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NORWOOD TOWNSHIP MEETING, APRIL 13, 2015

Norwood Township planning commission approves new master plan

Norma Jean Babcock

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP: At their monthly meeting on April 13, the Planning Commission approved a new five year master plan that informs residents of the township of the goals its officials have in place. The meeting was led by Vice Chairman David Kolka, who brought the Master Plan back to the commission after its public hearing held last month. After gathering input from citizens via email, tele-

phone and at the meeting, the commission felt that a few changes were in order before approving the plan. The majority of the changes to the master plan came in the form of grammatical changes. However, according to Township Planner Leslie Meyers, all of the comments from the citizens were addressed when she went through to revise the plan after the public hearing held on March 9. One of the most significant changes dealt with softening the lan-

guage surrounding the combined efforts of the county and township to put money toward funding road improvements. That statement originally stated that; "The road commission should work more diligently to return funding to the community for fixing roads." However, that statement was changed at the meeting to state that; "The Township and the road commission will continue to work diligently to return funds to the county."

Several other grammatical changes were made, but ultimately the commission decided to pass the Master Plan, with the intention that any issues that needed more clarification could be brought up later as agenda items. "We very much appreciated all the comments that came from the public..." said Meyers. The commission also heard several updates to their sign ordinance that



See Master Plan—3A

sports

Charlevoix County News names 2015 Boy's Basketball All-Area Dream Team



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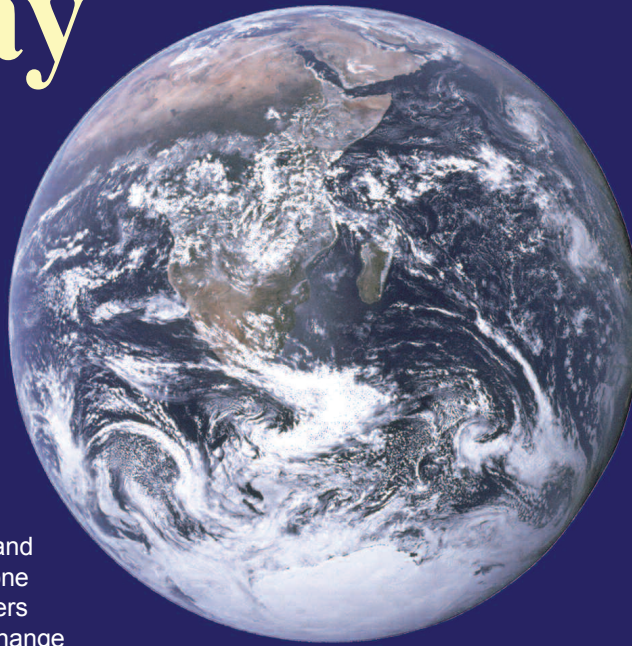
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April 22nd marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. More than 1 billion people in 192 countries will take actions on Earth Day events this year, making it the largest environmental civic action in the world. Through Earth Day and our year round programs, Earth Day Network is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement. This year's Earth Day theme, It's our turn to lead™ is focused on delivering millions of voices to push global leaders to take action on climate change, the environment, and the connection between poverty and climate change. Earth Day is a stepping stone on the road to Paris, where the world's leaders will meet to sign a global treaty on climate change

Earth Day campaigns:

- Climate Petition:** EDN has joined with other global organizations to promote the largest climate petition ever. More on the petition here: www.earthday.org
- Climate Education Week:** April 18-25: Features a free online Climate Education Toolkit for K-12 students around the globe, including a week's worth of curriculum for K-12 students aligned with NGSS and Common Core Standards. www.earthday.org/climateeducationweek
- Green Cities:** Local leaders and elected officials are on the frontlines of tackling environmental problems. Our goal: cities powered by 100% renewable energy by 2050. The Green Cities initiative includes mayors, city council members and citizens across the US and the world. www.earthday.org/greencities
- MobilizeU:** MobilizeU works with college and university leaders on climate through Climate Communication Forums, engaging a diverse base



ABOVE: The Earth as viewed from Apollo 17. The 45th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22nd. Wikipedia photo.

- of students in action. www.earthday.org/mobilizeu
- Faith Based Earth Day:** EDN recognizes faith leaders as driving forces behind spiritually based care for our planet. EDN's online and social media tools are being utilized by faith leaders around the world. www.earthday.org/faith
- A Billion Acts of Green® (BAG):** BAG is the largest civic action movement in the world, with over 1.12 billion actions recorded to date. Our goal: 2 billion Acts of Green by Paris to demonstrate that people all over the world are expecting a binding climate agreement. www.earthday.org/takeaction
- Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day:** Earth Day Network and Global Poverty Project have joined forces to end extreme poverty and solve climate

See Earth Day—3A

Boyne City Run Water Order Ends

City of Boyne City water customers can stop "Running Water". The frost is out of the ground and with the rain and warmer temps the concern for frozen pipes is over.

Downtown East Jordan Open House

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 3rd Annual Downtown Open House this Saturday. If you have ever thought of opening a business in downtown East Jordan and need a space to rent or purchase, Saturday, 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>

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 66
LOW: 46

SATURDAY



HIGH: 56
LOW: 36

SUNDAY



HIGH: 60
LOW: 39

MONDAY



HIGH: 50
LOW: 37

TUESDAY



HIGH: 48
LOW: 35

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 46
LOW: 33

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 16	31°	55°	19° (1966)	88° (2002)
APR 17	31°	56°	20° (1978)	90° (2002)
APR 18	31°	56°	17° (1949)	84° (1976)
APR 19	32°	57°	16° (1983)	82° (1987)
APR 20	32°	57°	16° (1981)	86° (1987)
APR 21	32°	58°	14° (1993)	86° (1987)
APR 22	33°	58°	18° (1978)	88° (1980)
APR 23	33°	59°	19° (1986)	87° (1980)

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 14, 2015

Court Street project will proceed despite delay in Federal funds

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY--Motions to increase funding for the long anticipated Court Street Project, discussion on some changes in parking on Water Street and two public hearings were held at the April 14 Boyne City Commission meeting.

Because of a lack of promised funding on the part of the federal government, the city's Court Street Project is short \$510,190.26 in funding. To date congress has not fully funded the extension to the Map-21 Highway Bill which means that it has only sent two-thirds of funds to the states for distribution. The \$889,912 project was to receive funding from four different sources the largest of which was the Federal Highways fund. After discussion the Commission passed a motion to proceed with the reconstruction of Court Street from Lynn Street to North Street and North Street from Lynn Street to Court Street with hopes that the federal government will follow the precedent it has set in the past by coming through with the money before the end of the fiscal year.

City Manager Michael Cain explained that the funding glitch

was completely out of the city's control and that all the paperwork was in place. He also stated that more than likely the issue would be resolved but there were no guarantees. The Commissioners voted to proceed by taking the shortfall out of the city's fund balance while doing everything possible to get the funding promised by the state. This puts the fund balance well below the 15% mark that the commission normally does not dip below. Eveline Township has an interest in the reconstruction project and has committed to help with 22% - 25% of the costs. A representative from their Board, Trustee Janet Blossom stated that, "This project is a high priority project for us and we wouldn't be able to do this without the city so we'll do our part."

Commissioner Derek Gaylord voted against the motion stating that he was not comfortable with it. "We've been spoiled by only having to pay percentages of our road projects, even if we put out \$500,000 we're still doing quite well as an average. I am cautiously going to support the administration's recommendation," said Commissioner Tom Neidhammer.

"This project is a high priority project for us and we wouldn't be able to do this without the city so we'll do our part."

— Trustee Janet Blossom

In response to a request from Magnus Hospitality/Cafe Sante, Cain discussed with commissioners that he will be issuing a temporary traffic control order to place 2 hour parking signs on 13 spaces on the south side of Water Street, south of the corner of Front Street. Magnus requested that 29 spaces be converted to two-hour parking but Cain explained that the spaces on the north side of the street were closer to the park. The 90 day order is a test period to allow the public a chance to see if the change is beneficial. When it expires the option will come before the Commissioners for discussion. "The more availability of parking spaces the more it helps downtown businesses," he said.

A public hearing to close the CDBG Downtown Infrastructure Grant was held with no public comment. Improvements made with the grant included new

water and sewer mains, storm water drainage installation and upgrades, complete road reconstruction including curb and gutter and the burial of overhead utilities and streetscape and improved pedestrian walkways on Ray Street, South East Street and the alley behind Water Street. "It's nice when we do these road projects but the real reason we're doing that is to promote business and growth in Boyne City," said Cain. The hearing was part of the grant policy procedure.

A public hearing to discuss the budget and hear comments regarding the General Appropriations Act was held. There was no public comment and a resolution was passed to accept the \$15,038,427 budget which has been available online, at City Hall and at the library. "We spent a lot of time going over line items with the department heads and this is the public's opportunity to make

comments and ask questions," said City Treasurer Cindy Grice. The commission also passed a millage rate resolution setting the millage at 15.5 the same as the last two years and the lowest it has been in recent history. "The way that we dotted our i's and crossed our t's and scrutinized this budget I'm in full favor of making it our working budget for 2015," said Neidhammer.

In response to a request by the MainStreet/DDA the commission set a public hearing for the May 26 meeting to discuss a possible amendment to the DDA Plan so that investors in the Lake Street Project and Dilworth Reconstruction Project can recoup some of their investment.

Boyne City will be commemorating Arbor Day by giving away free seedlings on April 25 at City Hall. Any questions call 231-582-0338. "Come early the favorite varieties run out fast," said Cain.

The Boyne City Business Expo and Taste of Boyne will be held Thursday, April 23 at the former Carter's store from 3-7P.M. The next City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at Noon.

OBITUARIES

Joan Mamie Califf, 82

(JAN. 26, 1933 - APRIL 6, 2015)

Joan M. Califf (nee, Robinson) returned to her heavenly home on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Joan Califf is survived by her husband Louis "Red" Califf of Boyne City, Michigan; sons, John S. McElroy (Wendy) and Michael P. McElroy; daughter, Denise Califf; grand-children, Michael, John, Megan, Kaitlyn, Jacqueline, Rick, Christopher, Steven and Lesley; great grand-children, Bradley and Aria; brother-in-law, Paul Drewanz.

She was preceded in death by mother, Elva Major (nee Robinson) and her sister Louise Clark.

Joan Califf was born on Janu-

ary 26, 1933 in Petoskey, Michigan and was raised on the Boyne City farm residence which had been claimed and settled by Enoch Kimbal Robinson in 1867 after the Civil War. Joan later moved to Detroit, Michigan where she met and married John W. McElroy bearing two sons, John and Michael. Joan returned to Boyne City in 1961 raising her sons where later she met and in 1973 married Louis Califf sharing a loving union the remainder of her life.

Joan was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She had a huge, generous heart and often came to the assistance of those in need. She was a Christian Child of God being a member of the

New Apostolic Church throughout her life. Joan was known for her poetry, her humor, witticisms, love of animals and passionate heart. Throughout her life Joan loved music and dance. She especially loved her line dancing activities in the dance groups Country Kickers and the Second Liners.

A funeral was held on Saturday, April 11 at the Stackus Funeral Home, 417 Elm Street, Boyne City. Pastor Adam Welch officiated.

The family would like to thank those at Grandvue Medical Facility for their loving care and kindness during Joan's stay.

Karen M. LaLonde, 58

(NOV. 18, 1956 - APRIL 4, 2015)

Karen LaLonde of Charlevoix died April 4, while in Maui, Hawaii.

Karen was born November 18, 1956 in Saginaw, the daughter of Mary Ann and John LaLonde. She grew up in Midland and graduated from Midland High School. She attended Hackley School of Nursing and received her diploma in 1980.

Karen worked at St. Mary's Recovery Room and also in the burn department.

In 2000, Karen started her family by adopting a daughter from Russia. Later that same year, Karen adopted three more girls.

In 2007, Karen, along with her sister, Jenny, mother, father and her four daughters, moved to northern Michigan and built a home in Charlevoix.

Karen will best be remembered for her extreme love of life and adventures. She was passionate about music and the arts, she was an excellent pianist. Karen loved to read, especially to her children. She was spontaneous and an absolute joy to be around. Karen was the jokester of the

family but also someone who had an intense calmness and caring personality.

She was very involved in her daughters' lives. Always willing to volunteer at their sporting events and activities. She held her family very dearly. Karen made family dinner a priority in her household; every night a home cooked meal around the table.

Karen was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Petoskey. She was also a member of the Nursing Association.

Karen is survived by her mother, Mary Ann LaLonde of Charlevoix; four daughters, Rebecca, Leeza, Katya and Rachel; her sisters, Debbie (Jerry) Selcz of Portage, Linda LaLonde of Bridgeport, Rosemarie (Chris) Ignash of Dewitt, Sandy (Danny) Manninen of Toivola, Jenny LaLonde of Charlevoix and Heidi Bethune of Midland; nieces and nephews, Sean (Jessica) Valenzuela and their two sons, Peyton and Parker; Jason (Alma) Valenzuela and their two daughters, Isabelle and Olivia; Jack Ignash and Carrie Manninen. Karen will also be missed by her two loving animals, Mandy and Lacey. Karen is preceded in death by her father, John Arthur LaLonde.

A funeral service was held Sunday, April 12th at Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey. Pastor Sherry McGuffin officiated.

The LaLonde family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Kihei Lutheran Church in Hawaii. Please direct donations to Pastor Dave Krueger, 220 Moi PL. #1, Kihei, HI. 96753

Mark A. Lambert, 59

Mark A. Lambert of East Jordan died Sunday, April 12, 2015 in Boyne City.

Arrangements are pending at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Ray Clever, 89

The world lost a good man in the afternoon of April 2, 2015. Ray L. Clever want to the Lord just one week shy of his 90th birthday.

One of six siblings born to Harry and Mae Clever, Ray was born and raised in Lexington, Ohio. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the United States Navy and served in the Pacific theater until 1944.

After the war, Ray attended and graduated from Wooster College to begin a short teaching career in Ohio. While at Wooster, he met and then married his true love, Marilyn Overholt. Over the next nine years, they had four daughters; Nancy (Joel) Van Roekel, Merideth (Russ) Ritchel, Mary Ellen Cameron, and Lisa (Jeff) Behan.

Within a few years of graduation, Ray discovered his real love was in the world of business. He joined Warner & Swasey Corporation. While there, he rose to the rank of Senior Vice-President of International Marketing for the Gradall subsidiary of Warner & Swasey and eventually became one of the owners of that division when it separated from its parent company.

Ray lost Marilyn to a tragic automobile accident in 1978. Ten years later he retired from Gradall, met and then married his sister's collegiate roommate Anna Kiel. In 1987 Ray brought Anna to his beloved cottage on the shore of Lake Charlevoix in northern Michigan. He spent the next eleven years enjoying four-season life on the lake with Anna, his children and grandchildren. Anna passed away in 2000.

In addition to his two wives, Ray was preceded in death by four of his siblings. He is survived by; his youngest sister, Ruth Gretsinger, his four daughters, eleven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. Based on the concept of the Six-Word Memoir, those who knew Ray would agree that "He always cared for his family." He will be missed by all.

Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

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East Jordan Freedom Festival hosting volunteer recruitment reception

The Board of Directors of the East Jordan Freedom Festival are hosting a Volunteer Recruitment Reception, Monday, April 20, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the East Jordan Senior/Community Center located at 110 Main Street, downtown East Jordan. A light dinner and refreshments will be served to reception attendees.

The festival is in critical need of volunteers to assist with a multitude of assignments ranging from chairing an event to assisting for a few hours in the information booth. The board will have a list of their needs with descriptions for volunteers to review and sign up for.

If these areas cannot be filled with volunteers to help implement, the five member, all volunteer board, will be forced to cancel the events that do not have adequate coverage. This reception is very important to ensuring that the Freedom Festival, which is East Jordan's signature event, continues with the traditional schedule of events that has been enjoyed by thousands of families over the past.

Please share this information with family, friends, co-workers, etc. "Many hands will make less work and more fun for all." Let's fill the center with an army of volunteers!

For more information contact President Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351



April 19 is the date for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Sunday Recital, entitled "April in Boyne City."

COURTESY PHOTO

April Showers bring musical variety and versatility

What do Haydn, Rameau, Koepte, Thomé, Loeillet, Berlin, Ellington, Bennett, Calvert, Presser and Iveson have in common? They all play a part in Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's April 19 Sunday Recital, entitled "April in Boyne City," at 4 p. m. at First Presbyterian Church, Boyne City located at 401 S. Park Street in Boyne City. The recital features Great Lakes Woodwind & Brass Ensembles and encompasses music styles from Classical to Modern Jazz. The featured musicians are Grace Olson, flute; John McCutcheon, oboe; Jayne Winchester, clarinet; Charlie MacInnis, clarinet; Vern Campbell, trumpet; Pat Jarve, trumpet; Beverly

Isenbarger, horn; Edward Bahr, trombone; Tim Willson, tuba; and Ron Winchester, tuba.

"Our selections cover three centuries. We seek to maintain the roots of the chamber orchestra's repertoire, yet to offer something for everyone, and have everyone leave with a song in their heart," John McCutcheon observed.

Ed Bahr added, "This is a diverse program which includes various periods and styles of music -- classical, popular, and jazz through to arrangements of songs -- for ensembles from woodwind duets and trios, to brass quartet and quintet, as well as a combination of all of the woodwind and brass players.

This program's variety ranges from music by Franz Joseph Haydn and Canadian composer Morley Calvert to Five Southern Songs by William Presser, Blue Skies by Irving Berlin, and Duke Ellington's It Don't Mean a Thing. And, what these pieces all have in common is that they are all readily likeable."

We hope you will join us for this extraordinary opportunity to experience an intimate musical event. Chamber music has a long history of musicians gathering to play and sing for one another and a group of good friends. Due to the generous support of Carolyn Klender, the orchestra is able to present the Sunday Series of Recitals free of

charge.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra produces live orchestral performances that provide entertainment, education and inspiration for Northern Michigan. Support for the orchestra is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Bay Harbor Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and hundreds of individual patrons of the arts.

For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, go to www.glorchestra.org

Master Plan

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could take effect within three months. Currently the ordinance is somewhat "vague" according to the commission who asked Meyers to take a look at the language to tighten it up. Meyers came back with several changes, but explained that she had also left in language that would keep the commission flexible when it came to dealing with business owners.

"You cannot write an ordinance for every single piece of property," stated Meyers of why she left the sign ordinance open to some flexibility.

Some of those changes could include banning billboards from being placed in the Township, but also changing the size of the signs allowed throughout the township from their current size of 2 feet in length to longer.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Earth Day

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change through a free event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Special guests include No Doubt, Usher, Fall Out Boy, Mary J. Blige, Train, My Morning Jacket, Common and D'Banj, and will be hosted by will.i.am and Soledad O'Brien and web streamed live at www.globalcitizen2015earthday.org

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Children's Learning Center earns child care quality rating

The Children's Learning Center, a program of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM), has received a five star quality rating from Great Start to Quality. The tiered quality rating system helps assess and improve child care and preschool programs to ensure early learning settings

that prepare children to succeed in school and life. Great Start to Quality rates the level of quality of all licensed and registered child care and preschool programs in Michigan.

"Making sure we provide children in our care with the best possible experience is not only our job, it's our privilege," said

Nicole Dixon, WRCNM Children's Program Director. "By participating in Great Start to Quality we earn recognition for our hard work and the system also provides ongoing support and training so we can keep improving the quality of care we provide." Both the Children's Learning Center and Project

FREE preschool which Dixon oversees earned the five star rating.

Most states have quality rating systems for child care and preschool either underway or in the works. The move comes as research shows learning begins at birth and high quality child care and preschool can help

children succeed in school, work and life. In Michigan, programs and providers can earn between one and five stars, based on the number of state standards they meet. The ratings are posted at www.GreatStartToQuality.org.

"We're impressed by the number of programs throughout Michigan that are committed to ensuring families have access to quality child care and preschool and have made the choice to participate in Great Start to Quality," said Sheri Butters, Great Start to Quality Director. "We look forward to working with them to make Michigan's early learning system among the best in the nation."

More than 60,000 Michigan families use www.GreatStartToQuality.org to search for child care.

"Not only can parents use the website to find high quality child care, but as a provider of that care, now we have access to ongoing training and opportunities to continuously work to improve the quality of our care," said Dixon.

The ratings are an opportunity for the Children's Learning Center and Project FREE preschool to share with the community the level of quality care offered. To learn more, contact the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit www.wrcnm.org.



Dori O'Brien, an associate teacher at the Children's Learning Center (CLC), demonstrates a weather-related science experiment with students. The CLC and Project FREE preschool are Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan programs that recently earned a five star quality rating from Great Start to Quality. COURTESY PHOTO

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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!



Boyne City annual Seedling Giveaway

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service has announced that Boyne City has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA for the eleventh straight year.

"We commend Boyne City's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest" said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority"

In observance of Arbor Day, Boyne City's annual seedling giveaway will take place this year on Thursday, April 23rd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at City Hall. This year the city will be giving away White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Highbush Cranberry and White Oak. Come early for the best selection. We are asking that each individual limit their selection of trees to a total of two bundles.

With continued efforts through Boyne City's Urban Forestry and street tree programs the city is currently taking names and address of city residents who would like to have a tree either planted, trimmed or removed from the city right-of-way at their property.

For additional information about any of the tree programs offered by the city, please contact Andy Kovoliski, Superintendent of the DPW at (231) - 582-6597.

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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.

This was the 3rd cook-off since 2008 where judge's rate chili's concocted by Aktion Club members, Bergmann Center staff and clients and invited guests who hope to win first, second or third prize and the coveted traveling chili pepper trophy which was designed by the Bergmann Center Art Instructor Martha Sulfridge and her volunteer helper Karissa. The This is the first time the cook off was judged by "celebrity" judges; this year Allison Hubbard, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Dave Prah the General Manager of Fox Motors were those judges.

The event gives the judges a taste of each recipe submitted. This year, 10 chili's 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 Jolliffe, these two won a certificate and a \$5 Gift Certificate to the Bergmann Center Resale Shop. They used a tried and 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 in 2014.

Second Place went to Eric Wager and Joe Schodde who also received a certificate of participation and a \$5 Gift Certificate to the Bergmann Center Resale shop.

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

To get a taste of the delicious chili if you weren't a judge cost \$4 for a sampling of 4 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 of Charlevoix was established in 2000 and was the first Club of its kind in the state of Michigan and the 6th internationally to receive its Charter in 2001. Aktion Club now has over 11,000 members comprising 590 clubs internationally.

"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 Julie Downing.

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

Roadhouse 757 to Open in Early May

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: To enhance the delectable cuisine options found in Charlevoix, the restaurant Roadhouse 757 on Petoskey Ave will be opening in May under the guidance of owner and executive Chef Brett Cuper.

After a fire destroyed his previous restaurant, Morels of Boyne City last year, Cuper decided that being in the restaurant business was what made him happy, and he set about looking for a new location that would enable him to continue cooking. That location proved to be 757 Petoskey Ave in Charlevoix, where Giuseppe's was previously located. That spot

was the perfect fit for what Cuper felt was the next step in his culinary journey.

"It reminded me of a restaurant you would see driving the long stretch of highways in Arizona and Texas, and I thought what better food is there than that?" said Cuper.

The moniker Roadhouse 757 was given to the new location and Cuper along with his business partner Robert Godike, who owns Plain and Fancy Construction, started planning for a restaurant that will house delicious southwestern spiced food and the feel good vibe of a typical roadhouse.

The restaurant will eventually offer lunch, happy hour, Friday

fish fries, and Sunday brunch. Most notably perhaps to Charlevoix residents is the offering of Karaoke. They plan to add these events in as they go along, opening with dinner to start. Patrons can dine on yummy corn bread with maple butter before digging into any of the three different steak options on the menu. For those with a palette for pork, Bourbon BBQ tenderloin will be offered. Several varieties of fish will be offered, and unique eats like salmon or turkey burgers will be as well.

Cuper and Godike plan to have the restaurant be comfortable location for any type of gathering. Whether folks are stopping in



Co-owners Robert Godike and Brett Cuper stand inside Roadhouse 757 scheduled to open in the beginning of May.



after a round of golf across the street, or need the entire building for a large party, Roadhouse 757 will be available.

"For wedding parties, or any party, we have a great porch area that can be closed off. We will have the flexibility to accommodate most dining options and prices," says Cuper of what he has planned.

Cuper expects to open the restaurant in early May, but wants to make sure that Roadhouse 757 is known for being a quality dining experience before getting too wild with what they will offer.

"We will open slowly because I would rather do a few things great than do a bunch of things half way," Cuper said.

Currently, construction is still underway, but the restaurant is hiring. Those interested in working at Roadhouse 757 are encouraged to call 231-675-6932.

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East Jordan awarded state grants to create or maintain water fluoridation programs

Seven community water systems across the state are receiving state grants to help initiate or maintain a community water fluoridation program for their residents.

Grants were awarded by the Michigan Department of Community Health's Oral Health Program. This is the sixth year grants have been awarded, with funds coming from a donation from the Delta Dental Foundation.

"These awards demonstrate the Oral Health Program's support of fluoridation for community water systems," MDCH Director Nick Lyon said. "Dental health is

essential to overall health and wellness, and water fluoridation benefits all residents of a community through its demonstrated effectiveness in preventing tooth decay throughout one's lifetime."

Community water fluoridation is the process of adjusting the natural fluoride concentration of a community's water supply to a level that is best for the prevention of dental cavities. In the United States, community water fluoridation has been the basis for the primary prevention of dental cavities for many years. Water fluoridation began in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945, and for 70 years this preventive

practice has been recognized as one of the ten great achievements in public health of the 20th century.

Michigan continues to be a leader in community water fluoridation with 90 percent of our population on community water systems having access to fluoridated drinking water. While the majority of large community water systems do fluoridate, many systems still do not. Some have old equipment that prohibits the continuation of an effective fluoridation program. The Fluoridation Equipment Grant initiative allows community water systems needing new and

updated fluoride equipment to apply for funding.

MDCH Oral Health Program awarded the following seven community water systems funding for new fluoridation equipment, with grants totaling more than \$48,000:

- City of Albion - \$6,356
- City of Bangor - \$17,678
- City of Dowagiac - \$2,729
- City of East Jordan - \$5,000
- City of Gladstone - \$5,375
- City of Otsego - \$6,687
- Village of Quincy - \$6,942

The community water systems went through a competitive review process and were chosen based on top scores achieved for

application criteria. The seven chosen were scored on need, population size, evidence of fluoridation approval from their community, and inclusion of all requested information. Between April 1, 2015 and September 15, 2015, the water systems can purchase the requested fluoridation equipment and have the equipment installed and operational within six months.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition Annual Conference in June 2015 will honor and recognize these grantees at a luncheon during the conference with a celebration of the 70th anniversary of community water fluoridation.

ELLSWORTH VILLAGE MEETING, APRIL 13, 2015

Community Square project moving forward

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH--Action was taken to bring the village closer to the realization of a much anticipated community square at the April 13 Ellsworth Village Council meeting.

A resolution to apply for a crowd funding MEDC Grant for the purpose of creating and enhancing Public/ Community Spaces intended to finance the \$60,000 needed for Phase 1 of the Community Square Project was approved. "It's a chance for present and former citizens whether village or township to help fund

the square," said Mayor Pro Tem Ron Boss.

A motion to renew a contract with Network Solutions for the Ellsworthvillage.com domain name for five more years was passed. The server charges \$185 to host the site for that time span.

Sheriff Dan Bean addressed the council to spread word about the Point of Drop prescription drug drop box at the County Courthouse and the Elk Rapids Governmental Center April 25 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. "We've been doing it for the last couple of years and we find it very important for the general public to be

able to come," he said. He also talked about changes in the concealed weapons permit procedures. "The boards are gone," he said. As of December 1, 2015 there will no longer be local gun boards reviewing concealed weapons applications. Applicants are to go to the County Clerk's office and will be directed from there.

Village Council would like residents to know that water rates were increased by \$5 beginning on the April water bill, the Township Clean-up Day is May 9, the Woodenshoe Park opens May 15 and the Breezeway Garage Sale event takes place May 22-23.

Your Pets and Your Health

By Deb Hagen-Foley

You take your dog for walks and brush your cat. You give them food and water and take them to the vet. You do many things to care for your pet, but have you thought about what your furry companion does for you? For more than 25 years, researchers have found evidence that living with pets is good for your health.

People with pets appear to handle stressful situations better than those without pets. Touch and movement, such as petting a dog or cat, are positive ways of reducing stress. Playing with a pet can also raise levels of serotonin and dopamine, which contribute to feeling of relaxation and well-being. Pet owners are less likely to suffer from depression and have reduced feelings of isolation and loneliness.

People with pets have lower blood pressure. Pet owners over age 65 make 30 percent fewer visits to their doctors. People who live with pets have lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels - indicators of heart disease. Heart attack patients who have pets survive longer than those without. Cat owners are 40% less likely to have a heart attack and 30% less likely to die from a heart attack, compared to those who do not own cats. Also, the benefits of pet ownership are not limited to four-legged pets - even watching fish swimming in an aquarium can reduce feelings of tension.

Children raised in homes with pets are less likely to develop allergies or asthma.



Pet ownership brings health benefits. PHOTO BY DEB HAGEN-FOLEY

Pets can also help children learn responsibility, as well as compassion and empathy. For older adults, pets can help give purpose to life and help maintain connections - or make new ones. Walking a dog provides opportunities to meet other like-minded persons.

Cat purrs promote healing. The vibrational range of cat purrs is medically therapeutic, both to cats and to humans. These purrs help heal infection and swelling, heal bones and soft tissue, such as tendons and muscles. In part, the health benefits associated with having a pet can be attributed to the positive lifestyle changes that can result from caring for a pet. Taking a dog for a walk or playing with a cat can increase activity levels. Having a pet can reduce anxiety and build self-confidence. Pets offer companionship - who hasn't talked to their pet? A pet can add structure and routine to your day as pets need regular feeding and exercise.

Ready to add a pet to your home? Visit your local animal shelter and adopt a pet to benefit your life and theirs!

Boyer City awarded grant for Downtown Historical Walking Tour project

Today, the City of Boyer City was awarded a \$3,000 grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. These grant funds will be used to initiate and promote Boyer City Main Street's Downtown Historical Walking Tour project.

"Organizations like Boyer City's Main Street program help to ensure that communities and towns all across America retain their unique sense of place," said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "We are honored to provide a grant to the City of Boyer City, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared national

heritage."

The tour will include over 50 stops throughout Boyer City's downtown. A printed brochure will match web pages that will contain additional photos, narrative and audio options. The audience will be able to scan codes with smartphones or tablets on each featured building to open up the corresponding web page and audio. City Manager Michael Cain stated "We are pleased the National Trust chose to partner with us on this worthwhile project and are excited to showcase our historic past and share it with others."

Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds range from

\$2,500 to \$5,000 and have provided over \$15 million since 2003. These matching grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies across the country to support wide-ranging activities including consultant services for rehabilitating buildings, technical assistance for tourism that promotes historic resources, and the development of materials for education and outreach campaigns.

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Boyne Falls Public Schools **Student of the Week**



Dominick Devers

Grade: 6
Parent(s): Sarah and Jason Loving
Future Plans?: Video Game Designer
School Activities: Reading and Strings
Hobbies and Interests: Climbing, Reading, and Biking
Favorite Book: Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Staff Comments:

"Dominick is an active reader and has already attained his reading goal for this trimester. Once Dominick becomes engrossed in a book he wants to complete it before doing anything else. With a smile on his face, he reports on books read with enthusiasm and attention to detail. Dominick has taken up strings, with the viola, this school year and has progressed to the second level. His music instructor calls him a model student." – Submitted By: Michelle Woodard

Notice of Correction

In the 4/9/15 edition of the Charlevoix County News we made a typing error on an ad for Boyne Falls Public Schools.

This was our error when we re-set the type on the ad.

Dave Baragrey, Publisher
Charlevoix County News

EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

April 16, 5 – 7pm, The Zone Sport Lounge. Sponsor; Coldwell Banker Schmidt of East Jordan. Food, Cash Bar, Networking. EJ Chamber Members-Free, Not-Yet Members-\$10.

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.

BOYNE CITY Eagle Marine In-house Boat Show

April 17, 4-8pm, April 18, 10am-6pm. Displaying new inventory and offering a fish fry, door prizes and guest speakers. Bring a friend, bring the family, or just stop in and check it out. Check out their new website for details - www.eaglemarinemi.com.

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 of 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.

PETOSKEY Transit Summit

April 23, 11am-1pm, Emmet County Fairgrounds. The state of transit in Charlevoix and Emmet counties will be discussed at a Transit Summit in Petoskey. The event is being sponsored by Networks Northwest, Charlevoix County Transit, Straits Regional Ride, the Disability Network of Northwest Michigan, and Friendship Centers of Emmet County. The Summit will include a discussion of trends in transit ridership, future needs, regional transit, and challenges in transit service. The event includes lunch. There is no cost to attend, but RSVPs are required at nwm.org/charementransit or by calling Angie Lemon at 231-929-5077.

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.

EAST JORDAN American Girl Tea

Attend & maybe win the door prizes: American Girl Doll Grace or Marie Grace at the American Girl Tea on Sunday April 26th from 2-3:30 at East Jordan High-School Cafeteria. Admission \$5.00 girls, \$1. for adults, (children should be accompanied by an adult & they don't need a tea cup or a doll) The 1st hour is activities and snacks, and then several door prizes. Community Event:

Contact Connie Roberts for more info 231 675 4332

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@boynecity.com

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.

EAST JORDAN County Wide Business After Hours

May 17, 5:30-8pm, Mallard Golf Club. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix County News and The Mallard Golf Club.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN NLEA Annual Luncheon

May 20, 11:30am-1:30pm. North Central Michigan College Student

& Community Resource Center. Join other business, community and government leaders involved in the economic vitality of our area. Don't miss the exciting guests, special awards and prestigious recognition. Cost: \$20 per person or \$200 per Reserved Table (8 seats). For ticket and table reservations call, 231.582.6482.

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, Alan-son; 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 wrncm.org for more information.

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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First Place finish for EJ Quiz Bowl Team



The East Jordan Quiz Bowl A Team took first place in the Char-Em ISD final tournament of the year for the Class C-D size schools on Friday, April 10, 2015 at North Central Michigan College. Please find the attached photo: L-R: Tim Roback, Garrett Imel, Alex Newman, Cheyenne Hayden and Grace Robbins. The team is coached by Danielle Poindexter. Courtesy photo

Bring on the Strings!

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is hosting, and extends an invitation for all to attend, a "Day for Strings" on Saturday, April 18th at Petoskey High School located at 1500 Hill Street.

The Orchestra's intrinsic worth goes far beyond the music they perform; they are a valuable educational resource for our community, as evidenced by this event. This day includes a series of workshops for string musicians of all ages and abilities and will conclude with a side-by-side performance with members from the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at 3:00 p.m.

The cost for students to participate in this workshop is \$12 for the day (\$10 for any additional family members.) Scholarships are available to assist with the expense of participating in the "Day for Strings." Participants are asked to bring lunch and a music stand, if they have one.

Check-in is at 10:00 am for Level Two and Three students, 12:15 p.m. for level One students. Level One is considered a beginning student.

At the conclusion of the workshop, all participants will also receive one free adult and student pass to the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Concert at 7pm on Sunday, June 7th, at the John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. This concert will celebrate American music and feature both the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus including works by Aaron Copland, Charles Ives.



Richard and Aaron O'Leary practice for GLCO Day of Strings. Courtesy photo.

The "Day for Strings" performance at 3:00 p.m. is open to the public and is free of charge. As strings are the largest family of instruments in the orchestra, the sweet sounds of the violin, viola, cello and double bass will resound through the auditorium for all to enjoy. Please join us for this special event and enjoy your community's rich musical talent.

Gun Control discussion at Lifetree Café

The topic of gun control will be explored at Lifetree Café – Boyne City on April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The Lifetree event, titled "Inside the Gun Debate: To Hunt? To Defend? To Assault?" features filmed interviews with Tom Mauser, whose son died at Columbine High School, and Michael Lang, a concealed weapon firearms instructor.

Lifetree representative Craig Cable said participants will have the opportunity to hear various viewpoints and to offer their own. "This is a community forum for open discussion," Cable said.

This Lifetree program is being

offered at Lifetree Café locations across the country as a means to inform citizens and find answers to the questions surrounding gun issues, Cable said.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located 401 S Park St.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Julie Hasse at 231-582-7983 or at lifetree@fpboyne.org.

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Boyne City Student Teacher arraigned

Benjamin Walter Bolser, 24, of East Jordan, was arraigned today on two felony charges: using a computer to commit a crime, a seven year felony, and accosting a minor for immoral purposes, a



four year felony. Bolser was a student teacher at Boyne City High School when he allegedly engaged in inappropriate and sexual communication with a female student who was under the age of 16. The charges against Bolser are mere accusations at this point and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. His bond was set at \$20,000 personal recognizance. While on bond, he is not to use a computer or have any contact with any minors without adult supervision and no contact with the victim. A probable cause conference is

scheduled for May 5, 2015 and his preliminary examination is set for May 12, 2015.

Anderson sentenced 4 to 10 years

This afternoon in the 33rd Circuit Court, Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced James Joseph Anderson, 36,



of Boyne City to four to ten years in prison for an assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder that occurred on February 6, 2015. Anderson became intoxicated at the BC Lanes and after leaving, followed a Petoskey couple in his vehicle, ramming them repeatedly until their car lost control and left the road, flipping over on its side. After he was arrested, Anderson was belligerent toward police officers as well as corrections officers at the Charlevoix County Jail. On March 3, 2015, Anderson pled no contest to the charge as well as charges of resisting and

obstructing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. This incident occurred while Anderson was awaiting sentencing on another count of operating while intoxicated and domestic violence in the 90th District Court. Judge Roy C. Hayes III also sentenced Anderson to sixteen to twenty-four months in prison on the resisting and obstructing charge and 93 days in jail on the OWI charge. Those sentences will run concurrent with the more serious charge.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY MARCH 29

1352 Report of loud vehicle on Knoll wood
1541 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park
1705 Larceny of gas from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
2255 Civil questions regarding return of property on River Ridge
TUESDAY, MARCH 31
0917 Report of domestic dispute between two people in vehicle at Spring and East.
1101 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St.
1121 Citation issued for Expired Ops.
1320 Report of IRS scam
1500 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake S
Wednesday, April 1
0927 Citation issued for skateboarding in the Central Business District
1200 report of harassment in the 300 block of E Division St
1704 Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N Lake.
1919 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of W. Court.
1929 Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1935 Suspicious situation on N Park St.
2151 Report of harassment in the 100 block of E Water St.
THURSDAY, APRIL 1
0326 Vehicle unlock at S Lake and Ray St.
08255 Report of barking dog in the 300

block of E Division St. Occurs approximately 5am every day.
1235 Assist MSP and CXSH on High Country Dr.
1742 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
1840 Report of lost pager.
2329 Driving complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
0912 Assist Parole Agent in looking for absconded parolee. Was located in Emmet Co.
0948 Lost set of keys near the library
1137 Shoplifting complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1457 Damage to property in the 700 block of N Lake St
1742 Reported gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
1740 Report of water leak on W. Michigan.
1924 Report of Kids skateboarding in roadway at Maddy Ln. and Jefferson St.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
0800 Report of found purse in the 100 S Park St.
1124 Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance.
1718 Vehicle unlock at Citizens Bank.
2140 Assisted Sheriff Department with road rage driving complaint headed toward town.
2224 Cat bite reported in the 300 block of E Division St.
SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
1233 Alarm in the 100

block of S Park St. All secure.
1331 Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1339 Citation issued for Speed at Division and Lake
2030 Civil complaint from the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
2040 Vehicle unlock on W. Court St.
2330 Welfare check on Morgan St

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March 29-April 4

911 Hang Up Call6
Abandoned Vehicle1
Abuse0
Alarm1
Animal Complaint8
Annoyance1
Assault0
Assist Citizen1
Assist Motorist1
Assist Other Agency15
Attempt to Locate4
Attempted Suicide0
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering1
Car/Deer Accident9
Citations Issued7
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Criminal Sexual Conduct0
Death0
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Lockout6
Lost Property0
Malicious Destruction of Property1
Mental Subject0
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Miscellaneous Criminal1
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Noise Complaint0
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Private Property Accident0
Property Check45
Property Damage Accident6
Prowler0
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Suspicious Situation6
Threat0
Traffic Stop44
Trespassing1
Unknown Accident0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
Vehicle in the Ditch1
Violation of Controlled Substance Act1

TWO CAR CRASH CAUSES MINOR INJURIES

On Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 16:22, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded along with Boyne Valley EMS and Fire Department to the intersection of US-131 South and M-75 South in the village of Boyne Falls for a report of a two car crash with minor injuries. Responders arrived on scene a short time later and made contact with the drivers of the vehicles, Ashley Chapman age 19 from Boyne Falls and Nicolas Kenney age

24 of Harbor Springs. Chapman was traveling Southbound on US-131 with another passenger in her 2009 Pontiac G6 when Kenney, who was driving his 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee with two other passengers, pulled out from M-75 South in front of Chapman. Chapman was unable to avoid the collision and crashed into him. Chapman was treated on scene by EMS for minor wrist pain and released. There were no other injuries reported.

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Thursday, April 16 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Pinochle	Friday, April 17 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, April 20 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, April 21 FOOT CLINIC 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wed., April 22 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, April 23 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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Thursday, April 16 KARAOKE DAY!	Friday, April 17 11am Dollar in the Jukebox Bingo BAKE RAFFLE—everyone bring something!	Monday, April 20 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, April 21 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo 1pm Paint Class	Wed., April 22 GAME DAY!	Thursday, April 23 KARAOKE DAY!
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor,

April 22nd is Earth Day 2015. One simple way to help our earth is to properly dispose of any expired or unwanted prescription drugs.

In Charlevoix County there are Prescription & Over-the-Counter (POD) Drug Drop-Off boxes located at Boyne City, City Hall; Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in Charlevoix and on Beaver Island; City of Charlevoix Police Department and East Jordan Police Department. These boxes are very easy to use, safe, free, and environmentally sound way for properly disposing of medications.

Protect your child by getting the unused/unwanted prescriptions out of your home and protect Mother Earth by using the POD program and properly disposing of these medications, you will help us keep our rivers and drinking water clean and our communities and families safe. Happy Spring!

**Susan Pulaski
Brutus, MI**

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**

Dear Editor,

Volunteers with the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) are an essential part of our organization.

They give freely of their time, effort and talents to help make it possible for the WRCNM to continue to provide vital programs and services relied on by adults, children, women and men in our community. As a result of their generosity and caring, we are able to positively impact the health, safety and well-being of those who seek and need our services.

Last year, members of our community donated a total of 5,704 volunteer hours to the WRCNM. Volunteers provide invaluable

support to our organization in many areas, such as serving on our Board of Directors, providing information and support to those who call our 24-hour crisis line, assisting Gold Mine Resale Shop customers, helping to prepare mailings, lending a hand to maintain our facilities, encouraging and supporting survivors of domestic abuse at the Safe Home, serving on fundraising committees and sharing special skills/expertise.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 12-18, is a time to shine a light on the significant and positive impact volunteers make every day and every week of the year. At the WRCNM, we are inspired by, and grateful for, our volunteers who truly make a difference in northern Michigan!

**Sincerely,
Jamie Winters,
Safe Home Coordinator,
Women's Resource Center**

WATER WOES FINALE

To the Editor,

PENULTIMATE to what appears to be a tear-up, at least partially, to Williams Street, East Jordan, a plumber applied an air compressor to the interior pipes at 106 Williams since the prognosis had been that sludge from old exterior underground pipes, plus temporary water from an adjacent fire hydrant, had infiltrated the household pipes thereby obstructing them from delivering water pressure to the upper floors.

The basement of 106 contains a bakery therefore a number of sinks; the floors above are three apartments which were receiving minimal or no water. The prognosis seemed logical. The air compressor, however, failed to relieve the pressure problem though did manage to blow one cpvc pipe on the top floor.

The next step after a pipe repair was a reconnection to the fire hydrant, that interim move due to the deep freeze of 2015 (-

20o) multiple nights, a garden hose direct to the meter connection underground. This had been disconnected when a meter was reconnected as the weather warmed but failed to deliver water. Very mysterious, thought all concerned - did it freeze immediately? Not likely, must be obstruction in the lines somewhere. If so that would mean that the problem is the homeowner's because the City's responsibility stops just beyond the meter, one would presume at the sidewalk line where home ownership begins, sidewalk to sidewalk, 66 feet, being City property.

It should be explained further that the City water had pumped the supposed sediment into the house through either the fire hydrant or the original pipes leading to the meter. But the City Charter says differently, to the effect that the City has no jurisdiction within the private property. This is a stickler of a conundrum because this is City water being pumped in yet the City is not responsible for any detritus pumped to various homes affected. Problems of ethics don't necessarily apply to problems of utility.

Yet the City Manager sent a plumber to unclog the house lines, the cost being inchoate as to who pays but the plumber indicated that the City does not and yet it was the City who called him. Appraising the household plumbing pipe, all cpvc, a congeries of lines boggles the imagination, all snaked through floors, walls, having been the result of decades of add-ons. Thus the attempt at air pressure blown through the lines.

In any case, the upshot as viewed from another garden hose hooked to the fire hydrant and the meter connection indicates that the City will now dig up some pavement to replace the rusted crusted water line leading to the meter, bolstered by painted marks on the pavement, a gas line indicator nearby, and a truck labeled USIC, the country's leading

utility damage prevention service for underground utility lines. That would seem to conclude the contract to redo at least some of the old pipework underground, presumably extending back many generations to the original plotting of City water pipes. It's not clear exactly when the pipes were placed or whether the City provided the line into the house since most towns and cities place water meters inside the home's basement but East Jordan's are underground just outside of the homes' boundaries. Another grey area of responsibility.

Our intrepid renter at 106 had previously called a roofer company to inspect the premises, which coincided with a visit by the City Manager, an estimate of \$500-\$2500 was proffered to clean the interior lines. Not quite acceptable hence the subsequent plumber summoned by the City Manager.

It remains to be seen just how extensive this upgrade will need to be. With some 85 houses affected by the freeze this could conceivably be expensive, even if approached one block at a time, which would be the necessary plan since traffic needs to move, utility repairs being a major consideration for any town. My theory has been that since decades ago snow and ice covered all streets and roads due to less sophisticated snow plow equipment thus more insulating cover for underground pipes whereas in recent years streets are often found to be free of snow and ice thereby leaving pipes more exposed to freezes, this past winter being on record as the coldest in some fifty-odd years of recordkeeping.

With discrepancies of policy and opinion there's still no doubt that everyone concerned wants to do the right thing. This is a unique situation needing address. Climate change might be labeled a four-letter word but it's clear that it's upon us.

**Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan**

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is a win-win organization

By Jim Akans

It's truly a win-win organization. The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area families in need.

"The Food Pantry serves fami-

lies throughout Antrim County," states Edith Plumb, a volunteer at the establishment and Secretary of the Board. "It was founded about 10 years ago and is ran by a very dedicated group of volunteers. We serve approximately 200 families in assisting with the food needs each month, which translates into approximately 700 individuals."

Proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop greatly assist in serving those family's needs. Highlights of the donated items

available include just about every type of household article; including furniture, nick knacks, dishes and tools. Shoppers will also find a wide selection of toys, yard equipment such as lawn mowers, grills and even snow shovels. These goods are donated by local individuals, businesses and those from downstate who have summer residences in the area.

The facility is a large three-story building that was once a church. Inside, customers will

find two levels devoted to resale displays, and one floor level for the food pantry and fellowship hall.

"It is a very nice environment," relates Edith Plumb. "Our mission is getting more and more important all the time as more people are in need of assistance with the food needs. We are part of the Northwest Michigan Action Agency Food Coalition, with is a group of about 40 food pantry's in the area that cooperate with each other in stay-

ing informed about the issues affecting us."

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona. The Resale Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am until 4 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am unit 3 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 587-9606.

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SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP MEETING, APRIL 14, 2015

Hayes Township seeks volunteers for spring cleanup project

Charlevoix County's Hayes Township is seeking volunteers to help during two days of spring cleaning at the Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull Park. Spring cleaning at the park will take place on Saturday, May 9, and Saturday, May 30, beginning at 9 a.m. Camp Sea-Gull is located at 08580 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix.

Township representatives and volunteers will rake leaves, pick up deadfall and debris, will continue to work on cleaning and repair of some of the cabins and will paint the interior of the residence that will house the park host. A light lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

To volunteer or for additional information, please contact Hayes Township Clerk Marlene Golovich by phone (231) 547-6961 or email clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov.

South Arm Township stalls special use of local property

Norma Jean Babcock

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP: At the meeting of the Planning Commission on Tuesday the request for a special use permit for resident Gary Warner was tabled after much dispute by those in the audience.

The site plan review was requested for the property located at 10835 Nelson Rd. which Warner owns and operates a landscaping and excavating business from. Warner has operated his business on the property since 1998 according to his application, and he came before the commission to ensure that he could continue doing so.

However, several of those in attendance at the meeting felt strongly that Mr. Warner's request should be denied, as the operations on his land frustrate those living on neighboring properties. One of those neighbors in specific sent a letter to the commission which was written by their attorney, Timothy Arner, who reviewed Warner's application before attending the meeting. In the letter, Arner noted that in his opinion the application was not sufficiently filled out and did not meet the requirements for approval. Additionally, the neighbors expressed their sentiments that the noise coming from



Warner's property had a "substantially negative impact on their property and peace of mind."

The letter reflected their feelings that the property in question had already begun to "look like a junk yard" and that if the commission chose to allow the special use permit, they hoped that restrictions would be put on the hours of usage, and the noise that can come from the operation of heavy equipment.

This letter caused contention between the neighbors and Warner, who spoke heatedly to the commission regarding their opinions. Due to the rising frustrations, the council chose to close

the item to the public and explained that before even considering whether or not to grant the special use permit, they want the application to be filled out more thoroughly.

"From what I can see the application does need to have more things added to it," said Vice Chairman Scott Shepherd.

The commission did determine to table the issue due to this, but stipulated that the application should only be filed after a new zoning administrator is appointed to help Warner through the process.

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