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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 7, 2015

Water rates on the rise in East Jordan

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commission established new water and sewer rates at Tuesday evening's meeting, finalizing the proposed 2015/16 fiscal year budget.

After two years without water and sewer rate increases, the city of East Jordan will see about a 20% increase for 2015/16.

"By not adjusting the rates last year, we were just passing the buck to this year," said city administrator Tom Cannon.

Flat rates for both water and sewer will be raised from \$30 per quarter to \$35. The debt service for water will decrease from \$1.75 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.36, and the OM&R (operations, maintenance, and replacement) will rise from \$3.05 per 100 cubic feet to \$3.75. The debt service for sewer will increase from \$0.77 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.48, and the OM&R will increase from \$4.05 per 100 cubic feet to \$4.65.

"I'm proposing water/sewer rates that are needed to operate these utilities at an accountable level," said Cannon. "There are several factors that require our rates to be increased, many of which we have little control over."



City administrator Tom Cannon. FILE PHOTO

Some factors include water run advisories that have occurred over the past two winters which have increased operational costs, the inefficiency of the current wastewater treatment plant, and debt service from infrastructure developments, including the recent M-32 project.

Mayor Peck asked how the city could justify the water rates to the public, as East Jordan has a reputation for having county-wide high rates.

"We are the cheapest for

flat rate," said Cannon. "Regardless of the water service that you receive at your business or home, your flat rate is only \$35, and then there is the rate structure."

City Clerk Cheltzi Wilson also commented that people often think East Jordan's rates are much higher simply because the rates are structured differently than other communities.

"We need to make investment into our system," said Cannon. "Right

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Grandvue adds gorgeous new outdoor activities

Norma Jean Babcock

EAST JORDAN: For the residents of Grandvue being indoors may be the norm, but soon enough a beautiful 1 acre park filled with playground equipment, a water feature, and numerous other activities will get them out enjoying the sunshine.

These new outdoor options will be available to residents because the Directors of Grandvue saw the love that they, many of whom are Northern Michigan natives, have for the outdoors. After a full scale remodel of the facility in 2005 which made the interior of the location more comfortable, the residents began to ask if it would be possible to create more outdoor activities as well.

"When we finished that project the residents were thrilled, but they said to us 'How about the outdoor area? We really would like to get outdoors and do more outdoors,'" said Linda Mansfield, who works as the Director of Social Work at Grandvue.

Mansfield and Director Carol Timmer took the residents ideas and formed a plan that will not



An aerial view of the new outdoor activities area at Grandvue

only get the resident's outdoors, but that will help create a sense of purpose for those whose mobility may limit what they can do. Residents offered ideas such as a groomed walking path that they can wander with their families and friends, and a greenhouse that will be open year round and allow folks to grow their own flowers or produce that can be used later inside the facility.

"It will give our residents a sense of purpose, to plant those flowers and then see them used later on," stated Mansfield.

The greenhouse will be added onto the Horizon Vue Memory Care Center, and is actually the first part of the project that will break ground. Timmer says that the project, which has been divided into four phases, will start sometime in June or July, and the greenhouse will hopefully be completed by October of this year.

The funding for the project will be all from fundraising. According to Timmer no money will be

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Michigan Beach to receive new playground equipment

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday night City Council chose to approve of accepting a grant that will give funds toward putting in new handicapped accessible playground equipment at Michigan Beach.

The council listened to Tom Kirinovic of the Recreation Department as he explained that the Department of Natural Resources has offered a grant to the tune of \$67,500. The grant was awarded in December of 2014 after former Recreation Director Amanda Wilkin applied for it. According to the application, the DNR will give \$45,000 and the city will match with \$22,500.

For the DNR to release its funds however the city must submit a Development Project Agreement in which they describe exactly how the funds will be used; including where the new equipment will go, and what types of equipment will be purchased. According to Kirinovic that agreement has been created and is now ready to go back to the DNR. The deadline for the application is April 21.

According to the Recreation Department, the grant will allow the city to put new handicapped accessible play equipment across from sandy beach in a grassy area. The equipment will thus require families to cross over the parking area/street to use. Kirinovic explained to the council that although the beach currently has equip-

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SATURDAY



HIGH: 53
LOW: 36

SUNDAY



HIGH: 65
LOW: 49

snowfall records

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Amt
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	114.5
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	90.7
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	69
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	125
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	145
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	47.7
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	72.9
4/8/2013	4/7/2014	4/6/2015	132.3
			171.5
			121.7
			130
			150.1
			173.2
			66.2
			120.7
			180.7
			91
			61.4
			82.4
			106.8
			134.8
			32.4
			69.4
			111.7

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 11	29°	53°	13°	78°	13° (1973)	78° (1977)
APR 12	29°	53°	13°	80°	13° (1975)	80° (2006)
APR 13	30°	54°	6°	75°	6° (1950)	75° (1977)
APR 14	30°	54°	18°	81°	18° (1975)	81° (2003)
APR 15	30°	55°	19°	81°	19° (1950)	81° (2003)
APR 16	31°	55°	19°	88°	19° (1966)	88° (2002)
APR 17	31°	56°	20°	90°	20° (1978)	90° (2002)
APR 18	31°	56°	17°	84°	17° (1949)	84° (1976)

OBITUARIES

Noah M. Boss, 6 months

Noah Matthew Boss, the 6-month-old son of Jon & Laura (Nitchman) Boss of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 28, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Noah was dearly loved by his family and his young life drew his already close families even closer. Noah's priceless smile accentuated his beautiful eyes, which brought sheer joy to those who so dearly loved him. The love, support and prayers of so many friends and relatives for Noah, and for Jon & Laura, have been overwhelming and sincerely appreciated.

Noah is survived by his 3-year-old brother Owen, by his 1½-year-old sister Anna, by his grandparents Doug & Leslie Nitchman of Charlevoix and Wayne & Sandy Boss of Charlevoix, by his great grandparents Joann Way of Charlevoix, Dennis & Cathleen Purdie of Tennessee, Barbara Nitchman of Alpena, and by numerous cousins, aunts and uncles. Noah was preceded in death by his great grandparents Dawson Way, Oscar & Fern Joyce Boss, Gerald Nitchman, and by his cousin Kari Way. Noah is now safely resting in the hands of Jesus when not in the arms of Kari.

Noah's funeral was held Monday, April 6, 2015 at Center Point Assembly, 05291 M-66 North, Charlevoix. Pastor Mike Way, Jon's uncle, officiated. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Noah Boss Memorial Fund. This fund is being set up to help support the expenses of local families when caring for the premature birth of their baby. Please send contributions to Center Point Assembly, 05291 M-66 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720, Attention: Noah Boss Memorial Fund.

Jennie L. Behling, 69

(DEC. 19, 1945 - APRIL 2, 2015)

Jennie L. Behling of Boyne City and formerly of Cheboygan passed away Thursday, April 2, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born December 19,



1945 in Cheboygan, the daughter of Clarence D. and Louise C. (Pethers) Hovey, Sr. On August 19, 1989 in Boyne City, Jennie married Michael J. Behling who survives.

Jennie had worked at Circuit Control in both Cheboygan and Petoskey, Fox Valley Instruments in Cheboygan, High Q in Pellston, Lexalite in Charlevoix and also did day care in the Cheboygan area. She loved to do crafts but cooking and baking was her specialty. She was passionate about bowling and had participated in many tournaments earning several trophies. She was also active in all children's activities and sports including acting as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and coaching softball and was always the first to donate to all of their fund raisers. She enjoyed golfing, boating, going to the casino and trips to Florida. Jennie was feisty to the end and was never a quitter. She was a fighter like her father and had a heart of gold like her mother. Her favorite flower was the yellow rose and her favorite saying was "Oh, Sucka-Mucka".

Besides her husband Mike, Jennie is survived by her two sons, Cory Behling of CO and Casey (Noelle) Behling of Indian River, her brother, Clarence (Betty) Hovey, Jr. of Cheboygan and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Noon at the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home with the family greeting friends one hour prior to the service. Pastor Kenneth Bernthal will officiate. Memorial contributions in Jennie's name may be directed to the family. Those wishing to leave a condolence or share a memory of Jennie are invited to do so at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Robert Elmer Reed, 83

(JUNE 8, 1931 - APRIL 2, 2015)

Robert Elmer Reed of Charlevoix, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2015, in Charlevoix.

He was born in Charlevoix on June 8, 1931, to Elmer E. and Viola M. (Stafford) Reed. Bob



graduated from high school and attended college.

He worked as a Tool Design Engineer in the automobile and aircraft industries. In 1948, Bob began his service in the US Army. During the Korean War he was stationed in Austria and was discharged as a Corporal in 1952.

On January 4, 1975, he married the former Sharon Boley Fisher in Portage. They made their home in Bob's family home on Green Street in Charlevoix – the place Bob referred to as "My Life". Bob was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. He was an everyday avid sportsman. He loved fishing and deer hunting.

Most of all, he loved his wife, Sharon, who survives him. He is also survived by his sons, Robert E. Reed Jr. of Oakland, Calif., Lesley W. (Michelle) Fisher of Redding, Penn.; daughters, Sherry (Danny) Hammond of Plano, Tex., Laurie Azolas of Redondo Beach, Calif.; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his brother, Bill in 1998.

Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Wednesday, April 8, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The funeral will be 1 pm, Thursday, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend James D. Green officiating. Interment will take place in the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

Alberta E. Simmons, 87

Alberta E. Simmons of East Jordan died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Alina Craig, 76

Alina M. Craig of East Jordan died on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial mass will be held later in the spring. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Jean Jursik Marx, 98

(FEB. 16, 1926 - APRIL 3, 2015)

Jean was born in Havana, Cuba in 1926 where her father owned a Ford tractor dealership. Shortly after Ford withdrew from Cuba, the family moved to the little town of Islip, on Long Island near New York City. While her Dad worked for his father in law, Jean grew up along the shore, roaming the beaches and learning to swim, and to catch fish and crabs from the dock. When she was nine, her family moved to Detroit where her dad started a new career.

Jean went to Redford High and worked at the big downtown Hudson's store. She became a big Tigers fan and often took the bus by herself (in a very different pre-war Detroit) to games where she watched from the bleachers. She attended MSU where she majored in Home Economics and Dietetics, and met the love of her life, Ray Marx. They married in 1948 and were together for 66 years, best friends and sweeties until Ray's death in 2014. Jean was a homemaker and raised three children at their home in Franklin, MI. She was very accomplished at fabric crafts including sewing, quilting, embroidery, crewel, and her favorite, rug hooking. She joined a group of "hookers" and went to hooker conventions, and created beautiful rugs that still grace the homes of her children. She and Ray took up sailing and downhill skiing from their cottage on Walloon Lake, and enjoyed many skiing vacations and backpacking trips in the Rockies. One of her favorite things to do when they lived in Franklin was to host dinner parties at their home. She would invite 3 or 4 couples, friends from church, the neighborhood, or any of their other activities to come over on a Saturday night, and everyone would dress up, coats and ties and cocktail dresses, drinks were served and Jean would create a great four course meal for a beautiful evening. The kids would get TV dinners in the family room. After retirement, she and Ray split their time between their condo and country club in Tucson and their beautiful home on Walloon Lake near Petoskey. They played golf and enjoyed entertaining family whenever they could visit. They travelled all over the world, a safari in Africa, cruises through the Panama Canal and Cape Horn, to Australia and all over Europe. Over the years, children, grandchildren, and eventually great-grandchildren came to Walloon and Jean loved it. She is survived by three children, Richard and Linda Marx of Troy, Gary and Linda Marx of East Lansing, and Nancy and Tom Giles of East Lansing, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing. Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester, Michigan. Those desiring may make contributions in memory of Jean to Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. On line condolences may be made at www.greastlansing.com



Josephine 'Jo' Maat, 90

(MARCH 3, 1925 - APRIL 1, 2015)

Josephine "Jo" Maat of Boyne City died April 1, 2015, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Jo was born on March 3, 1925, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Engbert and Johanna (Schovelt) Kamminga and was raised in Grand Rapids, graduating from Creston High School with the class of 1943.

On Aug. 29, 1947, Jo married Eugene D. Maat in Grand Rapids. Together they made their home in Grand Rapids until they moved to Boyne City in 1972.

Jo loved spending time outdoors and going camping, how-

ever her greatest joy was spending time with her family and especially grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Don (Dava) Maat of Boyne City and Rick (Janet) Maat of Negaunee, Mich.; four grandchildren, Dusty (Mary) Maat, Devon (Josh) Bernthal, Ryan Maat, and Jennifer Maat; and by three great-grandchildren, Zach, Sadie and Amelia.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eugene; and by five siblings, Fred, Jean, Ann, Hermie and Betty.

Private family services will take place at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Erik Fraley Arvilla, 74

(Feb. 26, 1941 - March 22, 2015)

Erik Fraley Arvilla, born on Feb. 26, 1941, in Charlevoix, Mich., was called home on March 22, 2015, in Gulfport, Miss. Cause of death was cardiac arrest in his sleep. During the past few months his health had been challenged by several weeks of extensive chemo and radiation therapy to treat cancer of the throat and jaw. His life was otherwise blessed with multiple successes, including early musical and athletic achievements of considerable magnitude wherein he sang bass in the Charlevoix Methodist Church and other choirs, played the bass horn (tuba) in Charlevoix's concert and marching bands and was a fighting Rayder on Charlevoix's football team which remained unscored upon for the entirety of Erik Fraley's varsity years. Following his graduation from Charlevoix High, he pursued mastery of the culinary arts, this course of study marked by his graduation from Yale University's Culinary Institute of America. He went on to an elevated position with Saga Foods, then worked with Stouffer's, was employed for nearly five years as an executive chef in Saudi Arabia, was retained by Central Michigan University where he supervised food services and was also a chef on a gulf oil rig. Erik Fraley had a daughter, Dawn (Arvilla) Gotshall and a son, Erik Joseph Arvilla. He also adopted a daughter, Joreen Arvilla, and a son, Joseph Arvilla. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lyla McMillan Arvilla; brother, Albert McMillan Arvilla; and son, Erik Joseph Arvilla. His surviving siblings, Joel William Arvilla, Denis Erin Arvilla and Dana Ellen MacMillan recall myriad endearing childhood memories filled with their brother's levity and sensitivity, but will remember Erik Fraley the best for his precious and tender warmth, while chatting over a cup of coffee in the early morning hours of a lazy summer day. He will surely be missed by those who've known and loved him! In the words of Frank Sinatra, Erik Fraley could truly say, "I did it my way!!" Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in his name.

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2015 Farm to Frame Stroll

The 2015 Farm to Frame Stroll will take place on April 25th from 2 to 5pm in downtown Boyne City. The Farm to Frame photo contest uses photography as a medium to raise awareness about the small farms and local foods around us—both from photographers looking through the lens and by others who are able to share their vision and art while viewing the exhibit.

In its third year, Farm to Frame received outstanding response from photographers. Over 60 photos were selected for the show. In order to encourage younger members of our community to participate, two age categories, one of which was 18 and under, were awarded prizes.

After the awards were announced in September the show was on display at Crooked Tree Arts Center through December. It then moved to the Charlevoix Library before installation in Boyne City on April 12th.

Boyne City Farm to Frame Stroll will host the show on April 25th featuring four downtown locations. Each location will provide appetizers, beverages and Farm to Frame photos. Art viewers will punch their cards at each stop and place their vote on their favorite photographs, and receive special discounts for happy hour.

Votes will be tallied with People's Choice awards given.

The four categories and stops include:

1st "Moments from the Farm" at the Boyne City Farmers Market, 201 E. Main Street, In the red

barn next to the Boyne District Library
2nd "Still Life" at Freshwater Studio, 217 S Lake Street

3rd "Landscape" at Northern Table, 220 S Lake Street

4th "Impressions & Portraits" at Cafe Santé, 1 Water Street for happy hour, featuring a locally sourced special. After the votes are tallied we will announce the Farm to Frame Stroll People's Choice winner!

The spirit of this event is to raise awareness of the contributions of small farms to our community and economy and the many benefits of having access to more locally-grown food. The show will be expanded to Traverse City with the merging of CTAC and Arts Center of Traverse City, with a call for photos in June through September.

Please contact Lucy Teets at 231.347.4337 or Becky Harris at 330-2704 with any questions.

This event is presented by Crooked Tree Arts Center, ISLAND and Boyne City Farmers Market; with support from Boyne City Main Street, Freshwater Gallery, Northern Table, Café Santé and Boyne District Library.

RIGHT: FarmtoFramePhoto2; Farm to Frame Stroll locations will provide appetizers, beverages and Farm to Frame photos. COURTESY PHOTO

FAR RIGHT: The 2015 Farm to Frame Stroll will take place on April 25th from 2 to 5pm in downtown Boyne City. COURTESY PHOTO



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Increasing Awareness of Parkinson's Disease

By Deb Hagen-Foley

April is Parkinson's Disease awareness month. A chronic, degenerative neurological disorder, Parkinson's disease affects 1 in 100 people over the age of 60. The average age of onset is 60, but the disease can begin at age 40 in as many as 10% of people. Actress Katherine Hepburn had Parkinson's Disease. Michael J. Fox, the actor, was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease at age 30.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (available online at www.michaeljfox.org) funds research to improve treatments for those living with Parkinson's with the goal of finding a cure to eradicate the disease. At least one million people in the US and six million worldwide have Parkinson's disease.

The symptoms of Parkinson's: tremor, slowness of movement, balance problems and rigidity; are the result of the loss of brain cells that produce dopamine. Dopamine transmits signals within the brain coordinating movements. Lack of Dopamine reduces the Parkinson's patient's ability to direct or control their movements. It is unknown what causes the loss of brain cells although environmental toxins or virus are suspected. With most chronic illnesses, the condition is treatable but not curable. Through trial and error, the medical professional and the patient determine the best course of treatment, which will vary throughout the progression of the illness.

Parkinson's disease can't be cured, but medications can control symptoms by increasing the supply of dopamine. Over time, the medications may become less effective. Deep brain stimulation (DBS) is an option when symptoms are difficult to control. In deep brain stimulation, electrodes are implanted into the brain of the Parkinson's patient. These electrodes are connected to a generator that is implanted into the chest to send electrical current to the brain. DBS is often effective in reducing involuntary movements (dyskinesia), tremors and rigidity.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research has been funding research to improve treatments and find a cure for the disease since its inception in 2000. To find a support group for persons with Parkinson's disease, visit the website of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinsonsmi.org.

Central Michigan University neuroscience professor recognized for transforming lives

Central Michigan University neuroscience professor Gary Dunbar's passion for teaching and mentoring has transformed the lives of hundreds of students throughout his 33-year career at CMU, all while guiding CMU's neuroscience program to national prominence.

On this foundation, Dunbar has earned recognition as a 2015 Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year, sponsored by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan.

Dunbar, a CMU alumnus, is a nationally recognized leader in neuroscience education. He developed and has nurtured CMU's undergraduate neuroscience program, leading it to be named the country's top program in 2013.

Dunbar has attained national recognition for his program of student-centered research and actively garners experiential learning opportunities for his students. Working alongside him, Dunbar's students have conducted hands-on research, primarily using stem cells, that has resulted in significant findings related to the stroke, as well as diseases such as Alzheimer's and Huntington's.

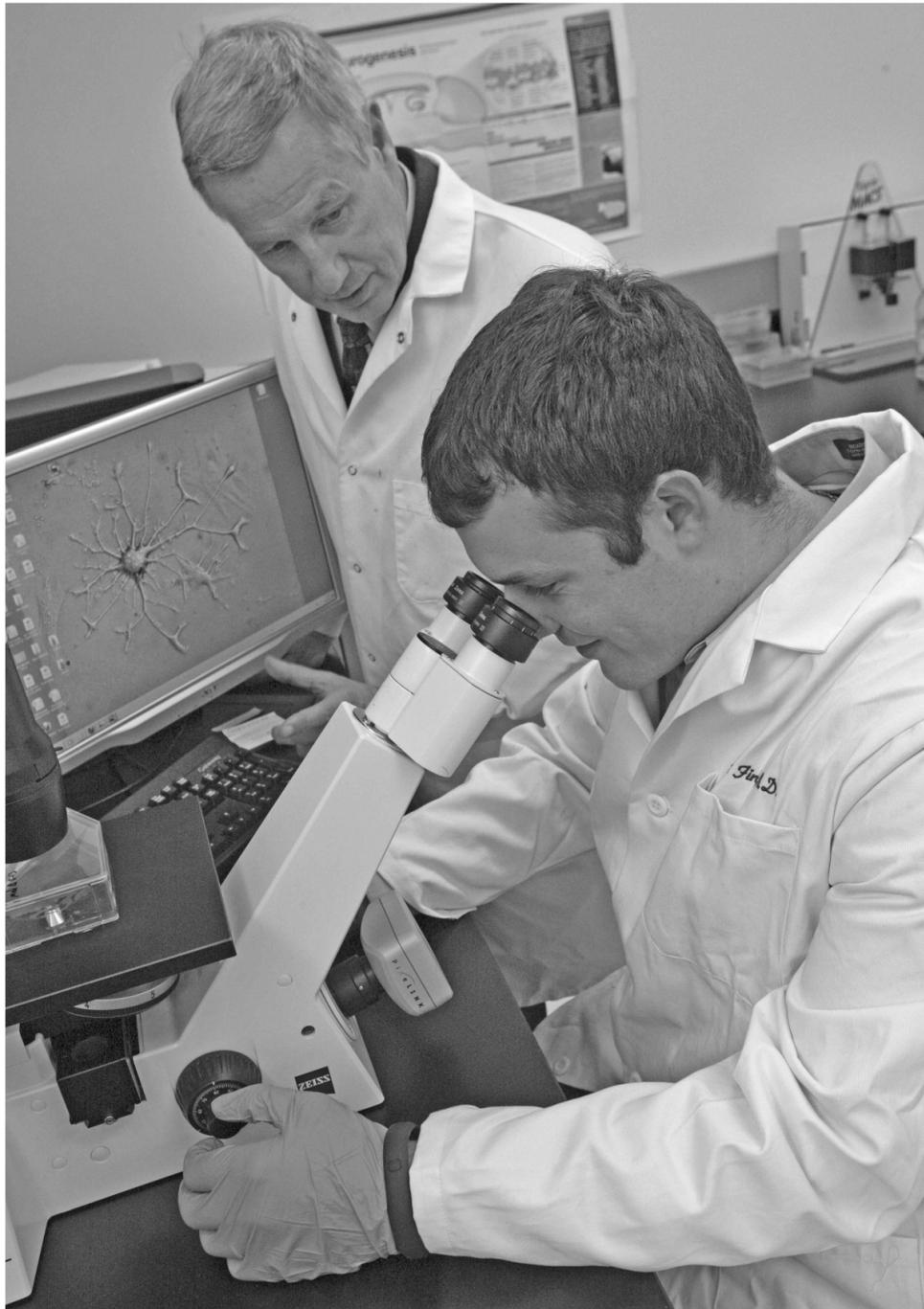
"Dunbar's passion for developing strong, independent thinkers is evidenced in the way he structures his classes and his research laboratory and also in the leaders who have emerged from his mentorship," CMU Provost Michael Gealt said. "All of the students who have the opportunity to work with Dunbar comment on his commitment, the amount of time he devotes to them and his accessibility."

To Dunbar, this award is very special. "This award recognizes what attracted me to this profession, which is to help provide a nurturing learning environment for undergraduates," Dunbar said.

One example of Dunbar's life-changing influence is the story of CMU alumnus Charles Weaver. As an undergraduate student at CMU, Weaver was struggling as a student and as an athlete on CMU's baseball team. Dunbar encouraged Weaver to keep working in his lab. That en-



Dr. Gary Dunbar named Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year



Gary Dunbar guides CMU students in neuroscience research

couragement, along with the experience in the lab, helped Weaver to not only graduate but also go on and get his doctorate in neuroscience. He currently teaches at Saginaw Valley State University.

"I was fortunate to have many role models and outstanding mentors throughout my life," Dunbar said. "However, it is during the undergraduate years when many students, including me, have the greatest need for the care, empathy and guidance

that will help them set the courses of their lives."

The Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year award program recognizes the outstanding contributions made by faculty from Michigan's public universities to the education of undergraduate students. Each of Michigan's 15 public universities were invited by the Presidents Council to nominate a faculty member who has had a significant impact on student learning through various media, includ-

ing teaching excellence and student advising.

Dunbar is one of three in the state to receive the award. A ceremony will be held April 10 to recognize the awardees at the Lansing Convention Center. Dunbar grew up in Cadillac, Michigan and is married to Deb (Provost) Dunbar and is the brother-in-law to Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News owners, Dave & Cathy Baragrey.

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Bergmann Center hosts chili cook-off

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: To put a yummy spin on winter's end, the Bergmann Center hosted the Charlevoix Aktion Club Annual Chili Cook Off on March 23.

The cook off is hosted each year, where judges rate chili's concocted by area residents who hope to win first, second or third prize and the coveted traveling chili pepper trophy which was designed by the Martha Sulfridge and her volunteer helper Karissa. The cook off is generally judged by "celebrity" judges; this year Allison Hubbard, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Dave Prahl the General Manager of Fox Motors were those judges.

The event gives the judges a taste of each recipe submitted. This year, 10 different entries were submitted to the judges, and were judged on four categories; 1) Flavor, 2) Presentation, 3) Originality/Recipe, and 4) Texture. Each category was rated on a scale of 1-5, and then the overall number was tabulated to determine the winners.

Third place was awarded to Suzanne Muma and Paul J., these two won a certificate and a \$5 Gift Certificate to the Bergmann Center Resale Shop. They used a tried a true recipe that was originally developed by a former Aktion Club advisor, Ken Brill, who explained that the secret to the chili was to "search the cupboard and freezer and throw it together." In 2008 this chili won first place, and then 2nd in 2014.

Second Place went to Eric W. and Joe W. who also received a certificate of participation and a \$5 Gift Certificate to the resale shop.

First Place was awarded to Taylor School students and staff: Kerry VanOrman, Joe F., Cody R., and Jordan E. This group of chili makers received the traveling chili pepper trophy, and a \$10 Gift Certificate to the



The winners of the 2015 Aktion Club Chili Cook off celebrate their delicious win.

Bergmann Center Resale Shop.

To get a taste of the delicious chili if you weren't a judge cost \$4 for unlimited spoonfuls of the 10 different recipes. Additionally attendees received cookies, fruit and a drink to wash it all down.

The fundraiser serves to help the Aktion Club each year as they put the money back into the community via their numerous activities. Programs such as Moms for Tots, Stuff the Bus, Meals on Wheels and many others are partially funded by the proceeds from this chili cook off. The money also helps the Aktion Club to get volunteers at the Boyne Animal Shelter, recycle for the Chamber of Commerce and the Library, as well as donate to hospitals and rehabilitation centers statewide. The Aktion Club is a service club sponsored by the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club.

The Aktion Club in Charlevoix was actually the first of its kind to be made in Michigan. It was established in 2000 and received its Charter in 2001. It was the first Chartered Club in Michigan and the 6th internationally. It now has over 11,000 members comprising 590 clubs.

"Congratulations to Taylor School students and staff! We are so pleased everyone had a great time and look forward to next year's event!" said Meghan VanLoo-Grimm of the Bergmann Center.

For more information about Aktion Club you can check out their website www.aktionclub.org or contact Julie Downing the Aktion Club Coordinator at Bergmann Center at either jdowning@bergmanncenter.org or 231-546-2979 extension 14.

'Instant Wine Cellar' fundraiser benefits area volunteer center

After a long winter in Northern Michigan, you are invited to a night out this spring to enjoy a fundraising event that supports volunteerism in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties through Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections.

The 5th annual Instant Wine Cellar will be held on Friday, April 17 from 7 to 10pm, at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey. The night will feature a chance to win one of several large collections of wine or craft beer, including 99 bottles of Shorts brew. Short's has also donated a couple of VERY special beers for the silent auction. New this year, we will have a Money Machine on site thanks to Charlevoix ACE Hardware. Fifth-Third bank is sponsoring it, so you know they'll be plenty of bills inside; step in and see if you can grab some cash!

Entry to the event is a (\$15 value) bottle of wine or six-pack of craft beer or \$15. With the purchase of raffle tickets, guests have a chance to win a collection of wine or beer from the donated beverages. Adding to the entertainment there will be a silent auction, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

A special committee is organizing the

evening to benefit Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections, which serves nonprofit organizations and volunteers by providing resources, recognition, and management. The purpose of Volunteer Connections is to promote and increase volunteerism in our two-county area.

This year there will be a special drawing of local wine/beer, to enter this drawing attendees need to be registered with Volunteer Connections, and a FAN of Char-Em United Way. Computers will be available on site to register, or registration can occur prior to the event by logging in at www.charemunitiedway.org/volunteer and clicking the VOLUNTEER TODAY button.

The event also needs volunteers! If you would like to join the team and help with a great charity event, go to <http://charemunitiedway.org/volunteer> to register. Volunteers receive free entry to the event and a special gift.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitiedway.org, visit www.charemunitiedway.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/charemunitiedway>.

Grandvue

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used from the Operating budget of the facility. The project is expected to cost \$650,000; however Grandvue is currently only a quarter of the way toward that. A fundraising effort is underway by the Charlevoix Community Foundation and many grants are in the application process. In fact, one grant has already been given by the Great Lakes Energy People's Funds.

Flowers and walking are just a few of the amazing things that the residents will have to enjoy. Additionally, a water feature will be installed, several small barns will be added where small animals can be kept, and a playground will be created. All of these are slated to begin after more funding is acquired.

The playground will be open to the families and nearby school aged children who come to Grandvue.

Meaning that in addition to being outdoors, the residents can hear the laughter of children nearby while visiting, all of which will help increase happiness.

"The benefits to the residents and their families and the community are numerous; increasing their well being, stimulating their senses, and giving them a reason to get up in the morning. We all need a purpose...a reason to get up and look forward to something that day," said Mansfield.

Mansfield expressed that the new additions to Grandvue are meant to be inter-generational, and will hopefully be used by students from nearby schools for concerts, or opportunities to work elbow to elbow with the residents of Grandvue.

Grandvue is looking for donations toward the project, either through the Charlevoix Community Foundation, or offers of materials or volunteering to work. For those interested in doing so, donations of any of those can be made by contacting the Charlevoix Community Foundation and donating to the Grandvue Terrace and Parks Special Project Fund at 231-536-2400.

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Dear Editor,

In honor of Earth Day 2015, Smokers out there need to do themselves and Mother Earth a favor—Quit Smoking. Cigarettes are not only the world's number one cause of preventable death, they're also a major cause of air, land and water pollution.

Secondhand smoke is harmful air pollution. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and at least 69 that cause cancer. It's proven to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non-smoking adults. Among infants and children, it causes sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), low birth weight, respiratory infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia, ear infections and more severe asthma attacks.

Cigarettes butts also pollute land and water. In fact, butts are the number one littered item on our local beaches and waterways right here in Michigan! The state of Michigan is doing a great job promoting the PURE MICHIGAN campaign, but I feel that campaign does not hold much truth when our "pristine shorelines" are littered with cigarette butts.

Recently I read about local parks and beaches that have gone tobacco-free, like the City of East Jordan, City of Charlevoix and City of Harbor Springs. I think this is a step in the right direction and I encourage more municipalities to consider doing the same. I would love to take my young daughter to the beach this summer and not have to worry about her finding cigarette butts in the sand, as I remember doing when I was little. The beautiful lakes and beaches are what put many Northern Michigan communities "on the map" and should be treated as

such. The responsibility to keep our waters and beaches clean falls into the hands of each community member and the policy makers within those communities. I hope to see our area parks and beaches go tobacco free as well!

Thank you
Amy Brown, Bellaire

To the Editor, BUREAUCRACY

Unavoidable, no matter anyone's lifestyle, bureaucracy intrudes upon all lives. As with all revolutions, the American included, revolutionists assume the position of that which they fought against. This is true because they seek to preserve what they have won and stringent methods are needed to do so. Thus bureaucracy follows takeover of bureaucracy.

Consider the amount of any office concerned with any one particular tenet of bureaucratic function in terms of one county multiplied by the number of counties in a state. Then multiply that by the total number of states, fifty. That gives us a rough idea of how many offices and employees are working each day to fulfill the functions of that office, let's say Social Security for instance, a federal program but administered state by state via county by county facilities. Each of these offices has employees, usually career-oriented workers who take on clients per established regimentation. Each of these offices has physical location, furnishings, technological equipment and all manner of what is necessary to make the system work. Anyone who has been in business or who constructs such properties knows the cost of maintaining such an office whether rented or

bought. Assuming that one office per county times the counties in a representative state, let's say 83 like Michigan, costs whatever, that cost escalates to 83 times that cost. Then that cost is multiplied by fifty states. Thus, if one office in one county costs, say, with rent, salaries, equipment et al, something like \$250,000 per year to sustain, that cost rises to 83 times that for one state, then fifty times that number for the nation.

This example is only one of multitudes. Normally county offices are clustered together in County Buildings but many are independent, such as Social Security because it is a federal program. On the strictly local level, towns, counties, cities have a multitude of offices concerned with maintaining the functions of local accounting whether it be land, law, marriage licenses, tax, what have you, and they certainly have you on their radar screen. The cost is obviously astronomical to pay for all this. Where does such money come from? Taxation primarily. There are also fees, fines and other means of money collection. Bureaucracy is largely money collection and record-keeping. They don't actually do anything.

Realizing that this cost runs to many billions of dollars for each state, the national cost is in the trillions, which is why the country is \$18 trillion in debt and \$X trillion in deficit which keeps changing, i.e. the amount of money spent which is greater than tax revenue. Therefore the government decides to raise the bar on borrowing. This happens every year to much consternation, threats of shutting down the government, going bankrupt, and on and on, but they inevitably raise the debt ceiling just to keep everything work-

ing. Dysfunctionally, to be sure, but everyone goes along with this because the system has the appearance of working. All those offices remain lit, heated, crowded with workers and residents who are forced to comply with bureaucracy – and pay for it too. Many citizens benefit from bureaucracy but also pay into it. This is why there are normally parking meters surrounding City Halls and County Buildings, more revenue. That's why the "revenueers" during Prohibition: they wanted money for tracking down illegal distilleries. Everything is based on money collection. That's why government keeps records, so they can monitor who owes what. That's why the tobacco settlements, sin tax.

Gambling? It used to be illegal, still is but for legal casinos, legal with government approval. The lottery is popular in many states, legalized gambling, because there's obviously a lot of money involved. Multi-million dollar payouts indicate that the government is taking in many times multi-millions. As with any business, it's predicated on making a profit else there'd be no incentive to operate.

Government, however, does not risk bankruptcy, not yet anyway. They won't go out of business because they can simply borrow more money, a paper chase scam that continues to work if recklessly. It's like having a rich uncle who will bail you out every time you lapse in your business acumen. And government does lapse in that sense to be sure. How long may this continue? Well, historically speaking, not forever. Civilizations rise and fall. We existed just fine before bureaucracy became such a leviathan. We'd be alright without it.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

Local Talk Show explores life and faith

Everything from politics to prayer will be featured at a new weekly experience called Lifetree Café. This "conversation café"—located at 401 S. Park St. is part of a national network of locations that offer participatory events related to life and faith.

The Lifetree Café experience is a scheduled hour of "stories and conversations to feed the soul," according to local director Julie Hasse. The hour typically includes a short original film and guided conversation. A local host directs the hour. "It's sort of like a live, local talk show—with an inspirational twist," Hasse said.

Topics, which change weekly, focus on popular life issues. Topics may include such things as loneliness, immigration, health, angels, guilt, prayer, and life after death. The exclusive documentary-style films feature everyday people with unusual stories, as well as nationally known figures.

National Lifetree Café founder Thom Schultz said, "We engage people of all ages in a national conversation through local Lifetree Cafés as well as a robust online presence." The organization's website, LifetreeCafe.com, invites visitors to participate online in the same topical conversations that occur each week at the live venues.

"Lifetree serves as a comfortable place to meet other people who are interested in the same issues," Schultz said, "The atmosphere resembles a warm, neighborhood coffee shop. The experience gives people practical help and insight on life issues, and provides a hopeful spiritual connection."

Schultz said, "We've found that people today want to participate in the conversation. It's not enough to simply hear someone lecture on an important topic. People want to share their thoughts, ask questions, and tell their own stories. Lifetree offers a safe place and time to do that."

Lifetree Café will be offered at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday, starting on April 12. Admission to the 60-minute events is free. Snacks and beverages are provided.

Questions about Lifetree Cafe may be directed to Julie Hasse at 231-582-7983 or lifetree@fpboyne.org.

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EAST JORDAN Running for City Commission

Deadline for filing petitions to run for City Commission is April 21st. Residents of East Jordan interested in running for a city commission seat that will be up for re-election in the November 3 election is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st. This year the city commission terms of Andrew Boyer, John Doebel, Robert Kenney and Paul Timmons expire. Candidates who are elected in November will serve a four-year term. For more information or petition forms-contact the city clerk's office at 231-536-3381 or email city clerk Cheltzi Wilson at cwilson@eastjordancity.org.

BOYNE CITY Free Homebuyer Education Workshops

April 11, 9am-4pm. Topics include Are You Ready To Buy?, Managing Your Money, Understanding Credit, How To Get A Mortgage, Shopping For A Home and Protecting Your Investment. Must call (231) 535-0195 to register.

BOYNE CITY Freshwater Concerts presents Fred Eaglesmith

April 11, 8pm. Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake Street. Fred Eaglesmith's songs have been featured in films and television scores and have been covered by some of the biggest names in Nashville, including Toby Keith, Alan Jackson and Miranda Lambert. Special guest for the evening is Tif Ginn. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call (231) 582-2588 for tickets and info.

CHARLEVOIX Spring Cleaning Donation Drive

April 14, 11:30am – 1pm. Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street. Charlevoix County and Goodwill Northern Michigan are teaming up to reduce waste, and reuse items in good condition to help northern Michigan families in need. Charlevoix County staff and Goodwill team members will be on site at the Charlevoix County building on Tuesday, April 14 from 11:30am to 1pm for a donation drive. Also happening that day, Goodwill's Food Rescue team will be making a delivery of 1,800 pounds of applesauce to Charlevoix County food pantries.

CHARLEVOIX Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

April 15, 5-7pm, Irish Boat Shop, 13000 Stover Road. Tax day is not usually a day of celebration, but this year it is! Irish Boat Shop is pulling out all the stops for the April Business After Hours with Delicious Appetizers, Open Bar, Networking, Door Prizes

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.

CHARLEVOIX Simple Truths Class

April 16, 6pm, Charlevoix Library Community Room. Parents of preschool-elementary students are invited to attend a class entitled Simple Truths by Mary Flo Ridley. The presenter is Kathy Worsley, a former school educator. This is a class to aid parents in talking to their children about sex. The 2-hour class is sponsored by the Charlevoix Library and the Moms & Tots Center. For more information please contact the Moms & Tots Center at 231.588.2200.

CHARLEVOIX Rummage Sale

April 17, 9am-3pm and April 18, 9am-12pm. Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street. Grand prize winners in the East Jordan Lion's Club annual Easter Fun and Games event are (left) Breylan Peck and Alexandria Okkonen with their grand prize bicycles. More than 100 children took part in the activities on Saturday, April 4th, at the East Jordan High School.

EAST JORDAN Miss East Jordan Pageant

April 18, 7pm. East Jordan Community Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased from any Miss East Jordan Contestant and from Essences Hair Salon.

EAST JORDAN Downtown Open House

April 18, 1-3pm. If you have ever thought of opening a business in downtown East Jordan and need a space to rent or purchase, April 18th is the day to explore all of the vacant spaces available in the first two blocks of Main Street. Stop by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up a list of the vacant places from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Owners of the buildings or realtors will be on site to give tours and answer questions. Here's your opportunity to secure a location and open your business in time for the summer season. For more information, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231-536-7351 or mailto:info@ejchamber.org

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 GLCO Woodwind and Brass Quintets Recital

April 19, 4-6pm, First

Presbyterian Church. Free admission.

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.

CHARLEVOIX Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party

April 25, 6-11:30pm, Castle Farms Kings East Room. The 39th Annual Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Party will feature over \$15,000 in cash prizes awarded to over 28 lucky winners-need not be present to win. Featuring a gourmet dinner with an array of choices, desserts, refreshments, DJ music for dancing the night away, and special 50/50 cash drawings throughout the evening. Proceeds from the event fund over 25 area functions and organizations-including many area Youth programs. Tickets are \$150 - admits two for a gourmet dinner, refreshments including cocktails, beer, wine. Ticket buyers need not be present to participate in the cash drawings.

BOYNE CITY Paint the Town Red

April 25, 6pm. "Paint the Town Red" gala fundraiser for Boyne City Public Schools at Boyne Mountain Resort.

CHARLEVOIX WinterFolk Concert Series; Whiskey Charmers

April 27, 6:30-8pm. Charlevoix County Library. The Whiskey Charmers tell the story of the open road, whiskey and heartache with their haunting melodies. Carrie Shepard, Lawrence Daversa and Brian Ferriby are the Whiskey Charmers. Free admission

BOYNE CITY Buff Up Boyne

May 2, 9am-Noon. The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the annual Buff Up Boyne event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront. Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. All volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, shovels and brooms. Refreshments will be served in the morning and a barbecue lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009, or email mainstreet@boyncity.com

EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

May 7, 5 – 7pm. Somerset Pointe Yacht Club (also the sponsors of the event).

EAST JORDAN Community Cleanup

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.

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 kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN Christian coffee house

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their 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 wrnm.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.



GM Mark of Excellence Winners



Congratulations to the Fox GM Team!

Please join us in congratulating Denny Peterson, Jeff Beauchamp and Matt Kerr on each earning the 2014 Mark of Excellence dealership performance award! This is a huge accomplishment and we're privileged to have them on our team.

The GM Mark of Excellence award recognizes the continued commitment to excellence and represents the highest honors in the industry. The "Mark of Excellence" phrasing was originally part of the General Motors logo and was phased out in the 1970's, but has never actually gone out of style. At Fox Charlevoix GM, we live and breathe these ideals!



Left to Right: Denny Peterson, Jeff Beauchamp, Matt Kerr

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Water Rates

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now we are not saving money because it's an inefficient system. I would love to tell the customers that once we have done all of these improvements that there might be a decrease in a few years."

Improvements include the recent replacement of well #2 and the new wastewater treatment plant that is in planning stages. With a new wastewater plant, Bur-

nette Foods will be able to join the system, and the city will be able to extend sewer services to the 200 current water users who do not have city sewer. The new treatment plant will also allow for future developments to the city, such as a hotel or restaurant, which would increase the number of users.

"Everybody feels less pain with their water bills when we have more users," Cannon said.

The proposed 2015/16 fiscal year budget with new water and sewer rates is planned for public hearing the first Tuesday of May.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Easter Festivities

PHOTOGRAPHY BY M. CHRIS LEESE



Happy egg hunters from the Don Jess and Mike Barwis families of Charlevoix march their baskets back home Saturday afternoon as the snow begins to fall on the community Easter celebration at East Park in Charlevoix.



Little two-year-old Renie Morrison (right) lifts her own Easter basket of eggs she just collected with father, Kevin Morrison of Charlevoix, Saturday during the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt at East Park.



Angie Reynolds of Charlevoix State Bank (left) paints a bunny nose on little Mimi Wiers, 4, of Charlevoix Saturday during the Easter festivities sponsored by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, at East Park.

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Adopt-A-Highway's 25th year in Michigan begins with first litter pickup April 11

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program will begin its 25th year when volunteers head out to pick up litter from April 11 to 19. Highway roadsides in lower Michigan will get their first cleanup of the year beginning Saturday. Due to snow still on the ground in some areas, the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup for northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula will be later, from April 25 to May 3. Statewide, there will be a summer pickup from July 11 to 19 and a fall pickup from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

"We appreciate each and every one of the AAH volunteers who head out to the roadsides three times every year," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Adopt-A-Highway crews give a huge financial boost to the entire state, by doing an important job that we otherwise couldn't fund. Over the past 25 years, they've provided services worth more than \$100 million."

Volunteers wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway's right of way. MDOT provides the vests and trash bags for free, and arranges to haul away the trash.

AAH's 25th anniversary is an event well worth celebrating. Here are just a few of the accomplishments the dedicated AAH volunteers have racked up:

- 161 groups have been in the program since 1990. Of the 3,178 groups currently in the program, 833 have been participating for at least 20 years.
- There have been 2 million bags of litter collected as of April 2014 -- about 70,000 bags of litter annually.
- 6,700 miles of highway are currently adopted.
- There was an estimated \$5 million dollar benefit to state taxpayers in 2014 alone.

Current volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Groups are asked to adopt a section for at least two years. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing a group's name are posted along the stretch of adopted highway. There is no fee to participate.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.

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

By Jim Akans

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

Nickert states, "We offer many items made by local crafters, Michigan-made products, lots of antiques, art, and more. We have new products and consignment items, gift items, scarves, hats and gloves, and we are beginning to offer salvage products so people can make their own crafts. Customers can spend an hour in our store and still not see it all."

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

Nickert recalls that the idea for her shop's name came from her daughter; "We were trying to



Shoppers in downtown Grayling will find two floors of treasures embracing a wide array of fascinating items at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. COURTESY PHOTO

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

It's the perfect name, reflecting solidity and tradition; an apt representation of the enduring quality of the wide variety of items

offered at The Brickery. The store, located at 107 Ottawa in downtown Grayling, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Visit www.the-brickery.com or call 989-348-8999 for additional information.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

0715 Car deer accident at W Division and Leroy
0946 Report of suspicious situation the night before in the 700 block of W Division St
1028 Citation issued for speed at S Lake and W Division

1220 Report of some suspicious activities on Trent St.

1616 MDOP to vehicle in the 100 block of E Water St

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

1109 Report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of N Lake St

1235 Report of credit card fraud on Pleasant Av
1647 Escorted the basketball team out of town.

1930 911 check in the 400 block of N East. All OK.

2018 Vehicle unlock in Veteran's Park.

2144 Escorted the basketball team back in to town after winning and moving on to the semi-finals

2215 Found Illinois drivers license at the high school.

2220 Assist motorist on Boyne Ave near High St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

0835 Juvenile complaint in the 100 block of Franklin

0956 Report of suspicious subject in vehicle at Park and River Streets

1710 Report of Private property damage accident that happened earlier in the 400 block of N Lake St.

1721 Report of vehicle running stop sign at Lake and Division, then ran in to a sign in the 300 block of E Division. Driver arrested for OWI and driving w/o insurance.

2024 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant Ave and Trent

2355 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

0025 Assist citizen in the 500 block of N Lake St

0701 Civil Standby in the 600 block of River Ridge Ln.
0741 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St

1020 Report of inappropriate comments in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

1543 NSF check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

0615 Report of mailbox hit in the 100 block of W Michigan.

0655 Citizen assist in the 1000 block of Roosevelt St.

0749 Attempted vehicle un-

lock in the 900 block of Pleasant Ave.

0749 Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of N East St.

0801 Alarm in the 100 block of W. Michigan Ave.

0822 Private property damage accident in the 200 block of S Lake St

0908 Assist Sheriff Dept with warrant arrest in the 500 block of W Michigan

1126 Report of herd of deer crossing Charlevoix St. Caller concerned they will be hit by car

1916 Escort the Basketball team back in to town

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

0213 Alarm in the 300 block of Bay St. All was secure.

0940 found keys turned in at the PD.

1200 Requested to lodge a stray dog at the shelter.

1237 Alarm in the 100 block of W. Michigan.

1515 Arrested intoxicated subject on warrant on Vogel near Park.

1830 Executed a search warrant in Antrim Co.

2142 Stalking complaint reported from the 400 block of Boyne Av

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

0000 Assisted Sheriff Department on Old 31 N with a report of a B&E in progress.

0126 Report of a possible

MIP party on Nordic Dr. Gone on arrival.

1133 Driving complaint in the 700 block of N. Park St.

1201 Citation issued for speed at N. Park St and Meadow Ln.

1436 Assist Sheriff Department with a disturbance on Pleasant Valley Rd.

1649 Assisted Sheriff Dept with property damage accident at Fall Park and Crozier.

1758 Property damage accident on Lakeshore at Marshall. Citation issued for Violation of Basic Speed Law.

2116 Assist citizen in the 100 block of N East St

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

March 23-29

911 Hang Up Call.....2

Abandoned Vehicle.....1

Abuse.....0

Alarm.....8

Animal Complaint.....13

Annoyance.....1

Assault.....2

Assist Citizen.....2

Assist Motorist.....3

Assist Other Agency.....12

Attempt to Locate.....1

Attempted Suicide.....0

Bank Alarm.....0

Boating Accident.....0

Boating Violation.....0

Breaking & Entering.....1

Car/Deer Accident.....14

Citations Issued.....4

Civil Complaint.....1

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....4

Death.....0

Disorderly Person.....0

Disturbance.....1

DNR Complaint.....1

Domestic Dispute.....2

Driving Complaint.....6

Fireworks Complaint.....0

Found Property.....1

Fraud.....1

Health & Safety.....2

Hit & Run.....1

Intoxicated Person.....1

Juvenile.....0

Larceny.....4

Lockout.....7

Lost Property.....0

Malicious Destruction of Property.....0

Mental Subject.....1

Minor In Possession.....0

Miscellaneous Criminal.....0

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....0

Operating Under the Influence.....1

Paper Service.....8

Parking Violation.....0

Personal Injury Accident.....1

Personal Protection Order.....0

Private Property Accident.....0

Property Check.....22

Property Damage Accident.....8

Prowler.....0

Road Hazard.....3

Stalking.....0

Suspicious Situation.....5

Threat.....0

Traffic Stop.....35

Trespassing.....2

Unknown Accident.....1

Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0

Vehicle in the Ditch.....2

Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

MOTORCYCLIST INJURED

On riday April 03, 2015 at approximately 19:02 hours, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a motorcycle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on Miles Road South of Rogers Road in South Arm Township.

21 year old Wesley Lewin, of East Jordan, was riding his 2001 Suzuki DR 650 dirt bike on the roadway behind a friend. The friend slowed down to turn around and Lewin locked up his rear brakes causing his motorcycle to slide out from under him and crashed on it's left side. Lewin put his left hand down to stop himself and his hand struck the roadway breaking his left arm. He was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital by the East Jordan Ambulance.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the East Jordan Fire Department and Ambulance.

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Hidden Treasures

Northern Michigan Treasure Hunter's Guide to area antique, consignment, resale and thrift shops

<p>CHARLEVOIX</p> <p>Bergmann Center Resale Shop 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix 231-547-9624 www.bergmanncenter.org</p> <p>Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn 06176 Old U.S. 31 S., Charlevoix 231-547-0133 www.dkellyantiques.com</p> <p>EAST JORDAN</p> <p>Crossroads Resale Shop 205 Water Street., East Jordan 231-536-7606 Open Tuesday thru Saturday</p>	<p>ELLSWORTH</p> <p>Good Samaritan Furniture & More Store 6519 Center St., Downtown Ellsworth 231-588-2208 thegoodsam.org</p> <p>Good Samaritan 9746 Main Street, Ellsworth 231-588-2208 thegoodsam.org</p> <p>FREDERIC</p> <p>Pineview Military Surplus 7328 Old 27 North, Frederic 989-348-8300</p>	<p>GAYLORD</p> <p>A-2-Z Resale 1829 Old 27 South, Gaylord 989-732-9500</p> <p>Angels at Work Resale 1523 S Otsego Ave., Gaylord 989.448.8615</p> <p>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center 1361 Pineview Dr. (near Lowes), Gaylord 989-705-1747. www.goodwillnmi.org</p> <p>Salvation Army Family Store 919 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord 989-448-2357</p> <p>Homespun Antiques & Crafts 230 West Main Downtown Gaylord 989-731-4305 Mon – Sat 10-5, Sun Noon - 4</p>	<p>GRAYLING</p> <p>The-Brickery.com Two floors of treasures 107 Ottawa, Grayling, One block north of the light 989-348-8999</p> <p>HARBOR SPRINGS</p> <p>New Beginnings Thrift Shop 650 W Conway Rd., Harbor Springs 231-348-2980</p> <p>MANCELONA</p> <p>Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop 201 N. Maple St., Mancelona 231-587-9606</p>	<p>MIO</p> <p>Strawberry Patch Downtown Mio 989-826-1503</p> <p>PETOSKEY</p> <p>Goodwill Retail and Donation Center 1600 Anderson Rd., Petoskey 231-348-6947 www.goodwillnmi.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">To add your business listing to this directory call 989-732-8160</p>
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Area libraries celebrate National Library Week

National Library Week is April 12 – 18. This week is a wonderful time to highlight the values of libraries, Librarians, and library staff.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. They are often the heart of their communities. Libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community.

Librarians work with elected officials,

small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are and meet them. Whether through offering electronic resources and technology training, programs for job seekers, teens or those to support early literacy.

Jordan Valley District Library will be celebrating this week beginning with a story explaining manners with a library book which will be read in the library's Parent Education and Community Play Group on Tuesday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m. Each child will receive a bookmark

to take home to add to their book collection.

The Teen After School program will hold events every day from 3 – 5 p.m. promoting library bingo and contests, library trivia and making library activities. Services that the library has to offer for its patrons will be on display during the week.

Charlevoix Public Library will feature several events to "Celebrate Unlimited Possibilities at Your Library during National Library Week. Those include;

- All week: Drawing/Raffle for upcoming youth and adult book discussion titles.

- Sunday, April 12: Sunday Serenade, 2 pm—Paul Gelderblom

- Monday, April 13: Pencil giveaway
- Tuesday, April 14: Eat Real Food Series: Gluten Free Living program, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 15: Page Turners: Not Your Average Book Club (Grades 3-5), 3:45 pm

- Thursday, April 16: Artist-in-Action, 2-4 pm, Main Lobby

- Friday, April 17: Fine Free Friday!

Welcome to Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-16 School Year!

School districts throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties are excited to welcome new students and their families next year!

We offer:

- Teachers who truly care about every child
- Safe, welcoming environments where parent involvement is encouraged and appreciated
- Curriculum and technology geared toward achieving student success

<p>Alanson April 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 548.2261 ext. 1 for information alansonvikings.net</p>	<p>Boyne City April 22, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. April 23, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. April 24, 9-11 a.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 439.8300 to schedule an appointment boyne.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Boyne Falls April 15, 12:30 - 3 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 549.2211 ext. 200 to schedule an appointment boynefalls.org</p>	
<p>Central Lake Parent meeting/open house April 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration April 23 544.5221 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment clps.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Charlevoix April 23 and 24, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 12:45-1:45 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 547.3215 to schedule an appointment rayder.net</p>	<p>East Jordan Parent meeting/open house April 21, 6 - 6:45 p.m. Registration April 28, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and April 29, 4-7 p.m. 536.7564 to schedule an appointment ejps.org</p>	
<p>Ellsworth April 14 and May 6, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 588.2544 for information; no appointment necessary ellsworth.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Harbor Springs Blackbird April 15, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 16, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. 526.4600 for information; no appointment necessary harborps.org</p>	<p>Pellston April 29, 12-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m., 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Parent meeting and student orientation 539.8421 ext. 220 to schedule an appointment pellstonschools.org</p>	
<p>Petoskey Central April 21, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2140. Assigned times will be mailed 3/16/15. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Lincoln April 23, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2140. Assigned times will be mailed 3/16/15. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Ottawa April 23, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2140. Assigned times will be mailed 3/16/15. petoskeyschools.org</p>	<p>Petoskey Sheridan April 21, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting, student orientation and tours 348.2140. Assigned times will be mailed 3/16/15. petoskeyschools.org</p>

Please bring proof of residency and your child's birth certificate, immunization record and custody documentation, if applicable.

Parents should also be aware that recent legislation has changed the entry age. For the 2015-2016 school year, a child who resides in a public district providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on September 1, 2015. For children who will be 5 by December 1, 2015, parents may enroll their child through written notification by contacting the school district by June 1.

Questions? Please contact your local school district. We look forward to seeing you at registration!



Conference on Community Engagement

Is your organization looking for more volunteers? More donors? Looking for new ways to involve your community? Want to connect with other non-profit people from around northern Lower Michigan? If you answered yes to any of these, we have an opportunity for you.



Wendy Steele, Traverse City resident and philanthropist, will give the keynote address at the Northern Michigan History Consortium's April 25th community engagement conference in Harbor Springs. COURTESY PHOTO.

The Northern Michigan History Consortium is pleased to announce a special one-day conference, "Community Engagement in the Tip of the Mitt," on Saturday, April 25th. The day's events will run from 10 am to 3:30 pm and will take place at the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society located at 349 E. Main Street in downtown Harbor Springs. The conference is designed for people affiliated with nonprofit history or cultural organizations including paid staff members, volunteers or board members. At the same time, the conference is open to the general public and anyone interested in better connecting with their communities, whether they represent history, the arts, literature or education. The day's activities include a panel presentation, roundtable topics, networking opportunities and two guest speakers: Wendy Steele and Andrea Morgan.

Wendy Steele will start the conference with a keynote address focusing on generosity. Steele, a Traverse City resident and philanthropist, is the founder of Impact 100, a pass-through foundation created in Cincinnati, Ohio, and since replicated across the country and around the world. Impact 100 makes transformational grants in the communities it serves. Steele is also a noted speaker building a culture of generosity and was featured in a recent TEDx talk, "The Impact of Generosity."

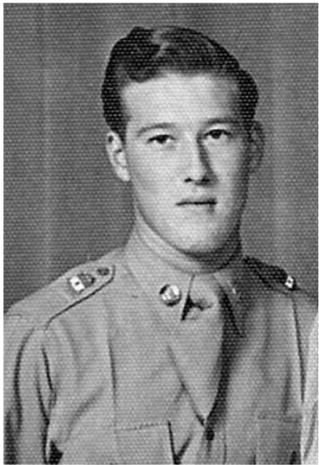
The second guest speaker is Andrea Morgan from the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Morgan is the museum's Docent and Group Tours Senior Coordinator and will be sharing her insights in creating dynamic volunteer programs.

The Northern Michigan History Consortium is a grassroots network of history and cultural organizations throughout the eight northernmost counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The consortium formed in the fall of 2009 and continues to meet several times a year. To expand the work they do within the consortium group, the one-day conference has been designed to benefit staff, board members, and volunteers representing history and cultural organizations from across the tip of the mitt. In addition to the conference's guest speakers, consortium members will join in a panel discussion on successful community engagement efforts from education programs and fundraising appeals to collaborative community projects.

Conference attendees are also encouraged to stay after the formal activities have finished to participate in a free historical walking tour and to continue the conversation over a casual group dinner at Stafford's Pier (attendees will be responsible for paying for their own food and beverage).

Advance registration for the conference is required and the cost is \$20 per person (this includes lunch). Additional conference information and registration forms are available on the consortium's website: www.northernmichiganhistory.net. To register by phone, please call the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society at (231) 526-9771. This conference is supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and NorthSky Nonprofit Network.

Veteran of the Month – Quinton Paul Carson



The "Veteran of the Month" for April 2015 is Quinton Paul Carson. Born July 16th, 1929 in Boyne Falls, Mich., Carson attended the Boyne Falls Public Schools completing the 11th grade and started the 12th grade but left school and enlisted in the Army on Sept. 30th, 1946, entering into active duty in Dearborn, Mich., and completed his high school education receiving a General Education Diploma while in the service. Following basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he was reassigned to 47th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division and on Dec. 19th, 1946 Carson departed the USA arriving in Japan on Dec. 30th, 1946 serving with the Mili-

tary Police in the Army of Occupation of Japan. He was stricken with rheumatic fever while in Japan and was hospitalized there until his departure April 25th, 1948 when he returned to the USA arriving on May 7th, 1948 and was stationed at Fort Dix. On Aug. 31st, 1948 Carson married Betty Margarite Mapes while home on leave making their home in Boyne Falls and on June 17th, 1949 Carson was promoted to the Non-Commissioned Officer grade of Corporal. On Aug. 10th, 1949, at Fort Dix, Carson received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded The World War II Victory Medal and The Army of Occupation (Japan) Medal. Carson

enlisted as a Corporal in the Army Infantry Reserves and in Oct. 1950 his unit was activated and was sent to the Korean Conflict returning in Aug. of 1951. Carson returned home and eventually he and his family moved to Boyne City, Mich. where he worked a variety of jobs before going to work at the Howe's Leather Company as a foreman until the closing of the business. He then went to work at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, north of East Jordan, Mich., in 1969 serving as a Building Maintenance Supervisor and later Carson married Lynn (Lepla) Dunson and they made their home in East Jordan. Carson was

forced to retire due to a medical condition in 1979 and enjoyed fishing on Valentine Lake near Atlanta, Mich. and deer hunting in the foothills of Boyne Mountain near Boyne Falls. Quinton Paul Carson answered the final call on April 20th, 1988 and is being honored by his wife Lynn, his children 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.

LeBlanc Family donates bike rack to downtown Charlevoix

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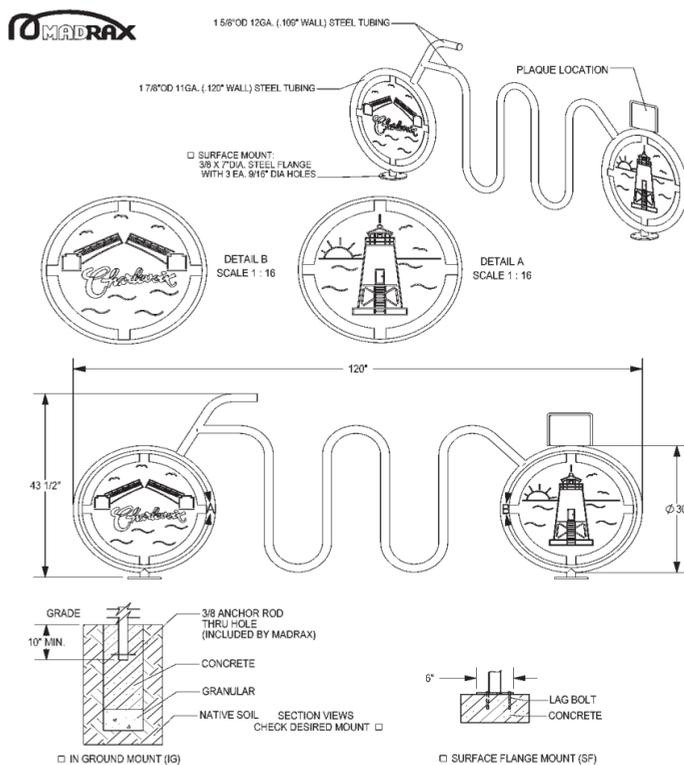
CHARLEVOIX: In what brought a surprising amount of discussion, the family of Tim LaBlance informed council of their hope to donate a bike rack to the city that has been designed by LaBlance's son Luke in the hope of making the town more bike friendly.

The idea to donate the bike rack came after a fundraiser held in honor of Timothy LaBlance who passed away in January 2014. LaBlance had been a beloved businessman in the area who grew up in Charlevoix and came back after college. His family held a golf scramble fundraiser during the summer of 2014 after which they came to former Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson with their hope of donating something to the city in the Mr. LaBlance's memory. Carlson then directed city staff to come up with a plan to do so.

Interim City Manager showed council the bike rack that the family created that will not only be a practical addition to the city, but that will hold a memorial plaque for Timothy. The rack will be roughly 10 feet long and will be placed in a grassy area adjacent to the pavilion downtown. This location will be ideal for bikers and pedestrians passing by the area.

"We need to welcome bikers into town, I think that's one of our up and coming assets in the community," said Maureen LaBlance the mother of Tim of the decision to donate a bike rack.

The rack has been artistically designed by her son Luke, who in connection with a fabrication company out of Wisconsin, has created a sculpture like rack that looks like a bicycle with multiple U like loops put in. The "wheels" of the rack will be metal but will have the Charlevoix name and a lighthouse design on them. According to Spencer, the Planning Commission and the DDA approved of the idea



of the bike rack before bringing it to council.

However, despite the bike rack being a donation, many on council expressed their concern regarding the design on the wheels, and the overall design which some felt was unidentifiable as a bike rack.

"I don't get bike rack when I look at it," stated Leon Perron. His thoughts were seconded by Shirley Gibson who felt that she "wouldn't be sure" it was bike rack upon looking at it either. Their concerns led new DDA Director Annie Doyle to recommend allowing the Design Committee of the new Main St. Program to design something for the bike rack as opposed to accept-

ing the design as it was.

However, Spencer reminded the council that time was a factor, and that the bike rack would be available in May as opposed to mid-summer if the council chose to support the idea as presented. Council member Luther Kurtz expressed his support of the concept, and reminded council that bikers would know from the shape that it was in fact a bike rack. He thanked Maureen for her and Luke LaBlance's efforts to create the donation, and motioned to accept it as it had been submitted.

The bike rack will hopefully be available to bikers sometime early in May.

Easter Fun & Games grand prize winners



Grand prize winners in the East Jordan Lion's Club annual Easter Fun and Games event are (left) Breylan Peck and Alexandria Okkonen with their grand prize of bicycles. More than 100 children took part in the activities on Saturday, April 4th, at the East Jordan High School. COURTESY PHOTO

Michigan Beach

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ment that is on the sand, putting the new equipment there would present several challenges.

"We want the equipment to be handicapped accessible," stated Kirinovic, who then noted that making the equipment handicap accessible on the sand would be more costly and require more maintenance.

The council chose to accept the grant and resolved to have Kirinovic get the Project Development Agreement back to the DNR. However, due to budget restrictions, the project could be slated as far out as early 2017 depending on what other projects the city prioritizes.

Some of those priorities may come in the form of

determining how to pay for the anticipated \$500,000 costs associated with broken water mains from this winter. According to interim City Manager Mike Spencer, the city had 11 days straight of broken water mains as of Monday night. Several of those were able to be fixed in a matter of hours, but others need to have more serious repair and could take several days.

"We certainly apologize to the public," stated Spencer.

Spencer warned council that as of yet no state wide relief efforts have been created. He advocated that council should draft a letter that can be sent to Governor Snyder in the hopes of gathering some funding that could help cover the costs the city has incurred. The council determined at the meeting to do so, and hope that the State will be willing to help.



Dr. Oz and Roizen

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



GETTING SMART ABOUT SMARTPHONES

Around 1880, Alexander Graham Bell prophesized, "One day there will be a telephone in every major city in the USA." About 60 years later, Thomas Watson, chairman and CEO of IBM, went out on a limb saying, "I think there is a world market for as many as five computers." Today, we're looking at an entire generation who don't know what life is like without a smartphone that puts a computer and communication device in your pocket.

Does this technology make you sharper or does it dumb you down? Researchers at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, say it depends on how you think. They postulate that folks who rely on intuition to make decisions

("I just feel like this is the right answer") are more prone to Google a subject for answers, and accept what they get than to think out things for themselves. Analytical thinkers are the opposite; they second-guess their own feelings ("I need to check that out") and analyze problems using logic instead of relying on intuition.

Bottom line? Intuitive thinkers may use their smartphones to outsource their thinking. Analytical thinkers use smartphones to sharpen their cognitive abilities and solve problems. So next time you use your smartphone to get instant info, stop and question what you found. Ask yourself what YOU think about the subject. Look further. Talk to someone else about it. Smart-

phones are only as smart as the people using them. Show yours who's the boss!

SALT: A SPRINKLING OF MISINFORMATION

In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Marinere" (old spelling), the Old Salt recounts his harrowing tale of troubles on the high sea. And although he finally lands on solid ground, he can't shake the curse of the salty ocean or that albatross that was hung around his neck.

And we know it's not easy for you to shake off the curse of a salty diet, either! When recent headlines declared that (for the 71- to 80-year-olds in the study) eating too much, just enough or too little salt didn't make much difference in longevity, we thought: "Wait a minute!"

Many studies show that both getting too little salt (less than 1.2 grams per day) and getting too much (more than 2.3 grams per day for healthy people, 1.5 grams for those 50-plus) can have adverse health effects. And while moderate amounts of salt

may not cause high blood pressure in folks who aren't "salt sensitive," a new study shows that for everyone (even those with normal blood pressure), excess salt in the diet may damage the lining of your blood vessels. That can negatively affect blood coagulation, platelet adhesion, blood vessel flexibility, stroke and heart attack risk, and immune function.

Fortunately, since 70 percent of the salt in the North American diet comes from packaged, processed and fast foods, it's easy to reduce your intake: Don't eat foods made in processing plants; eat foods from plants grown in nature! Go for fresh foods, prepared at home, and rely on spices and herbs for flavor boosts. Shake off the curse of the old salt by avoiding those processed albatrosses!

Mehmet Oz, M.D. is host of "The Dr. Oz Show," and Mike Roizen, M.D. is Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic.

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