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What about Proposal 1?

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: Due to the controversy surrounding Governor Snyder's Proposal 1, or 15-1 as the May 5th ballot will read, the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance invited Boyne City citizens to an informative meeting to explain the nuances of the proposition which could affect resident's state wide.

Proposal 1 comes after roughly 4 years of discus-

sion over how to better Michigan roads, and pay debts associated with attempts to do so. The proposition includes several major changes to taxation in Michigan, how the School Aid Fund operates, and what Michiganders will pay at the gas pump.

Kent Wood of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance came before citizens to explain the basics of the proposal. Wood spends his

time in Lansing representing chambers from our area and several others before legislators. Wood broke down the proposal using a slide show, that although informative, left some still on the fence about what position they will take on the ballot.

Wood detailed the specific changes that Michigan residents will see. The first and most controversial perhaps, is a statewide increase of

the sales tax from the current 6% to 7%. Because the sales tax is a Constitutional matter, increasing it requires a vote of the people. Following the increase in sales tax, the current state tax on gasoline will be discontinued and replaced by just a gas tax determined by a rate of 14.9% to start. Additionally, those using alternative fuels will see a new

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Boyne City residents gathered to hear the details of Proposal 1 on March 12 from the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance Director of Government Relations Kent Wood.

sports



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East Jordan junior, Collin Bajko (33) draws some contact as Boyne City's Derek Willis (35) and Dalton Gardner close in as they go for a block. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



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Boyne Falls junior, Marcus Matelski looks for an opening in action against Bellaire. Matelski would record a double-double in the Loggers victory. (PHOTO BY RACHEL LANGE)

Boyne City High School Robotics Team competes at first competition



This year's game challenges teams to design a robot that can navigate the game arena, pick up and stack totes, pick up a recycling container, and place a pool noodle into the recycling can. COURTESY PHOTO

The Boyne City Blaze High School Robotics team participated at their first of two Michigan FIRST District Robotics Competitions, at Waterford Mott High School, March 6-7.

FIRST competitions challenge student teams to design and build a robot designed to perform prescribed tasks against other competitors. Students, under adult mentor guidance, also organize fund-raising, develop team skills, and promote their efforts.

This year's game challenges teams to design a robot that can navigate the game arena, pick up and stack totes, pick up a recycling container, and place a pool noodle into the recycling can. Stacks of totes with a recycling can placed on top are then moved onto scoring platforms throughout the game arena. This allows alliances to obtain and then add points to their overall score. Boyne City's robot and team performed very well at the event, ending the weekend in twenty-second place out of thirty-nine teams total. We were selected as an alliance by the team captain in



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eighth place and competed in the quarterfinals.

The team of 21 students and 11 adult mentors and parents made the trip to the Waterford competition to compete and support the team.

"It was fun to see our robot in action and see everyone come together as a team, cheering for

Boyne City," said team member Elizabeth Mansfield.

Boyne City's next competition will be March 20-21 in St. Joseph, Michigan. For more information about the Boyne City Blaze Robotics team, visit their website at local.boyne.k12.mi.us/robotics or contact the High School at 231-439-8130.

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2015

Council eliminates outdoor merchandise displays

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday, city council approved a new zoning ordinance that prohibits business owners in the Central Business District of Charlevoix from displaying merchandise outside of their store on the sidewalk, regardless of if they own the property.

The ordinance, which required a public hearing before approval, has been before council several times. Initially the ordinance allowed for outdoor displays of merchandise, a feature that the City Planning Commission voted unanimously to support. However, council chose to amend the ordinance to prohibit such displays by deeming them "clutter" and stating they looked "terrible."

The meeting began with the public hearing, during which several business owners and citizens voiced their opinion that allowing the outdoor displays was a bad idea. One of those business owners explained that the main problem with such displays was that the City cannot dictate "good taste" in what constitutes an attractive display.

"We want to be a little bit more of a classier town...I just don't think you can dictate good taste...I think it's simpler just to not have anything out there," expressed Kirby Dipert, owner of Charlevoix Harbor Wear.

His opinion was echoed by several on council, who felt that allowing outdoor displays would detract from an aesthetically pleasing town. However, one or two on council did disagree with prohibiting outdoor displays completely, as that would mean that the ordinance

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2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Amt
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	88
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	59.8
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	74.9
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	101.3
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	129.4
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	31.1
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	61.4
3/18/2013	3/17/2014	3/16/2015	169.9

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 19	21°	12°	43°	12°	(1989)	59° (1976)
MAR 20	21°	12°	43°	7°	(1986)	60° (1976)
MAR 21	21°	12°	43°	11°	(1989)	58° (1949)
MAR 22	22°	11°	44°	11°	(1989)	63° (1987)
MAR 23	22°	11°	44°	5°	(1960)	67° (2000)
MAR 24	22°	11°	45°	0°	(1965)	70° (1987)
MAR 25	23°	11°	45°	6°	(1965)	70° (1987)
MAR 26	23°	11°	46°	5°	(1951)	68° (1998)

OBITUARIES

Tina Marie Williams, 57

Tina Marie Williams of Boyne City died Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey. No services are scheduled at this time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Janeth Grace Arasim, 90

(MARCH 25, 1924 - MARCH 9, 2015)



Janeth Grace Arasim of Boyne City passed away on Monday, March 9, 2015 in Grand Rapids.

Janeth was born on March 25, 1924 in Ludington, MI the daughter of Clark and Elsie (Treganowan) Varnum. She grew up in the Highland Park area. In July of 1947 she married John Arasim. Janeth was very active in the community and volunteered time wherever it was needed.

Janeth is survived by her children Nancy (Jerry) Hochstetler and Jim (Kelley) Arasim; grandchildren Brian Hochstetler, Jackie (Noah) Trulen, Craig Arasim, Ross Arasim and Jenna Arasim; sister Joyce Johnson; sister-in-law Gen Varnum; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband John; two brothers Harvey Varnum and William

"Bud" Varnum.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Church of the Nativity Episcopal Church in Boyne City with Rev. Greg Brown officiating.

With the service being during Lent the family suggest in lieu of flowers donations may be directed to the Charlevoix County Humane Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

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.

Robert Waldie, 75

(APRIL 21, 1939 - MARCH 10, 2015)



Robert Waldie, 75, of Charlevoix, formerly of Farmington and Brighton, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

He was born on April 21, 1939, in Detroit, son of Robert and Theodora (Welboren) Waldie. On Aug. 26, 1961 he married Yolande Evert in Farmington.

Surviving is his wife, Yolande; children, Robin (Barry) Bennett, William Waldie and Erin Waldie; grandchildren, Lauren, Annika, Lindsey, Corey and Grace; and his sister, Joanie Klepinger.

Robert owned and flew planes as a licensed pilot, loved boating, woodworking, his animals, and most of all, time with his family and grandchildren.

Prior to his retirement in 1998, he had owned and operated Electro-Matic of Farmington Hills. After selling his business in 1998, he retired to his home in Charlevoix.

Funeral service was Sunday, March 15, also at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Charlevoix County Area Humane Society with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Please visit Robert's Book of Memories at www.keehnfunderalhome.com.

Leroy Arthur Nicloy, 92

(JULY 22, 1922 - MARCH 8, 2015)



Leroy Arthur Nicloy of Boyne City passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Leroy was born on July 22, 1922 in Eveline Township the son of Arthur and Goldie (Hurd) Nicloy. He attended Advance County School though the 8th grade and graduated from East Jordan High School. Following school Leroy en-

tered the United States Army and served in the Philippines during WWII.

On October 22, 1948 he married Betty Scott at the Scott family home. Leroy was a Dairy Farmer taking over from his dad, he worked along with his brother. He also worked for DME Corp in Charlevoix for 15 years. He was a life-long member of the Free Methodist Church, serving in several capacities including Board Member, Sunday School Teacher, general handyman and 19 years as Treasurer. He enjoyed traveling in his later years and spending time on the farm.

Leroy is survived by his wife Betty; daughter Janet (Tom) Mackie of Walloon Lake; son-in-law Eugene Smith of East Jordan; three granddaughters Larissa (Dan) McPherson, Katrina (Eric) Mavis and Alaina (Mike) Shannon; three great grandchildren Bryce McPherson, Scott Mavis and Leah Shannon.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother James "Curtis" and daughter Judy Smith.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City with Pastor Jason Reynolds officiating. Memorial donations may be directed to the church.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Bradley Lewis Musser, 49

(JULY 10, 1965 - MARCH 8, 2015)



Bradley Lewis Musser passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 7th, 2015.

Brad was born in Livonia, MI on July 10, 1965. He moved to Boyne City with his family in 1979. Brad graduated from Boyne City High School in June of 1983. He worked his entire life in the tool and die industry, having been trained by his father.

Brad was an outstanding athlete and excelled at all he did. He loved hunting and fishing with his buddies at his grandfather's cabin and was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed being with his extended family and loved his dogs, but most important to Brad were his wife and children.

Brad is survived by his wife, Michelle; his son Ryan, his daughter Gabby; father Lewis Musser; step-mother Sandy, mother Susan Musser, mother-in-law Sue Breidenstein; brother Rob; sister-in-law Brenda, niece Elena and nephew Evan; sister Marlene, nephew Miles and niece Ava; sister-in-law Dawn (Mark) Peterson and nephew Collin; sister-in-law Renae (Jim) Bradley, nieces Jennifer, Meghan and Allison; sister-in-law Linda (Gerry) Grosskopf, nieces Sarah and Mary and nephew Zachary; sis-

ter-in-law Jennifer (Rick) Dietz and nieces Alexis and Taylor Carrow; step-sister Cammie Yettaw and her sons Christopher and Tryston.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Walloon Lake Community Church with Pastor Jeff Ellis officiating.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to a memorial fund C/O Mark Peterson, 780 Evergreen Court, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Carlene M. "Carlee" Allen, 49

(DEC 8, 1965 - MAR 11, 2015)



Carlene M. "Carlee" Allen of Frederic passed away at home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Born on December 8, 1965 in West Branch, Carlee was the daughter of Bayard (Jack) and Pauline (Booth) Cournyer.

Carlee was raised in Mio where she attended Mio Church of God. After graduating from Mio High School in 1984, she went to Kirtland Community College, Ferris State University obtaining a degree in accounting in 1988, and finished from Central Michigan University with a masters in Educational Leadership in 2000.

She worked for Boyne City Public Schools from 1995-2002 and then for Gaylord Community Schools from 2002-2012 both in the Business and Finance Office. Carlee loved watching hockey, NASCAR, her dogs, and participating in the Ultimate Air Dogs. She loved tubing the AuSable River and spending time on any sea shore near or far, as well as snowmobiling, being outdoors and going to concerts. Most of all she loved her family.

Carlee is survived by her husband, Casey Allen. Also surviving are her parents, Jack and Pauline Cournyer of Mio; sister, Cathy (John) Riggs of Bellaire, TX; three nephews, Keith, Kevin and Jack Riggs; sisters-in-law, Toni (Dennis) Anderson of Mio; Lauren (Jim Davis) Allen of Royal Oak and Teri Allen of Anthony, NM; and a step-daughter, Lindsay (Bryan) Kelley of Germany.

Memorial services was held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Mio Church of God with Gene Spies officiating.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan, the Otsego County Animal Shelter or the Kirtland Community College Foundation. Please share your memories or personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

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Housing forum reveals issues in Boyne City

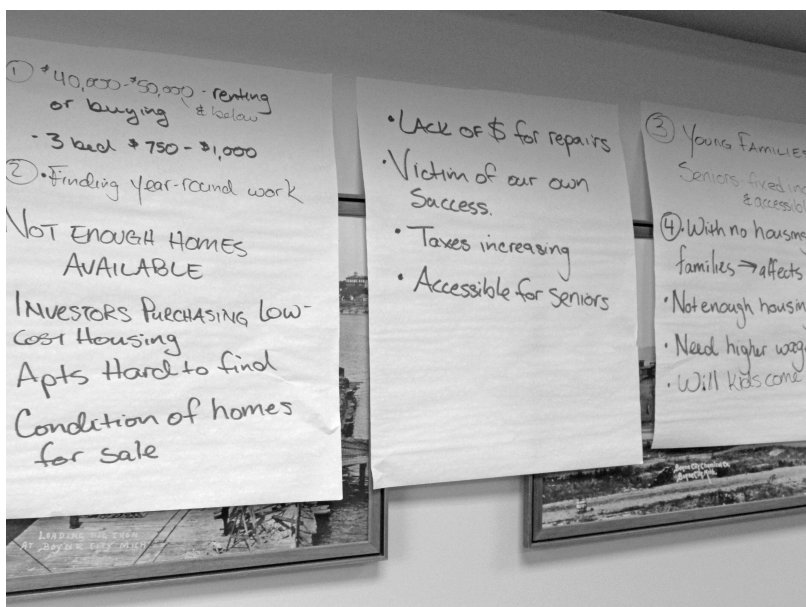
Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On March 12 folks gathered at the Library to give their input on what housing needs Boyne City has to the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation.

The forum lasted less than an hour, but several members of the community did share their concerns, worries, and thoughts on the struggles facing those looking for homes in Boyne City. The forum was hosted by Northern Homes, a non-profit organization that works to put families into affordable housing. The organization is directed by Jane MacKenzie, who spoke at the forum.

MacKenzie mentioned to those gathered that the forum was mainly held to assure the organization of grant funding, as one of the grants they seek requires them to get public input. MacKenzie said that Northern Homes has "no solutions yet" and that they "just wanted to know the problems."

Those problems ranged from a limited amount of affordable housing in the area, to higher taxes making it difficult to afford to live in Boyne City at all. According to one realtor in the audience, the small amount of homes that are available in lower income ranges are quickly snatched up,



A large list of problems facing those looking to live in Boyne City was compiled by Northern Homes to aid them in acquiring grant funding.

making them even more difficult to find.

County Commissioner Chris Christenson attended the forum and expressed his opinion that Boyne City has in some ways become a victim of its own success; that with business growth and increased attractions, more and more people want to live in Boyne.

Others at the forum commented that wages paid in the area are too low to support families. This makes it especially diffi-

cult for those with children, who may be paying for a home, higher taxes on that home, and then are expected to be able to keep the home in good condition.

MacKenzie stated that 2 bedroom homes are in high demand, as are 2 bedroom apartments. In general, Northern Homes places a family of 4 in 2 bedroom facilities. According to their statistics, families ranging \$40,000 to \$50,000 in income a year struggle the most to find housing in Boyne City.



A small group of citizens shared their concerns about affordable housing in Boyne City at a public forum held March 12 by Northern Homes.

MacKenzie shared ways that Northern Homes can help area citizens in terms of programs they offer to help those seeking homes. She also explained what homes are available in the area for those in lower income brackets. She also pinpointed locations for seniors, who may be struggling to find housing on fixed incomes. MacKenzie, who also serves on the Boyne Housing Commission, stated that places such as Deer Meadows and Litzenberger Place are great av-

enues for lower income families and seniors to look for affordable housing. She indicated that there are 26 homes scattered throughout Boyne City for low income families, however the wait list for these homes is quite long.

For those interested in learning what programs are available through Northern Homes, or to find out about education opportunities they offer, visit www.northernhomes.org or call 231-582-6244.

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will be enforced even on private property.

"The most important words that came up (from the Planning Commission) were 'private property,'" said Leon Perron. He went on to explain that allowing restaurants to have outdoor dining that extends onto neighboring store fronts but then prohibiting private property owners from displaying their merchandise didn't seem fair. He later stated that he didn't feel it was right to be "bothering small business people" to the extent that the ordinance will allow.

However, the majority of council felt strongly that outdoor displays should be eliminated, and several went so far as to suggest that even sandwich board signs should be prohibited. The idea that both be taken away was strongly opposed though by Mike Spencer, City Planner, who advocated that businesses should be able to have sandwich board signs, especially if outdoor displays were taken away.

"I think the downtown looks very tasteful...If you take both of them away; I think that's pushing it," stated Spencer. He reminded council that Charlevoix is already a "very restrictive" town regarding business signs.

Ultimately, council chose to allow sandwich board signs to stay, as long as they follow the ordinance restrictions on materials used and type of lighting allowed. Shirley Gibson then amended the original language of the ordinance to prohibit outdoor displays and council voted 4 to 2 to pass the ordinance as amended.



Downtown business owner Kirby Dipert asked council to please support eliminating outdoor merchandise displays on the basis that dictating "good taste" would be impossible for the city and such displays could detract from the downtown.

Weight restrictions on all state roads in Michigan beginning March 18

Effective 12:01 a.m. March 18, weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced on all state trunkline highways in the state of Michigan. State routes typically carry M, I, or US designations.

In the restricted areas, the following will apply:

- On routes designated as "all-season routes" (designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be no reduction in legal axle weights.

- On routes designated as "seasonal" (designated in solid or dashed red on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be a posted weight reduction of 25 percent for rigid pavements and 35 percent for flexible pavements.

All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information on MDOT's website at www.michigan.gov/truckers, under "Restrictions." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. You also may sign up to receive e-mail alerts.

Trucking companies located in New Jersey and Canada can obtain information by calling 517-373-6256.

Proposal 1

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tax, and the registration fees on commercial trucks, hybrid vehicles, and electric vehicles will be raised. Those driving average vehicles will see a freeze in their registration fee.

Because of those changes, several other areas are affected. For instance, currently a portion of the state and gas taxes charged at the pump go toward the School Aid Fund (SAF). Once the state tax on gasoline is discontinued, there is a gap in funding for the SAF, which legislators hope to fill by the increase in use tax to 7%. According to Wood, Michigan is one of only two states that still charge a state tax on gasoline. If the Proposal passes, the entirety of the money gathered through the gas tax will go toward transportation in Michigan.

Michigan has not passed a raise in gas tax since 1997. This has left Michigan with a deficit; as gas prices increase and road usage increases, the tax has stayed the same. According to the proponents of the proposal, the amount the gas tax currently raises is not enough to improve

the condition of roads. If the new gas tax took effect, it would allow improvements to 6,604 miles of road between now and 2027 according to the office of Governor Snyder. Additionally, the funds gathered would be used to pay off debts Michigan currently owes for past road improvements.

All these details may make sense to legislators, but across Michigan, and even in Boyne City opinions are divided on

Proposal 1. At the meeting, the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance has chosen to take a neutral position as not all chambers represented agree on whether or not the plan is beneficial. Their sentiments seem to echoed across the state. Wood cited that the initial reaction to the plan in January from the general population showed 49% supported the plan while 46% opposed it. Closer to home, City Manager Michael Cain ex-

pressed that although the City Commission has yet to take an official stand the analysis of the plan "looks like (it) would benefit Boyne City."

"This would provide us probably the most stable funding for roads and other issue that we've seen. Is it perfect? No. but things can be tweaked as they go forward too. The initial analysis looks promising for the city of Boyne City," stated Cain.

Wood stated that across Michigan there is consensus that roads need to be fixed. According to recent surveys, the majority of roads are considered poor quality. Those who advocate the proposal state that these changes would at least enable those roads to become good quality.

"We all want better quality roads, do we want to pay more to get those, or do we want to cut other areas?" asked Wood.

Ultimately, Michiganders will decide whether or not to do just that on May 5. Until then, the Chamber Alliance is offering education on the Proposal. To see the full proposal residents can visit www.michigan.gov where a PDF link is available.

Fast Facts on Proposal 1

- * increase use tax to 6% to 7%
- * increase earned income tax credit
- * take School Aid Fund (SAF) from only use tax
- * from use tax 60% to SAF, 15% to revenue sharing and the remainder to general fund
- * prohibits SAF from funding "higher education"
- * eliminate use tax at the pump, charging only gas tax
- * initial gas tax rate .41.7 cents
- * gas tax proposed to raise 1.2 billion for transportation funding
- * could create 22% increase for money to local governments for roads
- * increase registration fees by \$95 million
- * offer an increased income tax credit, going from 6% to 20%

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Health Insurance Marketplace offers special enrollment period during tax season

This is the first season that taxpayers could owe a fee for going without health insurance. If you did not have health coverage in 2014 and are subject to the federal Shared Responsibility Payment, you may be eligible to sign up on the Health Insurance Marketplace during a special enrollment period this tax season. This special enrollment period, which was announced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

(CMS), will start on March 15 and run through April 30.

Taxpayers who didn't have health coverage for all or part of 2014 must either qualify for a health coverage exemption or pay a fee with their federal income tax return. For the special enrollment period, CMS offers the following guidelines for eligibility:

- You are currently not enrolled in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2015,

- You attest that, when you filed your 2014 tax return, you paid the fee for not having health coverage in 2014, and

- You attest that you first became aware of, or understood the implications of, the Shared Responsibility Payment after the end of open enrollment in connection with preparing your 2014 taxes.

Americans who do not qualify for an exemption and went with-

out health coverage last year will owe either \$95 or one percent of their income—whichever is greater. For the 2015 tax year, the fee will increase to \$325 per adult or two percent of income. The special enrollment period allows those without insurance the opportunity to get covered for the remainder of the year and avoid additional fees next year. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has Navigators and

Certified Application Counselors who can help you with this process. Call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121 for assistance or to learn more about affordable insurance programs.

To get further information about enrollment or tax exemptions, visit www.HealthCare.gov.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Receives \$250,000 Gift from St Marys Cement, Inc.

Working together to invest in the future of local health care.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation announced a \$250,000 commitment from St Marys Cement, Inc. toward its Built for Caring Campaign.

The campaign will provide funding for Charlevoix Area Hospital's current capital project, which has already established a new Chemotherapy-Infusion Center, is in the process of expanding one of their primary care facilities, and will enlarge and renovate the Surgical Suite and Laboratory in an effort to better meet the evolving health care needs of its patients.

"We are very appreciative of St Marys Cement's commitment," said Hospital CEO, Lyn Jenks. "As a non-profit hospital, projects of this scale are possible for us only with the generous support of our local businesses and community members. St Marys Cement is an important part of this community, and they truly care about both their staff and the region as a whole."

The series of projects will accommodate the growth of important patient programs, improve efficiency in the surgical suite, enhance the patient experience, and add flexibility for future change and technology. Ultimately, it will position the hospital for a sustainable, effective future to continue to best serve area residents and visitors. The cost of the project is approximately \$8.25 million.

"St Marys Cement is very excited to partner with Charlevoix Area Hospital to make this project a reality," said Randy Pryor, St Marys Cement Operations Manager. "We felt this project was in line with our own goals of contributing to the development of the communities in which we operate as well as our commitment to the well-being and health of our employees and customers."

St Marys Cement is a leading manufacturer of cement and related construction products in the United States and Canada. St Marys Cement is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Votorantim Cimentos, an international cement manufacturer based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to raise and manage funds to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital and its Foundation please visit www.cah.org.

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic neurological disorder affecting the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). In MS, the myelin sheath, which covers nerve fibers in the central nervous system, is destroyed. Myelin is required to transmit nerve signals. The cause of MS is unknown. It is believed to be triggered by environmental factors in persons who are genetically predisposed to develop the illness.

Incidence.

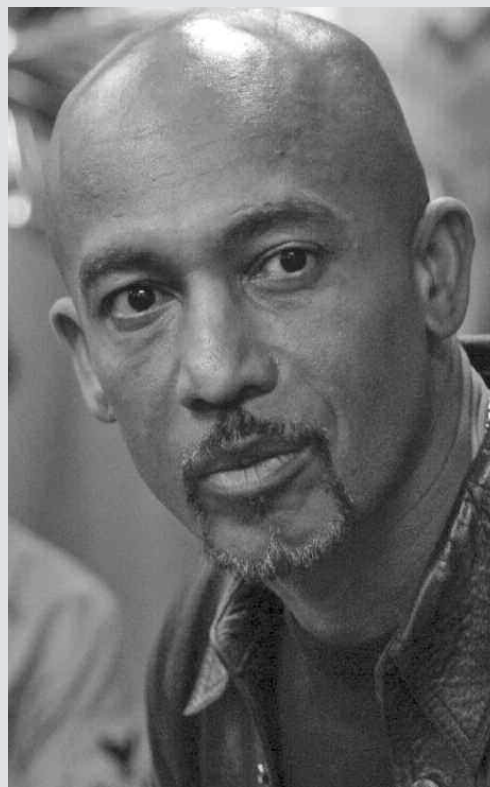
Estimates are that 2.3 million people worldwide have MS. Most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 years old. Geographically, MS is more common in areas furthest from the equator. MS occurs in most ethnic groups and is more common in Caucasians of northern European ancestry. MS is 2-3 times more common in women than men.

The average person in the US has a 1 in 750 chance of developing MS. First-degree relatives of a person with MS (children, siblings) have a much greater risk for developing MS - approximately one in 40. An identical twin of a person with MS has a one in four chance of developing the disease. If genes were solely responsible for determining MS, the incidence of the disease in an identical twin of someone with MS would be 100%. Other factors, geography, ethnicity, and environment also contribute to the development of the disease.

Symptoms.

The symptoms of MS vary from person to person and vary over time for each person with the disease. The most common symptoms are fatigue, vision, and bowel and bladder problems.

Fatigue is so severe that it significantly interferes with the ability to function and may be the most prominent symptom in some persons. Vision problems, often the first symptom



Montel Williams lives with Multiple Sclerosis. WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

of MS, involve sudden onset double vision, poor contrast, eye pain or blurring. Numbness or tingling is common, as are walking difficulties, dizziness and spasticity problems, a feeling of stiffness and involuntary muscle spasms. Depression and other emotional changes are common symptoms. Cognitive changes occur in about 50% percent of those with MS, affecting high-level brain functions, including the ability to learn and remember information, organize and problem solve and focus attention.

Diagnosis.

No single test is used to diagnose Multiple Sclerosis. A medical history is taken and symptoms assessed. Other illnesses are ruled out. The accuracy of diagnosis is largely dependent on the patient's accuracy and thoroughness in reporting their medical history and the physician's skill in interpreting the symptoms.

A neurological exam is conducted to detect evidence of lesions or plaques in the Central Nervous System. An MRI and lumbar puncture (spinal tap) are frequently performed. The MRI is used to look for areas of damaged myelin (demyelination). A lumbar puncture is conducted to remove spinal fluid for analysis to rule out other diseases that may present similar to MS.

Treatment.

Treatment for MS typically includes one or more of ten FDA-approved disease-modifying drugs. Treatment should begin as quickly as possible following the diagnosis and therapy should continue indefinitely, or for as long as the patient benefits from the treatment, and is without significant side effects. The drugs will not cure the disease, but they may show the progression of the disease and reduce the accumulation of new lesions in the CNS, offering the patient improved quality of life.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 16, 2015

East Jordan moves forward with Safe Routes to School and ambulance authority

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commission heard from engineering firm, C2AE at Tuesday evening's meeting to move forward with the Safe Routes to School project and approve the Jordan Valley EMS Authority draft lease agreement.

East Jordan Public Schools has been awarded up to \$400,000 through the Safe Routes to School grant. The grant allows for infrastructure improvements to be made near the elementary and middle schools, including new sidewalks, cross walks, ramps, and signage. The project aims to encourage more students to walk and bike to school by creating

safer routes of travel.

A representative from C2AE, the Michigan-based architectural, engineering and planning firm who will work with East Jordan on the project, said the construction will begin after school gets out in June 2016 and will take approximately six weeks to complete. The grant, which requires no local match in funding, will see \$395,466 in developments.

The city commission officially appointed Commissioner John Doebel to the EMS Authority board at Tuesday's meeting. Doebel has been serving on the board as representative for the city since last fall when he took over Chris Yonker's seat.

The city commission also ap-

proved the EMS authority draft lease agreement, a document that has been in the works by both the city and authority for several months. Commissioner Bob Kenney voted against the lease agreement, saying he did not agree with the \$1,300 monthly rent that the city plans to charge per month, beginning in the third year of the lease. Kenney said he disagreed with charging rent because the building was a donation to the city.

The \$1,300 figure is based upon the depreciation of the emergency services building, which was donated by the Malpass Foundation in 2010 and houses both the ambulance and fire departments.

"It was a long time ago that this language...and numbers were approved," said city administrator Tom Cannon. "We want the authority to succeed, and that's why we want to move forward."

The draft lease agreement was approved by the city commission and will go before the ambulance authority for final approval. Commissioners who approved the agreement noted a desire to establish a fund that will designate where the rent money will go to, such as a building fund.

"[The money] is not going to be squandered and used for something else. It's going to be used for the right purpose," said Cannon.

In closing remarks at the commission meeting, Cannon an-

nounced the grand opening of the disc golf course at the Community Park. The Lions Club will host a morning and afternoon disc golf tournament on Saturday, May 16 and will have food and beverages served.

The annual community cleanup date has also been set for Saturday, May 16. The transfer station will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the free drop-off day. East Jordan residents will need to pick up a resident card from city hall to participate in the cleanup.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015, where the commission will be discussing water and sewer rates.

Boyerne City welcomes new staff members



Citizens, including Mayor Ron Grunch, gathered to spend time getting to know Meeder and Fowler.



ABOVE: Tasty treats were offered to those interested in meeting the new city employees at the Freshwater Gallery where many concerts are held throughout the year.



The event was catered by Lake Street Market who offered a delicious cheese tray at the wonderfully eclectic venue.

LEFT: On March 12 the Freshwater Gallery hosted a meet and greet event for two new Boyerne City employees; Mark Fowler, the Water/Waste Water Superintendent and Lori Meeder, Main Street Manager.

BOYERNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

0800 IRS fraud complaint in the 300 block of N Park St
0822 Warrant arrest in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1019 Report of vehicle taken without permission over the weekend
1042 Report of vehicle blocking the alley behind the 100 block of E Water St
1417 Report of lost wallet in last 2 weeks
1521 Report of possible income tax fraud in the 900 block of Wilson St. Referred to IRS
1548 Suspicious situation in the 600 block of Beardsley
1836 Welfare check in the 300 block of Vogel St

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

0600 Threats complaint from N East St
0807 Truck in the ditch at Boyne Av near Brockway.
0814 Civil issue reported from W Division St
0846 Suspicious situation reported in the 200 block of E Division St.
0916 Found Golden Re-

triever running at large at Lake and Main.

2059 Arrested subject for violation of license restrictions. Citation also issued for speed at N. Lake and Vogel St.

2114 Parking violation on Morgan St.
2237 Road hazard N. Park and Groveland.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

0030 Threats complaint received from Groveland St
0751 Assist Sheriff Dept with traffic control for personal injury accident on M-75 N and South Shore Dr
0925 2 vehicle injury accident at State and Cozy Nook. Citation issued for Fail to Yield
1500 Citation issued for speed at Lewis and Division St
1507 Citation issued for speed on Beardsley

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

1152 Assist EMS on Hawkridge
1226 Vehicle unlock with infant in car in the 100 block of E Pine St
1242 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of N Park
1632 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
2105 Civil complaint in the 300 block of Vogel St
2141 Assist EMS in the

300 block of Silver St.
2216 Warrant attempt for MSP in the 300 block of E Division St.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

0608 Car deer accident on Boyne City Rd at Court St
0631 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
0906 Larceny complaint in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1048 Found property in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1303 Report of abandoned vehicle in the 200 block of Front St
1403 Road hazard at Boyne Av and Pearl St
1739 Suspicious subject in the 1300 block of Boyne Ave.
1857 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of State St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

1400 Harassment complaint in the 300 block of Vogel.
1614 Juvenile complaint in the 800 block of N Lake St.
1645 Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Park St
2300 Assisted Sheriff Dept with a disturbance on US-131 S.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

0800 Report of lost keys
0800 Report of lost black

leather heart monitor case downtown
1017 Report of a dog running at large on Lewis Ave
1336 Harassment complaint in the 300 block of E Division St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

March 9-15

911 Hang Up Call.....1
Abandoned Vehicle.....3
Abuse.....0
Alarm.....3
Animal Complaint.....16
Annoyance.....3
Assault.....4
Assist Citizen.....4
Assist Motorist.....4
Assist Other Agency.....10
Attempt to Locate.....1
Attempted Suicide.....2
Bank Alarm.....0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....0
Car/Deer Accident.....10
Citations Issued.....11
Civil Complaint.....1
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
Death.....0
Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....0
DNR Complaint.....1
Domestic Dispute.....0

Driving Complaint.....2
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....1
Fraud.....2
Health & Safety.....1
Hit & Run.....0
Intoxicated Person.....0
Juvenile.....1
Larceny.....2
Lockout.....7
Lost Property.....0
Malicious Destruction of Property0
Mental Subject.....0
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....1
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....1
Operating Under the Influence...0
Paper Service.....7
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....1
Personal Protection Order.....1
Private Property Accident.....3
Property Check.....35
Property Damage Accident.....0
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....3
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....4
Threat.....2
Traffic Stop.....40
Trespassing.....1
Unknowing Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Violation in the Ditch.....0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....1

CHILD PINNED BENEATH VEHICLE AFTER ROLLOVER ACCIDENT IN WILSON TWP.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one vehicle rollover accident that occurred just before 4 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015 on Pearsall Rd. in Wilson Twp.

A twenty-nine year old Charlevoix woman and her three children were traveling west bound on Pearsall Rd when she lost control of her minivan on a sheet of black ice. The minivan ran across the center line, ran off the road and rolled. A minor child that was riding in the back seat of the van was ejected from the vehicle and was pinned under the vehicle.

The quick response from the East Jordan Fire Department and the use of the Jaws of Life were able to lift the vehicle and to free the child.

The driver, Amanda McMichael, and her three children were transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Both McMichael and her child that was injured sustained only minor injuries and are expected to make a full recovery.

It is believed the child was not wearing a safety belt, however the accident is still under investigation.

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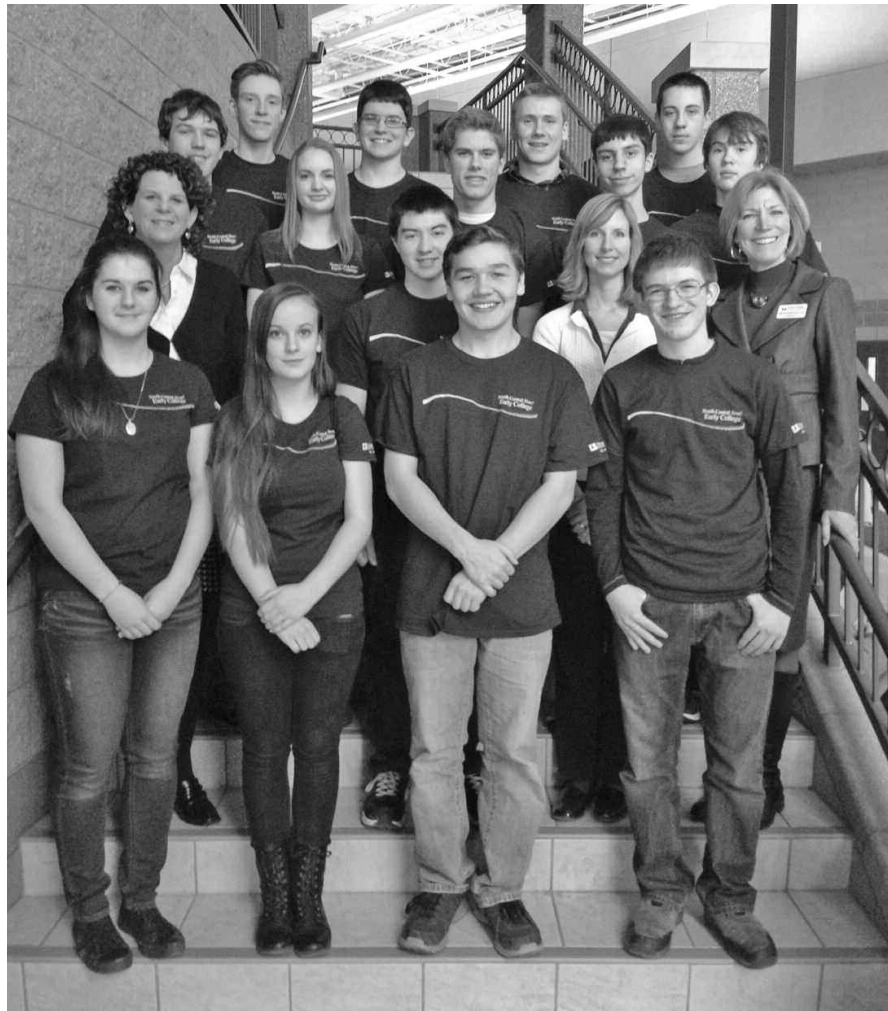
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North Central's early college program offers free tuition for students in Boyne City

This winter, fifteen Boyne City High School students and twenty-five Petoskey High School students embarked on an educational journey that will result in a high school diploma and college degree at no cost to them as part of North Central Michigan College's Early College partnership.

The Early College began as a pilot program with Petoskey High School in 2013 and is now operating successfully at Petoskey High School and Boyne City High School. It is open to 2014-2015 high school sophomores and offers these students free North Central tuition and textbooks for three and one-half years and allows students to receive both their high school diploma and associate degree after their fifth year of high school. Students will complete their course work at their high school and at North Central's Petoskey campus. Gaylord High School will begin its first cohort in the summer of 2015 and the 25 Petoskey High School students from the pilot cohort are now in their second year of the program.

The students are selected for admission into Early College in accordance with North Central and their high school admission requirements. The new Early College students began with First Year Experience (SD 125) this winter semester, taught at both Petoskey and Boyne City High Schools. They must pass SD 125 with a 2.0 or better to proceed. The students will take their Michigan Merit Curriculum-required high school classes and a number of college courses each year and complete their degree and one final high school class



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during their fifth year.

For more information about Early College, contact Wendy Fought at 231-439-6349 or wfought@ncmich.edu or

visit

www.ncmich.edu/pdfs/early_college.pdf.

Joshua Spears presentation at Northwest Academy



Joshua Spears removes the "I am worthless" weight from the "bag of lies" taking it off 11th grader Justin Germain-Smith's shoulders. Also in the picture is Micah Kilmer (8th grade), Sophia Glazier (10th grade), Emily Habel (7th grade), Freyah Sizemore (9th grade), Morgan Barnes (8th grade), and Ivy Quast (10th grade). COURTESY PHOTO

On Wednesday, March 11th, Joshua Spears revisited Northwest Academy to talk about his Personal Revolution program with the middle school and high school. This is the second time that Joshua Spears has been to Northwest Academy as he was asked back after the overwhelmingly positive response from previous students.

In his presentation, Spears talks candidly with students about his troubled childhood growing up, how he managed to rise above it and how students can rise above their own troubles. He encourages students to shed the "bag of lies" that they carry around and to accept that they are worthwhile and that they are cared about no matter how alone they

might feel.

After the presentation, Spears met with students in small groups and on an individual basis to give students a chance to talk about their lives. If you would like to know more about Joshua Spears or his Personal Revolution program, visit his site at joshuaspears.com.

United States Army Field Band to offer free public performance at Boyne City High School

The internationally acclaimed United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC will continue its long tradition of presenting free public performances when it appears at Boyne City High School on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. The Concert Band & Soldiers' Chorus are the oldest and largest of The U.S. Army Field Band's performing components. These two ensembles combine to present joint concerts on their national tours. They have performed in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries for audiences totaling hundreds of millions.

The 65-member Concert Band and 29-member Soldiers' Chorus perform regularly in some of the most famous concert halls in the world, and just as

often in the humblest auditoriums in the smallest of communities. The joining of these two ensembles allows them to offer unparalleled versatility of programming, ranging from orchestral masterworks and operatic arias to Sousa marches, jazz classics, and Broadway musicals. The band and chorus also perform independently, and have recently shared the stage with such ensembles as the Boston Pops, the Cincinnati Pops, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the National Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to their national tours, formal concerts, chamber recitals, and educational outreach, members of the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus frequently represent

the Army at formal and ceremonial functions, including the Presidential Inaugural Parade, presidential funerals, the Army All-American Bowl, and diplomatic efforts overseas. More than six decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army."

To access your FREE tickets to the Army Field Band's performance in Boyne City, please contact the high school at 231-439-8100, the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce 231-582-6222 or visit on-line by selecting:

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Boyne City High School

Student of the Week



Katelyn Banner

Grade: 12

Parent(s): Barb and Galen Robinson

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS :

"I will be attending Alma College and going into the field of athletic training. I am also going to run cross country and play softball while I'm there."

School Activities:

Softball, Cross Country, National Honors Society

Hobbies and Interests:

"I like to be active and spend time with family and friends."

Staff Comments:

"Katelyn's dedication and hard work made her an excellent leader of the girls Cross Country team." Andy Place, Coach

"Katelyn Banner is a joy to be around. She has a great smile and a friendly personality. In addition to being a great person, she is a great student with a high GPA. I think she will be an awesome addition to Alma College!" - Cathy Brown, Guidance Counselor

"Katelyn is a highly motivated student. She demonstrates excellent critical thinking and communication skills. Most importantly, she is a sincere and genuine person!" John Hertel, English Teacher

"A real pleasure to be around and work with. Katelyn has great soft, kind and enthusiastic energy." - Randy Calcaterra, Visual Imaging Teacher

"Katelyn Banner is a smart, creative and capable student and I've enjoyed her candor and watching her relate to her classmates and friends." - Molly Currier, Yearbook Advisor

Boyne Falls Public Schools 2nd Trimester 2014-2015 Honor Roll

6th Grade

All A's :
Blake Brunmeier
Aubrie Sparks

All A's & B's:
Zoe Harmon

7th Grade

All A's & B's:
Jordin Gellis
Erienne Goodrich

8th Grade

All A's & B's:
Maddie Daneff
Krystal Grubaugh

9th Grade

High Honors (3.70 Grade Point or Higher):
Jordan Herman

10th Grade

High Honors (3.70 Grade Point or Higher):
Katelynn Wilson

Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.69 Grade Point):

Melissa Grubaugh,
Michelle Kaczmarek,
Neall Perron,
Leszek Wasylewski

11th Grade

High Honors (3.70 Grade Point or Higher):
Megan Byrne,
Josh Lange,
Marcus Matelski

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Kayla Carson,
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Cody Milbrandt,
Kelsy Richardson,
Shea Ross,
Kurstin Wilson

12th Grade

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Raegen Pedigo

Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.69 Grade Point):

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Ashlee DeNise,
Hannah Milks,
Andrew Stevens,
Hunter Williams

Grand Valley State University December 2014 Graduate List

Nearly 1,000 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December 2014. A list of the names of Grand Valley's most recent graduates follows.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the Fall 2014 semester in December include:

Afton: Nicole M. Roberts, BS
Charlevoix: Ryan B. Herzog, BBA; Jenna R. Kirby, BS
Cheboygan: Mariah A. Agee, BA

East Jordan: Thomas J. Brown, BS
Gaylord: David J. Specht, BS
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Mancelona: Jennifer L. Butler, BA; Michelle A. Ross, BA
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5th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix taking place at Castle Farms on Thursday, March 19th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

The Expo is one of the largest business and public trade show events in Charlevoix County. Now in its 5th year, the Expo is dedicated to serving our business community, visitors and residents. This is a MUST-ATTEND event for small business owners & executives who want to gain a competitive advantage, network with other business owners from throughout the area, and develop new business and client contacts. Join us for one day only and take your company to the next level.

The Expo is not just for businesses. The public is welcome to come out and explore the 75 exhibits set up throughout the lower level of the Castle to identify the latest products and services to help save time and money. If you're looking for a new dentist, insurance agent or auto me-

chanic, this is your opportunity to learn what our local companies and organizations can do for you. There will be live demonstrations and free food to sample in conjunction with the Taste of Charlevoix.

Admission is just \$5 (children get in free), and includes 11 taste tickets, an expo goody bag, give-a-ways, the chance to win great prizes, and more. This event is being made possible with support from our sponsors: Beacon Dental Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Castle Farms, Fox Charlevoix, Northern Michigan Review, Northern Broadcast Inc WKLTV-ESPN Radio-The Fox, and 9&10 News / Fox 32.

We are excited to introduce the 1st Annual Expo Basket Raffle. Purchase your tickets for a

chance to enter and win a fantastic gift basket filled to the brim with exciting and unique items provided by area businesses. Each basket has a minimum value of \$150.

Here's how to win:
Purchase your raffle tickets during the expo.

Select the basket or baskets that you would like to win.

Place a raffle ticket in the corresponding container located next to your favorite basket.

At the end of the evening, the lucky tickets will be drawn, one ticket for each basket. You need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the Basket Raffle will benefit the Chamber Sponsorship Fund which is awarded to a deserving Charlevoix High School Graduate

each year. Ticket prices are 3 tickets for \$5, an arms-length for \$15, or 20 tickets for \$20. A big thank you to following businesses for their fantastic basket donations:

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- Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
- Charlevoix Country Club/Somerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina
- Charlevoix Harbor Wear
- The Clothing Company
- Odawa Casino
- Revolution Bike

This list contains the names of basket donors confirmed as of 03/05/15

Join us for the 3rd Annual Taste of Charlevoix being held in conjunction with the Expo.

Eleven area restaurants and food shops will showcase some of their specialties and signature dishes for the opportunity to win the title of 2015 "Best In Taste".

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Cherry Republic
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Grey Gables Inn Restaurant
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Odawa Casino
Smoke on the Water
Attendees will receive 11 FREE TASTE TICKETS, so be sure to come out, sample, enjoy, and vote!

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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. \$5 admission.

BOYNE CITY US Army Field Concert Band and Soldier's Chorus concert

Free concert at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. It will be a performance of classical, semi-classical, popular music selections, choral arrangements, novelty numbers, military marches, and patriotic favorites. Tickets are available at the Boyne Area Chamber, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River and on the band website.

BOYNE CITY Friday Night Film Festival at Boyne Library

The Friends of the Boyne District Library are starting a new Friday Night Film Festival with showtimes at 6:30 p.m. Snacks are available for a donation. March 27: The Love Punch, Some British froth from Emma Thompson and Pierce Brosnan (2014, PG-13).

CHARLEVOIX Free Marketing Workshop

Wednesday, April 15, 8-10am, Charlevoix Library Community Room A. "How Small Business Gets More Business." This seminar will give you a closer look at promoting your daily deals on the most popular social media networks - Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and Google+. We'll show you the benefits of using each, how other organizations are increasing sales with daily deal software, and some dos and don'ts of each channel. You'll also get tips on how to protect your brand, and tell if your social media activity is working. Free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members. (231) 547-2101

EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

April 16, 5 – 7pm, The Zone Sport Lounge. Sponsor: Coldwell Banker Schmidt of East Jordan

BOYNE CITY Cancer Crusaders '50's Dance Fundraiser

April 18, 6pm – midnight. Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders 50's Dance Party fundraiser. Eagle's Hall, 106 River Street, Boyne City. Music by TNT + Tim the DJ. Twist Contest, Celebrity Performers, Prizes, Cash Bar, Silent and Ticket Auctions. Come dressed as a 50/60's personality for a chance to win a prize. \$6 donation. 100 percent of money raised goes to individuals with cancer to assist with gas card to get to treatments, lodging, medical expenses and prosthetics. For more information contact Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.

BOYNE CITY Business Expo & Taste of Boyne

The Expo will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the former Carter's store. This expo is always one of Northern Michigan's largest business networking events, as 1,300 people come to see 95 local exhibitors, including a dozen Taste of Boyne food booths. Admission to the event is \$5. Soft drinks, Michigan wine and beer will be available.

EAST JORDAN Dr. Evil

The East Jordan High School Thespians will be performing "Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens" on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 pm!

Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at the door. The show is full of some of your favorite horror-flick monsters and sure to get you laughing. Fun for the whole family!

ELLSWORTH Pig Roast/Ellebration

The Pig Roast/Ellebration tradition continues! This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 20th. It will feature a hometown parade, a great meal, lots of games for children and teens, the annual horse pull and archery events and lots more. New this year will be a tractor cruise and a motorcycle tour.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Junior Achievement volunteers

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at

janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

BOYNE CITY Boyne Volunteer Network

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell 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 kroondyk@mboynelibrary.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 pre-school 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 wrccnm.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 caregivers 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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Charlevoix Circle of Arts presents art exhibition featuring works by area students

Presently showing at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts in downtown Charlevoix is presenting a countywide student art exhibit highlighting the creative works of students in Grades 7-12. Students representing East Jordan, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Concord Academy-Boyer and Northwest Academy schools will be on exhibit through Sunday, April 12th.

Todd Warner, Exhibits Committee chair, said that this was the first student exhibition that the Circle of Arts has held but the circle plans on making this an annual event. At the opening reception Warner told the audience that choosing the "Stars" of the exhibit was very difficult due to the high caliber of work produced by the students. Rather than naming first, second and third places, three student artists were chosen top "Stars".

Lauren Kwapicz, Grade 9, Northwest Academy, for "Self Portrait" digital media/graphic tablet; Celestia McGeorge, Grade 11, Concord Academy-Boyer, untitled/charcoal; Elora Wingo, Grade 12, Charlevoix, "Self-Portrait" drawing.

The top "Stars" will each receive



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ceive \$100 donated by Charlevoix galleries: Bier Gallery/Artists North, Cycling Salamander, Round Lake Gallery, and Elements. The gallery owners feel that it is very important to recognize and encourage these talented young artists.

Honorable Mention was given to the following: Concord-Boyer students included Sarah Gross, Gr.12 "Puffin" colored pencil and "Behind the Stage" digital media and drawing;

Lacey Kotalek, Grade 11, "Leopard" in colored pencil, and

Chioe Meicher, Gr. 10 "Lion" in colored pencil.

From Boyne City High School: Elizabeth Mansfield, Gr.10, glazed stoneware; Abigail Hills, "Masks" charcoal/chalk pastels; Morgan Keits, Gr.12, "Emotionless" watercolor and acrylic;

Kelsi Campbell, Gr.10, "Boats at Dawn" watercolor and acrylic; and Houston Spencer, Gr.9 "Dragon" in pencil.

East Jordan students included: Delaney Behling, Gr.12, "Blue Heron", acrylic on glass; Charlie Domenski, Gr.10, "Bottom of the River" woodburning; and Lacle Sueess, Gr.10

"Perception" digital photo of her drawing.

Beaver Island students include: Madelynn Martin, Gr.12 Kendall Portfolio; and Emily Burton, Gr.11, "Life's Window" digital art. Northwest Academy: Kayla Clark, Gr.10 "Bethany" in charcoal and from Charlevoix: Hannah Ochs, Gr.9, "Admiration" spray paint; Jenna Guthrie: Gr.10, "graphite"; Thea Ottesen, Gr.11, "Another Angle of Natasja Saad" scratchboard; Cedar Strzewski, Gr.11, "Owls at Night", scratchboard; and Hero Parker-Drost, Gr.12, "Abe" in silver point.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street and the exhibit will run through Sunday, April 12, 2015. Please check the website for further information charlevoixcircle.org

Boyne City High School graduate in Oakland University theatre production of "She Loves Me"

Whether you are old enough to remember a time when having a secret pen pal was daring, or young enough to use the matchmaking app Tinder, you cannot fail to be charmed by the romantic and whimsical musical "She Loves Me," which Oakland University's theatre program will open on Thursday, March 19. Boyne City High School graduate, William Raveau, will play one of the lead roles, Georg, in the production.

The show, which is set in a 1930s perfume shop in Budapest, is based on the play "Parfumerie" by Hungarian playwright Miklós László. The play was also the inspiration for the 1940 film "The Shop Around the Corner," the 1949 film "In the Good Old Summertime" and the 1998 movie "You've Got Mail." Clearly, the romantic tale of two young people who love each other, despite the fact that they don't think they like each other, is timeless.

In this musical comedy version, which according to the show's director, Karen Sheridan, is "long on comedy," two of the shop's employees, Georg Nowack and Amalia Balash, clash with each other at work, but are happily falling in love as they correspond with each other anonymously.

"She Loves Me" is the work of Broadway greats. It has a book by Joe Masteroff, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and music by Jerry Bock. The Oakland University production is double cast and features a beautiful set and wonderful period costume, all student-designed.

The Sunday, March 22 and Saturday, March 28 performances of "She Loves Me" will be shadow-signed for the Deaf by Synergy on Stage.

Performances are in Varner Studio Theatre, which is located on the Oakland University campus. Maps of the campus are



Britney Spindler and William Raveau (of Boyne City High School) play the roles of Amalia and Georg in the musical "She Loves Me," which opens March 19 in Varner Studio Theatre. Photo credit: Daniel Robinson.

available at oakland.edu/map or by searching for "Varner Hall" on a smartphone. Parking is free.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$10 for students, and the 10 a.m. matinee. They may be purchased online without service fees at startickets.com or by phone at (800) 585-3737. They can also be purchased at the Varner Box Office on OU's campus.

For more information on Music, Theatre and Dance programs and performances, call (248) 370-2030 or visit oakland.edu/mtd.

Full schedule:

Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m.
Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. (Shadow Signed)
Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m.
Friday, March 27, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 28, at 8 p.m. (Shadow Signed)
Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

Moon Rocks on display at Raven Hill Discovery Center March 28 – April 10

Not everyone travels over spring break and for those who are staying close to home for whatever reason; the excitement is building at Raven Hill Discovery Center. The Center has collaborated with the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) to bring a display of lunar geological specimens to northern Lower Michigan.

In other words, moon rocks will be on display at Raven Hill for everyone to view. Visitors will also be able to see shuttle tiles from Atlantis and Endeavor. The tiles were replaced because they were damaged on reentry. There will be hands-on explorations of Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation and his three Laws of Motion, a problem-solving activity called, "Lost on the Moon" and Spinoffs, a display of items originally designed for the space program and now widely used worldwide.

This special exhibit runs daily from noon to 4 pm starting Saturday, March 28 through Friday, April 10 and is open to the public. No appointment is needed. The hands-on museum and animals will also be available for visitors to explore and the outdoor exhibits will be open.

General admission is \$10 per person. For more information, call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org

Is it Spring Yet?

A frosty February leaves Northern Michigander's eager for the new season

By Jim Akans

In the wake of a frosty farewell to the month of February it's refreshing to know spring's arrival is just around the corner. The vernal equinox (Latin for "spring" and "equal night") takes place at 6:46 pm on Friday, March 20th marking the onset of the spring season here in the Northern Hemisphere. The event marks the time when the sun is directly over the equator - making the length of daylight and darkness pretty much equal. As the calendar days move forward, the amount of daylight here in the north will be increasing (until the summer solstice in June), bringing much welcome return of warmth, melting snow and budding trees and flowers.

The Farmer's Almanac is calling for slightly above normal temperatures and about average precipitation for the upper Midwest during April and May.

As high temperatures typically run in the 50-degree range in April and 60's in May here in the north...that's very good news indeed. With a nod toward spring fashion it's time to trade those sweat-shirts, sweaters and boots for short sleeve shirts and tennis shoes. Life is so much simpler when the weather is warm.

Warming days and retreating snow banks can also reveal items in the yard we haven't seen since the fall. Sometimes those are welcome discoveries and sometimes they lead to spring landscaping projects and outside maintenance tasks. Don't forget to mix those outdoor chores with time to relax and enjoy the great outdoors by taking a long walk, firing up the BBQ grille, or sitting back in a lawn chair to watch nature come alive once again. Smile and enjoy this fleeting stretch of warm weather be-

tween snow seasons.

For spring has sprung, and as we cross the vernal equinox be assured that each drop of ice water falling from the roof eaves or puddle growing beneath each shrinking snow pile is a sign of nature's increasing warmth. Welcome back spring!!! SpringPhoto; Another icicle slowly turns to water and drips away. The vernal equinox has arrived. Spring has sprung! Photo by Jim Akans

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Birthday Bash benefit at Whitecaps supports Women's Resource Center

A Birthday Bash FUNdraiser to benefit the women, children and families utilizing programs and services of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) will be held at Whitecaps Restaurant in Petoskey from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25. Although the WRCNM recently marked 38 years of providing essential services to those in northern Michigan, the event is not a birthday party for the non-profit organization. The event celebrates the shared March 25 birthdays of several notable individuals, and more importantly, raises needed dollars for WRCNM programs and services which thousands of individuals rely on every year.

The benefit features both silent and live auctions with a variety of unique items donated by local businesses and individuals. The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at 7:00 p.m., featuring items such as a European cooking class, fishing charter expedition, 5-course gourmet dinner for eight, tandem parasail flight, Cross Village weekend getaway on 160' of Lake Michigan frontage, and a ride aboard a Petoskey City Fire truck for three people. A wide variety of gift certificates offers everything



A Birthday Bash FUNdraiser to benefit the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan will be held at Whitecaps Restaurant in Petoskey on March 25. The benefit features both a silent auction and a live auction with Jason Guthrie returning as auctioneer. Guthrie (back, center) is pictured at last year's event during the live auction. COURTESY PHOTO

from wine tasting and cooking demonstrations to yoga, massage, acupuncture and fitness.

"Even though the WRCNM turned 38 in February, we thought this fundraiser would be an interesting way to celebrate the birthdays of a few people who have blazed their own trails and made significant contributions in one way or another," said Deb Smith, WRCNM Assistant Director. "It will be a

fun and light-hearted event; however, the dollars we hope to raise are absolutely vital to the organization and help support children's educational programming and scholarships, the 24-hour crisis and information line, heat and electricity at the domestic abuse Safe Home and free counseling to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. We invite the community and friends of the WRCNM to join the cele-

bration and have FUN."

The WRCNM's Birthday Bash benefit also features an array of hors d'oeuvres created by the staff at Whitecaps, as well as a cash bar. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the door or by calling the WRCNM at (231) 347-0067. For more information on WRCNM programs, services and events visit wrcnm.org.

Applications now available for summer 2015 Go Grants for Girls

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber Commerce, is now accepting applications for its Summer 2015 GO Grants for Girls program. Girls Outreach Grants (GO Grants) are for individual girls with an idea and passion to try something new, improve a skill, attend camp, take lessons and more, but who may need some financial help and encouragement from caring adults.

Girls in the Char-Em school area can qualify for grants up to \$500 for summer activities.

"Since it was launched in 2010 - the Go Grants Program has provided over \$41,000 of mini-grants to 188 girls in the Char-Em ISD service area," said Lisa Hoyt, Membership Director. "The group is happy to be able to reach out to the young women in our community and help them attain personal skills and experience for future success," continued Hoyt.

The application and background information is available at the chamber office or online <http://bit.ly/1C4DFHs>

. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2015.

Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor - a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc. - who will help them fill out and submit the application, and will work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her.

The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements and girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards, but girls who need support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible.

We hope the community will share this information with friends and family to reach out to girls who need financial assistance. For more information, contact Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150, lisa@petoskey.com.



Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, high quality, military grade items are available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods. PHOTO BY DAN KLATT.

"Get your gear on" at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic

By Jim Akans

Built to perform, built to last. It is a quality inherent in the equipment designed and manufactured for military use. Thanks to the folks at Pineview Military Surplus in Frederic, these high quality items are also available for campers, hunters, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts, and those who simply enjoy well-crafted, durable goods.

Pineview Military Surplus current owners, Dan and Christine Klatt, purchased the business back in 1997, after it had already been in operation for about 17 years. The approximately 2,000 square foot facility located in Frederic on Old U.S. 27 North is an amazing wonderland for those interested in just about any type of military surplus item.

The shop even includes a fascinating military museum, with collections starting from the Revolutionary War era through the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan

Christine Klatt states, "While the items in our museum area are not for sale, they are amazing to see. What we do offer in our store is all the Government Issue military surplus items that we can find, some authentic new items, and even some vintage items. Our inventory comes from government auctions, from people who have retired from the military, and we also buy new items from the same manufacturers that supply the government with equipment."

Highlights of those offerings included clothing and outerwear of

just about every type; rain gear, head gear, boots, hats, helmets, even women's, children's and infant clothing.

They also stock camping gear, web gear, backpacks, carry bags, and chemical protection suits (a great alternative to scent lock suits for hunters). Among the souvenir items in the shop are military insignia and ribbons, medals, hatpins, patches, decals, window stickers... the list of items goes on and on.

The best way to see what is available is to stop by and take a look! Pineview Military Surplus is located at 7328 Old US 27 North in Frederic. Currently, they are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 7 pm. Check them out on Facebook at Pineview Military Surplus, or call (989) 348-8300.

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- ❑ There is no "5-second rule". As a kid, the "5-second rule" probably sounded like a good idea. That's a perfectly good piece of candy! But less than a second is long enough for food to pick up harmful bacteria. Use the 0-second rule instead: Once something hits the floor, throw it away.
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3/13, Friday, 6:00pm - 3/15, Sunday, 10:00am

CAMP DAGGETT - FATHER/SON WEEKEND

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or big brothers are invited to bring their sons/grandsons (ages 7-14) for a fun filled weekend. For more info or to register, contact Ed Leverenz at 231-347-9742, ext. 112.
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3/14, 20, 21, 7:00pm; 3/15, 2:00pm

"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"

Produced by Boyne City High School Drama Department, Performing Arts Center.
www.boynechamber.com

3/18, Wednesday, 1 - 7pm

PROJECT CONNECT

A day of free services for those in need at the Odawa Casino, Ovation Hall, in Petoskey. Volunteers needed. For more info, call Char Em United Way @ 231-487-1006 or visit the website @ www.ProjectConnect231.org.

3/19, Thursday, 4:00 - 7:00pm

CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS EXPO

One of the largest business networking events, the expo will feature 75 booths in a wide range of categories, including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and more. The expo will also feature the Taste of Charlevoix where area restaurants will set up and offer attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. Admission \$5.
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3/20, Friday - 3/22, Sunday

BOYNE MTN. - CARNIVAL WEEKEND

Carnival Kick-Off Party, On-Hill Party, Adult Costume Contest, Slush Cup, and much more. For more event details, visit www.boyne.com.

3/24, Tuesday, 10:00am

COFFEE WITH JANIA TAYLOR: THOSE MAGICAL DAMES

Jania Taylor is an award-winning magician whose wit and charm have pleased audiences throughout the country. She has been classically trained in the art of prestidigitation (skill in performing magic/conjuring tricks with the hands).
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3/26, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00pm

MARCH 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.
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 19
Wii Bowling
10am "The Brook"
Candy Store

Friday, March 20
11am O.J. Adkins
Raffle

Monday, March 23
Line Dance
Brown-Bag Bingo -
Gift Certificate Prize

Tuesday, March 24
Cheboygan Seniors for
Lunch & Wii Bowling

Wed., March 25

Thursday, March 26
Wii Bowling
11am Knitting & Crochet

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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

Friday, March 20
9:30am Craft Class
1pm Rummy

Monday, March 23
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24
FOOT CLINIC
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class
1pm Rummy
AARP TAX PREP 9am-1pm

Wed., March 25
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, March 26
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Pinochle

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 19
KARAOKE DAY!

Friday, March 20
11am Dollar in the Jukebox
Bingo
BAKE RAFFLE—everyone
bring something!

Monday, March 23
8am-1pm Walking M-F

Tuesday, March 24
10:30am Line Dancing
12:30pm Bingo
1pm Paint Class

Wed., March 25
GAME DAY!

Thursday, March 26
KARAOKE DAY!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, March 19
BAKED CHICKEN

Friday, March 20
BAKED FISH

Monday, March 23
CHEESY MEATBALL

Tuesday, March 24
HONEY DIJON CHICKEN

Wed., March 25
COOK'S CHOICE

Thursday, March 26
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