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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN— East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 Kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

See State of the Community—11A



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and El schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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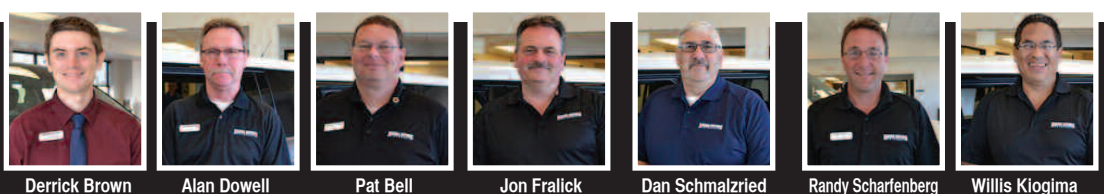
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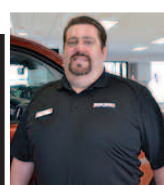
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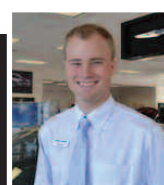


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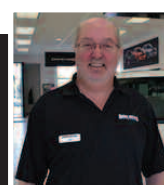
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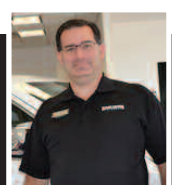
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OBITUARIES

Mary Lou VanLoo, 82

(NOV. 24, 1931 - NOV. 8, 2014)

Mary Lou VanLoo of Charlevoix passed away Saturday, November 8, 2014, at her home. She was born November 24, 1931, in Charlevoix, to Eugene and Emma (Pop) Gibelyou. Mary Lou graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1948. On December 12, 1966, she married William VanLoo in Birmingham.



A life resident of Charlevoix, Mary Lou loved to garden, and enjoyed winter sports such as snowshoeing and cross country skiing. She was employed at Hoskins Manufacturing.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Bill; children, Lynn (Rod) Pearsall, Richard (Patty) VanLoo all of Charlevoix, Wendy (Vail) Shepard of East Jordan; grandchildren, Kevin (Vicki) Pearsall, Kristi Richman all of Charlevoix, Steve (Wilma) Shepard, Shawn (Wayne) Bernier all of East Jordan; eleven great-grandchildren; brother, Gene (Kay) Gibelyou of Traverse City.

Please join Mary Lou's family for visitation from 6-8 pm, Wednesday, November 12, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where Jim VanLoo will share scripture and a time of remembrance at 7:30 pm.

Interment will take place in the Barnard Cemetery.

James Andrew Oman Wilson, 24

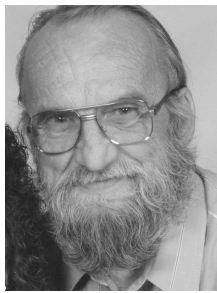
James Andrew Oman Wilson of East Jordan died on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan officiated.

Gunter Anton "Tony" Weidlich, 74

(APRIL 19, 1940 - NOV. 8, 2014)

Gunter Anton "Tony" Weidlich died Saturday, November 8, 2014, at his home in East Jordan.



He was born on April 19, 1940, in Eidenburg, Bayern, Germany, the son of Rudolf and Paula (Fischer) Weidlich. Tony served in the United States Army, as a translator in Germany, during the Vietnam War. On February 26, 1976, in East Jordan, he married Carol Ann Murray.

Tony had worked as a welder for Wilflow in Charlevoix and then for Bay Shore Steel. More recently, he had worked production at Dura in East Jordan until retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Weidlich of East Jordan; two sons, Christopher (Melissa) Weidlich of Gaylord and Robert "Rob" (Tamara) Weidlich of East Jordan; one daughter, Brenda Weidlich of Gladwin; six grandchildren; Paul Weidlich, Devon Weidlich, Makayla Weidlich, Dominik Weidlich, Paisley Weidlich and Stacey Wiggins. He was preceded in death by his father, Rudolf Weidlich and his mother, Paula Milosavljevich.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Barbara Kowal of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan will officiate. Interment will be in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society.

Bernard M. Cannan, 94

Long-time resident of Charlevoix, Mich., dedicated Lions' Club member, and die-hard Michigan Wolverine, Bernard M. "Bern" Cannan, 94,

died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, at the Boulder Park Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Charlevoix.

Bern was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. He attended the University of Michigan, graduating from the College of Engineering with a bachelor of science (chemical engineering) degree in 1942.

He began his work life with the Werner G. Smith Company in Wyandotte, Mich., as a chemical engineer. Then in 1947, he joined the family business as vice president of The Cannan Company, a dry cleaning firm founded by his grandfather in Toledo. While with that company, he broadened the scope of the business by opening a carpet cleaning franchise with ServiceMaster Industries specializing in carpet and furniture cleaning in the home. With the success of the franchise, he decided to join ServiceMaster at its headquarters in Chicago in 1960 eventually supervising the construction of its new headquarters and plant complex in suburban Downers Grove, Ill., where he would continue working until his retirement in 1987. Involved in research and development of new products and techniques, he earned six patents with them. In addition, he traveled the world as a trainer for new franchisees including lengthy visits to Japan in 1971 and again in 1979.

Following retirement from ServiceMaster, he and his wife, Ruth or "Jo" as she was known, moved to Charlevoix to begin second "careers" as volunteers in all sorts of community activities. Jo was well-known around the Charlevoix Area Hospital working at the reception desk, as well as serving as manager of the gift shop. Meanwhile, Bern became extremely active in the community participating in projects for the hospital; serving as a Junior Achievement advisor and on the school district's curriculum council; helping make the elementary school playground a reality; actively supporting the construction of the community swimming pool and

providing technical advice on the water treatment system; participating on the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission earning the city Tree City USA designation in 1993, 1994 and 1995; and working behind the scenes on numerous Lions' Club fundraising projects such as the annual golf tournament and the chicken barbecue during the Venetian Festival each summer. The culmination of these hours of dedicated service earned him recognition as Charlevoix's 1996 Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Most noteworthy, however, he continued this high level of involvement right up until his last days.

Bern and Jo, a school teacher who had earned her degree from Michigan Normal (now Eastern Michigan University), were married in Wyandotte in 1947. She preceded him in death in 2013 as did one daughter some years earlier. He is survived by two sons and seven grandchildren.

Final arrangements are being made through the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where a condolence book will be available for community friends to leave personal comments.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks remembrances be sent to Lions Clubs International in his name.

Willis C. Leist, 87

(AUGUST 28, 1927 - NOVEMBER 6, 2014)

Willis C. Leist of Banks Township died Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.



He was born August 28, 1927 in Grand Rapids to William and Ida (Miller) Leist.

Willis served with the U.S. Army in the European theater during WWII.

He married Ruth L. Burley in 1971 and she died in 1980.

On April 11, 1987 he married Edith Silvers in Highland, Michigan. They lived in Milford and moved to Banks Township in 1993. Willis worked for and retired from General Motors Pontiac Division in Pontiac. He enjoyed gardening, golfing and watching sports.

Besides his wife Edith he is survived by children Heidi (Mark) Judkins of Hampton, South Carolina, Brian Leist of Fairview Park, Ohio, and Curtis Leist of Austin, Texas; sister Ruth Stiles of Holly, Michigan; sister-in-law Geraldine Leist of Fenton, Michigan; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Mildred Cook, Doris Marvin, Harold Leist, Darold Leist, Arlene Knowlton, Wilma Leist, Kenneth Leist and infant brother Floyd Leist.

The funeral service was November 11 at the Eastport Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan, Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 1:30 PM.

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morial contributions the family suggests Eastport Baptist Church. Sign the online guest book at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Lois A. Gilbert, 73

(MARCH 7, 1941 - NOV. 8, 2014)

Lois A. Gilbert, of Ironton, Michigan, passed from her earthly bonds on November 8, 2014 at her home. She was 73.



Lois was born on March 7, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, to Louis J. and Rosemary P. (DesChamps) Gilbert. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Doris M. Morris, Edward Gilbert and Rosemary A. Roths, and was the beloved aunt of 19 nieces and nephews, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

She attended Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and upon her graduation in 1959 she joined the Religious Sisters of Mercy order. She obtained her Master's Degree in math from the University of Detroit-Mercy, and studied theology at Notre Dame for two years.

Lois began teaching in 1965. In 1970, she left the order, and spent the next 30 years as a teacher at St. Mary's of Redford, stating that teaching was the true love of her life. During her years at St. Mary's she lived in Westland, Michigan, spending her summers in Ironton.

After retiring in 2001, she moved permanently to the home her parents had purchased in 1961, where she spent the remainder of her life. Lois spent the summers of her childhood in Ironton where her parents rented a home, and it was natural for her to want to live her days in a place that meant so much to her.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix on July 7, 2015. Memorial donations may be made in Lois's name to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Gordon Peters, 78

Gordon Peters of Chandler Township passed away at home Monday, Nov. 10, 2014.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Chandler Township Hall. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family

Hedwig Wojciechowski

Hedwig Wojciechowski, of Boyne City, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Nov. 8, at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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Charlevoix County law enforcement recognized

Under Sheriff Charles Vondra is the recipient of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) 2014 Excellence in Service Award for Charlevoix County. The award recognizes five law enforcement officers in each of the counties served by the WRCNM who promote domestic violence victim safety and offender accountability.

"I am extremely honored to have been selected for this award and I'd like to thank the Women's Resource Center for the recognition," said Vondra after receiving the award. "While I'm extremely honored, the important thing is to bring awareness and to ultimately end domestic violence."

"Under Sheriff Vondra was instrumental in the creation and adoption of our Charlevoix County Law Enforcement Domestic Violence and Personal Protection Order Policy," said Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney. "He has also been a leader on our Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force and an advocate for law enforcement training in the area of domestic violence."

Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider also praised Vondra's work, "Chuck gives 110% all the time. He's certainly a great advocate for victims of any kind."

Jen Rashleigh-Houser, a WRCNM counselor/advocate who works with survivors of domestic abuse, said Vondra's work is exemplary. "I have heard from many clients who have



Under Sheriff Charles (Chuck) Vondra, (second from left) received the Excellence in Service Award for Charlevoix County. The award, presented by the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM), recognizes Vondra's work in promoting domestic violence victim safety and offender accountability. Also pictured are (from left) Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney; Vondra; Jen Rashleigh-Houser, WRCNM Counselor/Advocate; Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider; and Libby Mikulski, Victim Advocate/Witness Coordinator with the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

worked with Chuck about how great he was in meeting their needs quickly and with an eye on their safety. They have felt very supported by him," said Rashleigh-Houser. "He really is an asset to our community and doesn't hesitate to get involved."

Those receiving awards were selected by WRCNM counselor/advocates who provide support services and advocacy for domestic abuse sur-

vivors and also work in cooperation with law enforcement in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Other award honorees for 2014 are: Deputy Mark McCool, Antrim County; Deputy Jeffrey Bur, Cheboygan County; Deputy Phil Copeland, Emmet County; and Sergeant Trevor Winkel, Otsego County.

Registration is open for the Charlevoix Holiday Parade

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering Charlevoix's 4th Annual Holiday Parade sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Area Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals are invited to participate at absolutely no cost. The parade will be held on Friday, November 28th beginning at 5:30pm on Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix.

The parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's annual Community Tree Lighting festivities which run the same day. Activities include: Fantastic Black Friday Deals at area businesses throughout the day, a Free Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III, The Polar Express, at 1:00pm, Cookie Decorating and Photos with Santa at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts from 3:00 to 5:00pm, Holiday Parade at 5:30pm and the Lighting of the Community Tree in

East Park at 6:00pm. All are invited to join the parade! Children are welcome to bring their favorite furry friend and march in the teddy bear parade portion of the procession. There will also be a Canine Costume Parade for well behaved pooches to flaunt their festive holiday apparel. There is no charge to participate, so call the Chamber to sign up today.

Let's make the Community Parade a cherished tradition that will continue for years to come. Contact the Chamber today at 231.547.2101 or info@charlevoix.org for further details. Registration forms are available at www.charlevoix.org.

This event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Charlevoix Cinema III, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Charlevoix Community Pool, and Picture This.

Progressive Women of Charlevoix County meeting

Progressive Women of Charlevoix County will host a potluck social and program planning session at their meeting on Tuesday November 18. This is a change from the usual meeting date to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday. Members are asked to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share and their own beverage. Tableware will be provided. The event will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library at 200 Clinton Street in Community Room A. The potluck is open to anyone interested in progressive issues, male or female. R.S.V.P. by November 17 by emailing progwomenchxcty@yahoo.com or calling 231-582-9005.

This social event will

provide time for members to better get to know each other by sharing their backgrounds and interests. There will also be an announcement of upcoming programs and discussion requesting suggestions from members of topics and speakers for future programs.

The Progressive Women of Charlevoix County meets from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Locations alternate between Charlevoix and Boyne City. There are no membership fees and meeting announcements are by email only. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, email progwomenchxcty@yahoo.com.

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

By Jim Akans

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

Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are

beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still not see it all."

The stately brick building that is now home to The Brickery was originally the International Order of Odd Fellows building, constructed in 1908. The downstairs held a theater that would put on plays for loggers and for Camp Grayling. The building has gone through many incarnations over the years, but shoppers at The Brickery can still see the original tin ceiling and hardwood floors.

Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her

daughter; "We were trying to think of a name. Since there are so many bricks both inside and out; the walls are three bricks thick, my daughter suggested calling it The Brickery."

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

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Health insurance options in the midst of ACA

The Charlevoix Public Library has added two informational sessions on the state and federal insurance options. Get Covered, Stay Covered: Health Insurance Options will be presented again on Tuesday, November 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the library's Trustees Conference Room. Pick one of the sessions to attend.

This session will provide an overview of state and federal health insurance options and an-

swer questions regarding what the best choices are for specific families. Open enrollment for the Healthcare Marketplace begins November 15, and must be completed by December 14, 2014 for coverage to begin January 1, 2015. (Enrollment can be completed at any time for those who qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan.) A brief overview of options, including information on renewal of coverage and plan changes, will be followed by an opportunity for

Q&A. The session will be presented by Pam Luce, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator with the non-profit Michigan Primary Care Association. This service is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information, please call Pam at 231-335-3180. For more information about library events, visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS WORTH WATCHING

From bionic eyes to robotic legs, an avalanche of recent innovations in medical gadgetry is improving life for millions of North Americans of all ages. We wanted to tell you about four exciting breakthroughs that are making the world a better place.

The Bionic Retina
For more than 100,000 Americans and 1.5 million people around the world, the inherited eye disease retinitis pigmentosa (RP) slowly destroys light-sensitive cells in the retina of the eye. Side vision and night vision are the first to go, followed by dimming of forward vision and the loss of the ability to see colors. Total blindness is rare, but vision may be so compromised that it becomes difficult to handle everyday tasks. An Food and Drug Administration-approved bionic retina restores enough vision to allow a person with RP to function much more independently.

The device works by sending signals from a wearable video unit to electrodes implanted in the eyes. Studies show that it can help people with RP walk alone on sidewalks, read large-print books and even match socks!

The future: Now, researchers are testing the bionic eye in people with age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness that affects millions of people after age 50.

Nerve Stimulator for Migraines and Cluster Headaches
Ten million Americans (mostly women) suffer from migraine headaches; they account for 113 million lost workdays annually. Another 1.3 million or so (mostly men) have cluster headaches, which can cause pain so severe that they're dubbed "suicide headaches." Although medications and lifestyle changes help control migraines and sometimes cluster headaches respond to inhaling pure oxygen, an experimental, patient-controlled device holds the promise of stopping these big headaches in their tracks. The device, smaller than an almond, is implanted in the upper gum. It's remote-controlled by a device similar to a smartphone and stimulates facial nerves called the sphenopalatine ganglion. It's been shown to control even the most severe pain.

The future: Researchers at Ohio State University have started testing neurostimulation for cluster headaches. Tests for

people with migraines are expected to start soon in the U.S. To see if there's a clinical trial you can join, look at www.clinicaltrials.gov.

Wearable Robotic Devices
As many as 1 million Americans have lost a hand, foot, arm or leg to amputation; by 2050, the number is estimated to hit 4 million. Diabetes, war and traffic accidents are common causes. Now, scientists are using space-age plastics and carbon fiber composites to create stronger, lighter and more durable artificial limbs that replicate natural motion. These high-tech computerized prosthetic devices sport microprocessors and computer chips that let users move bionic limbs more freely, walk as quickly as people with intact limbs, and even play competitive sports. Bionic lower-leg systems are available from some prosthetics providers, although they are still not in general use.

The future: An astounding new robotic suit for people with more severe disabilities was introduced recently. It supports the body from ankles to torso while moving the user's legs, so that people once confined to a wheelchair can walk again. "It feels great," one early user told the media. "It's a feeling you forget when you're in a chair for so long. It's very exciting."

A Camera in a Pill
Finding the cause of hidden bleeding in a child's digestive system is one of the biggest challenges for digestive-disease experts. Too often, invasive, exploratory surgery has been the only option when other tests fail. Now, doctors are turning to a high-tech camera in a capsule to get incredibly clear pictures of a child's small intestine, an area that's been difficult to thoroughly examine. Used in adults for more than a decade, wireless PillCams are becoming standard for children as young as 4 years old.

The future: Now, Japanese researchers have developed a propelled model called Mermaid that doctors can control remotely to get a better look.

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Local hospital reaches national milestone

Charlevoix Area Hospital successfully completes second stage of federal program

Charlevoix Area Hospital recently announced that it is among just 17% of hospitals nationwide to successfully attest to Meaningful Use Stage 2, the federal government's comprehensive program to move all healthcare providers from paper to secure electronic patient records.

The three-stage Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record ("EHR") Incentive Program rewards hospitals and eligible professionals with financial incentives for the meaningful use of certified EHR technology to improve patient care. Providers must show that they are meaningfully using their EHRs by meeting specific objectives for each stage in order to receive the substantial financial incentives.

The Meaningful Use program is phased in three stages with increasing requirements and each stage having its own goals, priorities and measurements. It was developed as a result of the belief that electronic health records can improve quality and safety of patient care, as well as improve the coordination of care among healthcare professionals. Achieving "meaningful use" means that the provider is able to show they

are using certified EHR technology in ways that can be measured not only in quantity, but in quality.

Stage 2 began in 2014 and focuses on the electronic exchange of healthcare information between providers. One of the most significant benefits is that it gives patients the opportunity to securely access their own healthcare information online, at their own convenience, at home or abroad. Not only can they access their own information, any healthcare provider they choose can access it as well. The requirements of successful implementation of Stage 2 are substantial.

Charlevoix Area Hospital's "MyCAH Patient Portal" is a direct response to Stage 2. It allows patients to retrieve clinical information, current medications, immunizations, health issues, allergies, lab results, procedures, prescription renewal requests, appointment requests, discharge instructions and patient education, as well as providing a secure method to view, download and transmit the information.

"This is a big deal," said Charlevoix Area Hospital CEO, Lyn Jenks. "To date, only 840 hos-

pitals across the nation, most of which are much larger with considerably more resources than ours, have successfully attested to Meaningful Use Stage 2. And as of September, only 38% of eligible hospitals have even attested to Stage 1. We are very proud of the work our staff has done to meet the requirements of both Stage 1 and Stage 2, and we are certain the results will show in increased quality and safety for our patients."

Chris Wilhelm, Chief Operating Officer of Charlevoix Area Hospital, agrees. "The privacy and security of our patients is of the utmost importance; they come first. This technology gives us the opportunity to keep their health information secure while increasing efficiency and reducing the possibility of errors. We've all joked about the reputation some doctors have for their illegible handwriting, but honestly, electronic prescriptions and medical records will go a long way to reducing errors."

Stage 3, for which requirements are still being developed, is scheduled to begin in 2016.

Wellness Wednesday coming to East Jordan

Charlevoix Area Hospital is expanding its Wellness Wednesday Program to include East Jordan on the third Wednesday of each month. The next Wellness Wednesday will be from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19th at Jordan Valley Rehab at 100 Main Street, Suite 9 in East Jordan. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screen includes: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio,

Blood Glucose level, Body Mass Index (BMI), Muscle and Fat Percentages, Pulse, Blood Pressure. No fasting is required. However, if individuals are fasting, LDL and triglyceride levels can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. For those who are diabetic an A1C level can be obtained for an additional \$5. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, pedometer, and all test results at the time of

the screening—all in less than 15 minutes. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. No appointment needed just walk-in any time between 8 am and 11am. Questions can be directed to the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: (231) 547-8906 or by email: communityhealth@cah.org



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BOYNE CITY

Young entrepreneurs

Training for youth entrepreneurs set for Nov. 13 in Boyne City. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and MSU Extension are teaming up to bring youth entrepreneurs a special business startup workshop. Targeted to youth between the ages of 16 to 19, a free two-hour, "How to REALLY Start Your Own Business" workshop is being offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Boyne District Library. The Boyne Area Chamber is providing pizza and soft drinks for those who attend. Young entrepreneurs will have the chance to evaluate the potential of their idea and learn the process of putting a business plan together, as well as ask questions specific to their business. This is a great opportunity to explore how to be successful with a new business. Tom Erhart, Entrepreneurship Director at NLEA says, "The young generation is so important to continuing the entrepreneurial spirit in Northern Michigan. We would like our youth to see there are opportunities to stay in the region. This program provides the support for our youthful entrepreneurs to figure out how to best go about creating their dream business." Call (231) 582-6482 or contact Tom Erhart at tom@northernlakes.net to register.

BOYNE CITY

Christmas wreaths

Boyne Valley Garden Club raising funds by selling Christmas wreaths. It's time to get your order in for Boyne Valley Garden Club Christmas Wreaths. These thick, beautiful wreaths are made of fresh boughs of balsam, fir, and pine and decorated with red velvet bows, pine cones, and berries. Sizes range from 10" to 36" in diameter. Ten foot swags are also available. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to purchase flowers for the 14 gardens that the club plants and maintains throughout Boyne City. The deadline is Nov. 14

BOYNE CITY

Baked potato lunch

Baked potato luncheon will be held from 11:30am to 1pm Friday, Nov. 14 at St. Matthew Church, 1303 Boyne Ave. Lunch includes a baked potato with all the fixings, hot dogs, chili, dessert and beverage. Take-outs are available. Admission is by donation.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Crafters wanted

Crafters of all kinds wanted for craft show, Saturday, Nov. 15 at Community Reformed Church, Charlevoix. Table fee will benefit Charlevoix Community Christmas project. To register for a table or more info call Karen at 231-536-9929.

BOYNE CITY

Buck Pole

Boyne Co-op True Value will be holding its 4th annual Buck Pole Contest Nov. 15 and 16. Register by 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Co-op, 113 S. Park St., Boyne City. The registration fee is \$20, and there will be more than \$3,000 in prizes for the top two scores for men, women and youth plus the top overall score. Three shoulder mounts valued at \$525 are being donated by Lasting Memories, Northwoods Taxidermy and Ultimate Wildlife Taxidermy. Judging will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16. The Co-op is donating a portion of the proceeds to local charities. Free hot dogs, chili and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16. Call (231) 582-9971 for more information or to become a sponsor by donating prizes, advertising, food, beverages or cash.

NORWOOD

Hunters lunch

The Norwood Area Historical Society and the Norwood Methodist Church invite all hunters, and non-hunters, to warm up and reenergize on this auspicious day at the Norwood Schoolhouse, Saturday, November 15 from 11 - 1:30pm. Homemade chili, soup, bread and pie will be served for \$8

CHARLEVOIX

Business after hours

Nov. 18, 5-7pm at the Quay Restaurant, downtown. Hosted & Sponsored by the Quay Restaurant. No Charge for Members. \$10 Non Members

BOYNE CITY

Turkey Trot

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is organizing Boyne City's third annual Turkey Trot 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk to be held at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27. The race will begin and end at Veterans Park. Entry fee, including a T-shirt is \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the event. Family entry fee is \$40 in advance or \$50 on the day of the event, including two T-shirts. A T-shirt is guaranteed if entry form is received by Nov. 19. Extra shirts are \$10. Chip timing by Superior Timing will be offered. Packet pick-up will be 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Edward Jones office, 101 S Lake St. For further information contact Ruth Skop at 231-881-0945 or Gayle Harbaugh at 231-675-5725. Entrants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to the Boyne area food pantries.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

The Barrel Back restaurant and Tommy's boat shop will host the Chamber's Business after Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. The business networking event is co-sponsored by Fifth Third Bank of Boyne City. Unity Hall is located at 509 East St. There will be a cash bar and there is no charge for admission. The public is welcome to attend. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

WALLOON LAKE

Training workshop

Camp Daggett Adventure Center will offer an Adventure Education/Challenge Course Training Workshop on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 20-21 at their indoor center on Walloon Lake from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day. This workshop is designed to give the participant a hands-on experience in adventure education and utilization of a challenge ropes course. Educators, youth group leaders, scout troop leaders or anyone working with young people will be given ideas and activities that can be taken back to the workplace and used with minimal props and expense. Cost is \$200 and includes lunch, instruction, safety/instructor manual and use of equipment. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a spot. The workshop is limited to 15 participants 21 and older. Click here for details. For further information, contact Karen Marietti at 231-347-9742 ext. 117 or karen.marietti@campdaggett.org.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Meets Broadway

The Boyne City High School Drama Department will present its annual dinner theater variety show, Boyne Meets Broadway, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22 at the school's Performing Arts Center. Enjoy appetizers, dinner and dessert catered by the school's hospitality program while students from the jazz band set the mood in the commons with their smooth sounds. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. sharp. After dinner, sit back, relax and enjoy as the Drama Department presents this year's rendition of its fall variety show filled with song and dance inspired by Broadway, the big screen and more. Tickets are \$25 and

may be purchased from any cast member or at Local Flavor, 125 Water St.

BOYNE CITY

Earlier Than the Bird

The 6th annual Boyne City "Earlier than the Bird" holiday shopping event is planned for Saturday, Nov. 22, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Kick off the season with friends and family, coffee and holiday shopping specials - all while in the comfort of your pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available. Merchants will be offering special deals along with refreshments. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of an Earlier than the Bird coffee mug, pictured above. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Turkey Trot

It's time to mark your calendars for the Charlevoix Area Hospital 2014 Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 27th. No need to be a sprinter - participation by all ages and fitness levels is encouraged. The 5K route starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix) and is posted on their website at cah.org. Online pre-registration is available at www.cah.org for your convenience. Registration forms will also be conveniently located at the hospital's Emergency Department admission desk. Day-of-the-trot registration begins Thanksgiving morning at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K walk/run starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration will take place in the Charlevoix Area Hospital cafeteria; come in the hospital's main entrance and follow the signs. The registration fee (\$15 for adults/\$10 for children) gets you a colorful long-sleeved t-shirt. But if you prefer, for \$10 more, adults can choose an adult sweatshirt instead. Also, new this year - each runner and walker is being asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry, helping to stock their shelves for the holiday season ahead. Children in strollers and pets on a leash are free. Join your friends and neighbors for a morning of Thanksgiving exercise - fun for the whole family! For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Christmas parade

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering the 4th Annual Charlevoix Holiday Parade. Area Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals are invited to participate at absolutely no cost. It's a great opportunity to promote your business this holiday season! The parade is Friday, Nov. 28 at 5:30pm. The parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's annual Community Tree Lighting festivities which run the same day. Activities include great Black Friday deals at Charlevoix stores, a free holiday movie, cookie decorating, photos with Santa, and the lighting of our community Christmas tree.

BOYNE CITY

Santa parade

Santa Parade, downtown open house, tree lighting, hayrides set for Nov. 28. The Boyne City Holiday Open

House and Santa Parade is a true community celebration of the season on Nov. 28, the Friday after Thanksgiving, from 5 to 9 p.m. The downtown will be filled with all the sounds, sights, and smells of the Christmas season. New this year will be a live Nativity scene starting at 4 p.m. at Coldwell Banker Real Estate, 231 Water St. The open house begins at 5 p.m. at businesses throughout the downtown and the parade starts at 6 p.m. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree at the west end of Water Street in Sunset Park at 5 p.m. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. The evening's special guest is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his horse-drawn sleigh, joined by some of his elves and reindeer from the North Pole. Those participating in the parade must send in a parade registration form and will line up on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets starting at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown. After the parade, Santa will meet with children on the patio at Parkside Grill and Treats. In addition there will be hayrides, a chance to see reindeer up close, and refreshments for Santa's guests. For more information, contact Karen Guzniczak, Boyne City Main Street Promotions Committee chairperson, at Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, 231-582-2355, or the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX

Cookie decorating

Enjoy cookie decorating at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on Friday, Nov. 28 from 3-5pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Photos with Santa

Photos with Santa at the Circle of Arts from 3-5pm on Nov. 28.

CHARLEVOIX

Kids movie

Holiday movie at Charlevoix Cinema III at 1pm on Friday, Nov. 28.

PETOSKEY

Downtown Holiday Parade

Winter is approaching and with that comes Stafford's Downtown Petoskey Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 29 at 10 a.m. Join downtown businesses for a time of family, friends, and fun! Downtown Petoskey hosts many area residents and guests at this time of year and many of them attend the parade. This event offers you a wonderful opportunity to market your business and show your support of our community. If your business or organization would like to add your float, walking ensemble, or music/performance, please complete the application by November 24th, and send it to Kate Manthei, Downtown Promotions Coordinator, via e-mail kate@petoskeydowntown.com

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)

BOYNE CITY

Fruit sale

The Boyne City High School bands are raising funds by selling fresh-from-the-grove Florida oranges and grapefruit in convenient sizes. Please show your support for our organization by purchasing a box of fruit for yourself, a family member, a friend or a co-worker. See any member of the band to place your order.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Junior Achievement volunteers

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like

to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

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 you 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. Playgroups 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 wr-cn.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.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Business after Hours


Monday, December 1 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM at 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)

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Community Night

Thursday, December 4 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Downtown East Jordan - Community Center

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EJ Elementary students honor vets through letters

Gratitude, service, honor. Those were a few of the words East Jordan Elementary students used as they wrote letters to veterans recently as part of "Operation Gratitude" throughout the school.

Coordinated by Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps member Donna Waters in conjunction with educators Katelyn Poel, Derek Boyer, and Tina McDuffie, Operation Gratitude had 174 children practice writing letters to area veterans to show their appreciation for their service.

"Having students write letters to a veteran is extremely important," said Boyer, a Title I Math teacher who works with the fourth grade leadership class. "For those students that have a connection to a veteran, it reminds them of the importance of staying in contact with them. For those without a connection, it reminds them that many Americans gave selflessly for their country. It also helps to remind them that no good leader exists without having first volunteered to help others," he added.

The letters, written by third, fourth and fifth graders, expressed heartfelt thanks. One letter, addressed "Dear Hero," read in part: "Thank you for your service. You are one of the reasons this country is free."

Another student wrote: "The United



Zach Murray (from left) and Zoe Bunker from Katelyn Poel's third grade class at East Jordan Elementary, are just two of the 174 students who wrote letters of appreciation to area veterans as part of "Operation Gratitude." Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps member Donna Waters helped coordinate the event at the school.

States of America is honored that you served our country. I know that I am

honored (and) if it wasn't for you, I probably wouldn't have been born."

East Jordan elementary collects books for Great Start FreeCycle

The East Jordan Elementary School has collaborated with the Great Start Parent Coalition to host a book drive for Great Start's FreeCycle Book Bin Project. East Jordan Elementary students collected more than 540 books during the school-wide week-long book drive.

The purpose of the FreeCycle Book bin project is to collect and distribute gently used books to children across Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. Currently there are 43 colorful book bins within these communities found at locations families and children frequent. Each bin holds 50

books, ranging from infant board books to advanced chapter books. All books have a sticker on the cover that reads "This Book is FREE-Great Start FreeCycle."

Parent Liaison and East Jordan resident Jessica Wilson led initiating the book drive as well as helping the students throughout the week collect and organize the donated books. The Great Start Parent Coalition works with parents and the greater community to strengthen families and promote the finest development of all young children. Family Fare of East Jordan do-

nated brown paper bags for each student to take home asking families to use the bag to donate books. Kathy Keyser's fifth grade class collected the most books with a total of 116 books. Her class will be rewarded with an ice cream party to celebrate.

"Great Start is overjoyed with the amount of books East Jordan Elementary has collected in such a short amount of time! These books will be FreeCycled into our community for children to enjoy right away," said Andi Symonds, Great Start Collaborative Community Liaison. Books collected by the East Jordan students will be distributed at the following Charlevoix and northern Antrim locations: Dental Clinics North, East Jordan Family Health Center, East Jordan Library, Maple Ridge Dental, Bellaire Health Department, Central Lake Family Health Center, Central Lake Library, Ellsworth Food Pantry, Ellsworth Mom & Tots, Boyne Area Medical Center, Boyne District Library, Boyne WIC Office, Crooked Tree Library (Boyne Falls), Crooked Tree Library (Walloon), Bradford's Coin Laundry (Charlevoix), Charlevoix Area Hospital ER, Charlevoix Health Department, Community Mental Health, Family Medicine Clinic, Last Tangle Salon, Physicians Clinic, Pine River Medical, and Third Day Outreach.

For more information about the Great Start Parent Coalition and FreeCycle Books, contact (877) 866-3714 or greatstartforkids@gmail.com



Cutline: Students from the East Jordan Elementary School collected more than 540 books for Great Start FreeCycle Book Bins. Each classroom competed to collect the most books. The winning class was Kathy Keyser's (pictured, back right) fifth grade class.

Student video contest promotes STEM careers

NORTHWEST, MI - Careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) will be showcased in a student video contest available to all high school students in northwest Michigan. The contest is designed to show what it is really like to use math and science on the job and in a variety of industries. The student team with the top video will win their choice of a 3D printer or \$2,000 for their school and gift cards for each team member. The runner-up video and most popular video based on YouTube views will also receive prizes.

The contest is organized by the Education Advisory Group (EAG), a subcommittee of the Networks Northwest Board. The printer is being provided by the 3D Printer Project, which is jointly sponsored by Newton's Road, a non-

profit organization that promotes STEM careers, and RJG Inc. in Traverse City.

"When students create and print their own part designs, they get to see firsthand the future of modern manufacturing and how this could be part of their future," said Mike Groleau, Project Manager at RJG, Inc. "In a pilot project with Traverse City Area Public Schools, we've placed five 3D printers, and have seen great results. Our goal is to make this opportunity accessible to all students in the region. We're excited to join with Networks Northwest to help create awareness of STEM careers."

The video contest is open to all high school students in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Mis-

saukee, and Wexford counties. The student teams will visit local companies and put together a three minute video highlighting STEM career opportunities. Students do not need to be enrolled in a film or visual media program to participate in the contest.

"Northwest Michigan has an incredible legacy of innovation, including the development of numerical control," said Bill Myers, Executive Director of Newton's Road. "But innovation is more than a legacy for Northern Michigan. Today, the manufacturing sector and other industries that use STEM continue to flourish and offer great career opportunities. Newton's Road is excited to be a part of this year's video competition as it will serve to expose young people and families to the incredible work of STEM innovators

in the region and the exciting career paths they offer."

More information about the student video contest is available at: networksnorthwest.org/video-challenge. There is no entry fee and the deadline for video submissions is March 6, 2015. Student teams must register in order to receive full participation information, so early registration is encouraged.

The EAG is made up of educators and business people and advises the Networks Northwest Board regarding the educational portion of local plans and programs. For more information about Newton's Road and the 3D Printer Project, visit newton-sroad.org.

Boyne Falls Public School Student of the Week



Walter B. Zawistowski

Grade: 11

Parent(s): Sonya & Robert Grams

Future Plans: To become a computer technician

Favorite Book: Ready Player One

School Activities: Basketball, Robotics

Hobbies and Interests: Fixing Computers/Playing Video Games/Playing Lightning

Staff Comments: "Walter has become the go-to contact for our 1-to-1 device program. If students have a computer problem, he can fix it. Walter has also been taking on a technology support role throughout our building. He sets up computers, installs software, and troubleshoots among other things. In the near future he will have an increased role working on the network hardware and software. He has always had the interest and now he is capitalizing on this opportunity to take his skills to a higher level. He wants to learn enough to pass the CompTIA A+ certification". - Kurt Nothstine

Boyne City Public School Student of the Week



Alexis Cecilia Weaver

Grade: 9

Parent(s): Lauren Sullivan & Marshall Weaver

Future Plans: "Attend college and travel the world!"

School Activities: Pride Team, Girl Scouts

Hobbies and Interests: Reading, Volunteering, Babysitting, Listening to music, Hanging with friends

Staff Comments:

"Alexis Weaver is a wonderful student and I have enjoyed working with her this year. Alexis you are very organized and you always do what is expected. I wish you the best on your travels through your high school career and keep up the positive work." - Pam Crouch, Pre-Algebra Teacher

"Alexis is doing a great job in US History! She is a fun-loving student who enjoys learning!" - Michele Deming, US History Teacher

"Alexis is a member of the Pride Team this year. As a freshman member, she has a unique take on what happens at BCHS, and how to keep our climate positive. I look forward to working with Alexis for the next 4 years!" - Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist

Ellsworth Elementary Students of the Week



Ellsworth Community School would like to announce the elementary "Students of the Week" for the week of November 3-7.

Congratulations to the elementary "Students of the Week."

Preschool - Maxwell Disbrow

Kindergarten - Karson Clarke

1st Grade - Nyilee Smith

2nd Grade - Landon Clees

3rd Grade - Evan Rapid

4th Grade - Edward Genson

5th Grade - Emily Kelly

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Boyne City High School and Char-Em ISD win school PR awards

Staff from Boyne City High School and Char-Em ISD were named winners in the annual Michigan School Public Relations Association (MSPRA) Communications Contest.

Randy Calcaterra, a teacher in the Visual Imaging class at Boyne City High School and a Career and Technical Education course supported by Char-Em ISD, received a distinguished award in the video category for the "Manufacturing in Northern Michigan" production.

Judges called the 3-minute video "well done – upbeat, informative, (and a) perfect length!" "Excellent piece highlighting workforce development. Manufacturing needs to be a continued emphasis for our economy and this piece does a good job illustrating that for the viewer," they wrote.

The video features a Boyne City graduate discussing the vast changes and possibilities in manufacturing jobs in northern Michigan. Several area manufacturing companies are highlighted in the video, which can be viewed on the Char-Em ISD website, www.charemisd.org/academic/careertech/careerexploration/.

Dianne Litzenburger, Director of Communication Services at Char-Em ISD, received an award of commendable in the

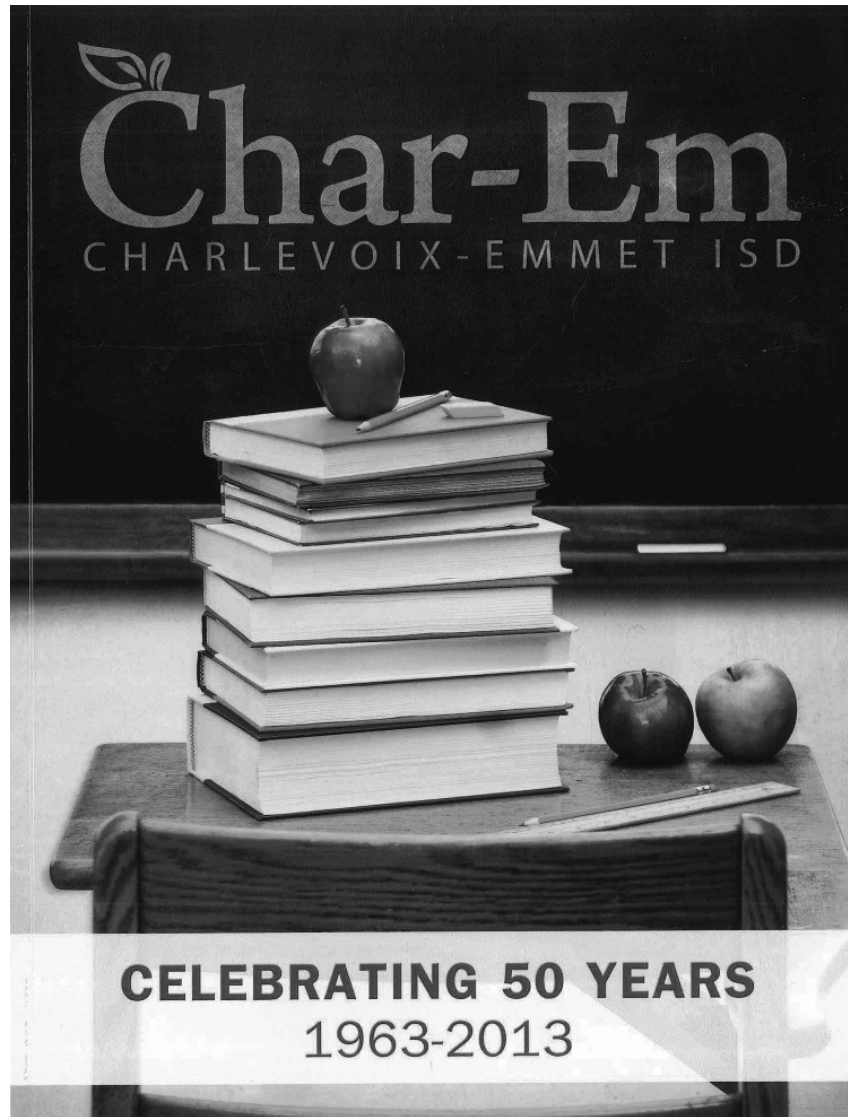
print category for the entry, "Char-Em ISD: Celebrating 50 years." The entry was for the book highlighting the ISD's 50th anniversary, celebrated during the 2013-2014 school year.

Litzenburger credits several staff for their assistance, notably ISD secretaries Diane Chapman and Linda Johnson. The publication was designed by Kristy Beyer of Dog Eat Dog Graphic Design. The publication can be viewed at www.charemisd.org/aboutus/isd/.

Judges stated the publication "contains a wealth of historical information. This is a fantastic example of a 50th anniversary document. It combines the past, present, and future in a creative way. The historical perspective and research must have taken hours to complete. The cover really grabbed me as well," they wrote.

Publications were judged on content, readability, and appearance. Video productions were evaluated on product quality, content, and appeal.

MSPRA, an affiliate of the National School Public Relations Association, is committed to advancing the cause of education through responsible communications. The MSPRA contest is held to promote quality and recognize excellence in professional school communications.



The cover of the Char-Em ISD 50th anniversary publication.

Ham Radio station installed at Raven Hill Discovery Center

Raven Hill Discovery Center has recently installed a Ham Radio Station with the help of John Clements and the Top of Michigan Amateur Radio Club (TOMARC) and Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club (NOMAC). Anyone interested in exploring the world of amateur radio might be interested in two opportunities that are coming up soon.

Visit Raven Hill for an amateur radio event called Sweepstakes on Sunday afternoon, November 16 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Over the weekend of Nov 15 and 16, certified ham radio volunteers will be participating in the 2014 Sweepstakes event with other certified ham radio operators all over the United States & Canada. As of 2011, there were more than 700,000 radio amateurs in the US. The event encourages participants to contact as many stations as possible in a 24-hour period. A contact consists of two-way communication with another station and both passing a mini-message to each other. The message consists of a serial number, type of station you are running, the year you were first licensed, and the state, section or country you live in. Events like these are great for testing a station and helping operators learn how to pass messages during an emergency. Sweepstakes last from 4 pm Saturday, November 15 until 10 pm Sunday, November 16. Amateur radio volunteers will run a mini-Sweepstakes event at Raven Hill from 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday, November 16.

Anyone interested in getting Technician Certification may register for classes to be held at Raven Hill Discovery Center. Amateur radio certification training includes a pre-study guide, book, classroom instruction, dinner and a certification exam given on the last class night. Classes run from 5 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, November 18 & 25 and December 2 & 9. Tuesday, December 16, will be scheduled only if needed to cover everything.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is located at 4737 Fuller Road, East Jordan, which is between East Jordan and Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. Instructor is John Clements, member of the Top of Michigan Amateur Radio Club—(TOMARC) and the book is Technician Class 2014-2018 FCC Element 2 Radio License Preparation by Gordon West. Cost for the book is \$20 and it will be available at the first night of class. The exam fee is \$15 paid at the time of the exam and dinner is provided each Tuesday night class at no cost. Email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org or call 231.536.3369 to register or for more information.

Ellsworth students attend national FFA convention

ELLSWORTH - On October 28, five Ellsworth Future Farmers of America (FFA) members traveled to Louisville Kentucky for the national FFA convention. The completely student run convention's theme was "Go All Out". Students attended educational workshops on leadership, careers, and service. They heard speakers such as Humorist Jane Herlong and Keynote speaker Nick Vujicic. Participants also were able to visit sites such as Churchill Downs, home of the famous Kentucky Derby.

Students were challenged to "Go All Out" in their local chapter in service and leadership. Many new friends were made, some from as far away as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Alaska. Ellsworth FFA members attending the conference were: Matt Ruehle, Jakob Newman, Robin Sundelius, Rachel Schmidt, Marie Groenink and advisor, Dr. Chris Randall.

In a separate event, the Ellsworth FFA sent representatives from four teams to the Michigan Broiler competition in Fowlerville, Michigan. The members raised 104 Cornish cross cockerels and selected their five top birds per team for competition. Students were involved in all aspects of the processing at the USDA inspected facility. The competition consisted of 517 teams from various FFA chapters around the state. The Ellsworth FFA chapter will have processed frozen whole chickens for sale later this month. Please contact an FFA member for details.



ABOVE: Ellsworth FFA members attending the conference were: Matt Ruehle, Jakob Newman, Robin Sundelius, Rachel Schmidt, Marie Groenink and advisor, Dr. Chris Randall.

LEFT: Broiler competition - Ellsworth FFA sent representatives from four teams to the Michigan Broiler competition in Fowlerville, Michigan



November is American Diabetes Month

Deb Hagen-Foley

According to the American Diabetes Association, 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. An additional 86 million Americans have pre diabetes and are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. The total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is estimated at \$245 billion.

Type I diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. Type 1 diabetes results when the body does not produce sufficient insulin. In Type 2 dia-

betes, the body is insulin resistant and does not use insulin properly, leading to high blood sugar levels. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes, and most often diagnosed in adults, although the age of onset has been younger in recent years. Symptoms of Type 2 diabetes include: Frequent urination, extreme fatigue, blurry vision, feeling hungry, even though you are eating, feeling thirsty, cuts or bruises that are slow to heal, and/or tingling, pain, or numbness in the hands/feet.

Both types of diabetes require

monitoring of blood sugar levels, Type 1 diabetes may require insulin injections. Type 2 diabetes is treated with lifestyle changes, diet and exercise, and, as needed, oral medications and insulin. Insulin is necessary to convert sugar (glucose) into the energy the body needs. When insulin is not available or blue to break down glucose, the high blood sugar levels can be very damaging to the eyes, kidney and heart. Dietary changes are an essential component of treating diabetes.

The value of a plant-based diet for the treatment of dia-

betes has been confirmed in multiple studies over nearly forty years. Researchers find that those who ate the most meat had the highest risk of type 2 diabetes. Researchers compared persons following the standard recommendations for calories and cholesterol to others who followed a plant-based diet with unrestricted amounts of carbohydrates and calories. Those following the vegan diet showed greater weight loss and greater reduction in A1c (a measure of average blood sugar levels for the prior 60 days) than those in the conventional eating

group. The vegan group also showed greater reductions in LDL cholesterol and were more likely to reduce their need for diabetes medication.

If you believe you may have diabetes or are considering adopting a plant-based diet for the treatment of diabetes, be sure to consult your physician. More insurance companies are encouraging plant-based diets for persons with diabetes, because they work!

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St. Marys Cement thanks Citizens Advisory Committee for thorough examination and debate of possible land swap

CHARLEVOIX — St. Marys Cement expressed its gratitude to a committee of 20 local citizens who spent the past four months examining a possible land swap between the company and the State of Michigan at Fisherman's Island State Park (FISP).

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members met six times to examine the possible land swap, discussing potential benefits to the park and community, their concerns with the project, and how FISP might be protected and improved if the project should move forward.

By an 11-1 vote, the committee agreed that "Some form of swap is best for the community." The committee also created a list of priority improvements it would recommend for the park if the land swap occurs.

"As one of the county's largest employers and taxpayers, we at St. Marys Cement were impressed with the committee's thoroughness, debate and scrutiny of the proposal," said St. Marys Environmental Manager Cortney Schmidt. "Clearly, committee members want FISP protected and improved as a community and state resource. The committee proposed specific ways to protect and improve the park, and we are grateful for their diligence, thoughtfulness and work."

A final report summarizing the CAC's actions will be written and released to the

public in the coming months. St. Marys will decide within the next year whether it will formally ask the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to approve the land swap.

Under the proposed land swap, St. Marys Cement would trade some un-mined land it owns at the south end for some un-mined land owned by the State at the north end of the park. The state park and the cement plant share a border along Bells Bay Road, with the main entrances to the plant and the park within a few hundred yards of each other. The company believes the project would benefit the local economy, the environment, the company and our neighbors, and the people who visit and camp at the state park for generations to come. Some facts about the possible land swap:

No beach or shoreline will be affected.

Not a single campsite will be lost.

With MDNR approvals, improvements including modern facilities would be added to some of the camping areas.

There are no changes planned to the 81 rustic campsites in the park.

All trails would be preserved. New trails — including bicycle trail — could be added.

Under the current land swap concept, the existing entrance to FISP on Bells

Bay Road may be re-located. One or more new entrances might be built. However, any changes to the park, including to the entrances, would need MDNR approval.

The park would gain access to 4,000 feet of trout stream/McGeach Creek.

The park would realize a net gain of about 40 acres of land.

The park would gain natural wetlands and critical habitat.

Wear and tear on nearby roads would be reduced because SMC trucks would be travelling shorter distances.

Groundwater impacts from mining operations would decrease.

Complete facts about the land swap proposal can be found at www.LandSwap-Facts.com.

Schmidt said the CAC process will help county residents understand "what is true and what is false about the possible land swap."

"Given the amount of misinformation that has made its way into the community about the land swap, CAC members now fully understand the facts about what we are considering," Schmidt said. "At the end of the day, St. Marys Cement will simply not support a land swap that does not benefit the community, the park, the environment, and the company."

EJ Lions Club Rifle Raffle winners

The East Jordan Lions Club would like to report that the annual Fall Gun Raffle was a big success. The raffle is an important fund raiser that supports the services the Lions Club provides in East Jordan. We would like to thank the people of East Jordan and the surrounding communities for their strong support. We would also like to offer special thanks to the following

businesses for their support: East Jordan True Value and Family Fare of East Jordan.

This year's winners are
 First Place: Jim LaBeau who won a Savage .270 with scope
 Second Place: Mike Stark who won a Savage .308 with scope
 Third Place: Lauren Donaldson who won a Gamo Precision Pellet Gun

Oleson's Safe Home Dollar Drive in Petoskey and Charlevoix

By Jessica Boyce

Oleson's Food Store in Petoskey and Charlevoix is teaming up with the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan in their efforts for their Safe Home. The Safe Home is an emergency shelter providing a secure, supportive residence for domestic abuse survivors and their children in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. The Safe Home is operated 24/7 and last year alone provided 8,778 meals to 140 women and children in the above counties for no charge.

"The Women's Resource Center is committed to equality, justice, and the well-being of women. To that end we will engage and encourage our



community to work with us toward those goals." The programs and services that they offer are: domestic abuse; rape and sexual assault; counseling; children's educational programming; education, career and employment; prevention; and engaging men. They have a website where you can learn more about everything they do (wrcnm.org) and they also have a 24 hour Crisis Line you can call if you need help: (231) 347-0082 or 1-800-275-1995 for long distance calls.

November 16th – November 27th you can donate a dollar to the Safe Home at Oleson's in both Petoskey and Charlevoix. Oleson's has also agreed to match the first \$1,000 raised through the fundraiser. The Oleson's in Petoskey is also the location where Lite 96.3 FM is holding a non-perishable food and supply drive on November 25th. The drive lasts from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, so stop by and drop off some food and supplies to help Safe Home.

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Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, I would like to thank the many individuals who made our first Tribute event a great success; this could not be accomplished without the effort and generosity of many.

Congratulations to the honorees: Lisa Clavier, Mark Fralick, Gail Gruenwald, Babs Kutcipal, Nancy Stewart and the Harbor Springs U15 Girls Soccer Team. The passion, integrity and selflessness you all exhibit are a credit to you, your families and your community. We are so fortunate to have you.

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Thank you to Lynn Dinning for her beautiful award design. We are honored to be beneficiaries of your talent. Thank you to Hanni Gallery for the necklaces for the U15 Team. Your generosity and commitment to community are a gift.

Thank you to the Tribute planning committee: Kathy Schroeder, Stephanie Baldwin, Lisa Blanchard, Kathy Erber, Trish Murray, Moon Seagen, and Jennifer Waldvogel. This event's success was directly related to your efforts. Your commitment is invaluable and appreciated beyond measure.

Finally, thank you to all of those who submitted nominations. Every submitted was incredibly compelling and we as a community are privileged to be surrounded by so many remarkable in-

dividuals. We are looking forward to the next Tribute event in 2015.

Janet Mancinelli
 Women's Resource Center Executive Director

To the Voters of Charlevoix County.

On behalf of our Grandvue family, we would like to thank the voters of Charlevoix County who supported the renewal of the Grandvue Medical Care Facility operational millage on November 4th. Because of you, we will be able to further our mission. "Dedicated to caring for the body, mind and spirit of our Grandvue family."

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Thank you for the support of this millage and for allowing us to serve you for over 120 years.

Sincerely,
 Your Grandvue Family

GRICE SENTENCED IN BROTHER'S DEATH



CHRISTOPHER GRICE

Friday, November 7th in the 33rd Circuit Court, Judge Richard M. Pajtas sentenced Christopher Millen Grice, 29, of Boyne City to serve 29 months to 180 months in prison for the death of his brother William Grice. Christopher pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter on October 14, 2014.

The sentencing guidelines in the case called for a minimum sentence of between 29 months to 57 months. Christopher's attorney, Daniel Hartman, asked the court to consider a downward departure from the sentencing guidelines but Judge Pajtas stated that he found no substantial and compelling reasons for a departure. Christopher struck William in the face in the early morning hours of December 22, 2013 at Christopher's home in Eveline Township. William died the next day from traumatic brain injury.

"This was a very difficult case for everyone involved," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "Nothing that any of us can do will bring William back but I believe the sentence was fair under the circumstances."

"My heart goes out to the en-

tire family and friends of both men. It was gut wrenching to read the letters submitted to the Court about William and what a kind, gentle person he was and it was also very touching to hear his brother and mother speak about the close relationship between Christopher and William. There was no easy answer in this situation."

BOYNE CITY MAN SENTENCED FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING AT HUFF'S PHARMACY



DANIEL OLIVER COTE

The Court also sentenced Daniel Oliver Cote, 24, of Boyne City, to serve 18 to 48 months in prison for delivery of marijuana. This sentence will be concurrent to Cote's current sentence for a breaking and entering of Huff's Pharmacy in Boyne City, as it was committed while he was on parole for that charge.

Cote pled guilty on October 17, 2014 pursuant to a plea agreement wherein the prosecution agreed that he would not be sentenced as a habitual offender.

The breaking and entering occurred on October 4, 2012 when Cote used a sledgehammer to break a window and

stole thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. Cote was sentenced to 30 to 120 months in prison on that charge but successfully completed the boot camp program which allowed him an earlier release.

He may also face a charge of parole violation due to the conviction in the drug case, resulting in more incarceration.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 0954Alarm in the 400 block of E Park St
- 1110Report of car being broken into Friday night in the 100 block of W Michigan.
- 1154Key and fob turned in that was found at the Dog Park
- 1244Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1543Possible attempted break in reported in the 200 block of S Park St.
- 1619Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
- 1659Found purse reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1725Suspicious vehicle on the old city dump property on the Old Horton Bay Rd.
- 1828Assist to Water Dept downtown
- 1837Alarm on Charlevoix Street. Cancelled while enroute.
- 2129Citation issued for speed in the 400 block of N Lake

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

- 1230Larceny of videos reported from the 600 block of N East St
- 1628Arrested subject on war-

- rant.
- 1725Private property damage accident occurred in the 1000 block of Boyne City earlier in the afternoon
- WED, OCTOBER 29TH**
- 1056Alarm on W Water St. Cancelled while enroute
- 1120Report of Craig's List scam.
- 1211Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1510Suspicious vehicle reported in the cemetery.
- 1849Request for welfare check in the 400 block of W. Michigan
- 1932Civil standby in the 400 block of W. Michigan.
- THURSDAY OCTOBER 30**
- 1502NSF check complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1505Arrested subject on warrant in the 600 block of N East St
- 1526Assisted EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1751Welfare check in the 1000 block of S. Lake St.
- 1825Driving complaint at Lake and State.
- 1908Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 2039Requesting for a vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
- FRIDAY OCTOBER 31**
- 0951 Alarm on W Water St. Canceled as arriving
- 1225Subject inquiring about eviction process
- 1306Assist to Charlevoix PD in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 1350Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1349911 check in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

- 1359Found credit card turned in
- 2200 Civil on W Water St.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**
- 0132 Vehicle unlock in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.
- 0243Intoxicated subject walking in street at Boyne Av and Hemlock
- 0948Returned lost/stolen license plate to the 400 block of Lewis
- 1748Assist Sheriff Dept with warrant attempt in the 300 block of Silver St
- 1836Disturbance reported in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1919Driving complaint
- 2141Car deer accident at Lakeshore and Marshall. Permit issued.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
- 0931Assist Sheriff Dept on N Camp 10 Rd.
- 1005Citation issued for Expired plate and No proof of at Boyne Ave and Beardsley
- 1401Report of a B&E in the 100 block of N Park St.
- 1843911 hang up call in the 100 block of E Water St.
- 2224Civil complaint in the 700 block of E Main St.

- Attempt to Locate.....4
- Attempted Suicide.....0
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation.....0
- Breaking & Entering.....0
- Car/Deer Accident.....24
- Citations Issued.....4
- Civil Complaint.....1
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
- Death.....0
- Disorderly Person.....0
- Disturbance.....1
- DNR Complaint.....0
- Domestic Dispute.....2
- Driving Complaint.....4
- Fireworks Complaint.....0
- Found Property.....0
- Fraud.....4
- Health & Safety.....1
- Hit & Run.....0
- Intoxicated Person.....0
- Juvenile.....4
- Larceny.....5
- Lockout.....4
- Lost Property.....0
- Malicious Destruction of Property.....2
- Mental Subject.....0
- Minor In Possession.....0
- Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
- Missing Person.....1
- Noise Complaint.....1
- Operating Under the Influence.....1
- Paper Service.....3
- Parking Violation.....0
- Personal Injury Accident.....0
- Personal Protection Order.....0
- Private Property Accident.....0
- Property Check.....39
- Property Damage Accident.....7
- Prowler.....0
- Road Hazard.....4
- Stalking.....0
- Suspicious Situation.....2
- Threat.....0
- Traffic Stop.....17
- Trespassing.....1
- Unknown Accident.....2
- Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
- Vehicle in the Ditch.....2
- Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....1

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

November 3-9

- 911 Hang Up Call.....4
- Abandoned Vehicle.....1
- Abuse.....1
- Alarm.....7
- Animal Complaint.....16
- Annoyance.....0
- Assault.....0
- Assist Citizen.....6
- Assist Motorist.....3
- Assist Other Agency.....15

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Boyne City has a new park

The Friends of the Boyne River have announced the opening of the Boyne River Nature Area. This new Boyne City park was built with financial support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Frey Foundation, Oleson Foundation, Great Lakes Energy People Fund, a private donor and the City of Boyne City. The purpose of the Boyne River Nature Area is to share the beauty of the river and woods, to have access to the river and to educate the public about the environmental importance of wetlands to our rivers.

The park is at the back of Boyne City's Business Park. There are signs for the Boyne River Nature Area, a small parking area and a bike rack. Just off the parking lot is a rain garden filled with native plants and a roofed education area with picnic tables. A path leads down a ravine and into the heavily wooded wetland area. The pathway continues along the base of the hillside and in three places along the pathway, there are stairs down to boardwalks that cross the wetlands and end at a deck beside the river. Visitors can sit here to enjoy the river view.

To get to the Boyne River Nature Area, enter the east entrance of the Business Park off M-75 at Moll Drive. Follow Moll Drive about one block where it ends at LexaMar Drive. To the right on LexaMar Dr. is the Boyne River Nature Area sign.

The Boyne River Nature Area was built by the Friends of the Boyne River to protect



the river and wetland, and to provide a place where both residents and visitors can enjoy the river. Visit the Friends of the Boyne River website at boyneriver.org or email them at boyneriverinc@gmail.com. Contact the city of Boyne City at (231) 582-6597 or

info@boynecity.com

For more information contact Nancy Cunningham, (231)582-9373 or dncunningham3738@att.net

Lions Club receives grant from Great Lakes Energy People Fund

EAST JORDAN - The Lions Club of East Jordan received a \$4,000.00 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund. This generous grant enabled the Lions Club to purchase baskets and commence building a Disc Golf Course at the Community Park in East Jordan. The course has been completed and is open for play. The course may remain open year-round so that the citizens of East Jordan and surrounding communities can get full enjoyment from the rapidly growing sport of disc golf.

Members of the Great Lakes Energy support the People Fund by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities that benefit people in the communities served by the cooperative. Please contact Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, or visit gtlakes.com for details.

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

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East Jordan schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson discussed the districts "intentional" education policies that include more than academic goals. "Although our primary focus is academics we also know (students) can't be successful academically when there are barriers there. We strive to create that safe and caring environment so they can be successful in anything they do," he said. Stevenson listed the schools challenges as funding, enrollment and keeping up with quickly changing technology. He then emphasized that focusing on the culture in the schools was priority. "We want our kids to be proud, we want to make sure we're instilling that pride in everything they do," he said. Changes implemented this year included a focus on leadership and cultivating those qualities in the students at every level. He cited back to back quiz bowl championships, the highest ACT scores in the history of the school and athletic successes as recent achievements. "Our kids have amazing access to amazing things in the area of science and math," he said. He listed accountability for the schools, teachers and students, making technology useful and collaboration between the three schools as future goals. "East Jordan Public schools could not be as successful as we are without our community partners. We need a successful community for us to be successful and vice versa," he concluded.

Tom Erhart from the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance addressed the audience about the mobile digital fabrication laboratory (fab lab) that East Jordan was instrumental in bringing to reality. The mobile manufacturing educational unit was parked out front of the hall inviting anyone interested to take a tour. Presently, EJHS is one of only three schools involved in a pilot program allowing students to take a CNC manufacturing course and earn college credit. Erhart discussed the huge gap in the need for manufacturing employees and qualified workers. "You can be proud of what East Jordan is doing with the fab lab," he said.

The chairman of the East Jordan Downtown Development Association, Tom Teske gave a brief history of the DDA's investment in the DDA district. "We've seen a lot of improvements. It's a story of opportunities and challenges," he said. He highlighted the Jordan Valley Arts Council's plans to expand and the recent purchase of much of the corner of Main and Mill streets by Cannonball LLC and the potential growth there. "We look forward to working with them and their vision," he said. "It takes everyone working together to achieve these results. If you can dream it you can do it," he concluded.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING NOV. 11, 2014

Fluoride still a hot topic at city commission



Thomas Stevenson, Communication Technical Advisor with Connect Michigan presented County Commissioner and Boyne City resident Chris Christensen with the Broadband Hero Award at the November 11 Boyne City Commission meeting. Christensen's efforts led to increased understanding and awareness of broadband and internet access in Charlevoix County.

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY — Nearly two hours of the November 11 Boyne City Commission meeting was spent on a discussion concerning refluorinating the water supply. Procedures to continue with the application for a permit to renovate the harbor and another agreement with the Main Street program were approved.

Discussion on the fluorination issue was placed on the agenda at a request from Commissioner Derek Gaylord who asked that the use of Certified Analysis Fluoride be introduced into the water supply instead of the fluoroacetic acid the city has been using for the last 41 years. "I think we need to do more as far as being absolutely sure to make sure we're limiting any impurities other than Fluoride," said Gaylord. The city is preparing to resume fluorination of the water and expect to restart on November 19. During public comment, members of the audience threatened the commission that postponing or delaying the fluoridation would result in action taken by the Citizens United for Dental Health while others stated that they believed that citizens were mis-lead before the election and implored the commission to look closer at the facts. What followed was a long question and answer session with Brian Thurston of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Dan Meads the city's waste water superintendent. Concerns over the toxicity of the Fluoride bi-product the city

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has used and other impurities that are naturally occurring with it were the main topic of conversation. "Our water is tested for over 170 contaminants and nowhere is it over the limit," said Meads. After continued questioning about the statistics of the product, Commissioner Tom Niedhamer asked if the city was delivering the safest product in the safest manner. "The water is tested and we have not exceeded any standards," replied Meads. After nearly two hours City Manager Michael Cain called the discussion a distraction. "What I'm seeing with some of the conversation going on are probably more toxic than anything we could put in the water," he said. He noted that he believed everybody had an opportunity to get information before the election and asked commissioners to keep the issue in perspective and to not further divide the commission. The discussion continued with Thurston giving in depth information on the chemical nature and processing of Fluoroacetic acid. No action was taken.

Signatures on the last required document in a process to secure a permit to make renovations at the harbor from the Army Corps of Engineers was approved. "Three city managers, two mayors, new city commissioners and many years later here we are. We finally have what we've been working for," said Harbor Master Barb Brooks. Brooks told the commission that the process was started in 2002.

The city has been working with C2AE and the DEQ to find a solution to the erosion problems at the Lower Lake storm outfall where erosion is becoming a problem. Two options had been previously approved by the commission and presented to the DEQ in a request for a permit to complete the work. The DEQ refused to approve the permit with either option and sent changes that they would approve. A motion to proceed with the storm outfall as required by the DEQ was approved.

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Artists in Action

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce Artist in Action, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., November 20, which will highlight local artist, Dawn Fletcher. Ms. Fletcher will be in the library main lobby demonstrating her felted wool artwork and answer questions about her craft. Felting is a simple process of separating, tangling, and re-locking animal fibers found in items such as yarn or wool. Felting begins through the agitation of the fibers; these fibers are lined with tiny scales which interlock and keep the fibers' shape. There are several methods to agitate and tangle animal fibers into felt such as wet felting, needle felting, nuna felting, and knit felting. Ms. Fletcher will also offer patrons an opportunity to tryout her craft and create a felted wool pin. The library is located in downtown Charlevoix at 220 W. Clinton St. For further information about this or other library events visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

NASA Visits Raven Hill

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN — An opportunity for local teachers and other educators to learn how to use lunar and meteorite samples and other Earth rock materials in the classroom was offered by a NASA Education Specialist through the Raven Hill Discovery Center.

The training and certification class on using Moon and Earth Rocks to teach physical and earth science was held at the East Jordan based science and technology center on November 6 along with Lunar and Meteorite Certification Training. The session presented by Education Specialist Susan Kohler



Science teacher, Scott Smith of Boyne City Public Schools, carefully measures a marble's displacement of flour and cocoa, simulating effects of a meteor hitting the moon, during an activity in the Lunar Certification Workshop recently at Raven Hill Discovery Center. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Education specialist, Susan Kohler, of NASA Glenn Research Center of Cleveland, Ohio (standing) conducts a Lunar Certification Workshop recently with 16 participants at Raven Hill Discovery Center. The certification allows educators and science centers to host samples of authentic moon rocks, first of which will be Raven Hill, hopefully this December. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

from the NASA Glenn Research Center located in Cleveland, Ohio illustrated for the participants why NASA research is important for our daily lives.

The 16 teachers, librarians, and astronomers that participated in the training came from area schools, libraries and astronomy clubs and left the 6 hour class certified to borrow NASA's lunar and meteorite samples for use in their classrooms. "The lunar samples came from the moon, of course, and depict the various mineral compositions. Some are rock samples and some are soil samples, including some ORANGE soil," explained Cheri Leach, Raven Hill founder, CEO and program officer.

Kohler also provided educational resources that presented uses for the rocks and new curriculum ideas while leading participants in activities that emphasized scientific concepts like the relationship of the Earth to the Moon and rock classification. "Everyone worked together as teams to solve problems related to the earth and moon. A third activity dealt with crater sizes and shapes. Everything related to state science objectives and included lots of data collection, interpretation, drawing conclusions and problem-solving," said Leach.

The final session was a security briefing and survey which was necessary in order to be certified to

borrow the lunar and meteorite samples. "Because there are only a few samples and they are irreplaceable, the rocks must be checked in at the local police station when they arrive and before they are sent back. Shipping is paid for, but must be done in a specified manner and the rocks may not be out of the certified person's possession, even over lunch or during a trip to the bathroom they must travel with whomever, in a backpack or whatever. The lunar and meteorite samples are small and encased in Plexiglas for safety and security reasons," she said. NASA has only 600 lunar and meteorite samples.

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Masters of the Brush

Beeby & Bolt art on display at Crooked Tree

Betty Beeby & Russell Bolt: Masters of the Brush is an exhibition of two northern Michigan artist icons that will be on display from November 21 through December 20 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Betty Beeby from Eastport and Russell Bolt from Charlevoix have been painting and inspiring the northern Michigan community for decades.

Beeby, of Eastport grew up in Detroit. An art teacher at Cass Technical High School inspired Betty and arranged for her to receive the Booth Scholarship to study art at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. Betty was at one time an Artist for Time Life Magazine and creator for CBS television's Captain Kangaroo. She has illustrated numerous award winning books including Whistle Up the Bay by Nancy and Breath Escaping Envelopes. Beeby was commissioned in 1974 to paint the 50 feet mural of the Mackinac Bridge which can be seen at Fort Michilimackinac Orientation. In 2008 Beeby received the State History Award from the Historical Society of MI for Distinguished Volunteer Service.

Russell Bolt was born in Cleveland Ohio, where he graduated from Cleveland Institute of Art. In 1955 Russ pursued advanced studies from the College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University, and Pewabic Pottery all of which are in Detroit Michigan. Russ served in the military for the United State Marines Corp, was a Chief Designer of Interiors for General Motors where he designed auto show cars, in the production and advanced vehicle department. With his wife Susan Bolt, they co-founded in



Russ Bolt in his Studio

1970 "Bolt Design Incorporated," a working art studio that is located in a 100 year old Grange Hall in Charlevoix, Michigan. For over fifty years both Russ and Susan Bolt have contributed to the art community in northern Michigan.

The opening of the Betty Beeby & Russell Bolt: Masters of the Brush exhibition will be held on Friday No-

vember 21 from 5-7 pm. For more information please call the Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit . This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and Petoskey.

Watercolor, Winter with Rose-Colored Bushes, by Betty Beeby



Betty Beeby(I)



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Holiday Events at Crooked Tree

Crooked Tree Arts Center announces their schedule of holiday events for 2014. From November 16 through December 31, the Crooked Tree Arts Center offers holiday favorite events and activities for all ages.

The Annual Holiday Wine Market is Sunday, November 16 from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. In the galleries of the arts center over 30 wines and holiday appetizers will be provided by Esperance of Charlevoix. Joyful holiday music will be provided by Pine River Jazz Group. This event is part of the Swirl series at the arts center. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of the wine market, if available.

A holiday party for CTAC members and guests is Friday, November 21 from 5 pm to 7 pm including live music provided by pianist Alex Vance, refreshments, gift wrapping and shipping available. The galleries will be filled with great handmade gifts for all budgets and styles. A special exhibit, Masters of the Brush, will featuring artwork from Betty Beeby and Russ Bolt will also open on November 21. CTAC members receive a 10% discount on all art sales from November 21 to December 20.

Star Wars Trilogy will hit Petoskey on Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 pm. The off-Broadway sensation, One Man Star Wars has been performed over 1,200 times in more than 180 cities across four continents. "From Off-Broadway in New York to London's West End, from Dubai's resorts to the Glastonbury Music Festival – in small towns, big cities, at fundraisers, and at Lucas Film's own Star Wars conventions – this show has been places! One Man Star Wars' next stop is CTAC!" said Bill Millar, Chairman of the Performing Arts Committee, CTAC. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Shop & Drop is a new event scheduled for Friday, November 28 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Drop the kids at CTAC for organized art projects and activities while you shop the CTAC galleries and the Downtown Petoskey District on Black Friday! Kids will make two special holiday-themed projects and enjoy age-appropriate games. A healthy snack will be made available; lunch will not be provided. For ages 4 years to 5th grade and cost is \$5 per Child



Crooked Tree Arts Center's Holiday Happenings include holiday wine market, performances, workshops, Crafternoons, concerts, openings, demonstrations and culminates with the annual New Year's Eve party. A perennial favorite, The Nutcracker will be performed by CTAC School of Ballet on Saturday and Sunday, December 20 and 21 at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center. PHOTO CREDIT: HENRY B. JOY.

Member / \$10 per Child Non-Member. "Pre-registration guarantees your child a space; drop-ins are also welcome" noted Valerie St. Pierre Smith, Program Director.

Crafternoons! CTAC will be featuring craft projects submitted by CTAC staff and chosen by CTAC Facebook fans. A new craft will be introduced every week, with instructions and supplies available. Stop in from November 29-December 19 to make a festive craft in the galleries at CTAC. Crafternoon guides will be on hand Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1-3:00 pm. No reservations and a suggested donation will be offered.

Holiday Workshops and classes are offered for ages 3-adult. Participants can create ornaments, knit an infinity scarf, make a Christmas bowl and much more beginning December 1 through December 20. Registration is required for both the one day workshops and three week classes.

The annual Nutcracker Coloring Con-

test is open through December 5. Three winners will be selected and each winner will receive two tickets to a Nutcracker performance on December 20 or 21. Entries due by 5 pm on Friday, December 5 and ages 2-12 may enter. The coloring page is available online or by stopping in CTAC.

The Arts Center will be open for Downtown Petoskey Open House on Friday December 5 from 6-9 pm. CTAC will host events inside and outside. On the Bidwell Plaza hot cider and kettle corn will be served, along with artist demos in blacksmithing and carolers from Northern Michigan Chorale. Warm up inside with holiday shopping and performances by the cast of "Annie the Musical". The galleries will be open for shopping with more seasonal treats.

Share the magic of the season with your favorite little lady or gentleman at the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea on Sunday, December 7 at the historic Terrace Inn on the grounds of Bay View. Enjoy tea with prin-

cipal performers of Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet's "Nutcracker", including: Clara, the Nutcracker, the Snow Queen, the Dew Drop Fairy, Mirliton, and of course, the Sugar Plum Fairy. Enjoy traditional tea and cocoa service, keepsake picture with the dancers, strings quartet performance and a take-home treat. Each attendee also receives a ticket to the Nutcracker performance on December 20 and 21. Tickets start at \$75 for two and very limited seating is available. Reservations are required and proceeds of the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea support the year-round dance scholarship fund.

The holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" will be performed by CTAC School of Ballet dancers on Saturday and Sunday December 20 & 21 at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets for Matinee Performances: \$50 Reserved / \$15 Adult / \$5 Student. Evening Performances: \$50 Reserved / \$20 Adult / \$10 Student. Tickets available online, at the arts center and Between the Covers in Harbor Springs.

The holiday celebrations will end with the 8th annual New Year's Eve at the Arts Center on Tuesday, December 31 from 5 pm to 9 pm. The family friendly event features performances and workshops, food & refreshments, and the "Midnight at 93 Ball-drop on Division Street. There are experiences in music, theatre, art and dance all under one roof, one night- the building is bursting with creative energy. "Whether you prefer to participate in a hands-on workshop or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment- this event is for you!" said Cindy McSurely, CTAC's Development Director. Participants can wander freely throughout the arts center and adjacent Carnegie Building and choose among the many offerings for the evening. Performances and workshops are presented by CTAC's instructors, Blissfest Music Organization and Petoskey District Library among others. Tickets are Adults \$7 / Students \$3.

For more information visit or call . The arts center is located in downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street.

Paranormal investigators speak at Carnegie building

PETOSKEY - Join Veteran Paranormal Investigators Tim Ellis and Brad Blair as they take you on a journey of the Great Lakes region you have never seen before. They will share with you some of the most famous holiday haunts of the area, and share with you some of their personal experiences at these locations.

The Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society will give their presentation on Monday, November 24, at 7:00 in the Carnegie Building at 451 E. Mitchell Street in Petoskey. This event is open to the public and admission is

free. It is sponsored by the Petoskey District Library and Friends of the Library.

Tim Ellis and Brad Blair are veteran paranormal investigators who have been chasing ghosts since they were kids growing up together in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Childhood friends since third grade Brad and Tim have taken their love of the paranormal as kids to the next level when they created the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society in 2000 along with their other childhood friend Steve LaPlaut. In 2011, Tim and Brad spoke

to sold out and standing room only crowds across the region with their presentation "A Journey through the Supernatural". In 2012 they did it again with "Haunted Great Lakes". In 2013 they exposed the "Haunted Holidays". For more information on the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society please visit www.upprs.org. For booking or more information please email timellis@charter.net or call 906-440-4890.

For more information, call the Petoskey District Library at 231-758-3100.

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The Crooked Tree Art Center is now taking online registrations for the upcoming 2015 Juried Photography Exhibition. The show will be on display opening Saturday, January 24, 2015 and running through April 4th. Interested artists may apply through online through the Crooked Tree Arts Center's website (www.crookedtreeartscenter.com) during the month of November where they will be guided to a Call for Entry site. Applicants must be 18 years or older, members of CTAC and/or Michigan residents and may submit up to two entries.

The juror for the 2015 Juried Photo Exhibition is renowned and cutting edge photographer Cynthia Greig from the Detroit area. Greig specializes in conceptual art, photography and video, she has exhibited both in the US and abroad. Her work held in the public collections of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, The Museum of Contemporary Photography, George Eastman House and Museum of International Photography and Film and Smith College Museum of Art among others. She has taught photography at the University of Michigan, and curated exhibitions of contemporary art and vernacular photography on an inde-



CYNTHIA GREIG

pendent basis. Greig co-authored the book of photographs, Women in Pants: Manly Maidens, Cowgirls and Other Renegades, published in 2003 by Harry N. Abrams.

Cynthia Greig's work explores the exchange of influence between visual perception and experience, and photography's unique role in negotiating what we believe to be real or true. For her, the coexistence of contradictions marks the moment when apparent realities collide. When one recognizes that something is both askew and right on the mark, confusion and/or enlightenment usually follow. She has developed an unusual process of subtracting visual information by painting her subjects a chalk white tone and then outlining them in charcoal and photographing them. The result is a conundrum of what is real and what is perceived.

For more information on the upcoming exhibition or other programming at Crooked Tree Arts Center please call the Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtreeartscenter.com. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Edward Jones of Harbor Springs and Petoskey.

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Medicare Open Enrollment – Part 2

This is the second of a 2-part series concerning the Medicare Open Enrollment process that runs each year from October 15th through December 7th.

Last month, in part 1 of this series, I incorrectly stated in the title of the article that it was about the "Medicaid Open Enrollment". It should have read "Medicare Open Enrollment". I apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.

In this article, I will discuss the information that has recently been released by Medicare about the Part D drug insurance plans for 2015.

Following are some of the significant changes:

□ There are a total of 31 drug plans available to Michigan Medicare beneficiaries, three less than in 2014.

□ One of the plans, the SmartD Rx Saver (called SmartD Rx Plus in 2014), is currently sanctioned by Medicare, making it unavailable for new subscribers until further notice. Current members are permitted to remain in the plan for 2015.

□ Part D plans that have an annual drug deductible can increase it by \$10 up to a maximum of \$320.

□ The donut hole will go up by \$110 to \$2,960. When the full cost of medications reach this amount during the year, subscribers will enter the donut hole which results in a higher cost for their drugs. Those who enter the donut hole in 2015 will pay 45% of the total cost of brand name drugs and 65% of the cost of the generic equivalent. Those in the donut hole will find that their out of pocket cost

for brand and generic drugs will be down slightly from 2014. This trend will continue until the year 2020, when the out of pocket cost for brand and generic drugs will stabilize at a 25% copay.

□ Four plans available in 2014 will not be offered in 2015. They are the Symphonix Rite Aid, First Health Premier Plus, Medicare Rx Rewards, and Health Markets Value plans.

Also, four drug insurance companies are re-assigning their members from one of their plan offerings to another plan within the same company. These companies are AARP, Cigna, First Health (Coventry) and Silver-Script.

The Part D companies are required to notify their subscribers of all of these changes in the Annual Notice of Change mailing. Beneficiaries should already have received this information.

The list of plan offerings is long, but there is a very helpful process available that can be used to compare an existing drug plan with all of the other alternatives. The tool is called the Medicare Plan Finder. To do your own comparisons, or get some help with it, simply select one of the following options:

If you are comfortable doing your own research, visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. Just click on the green box entitled "Find health & drug plans", and enter the information requested. You will be given detailed comparisons for each plan, sorted by lowest cost. Plan enrollment can also be done at the same website.

□ You can call 800-Medicare (800-633-4227) and a trained customer service representative can assist you by furnishing you with plan options. Have your current medication list available when you make the call.

Also, you can call the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174. MMAP representatives will mail you out a prescription drug worksheet to complete and return. A certified Counselor will then review drug plan options, furnish recommendations for 2015, and assist you with the enrollment.

It is essential that beneficiaries have their Part D plans reviewed during the Medicare open enrollment period. As I've pointed out, the plan features and list of plans available constantly change. Also, a beneficiary's prescriptions can change each year. These variables often have a dramatic effect on the out of pocket cost for medications. Being in the plan that covers their medications in a cost effective manner can lower their cost. Once the open enrollment period closes on December 7th, subscribers are locked into their current plan for all of 2015, unless they are eligible for low income assistance.

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

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, November 13 Wii Bowling	Friday, November 14 11am Backwoods Maestros Raffle	Monday, November 17 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, November 18 Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize	Wed., November 19 THANKSGIVING PARTY w/BC Students! Special Music: Ray & Tom Raffle	Thursday, November 20 Wii Bowling
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Thursday, November 13 11am Chair Yoga Class Back Porch Music - Anette Cyr 1pm Pinochle	Friday, November 14 FOOT CLINIC 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, November 17 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, November 18 Wii Bowling Competition @ Petoskey Friendship Ctr 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wed., November 19 THANKSGIVING PARTY! Adolph Cwik Music! 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, November 20 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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Thursday, November 13 10am Advisory Bd Mtg KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, November 14 11am Tag - A-Longs Bingo/Raffle	Monday, November 17 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, November 18 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wed., November 19 GAME DAY!	Thursday, November 20 KARAOKE DAY!
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