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To Fund or Not to Fund the Renovation... That's the Question

Millage vote in Boyne City May 5

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: As most voters know, Boyne City is hoping to gain assistance via a millage on the May 5 ballot to pay for a \$7 million project that could completely revamp all city facilities to become more efficient in both

everyday activities and emergency services. The call for funding has been 16 years in the making according to some commissioners who have advocated putting the millage of an average 2.3 mills onto the ballot this year. Commissioners and city employees feel that the buildings are in disrepair and need a massive overhaul to become more suitable. "The current facilities were never designed for the uses that they have. They were initially cre-

ated as rural electric administration offices. We're to the point where we either have to reinvest significant dollars into the building or remodel. The space is just not appropriate, especially for our emergency services folks," explains City Manager Michael Cain. Cain cites numerous issues, ranging from the lack of insulation in the buildings which creates temperature problems

See **Boyne City Millage Vote**—3A



A conceptual sketch of the new building which will house the majority of city facilities if the millage is passed.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 28, 2015

Boyne City Fluoride levels low in water

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: At their regular meeting held Tuesday, Boyne Commissioners listened in as positive information regarding water fluoridation and waste water treatment was given.



The comment regarding fluoridation came during the City Manager Report by Michael Cain, who in listening to news throughout the state found out that Boyne City falls well within the range of acceptable fluoride limitations in the state of Michigan. According to state laws, only municipal governments can determine whether or not to fluoridate water, and in Michigan the highest level acceptable is 4.0 mg/l.

In Boyne City, the level runs between .7 mg/l and 1.2 mg/l with the most recent findings indicating that number is currently closer to the lowest end of the acceptable level. In the instance that the levels were to rise to 2.0 mg/l or higher, a public notice would be given to the residents of Boyne City.

In the same vein of water quality commissioners were informed that the water treatment efforts in Boyne City are quite effective in keeping the lagoons used for waste aeration clean. Mark Fowler, Waste Water Superintendent explained that although the commission had been approached about purchasing a chemical that will reduce

See **Fluoride**—9A

Stephanie Buckholz named Miss East Jordan 2015

\$4,000 in scholarship money awarded to queen and court



COURTESY PHOTO

The Miss East Jordan Scholarship pageant was held Saturday, April 18th. Miss East Jordan for 2015 is Stephanie Buckholz (pictured), earning her an \$1800 scholarship. 1st Runner up was Bailey Sweeney, earning \$1200, and winning \$1000 for 2nd runner up was Delaney Behling.

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Darwin Morris named Father of the Year

The East Jordan Rotary Club announced that long-time area resident, Darwin Dee Morris, has been selected as East Jordan's "2015 Father of the Year". The award was presented by club president, Mark Penzien, at the 95th annual East Jordan Father-Son Banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Nominated for the award by each of his four adult children, Ed, Tim, Jim and Judy, and Mary Lou, his wife of fifty-eight years, Darwin was described over and over again as a loving, caring, honest and hardworking family-man. The children wrote: "I never realized what an extraordinary father he was until I grew up and observed how other men act"; "I wish I could go back in time and live my life according to the example that my Dad tried to set"; "Why didn't we nominate him long ago?"; and of Darwin & Mary Lou, "I still want to be like my Dad and have the relationship they have".

Morris, who was brought up and still lives today on the family farm, is a 1950 graduate of East Jordan High School and a Veteran of the Korean War. He served many years on the City Council and township boards, coached Little League baseball, was a Boy Scout leader and retired from the East Jordan Iron Works. Most importantly, he remains a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

East Jordan is proud to recognize Darwin Dee Morris as 2015 FATHER OF THE YEAR.

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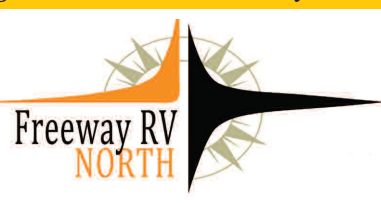
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THURSDAY

HIGH: 59
LOW: 37

FRIDAY

HIGH: 63
LOW: 43

SATURDAY

HIGH: 68
LOW: 47

SUNDAY

HIGH: 73
LOW: 52

MONDAY

HIGH: 66
LOW: 46

TUESDAY

HIGH: 65
LOW: 44

WEDNESDAY

HIGH: 69
LOW: 49

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 23	33°	59°	19° (1986)	87° (1980)
MAY 1	36°	63°	22° (1963)	85° (1951)
MAY 2	36°	63°	21° (1990)	83° (1951)
MAY 3	36°	64°	21° (1967)	87° (1955)
MAY 4	36°	64°	21° (1967)	87° (1955)
MAY 5	37°	65°	22° (1958)	86° (2000)
MAY 6	37°	65°	18° (1968)	86° (2000)
MAY 7	37°	66°	20° (1968)	87° (1986)

OBITUARIES

Margaret (Peggy) G. Holdsworth, 91

(NOV. 19, 1923 - APRIL 21, 2015)

Margaret (Peggy) G. Holdsworth of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Peggy had spent the last five years as a resident of American House in Charlevoix. She was born November 19, 1923, in Philadelphia, Pa., to George and Johanna (Grieb) Burlison. Peggy was a graduate of Germantown High School.

On December 26, 1945, she married Frederick Holdsworth in Philadelphia, who preceded her in death on November 10, 2004.

She is survived by her children, Diane (Douglas) Legg of Grand Haven, Fred (Laura) Holdsworth of Plainfield, Ill., Hillary Holdsworth of Traverse City, John (Karen) Holdsworth of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Kevin, Allyson, Thomas, Elizabeth, Julia, and Erin; great-grandchildren, Dana, Quinn, Sam, Emily, Alex, and Briggs. Margaret's infant son, Kevin, preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 25, at Saint Mary's Church located at 1003 Bridge St. Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Reverend Matthew Wigton officiated.

Interment will take place next to her husband Fred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the Holdsworth family.

LaVonia Solomon DeYoung, 92

(DEC. 24, 1922 - APRIL 22, 2015)

LaVonia Solomon DeYoung of Charlevoix, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at her home. She was born December 24, 1922, in Charlevoix to George and Anna (Orsak) Krchak, and grew up in Charlevoix.

In 1946, she married Donald J. Solomon, and he preceded her in death in 1957.

During WWII, she worked in the factories near Detroit for the war effort. She was employed by DME in Charlevoix for twenty years as a Class A Machinist.

LaVonia enjoyed knitting and crocheting, gardening and canning, and was active in 4-H in Charlevoix and Little League in Grosse Pointe Woods with her kids. She attended the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

LaVonia is survived by her sons, Donald J. Solomon, Jr. of St. Clair Shores, Albert W. (Janet) Solomon of Charlevoix, Gordon A. (Katherine) Solomon of Traverse City; daughter, Marla Larsen of Elmira; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Kathryn Cummings of Rochester. She was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

A celebration of LaVonia's life is planned for summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emphysema Foundation.

Please sign LaVonia's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.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 Philipines 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 green's keeper for the Grand Traverse resort for a number of years. He has lived in Williamsburg the past 35 years. Richard enjoyed playing base-

ball, 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

Gordon Dennis "Cork" Sherbarth, 57

(JAN. 30, 1958 - APRIL 28, 2015)

Gordon Dennis "Cork" Sherbarth of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, April 23, 2015 at his home.

A Viewing for Gordon was held at The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Per Gordon's wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes will be interred in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

Gordon was born January 30, 1958, in Pontiac, the son of Richard and Gertrude (Manderfield) Sherbarth. Gordon graduated from Clare High School and graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Registered Nurse's Degree. He proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard. Gordon worked at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and for the American Red Cross. He was a devoted sailor and enjoyed canoeing, hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors.

Gordon is survived by his daughter, Julie Sherbarth Rodriguez of Traverse City, and father, Richard (Mary Loomis) Sherbarth of Lake. Gordon was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude in 2011.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross. Please sign Gordon's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Paul Allen Lindberg, 73

(AUG. 1, 1942 - APRIL 25, 2015)

Paul Allen Lindberg of Charlevoix, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015, in his home. He was born August 1, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio to Paul E. and Mary Elizabeth (Kling) Lindberg.

Paul graduated from Trenton High School in 1960 and attended Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He also studied landscape architecture at Michigan State University and later cultivated landscape projects on Grosse Ile, an island in the Downriver area, highlighting his classic design and passion for wildlife and land conservation.

Paul moved to Charlevoix in 1982 where he owned and operated Dairy Queen's in Petoskey, Traverse City and Alanson. He continued his landscape work and conservation throughout the United States as well as local projects which include the Charlevoix Country Club and most recently St. Mary's Catholic Church Rectory.

In the late 1990s Paul and Georgeann purchased and renovated the historic Round Island Lighthouse on the St. Mary's River. As a result, he invented a landscape tool for large rock removal, "The Rock Jaw". It is manufactured in Petoskey and sold worldwide. Paul supported Charlevoix projects such as: Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, sponsored The Golden Eye Cross Country Race at Golden Eye Farm,

led fundraising efforts to preserve The Horton Bay Parade and in 1992, received the Honorary Sheriff Award presented by Charlevoix's County Sheriff George Lassiter. Paul loved hunting and fishing and donated to: Duck's Unlimited, The Billfish Foundation and the Audubon Society.

On August 4, 1978, he married the former Georgeann Koniency on Grosse Ile. Georgeann survives Paul, as do their children, Brian (Cheryl) Hoffman of Clearwater, Fla., Amy (Daniel) Allen of Chicago, Ill., Elizabeth (Phillip) Dinwiddie of Grosse Ile; grandchildren, Duke, Thomas, Anna, and Brandon; sister, Nancy (Maynard) Stetten of Louisville, KY., sister-in-law, Suzanne (Mark) Bruning of Switzerland; nephews Matthew Stetten and Alaric Bruning.

A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 2 at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Wigton will officiate with arrangements made by Winchester Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and/or St. Mary's School Angel Fund.

Patrick Lynn Osbron, 59

(AUG. 16, 1955 - APRIL 22, 2015)

Patrick Lynn Osbron of Walloon Lake passed away on April 22nd surrounded by the love of his family.

Pat was born on August 16th 1955 in Aurora, IL the son of Sue Kidd and Walter LeRoy Osbron.

He graduated from Saline High School in 1973 then bought Saline Lanes Bowling Alley when he was twenty-one. He owned the lanes for fifteen years. He was known as "OZ" to many.

In 1990 he married the love of his life Connie Ann Moody. They had two children Cooper Lee and Marlee Marie. The family moved north when Pat took a job at Bob Mathers Ford in Boyne City working the auto parts department.

Pat then took a position with Fochtmans CarQuest. He worked there for fifteen years managing the Boyne City store until he purchased the business in 2008.

Patrick was an avid sports fan and played football, baseball and basketball in high school. He then played softball on many teams until a few years ago. When old sports injuries kept him from his position of shortstop he became league treasurer for the Boyne City men's slow pitch.

He was preceded in death by his mother Sue and mother and father-in-law Alean and John Moody.

Pat is survived by his wife Connie, two children Cooper Lee and Marlee Marie; sister Michelle "Shelly" Erskine; brother-in-law Jeff; nephews Adam, Ryan Erskine and many cousins.

Pat was known for his kind and generous spirit. He was very active in the surrounding communities. He donated to many organizations, groups, schools etc.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City. Pastor Jamie Woodall officiated.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the family to be divided amongst several of his favorite charities.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Charitable donations may be directed to the Family.

Julia L. Orr, 95

(FEB 3, 1920 - APR 25, 2015)

Julia Leath Orr died peacefully on April 25, 2015 with her family at her side.

Julia was originally from Indiana, but lived her last 15 years in Northern Michigan. Prior to that she was a regular summer visitor who particularly enjoyed the birds and flowers of this area. She was an expert seamstress who made many of her family's clothes. She also enjoyed knitting and making braided rugs. Until her eyesight declined, she loved to read and do crosswords. She remained a tough opponent at cards with the help of large print cards. She was an encyclopedia of historical facts, another

one of her interests.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Orr, and her four siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret A. Orr M.D. of Harbor Springs and many nieces and nephews.

For the last eleven years, Julia lived at Autumn Joy AFC. The owners, John Caron and Jeff Prell, the staff and the other residents made her last years some of her happiest. For that reason, Julia's family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Autumn Joy, 09020 Upper Bay Shore Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 so that others may have their lives similarly blessed.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Peer Gynt Krueger, 67

(FEB 21, 1948 - APR 25, 2015)

Gregory Peer Gynt Krueger of Boyne City passed away at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Locally, a memorial service was held April 28 at Sommerset Yacht Club, 00970 Marina Drive, Boyne City.

Funeral arrangements for a memorial service in downstate Michigan are incomplete at this time

Karen I. Campbell, 72

(FEB. 4, 1943 - APRIL 25, 2015)

Karen I. Campbell passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born February 4, 1943, on Beaver Island to Willard H. and Mary E. (Boyle) Pischner. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1961. On December 28, 1962,

She married Gabriel M. Campbell at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Karen was a very active member at Saint Mary's School and Church. She served as the 2nd Ward Councilwoman for the Charlevoix City Council. Karen loved Irish and Country music, and really loved her family and friends. She loved to travel, or as she put it, "go trotting". Karen had fond memories of working at Cross Fisheries and Boyne Mountain.

Karen is survived by her husband, Gabe; children, Erin (Gerry) Thompson, Kathleen (John) Powers, Jamie (Andy) Monteith, Kevin (Tina Hahn) Campbell; grandchildren, Megan and Bradley Thompson; Joshua, Alex and Daniel Powers; Gabe and Max Monteith; Rocky and Nova Campbell; brother, David (Mary DeVogel) Pischner; five nieces; two nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother and sister-in-law, Billy (Helga Fischer) Pischner.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm, Wednesday, April 29, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 pm. Mass will be 11 am, Thursday, April 30, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Matthew Furguele will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

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

Ivan Nelson Harris, 87

Ivan Nelson Harris of East Jordan died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at McReynolds Hall in Gaylord. Arrangements are pending.

Dolores M. Goebel, 94

(MAY 31, 1920 - APRIL 25, 2015)

Dolores M. Goebel of East Jordan died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan, Michigan.

She was born on May 31, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of James M. and

Anna Marie (Schutte) Sheridan. Dolores graduated in 1938, from Cass Technical High School in Detroit.

On October 25, 1941, at St. James Evangelical Church in Detroit, she married Walter P. Goebel. They moved to East Jordan in 1942.

Dolores was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan. She also served in the church women's association, "W.E.L.C.A." She enjoyed quilting for Lutheran World Relief. Dolores and Walter enjoyed vacationing in the winter in Zephyr Hills, Florida for 20 years. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Walter P. Goebel, Sr. of East Jordan; two daughters, Cathy (Dale) Everett of East Jordan and Patty R. (Roger) Sutton of Apache Junction, Arizona; two sons, Robert S. (Barbara) Goebel of Bay Harbor, Michigan and Scottsdale, Arizona and Timothy J. (Peggy) Goebel of Williamsburg, Michigan; one daughter-in-law, Marilyn J. Goebel of East Jordan; sixteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; two great, great grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents; son, Walter "Butch" Goebel, Jr.; grandson, Walter P. Goebel, III; sister, Margaret June Killingbeck; and brother, James M. Sheridan, Jr.

Funeral services was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan. Rev. Kenneth Lein officiated with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to The ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6051, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Michell Mae Fuson, 37

Michell Mae Fuson of East Jordan died Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

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

Terrence H. "Terry" Argetsinger, 74

(June 26, 1940 - April 21, 2015)

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

He was born on June 26, 1940, in Boyne City, the son of Harley and Helen (Bergmann) Argetsinger.

Terry worked many years and retired from Burnette Foods in East Jordan.

On October 12, 2000, in Mancelona, he married Betty Fuhrman Carley.

Terry enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening.

Terry is survived by wife, Betty Carley of Mancelona; six children, Raymond D. Argetsinger of East Jordan, Corinna (David) Scott of East Jordan, Carl D. (Lori) Argetsinger of East Jordan, Kirk Argetsinger of East Jordan, Terrence "T.J." Argetsinger of Cadillac and Cindy Ann Willson of Cadillac; three step-children, Tammy Alsbaugh of Central Lake, Kris (Mike) Allison of Bellaire and Michael Carley of East Jordan; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; six siblings, Gerry (Maxine) Argetsinger of East Jordan, Kerry (Kathy) Argetsinger of East Jordan, Shelley (John) Burr of Walloon Lake, Jeffery (Shari) Argetsinger of East Jordan, Gregory (Deborah) Argetsinger of North Carolina and Cheryl (Thomas) Griffin of Boyne City; and several nieces and nephews. Terry was preceded in death by a step-son, Keith Carley in 2012.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. No other services are scheduled at this time.

A memorial luncheon will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club. Contact Ray at (231) 497-4973.



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Boyer City Millage Vote

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throughout the year, to space troubles that have emergency vehicles parked within inches of each other. A tour of the building reveals roof leaks, broken pipes, broken heating elements, and a police station suffering from too little space. In the eyes of city employees and emergency personnel these factors have to change in order to make the building more effective in serving the city.

Cain explains that although those working in the building make the best of their work space, aspects of the building create serious limitations. For instance, the majority of police stations in Michigan have evidence rooms located on site, but due to the lack of ventilation in the building, the evidence rooms in Boyne City are unusable.

"We've had mold issues. We use evidence rooms that are off-site which is not a good way to do business. We should have an evidence room that is in the department," says Police Chief Jeff Gaither.

It isn't only City Hall and the Police Station that are affected by the small space, inadequate insulation and problematic settling. The Fire Department has become a Tetris-style game where personnel have learned to be masters at placement. Large fire trucks are cramped into a space where firemen trip over cracking cement and have mere inches to negotiate their uniforms. Some trucks are parked behind others, which takes additional time when responding to emergency calls.

These issues have manifested themselves to such an extent that the city feels the only option is to ask citizens for help. According to calculations from the city website, the average citizen with a home valued at \$98,378 will expect to see an average of \$9.46 in additional taxes paid to the city per month, and \$113.55 a year. For those with

homes in the \$500,000 range those numbers become \$49.75 a month and \$597.00 a year. The city plans that the millage will encompass a 20 year span, which they feel is a better option than the other two which were proposed. The city could have saved the money over an estimated 38 years while the building continued to deteriorate, or raised the existing millage rate by .9 mills without a vote of the citizens.

If the millage is approved the changes to the city facilities will be drastic, and will allow the city to have less of an environmental impact according to city officials. Emergency services, which are currently in 3 different buildings and in 2 locations, will be consolidated into one area and one building. The currently cramped emergency vehicles will be given sufficient space, and the personnel of each department will have comfortable and professional areas in which to work. City Hall will be easier to navigate, and the space will be more efficient and open to the public.

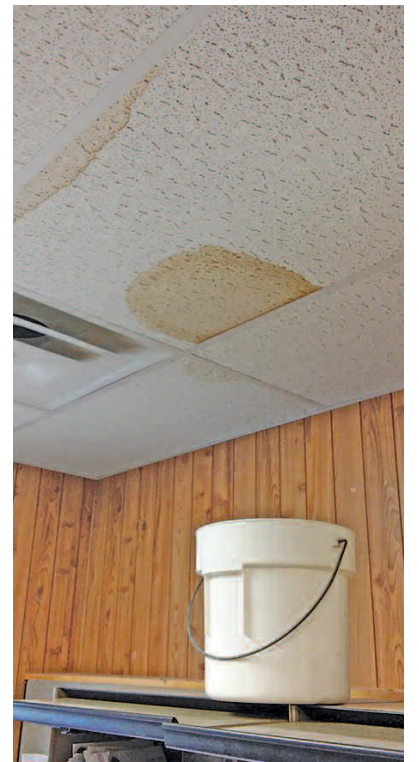
The location will remain the same; however emergency services will no longer exit into a busy park during the summer and festivals, but directly onto Lake Street. According to those in emergency services, the location is the defining feature of Boyne City's well known quick response time.

The current millage in Boyne City is 15.51 mills, which is the lowest it has been in 35 years. Additionally, the technology millage and high school construction millage for Boyne City Schools are set to expire in 2017.

For voters, making the decision on funding the building is a personal choice; one that the city encourages them to make with as much information as possible. The city website has fact sheets and conceptual drawings as well as a 3-D comparison of the current building against



Emergency trucks back into the cramped garage within inches of each other.



Ceilings that have been replaced within recent months suffer the damage of a leaking roof which was repaired within the last several years.



Broken pipes are a common sight through the DPW and Fire Garage where cracked cement and out of date equipment abound.

what it could be in the future. For that information or to have further questions answered visit www.boynecity.com, or call 582-6597 for a tour of the building.

An open house tour is also scheduled for Saturday, May 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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807 MILL, EAST JORDAN

Three city lots, short walk to middle and high school in the city of East Jordan. Seller is a licensed Michigan Realtor. MLS 438182. Ask for Chris Oliver. \$12,900.

Lake Charlevoix Views!



0 PENINSULA ROAD, EAST JORDAN

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Scott Lake



2481 SIX MILE LAKE ROAD, EAST JORDAN
Cottage with pole barn sitting on 5 parcels on Scott Lake. Water for the cottage is supplied by an artesian well. MLS 443701. Ask for Holly Nierman. \$59,900

Commercial Opportunity



10840 S US 131, MANCELONA

32 X 72-6 stall storage building on 17 acres with curb and gutter drive. Shows income. 1 mile south of Mancelona on US 131. MLS 442685. Ask for Donald Wright. \$109,900

8 Acres & Must See!



2403 W M-32, EAST JORDAN

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Motivated Seller!



06946 MAPLE GROVE CHARLEVOIX

Located in BUCK country! Quiet country living on 10 acre parcel. This three bedroom, two bath, with full basement that is mostly finished. Lower level has two large finished rooms and a full bath. New carpet, all new stainless steel appliances and large decks. Conveniently located between Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey. MLS 443529. Ask for Mike Stark. \$119,000

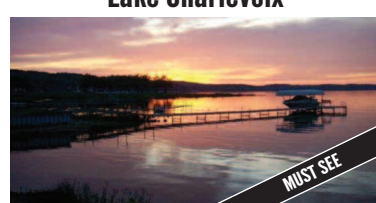
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1200 sq. ft. Storage



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Great Value!



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3 Beds - \$72,000



1015 WATER, EAST JORDAN

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3 Beds - \$134,900



9588 ATWOOD ROAD, CHARLEVOIX

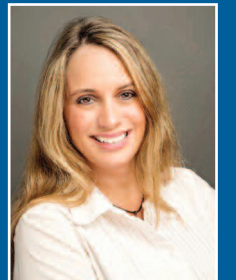
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4 beds - 2 bath



05019 S RANNEY ROAD, EAST JORDAN

This home is on the outskirts of East Jordan. Currently set up as a duplex but could be converted to single family easily. MLS 442853. Ask for Mike Stark. \$54,900



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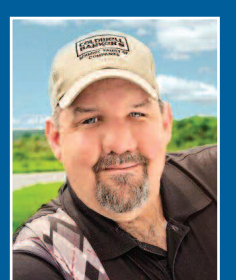
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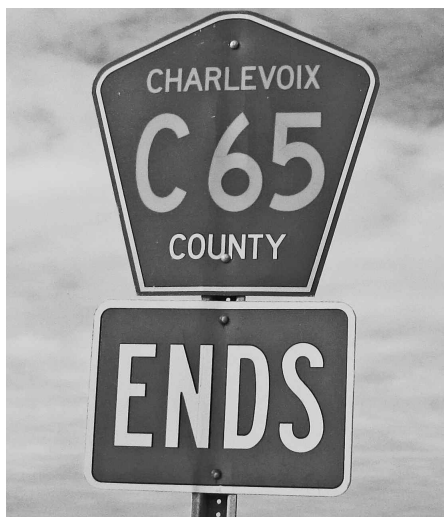


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ORV's allowed on more county roads



All roads, including major ones owned by the county are now open to off road vehicles due to an ordinance passed by Commissioners on Wednesday.

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Wednesday, Commissioners approved a new ordinance which will allow owners of off road vehicles to travel on more county roads without fear of legal repercussions.

According to the commissioners, the need for a more open traveling policy stems from issues that involve areas where current ORV trails intersect county roads. Without the change, riders could be violating county policy and fined for doing so without even realizing they were in violation.

The ordinance opens up county roads that have been off

limits for ORV's for many years. Until now, riders and proponents of such vehicles have been frustrated with the restrictions.

Many county roads including those such as the Boyne City/Charlevoix Road and Ellsworth Road restricted ORV travel. This ordinance will open up all county owned roads, making travel easier and more direct for ORV riders.

Civil Counsel Bryan Graham explained to commissioners and the large crowd that attended the public hearing that the ordinance is in compliance with state law and has been reviewed by the DNR so as to ensure the least amount of environmental impact from such travel. How-

ever, he also made it clear that the ordinance does not allow travel on state forest trails, or non county owned roads.

"Let me be very clear, this ordinance does not authorize ORV's on state highways...or federal highways," stated Graham emphatically.

Many in the audience, including Boyne Valley Township Supervisor Sue Hobbs, supported the new ordinance and were glad to hear that the county was supporting the decision to open up roads to ORV travelers.

"This will be a tremendous help to all ORV owners and residents," stated Hobbs. She included that her township especially will appreciate having

more roads available to travel.

At the meeting Sheriff Don Schneider expressed his support for the new ordinance and explained that although he initially was cautious about extending more roads to travelers, he now feels that supporting the ordinance is in the county's best interests.

"I certainly support opening roads up, as it could bring in needed revenue," stated the Sheriff.

The ordinance was passed by a 6-0 vote, with all the commissioners voicing their support.

For those interested in learning more about the ordinance, please visit www.charlevoix-county.org.

Voters decide Local Millage on May 5th

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY: As May 5 nears many voters are anticipating what they will find on their ballots, be it a statewide tax increase, or a local fire department millage.

For Charlevoix and Emmet Counties the major decision of course rests with **Proposal 15-1** which asks voters to either approve or deny an increase in sales tax from the current 6% to 7%. The tax increase with thereby eliminate the sales and use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel, and increase the amount of sales tax that is given to the School Aid Fund (SAF). If approved, the ballot will prohibit 4-year universities and colleges from using the funds from the SAF, but will allow community colleges and technical education institutes to benefit from those funds.

Proposal 15-1 will also allow for the gas tax and diesel tax to increase and adjust each year for inflation as opposed to remaining constant as it has for many years. 15-1 also allows for an increase in vehicle registration fees, and dedicating funds directly for road and transportation purposes. It will also create an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit.

For other townships in Charlevoix County however, a few additional proposals will be on

the ballot.

BOYNE CITY: For voters in Boyne, a millage for 2.7 will be decided by voters. The mill will average out over the course of 20 years to roughly 2.3 mills, and will garner \$7 million dollars for a proposed City Facilities Renovation. Boyne City currently has a millage rate of 15.51 mills, which includes two school millages that will expire next year.

Charlevoix Township, City of Charlevoix, Eveline Township, Hayes Township, Marion Township and Norwood Township: In Precinct 4 voters will decide whether or not to allow the township to borrow \$5,490,000 to partially remodel, refurbish, and re-equip Charlevoix Area Schools with technology, school busses, and athletic field and facility renovations. The mill is .20 for the year 2015 and will be levied over 10 years if passed. The mill needed to end the rate however is .81. This millage is applicable for: City of Charlevoix, Eveline Township, Hayes Township Precinct 7CH, Marion Township Precinct 9, and Norwood Township Precinct 11.

HUDSON TOWNSHIP: In Precinct 8 voters will decide on a millage to improve their roads. This will levy a 2.0 mill for 3 years. The millage is expected to yield \$79,400 in the first year that it is levied. Voters will also deter-

mine whether or not they will allow another 1.0 mill for fire protection services and operations. The fire millage would be levied for 3 years and is expected to yield \$39,700 in the first year if passed.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP: Voters in Precinct 13 will choose whether or not to renew 3 separate mills. The first mill is for 3.25 and will renew the operating millage of the township. This millage was previously approved by voters, but expired in 2014. In 2015, the millage could yield \$152,135. The second millage is to renew the airport millage to maintain operations at the airport to the tune of 1.0 mill. This millage was also previously approved but expired in 2014, and is expected to yield \$46,810 in 2015. The third millage is for a 1.75 mill to renew the landfill and transfer station millage. This expired in 2014 and is expected to yield \$81,919 in 2015. All three are being proposed for five year terms.

In Emmet County voters can expect to see just Proposal 15-1 as no other proposals are listed on the ballots.

For further information on any of these proposals, voters can visit either www.charlevoix-county.org or www.emmet-county.org.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, APRIL 20
0928 MDOP of house in the 300 block of E Pine St
1010 IRS fraud calls reported from State St
1054 NSF check complaint from W Water St
1116 Suspected phone scam reported from E Main St

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
0935 Sex offender registration violation on Front St
0939 Civil complaint in the 300 block of Silver Street
0937 Burn permit issued for the 300 block of Silver St
1330 Civil dispute over cell phone on Vogel St
1724 Suspicious situation and vehicle on N Lake St.
1801 Property damage accident at Brockway and Boyne Ave.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
0805 Unlock vehicle on River Ridge
0818 Littering complaint from Park and Ray St.
0937 Vehicle unlock at Park and Pine with 2 year old locked inside
1030 911 hang up call from the 300 block of N Lake St
1128 Found key at Avallanche
1131 IRS fraud call reported from the area of Park and Groveland
1213 Report of abandoned vehicle on River Ridge
1739 Civil complaint on River Ridge

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
0953 Parking complaint in the area of Water and East Streets
1313 Civil complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St
1445 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of Brockway
1451 Craig's List scam reported in the Industrial Park.
1554 Arrested subject on our warrants in the 700 block of N Lake St.
1625 Gasoline drive off in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2155 Assisted MSP with traffic stop involving multiple violation at Boyne/Beardsley. Subject arrested.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
0039 Assist Sheriff Dept on Sho Sho Nie Beach, report of possible prowler.
0306 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of Terrace.
0851 Civil complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St
0930 Red tagged vehicle on River Ridge
0933 Report of vehicle hitting row of mailboxes in the 1300 block of Pleasant Av. Driver later arrested for OWI by Sheriff Dept
1329 Suspicious situation reported in the 300 block of N Park St.
1722 Citation issued for disregarding stop sign at Lincoln and Park.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
0557 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
0711 Civil dispute in the 500 block of N Lake St
0801 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
0959 Assist EMS in the 100 block of Front St
1155 Health and Safety complaint in the 300 block of N Lake St
1300 Report of kids riding bikes in roadway on N

Park St, not stopping at stop signs
1455 Driving complaint reported at Division and Pleasant
1646 Assist EMS on Contractor Dr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
1000 Lodged stray dog at shelter
1155 Found iPod at Veteran's Park
1225 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
1540 Civil in the 500 block of N Lake St
2255 Assist EMS in the 300 of State St.

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

April 6-12
911 Hang Up Call4.....0
Abandoned Vehicle1
Abuse0
Alarm3
Animal Complaint10
Annoyance0
Assault0
Assist Citizen2
Assist Motorist0
Assist Other Agency13
Attempt to Locate1
Attempted Suicide0
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering1
Car/Deer Accident7
Citations Issued14
Civil Complaint5
Criminal Sexual Conduct0
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance0
DNR Complaint1
Domestic Dispute1
Driving Complaint1
Fireworks Complaint0
Found Property0
Fraud2
Health & Safety20
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person0

Juvenile1
Larceny0
Lockout6
Lost Property0
Malicious Destruction of Property 0
Mental Subject1
Minor In Possession0
Miscellaneous Criminal49
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint1
Operating Under the Influence1
Paper Service10
Parking Violation10
Personal Injury Accident1
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident4
Property Check38
Property Damage Accident3
Prowler0
Road Hazard1
Stalking0
Suspicious Situation5
Threat0
Traffic Stop35
Trespassing2
Unknown Accident0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
Vehicle in the Ditch0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act2
Operating Under the Influence1
Paper Service4
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident0
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident1
Property Check32
Property Damage Accident1
Prowler0
Road Hazard6
Stalking0
Suspicious Situation12
Threat2
Traffic Stop36
Trespassing2
Unknown Accident4
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
Vehicle in the Ditch1
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

People Fund Grant applications due June 1

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is June 1.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy cooperative members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$2.67 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from

Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund awarded just over \$168,000 in grants in 2014.

Non-profit organizations can read program details and request a grant application online at www.gtlakes.com or by calling Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by June 1. Another grant opportunity will be available this fall.

Demystifying Romance explored at Lifetree Café

How scientific findings can help create and sustain more satisfying relationships will be discussed at Lifetree Café Sunday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. The program, titled "What Makes Relationships Tick?" includes a filmed interview with Ty Tashiro, the author of "The Science of Happily Ever After: What Really Matters in the Quest for Enduring Love."

"Butterflies in the stomach come with stress hormones like cortisol, that are toxic if released over a period of time, and a pounding heart is really high blood pressure," says Tashiro, who says the extreme emotional high of love can actually be fatal if experienced

for too long. "It lasts about two years," says Tashiro, "but it can come back throughout a relationship."

Participants in any relationship status will find hope and help for having great relationships. 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@fp-boyne.org.

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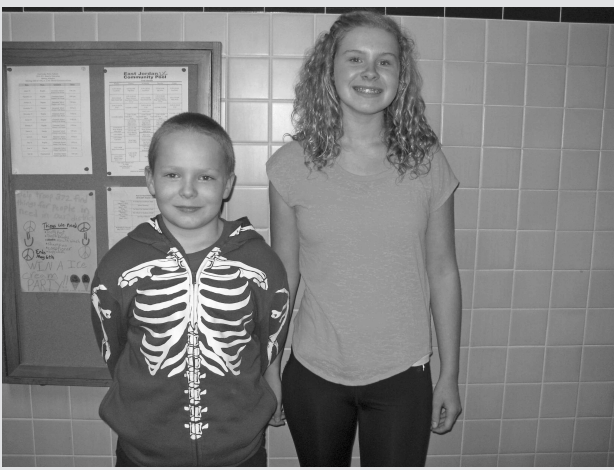
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East Jordan Public Schools Students of the Month



Gabe Dyer

Staff Comments:

"Gabe is the perfect example of a Rockin' Red Devil! He is a fabulous 4th grade role model, who is always willing to help others. Gabe works hard in class and is very conscientious about his work. He has a strong work ethic and will persevere until the task is done well! Gabe is a very friendly and his peers truly look up to him for guidance. He is always prepared for class and makes sure his homework is also completed on a daily basis. Gabe Dyer has a great smile and a positive personality. Gabe's fourth grade teachers want him to know that we are very proud of him and look forward to watching him grow as a true leader among his peers. Congratulations, Gabe!" – Mrs. Keyser:

"Gabe is a very inquisitive science student. He pays attention to detail during all activities and actively participates in a respectful manner with everyone involved. He always has a smile on his face and is a model student. He is a joy to work with and is great asset to East Jordan Schools." – Mr. Peters

Gabby Snyder

Staff Comments:

"Gabby gives 100% to everything she does at school. The work she produces is always top-notch. With that said, Gabby is consistently a wonderful role model for her peers. She is kind, polite and friendly to all those around her. I am positive that Gabby Snyder will be a success in life. This is an honor you truly deserve. Great job Gabby!" – Mrs. Noirot

"Gabby is an excellent math student with a great work ethic. Her work is always very precise and well thought out. She is also great about asking questions to clarify her thinking. It has been a great pleasure having Gabby in high school Algebra this year. Congratulations Gabby!" – Mrs. Russell

Weekend Theater Workshop at Ellsworth Community School

On Sunday, April 19 Ellsworth Community School students participated in their annual "Weekend Theater Workshop." In the span of a three-day weekend, ECS students and advisors cast, stage, rehearse, and perform an entire theatrical production.

This year the workshop performed *Circus Olympus*, a comedic take on Greek Mythology. The final performance took place on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 PM in the Ellsworth High School auditorium. "The students did a great job putting together such a wonderful performance in such a short amount of time," said Ellsworth Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "We are very blessed in Ellsworth to have many talented musicians and performers, as well as staff willing to mentor and advise students in productions such as this."

The theater workshop also provides students with opportunities to take part in activities that they might not otherwise be a part of. "I think it's great that we have so many different ages of students come together for the weekend theater workshop," said senior, Hannah Heard.

In addition to the Weekend Theater Workshop, ECS students are also involved in an annual musical or drama performance during the special spring Lancer Leap project term. This year during Lancer Leap students will be performing *High School Musical*. "We've been very lucky over the past few years to have a talented group of seniors," said advisor, Jessica VanderHart. "It will be exciting to see which underclassmen step up in future performances."

Over the past several years, ECS has made steady improvement and



The theater workshop provides students with opportunities to take part in activities that they might not otherwise be a part of. COURTESY PHOTO



On Sunday, April 19 Ellsworth Community School students participated in their annual "Weekend Theater Workshop." Courtesy photo

upgrades to their performance facilities. Including new stage curtains in 2012, and a new state of the art mobile sound system last year. In the coming weeks the stage lighting will be replaced to give better and more controlled lighting opportunities

during performances. "Even though we're a small school, we pride ourselves on providing big school opportunities for our kids," stated Gaffney. "We have some very talented artists and musicians in Ellsworth and feel that we need to provide them with the best possible equipment and opportunities to showcase their talents."

"There are many people that come together to make events like this possible," said Gaffney. "I would like to personally thank Ms. Jill Miller, Ms. Jessica Vallance, Mrs. Jessica Pletcher, and especially Mrs. Jessica VanderHart for all the time and effort they put into organizing the Weekend Theater Workshop, and also the Ellsworth Boosters for helping to financially support the program."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor,

My class recently read the article "Council donates plots for organic garden. Changes plan for mural" by Norma Jean Babcock. This local, current event allowed for a great learning opportunity for my sixth grade art students as we debated the long asked question "what makes something art?"

I first divided the boys from the girls and asked them to discuss the issue as a whole. It was incredible how quickly strong opinions were made about who was "right". After a min or two, I asked the groups to divide again, but this time as representing either the artist or the city. The class was favored to the artist. They elected a spokesperson to verbalize their collaborative arguments to pled their case.

Here are some of their thoughts upon the matter:

The city:
"A painting that has words is usually on a building or sign inside the picture, where this mural it is not a part of the picture, more like an advertisement or a billboard or a title" – Orion

"If the rules were to not have words on the building, then you just shouldn't put them in it" -McKayla

The artist:
"My opinion is that if your painting or mural includes words and that is part of your artistic idea, then you should be able to include it" – Jacob

"Signs advertise. But a piece of

art is not selling or advertising something. If the law is there to make it more warm and cozy, then the words should be their because it warms and welcomes people to Charlevoix" -Sienna

"Signs tell you what to do, and this mural doesn't, it just says that Charlevoix is beautiful!" - Sarah

Sincerely,
Monica Malbouef & her sixth grade art students
K-12 Visual Art Teacher, Concord Academy Boyne

INSTANT WINE CELLAR EVENT THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank the many donors, sponsors and volunteers who helped make our 5th Annual "Instant Wine Cellar" a huge success. A special thank you to our sponsors; Fabiano Bros. Distributors, Lite 96, Fifth Third Bank, Dave Kring Chevrolet and Cadillac, Korhase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, Harbor Brenn Agencies, Vernales restaurant, UPS, Stafford's, Cre8tive Cupcakes, and Shorts brewing for helping to make the evening so special.

A special thank you as well, to the Instant Wine Cellar committee, who spent many hours planning and coordinating this event. Our event Chairperson also deserves a special thank you, so if you see Rebeca Otto please help us thank her and let her know their efforts are appreciated!

We had a fabulous turnout for the event with over 350 people attending! The Instant Wine Cellar raises money to help support our Volunteer Connections program. This program is a virtual volunteer center and any community member can find opportunities searchable by their area if interest, local community, or a local organization they love from the hundreds of needs listed. To log on and see the program in action go to www.charemunitedway.org/volunteer and click on the VOLUNTEER TODAY button.

This year we have ONE MORE WINECELLAR to give away (drawing on April 24). If you log onto Volunteer Connection and search for Char-Em United Way, then click on FAN, you will be entered into the drawing. Your chance to win this cellar is great, we anticipate about 100 individuals taking these steps and being eligible.

As a Fan of Char-Em United Way, you'll receive an email announcing the winner, and may get emails in

the future as we look for volunteers. Community members who are registered on Volunteer Connections can connect with any of the 50 plus organizations listed, and as a Fan, will receive emails from those agencies as well.

This program is at the heart of what your Char-Em United Way does; we improve the lives of people in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by working together to share community resources. One of the most powerful resources any community has is its people – the power of US; connecting, volunteering, contributing in whatever way we can. This is what improves our community and those living here.

Thank you so much, together we made our communities a better place to live, work, play and VOLUNTEER!

Lorraine Manary
Executive Director, Char-Em United Way

Letter to Citizens of Boyne City from Mayor Grunch

This is our City! City of great achievement! City of inspired volunteers! City of the future we can all be proud of.

May 5th your City Government is asking voters to approve a seven million dollar bond proposal. This request is a need to replace dilapidated buildings built in the 1930's. There is a need to control operating costs. We need improved response times providing emergency services for Ambulance, Fire, and Police Departments.

In addition to Ambulance and Fire Boyne City currently partners with 6 Townships, Boyne USA, Village of Boyne Falls, City of Charlevoix, City of East Jordan, for a broad range of services. Sharing costs benefits everyone. Another benefit of sharing costs, Boyne City has state of the art emergency service equipment for Fire, Ambulance, and Police Departments.

Boyne City is blessed with a winning team of inspired, dedicated full time, part time and volunteer people to achieve CITY WIDE PLANNING GOALS. The results are obvious to citizens who live, work, or visit. It's time to make our City Campus a focal point of community pride.

Thank you,
Ron Grunch
Mayor of Boyne City

Students can register now for Red Cross summer scholarship program

This summer, high school and college students can win a scholarship by hosting an American Red Cross blood drive through the Leaders Save Lives program. Registration is now open to host a participating blood drive between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2015.

The Leaders Save Lives program encourages community-minded 16- to 24-year-olds to host blood drives to help maintain the blood supply over the summer months. Students who participate as a blood drive coordinator are eligible to win a scholarship up to \$2,500 for higher education and to earn a gift card.

"The Leaders Save Lives program is a great way for students to learn valuable leadership skills while helping hospital patients in need of life-

saving blood transfusions," said Red Cross spokesperson, Todd Kulman. "Summer can be a challenging time to maintain a sufficient blood supply. With this program, students are helping the community by recruiting their friends and family to donate during this crucial season."

A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded via drawing to students who achieve 100 percent of their blood drive collections goal. All students who achieve the designated blood drive goal will receive an electronic gift card to giftcertificates.com

For more information and to register to host a Leaders Save Lives blood drive, visit redcross-blood.org/leaderssave-lives.

Veterans Appreciation Day

To all area schools,

This is to inform you that our post is planning the annual Veterans Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 13th, 2015, and an open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by our members to the guests through a hands on learning experience. We are expecting to have several more military vehicles on display, as an added interest this year, as well as

representatives from all levels of law enforcement and all branches of the military who will answer any questions.

Since the inception of this program in 1999, over 9,600 students have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn the truth about the freedoms we all enjoy, the fact that freedom isn't free, the price of that freedom and who paid that price for us all. As the students leave the Post, each receives a flag from the grave of a veteran who paid that price! The American Legion Auxiliary will provide refreshments

and scheduling will be handled by the Veterans Appreciation Day Chairman who may be contacted by phone or E-mail at ejpe@netzero.com

We encourage all schools to participate in this unique experience that your students and faculty will never forget.

"Duty & Honor For God & Country"

Very Truly Yours,
Gerald E. Evans
Chairman

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Charlevoix board agrees to install "Tobacco-Free" signage at beaches

After months of deliberation and debate, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners took a step toward tobacco-free beaches. Commissioner Shirley Roloff has been pursuing this project, and at Tuesday's meeting suggested the installation of "Tobacco-Free" signs at local beaches. The commission agreed to install signage at the public beach areas of Whiting Park and Thumb Lake Park.

This cause is important to Roloff because she sees the long-

term effects of smoking every day; her husband suffers from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). "We really should do more to protect people," said Roloff, who is also a member of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Board of Health. Children are especially vulnerable, she said, because they may play with or burn themselves on cigarette butts. "It's important for the environment and for the health of the public."

Roloff and the Charlevoix County Parks Committee said that they "appreciate all the help the Health Department has given" to their cause. The Health Department, which has been recommending tobacco-free zones in Charlevoix's public areas since November 2013, will provide the signs free of charge. "Tobacco-Free" signage is intended to discourage the use of all forms of tobacco.

Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator at the Health

Department, said this decision is a positive move for Charlevoix County. "This is such great news," she said. "The board deserves a big thank-you from the public for taking action." Pulaski also added that, because it's an investment toward a healthier community, the Health Department is pleased to provide the signage for these beaches. She encourages other jurisdictions to take actions against tobacco use, especially in public spaces like beaches and parks.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. To learn more about the Health Department's role in promoting health communities, visit www.nwhealth.org or call (800) 432-4121.

Health insurance premiums assistance available

Northern Health Plan has funds to help people who cannot afford Health Insurance Premiums. The Northern Health Plan continues to have money to help pay for premiums of people who cannot afford their employer-sponsored coverage. Bruce Miller, Executive Director of the Northern Health Plan, says the NHP is helping several families who meet the criteria for the program, and that funds are available to help more.

"All too often financial support for employer-sponsored coverage is limited only to the employee," Miller said. "When the employee goes to add dependents the cost becomes unaffordable."

Miller said this is why the Northern Health Plan started what he calls the "Family Glitch" program. He is urging residents of Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Alpena Counties to contact Enroll Northern Michigan if they have unaffordable employer premiums to see if they qualify for help.

"The contact person for this program is Nichole Cyr at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. She can be reached at (800) 432-4121."

The NHP is a non-profit corporation funded by area hospitals and county government. It is dedicated to helping uninsured people get coverage. It ended its old programs of assistance when the Affordable Care Act and the Healthy Michigan Program went into effect, but it still has funds to use to fill gaps in coverage.

"If you qualify," Miller said, "you might be able to get your employer-sponsored insurance for family for about the same amount you would pay for insurance through the Healthcare Marketplace."

Service animals provide valuable assistance

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Pet guardians know how having a pet can enrich a life. Pets not only offer companionship, but researchers have found that people who have pets have lower blood pressure and are less likely to suffer from depression. For some people with a disability or illness, a trained therapy animal can be life changing. Service animals have been trained to assist people with disabilities. Dogs are most commonly used, but monkeys, birds, and horses have also become service animals.

Probably the most well known use of service animals is dogs for the visually impaired. Dogs are most often used as guide animals, but miniature horses have been used as guide animals for more than a decade. Miniature horses have exceptional vision and, since they are herd animals, they automatically synchronize their movements to others, making them ideal guide animals. In addition, the miniature horses can live and work for more than 30 years. Guide dogs are typically in service for four to six years. Each time the blind person replaces a guide dog a substantial period of retraining is required.

Service dogs have also been of assistance to persons with epilepsy. Seizure alert dogs warn people with epilepsy of an impending seizure, minutes or even hours before the event. The person with epilepsy is able to take corrective action - such as moving to a safe location - before the seizure strikes. It is unknown how dogs detect an oncoming seizure. Seizure dogs are born with the ability they cannot be trained to develop this



Mobility service dog assists with standing. PHOTO FROM WIKIMEDIA

skill.

A diabetic alert dog can signal when a person with diabetes shows the signs of dangerously low blood sugar levels, such as sweating, shaking, nausea and confusion. These dogs are trained to recognize the specific scents associated with extreme blood sugar levels. The alert dog notifies the person with diabetes to react to their blood sugar level before they suffer a loss of consciousness or other life threatening condition.

Hearing dogs are trained to alert persons with hearing impairments of sounds that are necessary to their safety. The person pays attention to the dog reaction to the sound and knows when and where the sound originates. Hearing dogs are trained to respond to specific sounds, such as fire and smoke alarms, the telephone, oven timer, alarm clock and doorbell, as well as recognizing when the person's name is being used.

Monkeys have been trained to

assist persons with spinal cord injuries and other mobility impairments. Capuchin monkeys provide assistance in daily living. They can retrieve a dropped item or reach something off a shelf, open doors, and turn lights on and off. A service monkey can scratch an itch and brush hair. They can even get a bottle from the refrigerator, open it, add a straw and hand it to the person.

In equine therapy, horses are used for emotional growth. Troubled youth that have been therapy resistant have responded very positively to the equine therapy techniques. Numerous emotional benefits have been shown through equine therapy, including increased confidence, self-efficacy and self-acceptance, improved trust, communication, and social skills.

Other forms of animal assisted therapy include birds to improve speech and dolphins to help children with emotional or physical impairments. Even elephants have been used therapeutically for persons with autism. Service animals are also used by persons with emotional issues such as anxiety, depression, or bipolar disorder.

When meeting a person with a service animal, remember that the animal is working. Don't interrupt the animal or interfere with the completion of its tasks. Speak to the person first, but don't ask person questions about their disability. Don't touch the animal without receiving permission. Do not feed the service animal. Finally, don't be offended if the person doesn't want to chat about the service animal.

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ELLSWORTH

Pig Roast/Ellebration Parade Participants

The Ellsworth Pig Roast/Ellebration committee invites all interested parties to participate in our annual parade. With a theme, "Back to our Roots," the parade will be held on June 20th, 11 a.m. We welcome all types of entries. For more information contact Louise Alfred at (231) 676-3234.

EAST JORDAN

Mother Daughter Banquet

The East Jordan Lions Club will be hosting the 47th annual Mother Daughter Banquet on Saturday May 9, 2015 at the East Jordan High School. Dinner will be served at 6pm and will be prepared by Chef Joe Krumholz of the Jordan Inn. East Jordan Lions Club members with the help of family and friends will serve the dinner. Mistress of Ceremonies is 2015 Miss EJ Stephanie Buckholz. Past Mothers of the Year will be recognized, and the 2015 Mother of the Year will be announced. Please join us for this very special event as we say thank you to all mothers for their commitment to their children as well as to the community of East Jordan. Tickets are available at the door or from any EJ Lion. Prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students; preschool children will be admitted free of charge. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

CHARLEVOIX

First Friday Business Breakfast

May 1, 7:30-8:30am, Charlevoix Area Hospital Cafeteria. Come enjoy good food, networking, and learn about all the great things happening at Charlevoix Area Hospital. \$5 members, \$7 non-members.

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

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.

BOYNE CITY

Proposed City Facilities

Happy Birthday to the Dad of Digital

Claude Shannon, Father of the Information Theory, has Northern Michigan roots

By Jim Akans

April 30th marks what would have been the 99th birthday of Claude E. Shannon, founder of the Information Theory, the basic concept that gave birth to digital design and communications technology. Life in today's world would not be the same without Shannon's contributions. Born in Petoskey on April 30th, 1916, he was raised and schooled in Gaylord where he graduated from high school (his mother, Mabel Catherine, was the principal at the school) in 1932. Northern Michigan can take pride in the knowledge that one of our early 20th century sons literally changed the world.

Information theory is basically about bits...bits of information that is. In the digital world bits are those sequences of zeros and ones that when combined in a specified order represent information, such as words or sounds. Shannon came up with a source coding theorem that established a way to determine the average number of bits needed to communicate a symbol, and a noisy channel coding theorem that stated reliable bit communications is possible with adequate channel capacity. The result; the dawn of a digital world that makes a huge list of today's technology and communication possible, including cellular phones, fiber optics, HDTV, the internet, computer storage, CD's, DVD's...the list goes on and on.

Shannon's contributions are not limited to defining Information Theory in a paper he published in 1948. His paper "A mathematical Theory of Communication" was also his master's thesis at MIT and is regarded as the greatest master's thesis written in the 20th Century

While earning his master's degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1937, Shannon established digital computer and digital circuit design theory by applying Boolean algebra and binary arithmetic to electrical applications. Dur-



The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers dedicated a statue to honor Claude Shannon in downtown Gaylord on October 6, 2000. Sculpted by Eugene L. Daub, only five others exist; at the University of Michigan, MIT, Bell Labs, the University of California at San Diego and at AT&T Shannon Labs. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

ing World War II his contributions in cryptanalysis were utilized for code breaking for national defense.

Not surprisingly, while growing up Shannon admired Thomas Edison, the electrical genius of Menlo Park. What is surprising is that he later learned that Edison was a distant cousin. Both were descendants of American colonial leader, John Ogden,

Shannon attended the University of Michigan and graduated with degrees in both electrical engineering and mathematics in 1936 before entering MIT for graduate studies. During a tenure at a National Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, he worked with many highly influential mathematicians and even had occasional encounters with Albert Einstein.

During his work at the Institute Shannon began to form ideas that led to the creation of his Information Theory.

During World War II Shannon went to work for Bell Labs where he met his future wife, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Moore, and the couple married in 1949. The previous year he published a two-part article, "A Mathematical Theory of Communication," in a Bell System Technical Journal, which spelled out his Information Theory.

Shannon has also been credited with introducing sampling theory, which enabled the field of telecommunications to begin moving from analog to digital transmissions beginning in the 1960's.

When not shaking up the world's lifestyle in communications and electronic design technologies, Shannon often applied his genius and imagination to more playful outlets, and among those inventions were:

- rocket-powered flying discs
- a motorized pogo stick
- a flame-throwing trumpet
- the "Ultimate Machine" featuring a mechanical hand that popped out of a box at the flip of a switch
- the first wearable computer (co-invented with Edward O. Thorp) used to improve roulette playing odds
- a mechanical mouse maze that could be programmed to learn while searching for a target (perhaps the first artificial learning device of its kind).

- a computerized chess program (chess, juggling and unicycling were Shannon's hobbies)

- a device that could solve the popular Rubik's Cube puzzle.

Shannon and his wife would travel to Las Vegas with fellow MIT mathematician, Ed Thorp. Shannon and Thorp developed a small computer that drew from Information Theory in developing a "High-Low" method that helped calculate odds when gambling. Details were published in a book called "Fortune's Formula" by William Poundstone and later in a best selling book titled "Bringing Down the House" about the MIT Blackjack Team penned by Ben Mezrich. That book was adapted to film in the 2008 movie, "21," starring Kevin Spacey.

In 1983, Claude E. Shannon received the John Fritz Medal, awarded annually since 1902 to such notable inventors as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and Orville Wright. Claude Shannon passed away on February 24, 2001. Today, his legacy reaches across the globe, much like the communications technology he made possible.

Happy birthday to northern Michigan's very own Digital Dad.

Open House

May 2, 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.

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

CHARLEVOIX

Opening Day Charlevoix Farmers Market

May 7, 9a-1pm. East Park. Special free fly fishing lessons by Boyne Outfitters. Music by Dwain Martin of Charlevoix, spinning wool demonstration by Christina Abramowski. Visit the many vendors along Bridge Street and shop for Mothers Day! See the entire calendar of events: www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket or contact manager, Chris Leese for details 231-330-0968.

EAST JORDAN

Business After Hours

May 7, 5 - 7pm. Somerset 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 Academy 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.

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Business After Hours

May 27, 5:30-8pm, The

or mechanical parts containing gas, oil or anti-freeze fluids. 4. Batteries. 5. Tires. 6. Yard waste, lawn clippings, tree branches or brush. 7. Any combustible items. Any questions can be responded to by contacting the Township Clerk, norwoodclerk@yahoo.com or norwoodfoia@yahoo.com.

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 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.

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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White House to be renovated in Boyne City

Boyne City - A Ground-breaking Ceremony was held at the William H. White House, a historically significant building in Boyne City, on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 11:00 am. Northern Homes Community Development Corporation will be renovating the building to create four affordable apartments for senior citizens.

William H. White was a business leader in the founding days of Boyne City and started, or helped to start, many local businesses, including the Boyne City Railroad, Wolverine Dilworth Hotel and White Lumber Company. The house at 417 Boyne Avenue was built in 1903 as Mr.



The William H. White house will undergo a massive renovation to become affordable apartments for senior citizens in the area.

White's residence. However, in the past decade the building has fallen into disrepair and is now abandoned and blighted.

Through partnership with the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County Land

Bank, Chemical Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the home will be restored to create an affordable downtown residential opportunity for

community residents.

Jane MacKenzie, the Executive Director says, "Northern Homes is excited to start this project that combines affordable housing with the rehab of a key building that will have a significant impact on the gateway to downtown Boyne City."

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation is a non-profit whose mission is to create and preserve affordable housing opportunities for Northern Michigan residents through education, development and partnering with local communities.



Employees of Trust Thermal take off stucco on the side of the house which was built in 1903 but has been abandoned in recent years.

Giant Tomato Plant loves growing indoors



Frances Mason points to the two small green tomatoes on her giant tomato plant.

By Tina Sundelius

On December 5, Frances Mason from the East Jordan area placed a tomato seed in some Miracle Grow Moisture Control soil and left for a three week vacation somewhere warm, when she returned she had a full grown tomato plant and since then the plant has exceeded any she's raised be-

fore. "I do this every year but this one just keeps growing and growing, it's like there's no stopping it," she said. The 8'7" plant already has two tomatoes and ten blossoms. Mason doesn't intend to put it outside when the temperatures allow. "It's doing real well in the dining room, I've got southeast windows and a lot of TLC."

Smile...its Free



The Sullivan family, surrounded by the Beacon Dental Center team, gathers to share a smile of their own Saturday morning before the 5th annual 'Smile its Free' event. They call it "Dentistry from the Heart" and served more than 45 patients approximately \$20,000 worth of services in one day. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

BELOW: Employee Shawn Hosford (right) escorts Jaime Perez of Charlevoix in as one of the first to get free dentistry at Beacon Dental Center Saturday morning during the 5th annual 'Smile its Free!' event in Charlevoix. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



ABOVE: Volunteer Darrin Weber of East Jordan (seated left) and Shawn Hosford of Charlevoix help check in more than 45 patients Saturday during the 5th annual 'Smile its Free!' event at Beacon Dental Center of Charlevoix. The long day of "Dentistry from the Heart" (as the Sullivans call it) realized about \$20,000 in free services to the public. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

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SOBO Arts Festival "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



The SOBO Arts Festival en plein air paint-out is designed to connect art and people to their surroundings. COURTESY PHOTO

open class. Artists will paint on location in Boyne City on June 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 June 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.

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

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News

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Goodwill seeks nominations for a Vehicle Giveaway

Goodwill Northern Michigan, a locally operated non-profit charitable organization, is expanding its donations-based retail presence and mission services to better accommodate its vast territory. The local Goodwill has a service territory of 19 northern Michigan counties, from Wexford to Presque Isle, with Traverse City acting as its hub.

Due to this, many of Goodwill's core services are based in Grand Traverse county, including The Goodwill Inn Homeless Shelter, Mi Fresh Start Food Truck and Special Events, and Farm to Freezer. Other programs have a broader impact, such as Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan, which impacts families in at least five different counties, and Patriot Place, Goodwill's transitional housing community for veterans located in Gaylord. Veterans come from all over the state for residency at Patriot Place. Additionally, Goodwill's workforce development programs are present at all retail store and donation centers, and the rapidly growing hospitality training program launched its first class outside of Traverse City, in Charlevoix, during April of this year.

Included in these enhanced services in Charlevoix County, Good-

will Northern Michigan's Workers on Wheels program has purchased a used vehicle to donate back to a Charlevoix-area family in need and we are seeking the local community's help in selecting a deserving family!

The Workers on Wheels program has assisted hundreds of local families with vehicles since 1999. Donated cars are inspected, repaired, and awarded to a low-income, working family in need. We keep it local! All vehicles are awarded in the same area from which they were donated. Goodwill is coordinating a special, one-time vehicle giveaway to a deserving family living in Charlevoix County. The hope is that this giveaway will raise awareness of the program and inspire vehicle donations in the Charlevoix area to help additional individuals and families in need.

We know there are a lot of folks in need of transportation assistance, so we are calling on the community of Charlevoix to help us identify a family in their own backyard!

Nominations will open April 28 and run until May 12. Check www.goodwill-nmi.org/wowgiveaway for updates and get your nominations in! The car will be awarded at the Goodwill store and donation center in Charlevoix on May 22.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Awards \$244,146 in Grants

The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved \$244,146 in grants during their spring grant cycle, including (46) awards. Maureen Radke, who coordinates the grant-making process at the community foundation, was elated with the results. "We received the second highest number of grant applications (52) from area nonprofit agencies in the history of the community foundation," she said, adding, "grant-making is an exciting process that involves the input from many advisors to make the maximum possible impact in our communities."

The grant awards included \$26,648 in funding for projects that will impact Charlevoix County youth in a positive way. The grants were recom-

mended by the foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

"The YAC members take their role very seriously, as they make decisions about youth programming that effect all youth in Charlevoix County," said Mishelle Shooks, who coordinates the Youth Advisory Committee on the foundation's behalf. "After surveying their peers with a youth needs assessment, they use the results of the survey in conjunction with the foundations grant-making guidelines to determine the merit of each proposal and fund accordingly," she added, noting, "it is a huge responsibility that they handle very professionally."

Grants in the recent cycle supported programs in the arts, education, community development, the environment, human

services, health and wellness, recreation, youth services and more. The foundation's endowed funds provide the resources for grantmaking to occur.

"Our non-profit organizations provide an awareness of community needs," Radke said. "We connect those needs with existing funds, and with donors, who provide an additional level of funding support. That's the beauty of the community foundation at work," she added.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. The principal of the endowment contin-

ues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents and nonprofit organizations.

Since it was founded in 1992, the foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$31.2 million, and grants and scholarships totaling more than \$20 million have been distributed to a wide range of worthy programs, projects and nonprofit agencies.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Thursday, October 1, 2015. For a complete list of the recent grant awards, visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org and click on "What's New," then "Recent Grants."

Fluoride

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sludge in lagoon 3, taking such action was unnecessary as the sludge build up wasn't significant enough to warrant the high cost.

"The lagoons still have a lot of capacity...we shouldn't have to pump the sludge for...at least 10 years," said Fowler.

Fowler stated that the lagoon depth is an average of 12 feet, with a buildup of 5 feet at one end and 2 feet at the other. The lagoon is capable of holding up to 18 million gallons of sludge according to his estimates.

This is good news for the city as the cost of cleaning up the sludge is high and even purchasing a chemical that would reduce the amount of sludge

comes with a high price tag. Commissioners decided that setting money aside to cover future cost when the cleaning was needed is the best plan at this time.

Additionally, commissioners chose to approve the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget with amendments proposed by city staff, and they changed the time of their May 26th meeting from noon to 7:00 p.m. to

accommodate a public hearing that will allow discussion on an Amendment to the Boyne City DDA Development Plan and a proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The next meeting of the Boyne City Commissioners is scheduled for May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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

By Jim Akans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Boyer Business Expo a Huge Success!

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: To get the sunshine season rolling over 96 area businesses, restaurants, schools, and non-profits came together to enjoy a massive Business Expo and Taste of Boyne on April 22.

The expo serves to network businesses together, and expose resident to all the amenities available near them. The Chamber of Commerce hosts the event which celebrated its 7th year this year. It is one of the largest in Northern Michigan and boasts numerous booths filled with delicious food, free goodies to take home and demonstrations of what companies have to offer.

This year, businesses from 4Front Credit Union to Charlevoix Country Club had booths where visitors could meet owners and managers while learning what the business had to offer them. Scott MacKenzie of the Charlevoix County Humane Society was on hand to showcase the lovable critters that need homes in the area and the Boyne City Public Schools Robotics Team gave demonstrations of their robot stacking things.

The Taste of Boyne featured 12 area restaurants and food service vendors such as Pigs Eat in' Ribs, Porter Creek Fish House, Northern Table, and Bella Vita Italian Restaurant who offered tastes of their delectable dishes. Family Fare, Subway, The Jordan Inn



GIC Thermodynamics showed off their new welding and fabrication section projects at the Expo.

and BC Pizza also gave samples of their yummy cuisine, and Alpine Chocolate Haus offered up an incredible assortment of truffles for those with a sweet tooth. Boyne Mountain Restaurants and



Alpine Chocolate Haus laid out a mouthwatering spread of truffles as part of the Taste of Boyne part of the event.

Boyer City Hospitality students try their hand at food service by offering up tastes to the crowd of 1,300 people throughout the evening.



Petoskey Brewing Company also showed to offer tasty morsels and sips of locally brewed beer.

From fabricators to doctors, the event gave those in attendance a great guide for what's available in Boyne City. To name a few, businesses such as; American Waste, Camp Daggett, Dogs

World North, Grain Train, Charlevoix County News and Manna Food Project all attended to show citizens what choices they had in business, recreation, food, and community service. According to the Executive Director of the Chamber, Jim Baumann, this year was a huge success.

"We were very happy with this

year's Expo. We had a crowd of 1,300 people...It's always a nice time because so many community business people and residents come together at the same time. The Taste of Boyne booths are always one of the highlights. The restaurants all did a great job and there was a terrific variety of hors d'oeuvres and samples from their menu available," said Baumann.

The sponsors of this year's event include Presenting Sponsor Coldwell Banker, as well as Gold Sponsors; Boyne Area Medical Center, Pat O'Brien & Associates Real Estate, the Boyne City Gazette, 9 & 10 News, Petoskey News Review, and Taylor Rental. Bronze Sponsors were F. O. Barden & Son and Boyne Mountain Resort. The Wi-Fi sponsor was Cherry Capital Connection.

"We really want to thank all of the people how helped make this happen, it's quite a project getting several dozen volunteers and 95 booths together," says Baumann.

For those interested in learning more about this year's event or participating in the 2016 Taste of Boyne and Business Expo, visit www.boynechamber.com.

The Boyne City High School Robotics Team lines up to show off their stacking robot at the 2015 Business Expo in Boyne City.



Trail construction coming soon

The Alanson to Mackinaw City segment of the North Western State Trail (NWST) will be under construction later this summer. The NWST is 32 miles in length and when complete will connect Petoskey to Mackinaw City. Work will begin in April with tree clearing near intersections and trail construction and bridge work will start June 1st and continue through the fall.

The new trail segment is 23 miles in length and will be 10' wide with a packed crushed limestone surface, except in Pellston

the trail surface will be asphalt. Once construction is done, the trail will continue to be open to all non-motorized uses year round and snowmobiles from December 1 to March 31. Seven miles of this trail, from M-119 to Alanson, was surfaced with asphalt in 2013.

"Once the North Western State Trail is complete, every incorporated place in Emmet County will be connected by trail," said Trail Coordinator Emily Meyerson. The new trail segment will connect Alanson, Brutus, Pellston, Levering, Carp

Lake and Mackinaw City to Petoskey and Harbor Springs. "Even better," Meyerson said "when this trail is complete you will be able to get on a trail in Charlevoix, go through Petoskey, Mackinaw City and Cheboygan, and on to either Gaylord (114 miles) or Alpena (138 miles) completely on multi-use trails. Just think what cool adventures await."

The trail corridor is owned and managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is located on the former Grand Rapids to Mackinaw

Railroad. The Top of Michigan Trails Council has coordinated the trail project with funding coming from various sources including the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Improvement Fund and Emmet County.

Michigan Department of Transportation is the project manager and the construction is being completed by Rieth-Riley Construction Company. The trail will be closed during construction.



TrailConstructionPR-Photo: The Alanson to Mackinaw City segment of the North Western State Trail (NWST) will be under construction later this summer. COURTESY PHOTO