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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OCT 14, 2014

City Treasurer resignation and new festival considered by council



By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday night City Council allowed the City Treasurer to resign, and motioned to waive a city ordinance to accommodate a new festival that will be held in February.

The shorter meeting of

council began with the acceptance of the resignation of City Treasurer Joe Zielinski. Zielinski has been with the city for only a brief time since the retirement of previous City Treasurer Rick Brandt in January of this year. However, in a letter written on October 14, Zielinski informed council

that he had "...chosen to pursue another opportunity that is more closely aligned with (his) career aspirations." He stated in the letter that he found working for the city to be a "great experience" but that his last day as Treasurer would be November 3.

Council accepted Zielin-

ski's resignation with thanks, and City Manager Rob Straebel explained that he appreciated Zielinski and the time he spent with the city. Straebel also explained that for the upcoming budget Zielinski's absence would be difficult but that

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Boyne City Postmaster inducted into Otsego County Sports Hall of Fame

By Dave Baragrey

This weekend some of the greatest athletes to grace the hallways of schools in Otsego County were recognized for their athletic achievements at the Otsego County Sports Hall of Fame banquet. Each year the selection committee chooses the top athletes from Gaylord, Gaylord St. Mary, Johannesburg/Lewiston and Vanderbilt high schools including athletes from local sports programs like Little League.

One of the seven individual people inducted into the sports hall of fame was Don Black. Black is the Postmaster at the Boyne City Post Office. Following is a recap of the presentation from the ceremony.



DON BLACK

Former Vanderbilt basketball standout Don Black couldn't believe what he read while flipping through his old high school scrapbook. It was filled with newspaper clippings and pictures, but there was something about his stat line in a game report that caught his eye.

The stat line was from a 1989 game against visiting Boyne City. Black scored 31 points, includ-

ing going 3-for-3 from the floor in the fourth quarter, to help the Yellowjackets down Boyne City 61-59 in a barn-burner matchup. After the game, then Vanderbilt coach Bob Anderson told the Herald Times it was the "best ballgame I've seen him (Black) play. Offensively, he dominated."

That's saying a lot about Black. He averaged a double-double and it wasn't uncommon

for him to score more than 20 points and have 15 rebounds per game. He is the school's all-time scoring champion (1,337 points), and he played in 88 varsity games during his four-year career.

Black's teams had lots of success but won a conference title only once (1988-89) and never made it out of the district round of the playoffs.

"I played four years of

varsity with a great coach, Bob Anderson, and a good group of guys," Black said. "We did everything together. We rode together to practice and always played basketball together. We were a small Class D school, and we never suited up more than nine kids in a season."

"We never had a losing season, going 11-11 in my first year and 11-11 in my senior year. We played in the district final every year but were mowed down by St. Mary each time. It was kind of odd that we had the wins and statistical numbers, but we never were a regional or semi-final team."

While Black's career and his Love-like stat line didn't earn him a scholarship to play college ball at UCLA or flood radio airwaves with Cleveland Cavaliers trade rumors, it does show how rare it is for basketball players to be as dominate as Black was in the paint in the 1980s.

It also shows how special basketball was to the Vanderbilt community over 30 years ago, and Black is proud to join.

1,100 surveys being distributed this week

EAST JORDAN - A special opportunity to help shape the future of the East Jordan community is coming to area mailboxes this week.

As a part of the ongoing community planning effort, over 1,100 randomly selected residents of the City of East Jordan will receive a copy of the official East Jordan Community Planning Survey. Results of the survey will be used to inform the City Planning Commission about important community issues and land-use concerns.

Survey recipients are asked to answer questions on a diverse array of community topics and issues. Examples of these topics include: key cultural and leisure attractions; natural, cultural, and historical assets; transportation issues; questions about jobs and the economy; housing opportunities; priorities for government funding; and emergency preparedness.

Respondents who return completed surveys can enter into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to a grocery store of their choice. The lucky winner will be selected at random

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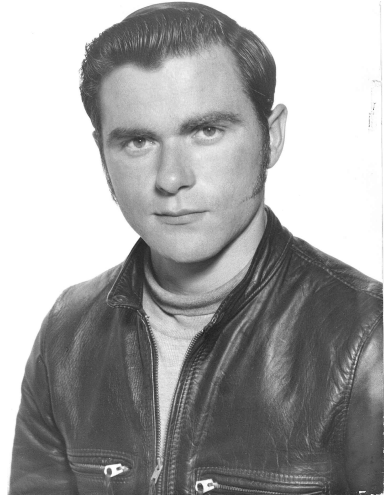
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Day	Avg.	High	Avg.	Low	Record High	Record Low
23	57°F	36°F	76°F	(1975)	20°F	(2008)
24	57°F	36°F	76°F	(1975)	24°F	(1969)
25	56°F	35°F	77°F	(1989)	23°F	(1952)
26	56°F	35°F	77°F	(1989)	20°F	(1990)
27	55°F	35°F	77°F	(1989)	21°F	(1965)
28	55°F	35°F	77°F	(1989)	20°F	(1990)
29	54°F	34°F	75°F	(1989)	17°F	(1965)
30	54°F	34°F	73°F	(1956)	19°F	(1966)

OBITUARIES

Edwin C. Mann, 84

(JULY 17, 1930 - OCT. 16, 2014)



Edwin C. Mann of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, October 16, 2014, at his home.

He was born July 17, 1930, in Charlevoix to Philip W. and Rose (Novotny) Mann.

Ed graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1948, and served in the US Army in Korea during the Korean War. On November 9, 1957, he married Judith Lick in Boyne City and they drove across the newly opened Mackinac Bridge to honeymoon at deer camp near Munising. They built their home in Charlevoix and planted many pine trees.

Ed was a master plumber and worked for Novotny Plumbing and Heating in Charlevoix his entire career that began when Ed was a boy working for his grandfather. He was a member of the American Motorcycle Association, N.R.A. and life member of the V.F.W.

Ed had toured the U.S. and Canada on motorcycles, including many trips to Sturgis and three trips to Alaska. He also enjoyed snowmobiling and deer hunting. Ed loved watching wildlife in the backyard.

He is survived by his wife, Judith of Charlevoix; son, Edwin M. (Julie A.) Mann of Charlevoix; daughter Tami

(Timothy) Bur of Interlochen; grandson, Nicholas (Kristin) Mann of Grand Rapids; great-grandchildren, Connor and Karlie; brother, Philip Mann, Jr. of Cedar Springs; brothers-in-law, Leonard Lick of Traverse City and Douglas (Nancy) Lick of Rapid City, SD.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering was held Sunday, October 19, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where military honors were presented by the Charlevoix Area Veterans.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Ed died only a ¼ mile from his birth place but traveled many miles in between.

Gary Smuda, 62

(APRIL 27, 1952 - OCT. 16, 2014)

Gary Joseph Smuda of Boyne Falls passed away on October 16, 2014 in Petoskey.

Gary was born April 27, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Jeannie (Burk) Smuda.

He was a member of the Lions Club in Metamora, Michigan, and last served as their secretary.

Gary is survived by his children, Jacob Smuda of North Carleton, South Carolina and Marilee (Eric) Dickinson of Horn Lake, Mississippi; the mother of his two children, Cathy Smuda Balogh; his siblings, Gloria, Gail (Phil) and Joe; one granddaughter, Jordyn Lee Dickinson.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Joseph.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Dorothy Elizabeth Perry, 98

(DEC. 4, 1915 - OCT. 15, 2014)

Dorothy Elizabeth Perry of Boyne City formerly of Saginaw, passed away at The Brook in Boyne City surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

Dorothy was born on December 4, 1915 in Saginaw the daughter of George and Josephine Elizabeth (Wilson) Telmos. Dorothy grew up in Saginaw and on June 14, 1941 she married Leo F. Perry.

She was an active member of The Christian Science Church and enjoyed gardening, cooking and reading.

Dorothy is survived by her three children Dana E. (Larry) Vance, Julie E. (Walter) Fricke and Thomas J. (Tony Gibson) Perry; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband and seven brothers and sisters.

In memory of Dorothy the family request memorials are directed to American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northampton MA 01061-0515 or Hospice of Michigan.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Margery E. LaVanway, 83

(DECEMBER 9, 1930 - OCTOBER 16, 2014)

Margery E. LaVanway of Jordan Township passed away on October 16, 2014 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility.

Margery was born on December 9, 1930, in Bellevue, MI, the daughter of Dennis and Martha (Nelson) Tobey.

Margery was a lifelong resident of Antrim County and enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and watching soap operas.

She is survived by 6 children, Ken (Jan) LaVanway of East Jordan, Kathryn (Bill) Nancarrow of Mancelona, Barb Webster of Mancelona, Tony

LaVanway of East Jordan, Linda LaVanway of East Jordan and Susan LaVanway of Fife Lake. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald LaVanway, 2 sisters, Gwen Washburn, Wanita Woodworth, brother Wayne Tobey, step-father Rex Tobey, son-in-law Larry Webster, sister-in-law Thelma Tobey as well as her parents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 21 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Interment in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign our online guest-book at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Richard D. Davis, 85

Richard D. Davis of East Jordan and formerly of Riverview, Mich., died on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, at home.

No services are scheduled. A complete obituary will follow. Arrangements are being handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Shelby Goss, 90

SHELBY GOSS OF CHARLEVOIX DIED OCT. 21, 2014.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Nancy Esther LaChance, 88

(NOV. 25, 1925 - OCT. 12, 2014)

Nancy Esther LaChance of Charlevoix, formerly of Walled

Lake, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, at Georgia House in Charlevoix.

She was born Nov. 25, 1925, in Detroit, and raised by her parents, John and Miriam Baer. She graduated from Cooley High School in 1941, at the age of 16.

On July 3, 1943, she married John Harold LaChance, and they made their home in Walled Lake.

Nancy worked in sales for J.L. Hudsons at the Northland Mall. She later worked as an elementary school librarian in Wixom.

Her husband, John, and she served as deacons at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Walled Lake. Nancy loved to read and bake and was an exceptional seamstress.

John preceded her in death in 1965. For the past year, she has lived with her daughter in Charlevoix.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Sandra Lynn Baxter, of Charlevoix; son, Jeffrey Marc LaChance, of Walled Lake; grandchildren, Kimberly, Stacy, Greg, Amy, Lisa, Amber, Brittny, Courtney and Brett; great-grandchildren, Paige and Rachel.

Nancy was also preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Carol Rubert, on Sept. 30, 2014; her sister, Jean Elizabeth Rupp; and parents, John and Miriam Baer.


A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 S Commerce Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390. Interment will take place in Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 921 W. Eleventh St. Suite 1W, Traverse City, MI 49684; or to Georgia House, 05191 M-66, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

HAYES' TAX PROBLEMS CONTINUE

- Hayes' Law Firm had 3 Tax Liens filed by the State of Michigan this past summer^②
- Roy Hayes lied on Voter Questionnaire
- Hayes' Law Firm had a lien filed by IRS^①
- Hayes' Law Firm has admitted to cash flow problems
- Hayes' Law Firm changed addresses 3 times in 4 years
- Roy Hayes paid property taxes 2 years late^③
- Hayes' committee reports contribution late-fined \$2,000^④



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20,000 Book milestone

Twenty thousand books, in the hands of area children and families, make a difference in their lives and in the community. That is the milestone that has recently been passed by an educational initiative of the Char-Em United Way (CEUW). The program, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), is funded by Char-Em United Way and mails one new, age-appropriate book every month to each child registered. Children are eligible to receive books from birth through age five as long as they live in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Currently there are twelve hundred fifty-four (1,254) children enrolled and another four hundred fifty-one (451) have graduated from the program since its inception in Aug. 2012.

"A primary focus of Char-Em United Way is to support literacy and school readiness in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties," according to CEUW Executive Director Lorraine Manary. "Education is the cornerstone of individual and community success. The Imagination Library program allows us to lay a solid foundation to support those efforts toward success."

The twenty thousand book milestone was passed during the third quarter of this year, with the end of third quarter numbers totaling over twenty-three thousand and climbing every month. Each book represents the opportunity for a child to have story time with a family member and get the letter and word recognition skills that will help prepare them for school. Studies show that the more words children hear during the preschool years, the greater their chances of academic success and that, regardless of income, education, or nationality, parents who have books in their homes increase the level of education their children will attain.


In addition to the over twelve hundred and fifty children currently receiving books, the program has graduated over four hundred and fifty kids. Many of these children were registered for the program as they entered area preschool programs and have since had their fifth birthday, the participant graduation age. That adds up to over seventeen hundred area children benefiting from this important program.

Donations, grant monies, and fundraising events such as the "Toast to Literacy" event in February at Castle Farms in Charlevoix help Char-Em United Way to fund this program. Books for each child cost \$30 each year or \$150 if a child is enrolled at birth and remains in our community through their fifth birthday, a very economical investment in the future of our community. This program is free to all participating children and their families. If you'd like to support this program, send donations to Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey, MI, 49770 and indicate DPIL or visit www.charemunitedway.org and click on the Donate button.

The DPIL program is one of several ways Char-Em United Way is working to improve educational outcomes in our region. The "Stuff the Bus" school supply donation drive was recently held to provide area schools with basic classroom materials. Items such as pencils, paper, crayons, glue, and much more were provided for students who might not have the financial resources to buy supplies and get a good start to the school year. CEUW also coordinates a group of volunteers, called the Literacy Corps, who go into the area schools and libraries to tutor, read to, and mentor students. The Literacy Corps is open to any interested community member who has the time and interest to help in the schools. To find out more about becoming a Literacy Corps member and upcoming training opportunities, visit www.charemunitedway.org and click on "Volunteer," email CEUW at info@charemunitedway.org, or call the office at 231-487-1006.

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Put your Thanksgiving turkey order in at Biehl's Circle B Turkey Ranch



The turkeys at Biehl's range from 10-25 lbs. and you can put in an order for whatever size you would like. Order ASAP to ensure you get the size bird you want this Thanksgiving.

By Jessica Boyce

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it, and the most important part of any Thanksgiving dinner is the delicious turkey. Biehl's Circle B Turkey Ranch is the best place around to get a GMO free, free range turkey with no antibiotics or steroids. Located between Mancelona and Alba at 6128 S. US Highway 131, they can satisfy your turkey needs with anywhere from a 10-25 lb. bird.

James Biehl bought Biehl's Circle B Turkey Ranch back in 1980 from his father. The Biehl family has been raising these free range, all natural turkeys since 1960, and have been fresh packing them for the past 36 years. James himself has been involved since 1978 when he was partners with his father. The turkeys range from 10-25 lbs. and you can put in your order for whatever size bird you want. They do their best to get within a few pounds, but

you will want to order ASAP if you need a specific size seeing some sizes sell out quick.

If you aren't close to the ranch itself, they also have an assortment of premium meat stores they sell their turkeys to from Marquette to Ann Arbor. If you are interested in a turkey from one of these stores but aren't sure where you can get one, you can call Biehl's Circle B Turkey Ranch at (231) 587-9580 to find out what stores near you carry their turkeys. The prices may vary by store, and if you go directly to the ranch, the price is \$3.10/lb.

Again, it is best to put in your order for Thanksgiving as soon as possible. The first year they started selling the turkeys, they sold about 1,000. Now, they sell about 1,500 a year directly from the ranch and another 4,500 from the other vendors. They also sell turkeys around Christmas time, and you can always call them to see what they have available for Christmas.

SURVEYS

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after the survey results have been tabulated. Much of the funding for the Resilient East Jordan project is being provided through a grant from the Kresge Foundation to the Traverse City-based Land Information Access Association (LIAA), which is also managing the project. A nonprofit community services and planning organization, LIAA has partnered for this project with the Michigan Municipal

League, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Planning, and urban planning professionals at the University of Michigan. The City of East Jordan is contributing funding toward the project and has also secured a grant of support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. East Jordan is one of only five communities in the State participating in this unique planning opportunity, which also includes the communities of Grand Haven, Ludington, Monroe and St. Joseph.

CITY COUNCIL

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he felt city staff, with the assistance of retired Brandi, could manage this year. The city is also accepting applications to fill the role of city treasurer. After a brief public hearing in which the Airport Layout Plan was discussed, a new festival idea came before council for approval. The idea was presented by Tom Fore who will hold a "Ground Hog Shadow Fest" on February 6, 7, and 8 of 2015. Fore explained that the idea for the festival came after noticing how few people are around Charlevoix in the winter, and that he hopes this festival will bring people to the area to help businesses in the slow season. "We're putting something together that will bring people to the area... (an event) that can help the store owners," stated Fore. According to Fore the festival will include a chili

cook off, live music, snow sculpture making, kids games, and horse drawn carriage rides. Sales will be offered at local shops, Charlevoix Cinema III will feature the film "Groundhog Day" for free, and the Charlevoix Area Humane Society will host a beer tent. Council person Jeffrey Porter asked whether or not live animals would be present at the festival, and Fore responded that due to difficulty in finding a live groundhog there will not be. In order for the festival to happen however, the city ordinance that states alcohol cannot be consumed within 1,000 feet of U.S. 31 had to be waived. Council did so, and preparations for the festival will continue. In other council news, council approved of having the 3rd Annual Bridge Drop and waived three city ordinances to allow for it, and subsequently approved of allowing that festival to have fireworks at the approval of City Police Chief Gerard Doan.

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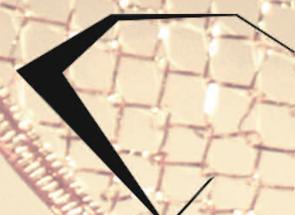
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American Legion Veteran of the Month



ROBERT EDWIN MCGEORGE

The Veteran of the Month for October 2014 is Robert Edwin McGeorge. Born on June 1st, 1937 in Boyne City, Mich., McGeorge graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1955 going to work at the East Jordan Iron Works. In early 1956 McGeorge went to work for General Motors Corporation, Buick Division, Flint, Mich. until he was inducted into the Army on Sept. 18th, 1956 entering into active service in Detroit, Mich. Following basic training McGeorge was assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Brigade, 325th Airborne

Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he completed The Basic Airborne Course on March 29th, 1957 serving as a Medical Aidman. On Feb. 27th, 1958 McGeorge was promoted to the Non-Commissioned Officer rank of Specialist Fourth Class Technician. On Sept. 17th, 1958 McGeorge received a transfer to the U.S. Army Reserves, Michigan Military District and on Sept. 17th, 1962 he received an Honorable Discharge, having completed his military obligation, and was awarded the following Decorations and Awards: The Parachutist Badge

and The Good Conduct Medal. Returning home, after completing his active military service in 1958, McGeorge sailed for The Pringle Shipping Line in 1959 and 1960 out of Detroit. On Jan. 7th, 1961, at the Boyne City United Methodist Church, McGeorge married Margaret Eloise Massey, making their home in Boyne Falls, Mich., and in 1964 the family moved to Williamston, Mich. McGeorge had returned to work for General Motors, Oldsmobile Division, Lansing, Mich. on Nov. 9th, 1964 and in his spare time enjoyed gardening, golfing, family fishing trips with his broth-

ers to Canada, and traveling. On July 12th, 1996 Robert Edwin McGeorge answered the final call, having never had the chance to retire, and is being honored by his wife Eloise, his children and their families.

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

Charlevoix County Planners to learn about hot planning topics

Local elected officials, planning commission and zoning board of appeals members will learn about current trends and hot topics affecting Northern Michigan communities at the Charlevoix Public Library on Thursday, October 30, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The event will begin with a discussion of important trends that planning officials should know about. For example, one of the most notable changes in this part of the state is the aging population – Baby Boomers are retiring in large numbers and taking advantage of Northern Michigan's recreation opportunities and great quality of life. As a result, housing demand is moving more to smaller residences closer to towns and cities.

Economic development experts will also update the group about the state of the economy and local trends in manufacturing, tourism, health and employment.

Other topics during the workshop include placemaking, what to do with contentious ZBA issues, the Lake Charlevoix shoreline zoning project, parcel splits and the Land Division Act, and local government roles in oil and gas development. A special session will give participants an opportunity to hear about and offer feedback on the 2015 Charlevoix County Recreation Plan update.

This event is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and is partially funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Master Citizen Planners are eligible to receive four Master Citizen Planner credits.

Although the topics are focused on Charlevoix County planning, zoning and water quality issues, the event is open to all. The cost of the program is \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, visit or contact the MSU Charlevoix County Extension office at 231-582-6232. The registration deadline is Friday, October 24.

Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) class for businesses

PETOSKEY — Businesses contracting with the federal government and those ready to start contracting can learn about Understanding the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) at a class November 5 in Petoskey. The class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 536 of the Student Community Resource Building at North Central Michigan College (NCMC). The class is part of the "Doing Business with the Government Series," and is being offered by the Northwest Michigan Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) in partnership with NCMC.

In the class businesses will look at what the FAR is, how to look up and interpret a FAR clause, how FAR clauses apply to government solicitations, and more. There is no charge to attend the class, but seating is limited and pre-registration is required at networksnorthwest.org/ptactraining. For more information about the class contact Deb Donovan at ddonovan@networksnorthwest.org or 231-929-5076.

A class about Responding to Federal Government Solicitations will be offered December 11 in Petoskey. The PTAC is also offering classes in Cadillac, Kincheloe, and Sault Ste. Marie. A schedule and more information about the classes are available at networksnorthwest.org/ptactraining.

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

Top Ten Goals for Boyne City adopted by commission

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY - The purchase of computers and the sale of a fire truck was approved and goals for future planning were adopted at the October 15 Boyne City meeting.

The commission approved the purchase of three new computers at a cost not to exceed \$4,816. The replaced computers will be passed onto departments that don't require extensive amounts of computer usage. "Anytime you can have things move a little smoother on staff I'm in favor of that and the fact that we can still use the old ones is great," said Commissioner Laura Sansom.

The fire department's 1993 pumper truck has been up for sale since last spring. There have been many inquiries and two serious offers, one from a private individual for \$25,000 and one from Sherman Township in Keweenaw County for \$30,000. The fire Chief recommended that the truck be sold to Sherman Township. "We feel this is good deal for us and them both," said Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury. "I think if another community can use it

that's great," said Sansom. The city's new pumper truck will be arriving soon. It was purchased for a cash price of \$307,000.

A summary of information collected at goal setting meetings held in January and an online survey was presented to the commission with results ranked in order of importance. The commission was asked to adopt the top ten goals to be used as a tool for future planning but unanimously decided to keep the summary as presented. "I really like the way this lays out, I really like having the percentages...if we just did the top ten we wouldn't have those on our master list I think this is easy to look at and see what the public wants," said Sansom. The top ten goals in the summary were: Attract and retain family supporting jobs, promote a high quality, balance and sustainable community, EMS sustainability, Encourage redevelopment/re-us of sites/structures in town, Maintain streets and infrastructure, Create more activities/ opportunities for kids, Affordable housing, Improve city parks,

Improve Boyne Avenue entrance into the community, Pedestrian friendly/ walkable downtown. There were ten more goals included further down on the list. "I'd be perfectly satisfied if this was printed just the way it is," said Mayor Ron Grunch. A motion was made by Grunch to adopt the summary with some corrective language.

A contract was awarded for crack sealing maintenance in the amount of \$12,397.76 to Applied Pavement Maintenance. The company has been the low bidder for crack sealing work for the city for the last four years.

The city's road grader is somewhere between a 1968-70 model and has not been non-functional now for two years. A request from public works superintendent Andy Kovolski to solicit bids from recycling companies and sell the Cat 120 Road grader to the highest bidder was approved.

The city's liability insurance through the Michigan Township Participating Plan was renewed. The city has carried their insurance with this company since 2005.

The Planning Commission reviewed secret ballot nominations for the Marvin Loding Awards in three categories, Industrial, commercial and residential and sent the results to the commission for presentation at the October 14 meeting. Awards were presented to Precision Edge, Family Fare and Dale and Marilyn Goby.

The MML Conference will be held October 15 – 17, 2014 at Northern Michigan University in Marquette

A City facilities work session will be held, Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

A Master Plan public input session will be held Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 at noon.

City Offices will be open Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and distributing absentee ballots for the November 4 general election.

Mom & Tots fundraiser draws record crowd



PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

Captain of the Michigan state police chaplain core, pastor and associate professor at Cornerstone University, Mark Blocher, (far left) addresses a record crowd of more than 460 participants at the Moms & Tots fundraiser banquet Thursday at Shanty Creek in Bellaire. The 14th annual event informs the community of successes and on-going needs of hundreds of families utilizing services at the center in Ellsworth. Donations welcome; address to Moms & Tots Center, PO Box 206, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729.

Two new services available at the Charlevoix Public library

The Charlevoix Public Library is excited to announce two new services available for their patrons. The Library is now a demonstration site for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH). Patrons who either have visual impairments or physical impairments and cannot read or hold a book may qualify for LBPH services. As a demonstration site, the Charlevoix Public Library now has the LBPH equipment on site and can show patrons how

to use the equipment. The staff can also walk patrons through the process of signing up for services.

The services are difficult to explain. People who qualify receive special equipment with large buttons that are braille coded. The LBPH has thousands of digital talking books to choose from. The equipment and book selections are mailed directly to the patron's home. "Becoming a demonstration site has made it much easier for us to explain the actual services

available now that we have samples in house to show our patrons," states librarian Linda Adams.

Another new service offered to patrons at the Charlevoix Public Library is the use of credit cards. If patrons are purchasing used books, paying fees, or even making a donation, they can now use a credit card if those items are over \$10.00. "We are excited to finally offer this convenience to our patrons," states Circulation Supervisor, Julie Burgess. The li-

brary has a Square and an iPad mini, purchased with monies from a donor advised fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, to allow patrons the flexibility of using a credit or debit card for their transactions.

For information about this or other services at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 W. Clinton St., visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call, 231-547-2651.

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STATE ELECTIONS

Who's on Your Ballot this November?

By Tina Sundelius

November 4th is just two weeks away and here we go again, scrambling to be the informed populous we know we should be, a people with the inherent right to choose in a sea of overwhelming choices and conflicting information. Between a never-ending stream of mailers and television campaign ads, Michigan voters may be feeling inundated with information. A wide range of races from governor down to township and library boards will be up for grabs and the voting public is expected to know who's who. It's difficult to stay on top of all the candidates and proposals that will be on the ballot this fall. In an effort to simplify the voter preparation process, here's a brief introduction to the candidates squaring off at the state level this November.

For the office of Michigan's Governor, candidates from the Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Green and US Taxpayers parties will appear on the ballot. Incumbent Rick Snyder (R), seeking a second term, is fighting an unexpectedly close re-election campaign against liberal progressive Mark Schauer (D). Snyder campaigned in 2010 as a political novice and a mostly unknown businessman. After four years running the state, polls show that voter impressions of him are more negative than positive with 37% of Michigan voters stating that they approve of Snyder's performance while 54% disapprove. Doing a better job of matching workforce skills and available jobs seems to be the main focus of his campaign.

However, while voters have a negative opinion of the incumbent, they tend to have no opinion at all of politician and lawmaker Schauer. Among those that do, Schauer has a slightly positive rating with 27% favorable and 24% unfavorable. Schauer believes in a strong middle class and intends to fight to build an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy.

Libertarian, Mary Buzuma is running to give voters a choice. Green party candidate, Paul Homeniuk is running because of a belief that government is failing the people and U.S. Taxpayer candidate, Mark McFarlin gave his reason for running as a desire to reform Michigan for the good of the people and to keep the federal government out of the lives of Michiganders.

U.S. Senator, Carl Levin is retiring from office and the Democrats and Republicans are both pulling out all the stops to capture this seat. Democrat Gary Peters is running against Republican Terri Lynn Land. These two candidates have run more negative ads than all the other candidates combined. Our publisher, Dave Baragrey, has decided to vote for anyone else

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ROBERT KENNEDY

106TH DISTRICT STATE HOUSE RACE



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MARY BUZUMA

GOVERNOR'S RACE



MARK SCHAUER

other than either of these two candidates. Baragrey said, "I am sick of listening and reading so many negative ads from all the candidates, but these two represent everything that is wrong with the election process. It is unfortunate that one of them will be elected."

Running for the seat vacated by Howard Walker in the 37th District of the Michigan State Senate which encompasses Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Mackinac, and Chippewa Counties are Democrat Phil Bellfy and Republican Wayne Schmidt. Bellfy is running with deep environmental passions while Schmidt is interested in building the state's infrastructure and making Michigan an attractive place to start a business.

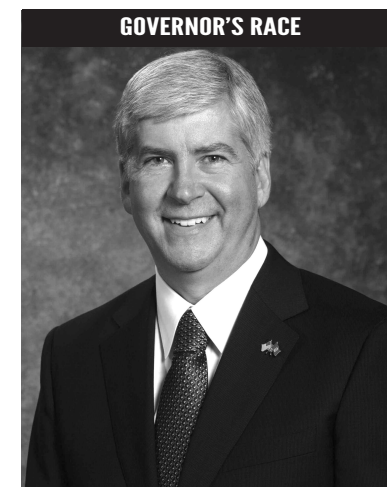
In District 36 which encompasses Gladwin, Midland, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Otsego, Montmorency,

and Alpena Counties, Senator John Moolenaar is not seeking re-election. Democrat Joe Lukasiewicz from Greenbush and Republican Jim Stamas from Midland are vying for his seat. Lukasiewicz has expressed concern about handing over the state to future generations in a worse condition than when we inherited it and hopes that by not doing "business as usual" Michigan can reclaim the stature it once held leaving it a better place. Stamas hopes to make Michigan better for each resident through a focus on Jobs, Education and Accountability.

Michigan's House of Representatives 105th District encompasses the five counties of Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, and Oscoda. Conservative farmer Triston Cole (R) and teacher Jay Calo (D) are running for the seat vacated by Greg MacMaster's. Cole's platform includes lessening government in-

trusion, increasing respect for individual liberties and upholding and strengthening private property rights. Calo wants to reinvest in the public school system and restore tax credits that help working and middle class citizens.

The 106th District for the State House of Representatives includes Iosco, Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, and Presque Isle Counties. Incumbent Republican Peter Pettaia from Presque Isle and Democrat Robert Kennedy from Harrisville appear to be opposites in their priorities. Pettaia stated that his top three legislative priorities are Jobs, protecting seniors and property rights and improving educational opportunities while Kennedy listed campaign finance reform, infrastructure improvements and real dollar annual increases to local units of government and public schools. Kennedy also stated he will fight



RIK SNYDER

to restore school funding and for marriage equality if elected.

Watch next week's paper for a rundown of local candidates and ballot proposals.

Literacy Corps training scheduled at Char-Em United Way

Char-Em United Way is partnering with the Literacy Consultants at Char-Em ISD to provide literacy training to our Literacy Corps volunteers. The training is scheduled to be from 1 pm to 3 pm on Wednesday, November 12, in the main floor conference room of the Red Cross building located at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive in Petoskey. There is no charge for this training and it is open to anyone who is interested. Space is limited so registration is required.

The Literacy Corps is a group of dedicated volunteers who spend their time reading, tutoring, or mentoring youth at various schools and youth serving agencies. Volunteers will have the ability to tailor their volunteer experience around their schedule. Training, sup-

port, and t-shirts will be provided to all volunteers. The Literacy Corps is part of Char-Em United Way's education initiative "United We Read," which has recruited 101 dedicated volunteers over the last two years to read to, tutor, and mentor students in schools, libraries, day cares, and other youth serving agencies. The goal of this three year initiative is to recruit 150 volunteer members that

will continue on a regular basis to work with children.

If you are a Literacy Corps member, or interested in becoming one, and would like to attend the training, please contact Pat Brewer, AmeriCorps VISTA, at Char-Em United Way by Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, at vista@charemunited-way.org or 231-487-1006.

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BOYNE CITY

City Master Planning Session

Public input meeting Thursday, October 23rd at 7 pm (City Hall)

MICHIGAN

2014 Open Enrollment of Medicare

The Annual Open Enrollment period for Medicare beneficiaries begins October 15th and will continue through December 7th. It is important for every Medicare recipient to review his/her coverage and be certain that the plan you have for 2015 is the best plan for you.

EAST JORDAN

Fundraiser Chili Dinner

Saturday, October 25 from 5 - 7PM. Enjoy Chili Dinner including Salad & Dessert. There will be a Silent Auction, International Food Tasting station, Soft Serve Ice Cream (sm. donation) and a children's Program (to include dinner of Hot dog, chips fruit & dessert, crafts, games & movie) The movie "God's Not Dead" will be shown from 7:15 - 9:15 PM. All proceeds to benefit the Reich family's upcoming mission trips.

ELLSWORTH

Pancake breakfast

Saturday, October 25. A Pancake Breakfast to support the Ellsworth Community School junior/senior government trip to Washington, D.C. will be held from 8:00-11:30 in the elementary school.

BOYNE CITY

Dog Park plans "Howloween" Costume Party and Play Date

Boyne City's Ridge Run Dog Park is organizing a "Howloween" Costume Party and Play Date for 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume, Best Owner Look-alike, Best Homemade Costume and Cutest Costume. Entry fee is \$5 per dog, and treat bags will be provided for all dogs. Proceeds go to the Ridge Run Dog Park Fund to help pay for additional features and improvements. You can also show your support for the dog park by displaying their window sticker. They are available for \$5 at the Boyne Area Chamber office, 28 S. Lake St. Donations of any size are welcome; checks can be made out to the City of Boyne City with Ridge Run Dog Park in the memo line. The park is located on Ridge Street, three blocks north of Michigan Street, off

Charlevoix Street.

BOYNE CITY

Pumpkin carving fundraiser

On October 26, Northern Michigan Equine Therapy (NMET) is holding their 1st Annual Pumpkin Carving Fundraiser. This event is open to families, future clients, and all community members. The fundraiser takes place at the NMET facility located at 05025 Church Road, Boyne City (corner of Horton Bay and Church Road).

BOYNE CITY

Dressed for Chill month

The women of Eta Nu are again sponsoring "Dressed for Chill" throughout the month of October. The project provides new winter outerwear for children in need at Boyne City Elementary School. Eta Nu committee members work together on raising money in the community, organizing, shopping and distributing the new outfits in coordination with the school. Last year Eta Nu women outfitted over 100 students with new jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Because of expectations of another severe winter, it is anticipated there will be an increase in the number of students needing assistance. Funds are raised through donations from community organizations, businesses, individuals, and grants. Fund donation canisters have been distributed to several businesses in the community. Fund donations are tax-deductible. Checks may be made out to Eta Nu Charities, and sent to PO Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712. Also individual contributions to United Way can be directed specifically for Eta Nu Charities/Dressed for Chill.

CHARLEVOIX

Hunter's Banquet

12th Annual Charlevoix Council Knights of Columbus Hunter's Banquet Thursday, Oct. 30 at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors open at 5pm. Dinner tickets are \$15. Raffle tickets are \$20 for 6. For tickets contact Larry Campbell 231-547-4208 or 231-675-2846. The Hunters Banquet is a fundraiser sponsored by the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus to provide needed funds to the Charlevoix Food Pantry. The Banquet features an on-site Pig Roast, a variety of side dishes, desserts, and a lot of fun and camaraderie. This year's featured speaker will be Drew YoungeDyke. Drew

is Grassroots and Public Relations manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. He will speak about the clubs' mission and personal hunting trips. He is also an expert on fracking and Asian carp issues and will have a Q and A period for open discussion. The event will feature a Grand raffle prize of a \$1,000 Jay's Sporting Goods shopping spree. There will also be door prizes furnished from Charlevoix Ace Hardware, and Jay's Sporting Goods. The venue has moved to St. Mary's Parish Hall this year to provide more room as this event typically sells out!

BOYNE CITY

Costume parade returns to downtown Boyne City Oct. 31

Start Halloween night with downtown Boyne City's annual costume parade. Everyone is welcome; young, old or 4-legged - come and join the fun! Bring a chair if you prefer to watch all the great costumes. Line-up begins in front of CindiFranco's, 309 S. Lake St. at 4:30 p.m., parade begins at 4:45 and will wind around downtown, ending at the entrances to The Fire Department's Haunted House at the Library Red Barn. The Library will host an event in the Community Room, handing out bookmarks that can be redeemed for a book. Just one block down, the First Presbyterian Church will feature the famous Trunk or Treat. The city's official trick or treating hours are 5 to 8 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

Trunk-or-Treat

This fun event will take place at United Methodist Church parking lot on Halloween, October 31 from 5 - 7PM. All are invited to come and participate. If you would like to help with donations of candy, a container is located by the parking lot entrance. The United Methodist Women thank you for your donations.

EAST JORDAN

Trunk-or-Treat

October 31 from 5 - 8PM in the Harvest Barn church parking lot, 301 Nicholls St. Bring the kids and trick-or-treat from car to car without the fear of traffic.

BOYNE CITY

Free computer classes

Free computer 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 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.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Volunteer Network

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include your organization and volunteer needs in this new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool aged siblings are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Play-

groups will help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. This fall/winter, Playgroups are held: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson; 9:30-11am Thursdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Fridays at United Methodist Church, Petoskey. Call (231)347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Messy church

This is a fun way of doing church for families. There are crafts, Bible stories learning about the God who loves you, songs, and free meal. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult. This is a non-denominational event which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4 - 6 pm at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Your call is appreciated for meal count at 547-2654.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Seniors ride free

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

CHARLEVOIX

Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or care givers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, story teller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

CHARLEVOIX

Orphan Sunday

FACES (Foster. Adopt. Care. Educate. Support) will kick-off Orphan Sunday weekend on Saturday, November 1st from 5-8 p.m. at the Charlevoix Country Club Bistro with a training led by Johnny Carr (author of Orphan Justice: How to Care for Orphans Beyond Adopting). This training will help attendees gain knowledge of the best, Bible-based practices in caring for orphans. This event is for anyone interested in learning more about children who are hurting both locally and globally. The cost of this training is \$15 and includes dinner. You can register at orphan-justice.eventbrite.com. Orphan Sunday service being held at Charlevoix High School on November 2 at 9:30am.

BOYNE CITY

City Hall open on Saturday, Nov. 1

For the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots. 9am to 2pm.

EAST JORDAN

Snowmobile Safety Class

November 1 from 9AM - 3PM for ages 12 - 17, but anyone welcome. Held at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. Clubhouse 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd. Pre-registration is required. Call Gerry Argetsiner 231-582-7970 or Don Massey at 231-536-2944. Lunch is provided.

MICHIGAN

Fall back

Daylight savings time ends Nov. 2. Fall back one hour at 2am.

BOYNE CITY

Leaf pickup

The City of Boyne City will pick up leaves every Monday and Friday beginning October 13 and continuing through November 7. After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for disposing of their own leaves. Brush will not be picked up; however, residents may take their brush and leaves, either bagged in biodegradable bags or un-bagged, up to the North Boyne Compost Site at the end of Robinson St.

EAST JORDAN

State of the community

East Jordan State of the Community, Tuesday, November 11, Noon to 1:30 PM at Harvest Barn Church.

CHARLEVOIX

LEGO & Minecraft

The Minecraft game has ballooned into a world-wide phenomenon and the Charlevoix Public Library is excited to continue its participation. Kids in grades 4 and up are invited to play on the library's Minecraft server during Minecraft Mayhem, Mondays 3:45 - 5pm. Minecraft is a game about breaking and placing blocks. The players on the library's server have created a fascinating world of their own. The library's server is monitored during game play. For the more tactile bunch, the Library is pleased to continue the LEGO Club @ the Library. The LEGO Club will be meeting in the Youth Activity Center, 3:45pm to 5pm on Tuesday, November 11. Kids will be able to utilize the library's giant LEGO table and collection of LEGOs, including new kits to help spark kids' creativity. Each month the kids build upon the theme of the month.

PETOSKEY

Food & Farming Conference

Around the Table: Growing Together. 2nd Annual Local Food & Farming Conference. Wednesday, November 12, 4 - 8 PM. \$10 includes materials and refreshments North Central Michigan College Iron Horse Café & Conference Center in Petoskey. Join farmers, food hub organizers, local food buyers and others to grow a stronger local food system. Learn from the successes of the UP Food Exchange/Marquette Coop, Goodwill's Farm to Freezer program, area distributors, restaurants, food processors & retail purchasers about what works and what needs work. Don't miss the ideas, networking, new opportunities, and food! For tickets or information, please see www.ncmich.edu/cce or call 231-348-6708. To sponsor a display table, please call 231-348-6705.

ELLSWORTH

Wanted crafters

Crafters, vendors, artists, etc for our Doe Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Ellsworth High School. For booth information please contact Jessica Pletcher at 231-675-3396.

MANCELONA

Vendors Needed

Annual Mancelona Community Craft Show - November 22 - Mancelona Elementary School from 9 - 3. \$30 for approx. 10 x 10 space. Proceeds help fund Pathway Community Church's Hands and Feet Camp home improvement projects around our community. Call Michele @ 231-350-6367.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Business after Hours

Monday, December 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Location: A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo (9502 Lake St., Ells) Sponsored by: EJ & A Matter of Taste. Entry by cash donation (donations to benefit East Jordan & Ellsworth food pantries)

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FACES hosts Orphan Sunday (and Saturday) in Charlevoix

The International Orphan Sunday Campaign led by the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO) has helped stoke this movement to a new intensity, including more than 3,000 local Orphan Sunday events nationwide. The campaign aims for more than 4,000 events across America on the first weekend of November, calling Christians to adoption, foster care and global orphan ministry.

Locally, FACES (Foster. Adopt. Care. Educate. Support) will kick-off Orphan Sunday weekend on Saturday, November 1st from 5-8 p.m. at the Charlevoix Country Club Bistro with a training led by Johnny Carr (author of Orphan Justice: How to Care for Orphans Beyond Adopting). This training will help attendees gain knowledge of the best, Bible-based practices in caring for orphans. This event is for anyone interested in learning more about children who are hurting both locally and globally. The cost of this training is \$15 and includes dinner. You can register at orphanjustice.eventbrite.com.

Opportunities continue with an Orphan Sunday service being held at Charlevoix High School on November 2, 2014 at 9:30



a.m. Johnny Carr, a renowned international voice on behalf of vulnerable children, will be delivering a passionate sermon and presenting opportunities on how all persons can be involved in caring for vulnerable children. A luncheon will be provided following the church service for those who feel moved to act or would like more information. Various organizations will have booths onsite to offer opportunities for involvement, including Bethany Christian Services.

"Orphan Sunday calls the Church to make the Gospel visible," said Jedd Medefind, President of the Christian Alliance for Orphans. "When Christians open their hearts and homes in adoption, foster care and global orphan ministry, we mirror the God who did the same for us."

"Everyone is called to do something and there are several ways for people to care for vulnerable children beyond adopting. FACES offers a 'WRAP' program which invites followers of any age or stage of life to use individual gifts to surround adoptive and foster families with love, prayers, and acts of service," said Karlee Philp, leader of FACES.

There are more than 400,000 (of whom 13,000 are from Michigan) children in the foster system in the U.S. today, with over 100,000 waiting to be adopted. Globally, an estimated 17.8 million children have lost both parents. The Orphan Sunday campaign invites Christians to be God's answer to these needs. "We set the lonely in families because God set us in His."

Little Traverse Historical Society announces new leadership

The board of the Little Traverse Historical Society is contracting with a team of talented professionals to lead them into the coming years. It was announced at the Museum's special Thursday evening program on September 25 that Jane Garver and Dylan Taylor would begin a dual director role as of October 1. Both are former board members, have experience in non-profit leadership, and are dedicated to the mission of the Society and the Museum. Board President, Richard Clark, said regarding the hiring, "We are very fortunate to have two highly motivated individuals with a tremendous love of history to continue to guide and lead our museum into the future."

Late this past summer the board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Michael Federspiel who had served as Executive Director for the past three years. Federspiel cited family obligations for his departure, stating that his commitment to the museum and to Petoskey are strong, but that his family would always be his first priority and he was needed and desired to be close to them in Mount Pleasant. During his tenure, Federspiel made great strides in programming, the creation of new displays, board development, and leadership of the organization. Said Federspiel, "I am very pleased that the society has chosen Jane Garver and Dylan Taylor to be its new directors. I look forward to working with them in support of the museum and society in my new position of "Director Emeritus!" The board could not be more pleased to know that he has agreed to continue his service to them in this way.

Jane Garver will continue her teaching career in the Charlevoix school district. Her skills in education and

community relations will be especially valuable to the museum's school and special programs. Garver says, "I am thrilled at the prospect of becoming a co-director and continuing the wonderful work of Mike Federspiel. I'm excited about reaching out to area teachers and building on the great programs already in place, as well as incorporating more educational aspects into the museum for all our visitors. I'll admit, though, that I'm most excited about exploring the museum's attic!"

Dylan Taylor will also continue his position as Point of Sales Coordinator for the Grain Train Food Cooperative. Dylan has a degree in history and a passion for museums. Upon his appointment he said, "I am excited to be part of the Little Traverse Historical Society. History is the path we have travelled to the present, I am looking forward to discovering our area's story and sharing that with the community."

The new co-director's schedules will allow them to manage on-site staffing responsibilities at the museum and the broad skillset that the combination of the two of them provide, in conjunction with Federspiel serving as Director Emeritus, will be beneficial to future museum and society activities. The Little Traverse Historical Society manages the Petoskey Museum located at 100 Depot Court. The museum building is owned by the city but receives no tax dollar support and is funded by donations and membership dues. Volunteer support is always welcome. Please call 231-347-2620 for more information or visit the website at petoskeymuseum.org.

Discover Hidden Treasures at Goodwill Retail & Distribution Centers in Petoskey and Gaylord

By Jim Akans

It is a well-recognized name that symbolizes services and programs that provide a means for people in need to get back on their feet and regain their treasured independence. Goodwill has been around since 1902, when a Boston area Methodist Minister named Rev. Edgar Helms began collecting used household goods and clothing, and hired those who were down on their luck to mend and repair those goods for resale. Here in Northern Michigan, Goodwill opened their doors at Asgard Enterprises in 1972, and today the non-profit organi-

zation offers vocational, housing, transportation, nutritional and family strengthening programs across the region.

Goodwill also continues to offer gently used clothing, household items, books, home décor accessories and more at their Retail and Donation Centers. In our area, centers are located in Petoskey and Gaylord, employing a total of 34 people, utilizing proceeds from sales at each location to help support programs throughout Northern Michigan that help people overcome barriers to independence.

"Part of our business model is also being 'green,'" observes

Ruth Blick, Director of Marketing and Communications for Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. "Everything that is donated to our stores is either reduced, reused or recycled. Items that come in that don't meet quality standards go thru our salvage program. We are also in partnership with Dell Reconnect and we accept all types of computer equipment and recycle those items. Many people don't realize that a computer monitor can contain up to a pound of lead. We are able to safely recycle those units."

Goodwill also recycles metal items, cardboard, purses, belts,

shoes, books and clothing. The gently used items on the sales floor follow a rotation model where they are on display for four weeks a regular price, then half-off for a week, then reduced per item to 99-cents for adult sizes and 49-cents for children sizes, and those items are finally recycled if not sold.

"So there are always items at sale prices when someone visits our store," observes Ruth Blick. "People want to see different items on display when they visit us. Thousands of items are regularly coming in and going out of our stores."

Submitting items for donation

is easy. Each location has a drive up donation center, open 7 days a week, and members of the Goodwill team will happily unload items from the donor's vehicle.

The 6,000 square foot Goodwill Retail and Donation Center at 1361 Pineview Drive in Gaylord is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 11am until 6 pm. The 6,700 square foot Goodwill Retail and Donation Center at 1600 Anderson Road in Petoskey is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 8 pm, and Sunday from 11am until 6 pm.

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Distinguished Young Women of Michigan scholarship program looking for applicants

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 57th Annual Scholarship Program, to be held on January 24th at Saline High School. This scholarship program is open to high school senior young women in the state of Michigan graduating by June 2015. Contestants must be a high school senior graduating in 2015 with a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher.

This program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-express-

sion, physical fitness, and interview. Last year over \$8,000.00 in cash scholarships were awarded at the State Program. The winner will be awarded the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan and will go on to compete for The Distinguished Young Woman of America in Mobile, Alabama in June for additional college scholarship money. Last year's Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan, Alysse Blight from Wyandotte, received over \$15,000.00 in cash scholarships at the State and National Program. She earned the top talent scholarship and was the Second Runner Up to the Distinguished

Young Women of America. Alysse is attending the Arizona State University where she is studying biology and journalism.

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for their college scholarship program. High school senior young women graduating in 2015 who are interested in finding out more information on this worthwhile scholarship program can email Michigan@Distinguishedyw.org or go to www.distinguishedyw.org or contact state committee member Jan Witte at 517-260-0730.

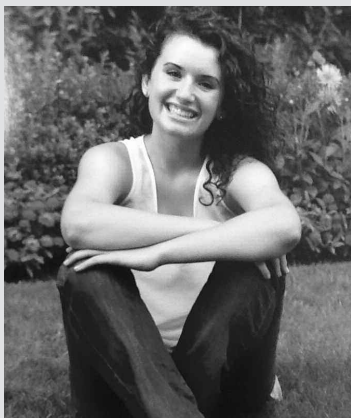
The state of Michigan has local programs for high school seniors living in Jackson, Lenawee, Oakland or Washtenaw Counties and the cities of Wayne, Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Inkster. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, November 2nd from 1 - 4 p.m. at Point Counterpoint Dance Studio, located at 32807 Manor Park Drive in Garden City. This workshop is strongly encouraged for both the applicant and their parent. If you cannot attend this workshop but are interested in participating in the scholarship program, contact state committee member Jan Witte.



Alysse Blight, the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2014

Boyne City Public School

Student of the Week



Irene Seaver

Grade: 12
Parent(s): Wade and Lynn Seaver
Future Plans: "Become an Attorney"
School Activities: Co-President of National Honors Society, Cross Country Team, Pride Team
Hobbies and Interests: Playing guitar, Reading
Staff Comments:
 "Irene has been working very hard and has had a great attitude in Better Faster Stronger, Weightlifting class. - David Smith, P.E. Teacher/Athletic Director
 "She is the newly elected Co-President of the National Honor Society." - Cathy Brown, HS Counselor
 "Irene is a driven, motivated and focused young woman who continually makes a difference because of hard work and dedication. An example of this would be Irene accomplishing her goal of obtaining her associates degree just before her high school graduation, which she is on track to do. Congratulations Irene." - Linda King, Counseling Secretary

Boyne Falls Middle School

Student of the Week



Erienne Goodrich

Grade: 7
Parent(s): Kathy Purull and Richard Goodrich
Future Plans: teacher
School Activities: Basketball and volleyball
Favorite Book: Numbers by Rachael Ward
Hobbies and Interests: Sports and reading
Staff Comments:
 Erienne has been in my classes for eight years and has always been a great pleasure. She is attentive, kind, always smiling and has a great work ethic. It is an honor to recommend her as student of the week. Congratulations Erienne! - Heidi Held

N.A.S.A. Workshops Scheduled at Raven Hill Discovery Center

Susan Kohler, N.A.S.A. Education Professional Development Specialist for Glenn Research Center in Cleveland Ohio, will be presenting two workshops at Raven Hill Discovery Center in November. On Thursday, November 6, participants can receive Lunar Certification Training, allowing their organization to borrow and display lunar rocks and meteorites. Teachers and other participants will learn how to use lunar and meteorite samples to engage students and others in hands-on, minds-on, words-on activities. The activities and N.A.S.A. educational websites introduced will provide new curriculum ideas and all participants will be qualified to obtain and use lunar and meteorite samples in their classrooms, libraries or other locations.

On Friday, November 7, 2014, the N.A.S.A. workshop will focus on Engineering Design for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) Teachers. This STEM workshop will guide participants through hands-on and inquiry based learning activities related to Newton's laws and the Engineering Design process. Educators will practice the 21st Century Learning Skills including: solving problems, collaboration and evidentiary arguments. Participating educators will be able to use what they have learned at this workshop to engage their students in problem-based

learning, solving STEM challenges using inquiry based science activities from N.A.S.A. curriculum guides. The activities and N.A.S.A. educational websites introduced will provide educators with new ideas.

Susan holds a Master's in Education Administration from Bowling Green State College as well as a Bachelors degree of Science in Biology and Neuroscience from Ramapo College in New Jersey. She has more than 25 years of progressively responsible K-12 educational leadership experience. She has served as Asst. Principal, Principal, Curriculum Director, Math/Science Consultant and Asst. Superintendent. Susan taught science for 13 years at the high school level. Her expertise in STEM and professional development is combined with her knowledge of new technology trends and innovative instructional strategies.

Both workshops will run from 9 am to 3 pm. There is no cost for either workshop, SCECHs will be offered pending approval and lunch will be provided. There are still a few places available in each workshop. Email Cheri at info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org or call her at 231.536.3369 or 877.833.4254 to register or for more information.

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The collage features several pages from the Charlevoix County News. The main page is the July 18, 2013 issue, with the headline "YOUR SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS" and "BOYNE CITY, CHARLEVOIX, EAST JORDAN, ELLSWORTH AND SURROUNDING AREAS". Other visible articles include "83rd Annual Venetian Festival" (July 20th-27th), "26th Annual Walloon Lake Antique-Tractor Engine & Craft Show", and "Phyatheters Club member, Larry Peterson, leads the 5th Annual of Peace, a cycling procession of hope, recovery and determination". There are also advertisements for "For Low Cost Direct Mail Advertising!", "We Deliver! Teagan and Nolan's House of Sandwiches", "Lynette's", and "Northwestern Bank".

What is SAD? Living with Seasonal Affective Disorder

Deb Hagen-Foley

Seasonal affective disorder, SAD, is a form of depression that occurs most frequently in the fall and winter months as the hours of daylight become shorter and the temperatures become cooler. SAD has only been recognized as a diagnosis since 1985. Symptoms include: hopelessness, loss of energy, social withdrawal, difficulty concentrating, weight gain and appetite changes - particularly craving foods high in carbohydrates, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities and excessive desire for sleep.

A reduction in serotonin and melatonin levels, related to a reduction in sunlight and the change of seasons, may contribute to SAD. The reduced level of sunlight may result in a disruption of the circadian rhythm, the biological clock. The incidence of seasonal affective disorder is greater in persons living further from the equator. SAD occurs in 1% to 10% of the U.S. population, is dependent on geographic location and is less common

where there is snow on the ground. People of all ages can develop SAD and the average age of first symptoms is 23. Four times as many women as men report SAD symptoms.

Common treatments for SAD include light therapy, exercise, and various supplements. Light therapy involves sitting a few feet away from a light therapy box. The light mimics outdoor light and seems to change brain chemicals related to mood. Opening blinds and sit close to windows will make your environment brighter.

Getting outside, even on cold or cloudy days, can help relieve symptoms of SAD. Outdoor light is most helpful in combating SAD within two hours of getting up in the morning. Regular exercise helps to relieve stress and anxiety, which can contribute to SAD symptoms. Yoga, acupuncture, meditation and massage therapy may also help relieve depressive symptoms. Supplements, which may be beneficial in treating SAD, include: melatonin, St. John's wort, SAMe and Omega-3 fatty acids. Check with your doctor before trying these supplements as they may interact with prescription medications.

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Foundation helps provide world class care, locally

Guest Commentary

By Moon Seagren,
FACHE, Vice President & Chief Development Officer, McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation David M. Zechman, President & CEO, McLaren Northern Michigan

Today, years after the first brick was laid to build what is now McLaren Northern Michigan, we remain committed to the vision of our hospital's founders – to provide the compassionate, world-class health-care you would expect from a world-renowned hospital right here in northern Michigan.

It's been more than two years since our hospital became an affiliate of McLaren. Since then, we have consistently been asked two questions – “How has the affiliation with McLaren changed or benefited the hospital?” and “Do the dollars donated to the Foundation really stay here in Petoskey?”

To simply answer the first question, our dollars stretch farther as a McLaren affiliate which enables us to continue to expand our ability to provide services throughout our region. Because McLaren Northern Michigan is just one of 12 corporate subsidiaries, each location benefits from economies of scale. That means rather than negotiating a contract for goods or services for just our location, we benefit from McLaren's purchasing power for all of its locations.

Additionally, we benefit from McLaren's strong and healthy bond rating. Why is that important? In the near future, we will be launching a capital campaign to fund a much needed renovation of our hospital – most importantly, building a new patient tower with private rooms. This will benefit patients by offering more privacy and the ability to recover from an injury or illness in a more restful space.

What hasn't changed is our commitment to provide compassionate and kind service for all. All of us at McLaren Northern Michigan are honored and privileged to receive and care for every member of our community, including the most vulnerable among us, and we are committed to assuring this role – a responsibility we take very seriously.

Do the dollars donated to the Foundation really stay here? Yes.

Every donation is extremely important because it provides resources that make an immediate impact on the care you receive in your community. And every dollar you give to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation stays right here in northern Michigan and is used as directed by you.

Why should you give to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation? Because our patients, perhaps you or someone

you know, deserve the best available care right here at home – and your donation will help make that possible. You can designate your donation to fund the area of greatest need throughout the hospital, a hospice program, equipment or emerging technology, a program critical to a patient's recovery, the continuing education of those who care for patients or your own special area of interest based on your individual experiences or passions.

As new technology and equipment become available and new models of care are identified, McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation stands by the Hospital's commitment to provide care as we expect for our own family. The significance of each gift goes beyond a simple dollar value - it improves the lives of your neighbors, friends and family by ensuring that the care they need is available when they need it most.

Our hospital has been a cornerstone of this community since our doors first opened many decades ago. Our name may have changed throughout the years, but our commitment to caring for you and your loved ones has not. Thanks to the financial support of every donor who has supported the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, thousands of lives have been saved – whether they faced an urgent need, fought a devastating disease or sought to improve their quality of life.

As the giving season is upon us, we hope you appreciate that world-class care is available right here in your community and that you consider making a gift to the Foundation to help us continue that care for you, your loved ones and your neighbors. Please call 231-487-3500 for more information.

The Importance of Dream Sleep

Do you have trouble getting to sleep or staying asleep? Do dreams seem to elude you? Join Dr. N. Craig Boss, Medical Director at Charlevoix Area Hospital, for the upcoming A.W.A.K.E. meeting on Tuesday evening, October 28. He will be speaking on the topic of “The Importance of Dream Sleep” at this quarterly meeting.

A.W.A.K.E. stands for “Alert, Wake and Keeping Energetic” and is a quarterly meeting for those persons with

sleep disorders, their families and friends. The meeting will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library. Doors open at 5:15 pm when the public will be invited to speak with vendors, see new products and speak to the local durable medical equipment providers.

The meeting is free to the general public and refreshments will be provided. For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

Health Department offers free radon test kits

Exposure to a dangerous, odorless, invisible gas – radon – ranks as the number one in-home hazard for Americans, according to a recent Harvard University study. Radon is a naturally-occurring, radioactive gas that disperses in open air, but can become a serious threat when trapped in a home or other building. Hazardous radon levels are detected in one out of 15 American homes, and radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

To commemorate Radon Action Week, October 20-26, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is offering radon test kits – which normally cost \$15 – for free, to encourage Northern Michigan families to check for and eliminate this silent killer from their homes. Test kits can be picked up during regular business hours at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs and Gaylord. A Property Tax ID number must be provided, to help map radon levels in the four-county Health District.

According to Scott Kendzierski, the Health Department's Director of Environmental Health Services, testing is the only way to know if you and your family are being exposed to dangerous levels of radon.

“Fortunately, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive,” he said. “If you discover that your home does have a problem, the Health Department can provide free consultation and, if needed, help you find a contractor to correct the problem.”

Kendzierski says radon mitigation systems are readily available through local contractors and are widely used, with excellent results that can decrease the presence of radon in a home by as much as 99 percent. Depending on the size and type of home, systems can range from a few hundred dollars up to about \$2,500.

“It's reassuring to know that exposure to harmful levels of radon is preventable, and correcting the problem is relatively easy and inexpensive for most homes,” he added.

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

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

NORTHERN MICHIGAN – Nearly half a million children in the U.S. have elevated levels of lead in their blood, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While anyone can suffer from lead poisoning, children between 6 months and 6 years of age are most at risk. No amount of lead exposure is considered safe.

The CDC, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are participating in National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 19-25. This year's theme, “Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future”, underscores the importance of testing and protecting children from exposure.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan offers blood lead screening for children. Last year alone, the agency screened 935 children from Northern Michigan communities, according to Suzette Daly, Public Health Supervisor.

“Common sources of lead exposure in children are house dust contaminated by lead-based paint, and soil contaminated by leaded paint or by decades of industrial and motor vehicle emissions,” Daly explained.

Most children who have been exposed to lead do not act or look sick until levels are seriously elevated. Lead can often be found in homes built before 1978 that used lead-based paint, in contaminated soil and water, and in some products imported from other

countries.

Elevated lead levels can cause serious health problems related to delays in growth and development, reduced IQ, behavior and attention difficulties, hearing loss and kidney damage. Though lead remains in the environment, lead poisoning is entirely preventable. Below are some simple things you can do to help protect your family:

Get your home tested. Before you buy or rent an older home, ask about lead and have it inspected.

Get your children tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, have them screened for elevated blood lead content. Discuss with your family physician, or contact the Health Department to schedule a screening. Call (800) 432-4121 for an appointment.

Visit the following sites for more information: www.Michigan.gov/lead, <http://leadfreekids.org>, and www/cdc.gov/. You can also call (800) 424-LEAD.

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Local organizations receive \$36,700 in People Fund grants

Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program made possible 13 grants to local community non-profit organizations. The People Fund Board of Directors awarded a total of \$36,700 in grants in October to the following non-profit organizations in northern Michigan. Grants will be awarded in other regions later this month.

1. The Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for the Food4Kids backpack program that provides food for children in need through area schools.
2. Boyne Area Community Christmas, Boyne City: \$3,000 for holiday baskets for families in

3. Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac: \$1,000 for a refrigerator to store medication.
4. Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$1,200 for Guardian 911 Personal Emergency Response Systems to be loaned to area senior citizens.
5. Jordan River Arts Council, East Jordan: \$1,000 for art project materials for student groups visiting the Jordan River Arts Center.
6. Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for planning and engineering services for Phase II of the Boyne Valley Trailway project.
7. Grayling Recreation Au-

- thority/Hansen Hills, Grayling: \$5,000 for replacement windows in Hansen Hills Lodge.
8. Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, Roscommon: \$2,500 for forensic interviewers for children that are victims of abuse.
9. Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$500 for a digital recorder.
10. Bellaire Public Library: \$1,300 for a children's literacy station computer.
11. New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Gaylord: \$1,700 for building improvements.
12. Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for floor panels in the Evolving Technolo-

- gies Building.
 13. Love INC of Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey: \$4,500 for office equipment.
- The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. More than \$2.51 million in grants have been awarded since 1999 to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches along the west-side of Michigan.
- "The average contribution to the People Fund is less than 50 cents per month," says Presi-

dent/CEO Steve Boeckman. "It's one of the easiest ways our members can show their commitment to local communities by rounding their bill to the nearest dollar." Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting gt-lakes.com. One hundred percent of the funds collected are used for grants.

Non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can apply for a grant through the People Fund by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. The next grant application deadline is February 1, 2015.

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Pumpkin Patch Time



Trent Drog, 15, of Eastport (left) and Rusty Bolt of Bolt's Farm in Charlevoix smile as they make light of unloading a truck full of big pumpkins recently, adding to the large selection of choice from this year's harvest. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Allyson Ritthaler, 3, of Alpena is happy to run and pick her favorite pumpkin recently from a yard full of choices at Bolt's Farm in Charlevoix. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

Training scheduled for United Way volunteer connections

Char-Em United Way continues to match volunteers with local nonprofits through the use of Volunteer Connections. Volunteer Connections is a free resource that benefits the entire community. First introduced in late 2009, Volunteer Connections, a "virtual volunteer center," is a tool Char-Em United Way uses to match available volunteers with needs that meet their skills and interests in our region. Nonprofit agencies in

Charlevoix and Emmet Counties can list their volunteer needs, donation needs and upcoming events on the Volunteer Connections website. Volunteers then help with these requests, based on their skills, interests, and availability.

Area organizations interested in learning how to use, or improve their use of, Volunteer Connections are invited to a training session on Thursday, November 6. This will be

an interactive training session and attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet with them to get the most out of the training. Organization registration, volunteer registration, event posting, and volunteer contact messages are some of the topics that will be discussed and demonstrated. The training will begin at 10am in the first floor conference room of the Red Cross building at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive in Petoskey.

Since the improved site went live on January 22, 2014, there have been 1,144 visits to the page by potential volunteers. Currently, there are 405 registered users and 73 active agencies with 78 volunteer needs posted. There is no charge for this training and it is open to all area non-profit agency or organizations. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Please contact Lisa Luebke by Tuesday, November 4, 2014, via email at info@charemunitedway.org, or at 231-487-1006. To find out more about Volunteer Connections and all of the work of Char-Em United Way, visit www.charemunitedway.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor

Recently there was a letter as to how Roy Hayes, who is running for Charlevoix County Circuit Judge, was backed by "good old boys" and that he hadn't been a prosecutor.

Knowing both candidates and some of the key backers for both, each has backing from a group of "good old boys".

As to not having been a prosecutor. Our current sitting judge was never a prosecutor. He has done an outstanding job. In my 30 plus years working in the criminal justice system I have known and worked many circuit court judges across Michigan. Many of whom were never prosecutors.

I am supporting Roy Hayes for judge as I believe he will bring the best balanced approach to the bench.

Don Hengesh
Hayes Township

Editor,

Jerry Cannon, democratic candidate for representative in the U.S. congress, 1st district, is a former Major General in the Michigan Army National Guard and will be a strong advocate for our veterans. He also served as sheriff for Kalkaska County. He has been working effectively with people to make things happen for his entire career. He is an advocate of protecting our land and water. He wants to control fracking and have more restrictions on the oil pipe line running through our state.

His opponent, Dan Benishek, has been a puppet for big oil and other special interests, has supported fracking, has shown little interest in the pipeline under the straights and has otherwise been an enemy of the environment for his entire tenure.

I urge you to help bring about much needed change in the way that our legislature has been operating, or more accurately not operating. I am fed up with the current representative and I plan to vote for Jerry Cannon on November 4. I hope you will too.

Bill Henne, Charlevoix

Editor,

Phil Belfy, democratic candidate for state senator in the 37th district, is a breath of fresh air in a political system that is suffering from a tea party negative agenda. Phil has a perspective that we should all be able to identify with in Northern Michigan. He is an environmentalist. He wants to stop fracking and to place controls on the pipeline under the straights. Finally we can have a senator who will truly protect our land and water if we are wise enough to vote for him.

Phil is a former college professor and an advocate of improving our educational system. He will bring intelligence, incite and a caring nature to the senate, which is something we sorely need.

I urge you to help bring about a much needed change in the way that our legislature has been operating, or not operating to be more accurate. I am excited to vote for Phil Belfy on November 4. I hope you will vote for him too.

Bill Henne, Charlevoix

To the Editor,

Vote Roy C. Hayes November 4th

Take a moment and contemplate the famous line: "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." That is the thought that continuously comes to mind when I see ads printed by the opponent in this

election. Stone throwing and mudslinging come from politicians who are afraid of their own past, not of their opponents. They feel it is far easier to keep the glare elsewhere than for it to shine in their own dark closet.

I personally invite voters to investigate each candidate and see for themselves what qualities they deem important in our next Circuit Court Judge. Stop by and personally talk to each one; see for yourself who holds the qualities we want to see in our next Circuit Court Judge. Ask yourself, who will sit with honor and integrity on the bench? Who will be a role model both on and off the bench for our community? Those are the attributes we must seek.

Not only will Roy C. Hayes, III display honor and integrity as our next Circuit Court Judge, he will be a true role model that our community can stand behind. His professional demeanor, true character and solid commitment to the law is what I admire in Roy C. Hayes, III and what I deem as requirements in our community's next Circuit Court Judge.

I will be voting with confidence and assurance on November 4th for Roy C. Hayes, III.

Thank you,
Catherine A. Kerr

To the Editor,

I write to ask that the Citizens of Charlevoix County to vote for Roy "Joe" C. Hayes, III for the Charlevoix County Circuit Judge on November 4, 2014.

Both candidates have gone to law school and passed the bar exam so we know they both have the minimum legal requirement needed to be a Circuit Judge. However, there is much more to being a judge. These characteristics are not learned in law school or included in the bar exam, they

are handed down, learned in life by example, and demonstrated on a daily basis in and out of the courtroom. The candidate must have integrity, honesty, compassion, and be morally fit to fill the current position. The candidate must have experience in the various courts, not only in Circuit Court and District Court, but also in other state and federal courts. They must have extensive experience in both civil and criminal matters. And he or she must have the strength of character to put aside their own views to follow the law.

I've worked in the legal system since 1985 and have worked with various attorneys over the years. I worked for Roy "Joe" C. Hayes, Jr., prior to his retirement and, since 1994 I've worked for Roy "Joe" Hayes, III, candidate for 33rd Circuit Judge. I know he is the best candidate for the position. He was fortunate to have learned from the best, his father. He absorbed and practiced what he was taught by the various lawyers and judges he worked for, both at the state level and federal level, prior to going into private practice with his father. I ask that you talk to people you know at the courthouse, call your own attorney and get his or her opinion. Talk to law enforcement officers and ask what they think of the candidates. I believe you will hear very positive comments about Roy "Joe" C. Hayes, III. He has all of the characteristics that will make him a great judge. He is intelligent, he is honest, he is compassionate, he is morally fit, he has integrity, and he has the ability to see all sides of an issue. He knows how important an issue is to the persons involved and he researches issues thoroughly to make informed decisions.

Joe Hayes stated at the beginning of this campaign that he did not want the campaign to be neg-

ative. Unfortunately, however, his opponent has thrown out negative comments about him. She is making the fact that he was raised by an outstanding and well respected attorney, Roy ("Joe") C. Hayes, Jr., now deceased, as a negative against him. It is true he may have more opportunities because of his father, but what you do with those opportunities is what counts. Joe has earned everything he has been given through those opportunities. He didn't just clerk for a Missouri Supreme Court Judge, he researched issues and wrote opinions on those issues for the Judge. He didn't just work with his father on major trials, Joe was asked by the National Board of Medical Examiners to give the closing argument at their trial, which resulted in a successful outcome for the Medical Examiners. Joe has given hours of time pro bono to the Woman's Resource Center throughout his career providing legal advice for abused women. And further, Joe represented a local woman being sued by her rapist in federal court which resulted in the case be dismissed against her. He wasn't able to accomplish these positive outcomes because of who his father was, but because of who he is, an outstanding attorney dedicated to do his best for everyone.

Joe chose to maintain his office in Charlevoix to serve the people of Charlevoix County. By electing him he will continue to serve the people of Charlevoix County. He will make informed decisions in the courtroom and will be a credit to the position. You will be proud to say you voted for him for the Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge. Please vote for Roy "Joe" Hayes, III, for Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge on November 4th.

Joey Phelps, Charlevoix

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



BE AN INFORMED PATIENT; GET HEALTHIER

If you've ever wondered what your doc is scribbling in your file or entering into a computer during your medical appointment, you're not alone. More than 90 percent of us want to see our doctors' notes. In fact, millions of American health-care consumers now do. Seems there's been a little revolution brewing. The big news? The revolution is making consumers healthier.

The success of a groundbreaking new open medical-records program has both of us cheering. The program gave over 13,500 patients in three big health systems

-- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania and Harbor View Medical in Seattle -- access to their doctors' notes for one year. The patients couldn't wait to read their charts; up to 92 percent checked 'em at least once. The results were amazing:

--Up to 85 percent said they had a better understanding of their health and medical conditions.

--Up to 87 percent felt more in control of their health care.

--Up to 72 percent took better care of themselves.

--Up to 78 percent did better

with taking medications.

--Up to 42 percent shared the notes with a close friend or family member (a great way to get support and encouragement for staying healthy).

--99 percent wanted to keep seeing their charts after the study ended!

The docs were enthusiastic, too. Many said their patient relationships were better, with more trust, better communication and stronger partnerships for good health. All of the docs opted to make their notes available to their patients after the study ended.

Now this breakthrough is rolling out across North America. The Cleveland Clinic (where Dr. Mike is in charge of wellness), Milwaukee's Columbia St. Mary's Health System, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Penn State Hershey Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente Northwest and other health systems are making doc notes and medical records available to any and all of their patients through electronic media. (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has been sharing its records with patients since 2009.) In August, the Canadian Medical Journal called for open doc notes, too, urging an

end to the "hoops and speed bumps" that leave patients waiting nearly three months (and footing the bill for paper copies) for info that's rightfully theirs.

How to Get the Info That's Already Yours!

In the U.S., health-care consumers have had the legal right to see their doctors' notes, along with lab test results and other info in their medical files, since 1996 (earlier in some states). But while it's been easy for docs and even insurance companies to peek at this oh-so-personal info, patients were stymied by lots of red tape and copying fees. Some even had to sue to see their files! The story's frustratingly similar in Canada, where a Thunder Bay woman's discovery that it would cost her \$617 to see copies of her records made nationwide headlines last summer.

So if you don't already have access, ask your doc if you can see YOUR notes -- and the rest of your medical records. Then do this:

No. 1: Look for and correct errors! An accurate record could save your life in the emergency room, not to mention avoid confusion in your regular care in the future.

No. 2: Keep track of your meds

and test results. Having an up-to-date list of the drugs you take is on our list of the smart habits of highly effective health-care consumers; so is knowing your health metrics, like blood pressure, blood sugar, LDL cholesterol and results of other tests, too.

No. 3: Doc not ready to go public with his notes? Show him this column. And point him to www.myopennotes.org, the website of the Open Notes study, for important info about sharing medical records with patients. Be patient. Docs may need to change the way they make notes so you don't misunderstand their shorthand ("S.O.B." means "short of breath," not that he doesn't like you!). Together you can feed the revolution.

Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic. To live your healthiest, tune into "The Dr. Oz Show" or visit www.sharecare.com. (c) 2014 Michael Roizen, M.D. and Mehmet Oz, M.D. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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October 13-19

911 Hang Up Call.....	6	Unknown Accident.....	1
Abandoned Vehicle.....	0	Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....	0
Abuse.....	0	Vehicle in the Ditch.....	1
Alarm.....	9	Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....	1
Animal Complaint.....	9		
Annoyance.....	1	Personal Injury Accident on M-75 South	
Assault.....	1	Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports on Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, at approximately 08:04 hours, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Boyne City EMS/Fire Department and the Boyne Valley EMS/Fire Department were dispatched to a two vehicle personal injury accident on M-75 South near Magnet Dr. in Wilson Township.	
Assist Citizen.....	4	A 2005 Dodge Caravan was traveling Northwest on M-75 South when the driver crossed the centerline and struck an oncom-	
Assist Motorist.....	1		
Assist Other Agency.....	11		
Attempt to Locate.....	2		
Attempted Suicide.....	1		
Bank Alarm.....	0		
Boating Accident.....	0		
Boating Violation.....	0		
Breaking & Entering.....	2		
Car/Deer Accident.....	16		
Citations Issued.....	8		
Civil Complaint.....	5		
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	0		
Death.....	0		
Disorderly Person.....	0		
Disturbance.....	3		
DNR Complaint.....	0		
Domestic Dispute.....	2		
Driving Complaint.....	4		
Fireworks Complaint.....	0		
Found Property.....	0		
Fraud.....	4		
Health & Safety.....	0		
Hit & Run.....	0		
Intoxicated Person.....	0		
Juvenile.....	1		
Larceny.....	1		
Lockout.....	6		
Lost Property.....	0		
Malicious Destruction of Property.....	1		
Mental Subject.....	2		
Minor In Possession.....	1		
Miscellaneous Criminal.....	0		
Missing Person.....	0		
Noise Complaint.....	0		
Operating Under the Influence.....	1		
Paper Service.....	13		
Parking Violation.....	0		
Personal Injury Accident.....	1		
Personal Protection Order.....	0		
Private Property Accident.....	1		
Property Check.....	46		
Property Damage Accident.....	1		
Prowler.....	0		
Road Hazard.....	18		
Stalking.....	0		
Suspicious Situation.....	6		
Threat.....	0		
Traffic Stop.....	17		
Trespassing.....	1		

ing vehicle. The 20 year old driver of the Caravan was identified as Jacquelyn Floria of Boyne City. She was transported to McLaren North Michigan Hospital for treatment of her injuries. The driver of the 2004 Ford Focus was identified as 52 year old Cristie Elzinga of Elmira. Ms. Elzinga was unable to avoid the head on collision with the other vehicle. The drivers of both vehicles had to be extricated by the Jaws of Life and sustained serious injuries resulting from the crash. Elzinga was also transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. This incident is still under investigation.

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Adults aged 65 and older typically account for more than half (60 percent) of flu-related hospitalizations and almost all (90 percent) of flu-related deaths.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the single best way to help prevent the flu is to get an annual vaccination, which is recommended for everyone aged six months and older, with rare exception. Adults have vaccine options, including a flu vaccine made specifically for adults aged 65 and older to improve the body's production of antibody against the flu.

The National Council on Aging, in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur, educates older adults and those who care for them about the seriousness of the flu, the importance of prevention, and available vaccine options. Award-winning actress Judith Light, best known for her roles on Dallas, Ugly Betty and Who's the Boss?, has created a Public Service Announcement to highlight this message. You can also get helpful facts about preventing the flu and vaccine options specific to older adults at <http://ncoa.org/flu>.

Please help spread the word.

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Thursday, October 23 Wii Bowling	Friday, October 24 Birthday Day! 11am Roger Hartson Raffle	Monday, October 27 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, October 28 Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize	Wed., October 29 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	Thursday, October 30 Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 23 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Annette Cyr Music 1pm Pinochle	Friday, October 24 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, October 27 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, October 28 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wed., October 29 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, October 30 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 23 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, October 24 11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle	Monday, October 27 8am-1pm Walking M-F 11am Piano Music	Tuesday, October 28 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wed., October 29 GAME DAY!	Thursday, October 30 KARAOKE DAY!
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Thursday, October 23 BONE-IN CHICKEN	Friday, October 24 HOT BEEF SANDWICH	Monday, October 27 CRUNCHY CHICKEN	Tuesday, October 28 COD ALMONDINE	Wed., October 29 PORK	Thursday, October 30 CHICKEN SHEPARD PIE
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