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Boyne Winterfest makes the cold fun

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: Are you staying inside to avoid frozen fingers and feet? Have you been spending as little time as possible in the snow globe that is Northern Michigan? Well, it's time to embrace the cold and head outside to enjoy Winterfest in Boyne City!

Yes, yes, very few things make the cold bearable, but Boyne City promises to make at least one winter day worthy of donning your boots and mittens. Winterfest is scheduled for January 24th, and starts at 9 a.m. with a wide variety of activities for young snow builders and older hot cocoa lovers alike.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. the Boyne City Farmer's Market will offer yummy soups to make a cold winter morning better, as well as offering baked goods to take home and warm up for later. The market will be held until 1:00 p.m. in the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library.

Head over to Local Flavor Bookstore between 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to hear Harbor Springs author David Wyant read some of his "Side Door to Heaven for Hemingway." Don't forget to reserve your spot though as the shop will fill up quickly! Call 231-582-7499 to make sure you aren't standing the whole time!

Want to be outside a little



more? No problem! Enjoy the outdoor fun any time during the day over at Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area where sledding, ice-skating and cross country skiing will be offered. Don't have skates or a sled? Don't worry, free loaners will be available.

A snow sculpture contest will also be held at Sunset Park, so make sure to call 231-459-4007 to register your snow creation! Winners will be announced in the park at 5:00 p.m. Oh and you can't miss the Kid's Game over in Old City Park where you can toss a frozen fish, bowl a frozen turkey or stand and watch as the youngsters get cold with a warm hot chocolate in hand from 1-3 p.m. Plus if you get there around noon you can enjoy a Horse-Drawn Sleigh Ride starting from the park at no charge.

Hungry? Boyne has you covered. A Chili Cook Off will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

Restaurants such as Café Sante, Red Mesa, Barrel Back and more will bring crock pots full of their special recipe chili to be tasted by the discerning palettes of judges and regular citizens alike. The cook off only has 13 entries available, so register quickly to join! Call 231-582-6554 to enter.

Once you have your fill, head over to the Wine Emporium, (adults only) to taste three complimentary seasonal offerings from 4 to 7 p.m. And if you still have the kids, enjoy star gazing with Bryan Shumaker of the Northern Michigan Astronomy Club in Sunset Park surrounded

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sports



Colin Petrie (24) of East Jordan drives baseline against TC St. Francis in the Red Devils win. Full story on page 2B. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

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Missing Petoskey Stones returned to local artist

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In an interesting turnabout, a local Petoskey stone artist lost \$40,000 worth of art only to have it returned to him within hours.

Hurbert Whittaker of No Stone Unturned, a Petoskey stone art studio in Ironton near Charlevoix, found himself in shock when a day's worth of packing turned to a nightmare and then became a miracle. Whittaker, who makes everything from Pandora beads to knives out of Petoskey stones, was packing for a trip to Tucson, AR when \$40,000 merchandise he had prepared for packing was abruptly taken from where Whittaker had placed it to load it

on January 14.

Whittaker says that everything from art, to polished stones, to equipment for making stone art was on that day. He and his wife, Kim, were packing for a trip to Tucson, where they will attend a gem and mineral show to sell their merchandise. The show gives them income for the winter months, which are markedly slow in Northern Michigan. He explained that while packing the items were taken, within five minutes of putting them out.

"I had put them out on a table, getting ready to put them into boxes. I had them in trays and in baskets for packing for Tucson. Everything was out on the table by our shop. Price stickers were

on them. We put them on the table because we couldn't drive the truck to where the studio is because the drive wasn't plowed. We put it on the table so when we got there we could just load it from there... We got ready to bring another load out and looked at the table and it was completely empty," explained Whittaker.

Upon realizing that the table was empty, Whittaker says he dropped to his knees.

"I hit the ground, my heart was gone. It was an unbelievable feeling. I just kept saying 'No, no, no, Lord, Why?'" says Whittaker.

Whittaker says that it never

See Petoskey Stones -9A



Next Up for City Manager, Petoskey?

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: City Manager Rob Straebel could find himself in a new building soon, as he was chosen as the top candidate for a similar position in the City of Petoskey who have been interviewing candidates since their previous City Manager left in May 2014.

Since May, City Finance Director Al Terry has been handling the duties of City Manager. The position however requires a full time person, making the search for a candidate imperative to the city. The city has come close to hiring a manager prior to Straebel, but the city was unable to negotiate a viable contract.

Straebel is one of three candidates who had been in the process of interviewing

to take on the position of City Manager in Petoskey. The other two candidates also come from a local government backgrounds; Robert Anderson is a former Detroit Planning and Development Department Director, while Timothy Wolf is the current village manager of Lake Isabelle. Straebel stood out for his 16 plus years in local government experience and his ability to implement both tried and true methods as well as new options in City Management.

Straebel has been filling the role of City Manager in Charlevoix since 2007, during which time he has faced both triumphs and controversies in his position. His filling the position for Petoskey will be based on negotiating a contract that benefits both parties.

Straebel has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ferris State University as well as a Master's in Public Administration for the University of Colorado. During his time in government Straebel has been a village administrator in New Mexico, a town manager in Colorado, and spent time as a community development specialist in the U.S. Peace Corps in Honduras.

"I'm very excited and honored to be considered for the position," says Straebel.

The role of city manager has a possible annual salary range from \$94,500 to \$110,000. No details have been decided regarding when Straebel could take the position if the contract negotiations prove successful.



Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel has been chosen as the top candidate for the City Manager for Petoskey. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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HIGH: Low 30's LOW: MLow 20's	HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Upper 20's	HIGH: Low 30's LOW: Low 10's	HIGH: Low 20's LOW: Upper 0's

snowfall records

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Amt
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	95.5
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	60.6
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	26.5
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	78.5
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	74
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	115.5
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	39.4
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	79.8
1/21/2013	1/20/2014	1/19/2015	103.2
			68
			37.8
			55
			78.9
			96.8
			18.6
			46.8
			75.7

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 25	11°	29°	-10°	(2004)	51°	(1950)
JAN 26	11°	29°	-15°	(2000)	51°	(1973)
JAN 27	11°	29°	-21°	(2000)	52°	(2002)
JAN 28	11°	29°	-25°	(1963)	52°	(2002)
JAN 29	11°	29°	-8°	(1986)	46°	(1990)
JAN 30	11°	29°	-33°	(1994)	48°	(1988)
JAN 31	10°	29°	-16°	(1980)	49°	(1988)
FEB 1	10°	29°	-28°	(1962)	47°	(1998)

Betty Pittman, 93

(NOV. 11, 1921 - JAN. 17, 2015)



Betty Pittman of Charlevoix passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015, at her home.

She was born Mary Elizabeth Brady in Albion, Michigan on Armistice Day, November 11, in 1921. She was the oldest of five children.

Her father died during the depression and she helped her widowed mother raise her younger siblings, two of whom had special needs.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1939 and went to Jackson to study cosmetology. She got a job in Ann Arbor and moved there where she lived with her cousins. There she met and fell in love with Bob Pittman, the love of her life. During the war she went to work at the Bomber Plant in Willow Run making B-24's that her husband later flew. She and Bob were married at Midland Army Air Base in Midland, Texas in June of 1943. Betty moved with Bob to eleven different military assignments before they settled in Ann Arbor where their five children grew up. The family moved to Menominee in the UP in 1966 where they lived for eight years. When Bob changed jobs and began working for the FAA in the Chicago area, Betty got her associate's degree in education and library science. After having devoted her life to her now grown family, she got a job in a school library. Following four years there, they relocated to New Hampshire where they resided for six years. After years of planning Betty and

Bob built their dream retirement home on Beaver Island where they had summered since 1963. The ten years from 1984 to 1994 were busy years as they had an almost self-sufficient farm of twenty acres with livestock. From Beaver Island they made the short relocation to Charlevoix where they have lived since 1994.

No matter where they resided, Betty always was an avid volunteer in school, church and community whenever she was needed. All of her 93 years her first thoughts were for her husband of 71 years and her children.

She is the last surviving member of her family. She was preceded in death by her son, Bob, in 1963 and her son-in-law, Joerg, who just passed on her last birthday in November. Betty is survived by her husband, Bob, and children Marilee Pittman-Rothaupt of Germany, Patt Dworkin (Bob) of Dallas, Phil Pittman of Charlevoix, and Joanne Pittman of Clare; grandchildren Helena James Moore (Matt) of Mount Pleasant, Larissa James McGinnity (Patrick) of Beaver Island, Meghan (Derek) Dworkin McClain of West Warwick, RI, Erin Dworkin Santos (Rob) Nashua, NH and Rob Dworkin of Rhode Island and six great-grandchildren Sydney, Colin and Nathan Moore and Lysander, Leif and Killian McGinnity.

She will be remembered by all for her gentle spirit, diligent working attitude, lady-like demeanor, uncomplaining character, steadfast disposition, and fighting spirit.

Funeral mass will be 11 am, Wednesday, January 21, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating. Burial will take place in Saint Mary's Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Food for the Poor, P.O. Box 979005, Coconut Creek, FL 33097-9005.

www.foodforthepeople.com
Please sign Betty's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Winona S. "Noni" Gee, 68

Winona S. Gee died Sunday, January 18, 2015, at her home near East Jordan.

Arrangements are pending at

the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Fritz A. Puffpaff, Jr., 89

(JULY 25, 1925 - JAN. 14, 2015)



Fritz A. Puffpaff, Jr. of Charlevoix, passed away January 14, 2015, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital, surrounded by his family. He was born July 25, 1925, in Greenville, to Fritz A. and Edna E. (Brathwate) Puffpaff, Sr.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Ann (Gill) Puffpaff; sons, Ronald (Linda), Gary (Paulette), and Kurt (Amy); daughters, Debra Godfrey, and Ann Marie (Leon) Boettger; many grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephan; daughter, Colleen; grandson, Job; his parents, Fritz and Edna; sisters, Georgia, Christine, and Joyce; and brothers, Martin and Keith;

Fritz was a WWII Veteran. He loved bowling, softball, gardening, cooking kielbasa for the Kiwanis Club, and he was a successful owner of Puff's Appliance, not to mention - the best dill pickle maker - ever! ...and Go Michigan!

He was very proud of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be 11 am, Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street, Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions in his honor to: Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, PO Box 385, Mecosta, MI 49332; the Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State

Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to: Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

A summer military service will be held at Brookside Cemetery.

Please sign Puff's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Donald "Doc" Wittenberg, 79

(APRIL 29, 1935 - JAN. 15, 2015)

Donald Herbert Wittenberg ("Doc") passed away on January 15, 2015 in Phoenix, AZ, due to complications from a stroke.

He was born April 29, 1935, in Detroit, son of Arthur and Betty. He was a baseball and football star for Hillsdale College and then obtained his medical degree from The University of Michigan. He spent his career as a Family Practitioner in the metro Detroit area. He made many friendships that he maintained throughout his life.

His travels led him to Walloon, MI. where he founded the Walloon Equestrian Center with Joan where he enjoyed his dogs and horses. He then moved to Phoenix, AZ with his loving partner, Gail Rose, where they relished the warmth and beauty of the West. Doc's last word was "baseball" and his love of the Detroit Tigers was a constant throughout his life. He will be long remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and loving demeanor. He had an engaging personality and made friends where ever he went.

He is survived by his partner, Gail Rose, his children, Laura (Mark), Robert (Amy), Brian (Gina) and Marc, and Gail's children, Warren (Richelle) and Michelle (Evan). Doc will be missed by his grandchildren, Sophie, Isaac, Alex, Nicholas, Mason and Gail's grandchildren, Ashlee, Mason, Samantha and Lila. He is also survived by his siblings, Michael (Gigi), Steven (Sandy), and Lois. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, and his sister, Sasha.

A private graveside service was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, MI.

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

Myra Lea Moblo-Wynkoop, infant

(JAN. 14, 2015 - JAN. 14, 2015)

Sweet Baby Myra Lea Moblo-Wynkoop, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2015 surrounded by her family at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Myra is survived by her loving parents, Leif Wynkoop and Nichole Moblo of East Jordan; special brothers and sisters, Constance, Eligh, Scotty, Dylan, Onika and Trace of East Jordan; maternal grandparents, Terry and Jeanne Moblo of East Jordan; paternal grandparents, Leroy and Cindee Wynkoop of Ellsworth; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will remember Myra

privately. Memorial contributions may be made to 'In Memory of Myra Lea Moblo-Wynkoop' at Charlevoix State Bank through Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service, P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, MI 49734. Please share your personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Jeanette Boss, 92

Jeanette Boss went to heaven and was reunited with her husband of 65 years on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015.

Jeanette was a lover of the Lord and deeply faithful; she was devoted to her family, was passionate about baking, and enjoyed caring for and observing flowers and birds. She was renowned for making cinnamon rolls for her grandkids' sporting teams, school events and church events.

Jeanette, with her husband Lawrence, hosted an annual Halloween party for the neighborhood and church children and their families. She loved to cook and bake and always opened up her home to anyone she felt needed a meal or a place to belong. Her gift of hospitality and her welcoming spirit touched many people across the years.

She was an active member of the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, where she and her husband taught the 2-year-old students' Sunday school class for many years. She served on the RCW board, volunteered at the Rainbow Shoppe, the Food Pantry and the Community Christmas project.

Jeanette is survived by her children, Beth Ann (Boss) and Milo Broadwater of Preston, Minn., Wilson (Bud) and Judy Boss of Charlevoix and Jan Boss of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Mark and Rachel Boss of Morristown, Tenn., Kari (Boss) and Chris Maki of Charlevoix, Robert and Megan Boss of Marquette, Amanda (Boss) and Matt Thompson of Charlevoix, David Broadwater of Preston, Minn., and Larry Broadwater of Preston, Minn.; great-grandchildren, Grace, Lilly and Joshua Boss of Morristown, Tenn., Quinn and Tinsley Maki of Charlevoix and Caiden Thompson of Charlevoix.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; infant daughter, Judy Jean; parents, Nick and Anna DeYoung; sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Marvin Roesch; brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Marie DeYoung.

Services took place at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix on Monday, Jan. 19. The Rev. John (Chip) Sauer officiated and arrangements were by Winchester Funeral Home.

Memorials honoring Jeanette may be made to the Community Reformed Church or to Heifer International which helps eliminate hunger and poverty worldwide, www.heifer.org.

spired living, and many others will be offering deals all day in their "Indoor Sidewalk Sales."

Live music will happen to cap off the night at Café Sante at 8:00 p.m. where you can warm up in the cozy atmosphere despite being right on the beautiful frozen lake.

Whether you're willing to risk the chill and be outdoors the whole time or not, Winterfest promises a great time for friends and family. Make sure to catch the downtown action on January 24!

WINTERFEST

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by the awesome sculptures made earlier around 5 p.m.

If none of the events are quite your thing however, shopping might be. And downtown Boyne City is offering up great deals and sales to make coming out in the cold worth your while! Boyne City Hardware, Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff, Country Now & Then, Grain Train, in-

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2015

Charlevoix City Council focuses in on goals

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At a future driven meeting of City Council on January 19 council members solidified the costs of the Outdoor Dining Program and discussed future goals of the city.

The meeting began quietly, as an appointment was made to the Economic Development Director interview committee, and a liquor license was requested by Food Affects LLC. The meeting then shifted to several downtown improvements which segued into a discussion revolving around the Outdoor Dining Application which will be available to restaurants interested in having outdoor dining this summer.

Though the application was approved at a previous

meeting of council, the official fee was still up for debate Monday night.

However, council decided to stick with recommendations of city staff to leave the fee at \$50 annually for a least one year, as having a lower fee will allow business owners to meet all the other stipulations of the application without being overloaded fee wise.

"I think it's important that we try to get a lot of people to partake of this. Why not have it be \$50 at least for a year and then put people on notice that next year it may switch to (being calculated) by square foot," said Luther Kurtz of the First Ward.

City Planner Mike Spencer assured council that the \$50 fee had been worked into the new budget, and that staying



with the set fee as opposed to the charge per square foot wouldn't affect it adversely.

Following that, the council focused in on prioritizing goals to accomplish both this year and in coming years. During December of 2014, a meeting was held to identify goals that the council felt were important enough to put their energy behind; goals ranging

from burying utility cables underground to creating a more easily walked town were discussed at that meeting.

At the Monday meeting however, that large list of goals was condensed to create five top priority goals that council will begin addressing immediately. The first and seemingly most important goal to council was the plan to consolidate

the street department and the electric department into one building. The current location in consideration that idea is on Carpenter St. where the Electric and Water Department currently is.

Second, council hopes to establish a recreation authority that will allow nearby townships to benefit from city amenities and vice versa. This would enable residents of the townships to have lower fees at areas such as Mt. Mc-Saubia, while city residents will benefit from attractions in the townships.

Third, the council will focus in on redeveloping the airport to make it easier for citizens to utilize and to produce more revenue for the city. Fourth, they hope to make the city more biking friendly and

easy to walk for those who enjoy such activities, making Charlevoix more appealing to those who choose non-motorized transportation. And fifth, they will look into the matter of burying utility lines in hopes of making Charlevoix more aesthetically beautiful.

These goals are only in the consideration phase at this point, as no decisions have been made regarding what will happen for any of them yet. However, council gave city staff the go ahead to look into options regarding each of the goals so that council can have ideas of how to begin working toward them.

The next meeting of City Council will be held on February 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2015

Bob Kenney joins East Jordan City Commission

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commission welcomed a new commissioner to the council at the January 20 meeting and received a replica of a historical ship to be displayed at the City Hall museum.

Filling the vacant commission seat left by Mike Burr, Bob Kenney was sworn into office at Tuesday evening's meeting. Kenney is a graduate of East Jordan High School and is the owner of local business, BK Trucking. Kenney's wife is a nurse, and he is the father of five children who have all grown up in the East Jordan community.

The commission also received a presentation from Tom Sheridan and Denny Jesiek about a historical ship called the Hum. Built in 1876 in Brooklyn, New York, the Hum measured 76 feet in length and made routes on Lake Charlevoix

BOB KENNEY



Tom Sheridan and Denny Jesiek present their model ship of the Hum to the city of East Jordan. Before making its way to Lake Charlevoix, the historical ship is said to have once transported PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT.

in the early 1900s. In a time before the automobile was a popular form of transportation, the Hum ran between East Jordan and Charlevoix three times daily. People frequently traveled on the Hum to East Jordan so that they could catch a ride at the train station in the bustling small town. The present day pilings located in the Jordan River behind Huntington Bank are a reminder of where the Hum once docked and saw many passengers.

Sheridan and Jesiek were inspired by the story of the Hum after seeing photographs and memorabilia of the ship, and they decided to embark on

building a model of the Hum about a year ago. With a combined 560 hours between the two of them, the model was based primarily on old photographs, many of which were donated by Tad Malpass. Using a 1/16 scale, the replica measures nearly five feet in length.

A labor of devotion and detail, Sheridan and Jesiek presented their replica model to the East Jordan City Commission Tuesday night. The model will be on display at City Hall in the museum.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

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Raven Hill Discovery Center's Ham Radio Station is up and running. With help from members of the Top Of Michigan Amateur Radio Club (TOMARC) in Gaylord, the station is operational and the first class of technicians has received their ham radio licenses.

Recently, local electric company, Great Lakes Energy, came to the station's rescue, when sliding snow ripped the new ham radio antenna off the Center's roof. A Great Lakes crew came out and set a utility pole for Raven Hill to use as a freestanding antenna.

Anyone interested in joining the Raven Hill Discovery Center Amateur Radio Club or attending a technician class, should contact Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email her at info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org

RavenHillPR; Shown in the photo, from left to right, are the linemen who set the pole: Chris Murray, Chuck Skop, Bob Jones and Mike Streasick.



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By Deb Hagen-Foley

Did you make a resolution to lose weight? Do you start a diet every Monday?

Congratulations on making an important decision to improve your health. You are not alone in this decision. Estimates are that more than 45 million Americans begin a diet every year, and for good reasons. Overweight is linked to numerous negative health outcomes.

January is Healthy Weight Awareness month. Michigan has the fifth highest rate of obesity in the United States with nearly one-third (31.3%) of residents having a body mass index (BMI) of 30% or greater. Adults of normal weight have BMIs of 18.5 to 24.9 and a BMI of 25.0 to 29.9 is considered overweight. Attaining and maintaining a healthy body weight is the second best thing you can do to improve your health outcomes. Smoking cessation is the most important. A visit to your physician before beginning your weight-loss program can verify if you are medically ready to start losing weight.

Now that you have made the decision, you will first want to determine a healthy weight range, in consideration of your gender, height, and age. Compute your body mass index (BMI). Use the BMI estimator at the CDC website to find your healthy weight range (www.cdc.gov/healthyweight). Be realistic in setting your goal.

Knowing how much weight you need to lose to achieve a healthy BMI, you might be tempted to find a "quick-fix" - weight loss supplements (or surgery) or a fad diet. Among the popular diets of 2014 were: Atkins Diet, The Zone Diet, Vegetarian Diet, Vegan Diet, Weight Watchers Diets, South Beach Diet, Raw Food Diet and Mediterranean Diet. Low fat, low-carb, high protein - how do you choose the best diet for you?

Simply put, restrictive diets don't work and fad diets, which highly restrict the number of calories consumed or the type of food you can eat, are not sustainable long-term. You might lose weight quickly for a short time, but will regain the weight and more when you stop following the plan. About 95% of people who lost weight will regain it.

If you over-restrict your calorie intake, your body becomes more efficient at using the fewer calories you provide, slowing your metabolism and making it even harder to lose weight the next time. The secret to long-term weight loss is: consuming fewer calories than you need on most days.

It is an easy formula: calories out greater than calories in to lose



weight; calories out equal to calories in to maintain weight. In order to lose one pound, you need to burn 3500 calories more than you consume. For long-term weight loss, aim to lose not more than two pounds per week, on average. A two-pound weight loss translates to a weekly calorie deficit of 7000 calories. You can get an estimate of how many calories you need daily to maintain your weight considering your gender, age and activity level at:

www.healthyweightforum.org/eng/calculators/calories-required/. A rough estimate of how many daily calories you need is to multiply your current weight by 14. A 150-pound person would require approximately 2100 calories per day to maintain that weight (this assumes the person is sedentary more than active and exercises moderately three to five times per week). In order to lose one pound per week, they would need to burn an extra 500 calories per day (3500/7) or reduce their intake by 500 calories per day - or a combination of the two. Eat less and move more and you will lose weight.

What does this mean on a daily basis? There are numerous websites that are helpful in developing meal plans. Contact me by e-mail for more information on these. The main idea is to eat a balanced diet. We have all heard it many times before. A balanced diet consists of protein, carbohydrates, fats, whole grains, and fruits and vegetables.

Aim to include each of these in your daily diet.

Don't consider certain foods "off limits." Allow yourself to eat your favorite foods in moderation, just remember that the calories count toward your daily goal and will slow your weight loss. Eat regularly, at least three times a day, including breakfast. Don't let too much time lapse between meals or you are likely to overeat and make poor food choices at your next meal. Planning your meals will help keep you on track.

Equally important for weight loss and maintaining a healthy weight: Get moving. You don't need a gym membership and you don't need hours of intense physical activity to lose weight. Moderate activity for thirty minutes on most days is enough for most people to achieve weight loss. That could be as simple as a thirty-minute walk. You can split that into two fifteen-minute daily walks if that works better for your schedule.

Losing and maintaining a healthy weight is a long-term prospect. There will be times in your weight-loss journey that you become discouraged with the speed of your weight loss and want to give up. Now, while your motivation is high, write down your reasons for wanting to lose weight while your motivation is high. Then, when you are considering giving up on your goal, review your list.

Drs. Oz and Roizen



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

FIVE HEALTH UPGRADES FOR BUSY PEOPLE

If you don't think you have time for exercise, healthy meals or stress-busting techniques, you're not alone. New surveys report that crazy-busy schedules keep around 42 percent of North Americans from exercising, and 21 percent from cooking and relaxing. One new survey of time-starved people even reported that 58 percent of them said they'd happily shell out \$2,725 to fit an extra hour into their day!

But smart folks like YOU don't have to shell out big bucks to find time to do what you know is good for you. A blast of recent research reveals amazing ways you can attain your health goals in tiny tidbits of time:

Get a great cardio workout in 12 minutes. In an exciting new study from Canada's McMaster University, overweight people who normally didn't exercise boosted their fitness with this speedy routine: A two-minute warm-up, followed by three, two-minute-interval workouts. For each interval, exercise as hard as you safely can for 20 seconds, followed by two minutes of recovery at a slow pace. Do it two more times. End with a three-minute cool down.

Study volunteers used exercise bikes, but you could try doing it while walking on a treadmill or even marching or jogging in place in your living room. Study volunteers did it three times a week. After six weeks, their endurance and blood pressure had improved.

Weigh in for weight loss. The more often you weigh yourself, the more weight you'll lose, finds a new study from Cornell University and Finland's Tampere University of Technology. If you don't want to step on the scale every day, once a week works, the researchers found. They analyzed a year's worth of weigh-ins from 40 dieters. Weight began to creep up in those who hadn't weighed themselves for about six days. Seems when you know the truth about your weight,

you can't as easily rationalize eating extra calories or acting like a couch potato.

Get a handle on your health and banish isolation using health-boosting apps. In one new survey, just 18 percent of Canadians over age 50 used computer apps to manage their diabetes, and just 5 percent used smartphone apps -- even though most owned the technology to run them.

These tools can help improve blood sugar significantly without spending hardly any time messing with them. And some put you in touch with other folks working toward the same blood-sugar control goals as you are, and that support makes everyone more successful!

There are plenty of other apps, too, that are designed to help you manage your weight, fitness, blood pressure and more. Step counters and fitness trackers are like a friendly good conscience sitting on your shoulder. There even are apps to make grocery-store purchases healthier. And there's a bonus: In another study, older adults who got training on social media felt less isolated, because they could connect with friends and loved ones without leaving home.

Take a 15-minute stroll after lunch for better blood sugar, weight and mood. A 15-minute stroll after meals can help control your blood sugar, says a recent study from George Washington University. That's big news for the 29 million Americans with diabetes and the 83 million more with prediabetes. And you know how we feel about the cardio benefits of walking 10,000 steps a day -- they're huge! Getting outdoors in the sunshine also can help reset your body clock for better sleep and a brighter mood.

Make the healthy dessert decision: Go for fruit. Added sugars may be more dangerous than too much salt for high blood pressure. The worst sources are commercial desserts packed with known food felons: added sugars and sugar syrups, saturated fat and artery-clogging trans fats. Keeping your favorite fruit on hand is a great way to get more fiber, vitamins, minerals and antioxidant-boosting phytochemicals. They'll satisfy your sweet tooth and give you more energy and a sunnier outlook on your now healthier day.

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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Wayne Schmidt sworn in as 37th District state senator



State Sen. Wayne Schmidt was sworn in as senator of the 37th district on Wednesday during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young administered the oath of office. COURTESY PHOTO.

Senator also announces committee assignments, office contact information

State Sen. Wayne Schmidt was sworn in as senator of the 37th district on Wednesday during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young administered the oath of office. Schmidt was joined in the Senate chamber for the occasion by his

wife, Kathleen, sons, Ryan and Danny, his parents, Tom and Sue, and friend Mike Vahl. "It is an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of the 37th district as their state senator," said Schmidt, R-Traverse City. "The same values and principles that we share, and that I fought for while in the state House of Representatives, I will bring to the Senate as we continue working together to fix Michigan." Schmidt announced that in addition to serving as chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, he will also serve on the committees of Agriculture, Economic Development and International Investment, Insurance, Outdoor Recre-

ation and Tourism, and Legislative Council. The senator also announced that his Lansing office is open and ready to meet constituent needs. His office is located at Room 820 in the Farnum Building at 125 W. Allegan Street in Lansing, across from the Michigan Capitol. Residents may also contact the senator via email at SenWSchmidt@senate.michigan.gov, by phone at 517-373-2413 or via U.S. mail at Senator Wayne Schmidt, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. More information will be available at is website at www.senatorwayneschmidt.com.

Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteer support to build a safe, decent and affordable home for a deserving Emmet County Family!

In the United States, 48.5 million people are living in poverty housing and the percentage of people without access to decent, stable housing is on the rise. We need your help to build decent, stable housing for deserving families in Emmet County. By swinging a hammer, providing a meal, or lending a helping hand and positive voice on the jobsite, you can help make the dream of home ownership come true for local families. Call TODAY to make this dream come true, 231-348-6926! You'll never feel more appreciated (and you can learn new skills, too!). Volunteer Schedule: Alan-son Build - Friday, January 23rd from 3:00 - 5:00 - we are seeking 6 volunteers to assist with some outside finish trim/siding work. Monday, January 26th from 2:00 - 6:00 - we are seeking 6 skilled volunteer to assist

with installing laminate flooring. Tuesday, February 3rd from 3:00 - 6:00 - we are seeking 6 skilled volunteers to assist with installing laminate flooring. Thursday, February 5th from 3:00 - 6:00 - we are seeking 6 skilled volunteers to help with flooring and start trim work. We are actively seeking skilled Carpenters to install Trim in February. Please contact Craig Lively at 231-838-7481 to volunteer your time as a skilled Carpenter. We will be doing a Women's Paint Day towards the end of February. Please watch for more information or call us today! Volunteers need to register for specific volunteer opportunities by calling Mandy at 231-348-6926. You can also learn more by visiting www.northwestmihabitat.org/volunteer.

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

COURT CASES

East Jordan man sentenced for Meth

This morning in the 33rd Circuit Court, Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced Archie William Graham, 34, of East Jordan to five to 20 years in prison on a charge of manufacturing methamphetamine. Graham



ARCHIE GRAHAM

pled guilty to the charge as well as a charge of possession of methamphetamine on December 19, 2014.

On September 23, 2014, police spotted Graham driving with a broken tail light and attempted a traffic stop. Graham refused to pull over and a chase with both vehicles reaching speeds of over 100 miles per hour resulted. Graham had no identification, registration or proof of insurance and appeared to be under the influence according to the affidavit of probable cause filed in the case. During the stop, Deputy Nate Kaminski looked in the vehicle and observed items household items that are used to cook methamphetamine. Kaminski impounded the vehicle and obtained a search warrant. The Michigan State Police methamphetamine response team was notified and they found that Graham's vehicle had been used as a mobile methamphetamine lab using an active one pot

method, according to the affidavit. "If not for the heads up work of Deputy Kaminski, this conviction would not have been possible and we would still have this meth supplier in our community," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "The defendant admitted that he was not only cooking meth but also supplying it to friends. We had a very dangerous situation not only with a serious drug but also creating safety and environmental issues."

Kingsley Man sentenced

The Court sentenced Theodore Frederick Bellant, 43, of Kingsley to serve 150 days in jail with credit for 59 days on a charge of

illegal use of a financial transaction device. Bellant admitted at his plea hearing that while he was staying at a friend's home in South Arm Township, he took the friend's ATM card without permission and used it to purchase alcohol, cigarettes and gasoline.

East Jordan Men plead guilty to heroin charges

Richard Earl Callesen, 42, of East Jordan admitted selling heroin to a confidential informant. Phillip Scott Irwin, 30, also of East Jordan, admitted driving the informant to Callesen's residence where they both purchased heroin. Callesen was originally charged



PHILLIP SCOTT IRWIN



RICHARD EARL CALLESEN,

with three counts of delivery of heroin and maintain a drug house. Irwin was charged with conspiracy to deliver heroin as well as the possession charge. Both men will be sentenced on February 23, 2015. Callesen faces a maximum of twenty years in prison on the delivery charge while Irwin's possession charge carries a maximum of four years in prison.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

- 0649 Utility pole and lines down at E Main and Boice
- 0751 Property damage accident on Boyne Ave at Brockway St.
- 0820 Power pole leaning in the 600 block of Woodland Dr.
- 0930 Traffic control at Main and Boice while Consumers sets new pole
- 0944 Report of suspicious situation in the 200 block of E Lincoln
- 1058 Vehicle unlock at 600 block of S East St
- 1207 Report of 2 vehicle property damage accident that occurred in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 1212 Report of a vehicle in the ditch on Front St and Lake Park Dr.
- 1339 Property damage accident at Lexamar Dr.
- 1445 Third party report of threats being made in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 1528 Property damage accident at Boyne Ave and Beardsley St. One subject arrested for No Insurance.
- 1540 Property damage accident at State and River Ridge.
- 1628 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1826 Unlock in the industrial park.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 0251 Towed 3 cars from Water St. for snow removal.
- 1100 Assist EMS in the 500 block of Front St. 8601 and EMS UTL
- 1120 Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1141 Subject at PD with information about location of subject with warrants. Was not at the location given, but the information lead to sub-

- ject's arrest.
 - 1415 Private property damage accident in the Industrial Park.
 - 1538 Hit and run to mailbox on Jefferson St.
 - 1653 Suspicious subject in Lincoln and East St areas
 - 1750 Assisted MSP with arrest on Wilson near Lakeshore.
 - 2111 Missing person reported from the 500 block of N. Lake St.
 - 2114 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of Silver St.
 - 2215 Arrested subject on warrants in the 300 block of Vogel St.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**
- 0200 Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
 - 0855 Request for a civil standby in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 - 0909 Report of a threatening phone call
 - 0945 Unlock vehicle in the 300 block of N Lake St
 - 0955 Citizen assist in the 500 block of Front St
 - 1020 Report of missing money from the 300 block of S Lake St
 - 1215 Citizen assist in the 500 block of Front St
 - 1220 Property damage accident at Division and Park
 - 1515 Unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 - 1520 Report of vehicle sideways in roadway on Robinson St hill. Gone on arrival.
 - 1530 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St. Citation issued.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**
- 0133 Assist Sheriff Department with traffic stop/ OUID arrest on Groveland St.
 - 0730 Report of a hit and run accident in the 300 block of E Division St
 - 0813 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of State St
 - 0828 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St.

- Citation issued and vehicle towed.
 - 1255 Arrested subject on warrant at PD
 - 1501 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St
 - 1602 Report of missing persons in the 500 block of Front St. Were located
 - 1612 Report of a dog through the ice and owner asking for help in the park off Spring Street. Was not through the ice, but did not want to go home.
 - 1749 Request for vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Division St. Unable to unlock.
 - 2044 Missing person complaint from the 300 block of W. Division St. Was located.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**
- 0619 Property damage accident at Lake and W. Michigan. Citation Issued for Violation of Basic Speed law too fast for conditions.
 - 1150 Found wallet dropped off at PD. Owner contacted.
 - 1207 2 vehicle Property damage accident on Boyne Av in front of Great Lakes Energy
 - 1231 parking complaint in the 300 block of E Division. Citation issued for parking in handicap spot.
 - 1512 Report of people driving too fast for conditions on Charlevoix St
 - 1627 Vehicle in the ditch at Boyne Ave and Lincoln
 - 1720 Welfare check in the 700 block of Lake Park Dr.
 - 1801 Report of someone plowing snow onto the city property at Pleasant and West.
 - 2203 Parking violation on Wilson and Ann. Vehicle removed
 - 2221 Vehicle in the ditch on N. East St.
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**
- 0222 Snow removal parking violation citation issued at Water and Lake. Vehicle towed.
 - 0313 Snow removal park-

- ing violation at E. Main and East. Citation issued and vehicle towed.
 - 0504 Assisted East Jordan PD in East Jordan
 - 1234 Assisted Sheriff Dept with a reportedly suicidal subject in Boyne Falls
 - 1253 Hit & Run in the 500 block of N Lake St. Second vehicle was located and driver being charged with DWLS
 - 1310 Assist FD on Marshall Rd.
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**
- 1317 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
 - 1405 Hit and run accident in the 300 block of N Lake St.
 - 1409 Civil complaint at Av-alanche.
 - 1509 Car stuck sideways on E. Court St. near Lake St
 - 1923 Verbal dispute in the 500 block of Groveland St
 - 2133 Emergency message delivered in the 700 block of N. Lake St
 - 2335 Car deer accident at Boyne City Rd and City limits.
- CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.**
- January 12-18**
- 911 Hang Up Call.....5
 - Abandoned Vehicle.....3
 - Abuse.....1
 - Alarm.....5
 - Animal Complaint.....6
 - Annoyance.....1
 - Assault.....0
 - Assist Citizen.....5
 - Assist Motorist.....6
 - Assist Other Agency.....13
 - Attempt to Locate.....2
 - Attempted Suicide.....1
 - Bank Alarm.....0
 - Boating Accident.....0
 - Boating Violation.....0
 - Breaking & Entering.....0
 - Car/Deer Accident.....12
 - Citations Issued.....14
 - Civil Complaint.....7

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....1	Parking Violation.....0
Death.....0	Personal Injury Accident.....0
Disorderly Person.....0	Personal Protection Order.....1
Disturbance.....0	Private Property Accident.....2
DNR Complaint.....1	Property Check.....25
Domestic Dispute.....1	Property Damage Accident.....10
Driving Complaint.....3	Prowler.....0
Fireworks Complaint.....0	Road Hazard.....6
Found Property.....0	Snowmobile Accident.....2
Fraud.....5	Stalking.....0
Health & Safety.....0	Suspicious Situation.....14
Hit & Run.....2	Threat.....0
Intoxicated Person.....2	Traffic Stop.....36
Juvenile.....2	Trespassing.....0
Larceny.....4	Unknown Accident.....3
Lockout.....4	Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Lost Property.....4	Vehicle in the Ditch.....1
Malicious Destruction of Property.....0	Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0
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Boyne City Board of Education Completes Superintendent Evaluation

The Boyne City Board of Education is pleased to release the overall standings of the 2014-15 academic year evaluation on Peter Moss, Superintendent. He was voted "effective" with many categories reaching the "exceeds expectations" mark. These categories include the areas of Progress towards the School Improvement Plan, Community Relationships and Student Attendance.

Comments from Board members include:

- We are seeing improved scores, especially in the middle school which was a school of focus.

- He is willing to begin new projects and theories in Education such as iPad usage, flipped

- learning communities and a stronger integration of Morgan-Shaw/online learning for alternative learners.

- He has a great rapport with Boyne City as a community.

Moss, now in his 5th year with Boyne Schools, has received marks each year of effective or higher. Content within the evaluation matrix was voted on by the Board as consistent with MASB guidelines for evaluation formats.

Comments from Peter Moss: "In spite of very challenging times, I am proud of the district's accomplishments and the direction we are heading. The rating of "effective" is reflective of the hard work, dedication and teamwork of not just one person, but of many; the Board of Education, the administration, the staff and the community. I've enjoyed my tenure at Boyne City and look forward to helping it attain even higher levels of student success."



Boyne Falls Homecoming Friday, Jan. 23

Homecoming is being celebrated at Boyne Falls Public School this week! King and Queen will be crowned in between the JV & Varsity Games on Friday, January 23, 2015.

HOMECOMING COURT IS PICTURED:

back row (l-r): Seniors: Ashlee DeNise, Kaylee Herman, Hailey Matelski, Raegen Pedigo, Andrew Stevens, Truman Crego, Kyle Byrne, Hunter Williams

front row (l-r): Juniors: Sean Lynch, Megan Byrne; Sophomores: Leszek Wasylewski, Michelle Kaczmarek; Freshmen: Jordan Herman, Naomi Johnson

Progressive Women host climate speaker

Lisa Del Buono, a Climate Reality Presenter for the Citizens' Climate Lobby, will be the speaker for the next meeting of the Progressive Women of Charlevoix County. The Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-partisan grassroots advocacy organization that empowers citizens to build public and legislative support for a revenue neutral carbon tax that returns 100% of the revenue to American households.

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@yahoo.com or calling 231-582-9005.

Del Buono believes that

the Citizens' Climate Lobby is a beacon of hope at a time when the United States urgently needs to transition from fossil fuels to clean forms of energy. She will discuss how a steadily increasing fee on carbon would provide a market-based incentive to transition rapidly to clean forms of energy, thereby decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. Northern Michigan is already seeing the effects of climate change (e.g. loss of fruit crops spring of 2002 and 2012). Scientists predict that if we continue on our current trajectory, the effects of climate change will become significantly worse during our children's lifetime. She states that we urgently need to take action to protect our children's future. Economists on all sides of the political spectrum agree that placing a fee on carbon is the most effective method to bring down emissions quickly. Her presentation will show how citizens can make a difference by learning about the issues, writing letters, and taking



LISA DEL BUONO

action that could literally "mean the world" to our children and grandchildren. The Citizens' Climate Lobby website is citizensclimatelobby.org.

Ms. Del Buono is a physician and mother who lives and works in Traverse City. She attended medical school in Kentucky followed by a residency and fellowship at the University of Michigan. She eventually entered community practice and advocates for women's health, helping to develop the interdisciplinary breast clinics at Munson and Mercy Cadillac Hospitals.

As a mother, she is con-

cerned about the impact of climate change on future generations and recognizes the urgent need for solutions. Convinced that placing a carbon fee and dividend is the best FIRST step to addressing climate change, she believes that Citizens Climate Lobby has a unique model to empower the citizen. She has trained as a Climate Reality Presenter and has been a co-leader with the Northern Michigan Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby since it began in March of 2013.

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



With a little positive peer pressure, SAFE's Brown Out Project aims to dress area high school students in brown to send a strong anti-tobacco message to their fellow peers and community. COURTESY PHOTO

SAFE launches Brown Out anti-tobacco campaign in Northern Michigan

The Charlevoix and Emmet County youth organization, SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) in Northern Michigan, is attempting to make brown the most fashionable color of the season. The filthy, grimy brown hue was selected to carry an important message that will never go out of style. With a little positive peer pressure, SAFE's Brown Out Project aims to dress area high school students in brown to send a strong anti-tobacco message to their fellow peers and community.

The Brown Out Project will give away 700 free t-shirts to the students of Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Pellston and Petoskey high schools. The brown t-shirts are imprinted with this year's slogan chosen by SAFE members, "Don't be a Butthead." A home basketball game at each high school has been designated as a Brown Out Game where the student section is asked to forego their school colors, pledge their commitment to a tobacco-free life, and cheer on their team in the brown t-shirts.

The Brown Out Project kicked off with basketball games on December 12th in Boyne City followed by Petoskey on December 19th. Harbor Springs and East Jordan

will host their games on January 23rd and Charlevoix on February 6th. Pellston will also be added to the schedule soon. Announcements of the games have been distributed to students with the call to action.

According to SAFE's research, 90% of new smokers begin smoking before age 18 and almost all begin by age 26; hence the creation of the Brown Out Project to raise awareness and promote its anti-tobacco message among area youth.

The Brown Out Project is made possible by the generous sponsors: Bay-side Family Sports Medicine; The Insurance Shop; St. Francis X Federal Credit Union; Lynda's Real Estate Service; Law Offices of Daniel J. Harris, P.C. Harry Ingleson, II Attorney and Counselor at Law; Van Dam Boats; Eikenhout, Inc.; Then & Now Antiques; The Bank of Northern Michigan; Petoskey Child Health Associates, Inc.; Prime Transport, Inc.; Charlevoix Screen Masters, Inc.; Pat O'Brien & Associates; Dr. Anthony Alessi, Petoskey Family Foot Care; Child Abuse Council; Kathy and Joe Audia; Anonymous Donor.

SAFE encourages everyone, please "Don't be a Butthead."



Northwest Academy rocks out!

On Wednesday, January 14th, Northwest Academy students were treated to interactive live performances from a group featuring Seth Bernard, Dan Rickabus of the Crane Wives, and Mike Lynch of Steppin' In It.

The musicians are part of a collec-

tive called Earth Work Music (earthworkmusic.com) and use music to help bring people together all over the world. The group is currently being sponsored by On Stage for Kids to get students excited about music and its endless possibilities.

NwstRocksPhoto1; The group intro-

duces themselves to the elementary school. Students range from pre-school age to 6th grade.

NwstRocksPhoto2; Sadie Lennon (kindergarten), Jasmine VanLo (3rd grade), and Emma Argetsinger (kindergarten) take a break from dancing.

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Boyer Falls High School

Student of the Week



Josh Lange

Grade: 11

Parent(s): Mike and Rachel Lange

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: : Become an Engineer, looking at Civil Engineering

School Activities: Basketball, Cross Country, Track, National Honor Society, Youth Advisor Council

Hobbies and Interests: Boy Scouts, basketball, running, mushroom picking

Favorite Books: Harry Potter Series (can't decide which one!)

Staff Comments:

Mr. Lange is the cream of his class in mathematics and is always striving for excellence. – Mr. Ted H. Beyer, Math Teacher

Boyer Falls Elementary School

Student of the Week



C.J. Cousineau

Grade: 5

Parent(s): Bill & Riki Cousineau

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?: I would like to become a commanding officer in the military.

School Activities: Saturday grade school basketball.

Hobbies and Interests: I am involved in helping organize fundraisers to earn money for organizations like the animal shelters.

Favorite Books: Harry Potter Series (can't decide which one!)

Staff Comments:

CJ has been nominated for Student of the Week for his thoughtfulness toward others. He has randomly carried out acts of kindness during this school year. He is often the instigator of an idea and discusses it with others convincing them to join him in carrying out these caring actions. Thank you CJ for your kind heart! – Ms. Disney

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN Hospice of Northwest Michigan Grief Support Program

provides support and education to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one - a spouse, parent, child, sibling, relative, friend or companion. Meetings are led by David Behling an experienced grief counselor and support group facilitator; this support program includes discussions of specific topics, and provides optional personal sharing opportunities in a safe and accepted atmosphere. Our next five week session begins January 20th and meets every Tuesday thru February 17. We will meet in the community room of First Baptist church located at 06781 M66 in Charlevoix from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

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 Ko-

rtase-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

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EAST JORDAN

Basic Drawing classes at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 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.

BOYNE CITY

Boyer 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 Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Community Conversations

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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

NORTHWOODS FAMILY NATURE CLUB: Gimme Shelter!

Sunday, February 1st, 10am, at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. This month we are building a small igloo-style shelter from hundreds of homemade bricks of ice! Save your empty, rinsed 1/2 gallon cardboard milk/ juice cartons and bring them along; we will be working on our Winter Dwelling as part of an ongoing process. FREE and family

friendly. Registration encouraged - call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to register or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Northwest Academy's 6th annual Soup Cook-off

Thursday, February 5, 5-7pm at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room located at 220 W. Clinton in Charlevoix. There will be at least 10 area restaurants showcasing their favorite soups to sample. This is a fundraiser for Northwest Academy's performing, literary, visual arts and enrichment programming. Northwest Academy is a K-12 Charter School located in Charlevoix. Minimum donation of \$2.50 per person requested. For more information, contact Cindy (231)547-9000

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

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast

February 6, 7 - 9 am. Castle Farms. Doors will open at 6:45 am and Presentation/Awards will begin at 7:15 am. The following awards will be presented, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Outstanding Customer Service and Chamber Ambassador of the Year. \$30 per person. Call (231) 547-2101 to register.

EAST JORDAN

EJ Fight Against Cancer Varsity Basketball Game

The "EJ Fight Against Cancer Varsity Basketball Game" will be on Friday, February 6th at 5:30pm and 7:00pm vs. Boyne City High School. Proceeds from the event are given to members of our community with cancer in the form of gas cards to offset the cost of transportation to and from appointments. Fans are encouraged to wear the color purple. The Devil's Den (Store at EJHS) will be selling purple t-shirts to support the cause

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Ground Hog Shadow Fest

February 6th through the 8th. Weekend events include free showings of the movie "Groundhog Day" at Cinema III, a concert by the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, chili cook-off, pancake breakfast, horse drawn wagon rides, kids games, magic show, "cold butt" Euchre tournament, Craft beer tent, retail sales, entertainment at local bars and restaurants and exceptional lodging discounts; visit CharlevoixShadowfest.com or call the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Shiverfest

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

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 charge for admissions but donations are greatly appreciated. For further information contact Richmond, 231 337 2070.

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix

The 5th Annual Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix, taking place at Castle Farms on Thursday, March 19, 2015, from 4:00 - 7:00pm.

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@yahoo.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

Boyer Volunteer Network

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

new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Playgroups

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

CHARLEVOIX

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."



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January Happenings

24, 31

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Boyer City Farmers' Market

In the Red Barn next to the Boyne City District Library
www.boynechamber.com

1/22, Thursday, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Annual Meeting of the Boyne Area Chamber

This gala event is held at Boyne Mountain each year. The program is an upbeat gathering with great food and drink, business awards, live and silent auctions, live music and the introduction of the Chamber Board members.
Tickets on line before Jan 2, \$35 pp; after Jan 2, \$40 pp.
www.boynechamber.com

1/22, Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

January Swirl

Join us for wine tastings in our galleries. Mingle among beautiful art, listen to local musicians, and sample fine wines and food from local restaurants. Tickets may be purchased on-line, telephone, or at the door. Event takes place at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.
www.crookedtree.org

1/24, Saturday, Starting @ 12:00pm

Boyer City Winterfest

Come have a blast in Boyne City! Winterfest features activities the whole family can enjoy. Some of the activities include snow sculpture contest, indoor sidewalk sales, kids' games, chili cook-off, wine tasting, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and much more.

www.boynechamber.com

1/31, Saturday, 5:45pm - 9:00pm

E. J. Chamber Annual Dinner/Meeting/Auction

The Chamber's largest event of the year, held at Castle Farms, kicks off the New Year with an awards program, dinner and live and silent auction.
www.ejchamber.org

1/31, Saturday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Snowman Wonderland & Storytime

Join your kids and/or grandkids for activities and a story at Castle Farms. \$5 per person.

It's Tax Time Again

The Charlevoix Senior Center is again offering free high quality tax help through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, giving peace of mind and economic benefits to taxpayers and their families.

The program will be available every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., beginning on February 10th and ending on April 7th.

The preparers will be: Lenny Arnold, Randy Cebulski, Evelyn Davis, Bill Keehn, John Loucks, and Nancy Moore.

Please bring the following documents with you:

___ Copy of last year's in-

come tax return

___ Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents

___ W-2 forms from each employer

___ Unemployment compensation statements

___ SSA-1099 form for Social Security Benefits you received

___ All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc) showing interest and/or dividends, and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets.

___ 1099-MISC showing any miscellaneous income

___ 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity

___ W-2-G form for gambling income

___ all forms indicating federal income tax paid

___ dependent care provider information (name, employer ID, Social Security number)

___ All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions

___ Receipts showing sales tax paid on new motor vehicles purchased in 2014 (automobile, truck, RV, motorcycle etc)

___ Receipts for any other large or unusual purchases

___ Receipts for any energy

efficient home improvements

___ Receipts for college tuition or student loans

___ Property Tax bills for 2014 and winter of 2013 if paid in February 2014

___ Health Insurance Bills

___ Automobile Insurance Policy (for medical portion of premium paid)

___ Home Heating Bills (Nov 2013 thru Oct 2014)

___ NEW - If medical insurance was purchased through the marketplace, include Form 1095 and if reimbursed for premiums, Form 1095A.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 22
Wii Bowling
11am Knitting & Crochet

Friday, January 23
Birthday Day!
11am Roger Hartson Raffle

Monday, January 26
Line Dance
Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize

Tuesday, January 27
Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize

Wed., January 28
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursday, January 29
Wii Bowling
11am Knitting & Crochet

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 22
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Pinochle

Friday, January 23
FOOT CLINIC
1pm Rummy

Monday, January 26
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, January 27
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class
1pm Rummy

Wed., January 28
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, January 29
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Pinochle

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 22
Foot Clinic
KARAOKE DAY!

Friday, January 23
11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle

Monday, January 26
8am-1pm Walking M-F

Tuesday, January 27
10:30am Line Dancing
12:30pm Bingo

Wed., January 28
GAME DAY!

Thursday, January 29
KARAOKE DAY!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, January 22
SLOPPY JOE w/ BUN

Friday, January 23
BAKED CHICKEN

Monday, January 26
BREAKFAST

Tuesday, January 27
BEEF CILIE

Wed., January 28
COOK'S CHOICE

Thursday, January 29
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Charlevoix Library to host Community Conversation Jan. 27

In partnership with The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit and non-partisan “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) or register online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org under the “Adult Events” tag

Governor Snyder signs Main Street Fairness bills

Michigan will begin to level the retail playing field this fall when certain out-of-state merchants, including online giant Amazon, are required to collect sales tax just as the state’s retailers do.

Governor Rick Snyder signed Michigan Retailers Association’s Main Street Fairness legislation into law on January 15, capping MRA’s long battle to close a tax loophole that has favored out-of-state merchants over Michigan-based retail businesses.

“This Main Street Fairness legislation levels the playing field for local businesses, helping Michigan job providers better compete with online retailers,” the governor said during a public signing session in his Lansing office. “Local, brick-and-mortar businesses drive our economy, and without implementing this fix they would continue to serve as showrooms for online retailers.”

The bipartisan legislation, enacted by lawmakers in the final, frantic hours of the 2013-14 legislative session, takes effect October 1.

“This is history-making legislation and a great victory for the home team,” said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. “The governor and lawmakers agreed the state will no longer give ‘remote sellers’ a built-in 6 percent price advantage over our Michigan-based retailers. On behalf of the thou-



MIFairnessBillPR-Photo: Gov. Snyder signs the Main Street Fairness bills. Standing, from left: Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Okemos jeweler Becky Beauchine Kulka, Former State Rep. Eileen Kowall, Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, Rockford retailer Barb Stein and Michigan Retailers Association President and CEO James P. Hallan. Photo by David Trumpie.

sands of Michigan retail businesses and their hundreds of thousands of Michigan workers, MRA thanks lawmakers for stepping up and doing the right thing, the fair thing.”

Under federal law, out-of-state merchants are not required to collect a state’s sales tax on goods they sell to residents unless the remote sellers have “nexus” – a physical presence such as a store or warehouse – in that state. The new Main Street Fairness law would redefine physical presence to include certain practices that out-of-state companies are using to generate sales in Michigan either online or through phone or catalog sales.

These include selling through subsidiaries, affiliate networks or other persons with substantial nexus in the state.

The new law will not force all out-of-state retailers to collect sales tax, only the ones that fall under the new, expanded definition of physical presence. Congressional action is still necessary to require all out-of-state merchants to collect sales tax. The Michigan Department of Treasury estimates the new law will mean \$60 million annually in additional sales tax revenue. The additional revenue does not constitute a new tax, because purchasers have been required by existing law to pay the sales tax when they file

their income tax – but few actually do. The problem is one of enforcement of a current tax and not creation of a new tax, the governor explained.

Both the governor and Hallan hailed the new law as a giant step forward for Michigan. Some two dozen states have now taken similar collection actions. The legislation does not affect Michigan-based retailers who sell remotely to other states.

MRA has been involved in the fairness issue for some 40 years, Hallan said, since furniture retailers complained about unfair competition from drop-ship merchants located in North Carolina who escaped collecting Michigan’s sales tax on items delivered to Michigan residents. The latest, successful push for fairness began in 2011 and continued into the 2013-14 session. Senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint) sponsored the Senate bills, S.B. 658-59, that were enacted. Reps. Eileen Kowall (R-White Lake Township) and Rob VerHeulen (R-Walker) sponsored similar bills in the House.

Local retailers attending the bill-signing included Barb Stein, of Great Northern Trading Co., in Rockford, Becky Beauchine Kulka, of Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry in Okemos, and Cliff Yankovich of Chimera Design in Lowell.

Courtesy of Michigan Retailers Association

Great resale finds at Boyne Valley Resale Store and sales proceeds benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry

By Jim Akans

The Boyne Valley Resale Store in Boyne Falls not only offers shoppers some amazing bargains on quality resale items, proceeds from the sales of those items are utilized to benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry, which happens to share the same building.

Originally founded as Peg’s Closet in April of 2010 by Peggy Vondra and her mother, Marti, Boyne Valley Resale Store operates solely with a volunteer staff, and the wide variety of items offered in the approximately 1,000 square foot shop is donated by individuals and organizations in the Boyne Falls and surrounding area.

Shoppers will find a huge variety of items including knick-knacks, furniture, dishes and plenty of clothing for men, women and chil-

dren. Clothing items that are not sold are either shipped overseas or sent to recycling facilities where they find new life in products such as rugs or even building insulation.

Customers enjoy shopping at the store and regularly tell the volunteers that they appreciate that the clothing prices are inexpensive (clothing items are available starting at just \$2 per item). Though the pricing is very reasonable, the items that sold at the store are all in good condition and ready to be re-utilized.

Boyne Valley Resale Store and Food Pantry is located at 3031 Main Street in Boyne Falls, at the corner of Main Street and Center. Boyne Valley Resale Store hours of operation are Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays from 10 to 2 pm and the Food Pantry is open Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm.



The Boyne Valley Resale Store in Boyne Falls not only offers shoppers some amazing bargains on quality resale items, proceeds from the sales of those items are utilized to benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry, which happens to share the same building. PHOTO BY MARTI VONDRA

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occurred to him or his wife that the pieces were being taken. They did hear a vehicle; however across from them is a construction site, and Whittaker says that he and Kim assumed the vehicle was headed there.

Whittaker immediately informed the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, who released the story to a local news station who ran the story right away. Within 20 minutes of the story being aired, a call came into the Sheriff’s Department by the person who had taken the art.

“When they guy brought it back, it was only like four

minutes after they had it on the news. I got a call from the sheriff’s department, someone had brought it right back,” says Whittaker.

Whittaker says every single piece was returned to him, from the art to the equipment. “It was a miracle, I felt joy and happiness,” says Whittaker.

Whittaker and the police feel that the incident was an honest mistake on the part of the person who took the items. They feel that no malice was intended, and that because everything was returned it’s a good mark of honest people.

“It was an honest mistake, and then it turned out to be corrected. I turned out to be good friends with the guy that did it, I was able to give him a couple of gifts as a reward,” says Whittaker.

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Some roads will have to wait for repair

County names April as Social Host Awareness Month to encourage adults not to provide alcohol to minors

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In what proved to be a quieter meeting of the County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, January 14 the Road Steering Committee updated commissioners on the plans for area roads for the 2015 year and declared April 2015 as Social Host Awareness Month.

During the only scheduled appearance before the board, John Vrondran of the Road Steering Committee spoke to commissioners regarding the roads that the committee hopes to complete this year.

Due to budgetary issues, Vrondran explained that the Road Steering Committee will focus their attention on smaller roads this year in hopes of saving funds for larger roads in 2016. Roads such as Korthase and Deer Lake are in need of repair, however,

they will cost upwards of 2 million dollars to complete, therefore smaller roads and road improvements will be taken care of this year to avoid having to borrow more money from the county.

This year, Ferry Road, between Peninsula Road and the Ironton Ferry, will see wider shoulders which will make travel for those walking and biking alongside it safer. This project will cost roughly \$400,000, and \$170,000 will come from the township.

"We are basically widening the road...that's a rough estimate, it may be lower than that," said Vrondran of the estimated cost.

Vrondran explained that of the list of roads they have to work on, they are roughly 60% done, however they do have several larger roads left that the Steering Commission considers "bad."

In other commissioner news, the board voted to make April 2015 a

Social Host Awareness Month. This resolution makes it clear the board will support any measures taken to make it difficult for those under the age of 21 to get alcohol at a gathering.

This resolution explains that those who supply alcohol to minors are "placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems" and that underage drinking contributes to a "wide range of costly health and social problems" including vehicle accidents, suicide, violence, unintentional injuries, brain impairment and a host of other issues. The resolution explains that statistics from the 2014 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth indicate that of youths who had drank recently over 50% had done so at another person's home and that 100% reported that alcohol had been provided by an adult.

The commissioners hope that



this resolution will help remind those over 21 that it is illegal to give access to alcohol to minors, even in their home. They hope that having April be a designated month to enforce this more fully will encourage homeowners to "host gatherings responsibly" and not allow minors access to alcohol. The declaration was made; how-

ever, Commissioner Ron Reinhardt did make his feelings regarding the issue known by stating his frustration with the promotion of alcohol in Michigan when the state doesn't allow those over 18 but younger than 21 to drink.

"The whole thing is you can fight and die if you're 18 but you can't be drunk...Michigan promotes alcohol so heavy right now, why do we think our youth drink it?" stated Reinhardt.

Chairman Joel Evans agreed with Reinhardt's frustration, but pointed out that resolution focuses more in on the misuse of alcohol and teaching youth not to do so.

Finally, a public hearing was set for the next meeting of the Board on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of the St. Mary's Brownfield Plan. Information regarding this hearing can be found at www.charlevoixcounty.org.

3D printing at Boyne District Library

3D printing recently has been dubbed the third industrial revolution, and now Boyne District Library patrons can get a first-hand experience with the technology. Books have always been the main business of any library and the principle of providing access to other technology, including 3D printing, helps libraries to continue to hold a vital role in the expanding and sharing of community knowledge.

Now thanks to the Friends of the Boyne District Library the library now has a MakerBot 3D printer. "The library purchased the 3D printer to provide a chance for the community to explore and create with a new technology they may not otherwise have", said library director Cliff Carey. Many libraries have created what is known as a 'makerspace', which is an area for individuals, and collaborators who want to express their

creativity using various technological tools and materials.

Libraries who have already implemented their makerspaces have seen an increase in traffic from people who wouldn't have otherwise stopped by, and that infusion of new visitors may help to inspire and create new programs for everybody. The library is hoping for community members of all ages to work together in the makerspace and with the 3D printer.

"This is the sort of programming that will help give our kids knowledge and skill that will expose them to new technologies and allow them to explore, imagine and innovate" Carey said.

The printer is not ready for public use yet, but is intended to be available for all to use once the library board establishes policy and hours for its use.



Thanks to the Friends of the Boyne District Library the library now has a MakerBot 3D printer. Shown here with the printer are Cliff Carey (at left) and the president of the libraries friends group Jim Rhadigan (at right). Courtesy photo

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 Korthase-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.

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