slips. However the initial plan was shut down after much community dissension from such a large expansion.

Therefore three other options have been created for council to choose from. At the last regular meeting on May 5 these options

were explained to those in attendance and given to council to review. At that time a public hearing was set for Monday, May 19 for the community to give their opinion on the expansion.

That public hearing showed more displeasure with the idea of expansion. After hearing a quick synopsis of the four options, which include the original large scale expansion down to a "do-nothing" option, several audience members shared their opinion of what should be done.

Some in the audience were frustrated by the intrusion on Round Lake that this expansion would cause, and also the obstruction it would add in viewing the lake. Although they recognized the revenue the additional docks may bring in, they felt the downside too great in going forward with the expansion.

"...it's more important that we have the view...money is a nice



thing but everything that we do doesn't have to hinge on it," said audience member Marshall Kostman.

His opinion was seconded by a representative of Water and Air Team Charlevoix (WATCH), Jerry Puhl who gave the official opinion of WATCH briefly.

"We are completely against any expansion of the marina... we feel that...you will have more docks than you'll have water space," stated Puhl.

These opinions were supported by many others in the audience; however one or two did voice their support of the expansion

and the potential benefits it would bring to the community.

"I would vote in favor of the expansion," said business owner Kirby Dipert, "Round Lake is a harbor, what would you expect to find in a harbor besides boats?" Dipert also supported choosing Option C, which is the largest scale expansion that has the potential to bring in \$100,000 according to City Planners.

Because none of the four options were deemed the best fit for this expansion no recommendation was made by the council to go ahead with implementing one of them. Council did however decide to create a committee to look further into the matter. Mayor Carlson advocated choosing marina people who would have a vested interest in the project one way or the other and council members Shane Cole and Peggy Brennan volunteered to be on the committee.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts features fine art photography

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: The Charlevoix Circle of Arts in connection with the Charlevoix Photography Club will be accepting submissions for the upcoming 6th Annual Fine Art Juried Photography Exhibition that will run June 19 to July 27.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCOA) is asking photographers to submit their work created either by camera or Smartphone/tablet. The theme of the exhibition is "Michigan; Places, Spaces, People and Things." Artists are encouraged to submit images that are special to them and remind them of the beautiful area we live in. The submissions should be recently taken images that are consistent with this theme and should be submitted to the CCOA on either May 28 or 29 between 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

The submissions will be juried by photographer Jeff Rabadoux of Glen Arbor who specializes in creating Michigan based images. His images are frequently taken along the 45th parallel found in Leelanau County and feature nature, portraits, lighthouses and the like.



The exhibition is divided into two categories; general and Smartphone/Tablet which will be judged separately. For the General category there is a \$40 submission fee for those who are not members of CCOA, \$35 for those who are members. For those submitting in the

Smartphone/Tablet category there is a \$20 fee for all entries, member or not. For artists under 18 the fees are reduced to \$15 for both categories.

Prizes for the General Category are; \$500 for the first place winner \$300 for second, \$200 for third, and \$50 for fourth place. For those competing in the Smartphone/Tablet category the first place prize is \$150, the second place \$100 and 3rd place is \$50. Each winner also receives a certificate to have hung with their submission.

An entry form must be completed for submissions, and each submission must be marked with which category it is suited to, the title of the image, the location in which the image was taken, the dimensions of the piece, and whether or not the piece is for sale. Artists may submit up to two images in each category.

For those interested in submitting to the exhibition please go to www.charlevoixphotographyclub.org to download an entry form and read further specifications for submissions.

BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, MAY 19, 2014

Slimy Road is sticky situation for Lakeshore Drive

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—A request for changes to village zoning special use options was denied and the purchase of new office equipment was approved at the May 19 Banks Township Board meeting.

A request from a local farmer to add farm employee structures to the list of special uses to village zoning was sent to the Planning Commission for consideration in February. They returned a recommendation to allow the special use to be listed in the ordinance. However the board was concerned that some of the language that the original ordinance for farm employee housing does was not included. A sentence that specified that farm employee housing needed to be built in such a way that if in the future the property was divided all structures would have all the proper setbacks in place was not included in the recommendation. The way the recommendation was written allowed for more leniency in the construction of farm employee structures in the village than in agricultural zones due to a lack of setbacks and future development requirements. "I don't think we should do anything different for agriculture uses in the village than anywhere else," said Treasurer Katy Postmus. Discussion was held on the potential long term effects then a motion was made to accept the recommendation. It failed 5/0.

Parts are no longer available for the ancient copier the township shares with the village which quit last week. After an hour briefing from a representative from Dunn's Business Solutions out of Gaylord and input

from village representatives, a motion was made to purchase a Savin copier/printer/fax at a cost of \$3,535 and a service maintenance agreement for \$30 per month. According to estimates presented by Dunn's the new equipment will save between 50-71% annually in printing expenses. It also offers many other options including scanning and drive transfers bringing the Ellsworth Village and Banks Township offices into the twenty-first century. "I just want something that works," said Township Clerk Donna Heeres. Ellsworth Village will split the cost of purchasing and maintaining the equipment.

Supervisor Thomas Mann reported on the outcome of a meeting held to discuss complaints about the resurfacing of Lakeshore Drive. The township collaborated with Norwood Township, Antrim County and Charlevoix County to add a road surfacing to the road. Residents wanted to maintain the rustic appeal of the road so some necessary ditching wasn't done and the new surface is slimy and sticky causing unforeseen problems for commuters. Mann stated that he intended to ask Antrim Road Commission Director Burt Thompson to give a recommendation by the next meeting of what can be done to reduce the slimy road conditions while the residents hold discussions with both county road commissions for a more permanent solution. "I put myself in their shoes and I wouldn't be too happy either," he said.

The breezeway Garage Sales will be held May 23-24. The next Township Board meeting will be held June 16 at 7 p.m.

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Community Foundation awards two grants to the Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce two grant awards received from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The first grant awarded this past fall, is in support of the 2014 summer JATL: Jazz @ the Library programs. Specifically the grant is awarded to assist in the funding of the Big Band Dance Night. This summer JATL will highlight the historical perspective of jazz music in America. The Big Band Dance night will feature dance lessons and a concert of big band favorites. JATL begins 7:00 p.m., Wednesday July 9 and continues each Wednesday through August 27 (no concert Venetian Week, July 23). The Big Band Dance Night will be hosted August 6.

The second grant was awarded this spring in support of a children's concert in the park. The Charlevoix Public Library and the DDA have partnered on bringing a nationally renowned children's musician, Jim Gill, to the East Park summer concert series. Jim Gill will be playing in East Park 7:00 p.m., July 17.

The Charlevoix Public Library, located in the heart of Charlevoix at 220 W. Clinton St., provides inspiration, information and education for the community. For more information about the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231.536.2440.

May events at Wagbo Farm

Community Potluck & Program: Wild Edibles of Spring

Saturday, May 24th; presentation at 1pm, potluck at 2pm; at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. Free but donations very much appreciated. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or .

This month we'll focus on foraging for a variety of wild, free and common foods from our forests and fields. Most people are familiar with Morel mushrooms, but what about Spruce shortbread, Dandelion jelly, pickled Fiddlehead ferns or Nettle pesto? We will learn to identify around a dozen edible plants that we can find in our general area. Recipes will be shared and we'll enjoy foraged samples and a wild salad. Following the presentation will be our community potluck. Bring a dish if you can, though it is never required.

The Maple Table Saturday and Sunday, May 31st and June 1st, from 10am to 2pm, at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. Family-friendly. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at 231-536-0333 or .

We're excited to announce that our 'pop-up' restaurant, the Maple Table will be back for 2014!

New last year, the Maple Table is a pancake and local food restaurant with a Maple theme serving brunch. The event is a fundraiser for the center.

Handbags give hope to abuse survivors

Handbags of Hope donated 75 handbags designated for domestic abuse survivors utilizing services at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). The southeast Michigan non-profit organization, recently featured in the online version of People Magazine, has consistently made deliveries of fully-stocked purses to the WRCNM for seven of the eight years she has been in operation.

The gently used and new handbags are donated to Handbags of Hope throughout the year. Volunteers from all walks of life, from the boy scouts to major corporations, help organize and fill the purses and totes with additional donated items such as a wallet, brush, hand lotion and lip balm. Some bags may even contain pajamas, slippers, gloves or a scarf.

"Their commitment to helping support survivors of domestic abuse and creating awareness of this pervasive problem is amazing," said Jan Mancinelli, WRCNM executive director. "Their entire organization is composed of volunteers including the two co-founders, Jackie Bobcean and Lisa Kaufmann, who hand-deliver the purses to domestic abuse shelters throughout Michigan."

Bobcean said the idea for Handbags of Hope came from talking with abuse survivors who often do not own a purse because of being in a highly controlled relationship. She indicated that at other times the women must leave to find a safe place very quickly and are unable to gather their personal belongings.

The handbags, totes and purses help battered women feel empowered, independent and they are meant to provide the daily necessities that some of us take for granted. Some of the purses may even contain a note of encouragement to let survivors know they are not alone. The gently-used purses essentially become a 'handbag of hope' to survivors.

Last year, the WRCNM provided counseling, support and advocacy to 588 survivors of domestic abuse, while 119 women and children were provided a secure and supportive place to reside at the Safe Home.

Those seeking services or information may contact the WRCNM's 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-



Hand bags of Hope co-founder, Jackie Bobcean (fourth from left), has been committed to supporting domestic abuse survivors for more than eight years. During that time she has travelled to shelters throughout the state delivering thousands of fully-stocked handbags...and hope. Pictured receiving a recent delivery of the purses to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) are (from left) Jan Mancinelli, WRCNM executive director; Sue Bissell, WRCNM therapist; Deah Carey, WRCNM accounting assistant; and Jackie and Jeff Bobcean.

Boyer Valley Township regional master plan funded by Community Foundation

The Boyne Valley Township Board was awarded a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in the spring 2014 grant cycle, to assist with funding a Regional Master Plan for the Village of Boyne Falls and Boyne Valley Township. This will be the "first ever" Master Plan for the Village of Boyne Falls, and an update to the 1974 Township Master Plan. The Plan will be developed with active participation from Boyne USA, located in Boyne Falls, MI, and Boyne Falls School as well.

The idea for the effort began in 2013, when Boyne Falls School Superintendent Karen Sherwood invited representatives from the Village of Boyne Falls; Boyne Valley Township; and Boyne Mountain to a meeting to discuss what might be done to instill community pride in Boyne Falls School students, as well as motivate them to become active members of their community. At the first meeting, Boyne USA General Manager Ed Grice offered to



help plan improvements to the US-131 corridor through the Village. It was decided that all local entities involved, including the two governmental units; the school; and the private Boyne USA corporation (the "Team"), would form a public-private partnership to work together to create an improved streetscape as a cornerstone to the community.

The Master Plan will allow the Township and Village to become eligible for future funding opportunities and technical assistance, as the Plan is implemented. The immediate result will be fulfillment of the requirement of a Master Plan for submittal to the Michigan Department of Transportation, for a Transportation Enhancement grant to improve the US 131 corridor through the Village, in conjunction with MDOT's planned 2016 paving project.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

Cre8tive Cupcake Ribbon Cutting



A crowd of people cheer as Alfred Soriano-Micheau cuts the ribbon for the official grand opening of Cre8tive Cupcake shop on Bridge Street in Charlevoix, Saturday. Seen also is owner Justin Micheau (center) and Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce president Alison Hubbard.



M. CHRIS LEESE Shannon Lopez of Charlevoix smiles as she puts the finishing touches on another tray of cupcakes for the grand opening of Cre8tive Cupcake shop on Bridge Street in Charlevoix, Saturday.

News Briefs

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EAST JORDAN

Scholarship art show

Jordan River Arts Council Annual Scholarship Show now thru May 23, 1pm - 4pm. The JRAC is open Tue. - Sun. 1:00 - 4:00 PM

BOYNE CITY

Senior dinners

The Boyne Area Senior Center is now hosting Wednesday night dinners (instead of Wednesday lunches) Suggested donation is \$3.

EAST JORDAN

Senior dinner

The East Jordan Community Center is now serving Dinner every Wednesday. Dinner and entertainment - Entertainment begins at 4PM and dinner is served at 5PM. Lunch will not be served on Wednesday throughout the summer.

BOYNE CITY

Plant Sale

The Boyne Valley Garden Club Annual Plant Sale is now in progress and continues through May 22. Order forms are available online and at Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, Boyne City Ace Hardware, Local Flavor Bookstore, Boyne Co-op and Upsy Daisy Floral. You may also leave your checks and order forms at those places. This plant sale is a Garden Club fund-raiser and the money helps to buy the flowers that are planted all around Boyne City and make our community such a beautiful and welcoming place. For more information, contact sale chairman Nancy Cunningham, 231-582-9373, dncunningham3738@att.net

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers Market

Held every Thursday in East Park on Bridge Street, downtown from 9am - 1pm. Free 20-minute parking along Bridge Street for market shoppers!

May 22 9am - 1pm with special hunting Morel demo at Noon.

May 29 2pm - 6pm in conjunction with Operation Petunia

BOYNE CITY

Farmers market

Every Wednesday and Saturday at Veterans Park, 8am - Noon.

EAST JORDAN

Farmers market

Every Thursday at Sportsmans Park, 9am - 1pm

ATWOOD, ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

Breezeway Garage Sale

The 5th Annual Breezeway Garage Sales will be held Friday and Saturday, May 23 & 24. To get your yard sale, garage sale, bake sale or event on the list & on the maps that will be printed for shoppers to pick up - call 231-536-7351 or e-mail information about the sale to info@ejchamber.org. This fast growing event takes place in the C-48 Breezeway communities of Atwood, Ellsworth, East Jordan and Boyne Falls. Visit www.ridethebreezeway.com for more information.

EAST JORDAN

Rummage Sale Memorial Weekend

Friday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 24 from 9am to 1pm at the United Methodist Church. All proceeds will go to the East Jordan Ministerial Association

CHARLEVOIX

Operation Petunia Update

Spring has finally arrived, which means that Keep

Charlevoix Beautiful's Operation Petunia is quickly approaching! Due to an early Memorial Day and a late spring we are postponing planting day until Thursday, May 29th. Planting will begin at 5pm and will be followed with a picnic in East Park for all of our planting volunteers. This year we are once again going to plant the petunias in the road side beds like we have in the past. We are also adding an additional 55 hanging baskets in the downtown area. These baskets will be on the first block of Antrim, Mason, Clinton, and Park Streets, as well as the corresponding blocks of State Street. The basket expansion was made possible by a very generous donation from Mr. Todd Wyatt.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Garage & Bake sale

Charlevoix Area Girl Scouts are having a multi-level troop Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Memorial Weekend. Please come out and support our troop activities on Saturday, May 24th from 9am - 1pm at St. Mary's Family Center at the St. Mary's Catholic Church located at 1003 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Clothes, toys, furniture, tools and more and delicious baked goods including chocolate dipped treats! Please tell others! If you have items to donate to our sale, please contact amyhanchin@yahoo.com for drop-off instructions.

BOYNE CITY

Memorial weekend at Sommerset Pointe

Sommerset Point Yacht Club and Marina. Porter Creek Fish House. \$35 per person. Everyone is welcome. Saturday, May 24. The fun starts at 5pm. Special drink prices and appetizers, Pork BBQ buffet. Live music with the Soul Street Band. 231-582-9900 or 231-582-7080. 3 1/2 miles from Boyne City. Take lake shore drive along the shores of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. From the Iron-ton Ferry, drive six mile to Porter Creek Fish House.

NORWOOD

Memorial Day Service & Open House May 26

Join us for a moving service honoring our fallen soldiers and heroes, 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the Norwood Cemetery. There will be refreshments served following the service at the Norwood Schoolhouse.

EAST JORDAN

Women's SlowPitch Softball sign up

It is time to sign up for women's softball. Cost is \$40 player. Start date is June 2nd. We play on Mon. Tues. & Thurs. nights. \$200 to sponsor a team. We are looking for both individuals and teams. To sign up contact Amy at 231-675-1925.

CHARLEVOIX

Mens slo pitch

Charlevoix Men's Slo Pitch Softball begins Tuesday May 27th. There will be a required team manager's meeting Thursday May 22nd at Charlevoix City Hall at 6pm. If you are interested in joining the league but can't make the meeting please contact the Recreation Department at 231-547-3253 or amandaw@cityofcharlevoix.org.

BOYNE CITY

Rubbish Pick-up

Starts May 28. Main Street and areas south of Main are scheduled for Wednesdays (May 28 and June 4 & 11). Homes north of Main Street are scheduled for Thursdays (May 29 and June 5 & 12). A list of acceptable and prohibited items will be released at a later date.

MACKINAW CITY

Meteor Shower

Comet 209P/Linear, discovered in 2004, made its closest approach to the Sun in early May 2014 and will sweep closest to Earth on May 29. Because it may leave a trail of celestial dust in its wake, we may enjoy a brand new meteor shower when we cross its path in the early hours of Saturday, May 24, between 3 and 4 am. Join us the entrance to the Headlands International Dark Sky Park for this possible first-time event, which we are calling the "True North Meteor Shower" because the radiant, or center point from which the meteors seem to shoot, is in front of Polaris, our North Star. Meteor Showers are not suited to telescopic views, but we will have telescopes and binoculars on hand for viewing the waning crescent Moon and Venus, our morning star. We will gather from 3 am to sunrise at 5:59 am.

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.

ELLSWORTH

Graduation

Class of 2014 graduation ceremony. May 30, 6:30pm at high school.

CHARLEVOIX

Babysitter training

The American Red Cross Babysitters' Training course will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library 10am - 5pm, Saturday, May 31. This course is designed for kids aged 11 - 15 who would like to learn the appropriate skills to use in caring for younger children while parents and caregivers are away. The babysitters will learn age appropriate activities for playing with young children, how to change a diaper, as well as the business side of becoming a baby sitter. Children who complete the course will earn their certification card, as well as receive the Babysitting Training Handbook, Emergency Reference Guide and a CD-ROM with additional activities, games and a digital planner. Call the library today to register for this course as space is limited to 12 students, 231.237.7350. There is a \$72.50 fee for this course. For more information about this or other programs at the library, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

BOYNE CITY

Free computer classes

Classes are held at the

Boyne District Library at 10am every Friday. Classes are tailored to your skill level, beginner to advanced. Help is available for iPads and Windows 8. For help with downloading e-books, as well as other information about using tablets and readers, the library also offers digital Learning sessions on Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. Library cardholders can borrow and download e-books and audio books from the library at no charge on a variety of devices. For more information, call the Library 231-582-7861.

BOYNE CITY

Grief support group

Survivors of Suicide [SOS] is a grief support group for support and understanding after the loss of a loved one or friend. Meetings are held at the Boyne Area Senior center conference room, 411 East Division St., Boyne City, on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay 231-487-4825.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Smart Commute

Smart Commute Charlevoix County (previously Smart Commute Charlevoix) will take place June 2 - June 5. This is a fun-filled week-long event designed to increase awareness of, and demonstrate the ability to use, alternative methods of commuting that provide health, economic and environmental benefits. Smart Commute Charlevoix County is organized by a volunteer steering committee and is proud to be partnering with Top of Michigan Trails Council to bring this event to Charlevoix County. To register a team, download registration forms at www.smartcommutecc.com or call Val Meyerson at 237-7360. Completed forms can be sent to the Charlevoix Library (220 W. Clinton St.) or emailed to Val at val@charlevoixlibrary.org, and there is no fee required to participate.

EAST JORDAN

Variety Show

The 2014 East Jordan Rotary Club Variety show is June 6 & 7. Tickets available from any Rotary club member.

NORWOOD

Old Fashioned Summer Celebration

Back to summer! Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, lawn chairs and blankets. Grilled hot dogs will be provided as well as lemonade and iced tea. Come meet new friends and greet old-timers at this old fashioned summer celebration kickoff picnic-- 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Norwood Schoolhouse. We'll start eating at 5:30 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX & WALLOON LAKE

Boaters safety class

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Dept will be offering boaters safety classes June 7, 9am - 1pm at the Charlevoix Yacht Club and June 14, 9am - 1pm at Melrose Township Hall. Classes are free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years old. Completion of the class is mandatory for individuals born after Dec. 31, 1978 to operate a PWC and born after July 1, 1996 to operate a boat.

BOYNE CITY

Graduation celebration committee seeks donations

Boyne City's Graduation Celebration Committee, previously known as BAC-PAC, is busy making plans for the 27th annual All-Night Graduation Celebration. This year's party will celebrate the Boyne City High School graduating

class of 2014 on Sunday, June 8, graduation night. The all-night graduation celebration provides a safe and drug-free opportunity for seniors immediately following the graduation ceremony. With help from businesses, churches, service organizations and residents, the parties have been extremely successful. All donations are welcomed and appreciated and can be mailed to the attention of Graduation Celebration Committee, BCHS, 1035 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, MI 49712 with checks made payable to Boyne City High School. If your organization would prefer to donate a prize or gift card and would like a committee member to pick it up, contact Frank Minier at 231-675-6507.

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 Weathervane Restaurant from 6pm-9pm. Sunday the 15th will be a golf outing/fundraiser tee time 9am.

NORWOOD

Summinar: Norwood's Booming Sawmill

A lakeshore lumber mill was the economic center of the village of Norwood from its founding following the Civil War, until the first decade of the 20th century. Local resident, Nancy Cleland, will report on the current research by Nancy Ritsema, author of Norwood: A Legacy of North Woods Living, concerning the history of the Norwood sawmill and its founders. Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Schoolhouse. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX

Business start up classes

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and SCORE team up to provide a series of business start-up courses that can assist you in evaluating the potential of your idea and learn the process of putting a business plan together. "How to Really Start Your Own Business: Practical information from those who have done it" covers ways to start a business, business legal structure, permits and licensing, marketing and more. Future classes are May 15 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and June 19 in Charlevoix. The fee is \$20 per business, and reservations can be made by calling (231) 582-6482 or emailing tammi@northernlakes.net.

CHARLEVOIX

Fine Art Juried Photography Exhibition

Announcing the 2014 Annual Fine Art Juried Photography Exhibition to be on display at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts in downtown Charlevoix June 19 - July 27. The theme is "Michigan: Places, Spaces, People and Things". Artists should submit images that show what is special to them as they look about our "pleasant peninsula". For more information, please find the complete Call for Artists and the required entry form: www.charlevoixcircle.org/e

vents--exhibits.html

BOYNE CITY

Tribute concert

Enjoy the music of the Bee Gees, Neil Diamond and Tom Jones by tribute performers at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center June 21 at 8pm. Tickets at www.poundstone.net or stop by Boyne City Ace Hardware.

CHARLEVOIX

Volunteer fair

United Way, Habitat for Humanity and RSVP invite you to the first Day of Action Volunteer Fair on June 21. Interested non-profits and service groups are invited to register for the free event by contacting Lisa at United Way at 231-487-1006 or adminassistant@charemunitedway.org. The Volunteer Fair will be held at the Community Reformed Church on from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Check us out on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/2014Dayofaction.

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival

2014 SOBO Art Festival held on Saturday, June 28 at Peninsula Beach Park. Arts collective artists will occupy two booths at SOBO to display juried fine local art. This third annual Art Festival is open to the public and includes music, children's activities, art demonstrations, and food with free admission and parking. Visit www.soboartfestival.com .

NORWOOD

Summinar: What Really Happened to that B-52

Petoskey historian, Rick Wiles, will present details on the crash of a US Air Force B-52 bomber into Lake Michigan near Charlevoix on a frigid winter night in 1971. Wednesday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Schoolhouse. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

WALLOON LAKE

Kayak for a cause

Kayaking enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 6th annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake, a fundraising event for the Camp Daggett Adventure Center, Saturday, July 19 and Sunday July 20 from 9:30am until 4pm each day. Beginners and advanced adult kayakers will paddle the 30 miles along the beautiful Walloon Lake shoreline and raise much needed dollars for scholarships for children to attend Camp Daggett Adventure Center programs. There is a one-day and two-day option.

BOYNE CITY

Paula Poundstone in concert

Paula Poundstone returns to the Boyne City Performing Arts Center for a night of laughter August 8 at 8pm. Purchase tickets at www.poundstone.net or at Boyne City Ace Hardware. Call 231-582-6532. Proceeds benefit the Boyne Country Community Center.

NORWOOD

Summinar: Shale, Kettles and Concretions

University of Wyoming geology professor, Jim McClurg, will satisfy the curiosities of many up-north residents and closet geologists with an illustrated program on Norwood's shale deposits, their kettles and concretions on the lakeshore south of the village of Norwood. Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Schoolhouse. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.



EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

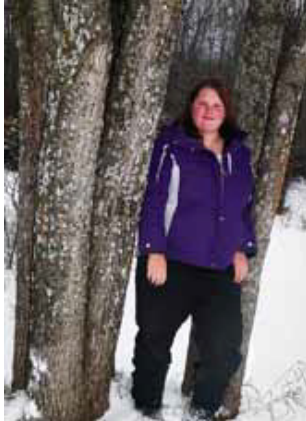
“A Great Place to Learn!”

May, 2014

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

East Jordan High School is proud to introduce the Class of 2014. The class Valedictorian is Paige Poindexter. The Salutatorians are Ellen Brandell and Elena Musser. The Medal of Academic Excellence recipients are: Lindsey Graham, Joel Liesenberg, Callie Berish, Leah Jordan, Oscar Scheier, Stephanie Wixson, Daniel Hunter, Montana Moblo, Colette Tuck and Kathleen Gardner.

We are proud to feature each graduate in our newsletter. Commencement ceremonies will be held at Boswell Stadium on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m.



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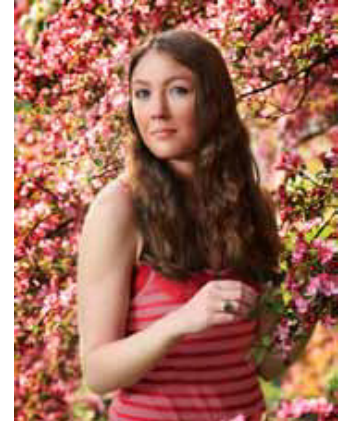
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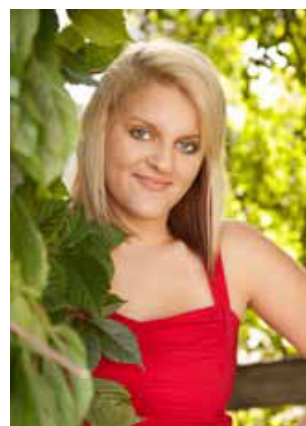
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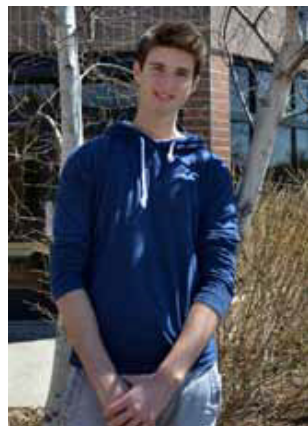
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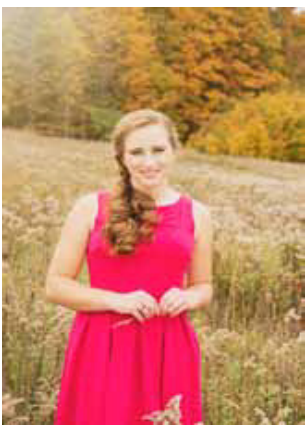
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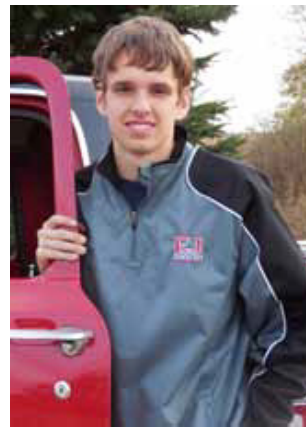
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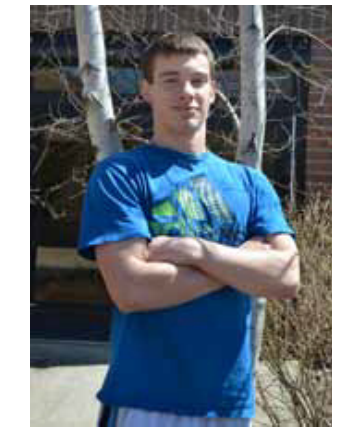
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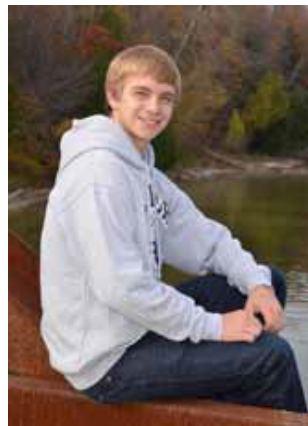
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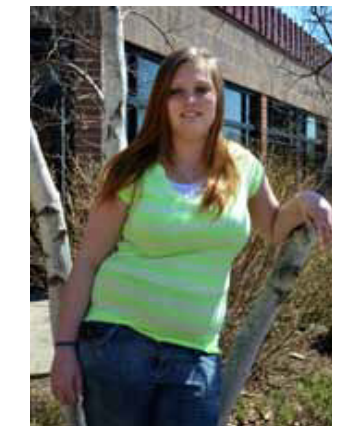
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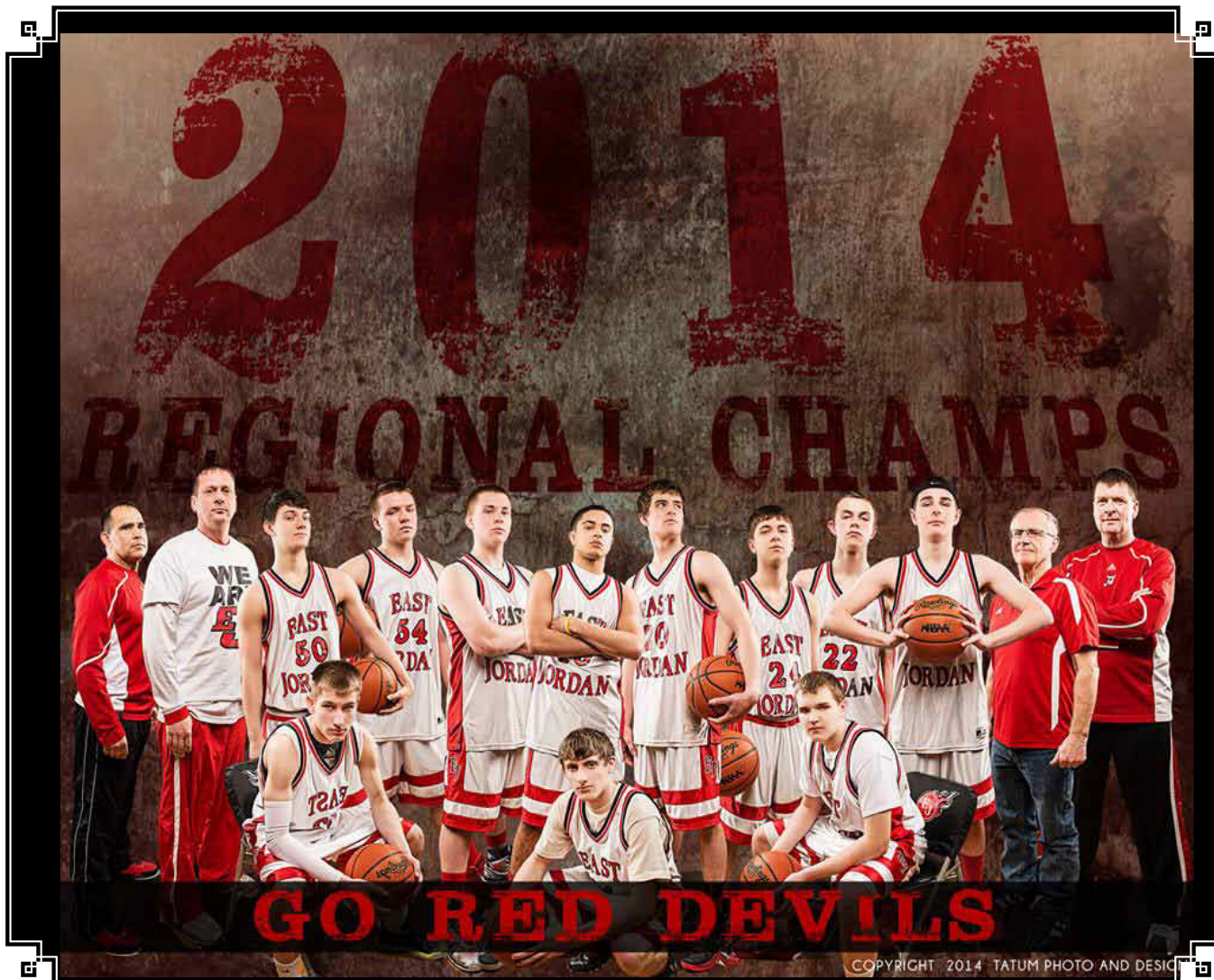
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Caitlyn Force



Autumn Ford



Congratulations to our Boys Varsity Basketball Team!

March Madness came to East Jordan in a big way when the boys Varsity Basketball team claimed our first regional title in more than 60 years!

Pictured are: Front Row (l-r) Donny Cutler, Dustin Hejka, Collin Bajko Back Row (l-r) Assistant Coach Tyvin Whittaker, Coach Darrin Weber, Joseph Russell, Jaden Hoffman, Jordan Weber, Noah Bacchus, Isaiah Sladick, Colin Petrie, Thomas Brandell, Andrew Drenth, Assistant Coach Bill Chase and Assistant Coach Sean Ferguson

East Jordan Public Schools CLASS OF 2014



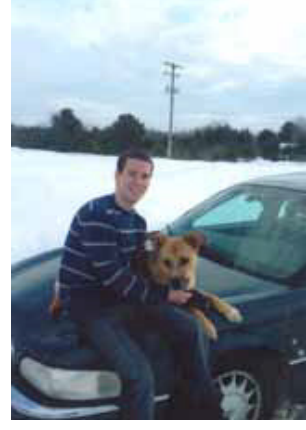
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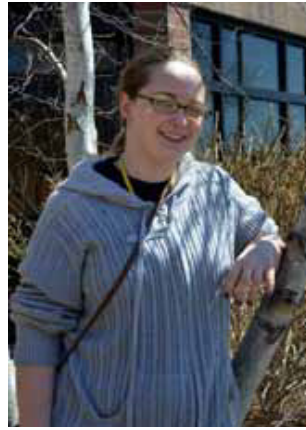
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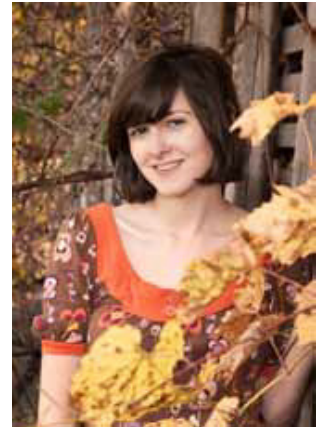
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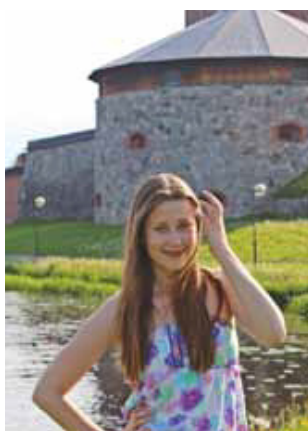
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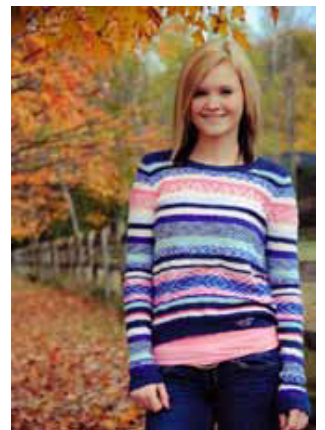
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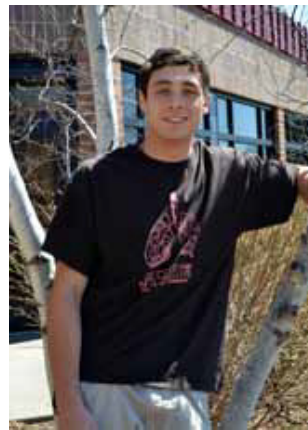
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Leah Jordan



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Joel Liesenberg



Tess McNitt

EJPS offers exciting programming in all schools

East Jordan Elementary School offers gifted & talented classes and Spanish instruction.

East Jordan Middle School offers video production and robotics classes.

East Jordan High School will be offering manufacturing instruction via the North Central Michigan College *FAB LAB* in the fall.

Students Enjoy Robotics Classes at the Middle School & High School



Members of the Middle School Robotics Class include:
(Left to Right) Trent Graham, Tianna Spence,
Bailey VandenBerg, Eliza Wojan and Jaden McCoy



The High School Robotics Team includes:
(Left to Right) Donvee Burks, Daniel Hunter,
Jordan Breakey, Ashley Cetnarowski and Alex Newman

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Chad McPherson



Montana Moblo



Elena Musser



Grant Nowka



Michael Oliver



Tommie Outman



Paige Podskalny



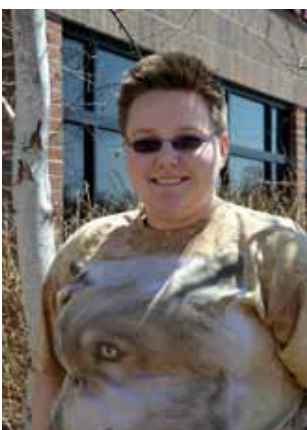
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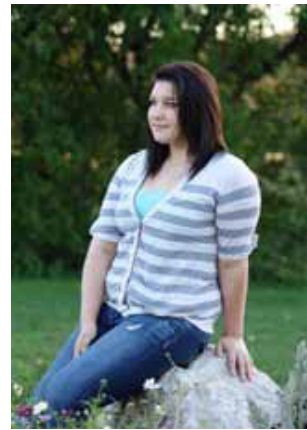
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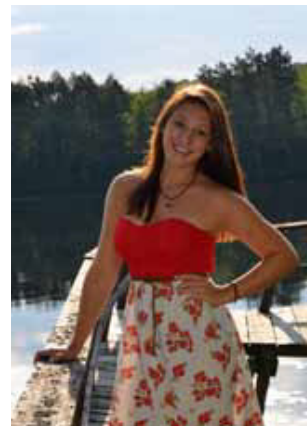
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Jasper Trampler



Michelle Tshimanga



Colette Tuck



Daniel Vincent

At EJPS, we are proud of our students . . .

Our High School Quiz Bowl Team earned the State Championship for the second year in a row!



Pictured are: Front Row (left to right) Laura Harden, Garrett Imel, Joel Liesenberg, Alex Newman
Back Row (left to right) Nick Lewin, Coach Liesenberg, Raven Joseph

East Jordan Public Schools CLASS OF 2014



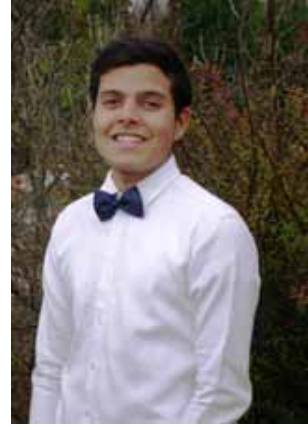
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Kayly Zimmer

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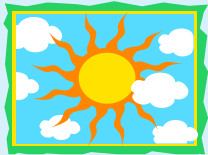
East Jordan High School continues to offer an Advanced Placement Academy with performance-based scholarships for every student.

First through fifth grade students have the opportunity to take swimming lessons at our Community Pool.

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Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Winteringham with first grade students (left to right) Hannah Fortune, Colette McLeod, Liliana Snyder, Rhielynn Skrocki, Sydney Guerriero, and Havanna Lafferty



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- Healthy Food Initiative



2nd Grade student, Madelyn Hardy is the March Elementary School Student of the Month

- State Championship Quiz Bowl Team 2 years in a row
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- State Champion in Powerlifting
- Elementary School Spanish Instruction
- Advanced Placement Academy with Scholarships
- EJPS Swim Team State Champion
- On-Line Courses available on and off campus
- Recognition of “Student of the Month”
- Gifted & Talented Programs

- Manufacturing Class in the FAB LAB offered this fall
- Alternative High School



High School Students
Display their “People’s Choice Awards”

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- Robotics Classes
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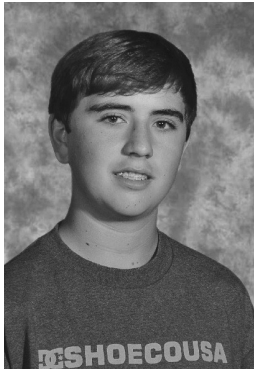
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Students of the Week Boyne City High School Brendan Harris



GRADE: 11
PARENTS: Mark Harris
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Playing, listening and writing music Art of many forms, creative writing, singing
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Concert Band, Jazz Band Drama, Tennis
FUTURE PLANS: "Pursue music, study music in college"

STAFF COMMENTS

"Brendan is a meticulous, motivated, insightful student." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

"While Brendan has not been in my class since his freshman year, I still use some of his assignments as models for my current students. He is an outstanding writer!" – John Hertel, English Teacher

"Although Brendan is rather quiet, he sets high goals for himself and excels in all that he does. Congratulations on being student of the week. You are a great role model for others." – Linda King, Counseling Secretary

"Brendan is an outstanding student. He is an extremely talented musician on a variety of instruments. He is a pleasure to have in class and a lot of fun to be around!" – Brandon Ivie, Band Teacher

Boyne City High School Sarah Longcore



GRADE: 10
PARENTS: Tom and Annette Longcore
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Swimming, Sailing, Sports
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Tennis Basketball
FUTURE PLANS: "To go to the University of Tampa Florida and become a marine biologist."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Sarah is a fun-loving, dedicated student who takes pride in her work! Great job Sarah!" – Michele Deming

"I first had the opportunity to work with Sarah during Homecoming when the Sophomore class was struggling with their float. Sarah took charge and made sure we were ready for the parade. Her quiet leadership was impressive!" – Mark Pontoni, Economics Teacher

"Sarah is a polite, motivated, and organized student with a great personality." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

JRAC Awards \$3,650 for Scholarships

Sunday, May 18 the scholarship awards were presented to area schools juniors and seniors. Twenty students submitted works. The top award, the Betty Osborne Scholarship of \$1,500 went to Pauline Sheets, Charlevoix High School, John Guirey, teacher. The second award, the Betty Beeby scholarship of \$1,000, went to Annaliese Voci, Charlevoix High School, John Guirey teacher. These two awards are given to high school seniors upon receipt of their first semester grades at a college of fine art. The JRAC Award of \$750, went to Lacey Kotalik, Concord Academy of Boyne, Monica Malbouef, teacher. Four Honorable Mentions of \$100, each went to Alison A. Burnell, Boyne City, Jim Beckering teacher; Julie Atwood, East Jordan, Pat Tinney, teacher; Roger Dickinson, Ellsworth, Kurt Zimmerle, teacher; and Emily Nixon, Mancelona, Renee Guerriero, teacher. The JRAC award and honorable mentions are given to juniors and seniors based on the merit of the work submitted.

Other students participating are Brandyn Argetsinger, Delaney Behling, Taylor Hawley, Bronte Munson, Grace Robbins, Katie Spence, Holly Carson, Victoria Fehlren, Frederikke Gundersen, Katharine Gutsche, Kia Haukka,



Students winning awards in the JRAC scholarship show. Left to right, Alison A. Burnell, Annaliese Voci, Pauline Sheets, Roger Dickinson, Lacey Kotalik, and Emily Nixon. Absent was Julie Atwood.

Emma Kinery and Anna-Marie Rychetska.

Cynthia Tschudy, curator of the event stated, "The jurors Steve Toornman and Meredith Krell were impressed with the quality of the student's work." Judging was not an easy task. Assistant curator, Katie McLeod stated, "We thought the work this year was exceptional. It is inspiring to see such talented young

artists in the area." Those in attendance, parents, grandparents, and friends of art were impressed alike.

Refreshments were served by the JRAC Board. The show closed May 23, open Tuesday through Sunday 1–4pm. Friday. Other times can be arranged or for further information contact Cynthia Tschudy, 231 544 6167 or ctschudy@torchlake.com

Survey looks at visual preferences for future development in Northwest Michigan

Citizens of Charlevoix, Emmet, Manistee, and Missaukee counties are being asked to provide information about what they would like their developed communities to look like in the future by taking the Framework For Our Future Visual Preference Survey. The online survey includes photographs and questions about preferred types and designs of development, including housing, commercial, and public spaces.

"Just as the natural landscape of northern Michigan creates a place we are all drawn to, so can the built environment," said Scott Gest, a regional planner at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. "With changing preferences exhibited by today's marketplace, creating unique and vibrant places is increasingly critical to laying the framework for successful communities."

Survey participants will be asked to view a variety of photographs of different kinds of developed communities and indicate the qualities

they like and dislike, and whether that kind of development is appropriate for their community. The survey includes images and questions about residential and commercial buildings, streetscapes, and public spaces.

"Without a doubt our region is classified as rural; however, more urban type development patterns have existed in our larger villages and cities since their inception in the late 1800s", said Matt McCauley, director of regional planning and community development at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. "It's these development patterns that give many of our communities their charm and economic vitality."

Survey responses will be used in the development of Framework For Our Future: A Regional Prosperity Plan for Northwest Michigan, being developed as part of Governor Snyder's statewide Regional Prosperity Initiative. Framework For Our Future is a regional planning process for the 10 county

northwest Michigan region of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. This resource will provide information, tools, and step-by-step action guides for local governments, business leaders, nonprofits, and other organizations seeking resources for communities wishing to connect to larger, more regional goals. The NWMCOG's Regional Prosperity Plan is not a state mandate and does not supersede any local government plans or decision-making.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed with results summarized by county and will add to the collection of previous visual preference survey reports conducted for Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, and Wexford counties.

The Framework For Our Future visual preference survey is available online at: nwm.org/rpi

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, May 5, 2014

5:35am Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Wenonah St
8:00am Report of lost wallet
8:40am Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Nordic Dr
8:48am Assist EMS in the 100 block of S Lake St
10:26am Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of E Water St
1:20pm Report of fraud on Craigslist
2:04pm Driving complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
2:10pm Funeral escort to Maple Lawn
3:05pm Report of two gasoline drive offs from the 400 block of N Lake St
4:39pm Report of trash in the road on Boyne City Rd at the city limits
5:24pm Report of possible drunk driver on S Park St
5:45pm Assist Sheriff Dept on Camp Ten Rd

9:16pm Citation issued for disregarding steady yellow at Lake and Water
9:41pm Citation issued for defective tail lights at Boyne Av and High St
9:54pm Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
10:42pm Report of CSC in the 300 block of State St
11:42pm Assist MSP in Boyne Falls
11:53pm Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

11:45am Funeral escort
3:07pm Suspicious subject reported in the 800 block of N Lake St
3:20pm Subject in with civil questions on Tomkins Rd
3:53pm Report of lost wallet
10:25pm Assisted Sheriff Dept at West and Division St
10:35pm Assist Sheriff Dept at Boyne Mountain

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

10:12am Burning complaint in the 300 block of E Lincoln
10:35am Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

2:07pm Driving complaint received from S Lake St
5:24pm Driving complaint at Front and Marshall
6:42pm Missing 7 year old from the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Located

Thursday, May 8, 2014

9:45am Welfare check in the 400 block of N Lake St
10:05am Salvage vehicle inspection
10:10am Report of B&E in the 200 block of S Park St
10:42am Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
4:00pm Vehicle broken down in the 200 block of E Water St
5:38pm Citation issued for expired plate at Boyne Av and Brockway
8:59pm 911 hang up in the 300 block of Silver St
9:26pm Report of MIP's in the 1000 block of S Lake St. No MIP's
9:26pm Alarm in the Industrial Park
9:40pm Vehicle broken down on State St
10:40pm Vehicle unlock in the

300 block of Bailey St

Friday, May 9, 2014

12:40am Bike into fence at cemetery
7:17am Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of Arthur St
11:27am Disturbance in Rotary Park
5:24pm Annoying/harassing phone calls being received in the 1000 block of Sutliff Ln
5:30pm Found property turned in from the 400 block of N Lake St
11:06pm Report of vehicle in the ditch on Boyne Av and Fall Park

Saturday, May 10, 2014

12:04pm Arrested subject for no operator license. Also had outstanding warrant from Antrim County.
12:51pm Arrested subject for retail fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St
2:55pm Report of gunshots south of West St
4:25pm Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Pleasant Av
6:27pm Found property

turned in from the 200 block of S Lake St
8:05pm Alarm on River St
10:30pm Assist to probation officer in the 1000 block of S Lake St

Sunday, May 11, 2014

1:22am Assist Sheriff Dept on Korhase Rd
7:47am Suspicious subject in the 200 block of N Lake St
3:56pm Assist East Jordan PD in East Jordan
5:14pm Checked on a camp fire on High St
10:15pm Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

May 12-18, 2014

911 Hang Up Call3
Abuse0
Alarm3
Animal Complaint24
Annoyance2
Assault0
Assist Citizen1
Assist Motorist1
Assist Other Agency2
Attempt to Locate4
Attempted Suicide0
Breaking & Entering1
Car/Deer Accident3
Citations Issued26
Civil Complaint3
Criminal Sexual Conduct1
Death0

Disorderly Person0
Disturbance0
DNR Complaint0
Domestic Dispute3
Driving Complaint4
Found Property0
Fraud2
Health & Safety0
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person0
Juvenile1
Larceny1
Lockout1
Lost Property0
Mental Subject2
Minor In Possession1
Miscellaneous Criminal3
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint3
Operating Under the Influence ...0
Paper Service18
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident0
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident0
Property Check38
Property Damage Accident4
Prowler0
Road Hazard2
Stalking0
Suspicious Situation6
Threat1
Traffic Stop52
Trespassing1
Unknown Accident1
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
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MASS MURDER

To the Editor
 THE FRUSTRATION OF OP-
 PRESSION leads to a full spec-
 trum of disorders. This world,
 this country, this state, all con-
 tribute to this. America is no
 longer the good guy despite rhet-
 oric of yesteryear. Recently it be-
 came known that the Lockerbie
 plane disaster was orchestrated
 by Ayatollah Khomeini in re-
 venge for the "mistaken" down-
 ing by US weaponry of an
 Iranian aircraft. Then the wrong
 Libyan official was blamed and
 executed with full complicity of
 US forces in collusion with
 Qaddafi since Iran is affiliated
 closely with Syria and the US
 needed Syria for its attack on
 Lebanon. Saudi Arabians attack
 the US? Why, attack Afghanistan
 and then Iraq, of course, what
 else? That's how it goes. Can any-
 one see his way clear to praise
 such actions as being within the
 precept of American integrity
 and justice?

Hence internally this country
 undergoes similar syndromes
 that while seeming superficially
 inexplicable have roots in self-
 same undermining of principles.
 School shootings, theatres, mili-
 tary bases &c have roots in op-
 pression by US institutions.
 There are psychological issues
 behind mass shootings, to be
 sure, but the trigger is inevitably
 repression of one sort and an-
 other. Leaders that surrepti-
 tiously send drones,
 assassination squads, and "extra-
 ordinary rendition" agencies
 'round the world will stop at
 nothing here in the US to accom-
 plish their same ends.

Citizens can sense this
 though it takes someone like
 Bradley Manning, Julian Assange,
 John Kiriakou or Edward Snowden
 to reveal the particulars. The
 world also knows for sure that
 the Iraq invasion was bogus,
 predicated on false information
 cooked up by the g w bush admin-
 istration. Obama is no rectifier
 regardless campaign promises

now exposed as lies. The world is
 precisely the same as when bush
 left office. Health care, bailouts,
 and sundry are but panaceas to
 keep the sense of wellbeing and
 economics buoyant for otherwise
 the default would have been felt
 by all, still looming. Although the
 supposed threat of following the
 way of ancient Rome foreshad-
 ows, most keep the faith that the
 545 in DC will step up in time to
 prevent it. There are no guaran-
 tees, however, as we barely sur-
 vived the Great Recession, the
 government shutdown, two
 major wars still being paid for de-
 spite troops departure, runaway
 debt and deficit, crushing rules,
 regulations, taxes, fees and fines,
 police state troopers, bursting
 jails and prisons, disgraceful
 treatments of citizens, impunity
 of police forces for illegal activi-
 ties, zealous prosecution, corrupt
 judges, collusion of corporate
 powers with political factions.
 We're cruisin' for a bruaisin'.

America is no longer the land
 of the free and the home of the
 brave is now the den of the
 brazen. Some still wave flags but
 it's a hollow gesture. We have
 reached the point of no return,
 this in oppressive, economic and
 imperial terms. The planners can
 hardly advance attacks where it
 is known the designated enemy
 will fight back too vehemently or
 where natural resources are
 threatened, other interests are
 endangered. They simply pick
 the most vulnerable alternative
 and in nineteen-eighty-four
 terms readjust the focus of mili-
 tary and business sights. If
 media outlets get too incisive in
 digging up facts they too like
 whistleblowers are hunted down
 and made examples of. That's
 how oppression manages its con-
 tinued reign.

The Supreme Court is micro-
 managing this return to predat-
 ory plutocracy and oligopoly,
 walking on eggshells but inex-
 orably undermining what Amer-
 ica supposedly represented
 heretofore. The US Constitution,
 as most know, is shot full of holes

even while speciously upheld in
 rhetorical bombast. One need
 only listen to the Jimi Hendrix
 version of The Star Spangled
 Banner to catch the hypocrisy.
 The 545 of journalist Charley
 Reese, the Executive, the Legisla-
 tive, the Judiciary, have suc-
 ceeded in running this country
 down despite the fighting side of
 Merle Haggard. And the silent
 majority seems content to watch
 it all erode.

It is fairly well known that the
 US imprisons more people per
 capita, percentage, and per actual
 headcount than any other coun-
 try. How then can anyone pro-
 claim this to be a free country?
 Surely there are atrocities else-
 where worldwide but atrocities
 under guise of law and order or
 homeland security make them no
 less atrocious.

We are stuck in limbo be-
 cause political factions feed from
 the same trough no matter what
 their ideologies. Corporatization
 runs this country. Entropy as-
 sures that this cannot be as-
 suaged but only deepened. This is
 no longer a warning; this is real-
 ity. The future, as Leonard Cohen
 sang, is murder, mass murder.

Mitch MacKay, East Jordan

Editor,

In a recent article concerning
 Charlevoix City Council "Gypsy
 Art Shows", writer Norma Jean
 Babcock wrote: Mayor Carlson
 quickly came forward to indicate
 that he had not found the state-
 ments offensive, a feeling that
 was supported by council mem-
 bers Shane Cole and Peggy Bren-
 nan. Ms. Babcock does not know
 my feelings about this subject or
 any other as she has not asked
 and I have not spoken to her.

A professional journalist re-
 ports facts, not fabrications.

Respectfully,
 Peggy Brennan
 Charlevoix City Councilmember

Land Swap

continued from 1A



write up language that spoke
 against the proposed swap. The
 swap would entail the MDNR
 trading 190 acres of Fisher-
 man's Island State Park to St.
 Mary's for portions of land in
 Norwood Township. Those
 against the swap feel that trad-
 ing the State park land for the
 portions St. Mary's Cement is of-
 fering is a bad trade and have
 taken up a public protest against
 the idea.

City council, who will not
 have a vote in the swap, looked
 over the resolution written by
 Gibson to consider sending it as
 an official opinion to the MDNR.
 Gibson indicated that although
 the decision to swap the land
 would ultimately rest with the
 MDNR it was up to public offi-
 cials to make their stand clear
 on this issue.

The resolution reads in part
 that "the City of Charlevoix City
 Council supports not swapping,
 trading or selling Fisherman's
 Island State Park for land in
 Norwood Township..." and that
 City Council hereby encourages
 St. Mary's Cement to abandon
 its efforts to apply to the Michi-
 gan Department of Natural Re-
 sources to gain possession" of
 the land in question.

Many in the audience sup-
 ported adopting this resolution,
 especially those who have spear-
 headed the protest against the
 trade. Amongst them was Anne
 Zukowski, who voiced her opin-
 ion clearly.

"I am very much against the
 concept of the swap. The DNR
 runs heavily on public opin-
 ion...it is very important for the
 City to take a stand on this,"
 stated Zukowski.

Many others shared their
 opinions as well, most for adopt-
 ing the resolution to take a
 stand against the trade. How-
 ever, some in the audience as
 well as Mayor Carlson felt that
 the resolution was premature
 and shouldn't be adopted until
 St. Mary's Cement actually re-
 quests the land of the MDNR.
 "...there is nothing to vote on

except a concept...I don't see
 what you are voting on," said
 Mayor Carlson.

Council was divided equally
 on this issue. Three members,
 namely Shirley Gibson, Leon
 Perron and Jeff Porter voted to
 adopt the resolution; while Lyle
 Gennet, Peggy Brennan, and
 Shane Cole voted against doing
 so. At that point the tie was bro-
 ken by Mayor Carlson who voted
 against adopting the resolution.

Carlson continued to support
 his position by stating that re-
 fusing to give St. Mary's time to
 'come up with an actual pro-
 posal' was 'just wrong' in his
 opinion. Both council members
 Brennan and Cole stated simi-
 larly that the resolution was
 'made of emotions, not facts,'
 and that it was 'based on specu-
 lation.'

Many in the audience dis-
 agreed with the decision to turn
 down taking an official stand
 against the swap. Mayor Carlson
 reminded them of the Commit-
 tee that has been formed to look
 into all aspects of the swap, with
 facilitators who held no opinion
 so that a decision could be made.
 This committee was proposed by
 Dirk Cox of St. Mary's Cement,
 who although did not make com-
 ment on Monday, has previously
 stated that the committee would
 be formed of unbiased individu-
 als including members of Water
 and Air Team Charlevoix
 (WATCH).

Thus the City does not have
 an official stand on the issue of
 the proposed swap, and until the
 Committee formed by St. Mary's
 Cement to look into the issue
 comes back with a determina-
 tion whether or not to pursue
 the swap the MDNR will not
 hear from the City of Charlevoix
 one way or the other.

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Annual May Day event supports Women's Resource Center Safe Home

For more than a decade, Linda Beers Aydlott and Jerry Aydlott, co-owners of Sacred Sparks in East Jordan, have been involved in organizing and hosting the May Day Celebration which features music, food, vendors and activities. The Aydlots said the annual event recognizes the arrival of spring in Northern Michigan and is a day of positive, happy energy that hopefully radiates outward into the community and beyond. Exemplifying that positive energy is the non-perishable goods and financial donations collected as admission to the event to benefit the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) Safe Home. Vendors also donated a percentage of their sales. The Aydlots were pleased with the car loads of non-perishable goods collected for survivors utilizing Safe Home services, as well as financial contributions of more than \$450. Women's Center staff said they are grateful for the support from event organizers, attendees, vendors and the live bands that donate their time and talent.

Last year alone, the Safe Home provided a secure, caring and supportive



The recent May Day Celebration at Sacred Sparks in East Jordan generated a substantial donation of non-perishable goods for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) Safe Home; as well as financial contributions. Pictured accepting the donation are (from left) Chris Krajewski, WRCNM domestic and sexual assault program director; Jerry Aydlott and Linda Beers Aydlott of Sacred Sparks; and Deb Smith, WRCNM assistant director.

residence for 119 domestic abuse survivors and their children in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. An additional 588 survivors were provided support, counseling and advocacy services.

For more information or support call the WRCNM 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995 for long distance callers.

Blissfest Jam Sessions every Sunday at Red Sky Stage

By Jessica Boyce

The Red Sky Stage in Petoskey has something going on every Sunday for string and jazz musicians in the area. There is a Blissfest Jam Session for string instruments from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, and then one for jazz instruments from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

This is part of an informal concert series where anyone who plays a jazz or string instrument can go and play with other musicians. There are people who participate at all skill levels and it is a great opportunity to practice with other musicians and have a great time. They generally have anywhere from 10-20 musicians participating each week. People are welcome to come and watch the Jam Sessions, there is no charge and it is open to everyone in the community.

Marty Scott is the owner and he also runs the Northern Michigan Artists Market which is an art gallery right next to Red Sky. He started the

Blissfest Jam sessions as a way for the local musicians to be able to showcase their skills much like the gallery does for artists.

Red Sky Stage also has concerts, plays, and poetry sessions to provide a wide variety of music and entertainment. They can seat about 90 people right now for their larger concerts and plays, and are hoping to expand that to 150 people seeing the have the space to do so. If you are a musician who plays either a string or jazz instrument, then this is a great chance for you to practice your skills and play with other musicians. If you are from the area and are looking for a way to spend your Sunday, then check out the Jam Sessions and listen to some great music.

Red Sky Stage is located at 445 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey. For more information on the Jam Sessions and everything else Red Sky has to offer, visit their website at redskystage.com or call (231) 487-0000.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra brings opera to Bay View

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's new conductor Dr. Libor Ondras and resident chorus master Peter D. Sims will join forces to create a wonderful program of "Opera Overtures and Choruses," which will be presented at the John Hall Auditorium in Bay View on Sunday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. Ondras has conducted opera extensively in Europe and Sims is no stranger to opera, having been introduced to it by his parents in Chicago when he was a teenager. He went on to sing with the Indianapolis Opera Company for many seasons. Over the years he has been a singer and teacher of opera, as well as an avid fan.

For chorus master Peter D. Sims this is an especially happy opportunity to bring operatic music to northern Michigan. Although he has been conducting choral music here for twelve years, this concert marks the opportunity to share his operatic background with the community. Opera can sometimes be threatening to audiences, but it need not be. Both Sims and conductor Ondras will be explaining each of the selections, giving the audience a good understanding of the music.

For this program the Great

Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus consists of forty-six singers, even more than the number required for the recent Messiah performance. This is a new experience for many of the singers, because opera has not often been performed in northern Michigan in recent years. It is a challenge is to learn difficult music, often in a foreign language. Sims has been rehearsing this group since February, teaching not only the music and the words in different languages, but emphasizing the importance of diction in communicating with the audience. These singers are responding to opera, discovering the joy and excitement of singing one of the most beautiful forms of music.

Opera is often said to be the most powerful art form because it is visual, with beautiful costumes and lavish scenery plus it tells a story, sometimes silly, sometimes profound. In addition, the music is the most demanding a singer can sing. The composers of opera are among the greatest of their craft because they must bring out the story through the power of the music. Audiences may not understand the words, but if the music is sung well they will follow the plot. Nowadays, surtitles are commonly used in

staged productions and the audience may follow a word for word translation of the original text.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra program begins with the familiar overture to William Tell by Gioachino Rossini (think: the "Lone Ranger") and the "Villagers' chorus" from that opera, sung in French. Next on the program is the "Chorus of the Wedding Guests" from Lucia di Lammermoor by Gaetano Donizetti, sung in Italian. The orchestra will follow with Mozart's Marriage of Figaro overture. The final selection in the first part of the program is the "Waltz Scene" from Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin, sung in English. Following intermission the orchestra will play the overture to Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful farce The Mikado, and the men will sing the opening chorus followed by the entire ensemble singing the finale to the opera. The grand ending will be the glorious "Polovtsian Dances" from Prince Igor by Alexander Borodin. This music may be familiar to many audience members, as tunes from the opera are incorporated into the Broadway musical Kismet.

The newly-renovated John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View has been a venue for music from

great operas over the last 100 years, sung by famous guest artists as well as the talented Bay View staff. It is a grand setting with comfortable seating, great sightlines and marvelous acoustics, and the audience is sure to respond to the passion and beauty of this glorious music performed by the talented singers and instrumentalists of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus.

The audience will have two wonderful opportunities to meet the new conductor. Prior to the program, beginning at 3pm in Evelyn Hall, Dr. Ondras will offer the audience a discussion about the music that will be performed. After the concert, a reception will be held next door, in Evelyn Hall to give attendees the opportunity to mingle with Dr. Ondras, Mr. Sims and the musicians.

A social event begins the afternoon's activities. Starting at 2:45 pm, the Bay View Association will host an ice cream social and visit the non-profit organizations from The Northern Michigan Cultural Alliance in the grassy area by the auditorium. Admission to the ice cream social, the pre-concert lecture, and the post-concert reception is free to all concert attendees.

Tickets cost \$20 for general admission, and \$35 and \$50 for your choice of reserved seating. All tickets may be purchased online at glcorchestra.org and MyNorthTickets.com, or at the orchestra office: 231-487-0010. General admission tickets are available at Chambers of Commerce: Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs and Petoskey. Students/youths who are 18 and under, military personnel and people with disabilities registered with VSA Arts of Michigan are admitted free of charge.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra produces live orchestral performances that provide entertainment, education and inspiration for Northern Michigan. Support for the orchestra is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Bay Harbor Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and hundreds of individual patrons of the arts. For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, go to www.glcorchestra.org.

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FIGHTIN' FOODS THAT HELP BLOCK BREAST AND PROSTATE CANCERS

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

Confused about the best cancer-prevention diet? You're not alone. In recent years, a few studies have questioned the benefits of foods once considered big guns in the battle against breast and prostate cancers. Now, new research proves they do help, especially if you combine them with other smart steps like staying slim, getting regular exercise, not smoking and avoiding Food Felons such as red meat and added sugars and syrups. That's good news, because one in eight women will develop breast cancer, and one in seven men will develop prostate cancer within their lifetime. So be sure to put these tasty foods on your plate.

Tomatoes: Back on the team!

Cooked tomatoes deliver a healthy dose of lycopene, a carotenoid that, in a big Harvard Medical School follow-up study, cut risk for prostate cancer 9 percent and slashed odds for fatal prostate cancer 28 percent. Lycopene discourages formation of blood vessels that feed tumors; it also slows cancer growth. It's not as clear that lycopene discourages breast cancer, but since it reduces your risk for heart disease and peripheral artery disease, you want to get plenty! (Soon we may have the "essence of tomato" supplement that's available in Europe.)

Eating plan: Aim for at least 90 milligrams of lycopene a week -- you'll get that in 1/2 cup tomato sauce or 1 cup low-sodium tomato juice four times a week. While cooked tomato products have the highest levels, fresh tomatoes, watermelon and pink grapefruit also deliver some lycopene.

Flavor boost: Mix up a Spanish-style condiment called sofrito -- a blend of tomato paste, olive oil, garlic and onion -- for a dose of cancer-battling polyphenols and carotenoids, says a recent report from the University of Barcelona. Dab it on 100 percent whole-grain bread, veggies, fish or chicken.

Omega-3s: Putting the brakes on cancer

You know omega-3 fats pamper your eyes, brain, joints and mood. But one study seemed to find a link with higher prostate cancer risk, scaring men away from fish and fish oil cap-

sules. It's time to come back! In one new study, fish oil along with a healthy diet reduced inflammation in men with prostate cancer and seemed to slow cancer-cell growth. In other studies, men with high blood levels of omega-3s had a 25 percent lower risk for prostate cancer, and women with high blood levels had a 14 percent lower risk for breast cancer.

Eating plan: Enjoy several servings of fatty, omega-3-rich fish like salmon or wild trout weekly. We do that and get 900 milligrams of DHA (the most powerful omega-3) from daily algal-oil supplements.

Flavor boost: Snack on a small handful of nuts (walnuts are numero uno) several times a week. A new study found these nuggets help lower the risk for lethal prostate cancer 29 percent.

Fruit and vegetables: Fiber up!

A few years ago, experts questioned whether fruits and vegetables helped lower cancer risk. We've never doubted they do, and now a British study of 65,000 people says getting five or more servings daily cuts your risk for fatal cancers by 25 percent. Other new reports have found a 40 percent lower risk of fatal prostate cancer and a 50 percent lower risk for breast cancer among people who load up on fruit and veggies as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Eating plan: Sneak high-fiber fruits and veggies into every meal and snack. Why? Fiber can help keep you slim and may whisk cancer-promoting substances out of your body and control levels of cancer-fueling hormones.

Flavor boost: Season your fruits and veggies with plenty of cancer-fighting fresh herbs and spices. Capsaicin, the fire in chili peppers, has been shown to slow the growth of prostate cancer cells in laboratory and animal studies. Does it help in humans? That's not confirmed, but it may. Curcumin, the active ingredient in turmeric, apparently KO's cancer cells in lab studies and reduces development of several forms of cancer in lab animals. Horseradish and mustard are also smart choices.

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2014 World No Tobacco Day seeks higher taxes on tobacco products

Raising taxes on tobacco products is the focus of the 2014 World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) on May 31st. The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that increasing taxes is the most cost-effective way to reduce tobacco use.

"The specific goals of World No Tobacco Day 2014 are that governments increase taxes on tobacco to levels that reduce tobacco consumption," explained Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Raising the tax on tobacco in Michigan would reduce smoking rates, prevent children from becoming tobacco users, raise revenue for our state, and provide Michigan with significant savings in health care costs."

Michigan is among four states ranking 12th in the U.S. with a cigarette tax of \$2.00 per pack. It has been 10 years since Michigan raised its cigarette tax. Research indicates that raising the tax on cigarettes to \$3.00 per pack would decrease the prevalence of adult smoking, and could reduce youth smoking by as much as 21%. State revenues could increase by \$200 million annually. Increasing the tax on other tobacco products would raise additional revenue.

The international WNTD movement was initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987. During 2010 alone, the tobacco industry spent nearly \$8.5 billion to market its products in the United States, and more than \$250 million of that was spent in

Michigan.

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 about the Tobacco Reduction Coalition and Tobacco-Free Parks and Beach policies, contact Susan Pulaski at (231) 347-5813. For free help in quitting tobacco, contact Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) 784-8669 or (800) QUIT-NOW. For more information about World No Tobacco Day, visit www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/.

Improving Overall Fitness

By Deb Hagen-Foley

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. You know that regular cardiovascular activity is important to your fitness. Guidelines recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity per week.

Strength training is also important and should be incorporated into a fitness program at least twice per week. It is also important to incorporate flexibility into your fitness plan. Flexibility is considered the third pillar of fitness. You need all three elements to truly be physically fit. Why is flexibility important? Flexibility may play a role in injury prevention, can help your body reach its optimum fitness level, can reduce the frequency of or delay the onset of arthritis and other illnesses.

Flexibility refers to the range of movement in a joint or series of joints and length in the muscles that cross the joints. Loss of flexibility is associated with pain syndromes and balance disorders. Individual flexibility will vary by such things as joint structure, fat tissue, age and gender. Flexibility is measured by the sit-and-reach test, a seated forward bend toward

the toes.

Whatever your level of flexibility, you can improve your flexibility and overall fitness through a program of regular stretching. When you stretch, you lengthen the tendons that attach the muscle to the bone. The longer these fibers become, the more you will be able to increase the muscle strength each time you strength train. A more flexible muscle can become a stronger muscle. And, stronger muscles mean a faster metabolism and a better overall fitness level.

Flexible muscles also make everyday activities easier and reduce the likelihood of injury. Muscles become less elastic with age. Without regular stretching to increase muscle flexibility, even a simple activity, if it stretches the muscle beyond their limit, can result in injury.

Stretching may also improve your circulation and increase blood flow to the muscles. Improved circulation will help protect you from a range of illnesses, including diabetes and kidney disease. In one study, people aged 40 and above who performed well on the sit-and-reach test of flexibility also had less stiffness in their arterial walls, an indicator of the risk for stroke

and heart attack.

To improve your flexibility, make stretching part of your overall fitness plan. Warm up stretches before aerobic workouts will help prepare the muscles for physical activity. Add an extended period of stretching, perhaps 30-60 minutes per week, to increase flexibility. Incorporate all the major muscle groups in your stretching routine - arms, back, hips, thighs and calves.

Two options for improving your flexibility in Gaylord: Yoga Glow and Flex and Flow at the Barre. These classes are offered at Just Dance. Yoga Glow, a blend of Hatha and Vinyasa yoga, develops strength, flexibility, balance, mind/body awareness, and peace of mind, according to the instructor, Sharon Wegmeyer. The class meets Monday and Friday at 8:30. Flex & Flow at the Barre is a Wednesday morning (8:30) class, emphasizing sculpting, strengthening, and stretching and using a ballet barre.

For more information about either of these classes, contact Sharon at: 989-732-1253. Either option will help improve overall flexibility.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan welcomes new executive director

CHARLEVOIX – Charlevoix County resident Amy Wieland has been named the new Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan. She replaces Cheri Hoffman, who resigned last month to relocate out of state.

In this role, Wieland will be responsible for fundraising, managing hospice volunteers, and overseeing long-term grief services for loved ones as part of the end-of-life care the hospice provides in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Tina Lamont, the Health Department's Director of Adult Health, said Wieland's wide-ranging professional and volunteer experience make her a perfect fit for the job. "Amy is a relationship builder," Lamont said. "She's organized, efficient and dedicated to this cause. We're one of few health departments fortunate enough to have hospice resources under the same roof, and our Hospice of Northwest Michigan families are fortunate to have Amy."

Wieland said expanding local fundraising is a priority as she enters her new role. "As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Hospice of Northwest Michigan relies on donations and fundraisers for financial survival," she explained.

"We sincerely appreciate the generosity of local businesspeople who donate to our programs, who participate in our fundraising events, and who volunteer to support our families and assist with events. Their support is vital to our success."

Wieland has held administrative positions within the Health Department for the past 12 years, and she was a corporate insurance broker for Arthur J. Gallagher in New York for five years before that. She's been active in local politics, business and volunteerism, including chairing the Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer Walk in Charlevoix.

Wieland holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Fine Arts from the State University of New York. She and her husband, Tim Wieland, reside in Charlevoix.

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McLaren Northern Michigan hosts free Bariatric Surgery Seminars in Elk Rapids

In conjunction with its bariatric surgery weight loss program, McLaren Northern Michigan is offering a free bariatric surgery seminar in Elk Rapids.

Because one size or procedure does not fit all patients, several new weight loss options will be the focus of the presentation, titled "Bariatric Surgery and Obesity: What are my choices?" The seminars will take place from 6 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3 at the AmVets Post 114 located at 410 Bridge Street in Elk Rapids.

The benefits of bariatric surgery far outweigh the risks associated with obesity including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, osteoarthritis, and several cancers. In fact, bariatric surgery is the only significant option that actually cures diabetes. Studies are showing that bariatric surgery saves lives, improves overall health and well-being, and saves money.

The free seminars will include discussion on the new surgical weight loss options available through McLaren Northern Michigan, as well as surgical qualifications and the multi-disciplinary approach solely focused on the best outcome for each individual patient.

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Rogers Family Homestead Preserve (CREDIT: TMPETERSEN)

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation Awards \$232,967 in Grants

The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved \$232,967 in grants during their spring grant cycle, including awards to Boyne Valley Township and Hayes Township to support master planning initiatives. Maureen Radke, who coordinates the grant-making process at the community foundation, was elated with the results. "We received a record number of grant applications (54) from area nonprofit agencies," she said, adding, "and we're so pleased to be in a position to fund a wide range of projects that will make a difference in Charlevoix County and throughout the region."

The grant awards included \$24,375 in funding for projects that will impact Charlevoix County youth in a positive way. The grants were recommended by the foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). "Agencies seeking support make presentations to the YAC members, who then evaluate the proposals and

make determinations about which proposals should be supported, and at what level," said Mishelle Shooks, who coordinates the Youth Advisory Committee on the foundation's behalf. "We have an exceptional group of high school students serving on the YAC," she added, noting, "Each time they meet I'm inspired by the thoughtful way that they approach this most-important responsibility."

Grants in the recent cycle supported programs in the arts, education, community development, the environment, human services, health and wellness, recreation, youth services and more. The foundation's endowed funds provide the resources for grant-making to occur. "We're so fortunate to live in such a generous area," said Chip Hansen, the Foundation President, adding, "our donors are so supportive, and we're often able to bring partners together to meet a wide range of community needs."

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching

life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents and nonprofit organization.

Since it was founded in 1992, the foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$29 million, and grants and scholarships totaling more than \$13.7 million have been distributed for the common good.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is October 1, 2014. For a complete list of the recent grant awards, visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org and click on "What's New," then "Recent Grants."

Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise

By Jessica Boyce

This Memorial Day Weekend many cities in Northern Michigan will have the opportunity to see something they may have never seen before: a hearse cruise. Taking place on Saturday, May 24th, is the first ever Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise.

Jeff Morey is the organizer of the event and he wanted to take his interest in funeral cars and spread that throughout different communities while also showing more people Northern Michigan. He expects to have 15-20 cars that will participate in the cruise, some of the cars registered now are local, and some are from as far away as Buffalo, New York. Morey hopes to make this an annual event with the cruise going to different cities in Northern Michigan each year.

The event gets started in Gaylord on Friday, May 23rd, the day before the actual cruise will take place.

Downtown under the pavilion there will be a mini car show accompanied by a DJ from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. You can register your funeral car to be in the cruise (whether it is a hearse, flower car, etc.) starting at 4:00 pm on Friday.

The lineup for the cruise itself starts in Gaylord at 8:00 am Saturday morning. The cars will be leaving Gaylord at 9:00 am to travel to Indian River, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, and then to St. Ignace. Each stop will last for about two hours and there will be a mini car show where members of the different communities can come out to see the cars and talk with the owners. It also gives the owners of the different cars an opportunity to see the towns of Michigan seeing all of them are not locals. Once the cars reach Mackinaw City, they will parade across the bridge and parade through St. Ignace.

The cars will be in Indian River from 10:00 - 11:30am, then in Cheboygan from 12:00 - 2:00 pm, in Mackinaw City from 2:30 - 4:30 pm, and then will be crossing the bridge at 5:00 pm.

This is a free event for everyone to attend and it is family friendly so everybody can come out and see the cars when they get to their town. This is truly something interesting and unique, so don't miss out on the opportunity to see some of these funeral vehicles cruising through your town. For more information, you can visit www.nmhc.square-space.com where you can also find a link to their Facebook page.

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Medicare & Dental Services

Medicare pays for a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services, including many preventive services, for older adults and persons living with disabilities. However, there are some components of health care that are excluded from Medicare coverage, specifically most dental services.

Original Medicare, whether under Part A and B, does not cover routine dental care, such as teeth cleaning, fillings, dentures, root canals, etc. Medicare may pay for dental services that are medically necessary and usually related to another Medicare-covered medical condition. For example, Medicare may cover a dental procedure required for a person with oral cancer prior to radiation treatment. Medical necessity for dental coverage is generally based on other health conditions that could be life-threatening or become serious if the dental care is not done.

Many seniors cannot afford to pay for even basic care. The costs for treatment can be high, even if they have some basic insurance coverage. They are forced to skip cleanings, postpone x-rays, and defer their den-

tal procedures. There are, however, some sources of help available for dental care.

Various Medicare Advantage health plans provide some basic dental coverage, however, there are co-pays and deductibles along with annual benefit limits. Medicare beneficiaries can also enroll in a stand-alone dental plan offered by many insurance companies or dental associations. Also, Medicaid beneficiaries can be eligible for dental care depending on their income and assets.

There are various community organizations that provide reduced cost services based on the patient's financial resources. The US Department of Health & Human Services maintains a website where people can search for clinics that provide many types of health services, to include dental treatment, on a sliding fee schedule. The website can be accessed at: <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>. Simply enter your address or community to find local organizations. Certain dental schools also offer lower cost services as a means to provide

training for new dentists and dental hygienists. Sources of help can be found on the American Dental Association website at:

www.ada.org/267.aspx; or the American Dental Hygienists Association: www.adha.org/dental-hygiene-programs or by calling the ADHA at 312-440-8900. Finally, the Dental Lifeline Network runs a program offering free, comprehensive dental treatment to vulnerable people, including the elderly and those living with disabilities. More information is available at: <http://dentallifeline.org/>.

Medicare beneficiaries can get help by contacting the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 800-803-7174. MMAP personnel are trained and certified to provide help in all areas of Medicare health care insurance, Medicaid benefits, fraud and abuse, billing issues, and a number of other related topics.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 22 Wii Bowling	Friday, May 23 Birthday Day! 11am Roger Hartson Raffle	Monday, May 26 CLOSED... HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	Tuesday, May 27 9:30-11:30am Ed May Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize 7-9pm Ed May	Wednesday, May 28 Night Dinner! 5:30pm Monty Loper & Cole Brothers 50/50 Raffle	Thursday, May 29 11am Backwoods Maestros Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 22 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, May 23 1pm Rummy	Monday, May 26 CLOSED... HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	Tuesday, May 27 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wednesday, May 28 3pm Bingo Night Dinner! 5pm Adolph Cwik	Thursday, May 29 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 22 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day	Friday, May 23 10:30am Exercise 11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle	Monday, May 26 CLOSED... HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	Tuesday, May 27 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, May 28 4pm COUSINS ... LAST PERFORMANCE!!! Night Dinner!	Thursday, May 29 Karaoke Day! 12:30pm Movie Day
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Thursday, May 22 TUNA CASSEROLE	Friday, May 23 SALISBURY STEAK	Monday, May 26 CLOSED... HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	Tuesday, May 27 CHICKEN CHOP SUEY	Wednesday, May 28 Night Dinner! 5pm LIVER & ONIONS	Thursday, May 29 BEEF STEW
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Bass Fishing Contest to kick off the Mancelona Bass Festival

By Jessica Boyce



The Bass Fishing Contest which is the kick-off for Mancelona's Bass Festival starts this Saturday, May 24th. The contest is free to enter and will last from May 24th - May 31st. You can start to catch and register your fish as soon as bass season opens, and you can turn in your registration form and photo of your fish at Mancelona Sports.

You need to enter your own fish, and a witness signature is required. You can also enter multiple fish throughout the competition if you enter one and then happen to catch something larger. The more fish you enter, the greater your chances of winning the top door prize which is \$100. There will also be other door prizes and prizes given out for first (\$200), second (\$125) and third place (\$75) winners. For complete rules and regulations, you can visit mancelonabassfest.com/forms.

Each year, art students at Mancelona High School participate in the button design contest for the Bass Festival. This year's festival button was designed by Brittany Spires.

Starting on Thursday, May 29th, the rest of the Bass Festival gets started with the carnival and crafter's market opening at 5:00 pm. The beer tent opens at 5:00 pm and there will be live entertainment from Ron Short and Friends starting at 7:00 pm. The carnival, crafter's market, and beer tent will also be open on Friday and Saturday (5:00 pm on Friday and 12:00 pm on Saturday). The Jelly Roll Blues Band will provide the entertainment in the tent on Friday night starting at 8:00 pm. Saturday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm is Mancelona Idol, and then The Cookies will perform starting at 8:00 pm. Also on Saturday, May 30th, there will be the Grand Parade at 11:00 am in downtown Mancelona, a Rotary Chicken BBQ, Horseshoe Tournament, Classic Car and Custom Bike Show, and fireworks at 10:00 pm.

To wrap things up on Sunday, May 31st, there will be a 5K, raffle drawing, and visitors have one last chance to check out the crafter's fair or carnival. Most events either take place downtown, at Palmer Park, or inside the tent. For a full list of everything going on as a part of Mancelona's Bass Festival, you can visit mancelonabassfest.com

Antiques, Art, Consignment and New at The Brickery in Grayling

By Jim Akans

Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. Established by Linda Nickert in June of 2007, items offered throughout the approximately 1,000 square feet of retail space in this historic building cover just about any interest or gift idea.

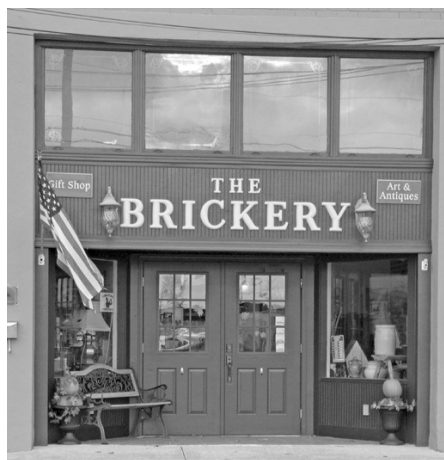
Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still not see it all."

The stately brick building that is now home to The Brickery was originally the International Order of Odd Fellows building, constructed in 1908.

The downstairs held a theater that would put on plays for loggers and for Camp Grayling. The building has gone through many incarnations over the years, but shoppers at The Brickery can still see the original tin ceiling and hardwood floors.

Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her daughter; "We were trying to think of a name. Since there are so many bricks both inside and out; the walls are three bricks thick, my daughter suggested calling it The Brickery."

It's the perfect name, reflecting solidity and tradition; an apt representation of the enduring quality of the wide variety of items offered at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Visit www.the-brickery.com or call 989-348-8999 for additional information.



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