



# News

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## New community-based food pantry in Boyne City discussed

Concern over food insecurity in the Boyne City area has led local food pantries and The Manna Food Project to explore ways to improve access to food for families in need.

The Boyne area has three pantries serving families in need of food assistance: The Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry and the Boyne City Community Pantry at Trinity Fellowship, both in Boyne City; and the Boyne Valley Pantry in Boyne Falls.

Until recently, there was also a pantry at the Walloon Lake Community Church. Ninety Boyne City families were visiting the church's food pantry on a regular basis. When the pantry closed in

January, it created a gap in services for many area families.

The Boyne City pantries are run by small churches who fear there is now more need than they can accommodate. Although they receive support from the community at large, it is a burden for a small congregation, both financially and in terms of volunteers. They also have concerns about the sustainability of their programs, since each pantry relies heavily on one person to manage all aspects of pantry operations.

"If I were to retire and take a step back from the pantry, I'm not sure if there would be someone to take over," said Jack Dunlop, director of the Seventh Day Adventist pantry. "It's a big job

for a small church."

Deb Noblett, executive director of The Manna Food Project, and Boyne City resident,

has been discussing these issues with the three pantries and is looking for ways to help them meet the need. Manna works with all of the pantries in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet counties, and notes that Boyne area families are traveling as far as Ellsworth and Harbor Springs for help.

"Manna's mission is to feed the hungry in northern Michigan," Noblett said. "We want to support the Boyne Community in any way we can to be sure those in need have enough to eat without traveling long distances to re-

ceive that support."

The Manna Food Project is a non-profit organization established in 1987 to help feed the hungry in northern Michigan. Manna operates a food bank, a food rescue program, a "Food 4 Kids" Backpack program, and a food pantry. The food bank and food rescue program serve 34 partner agencies (food pantries and soup kitchens) in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. For more information about Manna's programs, see [www.mannafoodproject.org](http://www.mannafoodproject.org).

One question Noblett says Manna gets asked is how to determine need in a community. The United Way recently released the ALICE report for Antrim,

Charlevoix and Emmet counties that sheds light on this question. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. These are households that earn more than the U.S. poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Combining the poverty and ALICE numbers shows how many households are struggling to meet basic needs.

In Charlevoix County, 13 percent of households are below the poverty level and 25 percent of households are at or below the ALICE level, for a total of 38 percent, or 3,855 households struggling to afford basic needs such

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## Second Annual "Hearse Cruise"

The second annual Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise will take place next Friday and Saturday, May 22 & 23, starting at the pavilion in downtown Gaylord on Friday evening and heading for Traverse City via Mancelona and Kalkaska on Saturday.

Jeff Morey, founder of this unique and memorable vehicle cruise, noted, "The hearses come from across the country. We have had cars from New York, Ohio, and all over our great state last year."

Curious about what a gathering of hearses look like? Stop by the Gaylord pavilion on Friday evening between 6 and 10pm and watch as participants arrive for the cruise and show off their distinctive rides.

Saturday, the cruise will begin at the pavilion around 9 am and will make stops for approximately two hours in Mancelona, Kalkaska and come to a final rest in Traverse City. There is no cost to come by any of these locations and check out the



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hearse.

Morey observes, "It is a great time for the entire family. Each car has their own display, showing the owners distinct personality and love for their coach."

On the web, check out the Northern Michigan Hearse Cruise at [www.nmhc.squarespace.com](http://www.nmhc.squarespace.com).

## Char-Em United Way Names New Office/ Program Manager

Char-Em United Way has welcomed Racheal Barkley as the agency's new Office/Program Manager, where she will be supporting and organizing Char-Em United Way's activities. Her duties will include managing daily office operations along with Volunteer Connections and Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We will also welcome Racheal's energy and smile while we work on fundraisers in support of these programs.

"We are very excited to have Racheal join our team," said Lorraine Manary, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "She has jumped right in, helping the committee finish the planning of our Annual Toast to Literacy & Instant Wine Cellar fundraisers. Her energy and enthusiasm make her a great addition to our organization."

Barkley has spent her entire career in the Charlevoix and Emmet County business sector. She has an administrative



Char-Em United Way has welcomed Racheal Barkley as the agency's new Office/Program Manager

support background with experience in accounts receivable, reception, hospitality, office organization, and membership drives.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help make positive changes in our community through the work that Char-Em United Way does," said

Barkley. "This is an amazing organization and I am eager to be involved in it and the community."

Char-Em United Way has advancing the common good in our community for over seventy years. Our mission is to improve the lives of people in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by working together to share community resources. We work to create opportunities for a better life for all by supporting the building blocks of a good life: Education. Income. Health.

We all win:

- When a child succeeds in school;

- When families can have a stable income to meet their basic needs;

- When our community is a healthier place to live.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, visit [charemunitedway.org](http://charemunitedway.org) or call the office at 231-487-1006.

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Almost 30 acres of uninterrupted country land and great views with endless possibilities. Build your dream home, with great terrain for a large garden or a perfect escape for a hunting cabin. A sweet little sugar shack is already in place for storage. MLS 444302. \$69,900

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This home is move-in ready and quite charming! Features a new steel roof, 200 amp service, new hickory laminate floor coverings & carpet, new fixtures, new baseboard heat, tiled shower, many new windows, and so much more! MLS 442770 \$82,000

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Charming 3 bed, 2 bath home nestled just outside of town, but far enough in the country to enjoy your privacy! Newly updated kitchen including new counter tops and vinyl flooring with an open floor plan. Large attached 2 car garage. MLS 444273 \$102,900

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Perfect location to enjoy a close walk to restaurants, shopping and your new favorite icecream shop :-). Close to ball fields and tennis courts for family fun and entertainment! MLS 443616 \$274,900

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Allen Telgenhof

## Telgenhof will train prosecutors in technology use at state conference

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof will be part of the faculty for an upcoming training for prosecutors across the state entitled Visual Trial School 3.0. The training will occur June 3-5 at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

The training is designed to help prosecutors across the state use the latest technologies in the courtroom in presenting cases to juries.

"Members of our juries are using technology and we all watch television and have things presented to us in a very visual way," Telgenhof said. "We are doing juries a disservice when we don't utilize these same tools in trial."

Telgenhof previously completed Visual Trial School 1.0 and 2.0.

"I learned a lot from those presentations and I am honored to be able to help other prosecutors be more successful in the courtroom," Telgenhof said. "I'm sure that I will learn something new from the other people there as well."

Expenses for the faculty's attendance at the training are paid for by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

## MOTHER OF THE YEAR

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graduations of family members.

Perhaps her most admirable quality is her strength. Using her undying faith as her guide, she found the will to push through the dark days of family deaths and inspired her family to do the same. She taught her family that as long as they have each other, they can weather any storm.

The East Jordan Lions Club is proud to have named Betty Skrocki as the 2015 Mother of the Year.

EJLionsMotherYearPhoto; Lions Club President Bob Pursel with the EJ Mother of the Year Betty Skrocki. Courtesy photo

# Women Can/Women Do luncheon helps fund essential services

The 9th annual Women Can/Women Do-Charlevoix County fundraising luncheon will be held at Castle Farms 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Thursday, June 17. The purpose-driven luncheon is instrumental in raising essential dollars for Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) programs and services that are relied on by area women, children and families.

The fundraiser is made possible with the help of dedicated volunteer table captains who are responsible for filling seats at the event; last year more than 250 people were in attendance. The East Garden Room at Castle Farms will be transformed into a spectacular array of flowers and unique table displays through the efforts of more than 30 talented table designers. Table favors for each guest are also included in the display at each table. Lunch will be catered by Grey Gables with dessert donated by Diane McMahon.

"This fundraiser and similar luncheons in Cheboygan and Emmet counties are vitally important to help support the many specialized programs and services provided by the Women's Resource Center," said Gail Kloss, the organization's incoming executive director. "Over the past 38 years the agency has grown in response to community need, providing direct



Pictured above, left are table designers (front L to R): Susan Flanders, Christ Episcopal Church; Edith Pair, Round Lake Gallery; Chris Oosdyke, Bartlett's Home Interiors; Katie McLeod, Straddle Books; Sue Herzog, Irish Boat Shop; Patti Aikin, Charlevoix Area Garden Club; Becca Meyers, Panache Hair Studio; Jenna Koeller, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina; Jean Musilek, Charlevoix Area Community Pool; Alona Haley, Charlevoix Country Club; Sarah Hagen, Castle Farms and Toni Felter, Young Living Essential Oils. COURTESY PHOTO

services to literally thousands of women, children and families annually." Kloss pointed to support services such as a 24-hour crisis line, the Safe Home utilized by domestic abuse survivors and their children, sexual assault services, counseling, educational and employment services, childcare, preschool and playgroups.

At this time, the WRCNM is reaching out to additional volunteer table captains and designers.

"We rely on our dedicated table captains and talented table designers to undertake tasks vital to the success of Women Can/Women Do luncheons," said WRCNM fund development grant writer, Sarah Matye who works closely with event volunteers. "Their participation is essential and appreciated."

Current table designers for the Charlevoix fundraiser include: A Touch of Spring & Other Things,

Bartlett's Home Interiors, Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Beaver Island Boat Company, Belvedere Golf Club Buddies, Boyne Mountain Solace Spa, Castle Farms of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Charlevoix Country Club, Christ Episcopal Church, Cre8tive Cupcakes, Deer Creek Junk, Elements, Irish Boat Shop, Kilwin's of Charlevoix, Magnum Hospitality/Red Mesa Grill/Café Sante/Pearl's, MerryMakers, Monarch Garden & Floral Design, Panache Hair Studio, Petals Custom Floral Designs, Rabbit Hill Designs, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Round Lake Gallery, Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina, Straddle Books, The Lake House, Upsy-Daisy Floral, Van Dam Custom Boats and Young Living Essential Oils.

"Although table captains are responsible for filling the seats at the Women Can/Women Do luncheon, we often have a few seats available on a first-come/first serve basis for those interested in attending who haven't been assigned to a specific table or table captain," said Matye. Seats are a minimum donation of \$150 per person.

To reserve a seat at the event, contact the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067

## Canopy Fund keeps Charlevoix beautiful

Several streets in Charlevoix's beautiful downtown valley area have been upgraded recently with the planting of many new trees, replacing many that fell victim to the invasive emerald ash borer, and others that had outgrown their locations and were infringing on power lines and sidewalks. The new trees represent a diverse variety of species, helping to ensure that any future disease that may be introduced will not spread to affect the entire tree population.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Canopy Fund, which was established a year ago, contributed funding for 22 of the 105 trees that were planted.

The tree loss has been so great that city funds cannot meet the need to replace the trees. "We've been fortunate to maintain a portion of our tree replacement program, but it's an ongoing process requiring more resources than we have," said Pat Elliot, Public Works Superintendent. "The Canopy Fund is a huge help," Elliot said. "The ability to plant an additional 20 to 30 trees every year makes a big difference in our community," he noted.

Chip Hansen, the President of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, likes the Canopy Fund, too. "The beautiful tree-lined streets add so much to the appeal that Charlevoix has for residents and visitors alike," Hansen said. "We're hopeful that the fund will continue to grow, which will



Nate Peterson of Louis Hoffman Landscaping and Nursery fills a gator bag on a section of new trees that were planted recently on Grant Street in Charlevoix. The gator bags provide a slow release of water directly to the roots of each new tree. COURTESY PHOTO

help to ensure that Charlevoix's streets will remain as they are today - lined by beautiful, mature and healthy trees," he concluded.

To contribute to the

Charlevoix Canopy Fund, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440 or visit the Foundation's website at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org), and click on "Make a Gift."

## Boyne City Main Street offers local façade grant program

The Boyne City Main Street Program is accepting applications from property owners for its Façade Improvement Grant Program.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage private investment through the rehabilitation and improvement of facades within the Boyne City Main Street District, to encourage good design and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Boyne City", said Main Street board chair Pat O'Brien.

"We have been very fortunate for many years utilizing State of Michigan façade grants, which have had an amazing impact on our community," said Main Street program manager Lori Meeder. "We will continue to work with property owners to secure these grants but our goal through this local program is to provide assistance for many smaller, yet very important, projects that may not qualify for state incentives."

The façade improvement program provides a matching grant for façade improvements within the Main Street District. Individual grant amounts can be up to 50 percent of project cost. Recommendations for funding grant applications will be made by the Main Street Design Committee to the Main Street Board, which will make all final grant-funding decisions.

Information and applications for the Façade Improvement Grant Program are available by calling or emailing the Boyne City Main Street Office. The application deadline for this round of funding is June 30, 2015.

### GUEST COMMENTARY:

## Holding perpetrators of violence accountable – even 'heroes'

Chris Krajewski, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Program Director, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc.



Young people see sports "heroes" as role models. Yet when high-profile athletes choose inappropriate behaviors and actions – some of them criminal – are they held accountable? Are their earnings or lifestyle impacted? Are they still placed on a pedestal by adoring fans and money-making organizations for the win they can ensure by how well they can throw a football or throw a punch? If they are not held accountable, how do we all make sense of the lack of justice for the victims?

The biggest college football sex-

ual assault scandal in years involves former Florida State University quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner, Jameis Winston. In spite of the allegations and impending lawsuit for rape, assault and false imprisonment, Winston was the NFL's first round draft pick and will play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers earning \$25.3 million over four years.

Floyd "Money" Mayweather is a professional boxer and undisputed serial batterer of women. Mayweather has been arrested or cited in seven assaults on five different women. He has been convicted, pled guilty and spent time in prison. Yet, he has never expressed remorse and has never been suspended from professional boxing. His fight against Manny Pacquiao reportedly earned him \$180 million. Millions of people paid \$99 each to see the

"fight of the century" while only 60 people protested outside the boxing venue to bring attention to Mayweather's history of violence toward women.

What does this tell young people about how they should live their lives? We wonder why area high school students would arrange and film hallway fights to post to a Facebook page – perhaps they strive to be like "Money". We were shocked when we read that high school athletes had gang raped an unconscious girl and their coaches tried to protect the players instead of the victim.

Dr. Claire Walsh, former director of the sexual assault recovery program at the University of Florida has found in her work-based research that a crime is often not even perceived by society as having occurred when an athlete or group of athletes is in-

involved. She also says athletes perpetrating crimes are supported by other players and personnel, "The entire group will fall behind the accused and deny an offense has been committed. The entire community associated with this group will come to its defense. In every single case they will deny there was gang rape, but that there was group sex."

How do we instill in young people the core characteristics of respect, honor and empathy when they see sports "heroes" exempt from punishment while still earning enormous salaries. Some high school sports programs are confronting this issue and working with players to help them understand and prevent dating violence and sexual assault.

Mike Rowe, the football coach at Rocori High School in Cold Spring Minnesota, talks with

players about these issues. He stresses honor, virtue and dignity over athletic ability. Rowe has players write a letter to their future loved ones – their mother, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, girlfriends, partners and even daughters. Players describe in the letter how they intend to show integrity, respect and patience to the important women and girls in their life. Players also read aloud, in front of teammates and law enforcement officers, real accounts of domestic violence and then pledge, "This will not be me."

As social activist Gloria Steinem writes in one of her essays, "What would happen if even one generation were raised with respect and without violence? What if?"

# Obituaries

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## Alina M. Craig, 76

(APRIL 4, 1939 - APRIL 5, 2015)

Alina Marie Craig of East Jordan went to join our heavenly father on Sunday, April 5, 2015.

Born in Johnstown, PA on April 4, 1939, graduated high school in 1957, and moved to Michigan soon after.

Alina was a beloved member of the community. She worked for 20 plus years at Glen's Market, supported the East Jordan Sports Boosters, loved to watch and cheer on the kids playing. She worked on the Library Board for a year, was active in the Catholic church and choir. She enjoyed reading, camping, and country line dancing. She loved her family and friends.

Alina was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Joseph Stetz, her husband, Jack Craig, and her daughter, Melinda Meade, and stepson in law, Terry Lord.

She is survived by her children, Patricia (Brad) Bloomquist, Scott (Cindy) Meade; stepchildren, Gary "Butch" (Carol) Craig, Pat Lord; grandchildren, Cassie Klemmer, Cera Bloomquist, Travis Nachazel, Trevor Meade, Jim (Beth) Lord and Jeremy Lord. Also surviving is her brother, Joe (Sandy) Stetz; niece, Theresa Valitutto; nephew, Joe Stetz; and cousins in Illinois, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

A Memorial Service will be held at St Joseph Catholic Church at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 16, 2015, to celebrate the life of Alina. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Alina's name to the East Jordan Sports Boosters, PO Box 399, 304 Fourth Street, East Jordan, MI 49727.

## Jerry R. VanTreese, 67

(MAY 26, 1947 - MAY 6, 2015)

Jerry VanTreese of Petoskey died May 6, 2015 at home, surrounded by family. He was born May 26, 1947 in Chicago, IL, the son of Jack and Beata VanTreese. He grew up in Boyne Falls on the family farm and attended school in Boyne Falls, where he served as his class president. He went on to college at Western Michigan University, graduating with a BA in Business. On June 17, 1972, he married the love of his life, Linda (Ten Have) VanTreese in Hudsonville, MI. They settled in Walloon Lake and raised two children. Jerry was a long time local business owner, maintaining Professional Tax Service, an insurance agency, a securities investment firm and Two Knives Trading Company, a muzzle loading and modern firearms store. Jerry was involved in his community as a former president of the Boyne City Rotary Club as well as a former chairman of the Boyne Area United Way. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved spending time at "deer camp."

Jerry is survived by his loving wife Linda, son Rob and his fiancé Sarah Golden, daughter Kate and her wife Jen, and his devoted Labradoodle, Casey. He has a large, tight-knit extended family, including surviving siblings Keith Carson of Boyne Falls, Jack and Kathy VanTreese of Petoskey, Judy White of Bellaire, Jim and Cathy VanTreese of Holton, Jeff and Debbie VanTreese of Holland, and Janice Justis of Petoskey. He is also survived by his business associate of twenty three years and dear friend, Dennis Clark.

Visitation will be at Stone Funeral Home on Friday, May 15th, from 6-8 pm. The Rev. David Behling will officiate a memorial service on Saturday, May 16th at 11:30 at the Petoskey United Methodist Church. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society or Char-Em United Way.

## Marjory "Gertrude" Fairbairn, 85

(APRIL 23, 1930 - MAY 6, 2015)

Marjory Gertrude Fairbairn passed away surrounded by her family on May 6, 2015, at her lifelong home in Alanson.

Born in Boyne City on April 23, 1930 to Reuben and Goldie (DeLaney) Peterson, she moved to Petoskey at a young age with her family. She graduated 1947 from Petoskey High School and attended University of Michigan. Gertrude met the love of her life, Walter J. Fairbairn, at a school band festival and they were married in 1950. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Gertrude's life was a beautiful song. As a young woman she taught piano lessons. For 40 years Gertrude shared music at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey. There she played the organ, hand bells and piano and her music filled countless wedding and funerals. Retirement did not suit her, so she spent 6 years at the First Methodist Church in Petoskey, then enjoyed being a substitute organist for area churches. In addition Gertrude was

the accompanist for Petoskey Madrigals, individual instrumental students and soloists at high school competitions and often played for area graduation ceremonies. For many years she accompanied and sang in the Little Traverse Choral Society. She also sang in the Bay View Choir. Her musical career spanned 65 years.

She was passionate about her creative hobbies. This seamstress created many costumes, wedding and prom dresses. She loved to assist with the designs and construction of parade floats. She was a Master Gardener who nurtured beautiful flowers at the Alanson Hillside Garden and her own yard. A hands-on approach to home improvement was a place for her unique creativity. Gertrude's lemon meringue pie was a work of art. She loved her dogs and rescued several over the years. Spending time with her many lady friends many adventures.

We are so very grateful for her love of family. "Mom", "Grandma" and "GG" was forever thinking of free, simple and memorable ways to entertain her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We all cherish the many ways she shared her gifts with us.

She is survived by her five children: Suzanne Fairbairn of Belmont, NC, Julie (Ken) Biddick, Charlevoix; Loralee Shorter, Petoskey; James (Dawn) Fairbairn, Orlando, FL and Michelle (Steve) Bowen, Charlevoix. She loved her 10 grandchildren: Brandon, Megan, Kellon, Ben, Javen, Devin, Mason, Paige and Marlo. There are five great grandchildren: Logan, Kairi, Alayna, Hunter and Brielle. Her best friend/sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Lyle McNamara as well as many nieces and nephews also survive her. Her sister Beverly Luebert and brother Dale Peterson preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held on May 14th at 11:00am at the Stone Funeral Home. Pastor Glen McIntyre of the Burt Lake Christian Church will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on May 14th from 10:00am until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society, the Hillside Gardens, or just plant a tree somewhere special.

## Robert P Womack, 74

(JULY 5, 1940 - MAY 4, 2015)

Robert Phillip Womack was born on July 5, 1940. He went to be with our Lord early Monday morning May 4, 2015 at Boulder Park Terrace

Robert was born at home on Jr. Furnace Road in Franklin Township outside of Ironton, OH. He was a night supervisor at Honeywell of Boyne City for eighteen years. Prior to that Bob worked in the oil fiends, and hung drywall as a carpenter.

Robert was a caring husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife Diane Mary (Fox) Womack; daughter Angela Christine (Wayne) Willson, son Robert Phillip Womack II; grandchildren Austin Phillip Womack, Caitlin Kearns, Ryan Detemore and Robert Phillip Womack III; great grandchildren Isiah McNeely-Detemore, Isabella Detemore, Claryana Grace Womack; sister-in-laws Peggy and Betty; brother-in-law Larry; and many nieces, nephews and family whom he loved.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Paul Lester Womack and Lona Bell (Osborne) Womack; brothers Pete, Edward and John Womack; sister Francis Gavin, Ruth Wynsma and Margaret Gossett.

A funeral service will be held 1:00 pm Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Walloon Lake Community Church with a visitation being held at the church from 11:00 am until the time of service. Pastor Jeff Ellis will be officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

The family request memorial donations to be directed to the family C/O Diane Womack.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

## Elaine Joy Ableson (Werda), 89

(FEB. 6, 1926 - APRIL 30, 2015)

Elaine Joy Ableson died on April 30, 2015 at the age of 89. Her love, warmth, and compassion for others was reflected back to her by family and care-givers at the end. Her last years were spent at Grandvue receiving the best possible care as Alzheimers took its toll.

Elaine was born on February 6, 1926 in Alpena, Michigan to Frank and Freda (nee Gindt) Werda. She graduated from Alpena High School then attended Michigan Normal where she earned her teaching certificate. She taught in one room schoolhouses near

Alpena and Dexter then continued teaching grade school in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Elaine met her husband of more than 60 years, Hugh Ableson, while attending Eastern Michigan University. She and Hugh started a family and made a home together, raising three children in Plymouth, Michigan.

Elaine's curiosity and independence took her far from her hometown of Alpena, but she never lost connection with her roots. After her father died, her mother, Freda, came on every family vacation. Holidays were spent in Alpena with Grandma and a very extended family.

After the nest emptied, Elaine and Hugh moved to Mexico City for 5 years where Hugh was deployed by Ford Motor Company. Retirement brought the couple back to the north that they loved, to Boyne City. Elaine enjoyed an active life. She was an avid golfer, a long-time member and officer of the women's league at Ye Olde Nyne Holles. The couple were snowbirds for many years, wintering in Lady Lake, Florida. In recent years they remained year-round in Boyne City.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Hugh; children Hugh, Joy, and Sharon; grandchildren Orpheo, Bea, Ian, Zora, Meggen, Jazcinda, and Toshi; great-grandchildren Kylee Joy, Zivah Sophia, Dresden, Hugh Patrick, and Natalia Joy. Elaine is predeceased by her brother, Ron Werda, and parents Freda and Frank Werda. Her descendants are all gifted by her legacy: love and focus on family, raising kids to be independent and strong, a clear sense of right and wrong, and acceptance of others as they are.

A memorial service was held on May 13th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City.

The family respectfully suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to: Grandview Medical Care Facility 1768 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 with a note "in memory of Elaine Ableson" included.

Grandvue's care of Elaine is so appreciated by her family. It is a facility that is setting the bar for elderly/skilled nursing care, especially for dementia patients. If you have questions, please call Steve Hoffman at 231-536-2286.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

## Harold Johncheck, 80

(JULY 30, 1934 - MAY 7, 2015)

Harold Roy Johncheck, 80 of Boyne City passed away May 7, 2015 at Highland Cottage surrounded by his family.

Harold was born July 30th 1934 to August and Margaret (Irene) Johncheck of Boyne City. Harold married Sandra Garver on April 18 1962 in Charlevoix. Harold lived his entire life on the family farm. Harold graduated in 1953 from Boyne City High School. Harold served 2 years in the Army. He was a local contractor. His life passions were his family and farming. He held several different position at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Harold is survived by his wife (Sandy) of 53 years, five children Debbie (Dean) Cosens, Rick (Nancy) Johncheck, Brent (Deanne) Johncheck, Peggy (Kevin) Snyder and Jodi Johncheck (Lou Drapeau); and eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren; and three sisters.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church followed by burial at North Bay Cemetery.

The family request memorial donations to be directed to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church or Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

## Beverly Ann Holden, 86

(APRIL 17, 1929 - MAY 10, 2015)

Beverly Ann Holden of Walloon Lake died May 10, 2015 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Beverly was born April 17, 1929 on the southeast side of Chicago, the daughter of Jack and Mirian (Balchowski) Holden.

Bev's love of musical theater started at a young age. She enjoyed acting out roles from her favorite movies; she took tap, acrobatic and singing lessons, as well as acting lessons at the Goodman theater.

Bev was the first woman in her family to receive a college degree. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1951. She majored in Speech Therapy and minored in English Literature and Social Studies. Beverly also earned a teaching degree but vowed never to use it. The year she graduated, she moved

to New York City to become a Broadway star. She held a variety of jobs while living in New York, one of which led her to Detroit.

While working for WJBK, in Detroit, Bev met Melvin Holden. On December 5, 1953, she married Melvin in Chicago, IL. The newlywed couple lived in Chicago and in 1959 they had their daughter, Stacey. Several years later, they adopted a daughter, Susan.

In 1967, the Holden family moved up north to Walloon Lake. Beverly started teaching 2nd/3rd grade at Melrose School district and even went back to school at North Central Michigan College to renew her lapsed teaching certificate, that she swore she would never use. Soon Bev began directing plays with the children. Beverly and Carol Deschermeier founded the Enrichment Program, which puts on wonderful performances to this day. Both Bev and Mel became involved in the Little Traverse Civic Theater in the late sixties, they were a part of the Brighton Beach Memoirs, The Best Man, The Sunshine Boys, Fiddler on the Roof, Summer with Hemmingway's Twin, Annie Get Your Gun, A Street Car Named Desire and numerous other productions.

In Petoskey, Mel and Bev became active in the Temple. Mel taught Hebrew and Bev hosted the Sunday School in their home for many years. Mel served as President, and Bev served as a member of the Temple B'nai Israel Board for over 35 years.

Beverly, and her dog, Rudy, were regular volunteers at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Bev noted herself as being "a receiver of love". The love she felt everyday was from her survivors, her daughter, Susan (Gerald) Sydow of Alanson; her step son, Timothy (Georgia) McCracken of Walloon Lake; her granddaughters, Jamie (Matthew Malkowski) Schwartzfisher, Erika (Tom Gazarato) Schwartzfisher, Jessica Berg, Josh Foster and Rachel Foster; great grandchildren, Milo Holden, Mya and Maksym; nieces, Barbara (Sam) Reider and Deborah (Mort) Friedman, both of West Bloomfield; grand nieces and nephews, Eve, Michael, Matthew, Kelly, Zachary, Ethan and Ariel.

Beverly is preceded in death by the love of her life, Melvin Holden and their daughter, Stacey McCracken.

There will be a memorial service Thursday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, MI. There will be an hour gathering time before the service. Dean Tahtinen will officiate the service.

Beverly will be buried alongside her husband, Friday, 10:00 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, MI. Dr. Hal Willens will conduct the burial rites.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Temple B'Nai Israel.

## Daryl Lee Owen, 45

(MAY 28, 1969 - MAY 4, 2015)

Daryl Lee Owen also known to his friends as Hippie passed away peacefully, Monday May 4, 2015 after an illness that he fought with courage and grace.

Daryl was born May 28th 1969, in Petoskey to Donald and Katherine Owen. Daryl attended Boyne City High School and graduated with the class of 1987.

He was a free spirit. He loved playing his guitar, and listening to his music. He enjoyed metal detecting and collecting old bottles. He spent hours on the Internet looking for everything he could find about the Vietnam War.

Daryl was born into a big loving family. He was the first Grandchild born into the Johnson family. He loved the outings with Grandpa Johnson, his Uncle Tom, Larry, Jim, and Dan and was spoiled by his aunts, Meg, Theresa, Christine and Laura. Daryl loved his family and friends. He gave to his friends in need. Not that he had so much to give, but he knew what it was like to have nothing.

Daryl is survived by his parents, his sister Cristy Churchill, his grandmother, (Wanda Johnson), many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his companion until the end, his kitty Zak. He was preceded in death by his Grand Parents, Tom Johnson and Donald and Margaret Owen.

A private family service will take place at later date as will memorial gathering for family and friends.

The family wishes that memorial contributions be made in Daryl's name to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Daryl are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

## Marguerite Ulrich, 95

Marguerite Ulrich of Charlevoix died Monday, May 11, 2015, at her home.

A complete obituary will follow.

## Sylvia Krchak, 87

Sylvia Krchak of Charlevoix passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at her home. Arrangements are pending.

## Jean B. (Bugai) Muha, 93

(JAN. 5, 1922 - JAN. 9, 2015)

Jean B. (Bugai) Muha of Ellsworth passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, Mich.

Born Jan. 5, 1922, in Big Rapids, Mich., to Joseph Bugai and Louise Larsen, Jean grew up in East Jordan. She graduated from Michigan State University with a major in journalism and was the associate editor of the school newspaper. Jean proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II, achieving the rank of ensign. She was stationed in New York City and Chicago.

On May 5, 1956, Jean married Arnold H. "Bill" Muha at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The couple had four children, Michael Joseph (Jill), Wixom, Mich., Jeffrey William, Dallas, Texas, David James (Kathy), Centerville, Ohio, and Mary Jessica (Steve), Irvington, N.Y.

The family lived in Ellsworth where Jean and Bill owned Ellsworth Lumber Company, inherited from Jean's father.

Jean was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey; her husband, Bill; her parents; her sister, Irene Protzel; and her brother, James (Buddy) Bugai.

Jean led a life devoted to her family, her faith, education and charity. She was a Boy Scout den mother, president of the Ellsworth School Board, active throughout the years at both the Charlevoix and East Jordan Catholic parishes, and advocated strongly for education and the environment. Jean never missed attending a sporting, music or theatrical event in which one of her children participated. Additionally, she contributed any resource available to her to support others in need.

Jean enjoyed reading, bird watching, gardening, cooking and playing bridge. She was a long-term member of the East Jordan Garden Club and a member of social bridge clubs throughout the years.

When Jean first became a grandmother in 1999 and then again in 2008, she found a new focus for her energies and unconditional love. Her granddaughters, Maxine Rose and Emma Davi, were fortunate to spend many years with their grandmother during holidays, vacations and other memorable times. Their grandmother's impact on their lives was significant and influential. She is also survived by other devoted family members, step-grandchildren; stepsons; nephews and nieces, Justin, Emily, Will and Faith.

Jean will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was central to our lives and the memories and connections we hold most dearly today.

Cremation has taken place. The funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, with burial to follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in East Jordan. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at St. Mary's.

Friends are invited to join family at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Front Porch Restaurant, 9236 Main St., Ellsworth, for pie, hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth is assisting the Muha family.

## Donna Sue Rock, 72

(JUNE 17, 1942 - MAY 2, 2015)

Donna Sue Rock of Boyne City, former longtime resident of Auburn Hills, died Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Donna was born on June 17, 1942 in Detroit, daughter of Riley and the late Virginia Holman. She married David Larry Rock on October 1, 1960. David preceded her in death in 2011.

Donna is survived by her, children Jeffrey (Glenda) Rock and Joy (Doug) Campbell, grandchildren Bradley Rock, Sarah Libby, Benjamin Libby and Lindsey Rock. Also survived by her father Riley, brothers Douglas, David, Lawrence and Glenn Holman and a sister, Linda McRae-Holman.

Donna was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hazel Park. She loved home decorating and was an Antique Collector and dealer. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral Service was held Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at the Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive, Rochester. Interment at Christian Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.pixleyfuneral.com](http://www.pixleyfuneral.com).



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## Free Saturday Wildflower Walks at Bay View Woods

The Bay View Association's Woods Advisory Committee is holding a series of spring wild flower walks every Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in May. The two-hour walks will follow the woodland trails and boardwalks of the lower Bay View Woods. The weather-permitting events are free, open to the public and family-friendly.

The trails are uneven and may be wet. Sturdy shoes or boots are a must and bug spray is recommended. Cameras are welcome. No pets allowed on the wildflower walk. Walks will be held on a weather-permitting basis and led by Tracy Datlen of the Woods Advisory Committee. If you have questions about the wild flower walks, please email Tracy at [tadat@live.com](mailto:tadat@live.com).

Every week should offer a different selection of wildflowers. Dutchman's Breeches, Trilliums, Trout Lilies, and Spring Beauties are just some of the wildflowers that bloom in the Bay View Woods.

For maps and more information about Bay View please visit <http://www.bayviewassociation.org/location-and-maps-53/>

## Local organization presents check to Nehemiah Project



Pictured are (front) Stephanie Baldwin, Cindy Pasant, Mike Walker, Gail Walker, (back) Nona Szczepanski, Geri Nelson, Arlene McKinney, Jeff Grantham and Christine Cole.

Petoskey, Michigan - At their regular monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, the Petoskey area Professional Women in Building (PWB) organization presented a check in the amount of \$3,286.00 to the Nehemiah Project, a local non-profit organization serving the homeless in northern Michigan. Proceeds were raised at the recent PWB Lucky 7 Builder Run Raffle held on April 18. Local Home Builders Association members and other community guests were on hand for the presentation to Mike and Gail Walker of the Nehemiah Project.

The Professional Women in Building Council of the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan represents members working in all facets of the industry from builders, developers, remodelers, trade contractors and architects to marketers, designers and mortgage brokers. They support the professional development of women of the home building industry through education, training and leadership skills and assist in accomplishments for the NAHB, NAHB-PWB and our local HBA of Northern Michigan.

## A blend of old, new and homemade too at Gaylord's Homespun Antiques & Crafts



Established by Sue Nowak in May of 2010, downtown Gaylord's Homespun Antiques & Crafts is a must see destination for shoppers seeking antique, vintage, new as well as homemade craft items. Homespun Antiques & Crafts is located right next to the historic Sugar Bowl Restaurant in downtown Gaylord. PHOTOX BY JIM AKANS

**By Jim Akans**

For shoppers seeking a spot to find antique, vintage, new as well as homemade craft items, look no further than the wide array of fascinating goods offered at downtown Gaylord's Homespun Antiques & Crafts, located right next to the historic Sugar Bowl Restaurant. Established by Sue Nowak in May of 2010, the shop has a wide array of items conveniently organized by product type.

"Customer's regularly comment how nicely organized the store is," affirms Sue Nowak. "Many people also tell us that we have a lot of inventory so I keep wondering if I should change our name to the 'lots of stuff' store!"

Nowak originally started renting booth space at

downtown craft shows. She opened a store location on South Otsego Avenue in Gaylord and relocated to Elmira in 2009. Pursuing an interest to have a store in downtown Gaylord she surveyed the space connected to the Sugar Bowl and was motivated by the idea people might browse her store while waiting to enjoy a meal at the restaurant. She decided to make the move in 2010.

She recalls, "On opening day we did more business than we did in several months combined at the Elmira location. This is a great spot."

Items on display at Homespun Antiques & Crafts represent several vendors, many of which are local, who rent space in the store as well as items Nowak and her husband Larry find at auctions and estate sales. Among the items

customers can find are dishware, glassware, tons of books, CD's, DVD's, vinyl records and home décor products and accessories. They have American Doll clothing, handmade knit sweaters, socks and mittens, hand woven rugs, crochet top dish towels have recently added brand new and collectable Christmas decorations.

"We will also be introducing craft supplies in the near future," notes Nowak. "We truly do offer a blend of the old, the new and the handmade too at Homespun Antiques & Crafts."

Homespun Antiques & Crafts is located at 230 West Main Street in downtown Gaylord. Summer hours are 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and 12 pm to 4 pm on Sunday. They can be reached by calling (989) 731-4305.

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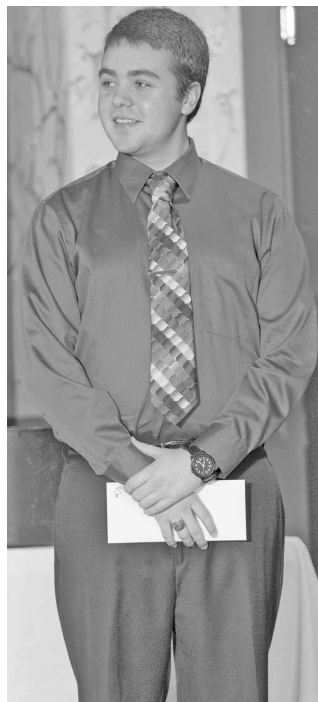
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## Crooked Tree Arts Center's Youth Arts Scholarship Recipients

Throughout the Annual Youth Arts Festival, Crooked Tree Arts Center has been celebrating and showcasing the talents of Emmet and Charlevoix communities' youth. During April and May, the Arts Center hosts the Youth Art Show, the Culinary Arts Showcase, the Young Writers Juried Exposition, the Spring Strings Concert, and the Youth Arts Awards Night.

On Wednesday, April 29, the Arts Center recognized the area youth's accomplishments in the arts. During the event, students of the Dorothy Gerber Music Education Program, Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and Jazz Band, School of Ballet, and graduating students who intend to further pursue the arts in their secondary education were honored. CTAC School of Ballet Artistic Director, Heather Raue, and dance instructor, Karrie Benedict acknowledged their dancers, while Robert Dudd and Kevin Richardson, Music Education Director and Music Education Assistant Director, respectively, granted their students the recognition they have earned over the past year.

Along with CTAC's dancers and musicians, two graduating seniors, one from Emmet County and one from Charlevoix County, are each awarded a \$500 scholarship to put toward their education. This year's group of applicants will be moving on from their high school classes to



Sam Luebke of Harbor Springs stands at attention on stage at the Awards Night on April 29. COURTESY PHOTO

study a variety of art-based fields including Music Education, Arts Management, Film, Visual Arts, Interior Design, and Illustration at their selected schools.

"The Crooked Tree Arts Center Scholarship Committee thoroughly enjoys awarding scholarships to two talented and highly recognized high school seniors for their passion in the arts. This is the third year the Arts Scholarships have been given, and we look forward to many years of honoring the hardworking, up and coming generations," says Dr. Deanna Klosinski of Petoskey, and member of the CTAC Scholarship Committee.

The Emmet County scholarship recipient, Sam

Luebke of Harbor Springs, plans to attend Michigan State University to study Music Education. And the Charlevoix County recipient, Grace Whitley of Charlevoix, intends to study either Interior Design or Illustration at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Both graduating seniors have shown through their academic, extracurricular, and community based achievements their hard work and dedication to their future goals. Luebke and Whitley submitted exemplary applications, personal statements, and letters of recommendation which stood out to the Scholarship Committee, a group of Emmet and Charlevoix community members who review all applications.

"Since the inception of

the Youth Arts Scholarship, the Selection Committee has had a very challenging job of determining the recipients from a pool of well-deserving applicants," says Cindy McSurely, Development Director. "We're pleased to offer these scholarships and help a few on their journey for their next level of arts education."

For more information about the Awards Night, Youth Arts Festival, or other Arts Center programs, visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or call (231) 347-4337. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, and at 322 6th Street, Traverse City.

Grace Whitley of Charlevoix accepts her Crooked Tree Arts Center Youth Scholarship from Chairman, Tony Ryner. COURTESY PHOTO



## Ellsworth Community School Summer Reading Program

For the second consecutive year, Ellsworth Community School will be running their summer reading program, Borrowed Books & Brownies. The program aimed at reducing summer reading loss gives all students in grades K-5 two new high interest books of their choice the last week of school. Students are then invited back to two summer reading nights where teachers are available for book discussions and to exchange their books for two new titles.

"Last year was the first year we ran the program," said Ellsworth Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney. "We had incredible participation, with over 60% of our elementary students returning on at least one literacy night to exchange their books."

The main objective of the Ellsworth program is to reduce the rate of summer reading loss experienced by students over the extended vacation. "Many children lose ground over the summer if they're not engaged in academic activities. Summer reading is cumulative, so each summer children suffer these learning losses, the further and further behind they fall," said Pam Ciganick, Char-Em ISD Literacy Consultant. "The goals of the program in Ellsworth are to provide access to interesting books and allow for student choice. Studies show that students are more apt to pick up books over the summer if they're books that are of high interest and that they've chosen."

"We assessed all of our elementary students prior to summer vacation and again upon returning to school in the fall," said Gaffney. "Our results showed that students who participated in our summer reading program experienced significantly less reading loss than students who did not."

The funds for the summer reading program in Ellsworth were provided by the Ethel Coeling Fund. "This program would be difficult for us to fund without generous gifts from the Ethel Coeling Fund," said Gaffney. "Even more though, the program would not have been possible without the wonderful elementary teachers we have in Ellsworth."

"The summer reading program had students excited about reading during the summer," said fifth grade teacher Jessica Vallance. "The students were eager to talk about the books they had read, and exchange them for new ones".

The program was so successful that Ellsworth Elementary will be extending the idea to math for the summer of 2015. "Our goal is to host several math activity nights throughout the summer where teachers will have mini activities and lessons in math to keep kids engaged."

For more information on the summer reading program in Ellsworth please contact Superintendent Aaron Gaffney at (231) 588-2544 or [agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us](mailto:agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us).

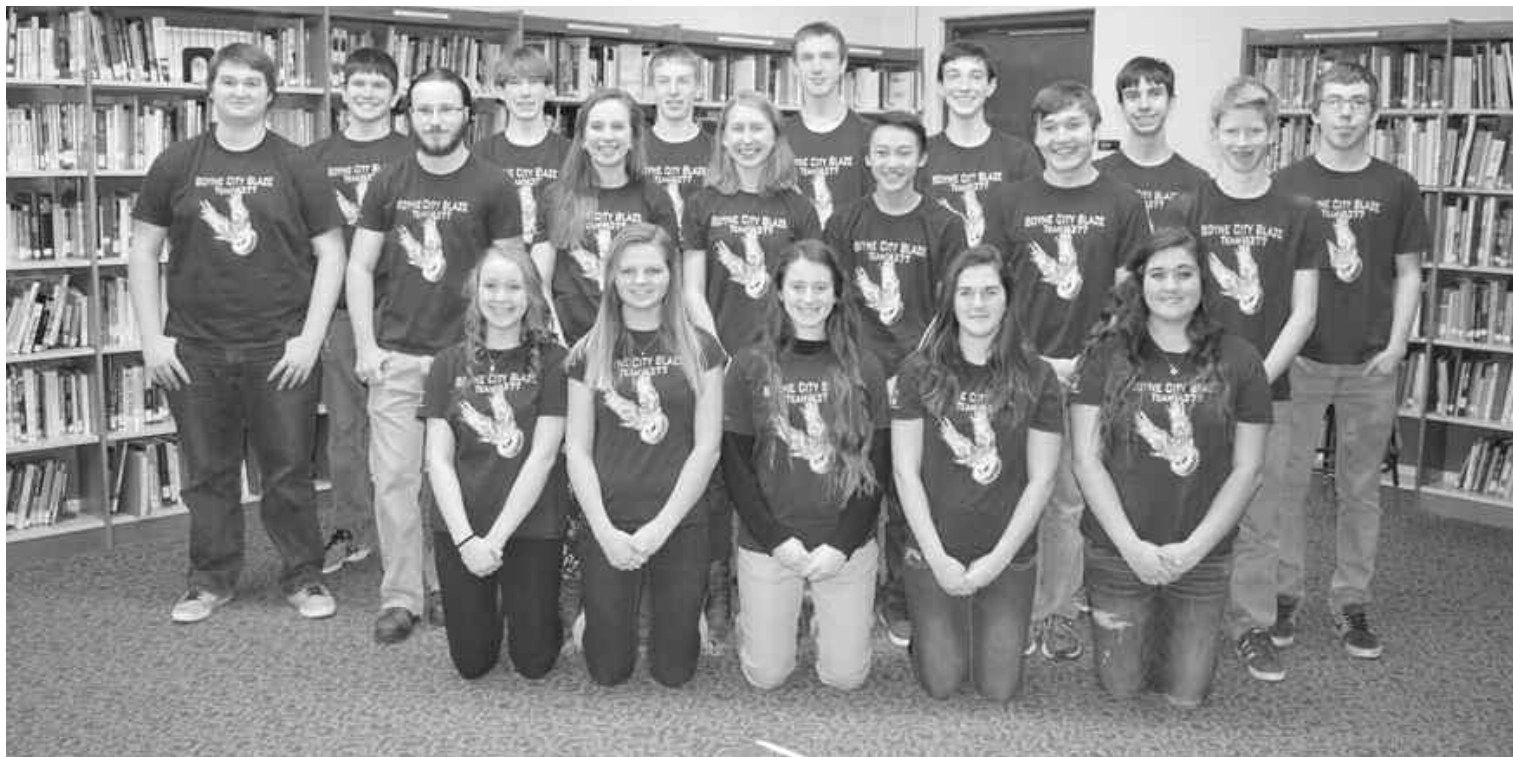
## Boyer City High School Robotics Team to hold fundraiser

Following another season of hard work and accomplishments, the Boyne City High School Blaze Robotics team is launching its efforts toward funding the next year of competition with a fundraiser that will be held on Tuesday, May 19, from 4 to 7:30pm at Parkside Grill and Treats. Parkside will be generously donating a portion of the proceeds from the evening's sales of food and desserts to the team.

"We have never done this type of fundraiser before but the team approached us and we thought it would be a great way to support a Boyne City educational program," said Parkside Manager, Samantha Persons. "The team is getting the word out to the community about the event and we are looking forward to partnering with them to make it a success."

Boyer City Blaze has just finished participating in their fourth season of competitions in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) international robotics program. Each year of competition costs at least \$15-20,000 to pay for building a robot, tools and supplies, registration costs for competitions, and travel, lodging and food expenses for team members and mentors. To raise these funds, the team does several fundraisers, seeks sponsorships from local businesses and individuals, volunteers their time in exchange for donations, and asks for donations when participating in community events.

Boyer City Blaze Robotics team is a great place for students to learn about science, technology, engineering, construction, business, marketing, and teamwork. The FIRST Robotics program is designed



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to provide students with opportunities to learn from the business and technical knowledge of mentors from the community.

Team President Kelly Bellant has been on the team for all four years and has had valuable experiences learning a variety of skills. "I have done so many things like working on building the robots, marketing and fundraising, presentations to sponsors, running the safety program, and

game strategy. Being a part of BC Blaze has been a big part of my high school years and education."

During the 2015 competition season, the team traveled to Waterford and St. Joseph to compete. At each event the team did well enough to play in the quarter-finals and was the alliance captain at St. Joseph. The team won the Entrepreneurship Award at the St. Joseph competition and was the runner-up for the Safety Award at both of

the competitions. Boyne City Blaze was one of 347 teams competing in Michigan this year and one of nearly 6,000 FIRST teams worldwide.

For more information about the program, the team, or the fundraiser, inquiries can be directed to mentors Karen Jarema at 439-8100 or Patricia Brewer at 582-5465. The history of the team, pictures, and mission can be seen on the team's website at [www.boyne.k12.mi.us/robotics](http://www.boyne.k12.mi.us/robotics).

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2015

East Jordan High School is proud to introduce the Class of 2015. The class Valedictorian is Kayla Keane, the Salutatorians are Bronte Munson and Nicole Weston.

The Medal of Academic Excellence recipients are: Ashlee Mumich, Andrew Drenth, Bailey Sweeney, Stephanie Buckholz, Kirsten Malpass, Katherine Spence, Tiffany Sweet, Nash Johnston and Taylor Hawley.

We are proud to feature each graduate in our newsletter. Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2015 will be held at Boswell Stadium on Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m.



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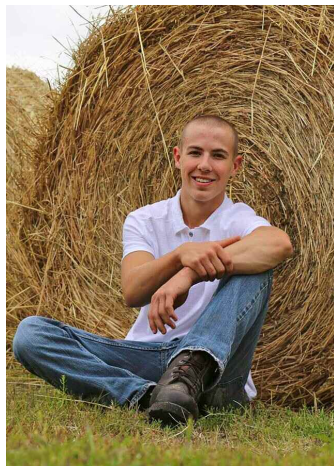
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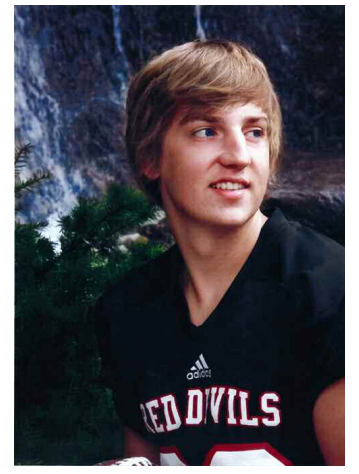
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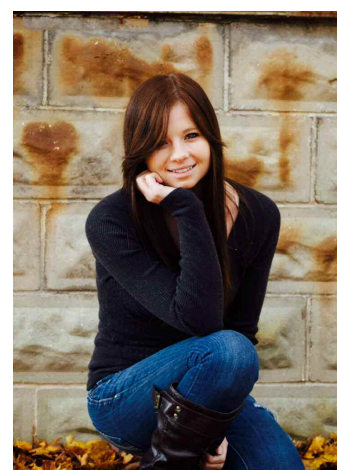
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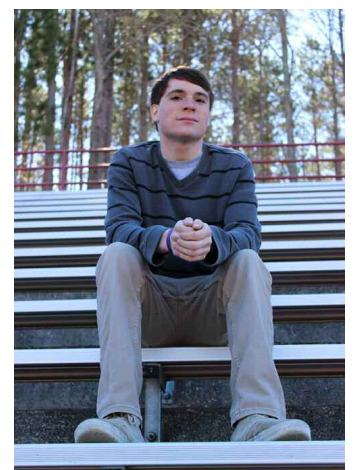
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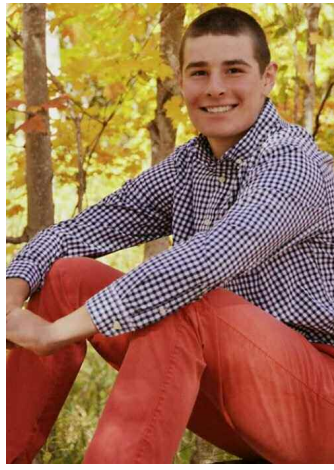
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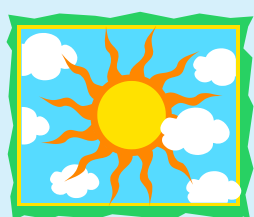


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# At EJPS, we are proud of our students . . .

Every student at EJPS has an iPad!

We strive to offer many co-curricular programs such as; Quiz Bowl, Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind & ROV (Remote Operated Vehicles).

We supplement the standard athletic offerings with Girls Tennis, Golf and Powerlifting.

Our Community Pool offers swimming lessons and the "Devil Ray" Swim Team.



Rodrigo Faria



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Taylor Hawley  
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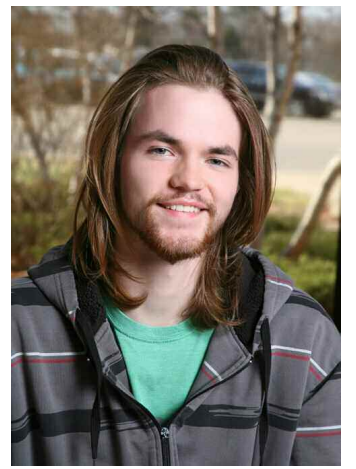
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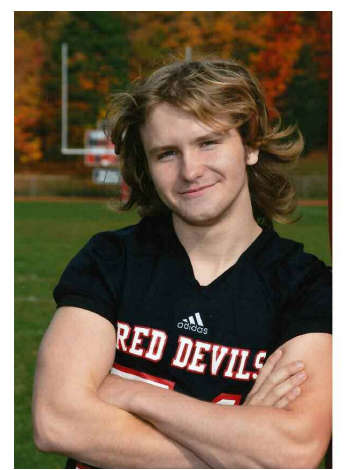
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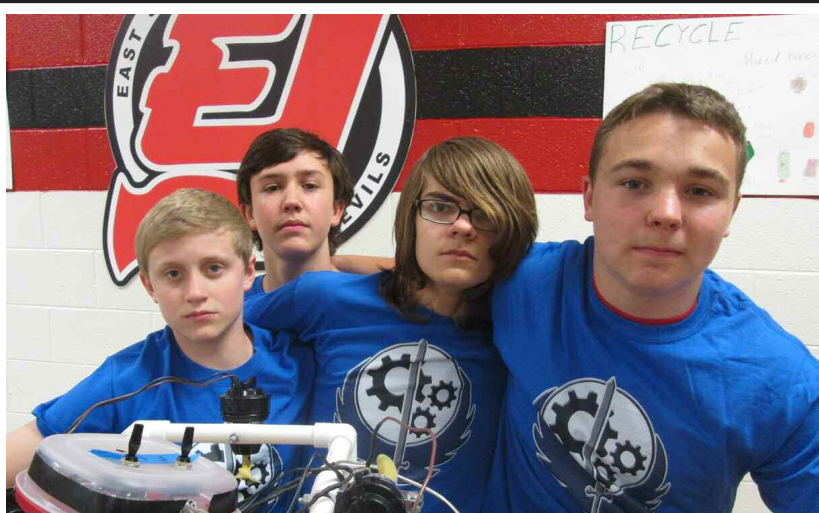


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We are Proud of our Graduates!



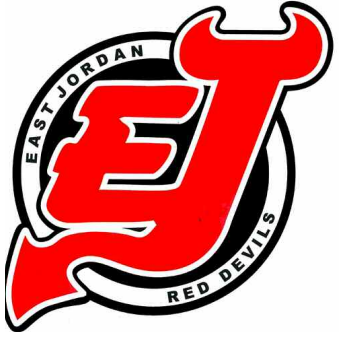
## ROV Team

East Jordan Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Team consisting of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Gus Scheier, Ethan Zeeryp, Andrew Feury, and Austin Ford.



The Devil Rays Swim Team competes at the East Jordan Community Pool.





# EJPS Elementary School Highlights . . .

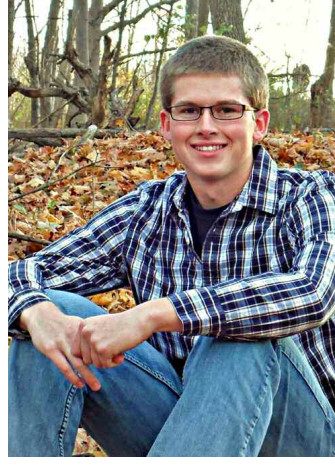
East Jordan Elementary School offers **Gifted & Talented Enrichment** Programming. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> students learn in a “**subject specific**” academy and **leadership** classes everyday. The Elementary School offers **preschool** options and Kids’ Club daycare for families.



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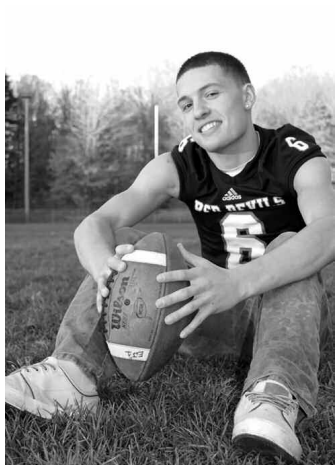
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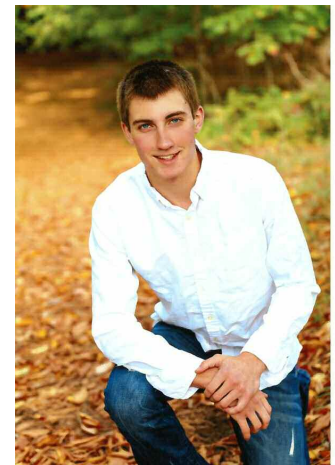
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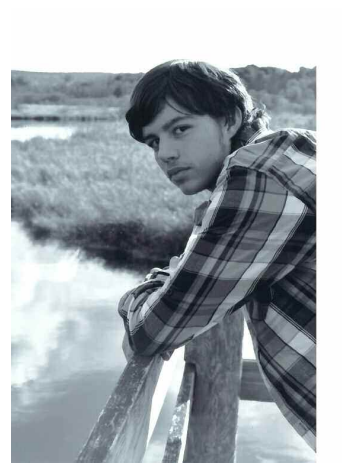
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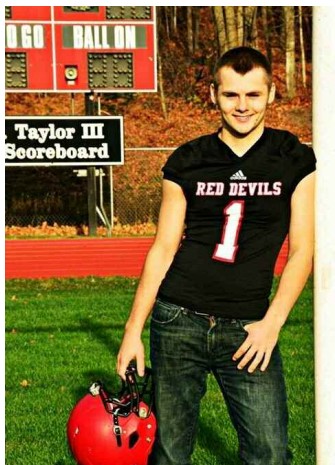
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- East Jordan Elementary School 536-7564



## EJPS . . . “A Great Place to Learn!”

At East Jordan High School, students may select from many different courses to earn College Credit. Middle School electives include; Art, Band, P.E., Video Production, Spanish, Yearbook/Newspaper and Young Engineers. Every student in the Elementary School receives Spanish instruction along with Music, Art & P.E. High School students can enroll in the Advanced Placement Academy where they can earn performance-based scholarships between \$500 and \$1,000.

### 2015 Spring Athletic Teams



**The Varsity Softball Team**

Back Row: (Left to Right) Coach Meg Kitson, Haley Goodrich, Caitlyn Baugh, Stephanie Buckholz, Savannah Walker, Jill Atwood, Lindsay Schroeder, Coach Rachael Tison Front Row: Karah Dunson, Abby Peterson, Sydney Drew, Marissa Kolp, Karlee Dunson, Chelsea Gibson



**The Junior Varsity Softball Team**

Back Row: Assistant Coach Rachel Boss, Kaylee Legato, Julia Sherman, Rebecca Drenth, Layken Alward, Kendall McNitt, Kassey Wojan, Kristin White, Head Coach Nikki Skrocki Front Row: Breeanna Ross, Jasmine Baugh, Blaiyzz Sedelmaier, Melanie Balch, Madilynn Steltzner, Gabriella Cutler



**The Varsity Golf Team**

Back Row: (L-R) Coach Darrin Podskalny, Dan Nise, Britten Lewis, Andrew Drenth, Logan Smith, Jackson Robbins, Trent Raymond Front Row: Chris Reid, Nick Norton, Jacob Nachazel, Steven Spence, Logan Russell



**The Varsity Girl's Tennis Team**

Back Row: Haley Hoffman, Hailey Podskalny, Anna RosKamp, Eung Ju Kim, Brielle Healey, Keegan Malpass, Kirsten Malpass, Calley McPherson, Katie Spence, Kaitlyn Hines Front Row: Adriana Dixon, Kaylee Cochran, Raven Joseph, Mariah Vermillion, Ashley Cetnarowski, Shuo Yang



**The Varsity Track Team**

Back Row: (L-R) Coach Sierra Roberts, Gabe Hawley, James Brown, Ted Nachazel, Ryan Graham, Dylan Holm, Andrew Halbert, Izic Inman, Sawyer Carson, Wenzel Kisch, Stacey Buckholz Front Row: Caige Joseph, Katelynn Brooks, Kayla Keane, Lacle Sueess, Layken Alward, Rebecca Barkley, Catherine Rowbotham, Kevin Kinner



**The Junior Varsity Baseball Team**

Back Row: (Left to Right) Coach Jeff Kraemer, Coach Josh Sheridan, Rodrigo Faria, Trey Peterson, Kaleb Raymond, Ryan LaVanway, William Burgher, Payton Loviska, Coach Neil Simon Front Row: Keegan McDuffie, Owen Diller, Jared Piechan, Spencer Reid, Skyler Reynolds, Marco Mata, Hayden Ferguson



**The Varsity Baseball Team**

Back Row: (Left to Right) Coach Bill Crick, Jordan Peterson, Tucker Alward, Jordan Weber, Colin Petrie, Noah Raymond, Herschell Sutton, Collin Bajko and Coach Tom Reid Front Row: David Isham, Alex Crawford, Bailey Sargent, Matthew Berish, Jacob Skrocki, Colin Shepard, James Brown Not pictured: Wyatt Crick



# Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and Gerber Strings Spring Concert

The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program will be putting on the annual Spring Concert at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center on Sunday, May 17th. The concert will begin at 2:30pm with the Youth Orchestras, Concert, Chamber, and Symphony. The Orchestras will perform works on the theme of WWI such as "The Airships" by George Sweet, "Colonel Bogey March" by Alford, and "Mars" from The Planets by Holst.

The Gerber Strings Program consisting of the Beginning and Intermediate Orchestras, will then showcase their talents at 4:00pm by performing familiar works from the Essential Elements 2000 series and some movie soundtrack themes such as Star Wars. Please come and support our young performers as they finish this season and show off what they have learned. The Orchestras will be conducted by Robert Dudd, Director of Orchestras, and Kevin Richardson, Music Education As-



Crooked Tree Symphony Orchestra. COURTESY PHOTO

sistant Director. The Spring Concert is free and open to the public. Program support is provided by the Gerber Music Education Program, an anonymous gift dedicated to bringing music education to the young people of Charlevoix and

Emmet counties. The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras directly benefit from this gift, named in memory of the work of Mrs. Gerber. The success of the Youth Orchestra Programs and the Beginning Strings Program has opened doors for several other collaborations and art enrichment opportunities for students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties provided by the Arts Center.

For more information about the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestras, Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, or our Summer Strings Programs, visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or call (231) 347-4337. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, and at 322 6th Street, Traverse City.



Gerber Strings. COURTESY PHOTO

## MVAA creates 'Veteran-Friendly' program for higher-learning institutions

Michigan veterans and their dependents can now identify the institutions of higher learning that best support their academic needs, thanks to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency's (MVAA) newly created Veteran-Friendly School program.

The Veteran-Friendly School program recognizes institutions of higher learning for their veteran-centric services. Colleges, universities and training schools throughout Michigan can earn bronze-, silver- or gold-level status, and with each level comes an increased commitment to supporting student veterans and their dependents on campus.

The 2015 application period for the veteran-friendly designation is May 11-July 13, and applications are available at [MichiganVeterans.com/vet-friendlyschools](http://MichiganVeterans.com/vet-friendlyschools).

"This is an exciting announcement, because it allows military service members and their families to quickly recognize Michigan schools committed to easing their transition into higher education," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said.

"Thousands of veterans are already utilizing their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and other educational benefits in our state, and we want to attract even more of these motivated men and women. Michigan is home to premier training schools, colleges and universities, and we want veterans to know they will be supported at each of them."

The veteran-friendly designation is available to any institution of higher learning eligible to receive veteran education benefits, regardless of size, location or program delivery.

Criteria for certification include:

- On-campus veterans coordinator or staffed veterans center.
- Active student veterans club or association.
- Processes to identify current student veterans on campus.
- Systems to evaluate and award credit based on prior military training and experience.
- A well-maintained veteran-specific website.
- Evaluation of student veteran academic retention, completion and

graduation rates.

- Knowledge of student veteran job placement rates post-graduation.

In addition to the Veteran-Friendly School program, MVAA also offers the certified Veteran-Friendly Employer program to recognize organizations for their commitment to recruiting, training and retaining top veteran talent. Since its creation in 2014, 19 organizations have earned the designation.

"As more and more veterans transition out of the military and into civilian life in the coming years, they will be looking at which states provide them with the best educational and occupational opportunities," Barnes said. "Through the Veteran-Friendly School and Employer programs, we are making it clear that Michigan is the place veterans will want to call home."

A full list of academic institutions certified by MVAA as veteran-friendly schools will be released in August.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

## Student of the Week



Arianna Lightfoot

Grade: 5th

Parent(s): Piccola & Joe Hill, Jason & Kristen Lightfoot

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

School Activities: Cross Country Skiing

Hobbies and Interests: Little League Softball & Lake Louise Church Camp

Favorite Book: Magic Tree House Series

Staff Comments:

"Arianna has proven herself to be a hard working fifth grader. She strives to improve her skills with her determination and perseverance. Arianna is always willing to go out of her way to help others. Congratulations Arianna!" - Ms. Disney

## 6th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of garage sales across the Breezeway on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, attractions and restaurants.

Also, downtown East Jordan businesses will be holding Sidewalk Sales. For a list of garage sales visit our website [www.ridethebreezeway.com](http://www.ridethebreezeway.com) or contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351. Discover the C-48 Breezeway, 26 miles of rural scenic beauty.

## Spring Arts Festival: Navigating the Arts

May 19, 6-7:00pm. 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. Highlights include a hilarious puppet show based on the acclaimed children's book Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski about a free spirited lamb that dances to a different drum; a Wax Museum featuring historical characters from American History; the

Northwest Academy choir; original, moving poetry; a Native American inspired Hoop Dance and more. Come see young people express what lies within their hearts, minds and souls through a variety of creative disciplines. 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. Suggested donations will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family

## "Romancing the scene at Raven Hill"



For the sixth consecutive year, a special Luke Buck Watercolor Workshop is scheduled at Raven Hill Discovery Center for Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from 10 am to 3 pm. COURTESY PHOTO.

For the sixth consecutive year, a special Luke Buck Watercolor Workshop is scheduled at Raven Hill Discovery Center for Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from 10 am to 3 pm. Luke Buck, a native "Hoosier", grew up and studied art in Indiana. His nostalgic paintings of Americana landscapes and American wildlife show a love for life, art, and nature. Many "locals" here in northern Michigan appreciate his talents and enjoy collecting his paintings.

"I'm looking forward to returning to the Raven Hill Discovery Center for another workshop session in watercolor painting. It has been my

pleasure to share ideas and thoughts with such an energetic and knowledgeable group of artists during the course over the past few years. The group is a nice blend of painters, from the novice and beginner, to the more experienced and accomplished artist."

He adds, "This year, along with a general study in watercolor technique in landscape painting, we will focus on romancing the scene: what and why we chose a certain landscape subject to paint, and what we will need to do to make our efforts become a painting or a work of art, as opposed to simply a picture."

Luke will be teaching his unique

but traditional technique and approach to watercolor painting through lectures, demonstrations, and step-by-step painting with one-on-one instructions.

Beginner, intermediate, or advanced watercolor painters are invited. The workshop will focus on techniques for watercolor painting. Early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Cost: \$250 for 2 days. Lunch is included. Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email her at [info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org](mailto:info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org) to register or for more information.

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## Prevention Key to Reducing the Leading Cause of Adult Disability

By Deb Hagen-Foley

The leading cause of disability among adults is also the third leading cause of death. An American dies of stroke every four minutes. Fortunately, these dire consequences of stroke can be avoided through preventive actions, in 80% of instances. May is stroke awareness month. Awareness of the signs of stroke and taking quick action when the signs are present will reduce adult disability and death.

What is a stroke? A stroke results when an artery to the brain becomes blocked or ruptures. When the artery is no longer sending nutrient and oxygen rich blood to a portion of the brain, brain cells suffer. If the situation is resolved quickly, the brain cells may be able to recover. If the cells are deprived of oxygen and glucose for more than 3 or 4 minutes, the cells may die, resulting in permanent brain damage.

Types of stroke. There are two types of strokes, ischemic strokes and hemorrhagic strokes. Transient

Ischemic Attacks, or TIA, represent 80% of all strokes, and are caused by a clot in a blood vessel in the brain prevents blood flow to cells. Experiencing such an event should be viewed as a warning. Take action NOW to prevent further damage. See your doctor immediately even if you don't notice any long-term effects.

In a hemorrhagic stroke, the remaining 20% of strokes, a weakened blood vessel in the brain bursts, bleeding in the brain and damaging brain tissue.

Controllable risk factors. Persons with high blood pressure, high cholesterol or heart disease are at greater risk for stroke. Having atherosclerosis, fatty plaque buildup in arteries that reduces the blood flow, also increases the risk of stroke. Having atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat, makes a person five times more likely to have a stroke. Using tobacco reduces the levels of oxygen in the blood, forcing the heart to work harder and allowing clots to form more easily, increasing the risk for

stroke. Being overweight or using alcohol excessively increases the risk for stroke as does having diabetes.

Uncontrollable risk factors. Age is a risk factor for stroke. Each decade past age 55, the chance of experiencing stroke is doubled. Gender is also a risk

for stroke. Although stroke is more common in men, women make up more than half of the deaths from stroke. Race is a risk factor as African-Americans are much more likely to die from strokes, in part due to their higher risks of hypertension, obesity and diabetes. Having a family

history of stroke, particularly if a person's parent, grandparent or other close relative had a stroke at an early age increases the risk of stroke.

Strokes and cold. More hospitalizations due to stroke occur during cold weather. Persons at risk for stroke should limit their exposure to the cold. It is unknown exactly why strokes are more common when temperatures are lower.

Know the signs. Signs of stroke include: A feeling of numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg - it might be more noticeable on one side or the other; Vision problems in one or both eyes; Dizziness or a loss of balance; Confusion; Problems speaking or understanding what others are saying; or severe headaches without warning or explanation. To easily remember the most common signs, think FAST: Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call 911!

Other signs reported by women. Women may experience signs such as: Pain in the face or legs, hiccups,

nausea, feeling weak, chest pain, shortness of breath or a rapid heart beat.

Act without delay! The signs of stroke are not unlike symptoms that many of us have experienced from time to time. The difference is, the symptoms will come on suddenly and without explanation. If these signs come on suddenly and unexpectedly, seek medical attention fast! Delaying treatment can mean permanent disability or death. Even if the symptoms pass, seek medical attention. You may have experienced a transient ischemic attack (TIA), or mini-stroke. Up to 40 percent of those who have a TIA will go on to have a stroke, within days or months of the original symptoms.

Know your risk factors for stroke and take actions to control the preventable risks factors so you may not be a victim of the leading cause of disability among adults. If you believe you or someone you know may be having a stroke, act quickly to limit permanent brain damage.

## BAMC hosts a fun-filled evening for the community

Boyer Area Medical Center's "fun in the sun" celebration on Tuesday evening turned out to be exactly that; the weather couldn't have been any better! The whole community was invited to celebrate the recent expansion of both the BAMC building and medical staff at an open house.

The street was blocked off and the fun began - balloons, hot dogs, ice cream, face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, frisbees, beachballs, sunglasses - and great music provided by two of BAMC's medical staff, Dr. Michael Harmeling and Len Maendel. Adults and kids alike enjoyed the perfect weather in what was for many, the first picnic of the season.

"I am so happy to be a member of such a quality organization," said Donna Looze, Practice Manager of BAMC. "Our staff and providers are second to none and our community members in Boyne City and the Charlevoix area are the best. It is a pleasure to serve their



A pair of "Fun in the Sun" attendees enjoy cotton candy at the event. COURTESY PHOTO

medical needs." Guests were able to tour the newly expanded Center, meet the staff and providers, and enjoy a beautiful, warm

"almost-summer" evening with the team at BAMC, one of the clinics of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

## Parents: Help your teen enjoy fun, safe and drug-free graduation parties

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In a National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University survey to parents and teens, one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, or using cocaine, ecstasy or prescription drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, nearly half of teens have been at parties where parents were present.

Up North Prevention has partnered with Drug Free Action Alliance along with national sports icon and "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: don't be a party to teenage drinking" honorary chair, Clark Kellogg to reinforce our community message that underage drinking is unsafe, unhealthy and unacceptable.

FACT: As a parent, you cannot provide alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission. You also cannot allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol. There are legal consequences if you do.

With prom and graduation season upon us, it is imperative for parent to be aware of the increased risk of teen alcohol parties occurring and the potential dangers that accompany those alcohol fueled gatherings. Simply taking away the car keys does not solve all

of the problems related to underage drinking.

It is important for parents to proactively take measures to help ensure these special times are fun, yet safe and drug-free for their teens. Here are a few ideas for parents and teens planning celebratory parties:

- Create a party plan, including a guest list, with your teen.
- Invite just the friends on your list and let them know in advance the party is "invitation only."
- Let party guests know that if they leave, they cannot come back.
- Plan some activities such as music, games, movies, etc.
- Make regular and unobtrusive visits to the party area with sensitivity to teens' needs for privacy.
- If your teen is attending the party:
  - Know where your child will be. Call the parent in charge to verify the location of the party. Insure there will be adult supervision and that the host will not be serving or allowing alcohol.
  - Set a curfew for your teen to be home and when they arrive home, have them check in with you.
  - Know how your child is getting to and from the party. Reinforce the message to your teenager that he/she should never allow someone who has been drinking to drive them anywhere.

For addition information, including the full list of parent tips and ideas, visit [www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org) or [www.upnorthprevintion.org](http://www.upnorthprevintion.org)

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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.

## BOYNE CITY

### Marina Seeking Bids

The City of Boyne City F. Grant Moore Municipal Marina is seeking bids to install a Ground Fault Detection System and replace junction boxes and service leads. Sealed bids, clearly marked "Marina Electrical Bid" will be accepted until May 21, 2015 at 11 a.m. Submit to City of Boyne City 319 N. Lake St. Complete bid specifications are available at Boyne City-City Hall and at [www.cityof-boynecity.com](http://www.cityof-boynecity.com). Questions should be directed to Barb Brooks 231-582-0336. The City of Boyne City is an EOE.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Farmers Market

May 14, 9am-1pm, East Park. Fresh Asparagus is here! As are mushrooms, sprouted herbs, bagels, breads, tasty BBQ sauces and much more at the Charlevoix Farmers Market. Special free fly fishing lessons by Boyne Outfitters. Entire calendar of events: [www.facebook.com/Charlevoix-FarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/Charlevoix-FarmersMarket) Contact, Chris Leese for details 231-330-0968.

## 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.

## BOYNE CITY

### "Life is Unfair" explored at Lifetree presentation

May 17, 6:30 pm, Lifetree Café. What to do when life seems unfair will be examined in a program, titled "Where's the Justice?" includes a filmed interview with Jasmine Lima-Martin, whose husband, Rene Lima-Martin, served 10 years in prison for a robbery conviction. After rebuilding his life and finding employment, Rene was sent back to prison when it was discovered the court made a mistake regarding the length of his sentence. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located 401 S. Park St.

## 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.

## IRONTON

### Concert

The Wooden Nickels will be playing at the Ironton Congregational Church on Sunday, May 17 at 11:00. They

are well known for their Christian and bluegrass music. Come to enjoy the music and stay for lunch. The little white church is located at 3805 Washington Street in Ironton (near the ferry). Look forward to seeing you there.

## BOYNE CITY

### Waterfront Vision Session

May 19, 5:30-7:30pm, Boyne City High School. If you could reinvent the waterfront area in Boyne City what would it look like? Be a part of answering that important question during a community visioning session. The event is free and open to the public. The event kicks off with free pizza and entertainment, followed by a facilitated workshop aimed at gathering community input about how to better leverage and connect the public spaces along the waterfront. No idea is too big or too small.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Spring Arts Festival: Navigating the Arts

May 19, 6-7:0pm. 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. Highlights include a hilarious puppet show based on the acclaimed children's book Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski about a free spirited lamb that dances to a different drum; a Wax Museum featuring historical characters from American History; the Northwest Academy choir; original, moving poetry; a Native American inspired Hoop Dance and more. Come see young people express what lies within their hearts, minds and souls through a variety of creative disciplines. 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. Suggested donations will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family

## CHARLEVOIX

### Main Street Organization Committee Training Session

May 20, 5:30-7:30pm, Charlevoix City Hall, First Floor Conference Room. For questions or more information, please contact Annie Doyle, Director, Charlevoix Main Street Program and Downtown Development Authority at 231.547.3257 or email [annied@cityofcharlevoix.org](mailto:annied@cityofcharlevoix.org)

## BOYNE CITY

### Business After Hours

May 20, 5:30-7:30pm, Elvyn Lea Lodge, 3780 M75 North, Walloon Lake. This event is cosponsored by Boyne Country Provisions and the Wine Emporium, who will be offering wine tasting and appetizers. There is no charge for admission or refreshments. Come and celebrate the arrival of spring with us, see the changes we have been making in the lodge, learn more about our services and upcoming events, and enjoy the property.

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Farmers Market

May 21, 9am-1pm, East Park. Charlevoix Farmers Market special Mushroom hunting presentation 9:30am by Ken Harris of Michigan Mushroom Market. Free fly fishing demo by Boyne Outfitters 9am-1pm. Fresh asparagus, mushrooms, sprouted plants, scones, bagels, tasty BBQ sauces, music and much more!

## EAST JORDAN

### 6th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway

May 22 & 23, 9am to 4pm. Get ready to shop 'til you drop along 26 miles of garage sales across the Breezeway. Besides finding treasures along the Breezeway, be sure to visit the communities of East Jordan, Ellsworth and Atwood and their many businesses, attractions and restaurants. Downtown East Jordan businesses will be holding Sidewalk Sales. For a list of garage sales visit our website [www.ridethebreezeway.com](http://www.ridethebreezeway.com) or contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351. Discover the C-48 Breezeway, 26 miles of rural scenic beauty.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Charlevoix Area Garden Club Plant Sale

May 23, 8:30am-Noon. Ferry Beach. Perennials, Annuals, Herbs, Succulents.

## BOYNE CITY

### Inattention and ADHD Explored

May 24, 6:30pm, Lifetree Café, 401 S. Park Street. Tips From a Psychologist With ADHD," features a filmed interview with psychologist Kevin Park. "Our culture is a breeding ground for problems with inattention. The average person can learn a lot of lessons from what ADHD people have to do to cope with everyday life," says Park.

Participants will discover practical tips for increasing their ability to pay attention and explore the challenges of ADHD. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available

## CHARLEVOIX

### Main Street Organization Committee Training Session

May 26, 8-10am, Charlevoix City Hall, First Floor Conference Room. For questions or more information, please contact Annie Doyle, Director, Charlevoix Main Street Program and Downtown Development Authority at 231.547.3257 or email [annied@cityofcharlevoix.org](mailto:annied@cityofcharlevoix.org)

## EAST JORDAN

### 18th Annual Chamber Spring Golf Outing

June 5, Noon at Mallard Golf Club. Applications are now available at the Chamber Office. Price for teams of 4 golfers - Early Registration \$200.00 includes golf, lunch, golfer gift, door prize and a day of great networking on a beautiful golf course! After May 8th registration fee is \$225 per team.

## CHARLEVOIX

### First Friday Chamber Breakfast

June 5, 7:30-8:30am, Castle Farms. This is a special First Friday Business Breakfast as we will be honoring the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship winner. This will also be the last breakfast until September. Come out and enjoy great food catered by A Matter of Taste. Sponsored by: Beacon Dental Center. Cost: \$5/Members \$7/Non-Members

## NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

### 2015 Curbside Trash Pickup

June 6, 8am-Noon. Board of Trustees has approved scheduling of American Waste Trash Pickup on Saturday June 6 from 8AM until 12PM. Norwood Township residents are being requested to have their trash ready at their curbside before 8AM on that date. Items that will not be accepted for pickup include: 1. Any items containing Freon without a certificate. 2. Gas, oil or anti-freeze. 3. Engine 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](mailto:norwoodclerk@yahoo.com) or [norwoodfoia@yahoo.com](mailto:norwoodfoia@yahoo.com).

## EAST JORDAN

### Music in the Park – The Accidentals

June 12, 7-9pm, East Jordan Band Shell in Memorial Park.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.boynevolunteers.org) and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and con-

tact 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](mailto:kroondykm@boynelibrary.org).

## EAST JORDAN

### Christian coffee house

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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

### Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their pre-school aged siblings are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Playgroups will help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. This fall/winter, Playgroups are held: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson; 9:30-11am Thursdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Fridays at United Methodist Church, Petoskey. Call (231) 347-0067 or visit [wrcnm.org](http://wrcnm.org) for more information.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Messy church

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

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### Seniors ride free

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

## CHARLEVOIX

### Story time

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

# 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 re-

ported 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.

May 4-10

911 Hang Up Call.....2  
Abandoned Vehicle.....0  
Abuse.....0  
Alarm.....4  
Animal Complaint.....15  
Annoyance.....2  
Assault.....0  
Assist Citizen.....0  
Assist Motorist.....1  
Assist Other Agency.....11  
Attempt to Locate.....3  
Attempted Suicide.....0  
Bank Alarm.....0  
Boating Accident.....0  
Boating Violation.....0  
Breaking & Entering.....4  
Car/Deer Accident.....3  
Citations Issued.....9  
Civil Complaint.....6  
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0  
Death.....0  
Disorderly Person.....0  
Disturbance.....1  
DNR Complaint.....1  
Domestic Dispute.....0  
Driving Complaint.....4  
Fireworks Complaint.....0  
Found Property.....0  
Fraud.....1  
Health & Safety.....6  
Hit & Run.....1  
Intoxicated Person.....0  
Juvenile.....1  
Larceny.....1  
Lockout.....3  
Lost Property.....0  
Malicious Destruction of Property...1  
Mental Possession.....0  
Minor In Possession.....0  
Miscellaneous Criminal.....2  
Missing Person.....0

Noise Complaint.....1  
Operating Under the Influence0  
Paper Service.....20  
Parking Violation.....0  
Personal Injury Accident.....1  
Personal Protection Order.....0  
Private Property Accident.....1  
Property Check.....29  
Property Damage Accident...3  
Prowler.....0  
Road Hazard.....0  
Stalking.....0  
Suspicious Situation.....3  
Threat.....0  
Traffic Stop.....26  
Trespassing.....1  
Unknown Accident.....3  
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0  
Vehicle in the Ditch.....0  
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....4

## TWO CAR ACCIDENT ON US131 AT CLARION

On May 4th, 2015 at approximately 7:47 a.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Melrose Township Fire Department, Boyne Valley EMS, and Emmet County EMS responded to a report of a two car accident at the intersection of US 131 and Clarion in Melrose Township. The accident occurred when Boyne Falls resident, 20 year old Mersadeis Hawkins, pulled out in front of 20 year old Boyne Falls resident Elisa Fonseca. Both vehicles were heavily damaged. The passenger of Fonseca's vehicle, 8 year old Austyn Fon-

seca, received minor injuries when he was thrown from his seat. At the time of the accident, Austyn was not wearing his seatbelt. All others involved were wearing their seatbelts. Everyone was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for evaluation.

## TWO CAR ACCIDENT ON M-75S

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at approximately 9:40 p.m., CCE 911 Central Dispatch received multiple 911 calls about a traffic accident on M-75 S. near Dam Rd.

An investigation into the crash showed that 39 year old Joshua Hadix, of Boyne Falls, was Eastbound in his 2002 Kia Rio passenger car when he crossed the centerline and struck 58 year old Carol Edson, of Boyne City. Edson's vehicle rolled over following the collision and caught on fire, which was extinguished by a passerby. Hadix complained of shoulder pain, leg and ankle pain, and suffered multiple lacerations to his left arm and face. Edson complained of both her legs hurting. Edson's passenger, her 17 year old grandson, only sustained minor injuries.

All involved were transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey by ambulance.

The accident remains under investigation.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 12, 2015

## Commission approves City Police pay increase

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY-- A tentative contract with the police union was approved, a report outlining improvements in multi-use trails at Avalanche Mountain was accepted and purchases were made at the May 12 Boyne City Commission meeting.

A contract for the city's police officers was brought to the Commission for approval. The tentative agreement is a 3 year contract that includes a 3% cost of living increase the first year a 2.5% increase the second and a 2% increase the third year. The increases bring the officers pay up to that of other departments in the area. "We value our Police Officers very much we want to give them a fair wage," said Commissioner Tom Neidhammer. The contract also included a fitness incentive program that offers the officers up to 12 hours off during a testing period depending on how they do on an optional fitness test. The commission approved the tentative agreement as drafted subject to review by a labor attorney. "I think the reward system for fitness is a benefit to the city to keep the officers in a physically fit condition," said Police Chief, Jeff Gaither.

Steve Schnell from the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) presented a report concerning the creation of multi-use pathways at Avalanche Preserve. "What's highlighted here is the sustainability of these trails," he said. The report was compiled by professional trail builders at a cost of \$6,000 that the association absorbed and emphasized a low impact on the environment and low maintenance.

TOMMBA is hoping to use the report to create sustainable trails at no cost to the city and was looking for support from the Commission to begin to develop a full plan. The commission gave their support without a vote. Because more damage was found in one of the Water/Waste Water treatment plants blowers than originally expected Superintendent Mark Fowler requested approval to purchase a new blower. The blower would cost the same as the needed repairs. "That's a no brainer," said Commissioner Derek Gaylord. The request was approved. A motion to purchase a 2016 Ford cab and chassis to replace the current 2004 model was approved for the amount of \$26,086.



Mayor Ron Grunch presented Karen Seeley with a certificate of appreciation for her 15 years of service at the front desk of City Hall.

A second contract to purchase and install a dump box system with a Boss V-blade for the amount of \$20,043 was also approved in the same motion. "There are issues with the body, after 10 years they start rusting pretty badly," said Streets/Parks Superintendent Andy Kovolski.

The second Bike to School with the Police event will be held Wednesday, May 20. Over 100 students participated in last year's ride. Participants will meet at Avalanche Park at 7:30 A.M. Construction on the new DPW garage is scheduled to begin this week.

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## Share Your Vision for the Waterfront at May 19 event

If you could re-invent the waterfront area in Boyne City what would it look like? The public is invited to 'Dream Big' at Visioning Session at High School. Be a part of answering that important question during a community visioning session taking place 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the Boyne City High School.

The session, which is free and open to the public, is part of the community's "Boyne on the Water" project announced earlier this year. The event kicks off with free pizza and entertainment, followed by a facilitated workshop aimed at gathering community input about how to better leverage and connect the public spaces along the waterfront. No idea is too big or too small.

In January, Boyne City was one of seven communities selected in Michigan to participate in "PlacePlans," a statewide program that provides technical assistance with key economic development projects designed to attract and retain residents and employers. Boyne City's project focuses on ways to improve the parks and public space along the waterfront, and better connect the waterfront with other community assets, like the downtown area. Gathering public input at the May 19 meeting is vital to the project's success, said Jim



Baumann, executive director of the Boyne Area Chamber and chair of the Boyne on the Water steering committee.

"We want people to come to the visioning session and share their ideas. We want them to dream and dream big," Baumann said. "The information and ideas we get from our residents will be used in forming design concepts that will hopefully become reality in time."

PlacePlans is a joint effort between the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan State University to help communities design and plan for transformative placemaking projects. PlacePlans are done with support from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and Governor Snyder's MPlace Partnership.

More information is available CityofBoyneCity.com (look for the Boyne on the Water logo on the left) or get updates by liking the City of Boyne City on Facebook or follow CityBoyne on Twitter.

## May Swirl at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Summer is just around the corner in Northern Michigan – it's time we celebrated its arrival and the upcoming season. On Thursday, May 28 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, City Park Grill will provide appetizers and wine for guests, while Chris Koury performs in the galleries. A sneak peek of the upcoming summer

exhibits will be available for viewing, and Marilyn Stockwell-Colestock's show, Marilyn's Wonderful Wacky Whimsical World will be on display in CTAC's lower level gallery.

Swirl tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 per person the day of the event, when available. Swirl Wine Tastings typically

sell out, so it is suggested that tickets are purchased in advance.

Swirl is a monthly wine tasting with music and the most recent art exhibit on display. October through May, the Arts Center partners with local wine purveyors, restaurants and performers to put on an evening of culture and entertainment for the community. Tickets for the upcoming Summer Super Swirl are on sale now and are subject to availability.

The 3rd Annual Summer Super Swirl is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, with food and drink provided by our friends at D & W Fresh Market. Live art demonstrations and a variety of musical performers will be set-up indoors and outside CTAC and the adjoining Carnegie Building. Elizabeth Pollicie's exhibit, The Hours, and Wind and Sail, the work of Rick Ford, Gretchen Dorian, and the late Frederick Ford, Jr., will be up for viewing during the event. CTAC ends their busy summer with a bang, accompanied by good people, great food, and fun throughout the Arts Center.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org). The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.



Guitarist Chris Koury will set the summery mood at Thursday evening's wine tasting. COURTESY PHOTO

## East Jordan Rotary Club plans 9th Annual Variety Show



VarietyShowPhoto; Rotarian Jerry Hepner entertains the audience at the 2014 East Jordan Rotary Variety Show. COURTESY PHOTO

Hansen said. "Our musicians fly in from all over the country, and they're incredibly talented," he concluded.

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort, too. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the show's Production team, which selects the chorus medleys, writes the skits and crossover acts, manages the rehearsals and, in general, plans the entire show. "We've got a great team of creative and talented people that create the show," Aenis said, noting, "the planning meetings are oftentimes as fun, and funny, as the show itself." Penzien agreed, saying, "the show really brings out the best in our club members, who work together to provide a couple of great evenings of entertainment for all to enjoy."

The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bud Bechtold, Bob Bryan and the rest of the Rotary Swing Band. Tickets are priced at just \$10 each, and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and Huntington Bank. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities. According to Chip Hansen, the show generally sells out. "Last year, the show was sold out in mid-May," he said, "so it's important to get your tickets early."

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of all the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

The East Jordan Rotary Club is at it again...putting their creative heads together to plan the 9th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7:00 p.m. each night, and doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Rotarian Chip Hansen will be the show's Master of Ceremonies again this year. "The Production Team has produced another amazing show," he noted, adding, "the audience will have a great time, enjoying the great music and slapstick comedy that they've come to expect from our shows."

The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, as well as a live pit band. "The chorus and the band carry the show,"

## SOBO Festival En Plein Air Paint-out Call to Artists

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

The Competition will feature two classes, Open and Student. - Open Class Registration is open to all artists, 18 years and older. The entry fee is \$10.00. All entrants will be accepted into the

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

Sponsored by the SOBO Arts Festival All local and regional artists welcome

8:00am-3:00 pm – Artists Arrive register and select location, have your canvas

stamped, receive your painting tag and inform us of your painting site.– rain or shine!

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

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

Artwork offered for sale.

Entry Deadline: June 12, 2015

Visit [www.soboartsfestival.com](http://www.soboartsfestival.com) for artists information and registration. Complete information, registration and payment can be found at:

[www.soboartsfestival.com](http://www.soboartsfestival.com). Questions: Call Becky Harris at 231-330-2704 or email [bsharris@charter.net](mailto:bsharris@charter.net)

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## FOOD PANTRY

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as food. For more information on the ALICE report, see [www.charemunited-way.org/alice](http://www.charemunited-way.org/alice).

Feeding America reports food insecurity rates on their website ([www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)), including data for the local area. Food insecurity is the most broadly-used measure of food deprivation in the United States. The USDA defines food insecurity as "consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year." According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study, the food insecurity rate in Charlevoix County is 21 percent for children and 13 percent for adults.

"Our pantry works hard and helps feed a lot of people, but I think there is more need than what we can supply," said Lei (Kipapa) Nahinu of the Boyne Commu-

nity Pantry. "I see so many families going through difficult times."

A committee is being formed to explore creating an additional food pantry in Boyne City, with involvement of community members, Manna, and the three existing area pantries. Issues to explore include finding a location for the pantry, as well as volunteers and additional funding. Those interested in joining the exploratory committee or assisting in other ways should call Manna at 231-347-8852.

"I think our situation in Boyne City could be helped by spreading the burden more broadly and involving more people and organizations in the community," said Dunlop. "Another pantry could help increase access to food assistance in Boyne City. I appreciate Manna's assistance in starting a dialogue toward that end."

## Grandvue Auxiliary fundraising donation



Grandvue Auxiliary Members share excitement for the upcoming Grandvue Terrace and Recreation Park, a 1.5 acre outdoor development project that is scheduled to begin this summer. The Auxiliary fundraised and donated \$5,000 to the project. From left: Richard Dunsmore, Nancy Lawson, Mary Carson, Flo Davis, Marie Schmittidie, Ruby VanAlstine, Helen Deming, Eleanor Stackus, Peg Crozier, Janet Shepherd, Gloria Anderson, Pat Wulff and Gwen White-Erickson

## Northern Homes named Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps Host Site of the Year



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The Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps Host Site of the Year award is presented annually to recognize a MFPC host site dedicated to making a difference in the communities they serve and who exemplifies the spirit of national service.

"Northern Homes is an organization that doesn't allow its small number of staff to stop it from creating big improvements in communities" said Rachel Diskin, Program Director of the MFPC at CEDAM.

Northern Homes was incorporated in 1998 and serves ten counties in Northern Michigan with their Foreclosure Prevention Programs.

Northern Homes has hosted Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps members since the program's inception in 2009. Executive Director Jane MacKenzie and host site supervisor Alice Yeoman provide support to their members. Current mem-

ber Amy Evans is in her fourth year of service and has had the opportunity to take a variety of NeighborWorks trainings and attend MSHDA Housing Counseling Certification due to Northern Homes support. Member Marsha Stahmer, who is in her first year of service with MFPC has also received a MSHDA Housing Counseling Certification. "It is clear that Northern Homes understands the value of MFPC members and invests in their professional development" said Diskin.

The MFPC members at Northern Homes build capacity in a variety of ways. Amy and Marsha facilitate

financial literacy classes, host community forums in their service area, build relationships with County Treasurers' offices and streamline the intake and triage process.

"The AmeriCorps members have helped Northern Homes provide more services to more people. As a result of their service, we have been able to host five community outreach events to help us reach more clients and develop more community partnerships" says Jane MacKenzie, Executive Director.

For more information about Northern Homes CDC and its affordable housing programs, visit [www.northernhomes.org](http://www.northernhomes.org)

## MUSHROOM FEST

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carnival rides will open at 3 pm in Veteran's Park alongside the Craft Show from 1-6 where local and visiting makers will feature their unique creations. From 10-6 folks can enjoy the "Michigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences & Living Show" otherwise known as the M.O.R.E.L. Show in Sunset Park. At 4 pm a Morel Seminar will be held that will offer free tips on finding morels by local expert Anthony Williams. Then at 4:30 pm the Guided Morel Hunt will begin at Veterans Park. To become a hunter, register in advance online or in the Festival Tent located in Veterans Park between 2-4 pm. Friday night then sees the Open Mic contest from 5-11:30 pm which allows vocalists and musicians to perform 3 to 6 minute songs. The singers can win prizes for first through fifth place, and first and second place winners will be able to compete for a free four song recording session with Waterway Music Productions. Entries for this are limited, but call Chuck Field at 989-306-0269 to be a part of the event.

Saturday starts off early with the Morel Breakfast from 7-10 am at the VFW Post on Boyne Avenue. If you get breakfast eaten quickly, you can then see the "Run for Their Lives" Humane Society 5K run start at 8 am in Sunset Park. At 9 am, the National Mushroom Hunt starts off at 1315 Boyne Ave, where hunters will gather before heading to the woods in the hopes of finding the biggest mushroom. Winners of the hunt will be announced at 3:30 pm in the Festival Tent in Veteran's Park. You must register for this event, so checkout [www.morelfestival.com](http://www.morelfestival.com) for details on doing so.

The craft show will be in full swing in Veteran's Park, as will the

carnival rides. From 10-6 the M.O.R.E.L. show will still be going. However, from 11-5 the Morel Pole will be up at 211 Water St. for hunters to hang their finds on. Prizes will be awarded for the largest mushroom, the best dressed mushroom and the longest distance traveled to pick the mushroom. Awards will be given at 5:30 pm.

For those more interested in eating the delectable fungi than finding it, the Taste of Morels will be held from 12-3 pm at the Festival Tent. The event features area restaurants and chefs, who will create morel inspired dishes. Tickets are available in advance in the tent as well. And if you want to try your hand at cooking after seeing what the chefs come up with, a Morel Cooking Class will be held at 5 pm by Ruth Mossok-Johnston who will teach foodies how to make ricotta cheese and prepare morel wontons. The night will end with live music and dancing in the festival tent, with local rock bands, Audio Circus and Scarkazm jamming out for a \$5 admission.

Sunday is the last day of the festival, but the Craft Show, carnival rides, and M.O.R.E.L. outdoor show will all be going. The craft show will be open from 11-4 pm, carnival rides open at noon, and the outdoor show will be from 11-6. From 1-5 pm the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders are sponsoring live music in the tent, with an auction and food that will go towards benefitting local families.

Whether a hunter, a foodie, a craft enthusiast, or a carnival ride connoisseur, the 55th National Morel Festival is not to be missed as the season of sunshine commences in Boyne City.

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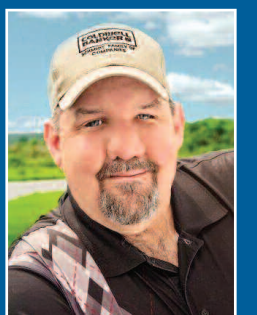
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