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## Council donates plots for organic garden, Changes plan for mural

Norma Jean Babcock

**CHARLEVOIX:** On Monday, City Council decided to donate garden plots to a local citizen interested in growing food to donate to area food pantries, and discussed taking wording off of a mural that will be downtown this summer.

The first subject of donating garden plots was raised by Janice McKay, a local farmer who hopes to grow an organic garden whose produce will be donated to area food pantries. McKay asked council to donate 10 plots of land to her for this purpose. The city owns these plots, which are located north of Harbor Industries, and has rented them out for a \$25 fee to those interested in

gardening there since the 1960's. McKay requested that the council not charge her for the 24 ft by 24 ft plots, but that they donate them as the intention is to help others in Charlevoix. The cost if not donated would be \$250.

"This is creating a chance for people to have fresh vegetables. It helps in decreasing poverty, putting money someplace else, and being healthy," stated McKay.

The city contacted some of the local pantries, and verified that they would be willing to accept donations of fresh produce from these plots. Pantries such as Third Day Fellowship and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry welcomed the donations as fresh vegetables are rarely do-



This mural, which was approved by the DDA and Council to be put on the side of Central Drug is now facing scrutiny by City Council due to the wording "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful."

nated currently. Interim City Manager Mike Spencer indicated that the plots are available, and that this would be a nice way for the city to help those in need.

Later in the meeting the second issue regarding a mural that will be placed on the side of the Central Drug building was

brought up again, despite it's having been already commissioned. The discussion was led by Deputy Mayor Jeff Porter, who stated that he had no issues with the artistic aspect of the mural, but took objection to the wording that is currently in the plan for it.

The mural is a project created by the DDA, who received grant funding to help create art in a public space. The DDA commissioned muralist Katherine Larson to create the 5 panel scene that depicts various aspects of Charlevoix with the words "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" inscribed on it. According to Porter, the words make the mural a sign, and if it is a sign, then it violates the city's sign ordinance.

"If it looks like a sign, it reads like a sign, it is a sign," stated Porter.

He then spoke to Spencer about how the wording violated the ordinance, and voiced his de-

See **Charlevoix City Council**—4A

## sports



Rayder pitcher Skyler Herriman (16) is about to fire another pitch in Lake Michigan Conference action against Boyne City. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



East Jordan's Tucker Alward delivers a pitch during action against Boyne City in a Lake Michigan Conference contest. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

## Bridge Street Blooms opens today



Chris and Mary Helstrom open their new fully automated climate controlled greenhouse on Thursday

By Tina Sundelius

**CHARLEVOIX**--Bridge Street Blooms in Charlevoix will once again add a splash of glistening color to the landscape upon opening this week but now the eye catching foliage is spilling out of a larger, fully automated permanent greenhouse.

In 2012, Chris and Mary Hel-

strom took their knowledge of retail and erected a hoop house on the main drag through Charlevoix, filled it with healthy, aromatic plants and invited the public to browse and shop. Five years later the idea is a proven success, the hoop house has been replaced with a fully automated climate controlled greenhouse with a cement entryway that

mimics the look of dirt and moss. "Here we have retail at its best because when people walk through that door they are immediately happy and when they leave they are even happier," said Mary.

The building isn't the only thing that has expanded. They now sell trees, shrubberies, bulk

See **Bridge Street Blooms**—3A

## Boyne City awarded preservation grant

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Michigan Preservation Fund has awarded the City of Boyne City a Preservation Grant towards its' Downtown Historical Walking Tour project. Boyne City was awarded a \$3,000 grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Michigan Historic Preservation Network. These grant funds will be used to initiate and promote Boyne City Main Street's Downtown Historical Walking Tour project.

"Organizations like Boyne 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 Na-

See **Preservation Grant**—5A

## CORRECTION

In the article 'Court Street Project will Proceed Despite Delay in Federal Funds,' that appeared in the April 16 issue of the Charlevoix County News, Trustee Janet Blossom from Eveline Township was quoted saying, "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." The quote should have been attributed to Michelle Cortright, Trustee from Evangeline Township.

Tina Sundelius.

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## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 23	33°	59°	19° (1986)	87° (1980)
APR 24	33°	59°	18° (1956)	84° (1990)
APR 25	34°	60°	15° (1967)	85° (1990)
APR 26	34°	60°	20° (1958)	88° (1986)
APR 27	34°	61°	20° (1967)	86° (1990)
APR 28	35°	61°	20° (1982)	88° (1986)
APR 29	35°	62°	19° (1977)	88° (1990)
APR 30	35°	62°	19° (1956)	87° (1970)

BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, APRIL 20, 2015

# County Recycling program under review

## Township Hall upgrades may cost over \$100,000

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH--A crowded Banks Township Board meeting opened with public comment on recycling, roads and the warning siren. The board examined blueprints of the proposed hall upgrades and election inspectors were appointed.

A committee established to research the costs and logistics related to making electrical and ADA upgrades to the hundred year-old Township Hall reported that they received an estimate of \$115,000 to reroute the front stair-

well and install a lift. "I would just like to get support of the board to get some bids on the project," said Township Clerk Donna Heeres. A motion was passed to direct the building committee to advertise for bids. A walk through for interested contractors will be set and blueprints will be available online and in the Township office. Bids are due by June 10.

Fire Chief Mark Groenink brought the siren that sits on the roof of the Township Hall to the board's attention. The siren hasn't been sounded in 8 years. When federal regulations changed emergency channels to narrow band the siren was not updated. "It kinda got forgotten, so it probably doesn't work," said Groenink who explained that if the township wanted the siren up

and running it would only be a matter of \$400-500. "It's just a matter of resetting the controller," he said. The board agreed to gather public opinion on whether people felt the siren was an important element of the community.

County Commissioner Dave Heeres attended the meeting to inform the board of the county's issues with the recycling centers. "Just like everything it costs a lot of money, it's upward of \$400,000. What do we do?" he asked. Heeres passed out a flyer discussing costs attached to recycling with four funding options. "I didn't realize we were taking such a hit," said Supervisor Thomas Mann. Heeres asked the board to get public input on the issue.

Options for the recycling centers include: 1) the county contin-

uing to pay for the program out of the general fund, 2) a voter-approved county-wide millage, 3) a surcharge to property tax bills or 4) the end of the recycling program. He explained that while the costs of recycling and county operations are rising, the county's revenues haven't increased since 2007. "At some point we'd like a consensus or a feel from John Q Public," he said.

With the snow melted and spring in full swing, Lakeshore Drive residents are once again expressing their need for a solution to the road's slimy muck issues. "We felt the road's condition has reached an all-time low," said Jack Costolo a Lakeshore Drive resident. The road was resurfaced with Afton Stone in 2013 but the stone and clay mixture has caused new problems for the wet

road. Board members expressed concern for the plight of residents but have other roads in the township that are in equally poor condition. Discussion was left off with both residents and the Township Supervisor intending to talk to the County Road Commission.

A state election will be held this May 5 to vote on Proposal 1 concerning road funding. Nancy Zimmerman, Marilyn Ferweda, Irene Shooks, Judy Smith, Jim Maine, Debbie Ulrey Anna Austin, Brenda Powers and alternates Jeff Cook and Sue Tillotson were appointed to work the election.

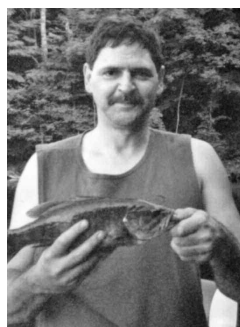
The next meeting will be held May 18 at 7 P.M.

## OBITUARIES

### Mark A. Lambert, 59

(MARCH 16, 1956 - APRIL 12, 2015)

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



He was born on March 16, 1956, in Detroit, Michigan the son of Donald and Vyrona (Rozelle) Lambert. Mark grew up on the family farm in Northport and was raised as a Jehovah's Witness. His family later moved to Kalkaska and he graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1974.

On May 11, 1985, in Kalkaska, he married Teresa Ann Maloney. Mark worked for the Lexamar Corporation in Boyne City. Previously, he worked as an automotive mechanic for many years. He enjoyed fishing, camping and antique tractors.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Ann Lambert of East Jordan; seven children, Allisha (Reilly) Kiel of Mancelona, Mark D. (Amanda) Lambert of Wyoming, Sarah A. (Tom) May of Wyoming, Tiffany Toomsen of Arkansas, Stephanie Browning of Alden, Katrina Browning of Kalkaska and Christopher Browning of Traverse City; nine-

teen grandchildren, David Long, Kaleb Kiel, Alyssa Kiel, Angeles Lambert, Celine Lambert, Ashley Isehauer, Sam Browning, Mikenzie Browning, Seth Webster, Haley Frear, Brendon Toomsen, Bryce Toomsen, Bristen Toomsen, Derek Levan, Khloen Smith, Khloey Smith, Caibron Browning, Natalia Whitney and Emerson Whitney; and two sisters, Doris West and Dorothy (Merle) Wilson, both of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one son-in-law, a niece and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at 2:00 P.M. at the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, 4925 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Chad Michael Wood, 48

(JUNE 30, 1966 - APRIL 11, 2015)

Chad Michael Wood of Lawton and Beaver Island, formerly of Lakeview, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015.

He was born June 30, 1966, in Alma, and grew up in Lakeview, graduating from Lakeview High School in 1984.

In 1989, he received a Bachelor of Computer Science degree from



Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Chad was a Senior Network Manager for Pfizer in Kalamazoo. Chad loved sports cars, all sports especially hockey. He loved to socialize with his numerous friends, and enjoyed high-end electronics for work and personal use.

He is survived by his mother, Kathleen Gatliff Wood of Beaver Island; brothers, Coley E. (Terrie M.) Wood of Lakeview, Shane P. (Tracy) Wood of Cedar Springs; nieces, Devin Wood, and MacKenzie (Dominick) Bartnick; nephews, Dawson Wood, and Jacob Ware.

Visitation will be from 5-8 pm, Thursday, April 23, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where a prayer service will be recited at 7 pm. Mass will be 11 am, Saturday, April 25, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Interment will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund, c/o Kathleen Wood, PO Box 44, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

### Marvin Henry Ruis, 67

(DEC. 4, 1947 - APRIL 15, 2015)

Marvin H. Ruis of Beaver Island and Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Ellsworth, died Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at his Florida home.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Belltower Reformed Church, with visitation from 11 until noon. Local arrangements by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com

### Geneva Marie Waller, 81

(APRIL 27, 1933 - APRIL 13, 2015)

Geneva M. 'Dot' Waller of Central Lake, our dearest mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 13, 2015.

She loved her daily visits with her friend and minister Ken Ernst. She so loved all the family gatherings with the grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Dot (Mom) loved her lawn and garden, feeding the turkeys, wildlife and birds.

She will be missed so very much by her children: James A. Waller, Gloria (Ben) Waller, Joyce Livingston, Mary (Enos) Bacon and Richard W. Waller; her 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and brother Norman Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Violet Clark, sisters Eunice Waller and Agnus Barraw, brothers Dale Clark and Harold Clark.

God has truly blessed us and we are grateful. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM at Grace Community Church in Central

Lake with her friend and pastor Ken Ernst officiating.

Burial has taken place in Southern Cemetery in Central Lake.

Memorials may be made to: Grace Community Church, P.O. Box 400, Central Lake, MI 49622.

Please sign her guestbook at www.hastingsfuneral.com.

### Richard Anthony Renn, 80

(JULY 23, 1934 - APRIL 4, 2015)

Richard Anthony Renn of Williamsburg, died Saturday, April 4, 2015, in Clovis, Calif., while visiting his brother.



He was born July 23, 1934, in Louisville, Ky., the son of George Marcus and Mildred Estelle (Provost) Renn.

He graduated from Redford Union High School in Detroit, Michigan. Richard served in the US Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Philippines Sea during the Korean War.

On May 26, 1956, he married Joyce Lenore Bacon and she preceded him in death in 2003.

Richard was employed for 30 years by Michigan Bell Telephone and Ameritech, retiring in 1991 as a Fiber Optics Supervisor. He also worked as a greens keeper for the Grand Traverse Resort for a number of years. He has lived in Williamsburg the past 35 years.

Richard enjoyed playing baseball, hunting, fishing, bowling and golfing. He was a member of the American Legion and a Life Member of the NRA.

He is survived by his daughters, Julie Anne (Patrick V.) Whitley, Rebecca Marie (Christopher J.) Wimmer all of Charlevoix, Amy Elizabeth (Richard) Scott of Mancelona; grandchildren, Jessi (Aaron) Blaszczyk, Luke Whitley, Jacob, Nicholas, and Ryan Wimmer, Kyle (Kayla) Scott, Kolten Scott; great-grandson, Sawyer Blaszczyk; brother, George (Florence) Renn of Fresno, Calif.

A memorial mass will be 2 pm, Friday, May 8, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton will officiate. Interment will take place in the Acme Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local animal shelter, or to the Wounded Warrior Project. Please sign Richard's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

### Terrence H. "Terry" Argetsinger, 74

Terrence H. "Terry" Argetsinger of Mancelona and formerly of East Jordan died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Petoskey.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

No other services are scheduled at this time.

### Margaret G. Holdsworth, 91

Margaret G. Holdsworth of Charlevoix passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are pending.

### Brian S. Childs, 78

Brian S. Childs of East Jordan died Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Tendecare of Gaylord. No services are scheduled.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

### Jeremy John Moses, 37

(DEC. 21, 1977 - APRIL 18, 2015)

Jeremy John Moses of Charlevoix passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015, at his home after a long battle with cancer.



He was born December 21, 1977, in Port Huron to Terrance and Vicki L. (Wynkoop) Moses. Jeremy grew up in Charlevoix and was a graduate of Charlevoix Public Schools. A self taught mechanic, he earned his Master Mechanic certification, and owned J&S Auto Repair in Charlevoix. He loved to tinker and considered mechanical challenges more of a hobby than work.

He married the former Starlene Butterfield, and she survives. He is also survived by his sons, Terrence Curtis Moses, and Jacob Moses; daughter, Jennahka Moses; stepdaughters, Olivia and Alexis Butterfield; mother, Vicki L. (Ronnie) McWatters of Charlevoix; brothers, Josh (Janelle Kassien) Moses of Charlevoix, William (Jamie) McWatters of Guemas Island, Wash., Jordan (Marja) McWatters of Silver Bay, Minn.; sisters, Ronda (Mike) Stutzman of Manistee, Maria Jenkins of Abingdon, Va., Mary B. (Greg Fuller) McWatters of Harbor Springs; maternal grandfather, Richard Wynkoop of Charlevoix. Jeremy's father, Terry Moses preceded him in death in 1996.

A celebration of Jeremy's life will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, May 16, at the Depot Beach in Charlevoix. Interment will take place in the Norwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jacob and Jennahka Moses scholarship fund, payable to: Josh Moses/ Jeremy's kids c/o Josh Moses, 11525 US 31 N, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

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## Bridge Street Blooms

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bark mulch, pottery, various gardening supplies and even more perennials. "These plants just love it in here," said Mary.

The building may look different but the policies have remained the same, knowledge and good service are number one. Both Chris and Mary as well as two of the employees are Master Gardeners and always on hand to answer questions, help with tough gardening choices and getting everything home. "We carry everything out to their car for them," said Chris.

In the center of the greenhouse is a potting table where people can pot their plants before they leave the store. "Make the mess here and make it perfect before you leave," said Mary. The store provides professional grade soil and assistance every step of the way.

Chris' love for horticulture was discovered when he operated Bosman's Family Farm and Fleet. His favorite part of the store was the nursery. Mary's love of gardening was discovered closer to home. "My addiction started with my perennial beds," she said. The business is truly a family operation with all the children contributing to the production of the website, signage (inside and out), painted pots, store decorations and even the flagpole out front stands to honor their son Austin who is presently serving in the Marines. "There is a framed picture of trees and flowers made by (7 year old) Keane when he was in kindergarten," said Mary. "We have something from each of our children."

The Helstrom's plan to use their knowledge of retail and horticulture for a long time to come. "We just want to have the premium nursery in Northern Michigan," said Chris.

The doors open for the season April 23. Hours of service are from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sunday.

# Career Expo gives students exposure to job opportunities

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In the hope of keeping the next generation in Northern Michigan, local organizations held a Career Expo for over 400 area students to learn about job and education opportunities last Friday.

The event was held at the Charlevoix Area Middle/High School on April 17, where students from Charlevoix, Boyne City, Ellsworth and the Morgan-Shaw School came to see over 40 businesses and schools to help them prepare for future careers in North Michigan. Career Jump Start, the Char-Em ISD, North Central Michigan College, and Northwest Michigan Works all sponsored the event.

Students were given a signature card to take to at least 6 of the organizations available to learn more about. Each student would receive a signature only after asking a question that helped them understand more about the education connected to the specific career path they were interested in. At the close of the



More than 45 vendors representing businesses ranging from health care to hospitality and manufacturing to service industries participated in the Career Expo on April 17.

event students could turn the card in complete with signatures to win door prizes.

The prizes ranged from t-shirts all the way to gas cards and a tool kit. Only students who had six signatures were eligible for the prizes which gave students incentive to use the Expo to its best advantage. A lunch was also provided to the business members who participated right after the event by Andy's Deli and Market and was provided by the Northwest Michigan Works.

The event showcased businesses in various fields that students could consider delving into. Fields such as: Arts & Communications, Health Sciences, Engineering Technology, Business, Management and Marketing Technology, as well as Natural Resources and Agriculture were available for students to learn more about. Area businesses offered explanations of what type of education was needed for each job, and gave students guidance on how to go about pursuing such jobs. College representatives were on hand to help navigate the

application process and inform students on what types of programs they offered.

Businesses like Charlevoix Cinema III, Skydive Harbor Springs and Mitchell Graphics were available to explore avenues in Arts in Communications. For students leaning toward business careers, agencies such as Bingham Insurance and Charlevoix State Bank were available. Engineering and Technology opportunities were presented by East Jordan Iron Works and Great Lakes Energy, while Health Services were showcased by Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center and Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Also represented were careers involving Natural Resources and Agriculture. A conservation officer from the Department of Natural Resources was on hand to discuss aspects of working with the DNR and what their job entails, and members of the Little Traverse Conservancy were available to advocate jobs that protect the natural resources of the place in which the students live.

Students were able to meet with representatives of the United States Army, Marine Corp, Navy and Air Force as well. Additionally the Charlevoix County Sheriff was available to educate students on options in law enforcement. Numerous other businesses were also represented at the Expo to showcase what is available to students in Northern Michigan. The hope is that Expos like these will encourage students to stay in the area, support the local economy, and keep Northern Michigan beautiful.

"The committee members would like to thank all of the participating businesses and organizations, especially Charlevoix Ace Hardware for donating all for the tables, and Andy's Deli & Market for catering the lunches," stated Char-Em ISD member Kelly Johnson, "We would also like to thank the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for providing the committee with valuable information and support."



Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center staff members Tasha Wagner and Joelle Beaudoin coach Charlevoix sophomore Wess Crandall as he balances on a Bosu Ball.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 21, 2015

## East Jordan finalizes city budget



East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon. PHOTO BY KAREN WALKER.

By Krystal Johnson

**EAST JORDAN**—The East Jordan City Commission wrapped up discussions for the 2015/16 fiscal year budget at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Final budget discussions revolved around a new policy concerning frozen water lines that city administrator Tom Cannon plans to put in place. The commission came to a consensus that when a "run-water" has been issued and a homeowner refuses to let their drain drip, the

city would charge the homeowner for having to service any frozen water lines.

In the past, the city has not billed homeowners for this service. Cannon hopes that this policy will deter homeowners from refusing to run water when the city has issued a notice.

Cannon also updated the commission regarding the restored siren at Tuesday's meeting. The siren will be fully operational within a couple of weeks, with the cement pad being laid this week. At its new cen-

tral location, the siren will be ringing a 9:30 curfew call once again sometime this spring.

The 2014/15 Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) class will be bringing new designs to the Little Traverse Conservancy pathway located on Echo and Erie Streets. Cannon says LCC is coordinating with the city to construct a parking/welcome area at the scenic pathway, which runs near the Jordan River and goes to Rogers Road. The project is planned for completion by early

this summer.

For anyone looking to have a conversation with elected officials, Cannon has arranged for so-called office hours with State Senator Wayne Schmidt and State Representative Triston Cole at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at City Hall. For more information, contact City Hall at (231) 536-3381.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

## Mi Drive traffic information app downloaded 40,000 times

Michigan motorists have a new tool to help them navigate around construction zones this year - the Mi Drive traffic information app. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) says there have been more than 40,000 downloads of the free app since it was introduced in November 2014.

"The summer driving season is always hectic but it's no secret there's work to be done on our aging infrastructure," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Part of MDOT's job is not only to do the best job we can maintaining Michigan's transportation infrastructure with the resources available, but also to keep motorists safe, informed, and mobile. Mi Drive does a great job of helping MDOT serve the public."

According to the Pew Research Center's April 1 report "U.S. Smartphone Use in 2015", nearly two-thirds of Americans own a smartphone, and 40 percent of smartphone owners look up government services or information. Connect Michigan has found 1.4 million Michiganders access the Internet daily on their smartphones.

Mi Drive uses Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology, speed sensors, cameras and cell phone data to provide motorists with real-time information about factors that can affect travel. The site currently displays real-time traffic camera views, real-time color-coded speeds on major routes, message boards, work zones, rest areas and Welcome Centers across Michigan, MDOT carpool lots, and National Weather Service forecasts by city name or zip code.

To download the free app, go to iTunes or Google Play and search for MDOT or MiDrive. The address for both the desktop and mobile versions of the website is: [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive).

## Coping with Loneliness explored at Lifetree Café

Strategies for coping with loneliness will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Sunday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. The program, titled "Isolated and Alone: Imprisoned in Iran," includes a filmed interview with Sarah Shourd, who accidentally crossed the Iranian border while hiking and was held in solitary confinement for 410 days.

"Everything about solitary is meant to dehumanize you and turn you against yourself and everyone else," says Shourd. "As I got worse, the limited time I was allowed with my fellow hikers became my lifeline and gave me the strength to fight against my conditions."

Participants will consider the consequences of loneliness and how they can avoid experiencing it.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at 401 S Park Street in Boyne City.

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 [lifetree@fpboyne.org](mailto:lifetree@fpboyne.org).

## RSVP Breakfast



Volunteers from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties were treated to breakfast on Friday, April 17 at Independence Village. Pictured are (L to R) Naomi Bontrager of Brutus, Evie Stutesman of Alanson, Joyce Armstrong of Alanson and Linda Boyer of Petoskey. The event was planned to express thanks to the volunteers for their work on behalf of non-profits in the two-county area. Over sixty partner agencies benefit from the dedication of these volunteers, age 55 and over, who share their time and talent to help organizations meet their missions. The breakfast was also an observance of National Volunteer Week. For more information about volunteering through RSVP, please call (231) 347-3211 or (888) 347-0369.

## RSVP offers AARP Driver Safety Refresher Class

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix & Emmet Counties (a program of Friendship Centers of Emmet County) is pleased to sponsor the AARP Driver Safety Program, to be held on Thursday, May 7, at the Petoskey Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road. The program is aimed at drivers 50 years and older.

This four-hour class is a refresher for those that have taken the full eight-hour class in the past. The program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with snacks provided.

Participants are tested on their retention of knowledge during the class, but no record is kept of results. The cost for the session is \$15.00 for AARP members, and \$20.00 for non-members. Class size is limited, and preregistration is required. Call the Petoskey Friendship Center at (231) 347-3211 or (888) 347-0369 to register.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

1216Report of fraudulent phone call from the 300 block of E Division St  
1242Suspicious situation reported on Lower Lake St

2000Report of ORV's running around on River Ridge Lane, in the road, on private property nearby, and across to Rotary Park.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

1319Assist agitated subject in the 400 block of N Lake St  
1533neighbor dispute in the 600 block of S Lake and S Park Streets  
1535Report of IRS fraud call.  
1543Report of stolen iPhone 5 from the 400 block of N Lake St on Sunday

1645Civil dispute over a vehicle in the 700 block of Wenonah St  
1819Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St  
2127Juvenile complaint reported in the 200 block of Vogel St  
2255Assisted Sheriff Dept in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

0817Civil dispute in the 400 block of W Michigan  
1024Report of abandoned vehicle in the 1200 block of Boyne Av  
1543Road rage incident in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1558Meet Antrim County in East Jordan to

transfer prisoner.

2106Welfare check in the 300 block of W Division St

2127Citation issued for defective headlights on Boyne Av near Hemlock  
2206Arrested subject for OWI high BAC at Pleasant and Timber.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

1246Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1508Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St  
2050Driving complaint on Boyne Ave

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

0945Report of contractor fraud in the 300 block of E Cedar  
1114Report of threatening text messages in the 700 block of Wenonah  
1513Assist EMS in the 700 block of Line St  
1525Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St  
1744Threats complaint received from the 700 block of Wenonah St

1925Arrested subject for domestic violence on Franklin St  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11  
0015Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of State St.  
0040Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of State St.

0201Assist Sheriff Department with domestic at Boyne Mountain  
0349Intoxicated subject in the 200 block of W Division.  
0833Assist Water Dept in the 700 block of Lake Park Dr.  
0835Gasoline drive-off

from the 1300 block of Boyne Av  
1603Report of harassment complaint

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

0413Fatal vehicle fire reported in the area of M-75 S and the Industrial Park.

1057Dog locked its owner out of vehicle on Grant near Lincoln.

1233Assist EMS on Vogel St near Call

1439Property damage accident on Vogel at Park. Arrested driver for No Operator's License, No Insurance and citation issued for Careless Driving.  
1614Report of a B&E in the 200 block of S East St.  
1726Assist citizen in the 800 block of S Park St

## CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

### April 6-12

911 Hang Up Call4.....0  
Abandoned Vehicle.....1  
Abuse.....0  
Alarm.....3  
Animal Complaint1.....0  
Annoyance.....0  
Assault.....0  
Assist Citizen.....2  
Assist Motorist.....0  
Assist Other Agency.....13  
Attempt to Locate.....1  
Attempted Suicide.....0  
Bank Alarm.....0  
Boating Accident.....0  
Boating Violation.....0  
Breaking & Entering.....1  
Car/Deer Accident.....7  
Citations Issued1.....4  
Civil Complaint.....5  
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0  
Death.....0  
Disorderly Person.....0  
Disturbance.....0

DNR Complaint.....1

Domestic Dispute.....1

Driving Complaint.....1

Fireworks Complaint.....0

Found Property.....0

Fraud.....2

Health & Safety2.....0

Hit & Run.....0

Intoxicated Person.....0

Juvenile.....1

Larceny.....0

Lockout.....6

Lost Property.....0

Malicious Destruction of Property.....0

Mental Subject.....1

Minor In Possession.....0

Miscellaneous Criminal4.....9

Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....1

Operating Under the Influence.1

Paper Service.....10

Parking Violation.....0

Personal Injury Accident.....1

Personal Protection Order.....0

Private Property Accident.....4

Property Check.....38

Property Damage Accident.....3

Prowler.....0

Road Hazard.....1

Stalking.....0

Suspicious Situation.....5

Threat.....0

Traffic Stop.....35

Trespassing.....2

Unknown Accident.....0

Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0

Vehicle in the Ditch.....0

Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....2

### April 13-19

911 Hang Up Call.....1

Abandoned Vehicle.....0

Abuse.....0

Alarm.....3

Animal Complaint.....17

Annoyance.....0

Assault.....0

Assist Citizen.....1

Assist Motorist.....2

Assist Other Agency.....7

Attempt to Locate.....4

Attempted Suicide.....0

Bank Alarm.....0

Boating Accident.....0

Boating Violation.....0

Breaking & Entering.....0

Car/Deer Accident.....4

Citations Issued.....6

Civil Complaint.....5

Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0

Death.....0

Disorderly Person.....0

Disturbance.....5

DNR Complaint.....1

Domestic Dispute.....1

Driving Complaint.....7

Fireworks Complaint.....0

Found Property.....3

Fraud.....2

Health & Safety.....1

Hit & Run.....0

Intoxicated Person.....0

Juvenile.....1

Larceny.....1

Lockout.....3

Lost Child.....1

Lost Property.....1

Malicious Destruction of Property.....1

Mental Subject.....0

Minor In Possession.....1

Miscellaneous Criminal.....20

Missing Person.....4

Noise Complaint.....1

Operating Under the Influence.1

Paper Service.....4

Parking Violation.....0

Personal Injury Accident.....0

Personal Protection Order.....0

Private Property Accident.....1

Property Check.....32

Property Damage Accident.....1

Prowler.....0

Road Hazard.....6

Stalking.....0

Suspicious Situation.....12

Threat.....2

Traffic Stop.....36

Trespassing.....2

Unknown Accident.....4

Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0

Vehicle in the Ditch1

Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

## Charlevoix City Council

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termination that the city should "live by the same laws private citizens" live by when it comes to signs. He advocated that Spencer contact Larson immediately and see if the mural can be done without the wording.

Porter was not the only member of council to feel this way. Despite public input in choosing the sign, and donations made having been made, other members of council admitted that they too wished to see the wording eliminated. Members of the audience indicated that they felt the same by deeming the wording on the mural "clutter" and saying it would make the mural look "tacky."

"How many signs do you have to have? Why do we have to be like other towns, why can't we be individuals?" asked audience member Ginny Saul. She referenced art in other cities that while artistic; serve the purpose of promoting the town they are in with wording.

Ultimately, as \$5,000 has already been commissioned to the artist the only course for council to take is calling the artist and seeing if the words can be eliminated; whether or not that is a possibility remains to be seen.

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## Bookmark contest winners announced

For the third consecutive year, the Boyne District Library has held a bookmark contest during National Library week. The children from local elementary schools, as well as home schoolers, all get the chance to participate in creating an original bookmark promoting reading.

This year's contest winners were announced at the Baffling Bill magic show at the library on Thursday, April 16th. Winners' bookmarks will be used throughout the year as the library's official bookmarks.

This year the 4 winners are:  
 - Ava Maginity winner of the 4th-5th grade category  
 - Naomi Theodore winner of the K-1st grade category  
 - Norah Frasz winner of



Ava Maginity winner of the 4th-5th grade category and Naomi Theodore winner of the K-1st grade category. Not pictured Norah Frasz winner of the 2-3rd grade category and Haleigh Stout winner of the Peopled Choice category. COURTESY PHOTO

the 2-3rd grade category  
 - Haleigh Stout winner of the Peopled Choice category.

There was a fantastic amount of participation, and all of the entries are displayed on the bulletin board in the children's room at the library.

## Northwest Academy changes name

Northwest Academy administrative officials and board of education members are excited to announce they are changing the school's name to "Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts" to better reflect the school's mission and vision. Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts will be a Montessori school, offering a Montessori education from ages 3 to 15—while the high school is a Montessori-inspired program which offers the same courses as traditional public schools but with a Montessori-philosophy perspective.

"We are excited to move forward with our new name—Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts—to more clearly communicate the unique educational opportunities available to children in the Charlevoix area," said Charlevoix Montessori Academy school director Phoebe Gohs. "For the first time, all children in Charlevoix have access to a free Montessori education from 3 years old through the eighth



grade." The school's early elementary program through third grade is now in its third year of Montessori implementation. Beginning in fall of 2015, the 9- through 12- and 12- to 15-year-old Montessori classrooms for students through eighth grade will be added.

"Our elementary guides have completed the Montessori teacher training—in addition to being

highly-qualified teachers—which enables us to offer an authentic Montessori experience for families," said Gohs.

Students in grades nine through 12 currently work in a Montessori-inspired classroom, where students choose which courses to work on while guides provide direct instruction and are available to provide individualized support as needed throughout the day.

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts will continue to offer a full Arts program with courses in art, music and drama while expanding arts integration opportunities throughout the day through the inclusion of art, music, creative movement and drama in student work. Charlevoix Montessori will continue to offer a family atmosphere with small class sizes for all students in the community.

The name change will be effective July 1. For more information, call (231) 547-9000.

## Youth Day at Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club



The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be holding their 5th Annual Youth Day on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm rain, snow or shine. Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be holding their 5th Annual Youth Day on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm rain, snow or shine.

This free event is for youth ages 5 – 16 years old who will experience our archery range and trout pond stocked with Brook Trout provided by the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. Older youth can also experience the rifle range with .22 ri-

fles; instruction provided by NRA Certified Instructors, and shotgun shooting with instruction provided by the Ruffed Grouse Society. Bait will be provided, and we have some fishing equipment, but if you want to bring your own fishing poles you are more than welcome to.

We will have outdoor educational opportunities featuring fish carving displays, a fur and feather display, and demonstrations in fly tying,

turkey calling and fly casting. A light lunch will be provided to all participants.

Youth are to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the club at our email: [crcg1946@gmail.com](mailto:crcg1946@gmail.com), or call the club during open days, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays at 231-547-2785.

## Boyne Falls Public Schools Student of the Week



### Aubrie Sparks

Grade: 6

Parent(s): Lynn and Stephen Sparks

Future Plans?:

Aubrie plans to attend college to become an orthodontist or a dentist.

School Activities: Aubrie participates in basketball and volleyball.

Hobbies and Interests:

Aubrie likes to camp, swim, and basketball.

Favorite Book: *Fever 1763*

Staff Comments:

"I have had the pleasure to have Aubrie in my class this year and she is a remarkable student with a big future. She is a leader in her class, always setting a great example for other students to follow. Aubrie is responsible, polite, and respectful; I cannot wait to see what the future holds for her." – Alecia Angerer

## Boyne Falls Elementary Student of the Week Christina Masserant

Grade: 2

Parent(s): Stephanie Jenkins and Jason Masserant

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

Christina wants to be a mom and a teacher when she grows up.

School Activities: Christina likes to do math and learn new math skills. She also likes to write. Christina likes to play with my friends and play games.

Hobbies and Interests:

Christina likes to clean the house and play outside.

Favorite Book: *She likes to read books about animals.*

Staff Comments:

"Christina is a very bubbly and happy student. She works very hard in school, enjoys learning, and socializing with her peers. Christina also likes helping others and is very eager to volunteer." – Ms. Deanna Avery

## Preservation Grant

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tional Trust for Historic Preservation. "We are honored to provide a grant to the City of Boyne 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 Boyne 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 for Historic Preservation and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network 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 and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and have provided over \$15 million since 2003. These matching grants are awarded to non-profit 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.

For more information on National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Fund grants, visit: [www.PreservationNation.org/funding](http://www.PreservationNation.org/funding)

## Ham radio class

Raven Hill Discovery Center will host its second session of Amateur Radio Certification Training this May. The class will meet on the four Tuesdays in May—5, 12, 19 and 26—from 4 to 9 pm.

Raven Hill recently installed a Ham Radio Station and established the Raven Hill Discovery Center Amateur Radio Club. If you are interested in exploring the world of amateur radio, you will enjoy this unique opportunity. John Clements, member of the Top of Michigan Amateur Radio Club—(TOMARC), is the instructor.

Cost is \$20 for the book and there is an exam fee of \$15 at the end of the class. A light dinner will be provided each week. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan and Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. Email [info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org](mailto:info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org) or call 231.536.3369 to register or for more information.

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## Charlevoix Area Hospital stages disaster drill

Charlevoix Area Hospital and each of its eight off-site locations today took part in an area-wide emergency preparedness drill, simulating tornado damage to the area around the hospital with ensuing medical emergencies. While all departments of the hospital participated in the drill, real patient care remained unaffected.

Actors served as patients being admitted to the hospital's emergency department with critical, life-threatening injuries. One of the big "take-away's" from the drill was the ability of all departments to have the opportu-

nity to "think through" and formulate clear plans as to what their particular departments would do if presented with a real disaster in or around the hospital.

Throughout the drill, different scenarios (or INJECTS, as Homeland Security calls them) were presented to the Incident Command Center, at which time the Center's team of eleven members responded to each scenario appropriately, providing staff members with clear direction and support. After the drill was over, supervisors and managers were asked to have a conversation with each staff member about

how to handle such a scenario if it really occurred.

Sandy Bennett, Emergency Department Manager, and also an Incident Command Team member, was particularly proud of her staff for their quick thinking and response to the particularly challenging scenarios they faced. "We respond to emergency situations each and every day, but generally they are on a small scale and we are able to deal with them one-by-one. When faced with a 'disaster' of this scale, our entire team has to be organized and able to quickly respond appropriately. 'Going the extra mile' is

crucial, and I'm proud of my team for stepping up to the plate."

These drills, which are essential to patient and staff safety, play a large role in the preparedness of the hospital.

Chris Wilhelm, Chief Operating Officer and part of the Incident Command Team explained, "Employees understand that if you work in a hospital or medical office, sooner or later you are likely to be faced with 'unusual' or 'crisis' situations in which you have to think on your feet and make a few critical thinking decisions, following an Incident Command



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structure. Disaster drills like this one vet out some issues that typically we don't think about---thereby making us more prepared

when such events occur."

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

## Boyerne Area Medical Center welcomes Loren M. Wise, MD

Loren M. Wise, MD, originally from Grosse Ile, Michigan, has joined the growing medical staff at Boyerne Area Medical Center, one of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Clinics.

"My grandfather was a pediatrician in Detroit, and I knew from a young age and watching him that I wanted to be a physician," states Dr. Wise. She graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a degree in biology and a specialization in health and humanities, and went on to attend Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She was accepted into the Family Medicine Early Residency Program at Michigan State University's Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, beginning her residency program while still a fourth-year medical student.

During her residency, she married her husband, Kevin, a third grade teacher. He was also "Spartan," the Michigan State University mascot, during his senior year. "You could say I'm a true Spartan!" jokes Dr. Wise.

After residency, Dr. Wise became an attending physician at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo where she practiced outpatient medicine, inpatient medicine, and obstetrics. She also accepted a position as clin-



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ical faculty at Michigan State University's Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, teaching obstetrics and inpatient medicine to the family medicine residents.

Dr. Wise served as the Deputy Medical Examiner for Kalamazoo County for four years, and as their family grew, she began to limit the scope of her medical practice. With four daughters from ages 4 to 11, she began to practice in the outpatient setting only, and after living in Kalamazoo for 13 years, her family decided to move to northern Michigan. "My husband and I have always been drawn to the Little Traverse Bay area and would regularly

travel north during the winters to ski. We are thrilled to now call northern Michigan home," says Dr. Wise.

When she's not at the office, Dr. Wise enjoys spending time with her family and watching their four girls participate in various activities. She enjoys skiing, reading, gardening, knitting, and ballet, having danced in the Nutcracker with Crook Tree Arts Center for the past two years as well as in Kalamazoo with the Ballet Arts Ensemble and Kalamazoo and Battle Creek symphonies.

An avid runner, Dr. Wise enjoys running and has completed two marathons. In 2014, she completed her first triathlon and took third place in her age group. She hopes to participate in more events this coming summer.

Dr. Wise is excited about joining the already thriving Boyerne Area Medical Center as one of their health providers. She is looking forward to meeting patients and the community at the Center's Open House on Tuesday evening, May 5th, when the Center will celebrate the completion of its recent expansion.

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

## Managing Concerns About Falls

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program for you.

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is designed to re-

duce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

The Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan is offering A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 5 through May 26th from 1-3 pm at the Charlevoix Senior Center on Norwood Road. The Program is free and a workbook is provided. Reservations are required.

Please call Darcia or Sharon at 1-800-442-1713 to register or for more information.

## Local leaders proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Petoskey Mayor William Faser and Bellaire Village President David Schulz have proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in their respective communities. They join President Obama, Governor Snyder and other leaders throughout the nation who have also made similar proclamations.

Since 2001, April has been recognized as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month to focus attention on this pervasive crime, educate communities and raise public awareness about sexual assault and how to prevent it. The 2015 presidential proclamation points out that nearly one in five women in America has been a victim of rape or attempted rape. The proclamation states, "Every year, too many women and too many men are sexually assaulted and abused. This is an affront to our basic decency and humanity, and it must end."

The presidential proclamation also references the national "It's On Us" campaign affirming that it's on parents, caregivers, teammates, classmates and colleagues to recognize sexual misconduct and speak up to stop it. Community members are also challenged to commit themselves to being part of the solution in an

effort to "create a society where violence is not tolerated, survivors are supported and all people are able to pursue their fullest measure of happiness without fear of abuse or assault."

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides support, advocacy and counseling services to survivors of sexual assault at no charge in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Last year the nonprofit agency provided 277 individuals affected by sexual assault with direct services, 65 of whom were age 17 or younger.

"Many thanks to the Village of Bellaire and the City of Petoskey for proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month," said Chris Krajewski, WRCNM Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director. "It's time for all of us to start conversations on this important issue to bring about the awareness and understanding that will ultimately help create a safer environment for everyone."

For more information or support, call the WRCNM's 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082, (800) 275-1995 or visit wrncnm.org.

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## EAST JORDAN American Girl Tea

April 26, 2-3:30pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. Attend & maybe win the door prizes: American Girl Doll Grace or Marie Grace at the American Girl Tea. Admission \$5 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. Contact Connie Roberts for more info at 231 675 4332

## 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.

## EAST JORDAN East Jordan Rotary Club Father/Son Banquet

April 25, 6pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. Banquet tickets are available from any East Jordan Rotary Member and at the door. Adults - \$10, Preschool - Free, Students - \$5. The 2015 "Father of the Year" will be announced at the banquet. For additional information, contact Dick Hartrick at 231-350-8025.

## BOYNE CITY Proposed City Facilities Open House

April 25, 10am-2pm. Boyne City Hall. Cool new 3-D & 360 degree visuals plus bldg. comparisons...CHECK IT OUT before the May 5th Election. Do you have questions or suggestions? We would like to hear from you. The public will be able to tour all facilities. Can't make any of these dates, other times can be arranged by contacting City Hall at 231.582.6597.

## 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 Doll Tea

April 26, 2pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. There will be crafts, snacks and a chance to win American Girl Doll "Grace". You do not need to bring a teacup.

## 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 Losing Loved Ones Discussion

April 28, 6:30pm, Life-tree Café, 401 South Park. The program, titled "Surviving the Death of a Loved One: Finding Peace in Your Time of Loss," includes a film featuring Susan Burton, a woman who lost an infant child to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

## 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

## BOYNE CITY Kris "Guzy" Guzniczak Fundraiser

May 2, 6-11pm, BC Lanes and Entertainment Center. The fund-raiser will include Family Entertainment, Food & Spirits, Silent Auction, Family Bowling, Trick Shot Bowling and more, including music Whiskey Creek. To contribute to the family or to the silent auction, contact Chris Christensen at 231-675-1144, Matt Walton at 231-675-3817, or at 231-675-2698.

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## EAST JORDAN Annual Polish Dinner

May 3, 1-3pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall. Great Polish food, fellowship and fun.

## EAST JORDAN Spring Concert

May 3, 3pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform its Spring Concert. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

## CHARLEVOIX Volunteer Workshop

May 5, 4pm, Chamber of Commerce office. FREE interactive training/tutorial offered by Char-Em United Way and Volunteer Connections. Volunteer Connections promotes and increases volunteerism in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. It assists organizations in maximizing their utilization of volunteers while assisting community members in finding meaningful volunteer opportunities. This workshop is open to the public but space is limited to 10 people, so reserve your spot today. For more information and/or to reserve your spot, call 231.487.1006 or email info@charemunitedway.org

## EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

May 7, 5 - 7pm. Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club (also the sponsors of the event). Food, Cash Bar, Networking. EJ Chamber Members-Free, Not-Yet Members-\$10.

## EAST JORDAN Salad Luncheon

May 7, 11am-1pm. United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth Street. \$7 for adults, kids five and under; \$3.

## EAST JORDAN East Jordan Lions Club Mother/Daughter Banquet

May 9, 6pm, East Jordan High School Cafeteria. Join us for this special event as we announce the "2015 Mother of the Year". Tickets available at the door.

## CHARLEVOIX Main Street Celebration

May 13, 5:30-6:30pm. East Park. Please join us as we celebrate Charlevoix and its revitalization as a Main Street Community. Guest speakers, refreshments and music.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX Spring Arts Festival

May 19, 6-7:30pm. Charlevoix Public Library, Room A. Northwest Acad-

emy proudly presents Navigating the Arts: Spring Arts Festival. The program will feature dance, drama, song, poetry and an art auction. Come see young people express what lies within their hearts, minds and souls through a variety of creative disciplines. The event is a school fundraiser. Donations will be gratefully received.

## 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.

## EAST JORDAN Business After Hours

May 27, 5:30-8pm, The Mallard Golf Club, Sponsors: Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix County News, The Mallard Golf Club (additional sponsors still needed - contact the Chamber Office 231-536-7351). Free for EJ Chamber members, not-yet members; \$10.

## CHARLEVOIX Chamber Golf Outing

June 12, 3pm, Antrim Dells. 17th Annual 9 Hole Chamber Golf Outing. Shotgun start at 3pm, Dinner and Awards at 5:30pm. Hole, cart and beverage cart sponsorships available. For information call the Chamber at (231) 547-2101 or email info@charlevoix.org

## 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 Jun-

ior 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.boynevunteers.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 wrncm.org for more information.

## CHARLEVOIX Messy church

This is a fun way of doing church for families. There are crafts, Bible stories learning about the God who loves you, songs, and free meal. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult. This is a non-denominational event which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4 - 6 pm at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Your call is appreciated for meal count at 547-2654.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Seniors ride free

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

## CHARLEVOIX Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, story teller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

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## Circle of Arts hosts Painter Cal Kempainen

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: To begin the warm weather on a beautiful note, the Charlevoix Circle of Arts is featuring artist Cal Kempainen in a "Woods and Water Art Exhibit" that is open to the public until April 24.

Kempainen is Charlevoix local, whose landscapes and paintings of scenes throughout Northern Michigan are highly praised. Kempainen has studied art since he was a young boy, and now lives and creates out of his studio Wind Ridge, located in Charlevoix. Kempainen's work showcases natural wonders, but utilizes multiple media forms to truly bring the viewer into his images. He is one of the founding members of the Plein Aire Painters in Michigan, and has won several awards in various competitions throughout Michigan, the United States and the world.

The Circle brought Kempainen and his work to the forefront of Charlevoix at an opening reception held on April 17, where the artist and those gathered mingled surrounded by his oil paintings. Directly after the reception Kempainen offered a class during which students were able to draw from his knowledge and skills to create their own paintings. He gave each painter one on one council, and ensured that each student was given the knowledge needed to revise or create their own painting successfully.

The Circle, which hosts many events and has multiple artists featured throughout the year, are thrilled to have Kempainen during the month of April. His knowledge as an artist and his



Artist Cal Kempainen of Charlevoix greets friends and visitors during the opening reception of the "Woods and Water" exhibition at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. The collection of several remarkable pieces, entirely comprised of Kempainen's work, is on display, free for the public, daily 12-4pm through, April 25. PHOTOGRAPHY BY M. CHRIS LEESE

skill as a teacher make him a perfect fit for the organization, which strives to promote community enrichment.

"Cal is an artist that cares about the cultural arts...he is a talented artist who has the experience and knowledge to be a great teacher. Best of all, Kempainen is willing to share with those who want to improve their own painting style," says Ann Hendrickson, of the Circle.

Kempainen's exhibit features stunning landscapes from the Charlevoix area that visitors will

readily recognize. His paintings are both gorgeous visually and emotionally moving for those who live in and around "Charlevoix the Beautiful."

During the classes offered by Kempainen, students built a strong rapport with him which ultimately gave them courage to continue on in their own efforts to paint and bring their artistic viewpoint onto the canvas. Kempainen's effort to be a positive force on the painters of Charlevoix is exactly what the COA hopes to deliver now and

into the future. They hope that artists and teachers will be not only feature at their gallery, but will bring about a large scale impact on the arts of the area.

"We know that it will take talented teachers such as Cal Kempainen and CCA Board Members willing to volunteer the needed hours of dedication to make this all work," says Hendrickson.

The Circle will feature Kempainen until April 24, after which the exhibit Earth, Wind, and Fire will begin on May 8 and will feature glass, pottery, and metal sculptures from Michigan Artists. Further information regarding any of the exhibits can be found by calling the Circle at 231-547-3545 or going to their website [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).

BELOW: Patti Dimond, of Charlevoix (right) helps John Henry of Charlevoix as he purchases a painting from the "Woods and Water" exhibition by Cal Kempainen at the Circle of Arts, Friday during the opening reception. PHOTOGRAPHY BY M. CHRIS LEESE



## After work Birding Walks offered by Audubon Society

Join PRAS president, Darrell Lawson, at his parents' property near Charlevoix every Wednesday evening April 22-May 27 for after work birding. The evenings begin at 5:30 and last about two hours. During the first hour, participants can observe birds while seated outside. An optional, more rigorous walk through fields is led during the second hour. People are welcome to participate in any or all of the evenings.

The property, located at 9502 Burgess Rd., features a wide range of habitats that attract a large diversity of bird species as they both migrate through and settle down for the nesting season.

Expect to see Hawks, Falcons, Warblers, Blackbirds, Ducks, Geese, Vireos, Sparrows, and many more. A few highlight species the property has hosted include: Sora, American Bittern, Red-headed Woodpecker, Summer Tanager, Northern Mockingbird, Clay-colored Sparrow and Canada Warbler.

These informal evenings include a friendly potluck, so bring a dish to pass, or something to grill, and whatever drinks you enjoy. In addition, bring a folding chair for dinner/feeder watching, binoculars, a spotting scope if you



After work Birding Walks are being offered by Audubon Society on a property near Charlevoix every Wednesday evening April 22-May 27. COURTESY PHOTO

have one, and a field guide.

The land can be swampy this time of the year and waterproof footwear is highly recommended. Each week should offer a different selection of species as new migrants arrive. Each evening is held on a weather permitting basis.

Each week should offer new species as new migrants arrive. For information, contact Darrell at [lawsodw@gmail.com](mailto:lawsodw@gmail.com) or 231-330-4572.

As always, no smoking nor pets on any PRAS field trip.

## SOBO Call to Artists

The SOBO Arts Festival en plein air paint-out is designed to connect art and people to their surroundings. The artists will be inspired by the beauty of historic Boyne City, situated on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. The competition will run from 8am - 3 pm featuring local and regional artists. The event will bring in art lovers and collectors, as well as those who want to participate in the community-centered event planned for downtown Boyne City. An exhibition and sale will be held at 4 pm at Northern Table in the SOBO Arts District of Boyne City.

The Competition will feature two classes, Open and Student.

Open Class Registration is open to all artists, 18 years and older. The entry fee is \$10.00. All entrants will be accepted into the open class. Artists will paint on location in Boyne City on July 27 between 8am and 3 pm. Artists may have the opportunity to have artwork displayed for sale at the. Cash prizes for open class totals \$350.

Student Class Registration is open to students ranging in age from 15-22, who are currently

enrolled in high school or college. The entry is free. All entrants will be accepted into the student class. Artists will paint on location in Boyne City on July 27 between 8am and 3 pm. Artists will have the opportunity to sell artwork with no commission fees at the BAC. Cash prizes for student awards totals \$50.

All local and regional artists welcome

- 8:00am-3:00 pm - Artists Arrive register and select location, have your canvas stamped, receive your painting tag and inform us of your painting site.- rain or shine!

- 4:00pm Community Paint Out Reception, Judging or awards at Northern Table

- 5:00pm Winners Announced - cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place,

Artwork offered for sale. Entry Deadline is June 12, 2015

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Visit [www.soboartsfestival.com](http://www.soboartsfestival.com) for artist's information, registration and payment. Questions: Call Becky Harris at 231-330-2704 or email [bsharris@charter.net](mailto:bsharris@charter.net)

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## Confluences Exhibit at Jordan River Arts Center

"Confluences: Connecting Science, History and ART," a collaborative effort by the Jordan River Arts Council and Raven Hill Discovery Center informs as much as it pleases the eye. Visitors to the current exhibit at the Jordan River Arts Center are able to make connections between the history, science, craftsmanship, and the creative processes behind several different art mediums.

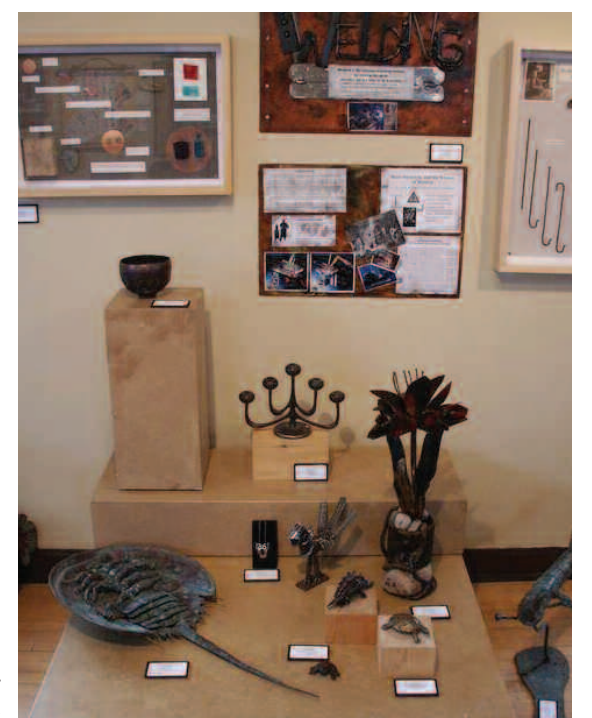
Traditional and non-traditional pieces of handmade glass, ceramics, wood, metal, paper, pigment and fiber art in different formats are featured along with art and 19 informative display cases from Raven Hill Discovery Center's extensive collections. Forty-six area artists whose works exemplify these art mediums are exhibiting their work in conjunction with the displays.

Invited artists include: Brandyn Argetsinger, Peter Balestrieri, Jay Bavers, Helen Beemon, Harry Boyer, Art Brown, Amanda Butler, Art Curtis, Christopher R.

Dean, Jane Diller, Lynn Dee Dinning, Rodney Gibeau, Rosita Gendernalik, Ann Gildner, Miranda Hendrickson, Kelly Keller, Cal Kempainen, Penny Kristo, Frank Ling, Sherry Kay Marshall-Seaman, Cindy McCune, Micah Midaugh, Loretta Miles, Anne Morningstar, Mary Ellen Murphy, Leon A. Nash, Scott Nelles, Jasmine Petrie, Jeannie Putnam, Nancy Hellman, Shanna Robinson, Dawn Swaim, Pat Tinney, Rod Tinney, Cynthia Tschudy, Nancy Vanderwall, Nel Vickers, and Chasity Wood.

As part of the collaborative project, Cheri Leach, Raven Hill CEO, has been creating copper pendants with area elementary students using traditional metal working techniques and the students have been invited to tour the gallery. This project has been partially funded through grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Great Lakes Energy People Fund. The Jordan River Arts Center is open

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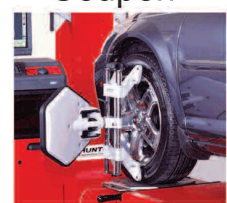
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