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Boyne City receives grant to connect Sunset Park to local business

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: In another effort to make Boyne City a stand out town in Northern Michigan, a new plan to make Sunset Park and portions of the waterfront more accessible is coming together with the aid of a grant through the State.

Boyne City is one of 7 Michigan communities to receive help in stirring up economic development through projects that will increase the aesthetics and ease of navigating throughout town. The grants are offered through the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and Michigan State Uni-

versity. The two organizations offer "PlacePlans Grants" to communities on an invitation only basis; the hope is that the community will be encouraged to take advantage of the funding and resources made available to bring in new residents and businesses as well as retain those already there.

In the winter of 2014, Boyne City received a letter indicating they were eligible for the grant if they sent in a letter of intent with a project that would encourage business in the area. Officials in Boyne City felt the waterfront of the city was underutilized, and that a project involving Peninsula

Beach, Sunset Park and the southern portion of Veteran's Park would help to make Boyne City more accessible to those visiting.

"Currently parks are comprised of only basic amenities when they have the potential to be so much more...currently (there are) no paths, signs or features linking them," said City Manager Michael Cain in that letter of intent.

Cain went on to explain that a plan to make these areas more attached would not only make travel easier for those living in the area, but would showcase them to those who may be visit-

ing but unaware of other attractions. Cain explained that as a low to moderate income community, Boyne City has few resources to give toward a project of this scope on their own, but with help could do so.

The plan will allow Boyne City to create space that is usable and memorable as well as give stakeholders and citizens a chance to give their input. Cain expressed his hope that such a plan would reinforce how great Boyne City is for both residents and tourists, as well as stimulate the economy.

"A collaborative master plan for this area would celebrate and accommodate the rich diversity

of Boyne City," stated Cain in the letter.

The grant will offer help by creating a concept that fits this project best, designing the plan, or finding funds to help implement the plan. Communities that have benefitted from the PlacePlans grant in the past include; Alpena, Marquette, Cadillac, and Kalamazoo. This year in addition to Boyne City, Traverse City will benefit from a PlacePlans grant.

For those interested in learning more about PlacePlans Grants or how it will affect Boyne City please call (231) 582-0377 or email mcain@boynecity.com.

sports



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Colin Petrie (24) Riley Kibler (12) and Tucker Alward (20), of East Jordan all make an effort for a rebound as Boyne City's Cole Butler (3) moves in. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



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Boyne City junior guard Hannah Hoth (30) lets this fifteen foot jumper go over the defense of East Jordan's Kassey Wojan (32) and Kaitlyn Hines (40). (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

CHAMBER AWARDS HONOR CHARLEVOIX'S BEST

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: The 2014 Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Awards validated the efforts of extraordinary citizens across Charlevoix who dedicate their time and resources toward making the area a great place to live, visit, and thrive in.

The ceremony began with the Chambers 2014 Annual Report where new Chamber President Allison Hubbard shared how the chamber and those who support it made strides last year to increase business and bring more visitors to the area. Hubbard explained that the chamber has acquired 32 new members, rounding the organization to a total of 440 members.

The chamber also aided in 3 festivals in 2014, held 8 First Friday Business Breakfasts, held 7 downtown promotions, a business expo, and an annual golf outing; just to list a few of the ways in which they hoped to promote the community.

After the triumphs of the Chamber were listed, Chip Hanson of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation took the stage to express his thoughts on where Charlevoix is and where Charlevoix could be heading with a little work.

"Charlevoix the Beautiful is much more than just words on a sign," stated Hanson before going on to describe the strengths of the community. Hanson pointed to how citizens have banded together in recent months after the loss of several young members who meant much to the community as one of the strengths Charlevoix



Chip Hanson of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation took the stage to express his thoughts on where Charlevoix is and where Charlevoix could be heading with a little work. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

has always had.

"Charlevoix is like being in the middle of a Norman Rockwell painting, nearly perfect and always beautiful...only one thing can hold us back...that would be decision making through a black

and white only lens," explained Hanson. He referred this as a challenge that Charlevoix will need to overcome to thrive in coming years. Hanson ended his rousing

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, FEB. 3, 2015

East Jordan to present wastewater feasibility study

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commission met last Tuesday, February 3 to have discussions surrounding the ambulance authority draft agreement, approve the permit for fireworks at this year's Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, and announce the upcoming wastewater feasibility study presentation.

In a brief meeting, City Attorney Scott Beatty walked the commission through changes to the draft agreement. While still undergoing minor modifications, the agreement details the lease between the city of East Jordan and the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority. Such particulars included in the agreement are the terms of rent and maintenance, repair, and improvements to the premises.

In the draft agreement, the authority will lease the portion of the emergency medical services building at 555 Maple Street where the EMS currently resides. The facility will be leased for a term of three years, with rent being \$1 per year for the initial two years and \$1,300 per month thereafter. The \$1,300 rate is a figure based upon the depreciation of the building; the facility was donated by the Malpass Foundation in 2010 and houses both the EMS and fire department. The authority is also responsible for 50% of the maintenance and repair of the building and surrounding premises, including such things as repairs to plumbing, heating, lighting, and roof.

Preceding the commission's next meeting on February 17, there will be a presentation of the feasibility study of the city's wastewater system.

"This is one of the biggest projects to take place in over 20 years that the city will own and operate," said City Administrator Tom Cannon.

An engineering firm con-

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2012-13	Amt	2013-14	Amt	2014-15	Amt
2/11/2013	71.5	2/10/2014	131	2/9/2015	72.5...Boyne Falls
2/11/2013	70.5	2/10/2014	94.1	2/9/2015	41.8...Charlevoix
2/11/2013	44.5	2/10/2014	99	2/9/2015	65...Cheboygan
2/11/2013	81.2	2/10/2014	109.5	2/9/2015	85...East Jordan
2/11/2013	90	2/10/2014	140.8	2/9/2015	109.3...Gaylord
2/11/2013	32.5	2/10/2014	50.8	2/9/2015	23.6...Mio
2/11/2013	50.7	2/10/2014	90.9	2/9/2015	53.3...Onaway
2/11/2013	73.5	2/10/2014	139.7	2/9/2015	86.8...Petoskey

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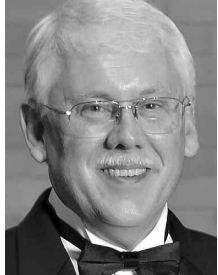
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FEB 14	11°	32°	27°	(1971)	48°	(2002)
FEB 15	11°	32°	25°	(1963)	56°	(1999)
FEB 16	11°	32°	28°	(1963)	50°	(1981)
FEB 17	11°	32°	41°	(1979)	52°	(1981)
FEB 18	12°	33°	13°	(1989)	57°	(1994)
FEB 19	12°	33°	21°	(1979)	56°	(1994)

OBITUARIES

Rev. Jeffrey Kurt Londgren, 59

(JULY 29, 1955 - FEB. 2, 2015)

The Reverend Jeffrey Kurt Londgren passed from this life into the presence of his Savior Jesus on February 2, 2015, at the age of 59 in Charlevoix, Michigan.



Pastor Londgren was born July 29, 1955, in Marshall, Minnesota where he also grew up and attended school. He attended Southwest State University (B.A. voice) in Marshall, Minn.; Bethany Lutheran College (pre-seminary) in Mankato, Minn.; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (M.Div.) in Mequon, Wisc.

He married Elisa Maria Boniek August 16, 1981. He served a vicarage in Sun Prairie, Wisc. and was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1983. He served churches in Abilene, Tex; Payson, Ariz; Petoskey; and, at the time of his death, churches in East Jordan, Hillman, and Rogers City. He was an accomplished musician and singer, and gave piano and voice lessons for many years. He enjoyed teaching and gardening, but sharing the Word of God was his vocation and passion.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Elisa; their six children, Brandon (Rachel) of Mankato, Minn.; Jerusha (Andrew) Cascione of Apple Valley, Minn.; Trevor (Jennifer) of Mankato, Minn.; Peter of Mankato, Minn.; Breanna (Benjamin) Castiglione of Minneapolis, Minn.; and James; four grandchildren, Jacob, Noah, Aria, and Jonathan; his sisters, Cheryl (Mark) Nook of Billings, Mont., and Susan (Harvey) Reckard of Menomonee, Wisc.; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Shirley Londgren of Marshall, Minn.

The funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Hillman. Memorials may be directed to Bethany Lutheran College or to one of his churches.

Please sign Pastor Londgren's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Donna Marie Morrison, 83

(JULY 24, 1931 - FEB. 7, 2015)

Donna Marie Morrison of Charlevoix, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2015, at her son's home in Charlevoix with her family by her side. She was born July 24, 1931, in Wyandotte to Jack and Dorothy (McClanaghan) Armstrong. They moved to Charlevoix in the late 1940's. Donna graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1951, and worked at Joe's Cigar Shop and the theater until 1957.

On October 8, 1957, she married Thomas E. Morrison, Jr. in Boyne City. Donna devoted her life to her boys. She was an avid spectator at the city ball fields watching her boys and grandchildren. She was a great mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas E. Morrison, III (Lyddy), Gene F. (Mel), Philip R., and Kevin P. (Lisa) all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, her loving granddaughter, who was her caregiver, Tasha Lee (Justin) Furgeson, Cody Thomas Morrison, Christian A. Morrison, Renie Morrison; great-grandson, Jax Richard Furgeson; brother, Joe (Annette) Armstrong of Marsellus; sisters-in-law, Audrey (Fred) Newvine of Waterbury, Conn, Alma Armstrong of Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom on January 30, 2014; sister, June Pagel; brother, William Armstrong.

Funeral Mass will be 1:30 pm, Friday, February 13, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Thursday at the Winchester Fu-

neral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 8 pm. Burial will take place in the spring at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's School.

Larri Gilbert Allen, 64

(MAY 22, 1950 - FEB. 8, 2015)

Larri Gilbert Allen died Sunday, February 8, 2015, at his home in East Jordan, Michigan.

He was born on May 22, 1950, in Lansing, Michigan. He married Gail Shaler Boone on October 31, 1997 in East Jordan.

Larri was a workaholic. He owned and operated Larri's Lawn Care in the East Jordan area for many years. He also worked as a sexton for several local cemeteries.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Allen of East Jordan; daughter, Angela (Bob) Gots of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; son, Kevin (Jessica) Allen of Denver, Colorado; step son, Clayton (Tina) Boone of Vanderbilt; step daughter, Jenee' (Jason) Tanner of Boyne City; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Resi, Tyler, Savanna, Cameron, Julia, Dakota and Matthew; brother, Jerry (Marsha) Hosler of East Jordan; sister, Betty (Greg) Smith of Marana, Arizona; and his favorite aunt, Norma Jean Hilliker of East Jordan. Larri was preceded in death by his father, Franklin Allen; mother, Bonnie Hosler; infant sister, Tammy Allen; sister, Jeanie Kay Gensen; and step son, Richard Boone.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. President Terrell Belford of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Gaylord will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Alice Mary Mathews, 85

(FEB. 20, 1929 - FEB. 4, 2015)

Alice M. Mathews of Banks Township died Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born February 20, 1929 in Detroit to Rouben and Catherine (Colby) Karagozian. She spent her early years in various foster homes. A friend suggested that Alice write her brother Lyman Mathews who was in military service. They corresponded for several years, and when he got out of the service they were married on November 9, 1946 in Fenton, Michigan.

Alice and Lyman made their home in Banks Township and were married 53 years before Lyman died in 1997.

Alice was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mancelona. She enjoyed Bingo, cooking, singing, playing cards and board games.

Surviving are her children Dorothy (Kim Evans) Dunville-Evans of Acme, Charlie (Anna) Mathews of Shirley, Ind., Ida Mathews of Vancouver, Wash., Cynthia (Scott) Smith of Noblesville, Ind., Kathleen Mathews of Frankfort, Anna Marie Mathews of Charlevoix, Theodore (Debbie) Mathews of Fairbanks, Alaska; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a half-sister Alice Bradford of Boston, Mass.

High Mass was celebrated Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mancelona with Father James Haynos as officiant.

Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery in Banks Township.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2342 Valley Road, Mancelona, Mich. 49659.

Sign our online guest book at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Wilma Jean Hughes, 86

(APRIL 20, 1928 - JAN. 30, 2015)

Wilma J. Hughes of Mancelona died Friday, January 30, 2015 at Kalkaska Long Term Care.

She was born April 20, 1928 to William and Bernice (Stout) Morningstar in Cedar Springs. She lived most of her life in Mancelona but as a child moved with her family to many lumber camps following her father's employment.

On August 8 1947 she married Junior Max Hughes in Mancelona where they made their home. Mr. Hughes died in February of 1993.

Her passion was reading any and every mystery book she could find. She also enjoyed spending time with her very large extended family, gardening, knitting, sewing and crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her children William (Zina) Hughes of Mancelona, Kenneth Cecil (Robin) Hughes of Kalamazoo, John Leonard Hughes of Bay City; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; siblings Gertrude DePeel of Mancelona, Joan (Robert) Carlson of Grand Rapids, Linda (Harley) VanHoose of Greenville, Ralph (Chris) Morningstar of Kentucky, Joyce Spencer of Holly, Janice Tingley of Mancelona, Catherine (Louie) Scholl of Mancelona, James (Judy) Morningstar of Oklahoma; and sister-in-law Jane Morningstar of Oscoda. She was preceded in death by her husband, sons David and Walter, daughter Barbara, three grandchildren, sisters Shirley Orman and husband Robert, Patricia Tipton and husband Sherman, brothers Grant Morningstar and William Morningstar.

The funeral was Monday, February 2, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Celia M. Hastings officiating.

Sign the online guest book at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Fayth Elaine Howard, 71

(NOV. 18, 1943 - FEB. 7, 2015)

Fayth Elaine (Notestine) Howard, our beautiful, loving mother passed from this earth gracefully on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at Hiland Cottage surrounded by her family.

Fayth seems to have maintained a theme of joyous events in her life occurring in the winter months: her own birth, her marriage, the birth of her three children and now her journey to heaven to be with God and join the loved ones that have gone before her.

Fayth was born Nov. 18, 1943, to Mathilda (Manthei) and Robert S. Notestine of Petoskey. She attended Petoskey High School and North Central Michigan College where she studied bookkeeping.

On Nov. 25, 1961, she married Jerry Howard of Boyne Falls. She spent the early part of her marriage raising and loving her children and working outside of the home at Brock Eckel Pharmacy and Boyne Products. In 1985, they started the family business, Jerry's Garage, where she managed the finances until her retirement in 2000. Fayth had no intention of retiring early, but her 30-plus-year battle with multiple sclerosis forced her to. She courageously and tenaciously battled the disease until the very end and amazed all who had the honor of knowing and caring for her.

Sadly, she was preceded in death by her parents; infant sister, Ruth; her loving husband in 2008; and constant canine companion, Otis.

She is survived by her three adoring children, Debbie (Steve) Walters of Alanson, Brian (Danica) Howard and Cherie Howard, both of

Petoskey; four grandchildren: Gracelyn, Grant, Gillian and Greta Howard, who all provided her much entertainment and love over the years; her brother, Bert Notestine of Petoskey; and half-sister, Shelly Notestine.

Fayth loved wildlife and anything outdoors. From picking tubs of morel mushrooms and pails of blackberries to working the family garden plot from sunup to sundown. She ensured there was enough produce to fill the pantry year after year.

She was a "master gardener" who loved to work her flower beds until the knees of all of her pants were soiled through and was especially proud of her award-winning dahlias. She took great pleasure and delight sharing those beauties with anyone who wanted them. Year after year, she was awarded countless blue, red and white ribbons at the county fair for her tireless efforts. As a family, anything with a motor was fair game and another great passion of hers as well. She even took her turns at driving the family race car.

In her later retirement years as the MS progressed, she found great interest in the genealogy of her family. Her family history of escaping Hitler's reign in Germany was a constant source of intrigue, and she found great comfort and joy in the tracking, documenting and scrapbooking of that. She enjoyed countless hours of bird watching and looked forward to the regular visits from the grandkids on their walks home from school. Kit Kats were a favorite, special treat of hers, and she would regularly try talking anyone of us into getting one for her as often as she could.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m., with a visitation for family and friends from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at Stone Funeral Home, 2098 E. Mitchell Road, Petoskey.

Donations in honor of Fayth's battle can be made to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163; by phone: (800) 344-4867, or online at nationalmssociety.org.

David F. Rostar, 63

(JULY 19, 1951 - FEB. 2, 2015)

David F. "Dave" Rostar of Charlevoix, formerly, Mt. Morris, age 63, passed away on February 2, 2015 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey, MI. His wife, Susan "Susie" (Cooper) Rostar was by his side.

Dave was a caring and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a friend to all. Dave was born on July 19, 1951 to the late Francis and Marvel (Platt) Rostar. He married his wife, Susie on June 28, 2009.

Dave served in the Armed Forces in Vietnam. He was awarded a National Defense medal, a Vietnam Service medal with two Bronze Stars, a Vietnam Campaign medal with a 1960 device, two O/S bars, a Purple Heart (1st Award), a Bronze Star medal (1st Award), and a Distinguished Flying Cross (1st Award).

Dave graduated with honors from the University of Michigan - Flint with his B.A.S. degree. Dave retired from General Motors as a Tinsmith and was a member of the UAW.

Surviving are: wife, Susan "Susie"; children, David A. (Denise) Rostar of Mt. Morris and Amanda (Bryce) Herrick of Mt. Morris; Ron Dunnebeck, Jr. of Central Lake, Josh (Julia) Dunnebeck of East Jordan, and Tiffany (Kelly) Ewing of Mt. Morris; 14 Grandchildren, Britni (Matt) Forystek, Brooke and Bryce Watts, Rylee Herrick, Zak, Baylee and Lily Rostar, Austin, Alley, Jayden, Jayson, and Blake Dunnebeck, and MaKiley and Kelly, Jr. Ewing; Sisters, Polly (Ray) Lowetz of Moran, Jan (Tim) Hall of Flint, Marvel Rostar of Florence, AL; Brothers James (Susan) Rostar of Boyne City and Francis Rostar of Florence, AL. He will be sadly

missed by all.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Marvel (Platt) Rostar and his brother, James Rostar.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Jean P. George, 94

(MARCH 21, 1920 - JAN. 29, 2015)

Jean George passed away peacefully on January 29, 2015 with her family by her side.

Jean was born in Leamington, Ontario on the first day of spring,

March 21, 1920. Her mother told her the birds were singing and a gentle breeze was blowing through the window on the morning she was born. Her father Neil Leslie sadly died during the depression leaving his wife Elva Armstrong Leslie to raise

Jean and her three sisters Laura Vivian Walker, Joy Pierce and Marion Bildsoe. They moved to Highland Park, MI where Jean attended school and met her future husband and love of her life, William George. Bill went off to defend freedom in World War II as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. At the time, Jean worked as a model at Saks Fifth Avenue in Detroit. When Bill returned from his honorable service in the U.S. Army, they were married and Jean always said that's when her life really began.

Jean was a proud stay-at-home mom and volunteered on numerous groups and organizations over the years. A few of the groups she was proud to be a part of were Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital auxiliary gift shop, Frankfort, Michigan Garden Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood which promotes educational opportunities for women and The Birmingham Community House where she served lunch to seniors once a week. Her husband's job also took them on trips to countries around the world where they experienced numerous adventures. In her later years, she was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed her bridge group.

Jean excelled at being a sweet and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a friend to all who knew her. Her daughters Linda (Charles) Michaels, Susan (James) Douglas will always have wonderful memories of their childhood and the togetherness they all shared.

She was equally as proud of her five grandchildren Matthew (Cori), Travis (Dawn), Amanda, Andrew (Erica) and Brian (Jodi) and her great grandchildren Lauren, Jonathan, Brady, Olivia and baby girl Douglas that will bless our family in June. We were all grateful recipients of her amazing handmade gifts and delicious homemade treats. Jean is also survived by her dear sister Marion Bildsoe and eight nieces and nephews.

Jean will be truly missed by her family and those who knew her. Her beautiful smile could light up the room so we believe that we will always carry her shining light within our hearts.

With gratitude, Jean's family would like to thank the caring staff at The Brook. They provided comfort beyond measure.

A celebration of Jean's life will take place at 1:00 PM Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Trinity Fellowship Church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Brook where a special fund is set up for a project that will take place in the spring.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.



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BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, FEB. 9, 2015

Plans reviewed to improve Banks Township Day Park

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - Park plans and road plans were reviewed and election inspectors were appointed at the February 9 Banks Township Board meeting.

The meeting began with board members studying proposal sketches submitted by C2AE Engineer Kevin Makarewicz to decide on the exact additions they will be requesting funding for in their grant applications. The sketches included proposed amenities to the Banks Township Day Park like beach enhancement, landscaping, barrier free

benches, picnic tables and grills as well as handicapped accessible restrooms and access to the water's edge. In a phone conversation with Makarewicz, Treasurer Katy Postmus informed him of changes the board wanted to see in the sketches. He will modify the sketches and bring them to the next step in the grant application process, a public hearing to be held on February 25 at 6 p.m. at the township hall. If the grants are awarded they will require a 25% local match or approximately \$50,000.

A motion to get contracts signed by the Antrim County

Road Commission for work to be conducted on Brown Road, Banks Township Park Road, Joliffe Road, Antrim Dells Road, Doctor Road and Eaton Road was unanimously passed. "So we can be on the top of the list in the spring," said Township Clerk Donna Heeres. The 2015 recommendations from the Commission for Banks Township road improvements was reviewed in depth and included three roads, Brown, Banks Twp., and Joliffe that the township made a commitment last year to improve this year. The road plan proposed by Township Supervisor Thomas Mann

also included gravel work for two seasonal roads North Dennis and North Church both of which have been the topic of conversation at the last two board meetings. "I would be really happy if we do all these," he said. Two representatives from the township road committee attended the meeting to contribute to the discussion Dave Heeres and Bill Austin. "The graveling should be done only if we're going to pave in the near future, I suggest the funds for that come out of the general fund," said Austin. The road budget presently has enough money to do all eight roads and

further discussion will be held on the topic after the other road committee members have seen the proposal.

Donna Heeres, Sue Tillotson, Jim Maine, Jeff Cook, Irene Shooks, Judy Smith, Jean Engstrand and as alternate Marilyn Ferweda were appointed as election inspectors for the February 24 school elections.

Two public hearings will be held on February 25 at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall. One for the Park grants and one for the fire department budget.

Downtown Charlevoix presents Indoor Sidewalk Sales

It may be cold outside, but the deals are hot at the Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales taking place over Presidents' Day weekend. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 13th through Monday February 16th.

Enjoy countless bargains and more on a variety of great merchandise at participating stores. Take advantage of substantial reductions on seasonal inventory that must go. Shoppers will find great discounts on gift items, home decor, art, clothing, books, jewelry, accessories and more. Shop Charlevoix for spectacular deals at participating merchants this holiday weekend!

For a complete list of participating stores, visit www.charlevoix.org or contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or info@charlevoix.org.

Great Lakes Energy Sponsors Youth in Leadership Opportunities

Great Lakes Energy will sponsor up to six high school sophomores and juniors from the GLE service area in two leadership opportunities this year. The Youth Leadership Summit and National Rural Electric Youth Tour are designed to help students develop strong leadership habits, explore career opportunities in the electric industry, and engage in the democratic process.

The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS), presented by Michigan's electric cooperatives, is a high energy, interactive process. This unique three-day event brings students together from throughout Michigan to test themselves mentally and physically with a combination of hands-on classroom exercises and a high-ropes challenge over 30 feet in the air. Students will also learn how to respond in an emergency situation, explore diverse careers in energy, test their decision-making skills as an elected official, and learn what to expect as they prepare for life after high school. YLS takes place April 22-24 at



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active, team-style learning, the utility pole climbing, high ropes adventures and other team-building fun take place on the facility's 515 acres of northern Michigan forests and rolling hills.

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Great Lakes Energy is a not-for-profit, member-owned rural electric utility serving more than 125,000 members in 26 counties throughout western Michigan. The Youth Leadership Summit and Youth Tour are provided free of charge as part of the co-op's ongoing commitment to community. For additional information or to apply online, visit miYLS.com, or call 888-485-2537 ext. 8174.

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Celebrate American Heart Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

The federal declaration naming February American Heart Month states, "cardiovascular disease - including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure - is responsible for one out of every three deaths. It is the No. 1 killer of American women and men, and it is a leading cause of serious illness and disability."

Your heart will pump 5000 to 6000 quarts of blood per day. Over your lifetime, it will work harder than any other muscle in your body. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women. About one million people in the United States die of heart disease annually. Someone dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds. Cardiovascular disease accounts for 1 in 4 of all deaths in the U.S. Women are less likely to believe cardiovascular disease is a concern for them. It is important to know your risks for cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is often preventable by changing the behaviors that can put you at risk.

According to the American Heart Association, your risk for cardiovascular disease is greater if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, high levels of bad cholesterol, are overweight or a smoker. Having diabetes as an adult doubles or even quadruples the likelihood of heart disease or a stroke. By controlling diabetes through lifestyle changes and/or medication, the risk of heart disease is

reduced.

Blood pressure is a ratio of systolic to diastolic. Systolic is a measure of the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats and diastolic is the pressure in the arteries between heartbeats. Normal blood pressure is 120 (systolic) over 80 (diastolic) for adult women. High blood pressure causes your heart to work harder with every beat.

Women are more likely to develop high blood pressure if they have a family history of heart disease, are 20 or more pounds overweight, or have reached menopause. High blood pressure can't be cured, but can be managed through lifestyle changes. High blood pressure can be controlled through maintaining a healthy body weight and increasing physical activity and eating a diet low in saturated fat, sodium, cholesterol and alcohol.

Cholesterol occurs naturally in the body. Over time, the substance hardens, narrowing the artery walls, reducing blood flow and causing blockages resulting in blood clots. These clots can cause a heart attack or stroke. It is important to maintain cholesterol at healthy level for the health of your heart. Strive to maintain overall cholesterol at 200 mg/dl or below and LDL at 100 mg/dl or below. There is evidence that maintaining HDL, or healthy cholesterol at 60 mg/dl or above can help to remove plaque from the arteries.

High levels of LDL or "bad cholesterol" can cause a build up along the inside walls of the

arteries. You might have a family history of high levels of LDL cholesterol, which can increase your risk as well. Lower levels of LDL can be achieved through eating a diet low in saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol.

Being overweight, particularly carrying excess weight around your waist, increases the risk for heart disease. Excess weight makes the heart work harder, raises blood pressure, increases the risk of diabetes and increases levels of LDL (bad) cholesterol. Increase your activity levels and follow a healthy eating plan to lose weight. Exercising moderately for thirty minutes five days per week can reduce the risk of heart disease by 30-40% and the risk of stroke by 25% over those who are not active.

If you are a smoker, quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health. Smoking increases the risk of heart disease and stroke by 2 to 4 times over non-smokers. Women who smoke have a 25 percent higher risk of developing heart disease than male smokers. Overall, smoking will reduce your life expectancy by 13 or more years.

Learn your risk factors for heart disease during American Heart Month and commit to taking good care of your heart for years to come. Friday, February 6, 2015 is National Wear Red Day. Wear red on Friday in recognition of the millions of Americans living with cardiovascular disease.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



NOPE, CANCER IS NOT "JUST BAD LUCK"

A new cancer study is stirring up good controversy, as cancer experts around the world rush to set the record straight about misleading headlines saying: "Cancer's just bad luck." The accurate, good-news message: At least half of all cancers can be avoided with do-it-yourself steps like watching your weight, getting the right tests and (of course) not smoking.

The flap started on New Year's Day, with a Johns Hopkins University study that tried to explain why some body parts are more cancer-prone than others. The researchers concluded that some body tissues contain more fast-reproducing stem cells than others. The more these cells divide, the greater the risk for genetic mutations that can lead to cancer. That explained 65 percent of the difference in cancer rates in different parts of the body -- the "bad luck" mentioned in the study.

But it was widely misunderstood, leading to headlines proclaiming two-thirds of cancer cannot be prevented. That's hogwash! Yes, cancer starts with unlucky genetic mutations. And sometimes, it progresses despite a healthy lifestyle. But for many types of cancer -- including cancers of the colon, lungs, breast and prostate, the Big Four that affect the most people and cause the most deaths -- the steps you take can help keep those mutations from morphing into cancer or stop the mutations from happening in the first place. A new American Cancer Society study followed a half-million Americans for over 10 years and discovered that following cancer-fighting strategies reduced the odds for many cancers dramatically; for example, it cuts the risk for colon cancer by up to 48 percent.

Another benefit of smart lifestyle choices: Much of the malignancy of cancer once it starts is determined by your choices, such as avoiding foods with added sugars or syrups and just walking regularly. And top cancer experts are shouting the "you can make a difference" message to the world. So, here's how they, and we, say you can prevent and help control cancer:

Don't smoke. "Nearly all lung cancer would be prevented if nobody smoked," noted one Harvard School

of Public Health dean in a Boston Globe op-ed about the study. If you've tried to quit before, try again. And again. Talk with your doc about crave-stopping medications, nicotine replacement products and counseling, then set a stop date.

Watch your weight; eat great proteins. Maintaining a healthy weight can cut your risk for cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, colon and rectum, lining of the uterus, kidneys, breast, ovaries, prostate and gallbladder. Eating more healthy protein, such as fish, skinless chicken, turkey, beans and nuts, helps build muscle and is good for getting rid of inflammatory body fat that increases cancer risk. Next, avoid all deli meats (they're usually highly processed with harmful chemicals) and red meat, pork and egg yolks. Red meat contains saturated fats and the amino acid carnitine. If you consume more than 4 ounces of red meat or one egg yolk a week, or a combo, your gut bacteria change to produce trimethylamine, which your liver turns into inflammatory compounds like trimethylamine oxide, and that may be more likely to promote cancer than even cigarettes.

Get the tests you need. Mammograms, pelvic exams, colon checks, skin screening, prostate-cancer checks (if you and your doc agree they're right for you) can find precancerous tissue and cancers in early, more treatable stages.

Say yes to cancer vaccines. Rates of liver cancer have fallen thanks to childhood vaccination for hepatitis B. And the new HPV vaccine for teens and young adults could prevent an estimated 21 million cancers (including cancers of the cervix, anus and vagina). Yet 42 percent of teen girls and 65 percent of teen boys are missing out.

Slather on the sunscreen. The American Cancer Society notes that protecting yourself from the sun's harmful UV rays can reduce your risk for the deadliest skin cancer, melanoma, by 50 percent.

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HEART ATTACK: Know the signs and save a life

By Deb Hagen-Foley

February is American Heart Month and Go Red for Women Month. The proclamation by President Obama marks the 51st anniversary of this recognition. These events are intended to bring attention to the fact that cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women. About one million people in the United States die of heart disease annually. In the United States, someone dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds.

Knowing the signs of a heart attack and taking action quickly can prevent permanent damage to the heart and potentially save a life. The primary symptom of heart attack is pain in the chest. The pain can feel like squeezing, fullness, pain or uncomfortable pressure. Perhaps you have heard it described as feeling like an elephant sitting on the chest. If you or someone you know has discomfort

in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back, seek medical attention.

Chest pain isn't the only possible symptom of a heart attack. Women, in particular, may experience other symptoms of a heart attack. The sign might be pain or discomfort in other parts of the upper body. This could include one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Shortness of breath can be a sign of a heart attack, with or without chest pain. Other signs are: nausea, lightheadedness, or breaking out in a cold sweat.

The symptoms may come on suddenly, but more often, they start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Too often, people don't believe it is a heart attack because of the gradual onset of symptoms. Not all signs will occur in all heart attacks. It is important to call

9-1-1 if you suspect a heart attack. New treatments have im-

proved survival rates of heart attacks, reducing disability and mortality. They must be given quickly in order to be effective.

Cardiovascular disease is often preventable by changing the behaviors that can put you at risk, including changing your diet. According to the American Heart Association, preventing a heart attack is as easy as A, B, C. Avoid tobacco, Become more active, and Choose good nutrition. Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do to improve your health. Getting at least 30 minutes of physical activity on five or more days per week can help lower blood pressure and help in maintaining a healthy body weight. A diet including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy will reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease. Take steps today and everyday to take care of your heart so you may never experience the signs of a heart attack.

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

0720 Vehicle blocking Wilson St. Vehicle was towed.
 0835 Report of male on Facebook soliciting photos of underage girls
 1420 Contraband located on juvenile in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1645 Found wallet turned into PD. Was returned to owner the next morning.
 1642 Driving complaint on M-75 N heading into town.
 1731 Single vehicle property damage accident North and Jefferson occurred last night
 1802 Assisted Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls.
 2155 Subject arrested in Antrim County on our warrant. Transported to jail.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

0738 Child Welfare check on Ray St
 0956 Property damage accident at Boyne Av and Lincoln
 1010 Personal injury accident in the Industrial Park
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST
 0023 Arrested subject for DWLS
 0800 Noise complaint on Nordic Dr
 1113 Report of 3 subjects on W Michigan conducting survey for American Sign Language.
 1125 Report of Hit and run from the 500 block of W Michigan. Unknown where occurred
 1240 Car crashed into shed in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1810 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

0941 Suspicious vehicle at Boyne Av and Hemlock.
 1038 Embezzlement reported in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1100 Report of suspicious vehicle in the area of Avalanche Mountain
 1120 Report of attempted IRS scam
 1130 Assist Sheriff Department with arrest on M-75 S
 1152 Death notification requested in the 1100 block of Marshall Rd
 1242 Suspicious activity reported in the 800 block of S Park
 1322 Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

1346 Report taillight broken out in the 600 block of N East St
 1623 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of Brockway

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

0601 Assist Sheriff Department with a B&E in progress on Thumb Lake Rd. at N Camp Ten.
 1238 Rescued dog that fell into the lake near the Marina.
 2038 Report of possible illegal drug activity in the 300 block of E Division St
 2211 Suspicious activity reported on E Main St

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

0106 Assist to the Sheriff Dept in Walloon
 1032 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1453 Arrested subject for DWLS
 1821 Hit and run on Water St.
 1155 Went to Walloon to assist Emmet County.
 0400 Assisted EMS on Clark St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

1420 Civil dispute
 1438 Unlock in the 500 block W. Michigan
 2335 Citation issued for improper use of registration and no proof of insurance

MONDAY JANUARY 26

0015 Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
 1450 Contraband removed from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1630 Arrested intoxicated subject on S Lake St for parole violation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

1025 Juvenile complaint from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1314 Property damage accident at the Dog Park
 1415 Assist to Elk Rapids PD
 1726 Lodged a dog at the shelter
 1947 Lodged a dog at the shelter.
 2050 Citation issued for speed at Boyne City Rd/Court St.
 2205 Citation issued for driving without lights
 2307 Assisted Sheriff Dept domestic on Fineout Rd.
 2338 Suspicious situation reported in the 700 block of Fremont.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

1829 Citation issued for speed and No Proof of insur-

ance at Boyne City Rd/Court St.

1956 Property damage accident at Boyne Ave near High St
 2107 Issued a kill permit for a deer struck on Charlevoix St. just outside city limits.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

0730 Checked on a truck at Tannery Park. Was an ice fisherman.
 0810 Unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Vogel St
 1017 Report of money stolen in 2010 while subject was staying on E Main St
 1222 Traffic control at Park and Groveland
 1431 Parking complaint in the 100 block of E Water St
 1500 Attempted IRS scam reported.
 1759 Suicidal subject in the 300 block of N Lake St. Voluntarily went with EMS
 1900 Driving complaint on Boyne Av

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

0700 Report of a missing cellphone.
 1141 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1645 Served no trespass order for the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1650 Civil custody dispute in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 1729 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Vogel St
 2039 Dog running into traffic on N. Lake St/Lower Lake St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

0124 Car deer accident on Fall Park Rd.
 0545 Alarm in the 100 block of River St
 1201 Sex offender vehicle registration violation in the 300 block of N Lake St

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

0200 Vehicle in the ditch at Division and Lake. Citation issued for texting while driving.
 0237 Medical alarm in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1008 Gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 1739 Civil Custody issues in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

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February 2-8

911 Hang Up Call.....2
 Abandoned Vehicle.....1
 Abuse.....0
 Alarm.....1
 Animal Complaint.....13

Annoyance.....3
 Assault.....0
 Assist Citizen.....4
 Assist Motorist.....2
 Assist Other Agency.....22
 Attempt to Locate.....2
 Attempted Suicide.....0
 Bank Alarm.....0
 Breaking & Entering.....2
 Car/Deer Accident.....5
 Citations Issued.....12
 Civil Complaint.....3
 Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
 Death.....0
 Disorderly Person.....0
 Disturbance.....3
 Domestic Dispute.....0
 Driving Complaint.....0
 Found Property.....1
 Fraud.....2
 Health & Safety.....0
 Hit & Run.....1
 Intoxicated Person.....0
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 Malicious Destruction of Property.....0
 Mental Subject.....0
 Minor In Possession.....0
 Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
 Missing Person.....0
 Noise Complaint.....0
 Operating Under the Influence...1
 Paper Service.....22
 Parking Violation.....1
 Personal Injury Accident.....2
 Personal Protection Order.....0
 Private Property Accident.....3
 Property Check.....58
 Property Damage Accident.....8
 Prowler.....0
 Road Hazard.....1
 Stalking.....1
 Suspicious Situation.....4
 Threat.....1
 Traffic Stop.....19
 Trespassing.....0
 Unknown Accident.....0
 Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile...0
 Vehicle in the Ditch.....6
 Violation of Controlled Substance Act...2

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East Jordan Commission

continued from 1A ducted a feasibility study concerning the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant for the city. The city currently uses 85-90% of the treatment plant, putting it at near capacity. This leaves little room for new users or new development within the city.

The study also looked at the feasibility of bringing Burnette Foods into the city's wastewater system. According to Mayor Peck, Burnette

Foods has been using their own spray irrigation system, but they are facing more restrictions next year with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If Burnette Foods were to be added into the city system, the city would likely have to change the way they treat the wastewater.

The wastewater feasibility study will be presented at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at city hall. The regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission will follow at 7 p.m.

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ELLSWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING, FEB. 9, 2015

2015 fiscal year budget approved

Norma Jean Babcock

ELLSWORTH: The monthly meeting of Village Council saw the passing of the new fiscal year budget, as well as plans to renew the franchise contract with Consumers Energy.

The meeting began quietly, as council members accepted the 2015 fiscal year budget, which is extremely close to the budget for last year. Council felt good about the decision, as no major changes needed to be addressed.

"It stayed pretty close to what

it was last year," stated interim chairman Ron Boss.

The passing of the budget was followed up by a presentation from Tim Petrosky of Consumers Energy, who came before council to ask them to renew the contract for energy supply for another 30 years. Petrosky explained that according to a section in the Constitution companies have to renew their franchises every 30 years. He also stated that nothing had changed as far as the plan the city currently uses, but that it did need to be reapproved.

As his appearance was unscheduled, Council will make the official decision at their next regular meeting in March. His appearance did spark a discussion about how difficult it is to get streetlights changed however by attendee Jerry Rasmussen. Rasmussen explained that not only does the village wait for a considerable period of time before lights are fixed, but simply trying to get through the company to get someone out to fix it was very difficult.

Petrosky assured council that

they could rely on him to be the advocate for them, and explained a way they could go online to request services, which would require Consumers Energy to respond within a specified time period, and if they didn't a refund would be issued. He apologized to council, explaining that the luxury of having someone simply come out quickly has become a thing of the past as the company continues to grow.

"That nice local touch is kind of going away..." stated Petrosky. Other council news saw plans

for the Pig Roast get updated, and concerns were expressed over how citizens can pay their water bills. Marlene Drenth explained that for those in the community who are used to paying their bills in person, they could do so, but that those bills need to be dropped off at Banks Township Hall, and that there are no specified hours when someone would be there to collect it. Council therefore expressed their desire that people pay by mail, and send it to the address located on the bill.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, FEB. 10, 2015

Boyne to put new City Buildings on ballot

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On May 5, citizens of Boyne City will have the chance to weigh in on a plan to build new city buildings at the cost of close to \$7 million which would require a bond proposal to reimburse.

At the regular meeting of the Boyne City Commission on Monday, commissioners decided on having citizens vote to build new city facilities with moneys gained through a bond proposal that would increase the city's millage rates. The issue has been up for discussion some time which has enabled city leaders to get an idea of what the public would like to see happen and whether or not such a plan is necessary. The plan would require a new millage to be set, therefore effecting property taxes paid not only by homeowners but business owners as well. After several public hearings and meetings where the details of the plan to create these buildings were given, the decision came down to whether or not the plan should go to a vote of the people on the May 5th ballot or the November ballot.

City Manager Michael Cain acknowledged that asking people to pay more taxes is always a difficult thing, but gave recent results from May elections which had similar items on their ballots to show that such a thing wasn't out of the ordinary. Cain also explained to the commission that pushing for the May ballot gave them more options should the



Boyne City residents will have the opportunity to vote for new a new City Hall and Emergency Services building during the May elections this year.

millage fail.

"You have more options if you start sooner...if it goes down you can regroup and redo the proposal for November. Then you could still be in the 2016 construction schedule," stated Cain.

Those in the audience showed concern over the proposal, including worries over whether or not the DDA should contribute more to the project as opposed to seeking the total amount from a millage. Others in attendance wondered if there had been enough time to make the best de-

cision, or if perhaps trying to get the idea on the ballot in May was a bit premature.

"There doesn't seem to be enough time to discuss this thing fully in time to get in on May," stated Ken Allen.

However, the majority of those on council felt that the plan had been discussed thoroughly at previous meetings, and that pushing for the earlier ballot was the best decision.

"We have done our due diligence, I feel totally confident that the...way we've gotten to this

date and the way we got this price has been very open and transparent," stated Commissioner Tom Neidhamer.

Four of the other commissioners agreed with Neidhamer's sentiments, including Mayor Ron Grunch who explained that he felt pushing the proposal onto the May ballot was the best way to get what citizens had requested at various Goal Sessions accomplished. Despite their confidence however, Commissioner Derek Gaylord voiced his concerns that maybe more time should be taken

with the issue before handing it over to the voters.

"This is something we need to think about very carefully...I don't think between our last meeting and now that this May ballot is the appropriate time to do this," stated Gaylord. He went on to explain that he did fully support the project, but that figuring out the details of how to save taxpayers money and make sure that business owners are happy with the plan should be more thoroughly considered before putting it to a vote.

Cain followed up the commissioner's comments by reminding them that putting the proposal onto the ballot will include much public discussion and that the public will be informed before having to make a decision. Cain also stated that he felt a project like this was a great way to enhance Boyne City and that it, coupled with the DPW project that has already gained approval, were wise choices.

"We are in the business of investing into our community's future...this is another investment," stated Cain.

The commission ultimately decided to submit the proposal to the County Clerk in the hopes of getting it on the May ballot. A motion was made by Neidhamer and supported by Gene Towne, the vote came down 4-1 with Gaylord voting no.

The next meeting of the Boyne City Commission is scheduled for February 24 at noon inside City Hall.

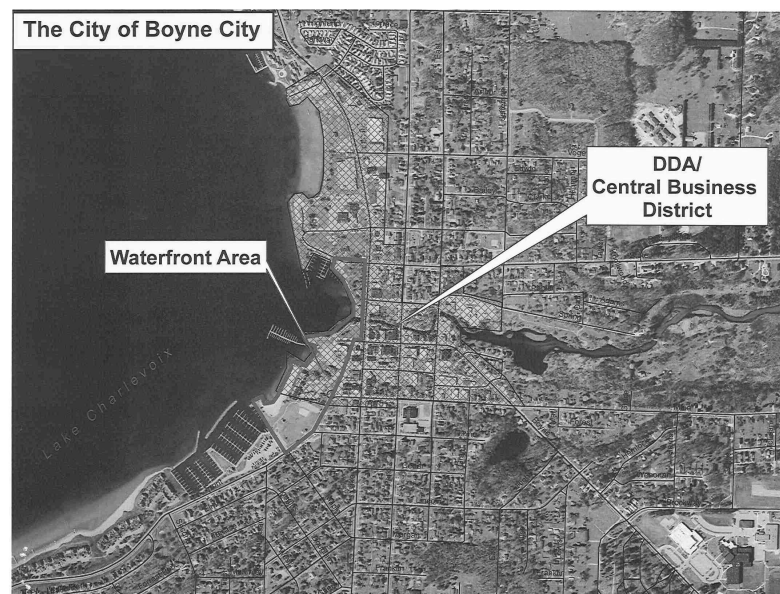
Boyne City Selected for PlacePlans Work

Seven Cities to Receive Economic Development Assistance

Boyne City is among seven Michigan cities selected to receive technical assistance with key economic development projects designed to attract and retain residents and employers. Specifically, Boyne City will get help coordinating a design plan for Sunset Park and surrounding areas. Boyne City, along with Benton Harbor, Lathrup Village, Monroe, Niles, Saginaw, and Traverse City will participate in PlacePlans, the Michigan Municipal League announced today. The seven cities were selected as part of a statewide application process.

Boyne City Manager, Michael Cain states, "We are very excited and proud to be selected to participate in this program. Through the PlacePlans program we will receive first class services which will help our community focus on what it would like to see for some of our key properties including Peninsula Beach Park, Sunset Park, the south end of Veterans Park and creating linkages between them. This effort will build on our earlier Waterfront Master Plan with the goal of working toward projects that not only the community wants but that we can also get done."

PlacePlans is a joint effort between the League and Michigan State University to help communities design and plan for transformative placemaking projects. The PlacePlans are done with support from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority



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(MSHDA) and Governor Snyder's MIplace Partnership.

Boyne City's project will look at the waterfront along Lake Charlevoix that is underutilized and properties are disconnected from each other and the downtown area. A coordinated design plan for Sunset Park and surrounding spaces would create attractive connections and paths to link parks, beaches, downtown businesses, and the historic walking tour.

This is the third round of the PlacePlans program, which began in 2012 with projects in Allegan, Alpena, Dearborn, and Sault Ste. Marie, and continued in 2014 with projects in Cadillac,

Detroit, Flint, Holland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Marquette, and Midland. Go here to view previous projects.

"With this announcement, in just three short years we are very pleased to have helped about two dozen communities throughout Michigan with projects that will benefit their cities for years to come," said Dan Gilmartin, CEO and executive director of the Michigan Municipal League. "The League has long supported the concept of placemaking, which is creating communities where people want to live, work and play. The PlacePlans actually create realistic, tangible designs to make place-

making possible."

Gary Heidel, chief placemaking officer for MSHDA, said the seven communities selected are from all areas of the state and the projects involved range from better utilizing a creek/park area in Traverse City to redeveloping a downtown park and plaza in Benton Harbor.

"Each community has its own characteristics and assets that makes it unique," Heidel said. "The great thing about this PlacePlans program is it helps a community look at an under-utilized asset and puts it on the path toward becoming a community gem. The design and technical assistance being provided through PlacePlans will give them a road map and direction they need."

Now that the communities and projects have been selected, the next step will be to identify key stakeholders in each community. Then, multiple public meetings will be scheduled in each city to gather public input. From those meetings, conceptual plans with specific implementation goals and guidelines will be formed. Regular updates and information about the projects will be posted at <http://placemaking.mml.org/placemaking/>.

Anyone interested in getting more information or in participating in this process should contact City Manager Michael Cain at 231.582.0377 or at mcain@boynecity.com.

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speech by stating that Charlevoix's future will rely on "collaboration and consensus" if it wants to become stronger.

The speech ended on a high note, and the awards portion of the event began in earnest. Hubbard explained that the chamber voted winners based on contributions to the community and efforts to increase business success.

Young Professional of the Year: This award was granted to Benjamin Muladore of Edward Jones Investments in downtown Charlevoix. Muladore moved here in 2007 and is known for his efforts as a Rotarian in the STRIVE Program at Charlevoix High school, where he mentors students and offers summer employment to those who succeed in the program.

New Business of the Year: This award went to the Bridge St. Taproom, with co-owners Phil Parr, Aaron Hagen, Rich Bergmann, and Adam Englemen receiving the plaque at the ceremony. The Taproom owners are known for their community involvement and their efforts to promote the area by partnerships with the DDA, Chamber, and local festivals including Shadowfest.

Customer Service Award: This award was presented to Linda Weller of the City of Charlevoix. Weller has been employed by the city since 1978 and has been the Assistant to the City Manager for several managers during her time there. According to current City Manager Rob Straebel, Weller is known for her dedication to the job, reliability, and her "very generous spirit."

Business of the Year: The men of Bingham Insurance Services accepted the award this year. The father and son team noted that their business thrives only because of the people around them.

"(You have to know) the importance of supporting those who support you," said Sam Bingham in the video which accompanied their award.

Chamber Ambassador Award: The valiant efforts of Jean Musilek were noted with this award. Musilek is the Community Relations Manager at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and expends much of her time teaching water safety. The award was granted for her efforts to promote the pool and her community involvement.

Outstanding Citizen Award: Former Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson accepted this award for 2014. Carlson is a businessman, teacher and sometimes coach who promotes every aspect of Charlevoix in his life. Carlson, a family man, spends time at the school his children attend and involves himself in the many festivals and parades held in Charlevoix.

The event concluded, leaving those in attendance eagerly looking forward to the triumphs of 2015, and with renewed energy to continue making Charlevoix the Beautiful truly a beautiful place to live.

Charlevoix CHAMBER AWARDS



Young Professional of the Year – Benjamin Muladore. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Business of the Year – Bingham Insurance Services. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



New Business of the Year – Bridge Street Tap Room (front row from left) Aaron Hagen, Phil Parr and Adam Engelman, all of Bridge Street Tap Room (back row from left) Dennis Halverson, Alison Hubbard, both of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and Rich Bergmann of Bridge Street Tap Room. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Customer Service of the Year – Linda Weller. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Chamber Ambassador of the Year – Jean Musilek. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Outstanding Citizen of the Year – past mayor, Norman "Boogie" Carlson received a standing ovation from the audience before reaching the podium. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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First "Off the Cuff" East Jordan Gathering Well Attended

The first in the "Off the Cuff" series got off to an impressive start. Over twenty members of the East Jordan Community joined City Administrator Tom Cannon, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Mary Faculak and Matt Stevenson, Superintendent of East Jordan Public Schools for an informal luncheon gathering at Murray's Bar & Grill on Thursday, February 5.

Attendees were able to hear updates from the three community leaders, as well as ask questions on a number of community topics. Repre-

sentatives from the City Council, Downtown Development Authority, local organizations, industry and businesses were able to share their upcoming activities and announcements. The series will continue throughout the year at various locations. Watch our website and calendar of events for the date, time and location of the next "Off the Cuff" gathering.

For more information, please contact Mary Faculak at the Chamber – 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

Volunteer Connections Marks Five-Year Anniversary

Char-Em United Way is connecting volunteers with local opportunities to engage in service. Five years ago, Char-Em United Way launched Volunteer Connections, a "virtual volunteer center". A new and improved online system was initiated last January. The updated site is very user friendly; with 77 agencies active on the system and 4975 community members having viewed the needs they posted.

By creating a venue that both allows individuals to see the many ways they can make a difference and agencies to promote their needs, Char-Em United Way is increasing the potential for volunteerism, donations, and involvement in the community.

Non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet County list their volunteer needs on the Volunteer Connections website. Volunteers then help with these requests, based on their skills, interests, and availability. A wide variety of agencies and proj-

ects allow volunteers to focus their efforts on the environment and ecology, culture and the arts, education, health and safety, or emergency services.

With the current employment challenges in our area, job seekers can gain valuable experience through volunteering. Often non-profit organizations need skilled volunteers to develop their website, plan marketing, organize fundraisers, and lead programs- all experiences that can build a strong resume.

Pat Brewer, Char-Em United Way Vista Volunteer, believes that volunteering is an integral element of citizenship. "We have an amazing culture of service and giving in Northern Michigan. This United Way program is helping to harness that positive energy and community spirit. Volunteer Connections continues to grow and we are very excited promoting its use in the community," said Brewer.

Many area programs rely

on volunteers to complete their philanthropic mission. There are projects available for all ages and talents. Volunteer Connections is a free resource that benefits the entire community- those that serve and those that are in need of service.

Volunteer Connections also serves the volunteer needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by providing additional resources for volunteer recruitment, recognition, and management. It is one of the strategic initiatives developed by Char-Em United Way and is supported through donations to the United Way campaign which is currently in progress as well as proceeds from the annual spring fund raising event, Instant Wine Cellar. Save the date for this year's Instant Wine Cellar on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 7 to 11pm at The Perry in Petoskey. To volunteer, donate, or for more information visit: www.charemunitedway.org or call 487-1006.

Ellsworth Community School named Academic State Champion

On February 3 Ellsworth Community School was announced as an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine. Only 69 school districts in the state received this recognition.

To determine the winners, Bridge partnered with Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (the state's leading public policy research firm) to develop a value-added ranking system that measures a school's test scores

adjusted for student family income.

"We are extremely proud of this academic accomplishment. It's a testament to the many outstanding teachers, parents, and most importantly students we have in the Ellsworth Community School district," said Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "It validates the work we do on a daily basis to provide the highest quality education to our stu-

dents."

Out of 509 school districts in the State of Michigan, Ellsworth Community School was ranked 27th. Even more impressively, out of 643 elementary buildings ranked, Ellsworth Elementary ranked 5th. To view the entire statewide ranking database visit www.bridgemi.com.

This is the second consecutive year that Ellsworth Community School has been recognized as an

Academic State Champ. "Being awarded this honor for the second year in a row demonstrates that the systems we have in place in Ellsworth are consistently producing the highest academic results," said Gaffney. "Not only were we named Academic State Champs again, but we moved up in the rankings and finished as one of the top five elementary schools in the state."

"Bridge is pleased once again

to honor over-achieving school districts with the Academic State Champs award," said John Bebow, president and CEO of The Center for Michigan, which publishes Bridge. "This year's list of winners demonstrates that educators and students alike can overcome hurdles and prepare the future generation of Michigan workers for success. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!"

Northwest Academy holds annual Artsy Cabin Fever Soup Cook-Off

On Thursday, February 5th, Northwest Academy held its 6th Annual Artsy Cabin Fever Soup Cook-Off, featuring soups from local area restaurants and artwork from the students of Northwest Academy. The win-

ners of the event were, first place Red Mesa with its Ahi Amarillo Mushroom, second place Pigs Eatn' Ribs with Roasted Butternut Squash, and third place Cre8tive Cupcake with Creamy Potato Cheddar. Also in

attendance were City Park Grille, Front Porch Cafe, Scovie's Gourmet, Smoke on the Water, Villager Pub, Drawbridge Bistro, Bridge Street Tap Room, and Grey Gables.



The winners of the 6th Annual Soup Cook-Off, Adam Kline from Pigs Eatn' Ribs, Mike Thompson and Patti Lounsbury from Red Mesa, and Alfred Soriano from Cre8tive Cupcake. COURTESY PHOTO

East Jordan Public Schools Extravaganza

The second annual EJPS Extravaganza, a guaranteed fun fundraiser benefiting East Jordan Public Schools, will take place Saturday, March 7 from 5:30 to 11pm at Castle Farms. The Extravaganza features a complimentary Happy Hour from 5:30-6:30 sponsored by The Landings restaurant, Good Eats, Cash Bar, Dance Band The Cookies, Fun and Games, Silent and Live Auctions, a Photo Booth and Free Childcare. Tickets are \$50 per person, available at all EJPS School Offices or by phone. Sponsors, Donations, Volunteers appreciated. For complete details go to www.Facebook.com/EJPSX. For tickets, to donate, or volunteer, call 231-536-2259.

Junior Achievement volunteers

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Singles Mingle at Castle Farms

Calling all singles! Don't have a date for Valentine's Day? Let Castle Farms play matchmaker! Singles Mingle will be held at the Castle on February 14, 2015 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Begin your evening with a series of short one-on-one dates designed to introduce you to a wide variety of individuals in a short amount of time. Attendees will be divided into two age groups: 21-40 and 41-up. Finish your evening while enjoying desserts and mingling with those you connected with. \$20 per person. Must be 21 years or older. Tickets must be purchased in advance online at CastleFarms.com, or by phone at 231-237-0884 ext. 225. Castle Farms, 5052 M-66 N., Charlevoix, Michigan.



Preschooler Iris Chulick-Sirmons tries to talk Cindy Themm out of a rice crispy treat. COURTESY PHOTO



6th grader Kaj Lopez-Solvinski and 7th grader Tyler Quast share a joke. COURTESY PHOTO

NEWS BRIEFS

Boyne City High School

Student of the Week



Quentin Nottage

Staff Comments:

Quentin is an excellent student in US History. He brings his passion for learning each and every day in class! Congratulations Quentin!" – Michele Deming

"Quentin is an excellent student with an exceptional attitude who is willing to get fully involved in every classroom activity and discussion."

"Quentin is a great student. He is friendly, smart, and kind to others. Quentin is an active learner and participant in my class. I have enjoyed having him in class this trimester. Congratulations, Quentin!" – Amy Hertel, Spanish

Boyne Falls Middle School

Student of the Week



Maddie Daneff

Grade: 8

Parent(s): Heather and Chad Zbacnik

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: : Travel for a year and then go to college

School Activities: Basketball and Volleyball

Hobbies and Interests: Basketball

Favorite Book: Love Letters to the Dead

Staff Comments:

"Maddie is a pleasure to have in my classroom. She is a very hard worker and is always looking for ways to improve her grade. Maddie continues to impress me the most with her desire to help other students in the classroom succeed." – Frank Hamilla

BOYNE CITY

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ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Shiverfest

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

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BOYNE CITY

Freshwater Art Gallery Valentine's Concert

Saturday, February 14, 8pm. Brett Mitchell, Dave Boutette, Norm Wheeler, Glenn Wolff, Graham Fine-out, Dan Calloway, Ron Lee Berry. \$25 advance, \$30 at door. 217 Lake Steet.

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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.

EAST JORDAN

Daddy/Daughter Dinner and Dance

The East Jordan Co-op Nursery School presents An Evening in Paris!

Daddy/Daughter Dinner and Dance. Saturday, Feb. 21, 5:30 at the Civic Center

Preschool-5th grade. Tickets available from any EJ Co-Op Nursery School Parent or in the Co-Op Classroom. \$25-Couple or \$30- Family. Questions: Call Renee @ 231-222-2229

EAST JORDAN

All You Care To Eat Swiss Steak Dinner

The East Jordan United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All You care to eat

Swiss Steak Dinner Sat., Feb., 21, 5-7pm. A variety of salads and homemade pies will also be offered. The church is located at the corner of Fourth and Es-terly in East Jordan. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages5-12, and under 5 free.

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BOYNE CITY

Pure Michigan Connect Luncheon Workshop

Pure Michigan Business Connect is hosting a luncheon workshop that will help you connect your business to other Michigan businesses using www.puremichigan2b.com; improve your buying and selling opportunities; and provide opportunities for free business services through Pure Michigan Business Connect. NLEA staff will also be available directly following the workshop to provide one-on-one assistance to enhance your PMBC listing and request PMBC services. Friday, February 27, 12-1:30pm, NLEA office, 1313 Boyne Avenue. \$10 per person. RSVP (231) 582-6482 or info@northernlakes.net.

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CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix

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BOYNE CITY

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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.

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February Happenings

2/15, 22, Sundays, 7am - 12pm

Sno-Mobilers Breakfast
Meet at the clubhouse on Mt Bliss Road for a hot meal. www.ejchamber.org

2/12, 19, 26, Thursdays, 6 - 7:30pm

Be Bored or Play Games!
We'll have a few games ready to play each night, or bring your own. Bring friends! www.charlevoix.org

2/14, 21, 28, Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Boyerne City Farmers' Market
In the Red Barn next to the Boyne City District Library.
www.boyernechamber.com

2/13, Friday - 2/14, Saturday

Chocolate-Covered Boyne
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2/14, Saturday

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2/14, Saturday, 8pm

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www.boyernechamber.com

2/14, Saturday, 7 - 10:00pm

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2/26, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00pm

February 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

Did you know...

- Fast food restaurants use yellow, red, and orange because those are the colors that stimulate hunger.
- People over the age of fifty start to lose their dislike for foods that taste bitter.
- The average person can live about a month without eating any food, but can only live about a week without water.
- 97 percent of caffeine must be removed from coffee for it to be labeled "decaffeinated."
- One-third pound stalk of broccoli contains more vitamin C than 204 apples.
- It takes about three hours for food to be broken down in the human stomach.
- The eight most popular foods to cause food allergies are: milk, eggs, wheat, peanuts, soy, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish.
- The first fruit eaten on the moon was a peach.
- Carrots were first grown as a medicine.
- Food can only be tasted if it is mixed with saliva.
- Blueberries have more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetables.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 12
Wii Bowling
11am Knitting & Crochet

Friday, February 13
Foot Clinic (by Appt)
VALENTINE'S PARTY!!
11am Backwoods Maestros Raffle

Monday, February 16
Line Dance
Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize

Tuesday, February 17
11am Ray & Tom
Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize

Wed., February 18
Foot Clinic (by Appt)
11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursday, February 19
Wii Bowling
11am Knitting & Crochet

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 12
11am Chair Yoga Class
11:30am Music by Roger Hartson
1pm Pinochle

Friday, February 13
VALENTINE'S PARTY!
9:30am Craft Class
1pm Rummy

Monday, February 16
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 17
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class
1pm Rummy

Wed., February 18
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, February 19
11am Chair Yoga Class
11:30am Back Porch Music
1pm Pinochle

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 12
Foot Clinic
KARAOKE DAY!

Friday, February 13
VALENTINE'S PARTY!!
11am Ray & Tom
Bingo/Raffle

Monday, February 16
Foot Clinic & BP
8am-1pm Walking M-F

Tuesday, February 17
10:30am Line Dancing
12:30pm Bingo

Wed., February 18
GAME DAY!

Thursday, February 19
Foot Clinic
KARAOKE DAY!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, February 12
CRUNCHY DRUMSTICKS

Friday, February 13
HAM DINNER

Monday, February 16
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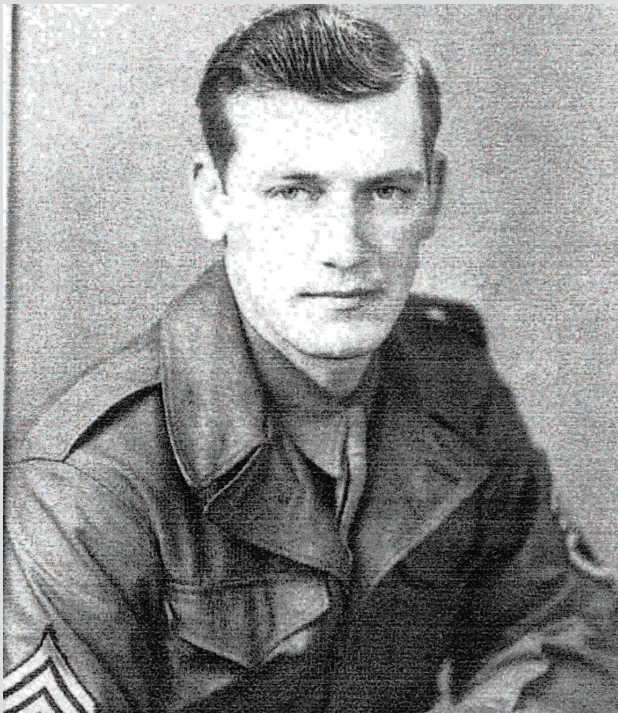
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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for February 2015 is Leo Carl Massey Sr. Born Nov. 25th, 1924 on the family farm south of Boyne Falls, Mich., Massey attended school in Boyne Falls graduating in the class of 1944. On Oct. 7th, 1944 Massey was inducted into the Army entering into active service at Fort Sheridan, Ill. and following basic training, where he qualified Marksman with the M-1 Garand Rifle and Thompson Submachine Gun, and specialty training, Massey departed the USA on March 7th, 1945 arriving in the European African Middle Eastern Theater of Operations on March 18th, 1945. Massey was assigned to Company C, 260th Infantry Battalion serving as an Ammunition Bearer and participating in Battles and Campaigns in Central Europe. On July 25th, 1946 Massey departed the European African Middle Eastern Theater of Operations arriving in the USA on Aug. 2nd, 1946. On Aug. 10th, 1946, at The Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill., Massey received an Honorable Discharge having attained the Non-Commissioned Officer rank of Corporal and received the following



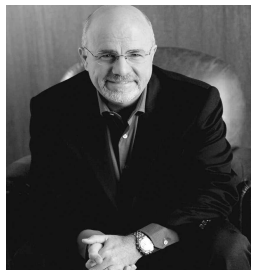
Decorations and Awards: The Victory Metal, The European African Middle Eastern Medal with One Bronze Battle Star, The Army of Occupation (Germany) Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, The Combat Infantryman's Badge and Two Overseas Service Bars (each representing six months foreign service). Massey returned home to farming the family farm and attended a year of additional schooling taking courses in agriculture. In 1946, after the Boyne Falls Public School burned,

Massey worked in the construction of the new school. On March 5th, 1949, at the Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, Mich., Massey married Betty Lou Sutliff and in 1950 they moved to Three Rivers, Mich. to find work. In 1953 Massey moved back to the family home and farmed as well as being employed by the local rural electric company as a lineman until he fell from a pole breaking his back. After extensive reconstructive surgery and recuperation Massey was able to work

again and entered the plumbing and pipefitting field, earning a journeyman's license, and working in power generating plants, including the construction of Big Rock Nuclear Plant near Charlevoix, Mich., until the 1980s when he became a maintenance man at the condominiums at Boyne Mountain Lodge Resort until retiring in 1990. Massey enjoying hunting, fishing, woodworking as an art form, helping friends and neighbors, supporting the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church and spending quality time with his family. On July 25th, 1992 Leo Carl Massey Sr. answered the final call and is being honored by his sons Carl and Robert, daughters Kathy Lou and Penny Lynne, and their families.

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

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Where's the safety factor?)

Dear Dave,
I'm retired, and currently I have about five percent of my retirement savings in gold and silver I've been acquiring over the last few years. I've seen gold prices decline significantly, and I'm wondering if I should hang on to it as a safety factor in the event the economy goes bad in a hurry. I want to make sure I'll still have a safety factor, and something of value, if that happens.
Steve

Dear Steve,
What's the safety factor here? And if everything goes downhill, why does it have value? Gold has this weird allure and mythology around it that says, "I've still got something that people will take when the economy crashes." But the truth is there hasn't been an instance when people used gold as a medium of exchange in a crashed or failed economy since the Roman Empire.

People still use gold because they believe in it. We also believe in green paper with presidents' faces on it. So, gold really has no more intrinsic value than that green paper. The only reason we place value on it is because we, the society, place value on it. A failed society might not place value on it anymore.

In a completely failed economy, the first step is usually a takeover by a Fascist government. After that, you get a new color of money - of paper - with a new leader's face on it. Then, the old stuff isn't worth anything. It's very seldom you ever see gold come to the rescue.

I don't believe in investing in gold for that reason. Plus, the track record on gold, as far as a rate of return, is horrible over the long haul. There was a time a few years ago when everyone went crazy on it, but other than that? Ugh!

—Dave

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HIDDEN TREASURES

Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment helps Mio area residents buy and sell quality goods

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately ten years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated group of thirteen volunteer from the Mio area.

"We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances

and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who receive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great resource for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski.

"Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. This location is now also a Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday or Friday during business hours. For additional information, please call (989) 826-1503.



Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. PHOTO COURTESY OF TONI MILLER

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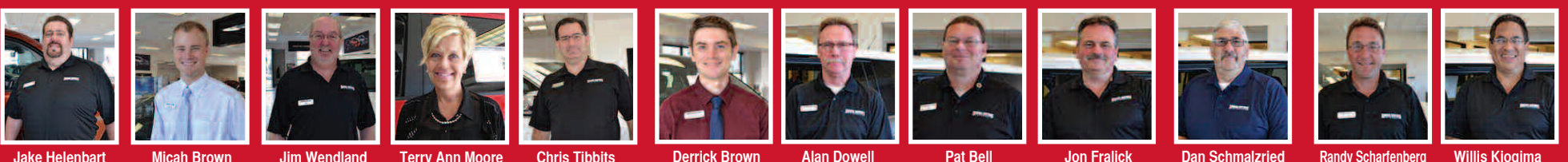
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