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City Mourns the Loss of Two Extraordinary Young Women

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CHARLEVOIX: Charlevoix area citizens are grieving the loss of two young graduates of Charlevoix Area High school who passed away while driving to Charlevoix from Michigan State University.

Maura Elizabeth Brandi, 20 and Carolina Elowsky, 20 were traveling north on North U.S. 131 when they lost control of their vehicle while crossing the Manistee River in Wexford County. The slippery road caused them to collide with a vehicle traveling south. Brandi and Elowsky were pronounced dead at the scene; however the members of the other vehicle were transported to Munson Medical Center where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries.



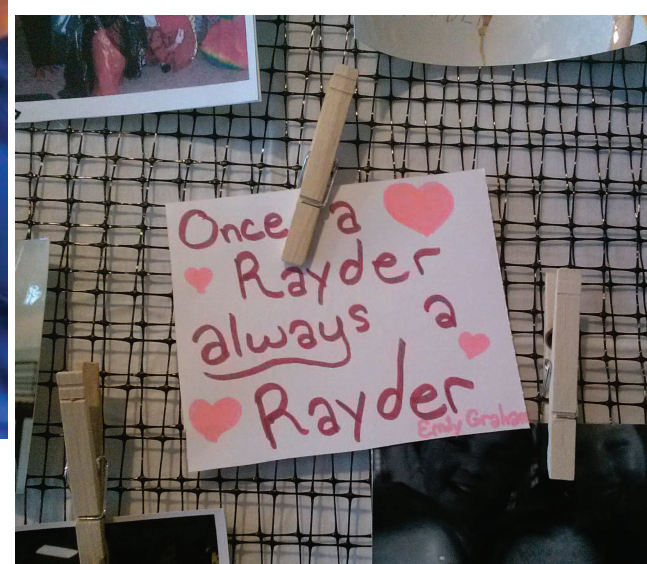
A Memorial service for Maura Elizabeth Brandi, 20 and Carolina Elowsky, 20 will be held Wednesday, January 7th at Charlevoix High School.

Brandi and Elowsky were graduates of Charlevoix High school in 2013 and were attending MSU together. According to friends and family the duo were close friends throughout high school, a friendship that continued into their college years.

Brandi was a star athlete in high school, playing soccer alongside Elowsky throughout her time at CHS. Her friends thought of her as a loyal Spartan fan, and remembered her well for her fun personality and passion for learning. Brandi studied Landscape Architecture at MSU and spent her summers on the docks of Charlevoix as part of the Charlevoix Marina Crew.

Elowsky is remembered by those close to her as an excellent soccer player and an incredibly intelligent young woman. She spent most of her time in high school in National Honor Society,

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING JANUARY 6, 2015 Newly elected County Commissioners start terms

Evans remains as Board Chairperson

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CHARLEVOIX: Meeting for the first time in 2015, the County Board of Commissioners welcomed two new members, and set up the organizational structure of the board for the year on Tuesday, January 6.

The board set about setting up meeting times, appointing a chair person and filling vacancies on various committees in a quick meeting. The meeting marks the first of the New Year, but also the first in which newly elected commissioners Nancy Ferguson and Shirley Roloff were involved.

Ferguson will represent Dis-

trict 5 while Roloff will represent District 6. These two are filling the roles of previous commissioners Richard Gillespie of District 5, and Larry Sullivan of District 6. In order to proceed forward with agendas in 2015, several appointments were made to fill vacancies left by Gillespie and Sullivan.

Those vacancies included appointing a liaison to the Commission on Aging, District Health Department, the Parks and Recreation Committee and several others. Ferguson and Roloff took over several vacancies, while remaining board members Joel Evans, Chris Christenson, Richard Reinhardt, and George Lasater retained most of their previous positions.

Ferguson is now a liaison to the Commission on Aging, the District Health Department,

Transportation Authority, and

Fair Board. Roloff will act as a representative of the commission for the District Health Department, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Brownfield Development Authority.

In addition to filling the open positions, the board also re-appointed Joel Evans of District 4 to chairperson. This position will continue to be a two year position at the agreement of the board.

The board also set the times and days of their meetings. Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of the month will be held at 9:30 a.m. while the second meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, the first non-organizational meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be held Wednesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Body of missing man recovered from pond

The Boyne City Police responded to a request from the Michigan State Police to attempt to locate a man at the apartments on Division St. The Newaygo man was reported missing to MSP by his sister in Emmet County on December 31. Information was received that the man was last seen on Monday, December 29 standing near the sidewalk on Division west of Lewis.

At 1:25pm on Wednesday December 31, 2014 a Boyne City Police Officer found the man's body submerged in a shallow pond on the south side of Division near the driveway to the apartments.

The man was identified as Matthew Hanson, 30 from Newaygo, Michigan.

Witnesses say that Matthew Hanson was intoxicated when he left the apartment of an acquaintance and had not been seen since Monday evening.

An autopsy was performed at Grand Rapids Spectrum Hospital and at this time no foul play is suspected. The investigation is still ongoing.

Please contact The Boyne City Police Department if you have any information about this incident.

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FRIDAY



HIGH: Mid 10's
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SATURDAY



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

SUNDAY



HIGH: Low 20's
LOW: Low 10's

snowfall records

2012-13	Amt	2013-14	Amt	2014-15	Amt
1/7/2013	.....25	1/6/2014	.....72	1/5/2015	.....54.....Boyne Falls
1/7/2013	.....16.3	1/6/2014	.....50.5	1/5/2015	.....30.....Charlevoix
1/7/2013	.....20	1/6/2014	.....57.5	1/5/2015	.....42.5.....Cheboygan
1/7/2013	.....21.7	1/6/2014	.....64	1/5/2015	.....61.2.....East Jordan
1/7/201338.4	1/6/2014103.2	1/5/201584.4.....Gaylord
1/7/201316.4	1/6/201431.2	1/5/201517.6.....Mio
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1/7/201337.3	1/6/201485.5	1/5/201556.5.....Petoskey

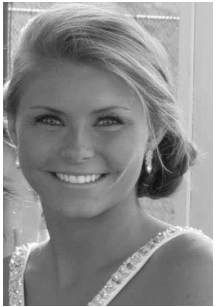
record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 9	.....13°	.....29°	.....25°	(1977)	.....49°	(2003)
JAN 10	.....13°	.....29°	.....15°	(1982)	.....48°	(2002)
JAN 11	.....13°	.....29°	.....23°	(1981)	.....50°	(1975)
JAN 12	.....13°	.....29°	.....20°	(1964)	.....48°	(2006)
JAN 13	.....13°	.....29°	.....16°	(1964)	.....48°	(2005)
JAN 14	.....12°	.....29°	.....20°	(1982)	.....46°	(1987)
JAN 15	.....12°	.....28°	.....27°	(1965)	.....49°	(1953)
JAN 16	.....12°	.....28°	.....19°	(1966)	.....50°	(1949)

Carolena Elewsky, 20

(NOV. 12, 1994 - JAN. 2, 2015)

On January 2, 2015, our beautiful daughter, granddaughter, niece, and loving friend, Carolena Elewsky, went to join our heavenly father. A celebration of her life will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 4:00 pm at Charlevoix High School.



Carolena was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 12, 1994. She moved to Charlevoix, Michigan, with her family in 1997. She attended Charlevoix Public Schools, and graduated first in her high school class in 2013.

She was an avid soccer player, a starter of four years, and earned Honorable Mention All State honors her Junior and Senior years. She was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, quiz bowl team, and was also a member of the volleyball, basketball, and cross country teams.

In the fall of 2013, Carolena began her studies in the honors college at Michigan State University. She was a member of the Tower Guard Honors Society, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, and was employed as a teacher's assistant. Carolena was a true Sparty with a heart of green! She attended all of the home football and basketball games. These game days filled her with some of her fondest memories at MSU. Carolena loved her family, her Charlevoix friends, and her new MSU friends.

She spent her summers as a gang leader/camp counselor at The Belvedere Club where she was loved by the Belvedere families and children.

Carolena's smile lit up a room. She was funny, smart, positive, kind and a born leader. She lived her life to the fullest and achieved all her dreams. Carolena will be missed by so many.

Contributions in Carolena's honor can be made to the Carolena Elewsky MSU Scholarship Fund in care of the Charlevoix State Bank. Please share a memory or condolences in Carolena's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com, FOREVER YOUNG, FOREVER BEAUTIFUL, FOREVER IN SO MANY HEARTS. WE LOVE YOU, OUR SWEET DAUGHTER, CAROLENA.

Maura Elizabeth Brandi, 20

(DEC. 24, 1994 - JAN. 2, 2015)

Maura Elizabeth Brandi of Charlevoix, died on January 2, 2015. A celebration of her life will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 4:00 pm at Charlevoix High School.



She was born on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1994 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She passed away in a fatal car accident on January 2, 2015 with her good friend Carolena Elewsky. She was a 2012 graduate of Charlevoix High School in Charlevoix.

Maura was a sophomore at Michigan State University. She was a loyal Spartan fan, sometimes camping out overnight to get the

best tickets, and sometimes attending three collegiate events a day. She excelled academically in high school and at MSU where she studied Landscape Architecture, with the goal of making the world a more beautiful place. Her passion for knowledge and drive to experience everything in life was unsurpassed. She was devoted to the many friends that blessed and enriched her life, and was loyal, kind, and considerate of others. Maura was fun to be around and a beautiful person, both inside and out.

Maura's interests included all genres of music, dancing, running barefoot, soccer, football and encouraging others to recycle as a good steward of the earth. Maura loved to be outside, enjoyed all water sports, family camping, sailing and travel vacations. She was a team member with the City of Charlevoix marina crew, and enjoyed her time there immensely.

Maura is survived by her father Richard Brandi, and mother Maureen Radke, and one sibling Nick Brandi; aunts and uncles, Roger (Karen) Brandi; Joy (Tim) Reade; Michael (Kate) Radke; Marybeth Radke; Gregg (Renee) Radke; Don (Carolyn) Radke; Joni (David) Coxton; Chris (Karen) Radke; and cousins Michael, Heather, Frances, Chris, Alex, Olivia, Joan, Gabe, Lily, John, and Brenna. Maura was preceded in death by her grandparents Grace and Gerald Brandi; Michael and Joan Radke; Elise Brandi; and cousin Mariah.

Arrangements are being made at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix Michigan. The family invites friends and family to share memories/condolences on the online guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

To honor Maura's passion for our beautiful up north landscape & water resources, contributions can be made to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Fund. Her beautiful blue eyes, sunny outlook, and radiant smile will live on in the hearts and memories of all who had the pleasure to know her.

Thomas Arthur Mason, 77

(NOV. 27, 1937 - DEC. 31, 2014)

Thomas Arthur Mason died Wednesday, December 31, 2014, at his home in East Jordan, surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 27, 1937, in Wyandotte, MI, the son of Russell and Dorothy (Schloff) Mason. He served in the United States Navy on aircraft carriers from 1955 to 1958. He married the love of his life, Evelyn Ostrowski, on June 13, 1959, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseville, MI. They had a great devotion to St. Anthony, on whose feast day they were married. He lived in Wyandotte until 1974, when he and his family moved to East Jordan. Once they moved up north, he made a shrine to St. Anthony in their backyard.

He retired from Mark One Corporation in 2001. He loved woodworking, making most of the cabinets, bookcases and tables in their home. He also enjoyed making wooden toys for his grandchildren, who love playing with them.

He was a loving and wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and is survived by his wife, Evelyn M. Mason, of East Jordan, three daughters, Julie (Timothy) Willson of East Jordan, Laura Mason of East Jordan, and Anne (Derrick) Johnson of Florence, KY; three sons, Thomas (Christy) Mason II of Boyne Falls, William (Rachel) Mason of Elmira and Daniel (Maria) Mason of Athol, ID as well as 34 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Beatrice Perry of Wyandotte, MI.

The family is having a private funeral at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Nicholas A. Mellios, 44

(MAY 14, 1970 - DEC. 29, 2014)

Nicholas A. Mellios of East Jordan passed away Monday, Decem-

ber 29th, 2014 at his home. He was born May 14th, 1970 in Lansing MI. On June 27th, 1994 he married Kim L. Hinton and made their home in East Jordan.

Surviving are his wife Kim; Children Casandra Mellios of East Jordan, David Mellios of East Jordan, Dustin Mellios of Boyne City, and Austen Mellios of East Jordan. Seven Grandchildren Elijah; Braydon, Parker, Emilee, Elizabeth, Natalie, and RyLeigh. His mother Carolyn (Dan) Moeggenberg; Brother Stephen Mellios, step-brother Ben Moeggenberg, Stepsisters Angie (Tom) Barton, and Jamie (Jeff) Walbeck. Nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles, and many friends who were family.

Nicholas was a partner and Director of Electrical Operations at Keen Technical Solutions in Traverse City, MI. He enjoyed Golf; hunting, football and spending time with family. He was a coach to many for youth basketball; Pop Warner Football, and Little League Baseball. "He will be truly missed by many"

Memorial Service was Monday January 5th, 2015 at the Barnard Methodist Church in Charlevoix with Pastor Craig Pahl officiating.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Northern Michigan in Memory of Nick.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth online@www.hastingsfuneral.com

Bernice F Bennett, 95

(NOV. 20, 1919 - DEC. 27, 2014)

Bernice F. Bennett of Echo Township died Saturday, December 27, 2014 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.



Born November 20, 1919 in Detroit. The daughter of Charles Henry and Nettie (Smith) Savage.

On July 7, 1938 she married Lawrence Bennett in East Jordan where they made their home. Mr. Bennett died in 2006. Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Lighthouse Missionary Church. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, playing games, and being with her family.

Surviving are her children Nelson (Dorothy) Bennett of East Jordan, Ronald (Donalee) Bennett of East Jordan, Brian (Rita) Bennett of Boyne Falls, Larry Bennett of Boyne City, daughter-in-law Margean Bennett of Boyne City, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded by a son, Wayne Bennett.

Funeral service was Wednesday December 31, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan with Rev. Jim Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Morehouse Cemetery, Echo Township. Sign her guestbook at HastingsFuneral.com.

Phyllis Thora Tison, 93

(MARCH 25, 1921 - DEC. 30, 2014)

With nothing left unfinished, Phyllis Tison transitioned from her physical limitations to the fullness of life in Christ December 30, 2014. She was 93 years old.



Phyllis, affectionately known as Sammie, Mother, Grandma Jo and Grammy, was born on March 25, 1921 in Springvale, Mich. Her parents were Ilay and Clyde Goff.

Through Phyllis' strength and dignity, she impacted many lives—generations of family members and countless friends. Her early years were lived during the Great Depression. While young, she experi-

enced the loss of her mother and a move from Springvale to Boyne Falls, where she attended Melrose School in Boyne Falls in the shadow of her three older sisters and one older brother. Her favorite subjects were Math and English. She loved swinging, playing ball and sledding. Later, she attended Boyne Valley High School.

While growing up, Phyllis' family owned the Boyne Valley Inn in Boyne Falls, where she helped care for the guests. At 16, she married Joseph Charles Tison, whom she loved and raised five children with until his death in 2000. For most of their 60 years of marriage, they live in Boyne City.

While living on Beaver Island—where her husband oversaw power generation for the islanders—Phyllis served as a midwife. She took payment in chickens or other gifts to make sure the residents had help during their deliveries, regardless of their ability to pay. After returning to the mainland for the birth of their fourth child, a son, Phyllis began working in retail at Montgomery Ward in Petoskey. She retired after many years of service, beginning volunteer work with the Boyne Area Senior Center and R.S.V.P.

Regardless of her economic status, Phyllis always made sure her family and home were neat as a pin. She has passed on a family tradition of needing to make sure the house is cleaned "just so" before they go on vacation or even for short trips.

Throughout her life, Phyllis attended a variety of Christian churches, rounding out her faith in God. The thousands and thousands of prayers she prayed over her family and friends are invaluable gifts, part of her legacy.

In addition the death of her husband, Joe, Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Harold Goff; sisters, Hazel Johnson, Vivian Robinson and Irene Aubuchon; two daughters, JoAnn (Earl) Bennett and Sally Flowers; two grandsons and one great-grandson. She is survived by her daughters, Priscilla Townsend, of Traverse City, and Janet (Jim) Shepherd, of Boyne City; and her son, Robert (Gladys) Tison, of Niangua, Mo., as well as 28 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

As a family, we welcome Sammie's homecoming, knowing how much she anticipated meeting the Lord and being reunited with loved ones who passed before her. Any separation from her is temporary for all who call on Jesus to be their Savior. Please remember, the best has just begun for our dear Mother, Grammy and friend.

A funeral service was held Monday January 5, 2015 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Phyllis has requested any donations be made to the Boyne Area Senior Center; P.O. Box 964, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Mary Taylor, 83

(DEC. 26, 1931 - DEC. 29, 2014)

Mary "Jean" Taylor of Petoskey died Monday December, 29, 2014 at Bay Bluffs of Harbor Springs.



Jean was born in Petoskey on December 26, 1931 to Floyd and Lucy (Paquette) Bowers. She grew up in Boyne City and was a graduate of Boyne City High School.

For most of her adult life Jean worked as a bookkeeper; first for Lockwood McDonald Hospital and then for Petoskey Public Schools.

Jean shared more than 58 years of marriage with her husband, Harold W. "Bud" Taylor, together they raised 4 children. Sadly Bud and her son Thomas preceded her death.

Jean is survived by her three daughters, Nancy (Steve) Berlin of Minnesota, Lucie (Rick) Andersen

of Lansing and Patti Taylor (David Wasmund) of Sterling Heights.

Also surviving Jean is her daughter in law, Debra Taylor of Gaylord and grandchildren, David (Jenna), Daniel (Amber), Brian (Chelsea), Matt (Cassie), Steve Taylor and Crystal McDonald, as well as five great grandchildren; and her sister, Patricia "Betty" Robinson. Including her husband, Bud and her son Thomas, Jean was also preceded in death by 2 brothers, Joseph and Floyd.

Those wishing to remember Jean with a charitable contribution are asked to consider donations to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, 1300 W. Conway Rd., Harbor Springs MI 49740 www.ltahs.com

Ada O'Brien, 86

(SEPT. 14, 1928 - DEC. 27, 2014)

Ada M. O'Brien passed away December 27th 2014 after a short illness. Born September 14, 1928 to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. O'Connell of Waterbury CT, Ada left behind her loving husband Francis A. O'Brien, their five children and eight grandchildren.

Ada matriculated from the Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, CT where she was valedictorian of the class of 1946. She obtained a bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle and a master's degree in speech therapy from Columbia University. Having dated since high school, Ada married Fran on December 1, 1951.

Ada loved to read, converse and entertain. She was a devoted and devout catholic, actively involved in parishes near her home in Palm City, Florida and Boyne City, Michigan.

Ada was predeceased by her brother Thomas F. O'Connell, Jr. and is survived by her husband Francis and her children Rev. Thomas F. O'Brien, Francis A. "Tony" O'Brien Jr., Sharon A. Boschert, Jane C. Shetterley, P. Gregory O'Brien and eight grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Petoskey, MI.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Jessica Anne Guzniczak, 36

(SEPT. 20, 1978 - DEC. 26, 2014)

Jessica Anne Guzniczak of Boyne City died December 26, 2014 at her home.



Jessica was born on September 20, 1978 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Robert and Judy (Kurtz) Bryan and was raised in Boyne City. She graduated from Boyne City High school and recently completed her Phlebotomy Certification.

On July 9, 2005, Jessica married Brian Guzniczak in Las Vegas, NV and the two made their home in Boyne City.

Jessica loved to sing and dance and could put a smile on anyone's face. Her greatest joy in life was being a loving mother to her beloved children, Jacob Michael Clark, Keith William Guzniczak and Myra Lynn Guzniczak.

In addition to her children, she is survived by her husband, Brian; her parents, Robert and Judy Bryan; siblings, Stacy Lynn (Shawn) Vondra and Robert William (April) Bryan; Aunt, Jasmine Johnson; father and mother-in-law, Dave and Robin Guzniczak; and by a brother-in-law, Randy (Jill) Guzniczak.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, December 30th at the Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

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Hayes begins as 33rd Circuit Court Judge

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On January 2nd a massive crowd of supporters and community members arrived at the 33rd Circuit Courtroom to see an Investiture Ceremony where numerous judges in and around Charlevoix County passed on advice to the newly elected Judge Roy Hayes III.

The ceremony began at 4:00 p.m. where a large audience, which spilled out into the hallway, gathered to see Hayes take an oath and be robed as Judge of the 33rd Circuit Court. Before he took the oath however, several judges came before those gathered to share advice they had collected during their time in the legal system. Those speeches began with the Honorable Richard May who is retired from the 90th District Court.

Judge May encouraged Hayes to "be himself" while in the position of Judge and told him to "enjoy the challenge" of the job. He told Hayes not to be reluctant to ask advice of his fellow Judges and for him to consistently be "more prepared than those who come before" him.

"Continue the reputation of this court...that you and this court treat people fairly," stated May who concluded his remarks by saying that he felt Hayes would do an "excellent job."

Following Judge May was the Honorable Charles Johnson of the 57th Circuit Court in Emmet County. Judge Johnson stated that he was ready to help Hayes and looked "forward to learning" from him. He teased that the standard as Judge had been set highly by retiring Judge Richard Pajtas, and that following in that Pajtas footsteps would be both a "blessing and a curse."

"If you search, the law will always give you the answer," stated Judge Johnson in closing.

Those comments were followed by those of the Honorable Frederick Mulhauser of the Charlevoix/Emmet County Probate Court. Judge Mulhauser welcomed Hayes to the "really close and well respected judicial team," and encouraged Hayes to give each case that came before him respect. He reminded Hayes that for those coming before him, their case was the most important of their lives, and therefore each deserved his preparedness and attention.

Judge Mulhauser was succeeded by the Honorable James Erhart who currently presides over the 90th District Court. Erhart wished Hayes all the best, and reminded him to always come to court in a "really good mood." He also brought tears to the eyes of those in attendance by reminding Hayes of the legacy his family has in the legal community of Charlevoix County.

"I know that your dad is smiling and looking down," stated Judge Erhart of the recently passed Roy Hayes II. The older Hayes was a respected member of the legal community throughout Michigan, and served as the Charlevoix County Prosecutor at one point in addition to being appointed by President Ronald Reagan as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan before beginning his own practice in Charlevoix County.

At the close of the Judge's comments, Honorable Richard Pajtas spoke briefly before reading the oath to Hayes and swearing him in.

"(There is) no one that I observe with more integrity than that of Joe Hayes. I'm proud to have you take over this chair," stated Pajtas.

Following his sentiments, the oath as Judge

The Roy C. "Joe" Hayes III family is happy to help don the judge's robe for the first time Friday immediately after the induction ceremony as retiring judge Richard Pajtas (background) and a courtroom full of people look on. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



was taken and Hayes family preformed the ceremony where-upon the robe of Judge was ascribed to him. His family, including wife Kendall, and daughters Sloan and Katherine, were commended in Hayes comments where he thanked them for their endless devotion to the campaign and their love for him.

"Sloan took a bee sting at a voter's door..." said Hayes of his youngest daughters campaigning. He also described the efforts of Katherine, who created her own pamphlet that stated "Vote for My Daddy Now" which Hayes framed to reinforce his strength during campaigning.

Hayes also thanked his family, and several members of the community who had supported him throughout the years. Hayes expressed his appreciation for the entire community



Roy C. "Joe" Hayes III of Charlevoix (left) raises his right hand during the public induction ceremony to the Charlevoix County Circuit Court judge's position officiated by retiring judge Richard Pajtas of Charlevoix, who has been in the seat since 1985. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

of voters in Charlevoix County, and stated that he felt "proud" and "very lucky" to have seen the examples of those currently in the legal system of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. He ended the ceremony by stating his plans to serve to the best of his ability.

"I'll never lose sight of how it feels to be an attorney practicing in a court...I'm going to try and do the right thing in every case," stated Judge Hayes.

A reception followed the event at the Grey Gables, where capacity was again met and exceeded by those wishing the new Honorable Joe Hayes III well.

The Charlevoix County Circuit Courtroom is filled to capacity with supporters of Roy C. "Joe" Hayes III for judge, during the induction ceremony Friday in Charlevoix. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



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Make a fresh start in 2015 by quitting tobacco

The New Year approaches, and with it comes a fresh start. There is no better time for new hopes and new goals. Unsurprisingly, New Year's Day is the most popular day for giving up unhealthy habits. Each year, many people make a New Year's resolution to quit using tobacco, resulting in improved health and decreased expenses.

"The holidays can be a stressful time, but smoking doesn't have to be a part of them," said Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator at Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Using available resources can help people make 2015 tobacco-free, yielding a lifetime of health benefits."

According to the American Cancer Society, the benefits of quitting smoking are immediate. Blood pressure drops within 20 minutes of quitting, and, within 24 hours, a person's chance of heart attack decreases. The benefits continue for years, including reduced risk of lung cancer, stroke, and heart disease.

Quitting tobacco can be challenging because nicotine is a highly addictive drug, but there are resources and tools available to help tobacco users succeed in quitting. Planning ahead, seeking support from friends and family, and talking to a health care provider can all increase the likelihood of quitting successfully.

Several resources are available to Northwest Michigan:

- The Michigan Department of Community Health Quitline can be reached at (800)QUIT-Now, or visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch> for further resources.

- Visit the Health Department of Northwest Michigan online at www.nwhealth.org/tobacco for help in quitting tobacco.

- McLaren Northern Michigan and Charlevoix Area Hospital both offer tobacco cessation programs. For more information, visit www.northernhealth.org and www.cah.org.

Drs. Oz and Roizen



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

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR "INNER ZOO"

One hundred trillion. Nope, it's not the national debt. That mega-number is the population of microbes living it up in your digestive system. Most of you think about this inner zoo only when it pumps out too much gas at an embarrassing moment or sends you running to the WC with diarrhea. But these days there's a lot of important research going on about this inner world, and it's revealing that these bacteria are essential for your good health.

As Dr. Mike points out in his new book, "This is YOUR Do-Over," changing your inner zoo or microbiome so it has a healthy mix of these little critters is a key step to reclaiming or maintaining your health. Then you can make sure potentially harmful bacteria in the mix don't trigger problems such as autoimmune diseases, persistent infections (like C. diff.) and even heart woes. In fact, if you keep the inhabitants of your microbiome plentiful and diverse, they can keep your arteries young, strengthen your immune system and help you slim down and live longer.

So time for a gut check! Here's how to start your gut-biome do-over today.

Move it. Moving your body regularly -- walking, riding your bike, hitting the gym -- helps support a more diverse mix of gut bacteria. In a recent study of 40 pro rugby stars, researchers from Ireland's University College Cork found that the players' intestinal biome contained a wider variety of bacteria than that of fairly sedentary men the same age and size. The rugby players also had Akkermansiaceae -- a bacterium that's been linked to lower risk for obesity. That's another reason for a minimum 30-minute daily walk, seven days a week, shooting for your target of 10,000 steps every day.

Enjoy probiotic-rich foods. Yogurt, kefir (a fermented milk drink) and fermented foods like sauerkraut, kimchi and tempeh (a soy-based meat alternative) are good sources of beneficial bacteria. Many yogurts contain helpful probiotics. Look for the words "spore forms" or "live, active cultures" on the label. (Spores are activated in your gut rather than killed by your stomach acid.) Probiotic-rich foods often deliver Lactobacillus gasseri, shown in two recent studies to discourage weight gain and help with weight loss. There's also evidence that a daily serving of probiotic-en-

riched yogurt can cut your risk for antibiotic-related diarrhea by two-thirds. This condition is triggered when the meds wipe out both the bad and good bugs in your digestive system and is a problem for 39 percent of people who take antibiotics.

Feed 'em plenty of fiber. Two important beneficial bacteria -- bifidobacteria and lactobacilli -- love munching on a family of plant fibers called fructans, especially a type called inulin. It's found in abundance in bananas, onions, garlic, leeks, asparagus, artichokes, soybeans and 100 percent whole-wheat foods.

Eliminate red meat and processed meats. Gut bacteria release substances when they break down red or processed meats. The substances end up in your bloodstream, causing inflammation throughout your body, which increases your risk for clogged arteries, memory dysfunction and cancer. Egg yolks elicit the same response, changing your inner zoo in favor of harmful bacteria. Red meat also may prompt bacteria to produce substances that interfere with the constant, healthy renewal of the inner lining of the intestines, increasing your risk for colon cancer.

Watch your portions. Overeating encourages the growth of a gut-bug strain called Firmicutes that could accelerate weight gain, say researchers from Washington University in St. Louis. Turns out Firmicutes break down foods with extreme efficiency, making more calories available to your body for use -- and weight gain! That means overeating could be a double whammy: You're eating more calories and absorbing even more. In one study, a 20 percent increase in the number of Firmicutes in the human gut made an extra 150 calories a day available for absorption. So keep your calorie intake in a healthy lower range to encourage growth of bacteria that make fewer calories available.

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

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January is Healthy Weight Awareness Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

The New Year's Resolution to lose weight is one of the most popular. January is a common month to start a diet or join a gym. It is appropriate that January is National Healthy Weight Awareness month. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Michigan has the fifth highest rate of obesity in the United States at 31.3%. Mississippi, with nearly 35% of obese residents, ranks number one for the sixth straight year, followed by Louisiana, West Virginia and Alabama. Colorado had the lowest percentage of obese residents, 20.7%. More than one-third, about 35% of U.S. adults, more than 78 million persons, are obese.

Obesity is defined as having a Body Mass Index (BMI) over 30%. You can get an estimate of your BMI using the tool available at the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/healthyweight). The BMI is calculated by dividing weight (in pounds) by height (in inches). Normal weight for adults is defined by a BMI ranging from 18.5 to 24.9. BMI of 25.0 to 29.9 is considered overweight and 30 and above is obese. For an adult 5'9" tall, a BMI of 18.5 to 24.9 translates to a weight of 125 to 168 pounds.

This technique provides an estimate of BMI, but does not allow for variations by sex or age. Females and older persons tend to have a higher percentage of body fat than males and younger persons. In addition, among highly trained athletes, additional weight could represent greater muscularity rather than higher levels of fat. A more accurate method for identifying BMI is electrical impedance. In this procedure, an electrical current is sent through the body and the resistance is measured. Muscle is a better conductor of electricity



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than fat and the BMI measurement will also estimate the percentage of weight attributable to muscle or fat.

Why is it important to maintain a healthy weight?

Obesity contributes significantly to many negative health outcomes, including increased risk of type-2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension and stroke, and some types of cancer. Excess weight can lead to high blood pressure, high cholesterol and increased strain on your joints. Excess body weight and obesity account for about 10%

of U.S. medical expenses. Then there are the emotional costs of low self-esteem, depression and guilt.

High levels of overweight and obesity persist despite 45 million Americans dieting and spending more than 33 billion dollars annually on diet and weight loss products. You now know the incidence of and consequences of obesity. In the weeks ahead, tips techniques for attaining and maintaining a healthy body weight.

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EAST JORDAN

Basic Drawing classes at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 10, 24, and February 7, 1 — 3 pm, JRAC will present Art 101, Basic Drawing over three sessions. Cynthia Tschudy will be the instructor. Cost is \$10 per session or \$25 for all three. Materials provided. These sessions will take place in the lower gallery, Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN

Poetry Reading at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 11, from 1—3 pm JRAC will host an afternoon of poetry featuring Terry Wooten. Also on the program will be Jim Walworth reading poetry of the late John Alberts. There will be an Open Mike for anyone in attendance to read or recite a poem or two. The event is free and refreshments will be served. This event will take place at the Jordan River Art Center 301 Main St., East Jordan.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Pig Roast/Ellebration

Ellsworth community input is needed! Please come to a meeting designed to gather ideas for this year's event which will be held on June 20th, 2015. Come and offer advice. Everyone one is welcome. January 12. Ellsworth Town Hall at 6 p.m.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Shiverfest

Snowshoe events, cardboard sleds, desserts, hot dog roast and much more. January 14. Ellsworth

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

January 21, 5 – 7pm. Bridge Street Tap Room. No charge for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members.

BOYNE CITY

Annual Meeting of the Boyne Area Chamber

It's the "can't miss" event of the year... the Boyne

Area Chamber's Annual Meeting, presented by Korhase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services. The gala event is held at Boyne Mountain in January each year. The 2014 event sold out with 300 people attending. The program is an upbeat gathering with great food and drink, business awards, live and silent auctions, live music and the introduction of our Chamber Board members. January 22, 5 – 8:30pm, Boyne Mountain Civic Center. \$40 per person.

CHARLEVOIX

American Red Cross Blood Drive

American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to start a lifesaving habit by becoming a regular blood donor this year. January 22, 9:30am – 3:15pm. Harbor Industries. 00 Harbor Drive, Charlevoix.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne City Winterfest.

Nearly everything in the family-friendly Winterfest is free. Indoor sidewalk sales, snow sculpture contest, farmers market, fat bike races, kids games, horse-drawn sleigh rides, chili cook-off, wine tasting, star gazing, live music and more. January 24, Boyne City

EAST JORDAN

Dog Gone Fund Dog Show

The East Jordan Lions Club is holding a DOG GONE FUN DOG SHOW Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the EJ Civic Center. Registration is at 1pm, and the event will run from 1-3pm. There will be games and prizes for all kinds of dogs: smallest, largest, scruffiest, best trick, wiggliest, etc. Entry fee is \$5.00 per dog with spectators by donation. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Proceeds from the event will be given to our local Charevoix Area Humane Society.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Community Conversations

In partnership with The Center for Michigan, a non-profit and nonpartisan "think-and-do" tank located in Ann Arbor, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Charlevoix

Public Library will co-host one of the Center's "Community Conversations." The session will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner/Meeting/Auction

The Chamber's largest event of the year, the Annual Dinner on January 31 at the majestic Castle Farms, kicks off the new year with an awards program, dinner and live and silent auction. Community members, Chamber Member businesses and organizations are honored and recognized annually with the Citizen of the Year and Spirit Award presented to deserving individuals and business owners. The Chamber's second largest fundraiser, next to membership dues, culminates the evening with spirited live auction. A silent auction is held during the Social Hour in the Castle's Gallery. January 31, 5:45 – 9pm

EAST JORDAN

Learning to play the ukulele at Jordan River Arts Council

January 31 from 1 — 2:30pm. Talented musician and songwriter, Robin Lee Berry will be the instructor. Instruments will be provided through the Bliss Fest Organization. This class is appropriate for young adults to adult learners as is limited in number of participants. For further information Contact Nancy Carey, 231 536 7812.

EAST JORDAN

Sno-Blast

This annual event includes Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Blessing of the Sleds, the Annual Rotary Chili Supper, Frozen Pancake Toss, Parade, Antique Snowmobile Show and much more. February 6 and 7. East Jordan

EAST JORDAN

Reader's Theatre at Jordan River Arts Council

JRAC is pleased to announce an evening of Reader's Theatre, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the main

gallery. "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by the American Writer Stephen Vincent Benet received the Pulitzer Prize in 1929. The reading is directed by Yasmin Richmond. There is no change for admissions but donations are greatly appreciated. For further information contact Richmond, 231 337 2070.

GAYLORD

Hockey registration

Gaylord Area Men's Hockey League (GAMHL) registration. Play is expected to begin the week of January 18th (Sunday). There will be no games scheduled on Sunday February 1st (super bowl). We plan to play a total of approximately 16 games per team. Depending upon the number of teams, each team will have two games per week: one game on Sunday night and a second game during the week. Games will consist of three 20-minute periods. Shortly after the teams are picked, the Team Representatives will contact players to provide a game schedule. For more information on the League Rules of Play, please contact: Stan Pelto, League President, at 231-340-0554 (cell) or srp2nd@hotmail.com. Registration cost is \$275 for the full season. Payment in full must be made by Saturday January 10th (DEADLINE). Bring your check to GAMHL Men's League DROP BOX located inside the Otsego County Sportsplex (1250 Gornick Ave.), on the wall, outside the Pro Shop entrance

BOYNE CITY

Progressive Women host climate speaker

Lisa Del Buono will give a presentation titled Citizens Taking Action on Climate Change to Create a Livable World for our Children. The meeting will take place Tuesday January 27 at the Boyne City Public Library in Boyne City. Members may arrive at noon and the speaker will begin at 12:30 p.m. Members are invited to brown bag their lunch. The program is open to anyone interested in progressive issues, male or female. Please R.S.V.P. by January 26 by emailing progwomenchxcty@ya-

hoo.com or calling 231-582-9005.

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 kroondyk@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.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

0130 Ferret bite reported in the 300 block of W Morgan.
0543 Alarm activation in the 1100 block of M-75 S.
0952 Report of found drill on Main St
1329 Assist EMS in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1441 Report of a fraud call

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

0938 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of Silver St
0953 Alarm in the 800 block of Front St.
1310 Report of fraud call from the 500 block of W Michigan
1653 Panic alarm in the 100 block of E Water St
1734 Assist Sheriff Dept with car deer accident on Boyne City Rd
1801 Property damage accident at Boyne Ave and Boyne Summit.
1929 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 N

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

0615 Assist Sheriff Dept with Personal Injury Accident at Boyne City-East Jordan Rd and Pleasant Valley.
0800 Citizen on Silver St reporting fraud call regarding back taxes
1327 B&E in the 500 block of W. Michigan Ave
1327 Arrested 2 subjects for MIP in the 400 block of W Michigan
2116 Driving complaint reported in the 300 block of E Main St
2247 Assist Emmet County Sheriff Dept in the 700 block of S Lake St

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

0918 Prescription fraud in

the 100 block of E Water St
1200 Report of possible injured deer in the 400 block of N Lake St
1233 Disturbance in the 500 block of W Michigan.
1559 Private Property Damage Accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
2012 Well-being check in the 500 block of N Lake St
2301 Assist Sheriff Dept with a roll over on 131 at Boyne Mtn. Rd.
2318 Assist MSP on M-75 N. with a trespass and possession of marijuana complaint

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

0858 Unlock at the Farmers Market.
1240 Report of 2 dogs RAL on E. Division
2109 Attempted suicide in the 600 block of Jay Cee Ln.
2230 Assault in the 1000 block of S Lake St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

0305 Assist County with a domestic dispute in the Villa de Charlevoix.
0921 Car deer accident at Marshall and Anderson
1059 Citation issued for speed. Written warnings for seatbelt and vision obstruction
1304 Assist Sheriff Dept on Pincherry Rd
1335 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

December 22-28

911 Hang Up Call2
Abandoned Vehicle.....0
Abuse0
Alarm4
Animal Complaint12
Annoyance.....1
Assault.....2
Assist Citizen.....2
Assist Motorist.....4
Assist Other Agency8
Attempt to Locate.....0
Attempted Suicide.....0

Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering3
Car/Deer Accident7
Citations Issued10
Civil Complaint2
Criminal Sexual Conduct1
Death.....0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance2
DNR Complaint.....0
Domestic Dispute2
Driving Complaint5
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property0
Fraud0
Health & Safety2
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person.....1
Juvenile.....1
Larceny.....5
Lockout.....8
Lost Property0
Malicious Destruction of Property...0
Mental Subject.....2
Minor In Possession2
Miscellaneous Criminal0
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint1
Operating Under the Influence.....0
Paper Service7
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....0
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident.....2
Property Check.....23
Property Damage Accident.....7
Prowler0
Road Hazard.....5
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation9
Threat0
Traffic Stop12
Trespassing.....0
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

December 29-January 4

911 Hang Up Call0
Abandoned Vehicle.....0
Abuse0
Alarm3
Animal Complaint16

Annoyance.....1
Assault.....1
Assist Citizen.....4
Assist Motorist.....5
Assist Other Agency17
Attempt to Locate.....6
Attempted Suicide.....2
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering0
Car/Deer Accident7
Citations Issued10
Civil Complaint3
Criminal Sexual Conduct0
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance2
DNR Complaint.....0
Domestic Dispute3
Driving Complaint2
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....0
Fraud1
Health & Safety1
Hit & Run2
Intoxicated Person.....1
Juvenile.....5
Larceny.....1
Lockout.....5
Lost Property1
Malicious Destruction of Property...0
Mental Subject.....1
Minor In Possession1
Miscellaneous Criminal0
Missing Person1
Noise Complaint1
Operating Under the Influence.....0
Paper Service3
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident.....0
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident.....4
Property Check.....29
Property Damage Accident.....10
Prowler0
Road Hazard.....3
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation4
Threat0
Traffic Stop32
Trespassing.....2
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch4
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015

Ambulance Services to be shared

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the meeting for City Council on Monday, January 5 measures were taken by council to solidify relationships between the City of Charlevoix and neighboring townships by combining ambulance and fire services.

The brief meeting began with Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan explaining to council the benefits of ambulance services to serve multiple townships. He explained that the City has been working toward combining services with Eveline, Hayes, Charlevoix, Marion and Norwood townships for some time. The townships have finally come to an agreement which will allow the City to provide ambulance service to those townships, but that costs accrued from the service will be split between all parties.

This agreement stems from several factors. One such factor is that the townships do not own an ambulance, where the city has a fully operational ambulance service that is capable of helping more than just the city. This agreement will also go toward creating more stable relationships between the city and the nearby townships.

The costs will be divided by determining the taxable value of each township, the total population, as well as the total number of ambulance runs given divided amongst the six municipalities. For runs that originate from Charlevoix Area Hospital or Boulder Park Terrace the cost will be shared

amongst the six as well.

The agreement will last for five years unless terminated earlier by an agreement.

Doan then explained that Fire services will be shared as well, however only for Eveline Township. The other townships will be served by Charlevoix Township, which has its own fire services. Eveline will be served for five years, and the costs will be based on the two years of service prior to 2014, and then will be increased by 2% for every year after 2014.

This agreement was supported by all on council, and Doan stated that fire departments work well together so this would be additionally helpful. Those in the audience, including several members of the townships, supported the idea as well.

"Our two fire departments get along great," stated Supervisor Charles Center of Charlevoix Township.

Both of the agreements were passed, and will be signed to be put into action as soon as possible. In other council news, a Public Hearing was set regarding the City Budget for February 16 at 7:00 p.m. all in the community are invited to attend.

At the meeting council person Shirley Gibson also asked City staff to look into the money donated to the Bridge Drop Firework fund, which went unused this year. Gibson asked that the destination of that money be discovered so that it can go toward its intended purpose in the next year.

Over \$168,000 in People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2014

Great Lakes Energy, with the help of its members, continues its commitment to local communities through the People Fund. During 2014, the People Fund awarded \$168,457 in grants to charitable and community organizations. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

The grants funds were awarded to 63 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members we've awarded more than \$2.67 million in grants since 1999 to local non-profits groups and organizations," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "The local communities in our service area benefit greatly from this program that is fully funded by our members who allow their bill to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month."

Members of the electric cooperative who wish to participate are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"People may not think 50 cents a month can do much, but when added with the contributions of other Great Lakes Energy members, we are able to help so many," explains Boeckman. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' generosity."

People Fund grants totaling \$168,457 were presented during 2014, with the following receiving grants in the Northern Lower Michigan area;

The Lions Club of East Jordan: up to \$4,000 matching grant based on City of East Jordan's grant contribution for disc golf course.

Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: \$2,400 for tables, umbrellas and seating for outdoor area.

East Jordan Care and Share Program: \$5,000 for refrigerator and freezer for food pantry.

Pregnancy Care Center, Petoskey: \$1,000 for ultrasound monitor and probes.

Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: \$3,000 for supplies and inventory for shoe store for children in need.

Hayes Township, Charlevoix: \$4,000 for sign to mark new public park entrance.

Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling: \$2,500 for commercial freezers for the home delivered meals program.

Osego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$1,000 for ladders and yard carts.

Charlevoix Ministerial Association, Charlevoix: \$2,500 for the benevolence fund to assist those in need.

Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers, Walloon Lake: \$3,500 for Student Harvest Days.

Crawford Ausable Day Care Center: \$2,000 for supplies and equipment.

C. S. Lewis Festival, Petoskey: \$1,000 for a student writer's workshop.

NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs: \$803.48 for tools.

Kalkaska County Community on Aging, Kalkaska: \$5,000 for transportation for seniors.

Antrim County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Mancelona: \$4,000 for cribs.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey: \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to parking lot at resale store.

Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix: \$1,300 for lighting.

East Jordan Cooperative Nursery Program: \$1,500 for music supplies.

Boyne Arts Collective, Boyne City: \$430 for a children's art program.

Gaylord Productions, Gaylord: \$1,975 for a stage curtain.

The Manna Food project, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for the Food4Kids backpack program that provides food for children in need through area schools.

Boyne Area Community Christmas, Boyne City: \$3,000 for holiday baskets for families in need.

Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac: \$1,000 for a refrigerator to store medication.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$1,200 for Guardian 911 Personal Emergency Response Systems to be loaned to area senior citizens.

Jordan River Arts Council, East Jordan: \$1,000 for art project materials for student groups visiting the Jordan River Arts Center.

Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for planning and engineering services for Phase II of the Boyne Valley Trailway project.

Grayling Recreation Authority/Hanson Hills, Grayling: \$5,000 for replacement windows in Hanson Hills Lodge.

Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, Roscommon: \$2,500 for forensic interviewers for children who are victims of abuse.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$500 for a digital recorder.

Bellaire Public Library: \$1,300 for a children's literacy station computer.

New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Gaylord: \$1,700 for building improvements.

Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for floor panels in the Evolving Technologies Building.

Love INC of Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey: \$4,500 for office equipment.

The 2014 People Fund Annual Report is included in the January issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine recently mailed to Great Lakes Energy members. Others may obtain the report by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting gtlakes.com and downloading the report.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund invites applications for 2015 grants from local non-profit organizations. Deadline for applications for the 2015 grant cycles are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. Request an application by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 1313, or request it online by visiting gtlakes.com.

OBITUARIES

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Henry J. Miller, 86

(JUNE 26, 1928 - DEC. 25, 2014)

Henry J. Miller (Hank) was born June 26, 1928 in Cadillac, Michigan to Otto Miller and Mary (Miller) Charon. Henry passed away at his home on December 25, 2014.

He attended school in Boyne City, graduating in 1946 and moved to Petoskey in 1947.

Henry worked for Penn Dixie Cement Company for 33 years, was a member of the First Presbyterian Church since the early 1950's, was a member of two state championship softball teams, a member of the Michigan High School Hall of Fame (basketball), skied at Nub's Nob since the early 1960's and was an avid golfer.

Henry is survived by his five children, John (Kathryn) Miller, Benjamin Miller, Nancy (Michael Franklin) Miller, Ruth Miller, and Carla (Mike Meulemans) Miller; grandchildren, Eric (Alice) Matthews, AJ (Nick) Axtell, Audra Wimer, Jameson (Denise) Miller, Tawni (Ryan) Kane; great-grandchildren, Eric J. Matthews, Kaylinn Matthews, Camron Matthews, Hudson Kane, Ciara Kane, Lillian Kane, brother Carl (Sue) Charon, nephew Bruce Miller and other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ed, Joe, and JR, and Mother of his children Joan (Miller) Holzschu.

We offer a special thank you to our personal care providers Nicole, Vickie and Michael. We also wish to thank Justine, Sheree and the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay team and Rachael and the Angel Heart team.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 3, 2015.

Donations may be directed to the Friendship Center of Petoskey or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in the name of Henry J. Miller.

Amos "Jerry" Greene, 86

(AUG. 12, 1928 - DEC. 25, 2014)

Amos "Jerry" Greene of Charlevoix passed away December 25, 2014, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born August 12, 1928, in Lafayette, Ga., to Amos Garrett and Annie Pearl Greene.

Jerry moved to Charlevoix with his family in 1953. He had various occupations until he was permanently employed by American Mold Manufacturing/D.M.E. for thirty years. He retired in 1989.

Jerry proudly served in the US Army. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed all the outdoor activities northern Michigan had to offer. He went camping in his trailer and searched for more mushrooms in season. After his health failed, his favorite pastime was watching old westerns on TV.

He is survived by his daughter, Glenda (Don) Watkins of Lewisville, Tex.; step-daughter, Frances Young of McDonough, Ga.; step-son, Thomas (Merchal) Martin of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; and Nancy Brodin Higbee of Ellsworth, who was like a daughter; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Ellen Dearing of Summerville, Ga., Betty Holbrook of Cloudland, Ga.; and nephews.

The funeral was held Friday, January 2, 2015 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Jimmy Young, grandson, and the Reverend James Green of Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing officiated. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Kenneth Alan Phillips, 51

(OCT. 10, 1963 - DEC. 30, 2014)

Kenneth Alan Phillips of Norwood passed away Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at his home. He was born Oct. 10, 1963, in Chicago to George and Alice (Marchewka) Phillips.



He earned an electronics degree from DeVry University, and then earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Bethel College in Indiana. Ken went on to study orthotics and prosthetics and earned both degrees from Northwestern University in Chicago.

Ken has lived the past 22 years in Norwood, and on June 9, 2007, he married Kathie Richards in Charlevoix. Ken loved to play on Torch Lake, enjoying waterskiing, jet-skiing and kayaking. His favorite pastime was enjoying his backyard hot tub, and campfires.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix, and the Knights of Columbus Pierre 'de Charlevoix Council 7102.

Ken is survived by his wife, Kathie, of Norwood; children, James Richards of Grand Rapids, Megan Richards of Norwood, Adam (Jessica) Richards of Sugarland, Texas; grandson, Archer Richards; parents, George and Alice Phillips of Sycamore, Ill.; brother, Michael Phillips of Chicago, Tim (Sheila) Phillips of Glendale Heights, Ill.; sister, Michelle Phillips of Boynton Beach, Fla.; nieces, Katelyn and Bonnie; and many close aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral Mass was Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Rev. Matthew Wigton officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Frances A. May, 84

(SEPT. 17, 1930 - DEC. 28, 2014)

Frances A. May of Charlevoix, died Sunday, December 28, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born September 17, 1930, in Monroe, to Joseph and Angelina (Rizzo) Berretta.



Frances graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in elementary education.

On May 15, 1952, she married Robert G. May in Angola, Ind. They made their home in Monroe before moving to Charlevoix in 1962.

She taught at Charlevoix Elementary School for 18 years. Frances was a member of the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, was a Sunday School teacher and served as the Christian Education Director.

Frances is survived by her husband, Robert G. of Charlevoix; children, Marian (Craig) Fox of Cocoa, Fla., Marilyn (Bill) Cousineau of Boyne Falls, Robin Anderson of Melbourne, Fla., Timothy (Cassandra) May of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Michelle, William, Sara, Robert, Madalyne, Meredith, Mitchell, Jonathan, Robbi; great-grandchildren, Forrest, Hunter, C.J., Vincent, Ashleigh, Keith; brother, Anthony (Nancy) Barretta of Morro Bay, Calif.; sister, Madeline (Leonard) Szcotzka of Merrill, Ore. Frances was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary and Nofia.

Memorial service was held Wednesday, December 31, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend David Behling officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org

Margaret Ann Davis, 78

(JULY 25, 1936 - DEC. 27, 2014)

Margaret Ann Davis of Charlevoix, died Saturday, December 27, 2014, at her home.

She was born July 25, 1936, in Brooklyn, NY, to Anthony and Margaret (Gabler) Schmidt.

She is survived by her children, Patricia A. (David) Orcutt, Anthony P. "Bud" Sloan, John (Debra) Angermuller all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Justin and Jeremy Manning, Robert and Joseph Angermuller, Nicole Sustic; six great-grandchildren; brother, John (Beverly) Schmidt of Clawson; sister, Josephine (Jim) Clawson of Mount Pleasant; and everyone knew her as "mom". Margaret was

preceded in death by her grandson, Jason Paul Manning.

A memorial gathering was held Wednesday, December 31 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Margaret's daughter, Patricia led the service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family of Margaret Davis.

Barbara Yaich Stark, 68

Barbara Yaich Stark of Walloon Lake passed way on Jan. 1, 2015, at her home in Missouri.

A memorial service took place Sunday, Jan. 4, in Missouri.

Edward A. Robinson, 99

(DEC. 24, 1915 - DEC. 28, 2014)

Edward A. Robinson, a lifelong resident of Boyne City, Mich., died peacefully on Dec. 28, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, to Ernest and Ivy (Edwards) Robinson. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Patricia (Bowers) and two daughters; Patsy Warmack of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Deborah Thompson McIntosh of Vancouver, Wash.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with two on the way.

Ed was preceded in death by his brother Hudson A. Robinson.

A graduate of Boyne City High School class of 1934, Ed owned and operated Robinson Bros. Plumbing and Heating in Boyne City for many years. He was a Army veteran of WWII and a life member of the Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. No. 391 in which he rose to Worshipful Master in 1954. Ed was an avid sportsman, boater, golfer, bridge player, bowler and traveler.

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

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25,000 Free Books Since 2012

December's shipment of books to area preschoolers included the twenty-fifth thousandth book to be distributed as part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPII) program, funded in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by Char-Em United Way. The 1,289 books sent in December to children from birth through age five included board books for the littlest children up to longer picture stories for the 4 year-olds who are nearing school age. Char-Em United Way began funding local participation in the Imagination Library in August of 2012 and is very pleased at the reception from the community and the impact the books are having on local literacy.

While the books are provided at no cost to the children, Char-Em United Way (CEUW) fundraises to cover those program costs. Some of the generous community members who donate to CEUW designate their donations specifically to support the Imagination Library program and all the proceeds from the annual "Toast to Literacy" event go to fund this literacy program. Grant monies, such as those recently received from the Kiwanis Foundation of Harbor Springs, are also sought to cover the expense of bringing these books directly to area children.

"Char-Em United Way has provided Imagination Library registration forms to many local organizations that serve children including libraries, hospi-

The 2nd Annual "TOAST TO LITERACY" *fundraising event* Saturday, February 21st from 7-11PM at the Castle in Charlevoix

To include Tastings of wine, craft beer, and mead from local producers as well as a food competition and auction.

tals, preschools, and the health department," said Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way Executive Director. "With the number of children participating in the program growing, we know that this component of our education initiative is positively contributing to early literacy and enhances the various early childhood education efforts in our area."

Education, health, and income

are the areas targeted for support by United Way in order to build stronger communities. Char-Em United Way does this locally through grant funding of programs at many community partners as well as its own programs and events. Stuff the Bus and Day of Action are annual education events held by Char-Em United Way while the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Literacy Corps are on-going pro-

grams that support educational efforts in the community.

The 2nd Annual "Toast to Literacy" fundraising event will be held on Saturday, February 21st at the Castle in Charlevoix from 7 to 11 pm and will include tastings of wine, craft beer, and mead from local producers as well as a food competition and auction. "The event is a fun way to remind everyone of the need for literacy programs in our area as well as being an effective means to raise a portion of the funds needed to sustain Char-Em United Way's sponsorship of the Imagination Library program," according to Char-Em United Way Program Manager, Lisa Luebke.

If you'd like to find out more about supporting this literacy program by attending the "Toast to Literacy" event, volunteering at the event, or directly donating to support this program, please call the office at 487-1006 or email CEUW at info@charemunitedway.org. DPII donations can also be sent to Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701 Petoskey, MI, 49770, or by visiting www.charemunitedway.org and clicking on the Donate button. More information about the volunteer needs for this event is posted on Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections website, which can be accessed by visiting www.charemunitedway.org and clicking on "Volunteer."

Community Conversation Planned

In partnership with The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit and nonpartisan "think-and-do" tank located in Ann Arbor, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Public Library will co-host one of the Center's "Community Conversations." The session will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

This year's Community Conversation will discuss college value and affordability issues, which is among several key issues that impact Michigan's job market today. Participants will be able to share their experiences, priorities, needs and hopes during the session, and the Center will take the priorities identified in this, and other Conversations, and amplify them to state leaders.

The conversation will be one of more than 150 structured dialogues taking place from November, 2014 through June, 2015. Altogether, the participants will include more than 3,000 Michigan residents from all over the state.

To learn more about the Community Conversations and the Center for Michigan, please visit www.thecenterformichigan.net.

Citizens interested in reserving a space in the Community Conversation session should RSVP to the Charlevoix Public Library (231-237-7340).

LSSU continues its new year tradition with 40th list of banished words

The tradition created by the late W. T. Rabe, former public relations director at Lake Superior State University, begins its fifth decade with this year's annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness.

Rabe and fellow LSSU faculty and staff came up with the first list of words and phrases that people love to hate at a New Year's Eve party in 1975, publishing it on Jan. 1, 1976.

Though he and his friends created the first list from their own pet peeves about language, Rabe said he knew from the volume of mail he received in the following weeks that the group would have no shortage of words and phrases from which to choose for 1977. Since then, the list has consisted entirely of nominations received from around the world throughout the year.

Through the years, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, which now includes more than 800 entries. This year's list is culled from nominations received mostly through the university's website. Word-watchers target pet peeves from everyday speech, as well as from the news, fields of education, technology, advertising, politics and more. A committee makes a final cut in late December.

Though other groups and organizations have compiled similar lists over the years – some of which bear some remarkable similarities and contain some of the same words and phrases – none have outlasted LSSU's list. Here's a look at some of what was bugging word-watchers over the past year. Readers may submit nominations for the 2016 list at lssu.edu/banished.

- BAE – One of the top nominees.

"Meaning 'before anyone else.' How stupid! Stop calling your boyfriend 'bae'." — Evie Dunagan, Manheim, Penn.

"It's overused. I heard someone refer to their ramen noodles as 'bae'! If I was putting someone 'before anything else,' I would respect them enough to use their name." — S. Thoms, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"The most annoying term of affection to show up in years. Also, the concept 'before anybody else,' developed AFTER the word became popular. Reason enough for it to be banned. — Blan Wright, Sugar Hill, Ga.

"A dumb, annoying word." — James Becker, Holly, Mich.

"I'd rather be called 'babe' than 'bae' any day." — Alexis Outwater, Bronson, Mich.

- POLAR VORTEX – LSSU got a head start on this one last spring, when it burned a snowman named Mr. Polar Vortex during its 44th annual Snowman Burning.

"Wasn't it called 'winter' just a few years ago? — Dawn Farrell, Kanata, Ont., Canada

"Enough with the over-sensationalized words to describe weather!" — A. Prescott, Oshawa, Ont., Canada

"I think most, if not all can agree that we would prefer to avoid the polar vortex in the future, both in name and in embodiment." — Christine Brace, Westminster, Md.

"What happened to 'cold snap'? Not descriptive enough?" — Trevor Fenton, Edinburgh, U.K.

Kenneth Ross of Glastonbury, Conn., and Bob Priddy of Jefferson City, Mo., were among many who saw this storming in last January.

"Less than a week into the new year and it's the most overused, meaningless word in the media," said Ross.

Priddy noted that it quickly jumped from the weather forecast to other areas, as he said he knew it would: "Today's St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorializes about a 'political vortex.'"

- HACK – Banished for over-use and mis-use.

"Suddenly things that once would have been called 'tips' are now being called 'hacks.' It can't be because the one word is shorter or easier to say; and the actual accepted meanings of 'hack' have nothing to do with suggestions for doing tasks better or more efficiently — quite the opposite, really." — Sharla Hulsey, Sac City, Iowa.

"This word is totally over-used and mis-used. What they really mean is 'tip' or 'short cut,' but clearly it is not a 'hack,' as it involves no legal or ethical impropriety or breach of security." —

Peter P. Nieckarz Jr., Sylva, N.C.

"I just received an e-mail for a book called 'Marriage Hacks.' I have seen articles about life hacks, home improvement hacks, car hacks, furniture hacks, painting hacks, work hacks and pretty much any other hack you can think of. There are probably even hacking hacks." — Chelsea Mastroine, Canton, Ohio.

"Life hack, this hack, that hack...stop with the hacks!" — Tim Jackson, Crystal Lake, Ill.

- SKILL SET – "Why use two words when one will do? We already have a perfectly good word in 'skills' (ending with an s, not a z)." — Chip Lupo, Columbia, S.C.

"A skill is a skill — that is it. Phrases such as 'I have the skill set to do that properly' or anything resembling that phrase, shows the speaker is seriously lacking skills in the art of conversation. Please try this, 'I have the skill... do you have the skills... this requires certain skills... he is very skilled... that was a skillful maneuver... See? No need for a skill set.'" — Stephanie Hamm-Wieczkiewicz, Litfield Park, Ariz.

- SWAG – many nominations over the years.

"The word 'swag' has become a shapeless, meaningless word used in various forms (such as 'swaggy') but with no real depth." — Bailey Anderson, Washington, Iowa.

"Whether it's a 'free gift' (banished in 1988) or droopy clothing, this word is neither useful nor fancy." — Jeff Drake, Saint Albans, West Va.

"The word has become so over-used that it is not 'swag' to not use the word 'swag.'" — Devin, Farwell, Mich.

"Because I am tired of hearing swag to describe anything on the face of the planet. By the way, your website is so 'swag.'" — Alex, Roanoke, Va.

- FOODIE — many nominations over the past several years. Is it a Michigan thing?

"It's ridiculous. Do we call people who like wine 'winies' or beer lovers 'beeries'?" — Randall Chamberlain, Traverse City, Mich.

"Someone who enjoys food' applies to everyone on Earth. What's next? 'Oh, I'm an airie; I just love to breathe.' 'Could we do it at 11, instead? I'm kind of a

sleepie.'" — Andy Poe, Marquette, Mich.

"I crave good sleep, too, but that does not make me a sleepie. News flash: We ALL like food." — Graydeon DeCamp, Elk Rapids, Mich.

"I've heard of cooks and chefs, and gourmets and gourmands, but what the heck is a 'foodie'? A person who likes food? A person who eats food? A person who knows what food is? Sounds like 'foodie' is a synonym for 'everybody.' Foodies around the world agree; let's banish this term." — Steve Szilagyi, Mason, Mich.

- CURATE/CURATED – "It used to have a special significance reserved mainly for fine art and museums. Now everything is curated. Monthly food and clothing subscription boxes claim to be finely 'curated.' Instead of abusing curated, why don't they say what they really mean: 'We did an online search and posted the first 25 items we found' or the 'curated selection of items in your box this month are a mix of paid placements and products that have failed to sell elsewhere.'" — Samantha McCormick, Kirkland, Wash.

"Example on the 'Net today: 'Get a curated box of high-end treats and toys (all tailored to the size of your pup) shipped right to your doggie door.' - I have heard and read the word 'curated' far too many times this year." — Deb, Portland, Ore.

"A pretentious way of saying 'selected.' It's enormously over-used." — Kristi Hoerauf, San Francisco, Calif.

- FRIEND-RAISING – "A horrible word that conflates the real meaning of friendship with usually hidden motivations to get at the other person's pockets." — Mary Been, Sidnaw, Mich.

"The word suggests that we develop relationships not for the simple value of the person we call 'friend,' for the pleasure of being in a community of people and for the simple joys of sharing bonds of affection and common care, but that we instead develop these relationships out of some sort of expectation of a monetary reward." — Collette Coullard, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

- CRA-CRA – That's just crazy. Early in 2014, Steve Kaufman of Houston, Tex., could be heard

screaming, "I've only heard it twice and already know by the end of the year I'll want to scream."

"Short-form for 'crazy' and sometimes just one 'cra.' I hear kids (including my 6 yr. old) saying it all the time, e.g. 'That snowstorm yesterday was 'cra-cra.'" — Esther Proulx, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"I'm sick of hearing myself say this! Must be banned!" — Roxanne Werly, Traverse City, Mich.

- ENHANCED INTERROGATION – "A shameful euphemism for torture." — David Bristol, Byron Center, Mich.

- TAKEAWAY – "It's used all too frequently on news programs, as in, 'What is your 'takeaway' on (a given situation). 'What is our 'takeaway' on Congress' vote?' 'Is there any 'takeaway' on the recent riots?' I have heard Jon Stewart use it. I've heard Charlie Rose use it, as well as countless numbers of news talking heads, usually for all the wrong reasons. For me, a takeaway is a sports term, where one team is controlling the ball (or puck) and the other steals it, or took it away - a 'takeaway.' In the U.K., 'takeaway' food is known as 'to go' here in the Colonies. — John Prokop, Oakland, Calif.

- NATION – a suffering sports suffix

"Purely with reference to a specific teams' fans, this word needs to go. It's the following of a sports franchise, not a group seeking independence, recognition and legitimacy; Not even if it's the Cubs." — Tim Wilcox, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Canada

"Although a devout Wisconsin sports fan, I do not belong to Packer-Nation, Badger-Nation, Phoenix-Nation, or Brewer-Nation. Further, I am not aware of any team or mascot that has the carrying capacity to be a nation." — Kelly Frawley, Wauwaukee, Wis.

"Nothing more self-aggrandizing than sport team fans referring to themselves as a nation! What's next? My team - Continent, World, Galaxy, Universe!" — Curt Chambers, Seattle, Wash.

"Both politics and sports teams have overused this n-word to describe their fans or viewers." — Ken Hornack, Ormond Beach, Fla. -LSSU-

News

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Boyne City High School Student of the Week Katelyn Skornia

Grade: 12 **Parent(s):** Dave and Lynn Skornia

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: "Currently, I am planning on attending Michigan State University in the fall to study Biosystems Engineering."

School Activities: Drama, Student Council, Pride Team, Soccer, Robotics, National Honors Society, Yearbook

Hobbies and Interests: 4-H market Livestock raising and showing steers and pigs (Youth President of Emmet-Charlevoix Program), Playing piano, Horseback riding

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: "I am so thankful to be able to call myself a Rambler and couldn't be more proud of my Class of 2015! Boyne Tough!"

Staff Comments:

"Katelyn is an outstanding all around student. She does a great job of participating in class discussions and has shown tremendous academic writing ability in College English." – John Hertel

"Katelyn is an invaluable member of the Pride Team. Her ideas, enthusiasm, and just general care for others shines bright at everything she does!" – Cindi Place

"Katelyn is an outstanding lead member of the BC Blaze robotics program. She has been instrumental in the team's success in the Engineering Inspiration and Entrepreneurial Awards during last year's season. She is an exceptional individual in the areas of dedication, commitment, hard-work as well as determination to understand what she is learning. Katelyn represents herself and her school extremely well in everything she does." – Karen Jarema, Principal

"Katelyn is not only an incredibly bright student; she is kind to others and very responsible. The number of extra-curricular activities she has been involved in is impressive: Robotics, National Honor Society, 4-H, Student Council, soccer, cross country, Drama, Equestrian team, Jazz Band and Marching Band, and more! To be able to balance all those activities while earning all A's is a skill that she will carry with her into college. There is no doubt that she will be extremely successful." – Cathy Brown, Guidance Counselor



The The Jordan River Arts Council is offering a program of classes, workshops, and live performances for pleasure during January and February

On January 11, from 1—3 pm JRAC will host an afternoon of poetry featuring Terry Wooten. He will be reciting poems from his collection of published works, "Stone Circle Poems." He will also recite a few poems from his Elders Project, which won the 2013 State History Award for Education, Wooten teaches students to interview elders and then write free verse.

John performed his poetry at the council many times and other places in often donating his fees to the arts. There will be an Open Mike for anyone in attendance to read or recite a poem or two. The event is free and refreshments will be served. This event will take place at the Jordan River Art Center 301 Main St., East Jordan. Call Cynthia Tschudy, 231 544 6167 for further information.

On January 10, 24, and February 7, 1—3 pm, JRAC will present Art 101, Basic Drawing. Session one: "How to create a simple still life drawing, Session two: Using the principles of composition to create a more interesting artwork, and session three: Using Color to make your art work sing. Cynthia Tschudy will be the instructor. There have been many requests for this basic instruction. Cynthia was an art teacher as a profession. These classes will be good for the beginner as well as the more seasoned artist as a refresher. Cost is



Robin Lee Berry will be the instructor a Learning to play the Ukulele workshop on January 31 from 1 — 2:30. COURTESY PHOTO

1 — 2:30 is Learning to play the Ukulele. Talented musician and songwriter, Robin Lee Berry will be the instructor. Instruments will be provided through the Bliss Fest Organization. The ukulele has been experiencing resurgence in popularity on its own merits and as a versatile instrument. This class is appropriate for young adults to adult learners as is limited in number of participants. Depending if interest additional sessions may be planned. For further information Contact Nancy Carey, 231 536 7812.

JRAC is pleased to announce an evening of Reader's Theatre, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the main gallery. "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by the American Writer Stephen Vincent Benet received the Pulitzer Prize in 1929. The title refers to the 1850 raid at Harper's Ferry by John Brown. All the principle parts are played by three actors: Dick Williams, Hugh Hansen and Desiree Kaiser. The play is further brought to life by a chorus of men and women speaking as a 4th voice in the play. The scenes evolve before us through, sound, music and words. The reading is directed by Yasmine Richmond. There is no charge for admissions but donations are greatly appreciated. For further information contact Richmond, 231 337 2070.



Cynthia Tschudy will be the instructor for Basic Drawing classes on January 10, 24, and February 7, from 1 — 3 pm, COURTESY PHOTO

\$10 per session or \$25 for all three. Materials provided. These sessions will take place in the lower gallery, Jordan River Art Center,

301 Main St., East Jordan. For further information contact Cynthia 231 544 6167. Another fun workshop scheduled January 31 from

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Crooked Tree Arts Center Winter Classes

Crooked Tree Arts Center is set to begin their winter 6 week session of classes this January 12, 2015. With a variety of offerings for all ages, the Arts Center has a broad array of classes to help keep busy during the drab winter months. Registration is available by calling 231.347.4337 or online at www.crookedtree.org.

For adults classes include the ever popular Culinary Series; drawing; knitting and crocheting as well as a writing workshop. For those looking to move, offerings include adult ballet and ballroom dancing. Jim Beckering will once again be leading the Northern Clay and Pottery Club with a Tuesday night session from 6p-9p for ten weeks. Memberships to the club are also available online; pottery club members receive a full year of class and studio access for a reduced rate.

Some fun offerings for the Pre-school set includes Pre School Movement, a great energy burner for 2.5-4 year olds; Adventures in Art for ages 3-6, and Music and Me! for newborn-4 year olds.

Youth classes are also abundant, with Kids Cre8!; Art Passport: Japan and many others. Local funny man Dean Tahtinen will be teaching comedy improv during Afterschool Theatre: Laughter Club. And Georgia Endsley will be sharing a special three week hula hooping class, including tips and tricks to choreograph a hula hoop routine. Local artist Sarah Mann will be teaching a fusion of art and science with Einstein's Arts and potter Stephen Stuchell will be again teaching pottery for elementary and middle school grades.

Zoe Marshall-Rashid is once again leading an introduction to ballroom dance classes. Marshall-Rashid is a competitive ballroom dancer with years of experience and grace. Classes are good for beginners through experienced dancers, and couples are not required.

In addition to these 6 week classes, there are Just Us! classes once a



Lola Ricci of Petoskey enjoys a laugh with CTAC's Adventures in Art instructor Emily Stuchell. COURTESY PHOTO

month for children and their favorite adult to take together. January features a "Family Platter" class with potter Stephen Stuchell in the pottery studio and February highlights a family hooping class.

To aid in ease of online registration, the Arts Center also spent recent months programming and developing their new registration software. "We've revamped our registration software, which makes for a much for more user-friendly experience for our patrons," explains program director Valerie St. Pierre Smith. "We transitioned to the new system over the past several months...and now we're live! Some great features include the ability for

family members to be linked to the same account, so everyone's schedules are visible. And one of my favorites is the wish list function. If you're looking through our classes prior to registration, and see a few that you like, you can add them to your wish list. Once registration opens, you simply visit your account and add your wish list items directly to your cart."

No need to languish this winter. Early registration is strongly recommended to ensure classes are able to run. Registration, as well as other Crooked Tree Arts Center performances and events, can be found online at www.crookedtree.org or by calling 231.347.4337.

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10 Tips To Keep Your Credit Cards Out of Thieves' Hands

GreenPath Debt Solutions, a nationwide, non-profit credit counseling and education organization, reminds shoppers to be on guard. Rushing to complete that wish list can have people giving out sensitive data, like credit card numbers and social security numbers, to unscrupulous hackers and identity thieves.

"Technology today goes well beyond pick pocketing or taking a purse," said Katie Moore, GreenPath Debt Solutions counselor. "Identity thieves have so much technology at their fingertips to build a personal profile on an individual. If you let your guard down, even for a moment, you could have your identity stolen."

5 TIPS – KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY SAFE IN PUBLIC

- Before you leave your house, take out the credit cards that you know you will not be using.
- Copy the front and back information on your card, so you have

contact information quickly, in case your card is stolen.

- Do not carry your Social Security card with you. That number is vital in opening new credit accounts.
- Watch where you leave your card when you shop. "Don't leave your credit card on the counter with people around," said Moore. "A quick screenshot or good memory can capture your name, card number and expiration date." A thief can then use that number instantly to buy goods online.

Keep your receipts in your purse or wallet, not in the bag.

5 TIPS – KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY SAFE ON-LINE

- Always initiate the transaction yourself. Do not open a store's website through a received email. Physically type in the web address and review carefully to make sure it is the actual store website.
- When entering credit card information as part of transaction,

make sure the web address starts with a secure extension, shown as https://.

- If you shop online in a public location, like at a library, make sure you log out and click the "back" button, when you are finished with a shopping session.

- Shopping at the coffee house? Use their approved, secure wi-fi server.

- Keep your guard up while online. Be aware of pop-up windows and your online experience at all times. While entering data, keep distractions to a minimum.

GreenPath offers face-to-face services at 58 offices in 12 states. The company also offers licensed services by phone and Internet throughout the United States. For more information about GreenPath Debt Solutions, visit www.greenpath.org or call (866) 648-8122.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

Thank you to area schools, businesses, organizations, service and faith-based groups and individual community members for your generous donations to support the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's (WRCNM) Harvest Food and Supply Drive.

We also acknowledge the ongoing support and help from Oleson's Food Stores collecting donations during their recent Safe Home Dollar Drive. The funds collected at both the Petoskey and Charlevoix stores helped earn a valuable \$1,000 matching grant from The Oleson Foundation.

Many thanks to our friends at Lite 96.3fm for hosting a live radio broadcast at the Petoskey Oleson's store prior to Thanksgiving to encourage the donation of food and supplies. Their efforts resulted in three large shopping carts filled with needed items to help restock Safe Home pantry shelves.

The Safe Home, operated 24/7 by the WRCNM, provides a secure, supportive and caring residence to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. The WRCNM provides shelter residents with meals, housing, counseling and advocacy at no charge. Last year, the Safe Home provided more than 8,700 meals and 2,926 nights of refuge to 140 women and children.

Non-perishable foods/supplies and financial donations by community members will be put to good use by the many families staying at the Safe Home now and throughout the year.

On behalf of the families impacted by domestic abuse, we thank you. Please know you have helped make a difference in the lives of others in our community.

Sincerely,
Jamie Winters, Safe Home Coordinator

HIDDEN TREASURES

Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn offer quality vintage and custom furniture

By Jim Akans

When looking to refurbish, redecorate or simply revitalize the furniture and accessory items in your home or cottage, don't miss the opportunity to check out the amazing selection of vintage and custom furniture at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn located in Charlevoix. The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. From antique wicker to Early American and European imports, the vast selection is sure to tantalize the imagination of virtually every furniture shopper.

Don Kelly founded his business back in 1985, as he recalls, "it was in a

small room off my garage. I loved working with furniture, and while attending a furniture show I discovered a new type of finish stripper that worked extremely well. I went home, tried it out, and started my new business. It kept expanding and I moved into my current location in 1990."

Kelly adds, "Something we specialize in is wicker furniture items. People love old wicker furniture, and we also sell lots of old pine, oak and items made from other woods as well. Vintage furniture is generally made with sold wood or very good veneers. The workmanship and craftsmanship is excellent."

The services offered at Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn also include customizing the size of furniture to match the customer's needs, and



Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. The fascinating facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet of ever changing vintage furniture and accessories, plus another 1,500 square feet of custom furniture items. COURTESY PHOTO

they will paint, stain and refinish items to match the customer's décor if they desire.

Kelly's Antiques and Furniture Barn is located at 6176 Old US 31 South in Charlevoix. They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until

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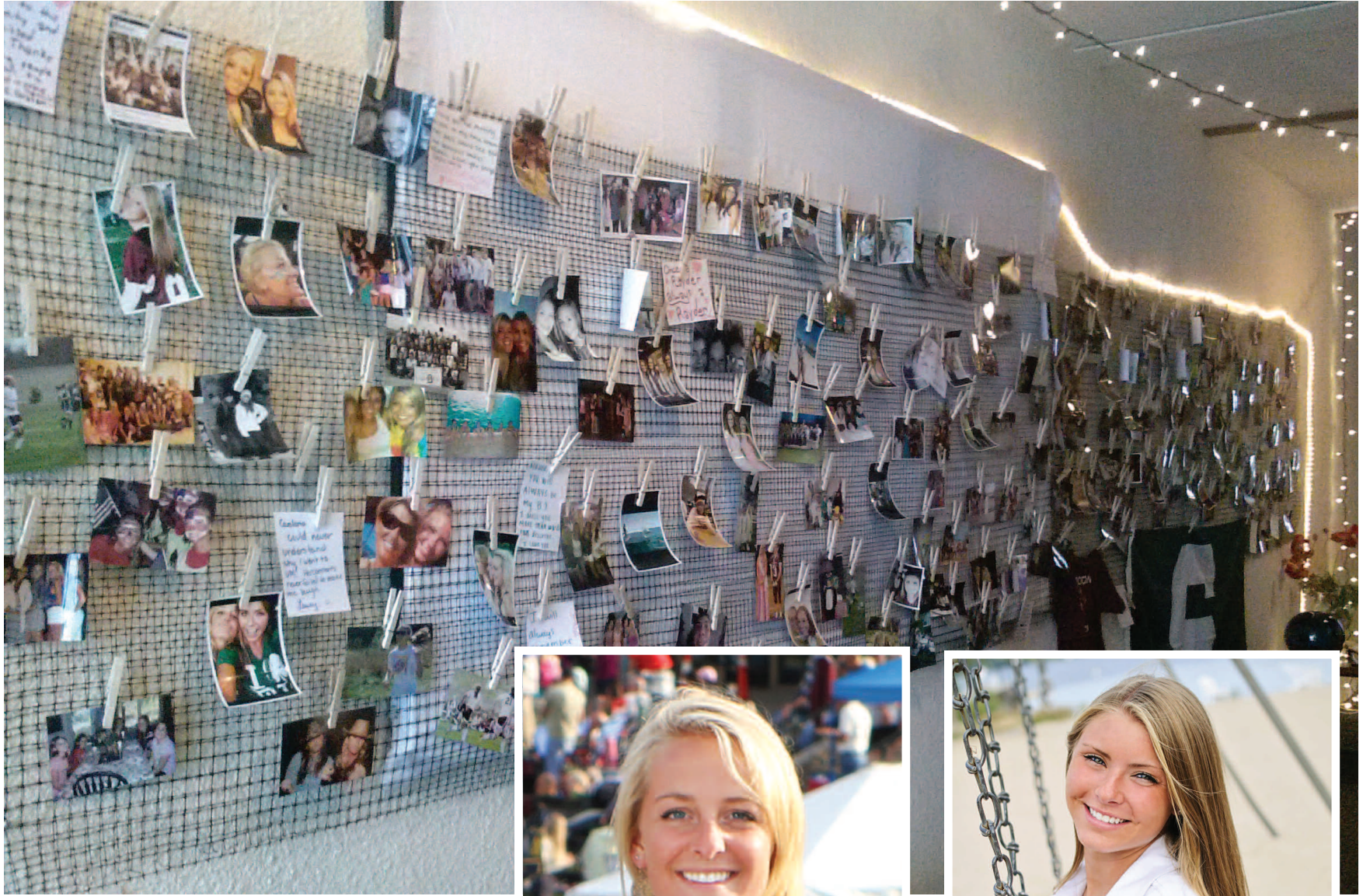
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or on Student Council where her leadership skills excelled. AT MSU she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and worked as a teacher's assistant.

Both girls are remembered fondly by their families and friends, which is indicated by the beautiful memorial that has been set up for several days at the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services building on Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

There, mementos of the two young women's journey as friends, daughters, granddaughters, and nieces are showcased by many photos of the girls in and around Charlevoix. The photos commemorate lives filled with laughter and joy, two qualities that many hold to be defining features of Maura and Carolena. Small cards hold stories of love shared and bonds that will help those endure the grieving process.

That memorial has been combined with a Wall of Hope at Charlevoix High School, where fellow students of the two young ladies attend. Strength is gathered by their fellow Rayders by commemorating the good times and experiences shared with Brandi and Elowsky on this memorial wall.



Wednesday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix High School a service will be held to celebrate the lives of Carolena and Maura. The families will be given support and love by a community who remember these two beautiful young women's lives that were cut so short.

In honor of Carolena, a fund has been created at

Charlevoix State Bank. Contributions can be made to the Carolena Elowsky MSU Scholarship Fund there.

In honor of Maura, contributions can be made to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Fund.



MAURA BRANDI



CAROLENA ELOWSKY

New Years Eve Bridge Drop



Above and Far Right: Gale force winds didn't stop this group from celebrating the new year with plenty of pictures, kisses and kazoos Thursday during the Charlevoix Bridge Drop. The fireworks however, were cancelled. PHOTOS BY M. CHRIS LEESE

RIGHT: Kyle Kopytko of Charlevoix brings some holiday spirits to those celebrating on midnight New Years Eve at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix. PHOTOS BY M. CHRIS LEESE



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Grant applications to support arts and culture, education, the environment, community and economic development, health and human services, recreation and youth are available by calling your respective community foundation office. All applicants must call to discuss their proposals in advance. Eligible nonprofit organizations must serve residents of Charlevoix County or Emmet County and work to enrich or improve life for local residents. The deadline for submission is Monday, March 2, 2015. Applications will be reviewed by community members and the youth advisory committee members and recommendations will be reviewed by the respective Boards of Trustees.

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