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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Charlevoix City Council considers new donation policy

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: On Monday, City Council heard the details of a new donation acceptance policy that may change the way people donate memorials throughout the city.

The donation acceptance policy topic came up when council members determined that East Park was full as far as donated

memorial benches. This led council to question whether a new site should be found for more benches, if memorial benches should still be an option for donation, and what guidelines those interested in donating a memorial need to follow. In the hopes of answering those questions, a committee was formed to create recommendations for council in fall of last year. On Monday, several of those recommendations

were shared.

Zach Panoff, the Interim Planning/Zoning Administrator, shared with council the progress the committee made in answering four questions that council asked regarding donations. First, they asked the committee to work with the public and city staff to create a list of ideas that donors could use. The committee responded by creating that list of acceptable donations; however, they also recommended that the city keep an open mind and not exclude other ideas donors may have before reviewing them.

"...the Committee recommends that the city not limit innovation and consider donations not included in this list..." stated the recommendation which was given in writing to the council.

The second question the committee worked to answer was whether or not having memorials

in public places was in the public's interest. According to Panoff, the Committee felt that having the memorials, such as the benches in East Park, was "beneficial." The committee also noted however that East Park should not accept any further donations, but new locations should be found. They recommended the Planning Commission and City

See **Donation Policy**—6A

SPORTS REPORT

FOOTBALL



Charlevoix's Brad Klinger (10) hauls in a 27-yard touchdown pass from Forrest Noirot against Grayling. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

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Rambler offense comes to life

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Harvest Festival includes farmers, music, crafts and fun!

Boyne City will again celebrate its autumn bounty at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "The event is bigger and better than ever this year with more arts and crafts, more music, more activities and more fun!", says Karen Guzniczak, committee chair.

The event brings music, crafts, kids' games and activities, food and fall produce to the downtown from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic with the Farmers Market moving downtown from Veterans Park for the festival. There will also be an arts and crafts show and folk art demonstrations. Free hayrides run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and there will also be free children's games and activities throughout town, including face painting, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, leaf designing, and more. Coldwell Banker Real Estate is sponsoring a pie baking contest and a pie eating contest from 1 to 3



Six musical performers will be featured on three stages throughout downtown. COURTESY PHOTO



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p.m.

Back by special request, 'President Roosevelt' will be offering guided tours of the downtown historical buildings at 9 a.m. starting at the Dilworth Hotel. Register early at Mainstreet@boynecity.com as space is limited!

Kim Altobello, event committee member and chamber associate director, reports, "We are crating a passport for kids. They will have a chance to fill it up with stamps from all of the activities and chance to win prizes."

More than 25 scarecrows will be displayed around downtown from late September until Halloween. "Watch for the live scarecrow hanging out and handing out treats for

the kids," Altobello said.

The Wine Emporium will have a free wine and cheese tasting from 4 to 7 p.m., and Cafe Sante is planning three days of Oktoberfest German music, food and drinks. For those seeking athletic challenges, there is the Michigan Mountain Mayhem Gravel Grinder cycling event. Northern Table, featuring a farm to table menu, will offer food and drink specials highlighting the week's harvest and local bounty.

Six musical performers will be featured on three stages throughout downtown: Bands playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. are Spectrum, Whiskey Creek and Rhett Betty.

See **Harvest Fest**—3A

Boyne City Leaf Pickup Schedule

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After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves.

Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags as time allows. If your bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify City Hall at 582-26597.

Biodegradable paper bags are available at Boyne City Ace Hardware and Boyne Coöop or can be purchased from any other source. Please put only leaves in bags as they are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting.

Brush will not be picked up; however, residents may take their brush and leaves, either bagged in biodegradable bags or unbagged, up to the North Boyne Compost Site at the end of Robinson Street, which is open seven days a week for your convenience. Commercial businesses may also utilize the compost area with their city issued permit.

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SEP 2842°67°21° (2000)	...82° (1971)
SEP 2942°67°27° (1961)	...88° (1971)
SEP 3042°67°25° (1993)	...84° (2002)

OBITUARIES

Betty Lou Borck, 87

(SEPT. 10, 1928 - SEPT. 17, 2015)

Betty L. Borck of Banks Township died Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

She was born September 10, 1928 in Detroit to Lewis and Anna Williams.

On June 21, 1952 she married Murray M. Borck in Detroit where they made their home. They moved to Banks Township in 1989. Mr. Borck died May 14, 2000.

Betty was a member of Belltower Reformed Church. She was an antique dealer for many years and enjoyed painting. She loved Tiger baseball and MSU sports and was a long-time member of the Sweet Adelines.

Surviving are her children Murray Borck Jr. of Traverse City, Karen Haigh of Pinckney, Kathy Johnson of Bellaire, David Borck of Central Lake; step-children Patty (Frank) Eaton of Lady Lakes, FL, Barbara (Lee) Richards of Tampa, FL, Lori Borck of Flushing; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and her sister Marilyn Coleman of Livonia. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter Marsha Borck.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday,



October 11, 2015 at Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Alan Clair West, 71

(FEB. 23, 1944 - SEPT. 17, 2015)

Alan Clair West passed away Thursday, September 17th at his home in Boyne Falls.

Alan was born on February 23rd, 1944 in Boyne City, the son of Elmer and Evelyn West. He attended Boyne City Schools and went to work on the Great Lakes as a merchant seaman for the United Steel Workers of America until the early 1960's. On January 16, 1965 he married Patricia Puroll and they made their home in Boyne Falls. Alan then went on to be a union carpenter until the mid-1960's and later started his own business, Al West Builders.

Alan enjoyed going to auction sales, old music, old guns, gardening and refurbishing old houses.

Alan is survived by his wife Patricia; daughter Julie (Randy) Reynolds and son Alan (Erika) West; grandchildren Brad and Amy Brewster, Andrew and Ashley Reynolds, Tyler Reynolds and Sydney West; and sister Barb Green.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Jim, Ron, Ken, and sister Marian Skop.

Mass was celebrated Tuesday,

September 22.

Family request memorial donations in Alan's name be directed to the church or the Boyne Valley Fire Department.

Friends and family wishing to share a thought or memory of Alan are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Viola Bell Mindel (Huston), 97

(JAN. 22, 1918 - SEPT. 14, 2015)

Longtime area resident Viola Mindel passed away peacefully on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Georgia House in Charlevoix.

She was born Viola Bell Huston on January 22, 1918 in Wolf Point, Montana to John and Lena (Caston) Huston.

On December 17, 1934 she married William Mindel Sr., together they raised five children. Mr. Mindel preceded his wife in death on August 27, 1990.

Viola was a woman of great faith and determination who was blessed with a beautiful smile, kind heart and warm personality. She loved her family with all her heart, she will be truly missed.

Her surviving family includes her children Barbara (Jim)

Wagner of Niles, Ernie (Marion) Mindel of Charlevoix, Betty (Walt) Jackson of Petoskey, Bill (Karen) Mindel of Conway and Vicky (Don) Gamble of Niles; 17 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren.

Viola's life was celebrated during a funeral service at Stone Funeral Home on September 17. Her grandson, Pastor Gary Mindel conducted the service and interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

David J. Zynewicz, 71

AUGUST 31, 1944 - SEPT 15, 2015 (AGE 71)

David J. Zynewicz died Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at his home near East Jordan after a long battle with cancer.

He was born on August 31, 1944 in Petoskey, Michigan, the son of Stanley and Corrine (Szczepaniak) Zynewicz. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1962.

On August 28, 1993 in East Jordan, he married Barbara Nemecek Bennett.

David worked at EJ Company (formerly East Jordan Iron Works) in East Jordan for 38 years in various positions and retired in 2006 as pattern and tooling manager.

In his younger years Dave en-

joyed fishing and golfing. Recently he spent the majority of his time with his family. Dave thoroughly loved watching his grandchildren's plays and sporting events and taking long rides with Barb.

David is survived by his wife, Barbara Zynewicz of East Jordan; three children, Michael Zynewicz of Mackinaw City, Greg Bennett of Sterling Heights and Kristy (Michael Weber) Loviska of Boyne City; seven grandchildren, Kiara, Tori, Ethan, Owen, Payton, Melanie and Benjamin; and one sister, Mary Jane (John) Kirby of Gaylord. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral mass was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. Fr. Chet Collins officiated with interment following at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Dale Kirby, 61

Dale Kirby passed away May 26, 2015.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, September 27, 2:30 p.m. at 9177 Peebles Rd. Ellsworth, MI. Where he grew up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

THANK YOU FROM CHAR-EM UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

To the Editor,

Char-Em United Way would like to thank the following teams of volunteers who helped support our recent Day of Caring. Bergmann Center, Aktion Club; Circuit Controls Corporation; Department of Health and Human Services; entire student body of East Jordan High School, Odawa Casino, and Petoskey News Review allowed their staff or students to assist with projects throughout the day. Additionally, teams of community volunteers not otherwise associated with a business also volunteered and worked on projects in the com-

munity. St. Mary's Cement and Chemical Bank were not able to join us on Sept. 11, but will be sending out teams in the coming weeks to assist with a few additional jobs. Without the participation of area agencies, schools, organizations, service clubs, businesses, and individuals the Day of Caring could not be a success it is.

Thank you also to our business sponsors for the Day of Caring which included Circuit Controls Corporation, Odawa Casino Resort, Great Lakes Energy, Petoskey News-Review and Fletch's of Petoskey. Your support means are teams are well

dressed in Day of Caring T-shirts, showing the community the importance of volunteerism and the impact that can be made when we LIVE UNITED.

The 12th Annual Day of Caring made a huge difference for many agencies and individuals in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and acknowledged throughout our communities. We look forward to another successful Day of Caring next year.

*Sincerely,
Racheal Barkley
Program Manager*

AHMED'S ALARM CLOCK

To the Editor,

RIGHT OUT OF ARABIAN NIGHTS, RIGHT? Well, not quite. They had sundials and sand timers small and large back then but not alarm clocks. This went viral in any case, this 14-year-old boy's tinkering with mechanics.

Did it look like a bomb? Yes and no. Who's ever seen a bomb? All we know is 9-11, al Qaeda, torturing captives, beheading captives, Tsarnaev brothers, shoe bombers and underwear bombers. There have been terror cells in the US but they're gone. There might be more we don't know about yet. Logic tells that a plurality of Moslems are peaceable; it's just that they cling to ancient customs and rituals, dress, turbans &c and don't melt as easily as other immigrants.

This "bomb" made the rounds of the school before anyone got suspicious. A real bomb threat would have begotten immediate evacuation, a bomb squad, drug-sniffing dog, emergency law enforcement vehicles, and a squad of emergency medical vehicles and personnel. None of that happened. Think this through, shall we. Bombs are not carried into buildings in plain view of everyone; they're concealed and hidden somewhere. Further, cops don't carry a "bomb" to their

squad car, place it inside with their captive and drive away with the bomb. It doesn't happen that way. Science teachers should know what a clock looks like inside and maybe even what a bomb looks like inside. If not, that teaching certificate is paper only. They were all going through the motions because of the Boston bombing and other terrorist acts. Still, acting on the side of safety doesn't include carrying a bomb through school, to the parking lot, inside a cop car, to the station. That is hardly protocol for bomb threats.

In other words everyone knew it wasn't a bomb. But with the no common sense approach to police work, and we might add teaching, paranoia is the order of the day. They knew there was no bomb but they had to act officially anyway. So it goes viral and the kid gets calls from everywhere, the White House, MIT, Harvard, Bill Maher, offers of higher education &c. And of course the usual sampling of wackos explaining what really happened: it really was a bomb but it fizzled; it wasn't made by Ahmed but bought from Kmart and modified; the kid did it as a malicious prank, and so on.

The odd but ironic part is that when these things get blown out of proportion they extend to other venues, other dimensions of endeavor. This kid, Ahmed, is

probably set for life if he wants such a life, which presumably he does or he wouldn't be tinkering with clockworks and bringing the results to school. Supposedly something that looks like what nobody has ever seen before looks like a homemade bomb.

Traditionally it has taken three generations to remake cultural status in which children grow up as the new norm. When immigrant Middle Easterners choose a Big Mac over chick peas that transition is usually well in motion. So Ahmed has a new school now and welcome at that, so long to the US version of mumpsimus. Ahmed will likely turn into a scientist but if he decides to be a rock n roll drummer that's his prerogative. That's what the USA is all about. Or was. Hard to say with certainty now with cost of education, police state tactics, political waste, ad infinitum.

It's a reasonable guess that the school board Ahmed just left, and the local police station, have egg on their faces. They got caught with their hands in the cookie jar - or the clock. In a perfect world, or at least a smarter one, this never would have happened. Since it did though, let the games begin. Presumably they already have.

*Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan*

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Local woman to compete in Miss Michigan Pageant

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY - Lauren MacNaughton is headed to Port Huron this weekend in the hope of becoming Miss Michigan USA 2016!

Lauren is the daughter of Shawn MacNaughton and Renee MacNaughton and the step daughter of Kim Altobello. She was born October 24, 1995 and has been a lifelong resident of Boyne City and attended Boyne City Public Schools. She graduated in 2014, and has been living in the area since. Lauren chose to be a part of the pageant after a friend competed in the 2015 Miss Michigan Pageant.

"I sent in my application, but I didn't tell anyone about it till three weeks later when I got the email saying that I had been accepted to participate, I was overjoyed," says MacNaughton. She was accepted to the pageant and given the title Miss Boyne City, which she will use to participate in the statewide competition in Port Huron on September 25 and 26. The competition will have over 100 women who represent various areas in Michigan including major cities.

"We are overwhelmed by the response and caliber of all the participants from Michigan," said Melissa Pitchford Executive Director with the Miss Universe Organization, "There is not better opportunity for ambitious young women out there today. The Miss Michigan USA competition offers women in the state of Michigan a once in a lifetime opportunity to advance their personal and professional goals."

The pageant will require the young women to showcase their physical attributes and mental prowess in three segments;



LAUREN MACNAUGHTON

evening gown, fitness/swimsuit, and final question. The competi-

tion offers over one million in scholarship prizes that awarded to winners, finalists, and semi-finalists.

For these talented young women winning the pageant would include a vast prize list that offers travel, wardrobe, college scholarships, and the opportunity to represent Michigan in the Miss USA pageant. From there, the winner will represent the United States in the Miss Universe pageant that showcases women from over 45 countries.

"Winning to me would mean that I would become a permanent part in a wonderful organization," says MacNaughton.

Although qualified, the race for Miss Michigan 2016 hasn't been without its challenges however. MacNaughton explains that funding has been the largest hurdle she has dealt with on her journey to the pageant.

"I have never been one who likes to ask people for money, but thankfully I have amazing family and friends who have been supportive and helpful throughout this entire process," she says.

In line with that, she has created a Go Fund Me account on Facebook to help meet her goal and make it to Port Huron. It can be found on her Facebook page for those interested in donating.

The Miss Michigan Pageant will be held at the McMorran Entertainment Center on September 25. Tickets can be purchased at the McMorran Entertainment Center Box Office by calling 810-985-6166 or they can be purchased via Ticketmaster. Be sure to check out www.missmichiganusa.com for more details on the pageant and how you too can be a part of it!

Boyne Falls Public School Students of the Week



Naomi Johnson

Grade: 10
Parent's Name(s): Heather and Michael Johnson
Future Plans: Going to college and travelling
Favorite Book: *Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Hobbies and Interests: Hunting, fishing, Being outside
School Activities: Basketball and Softball
Staff Comments: "Naomi is a fun loving spirit with a brain. She participates in class and is willing to share her math learning with her classmates."
- Mr. Ted H. Beyer, MS/HS Math Teacher



Jordan Devers

Grade: 5th Grade
Parent's Name(s): Sarah Loving & Steve Reinhardt
What do you want to be when you grow up?: I would like to work at East Jordan Iron Works because it pays well and I would have the opportunity to work with metal.
Favorite Book: I enjoy graphic novels like the Bone Series and Archie Comics.
Hobbies and Interests: Fishing with my grandpa is something I enjoy doing in my spare time.

Staff Comments: "Jordan has had a great start in fifth grade. I have been impressed with his perseverance in getting his work done independently. Jordan's positive attitude and attentiveness will make 2015-2016 a successful school year."
- Ms. Disney

HARVEST FEST

CONTINUED FROM PG. 1A

Performing from 1:30 to 4 p.m. are Don Rivers and Friends, Rustic Heart and Jazz North. The festival is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber. Major sponsor is the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. For lodging information while attending Harvest Festival, visit www.PetoskeyArea.com. For more information and vendor applications, call (231) 582-6222 or visit www.boyneharvestfestival.com.

Breezeway Fall Color Cruise next three Saturdays



The 7th Annual Breezeway Fall Color Cruises will be held on three Saturdays, September 26, October 3 and October 10. Color tour participants pick up "goodie bags" filled with trip tips, color tour maps, coupons and other surprises at Royal Farms Winery in Atwood between 10am and 3pm on those days. Participants then proceed at their own pace along C-48 The Breezeway stopping, shopping, dining or enjoying a nature hike at one of the three preserves along the route. End the experience at Boyne Mt. in Boyne Falls with a complimentary chair-lift ride for a breathtaking view atop the mountain. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or www.ride-thebreezeway.com

Boyne District Library StoryTime Starting September 28

StoryTime is starting again soon at the Boyne District Library! Monday, September 28th at 10am, our new StoryTime for babies and toddlers, Toddler Tales and Tunes, will debut in the Children's Area. This storytime is designed to meet the early literacy needs of children from birth through 36 months. Come read, sing, dance, and play with Mrs. Ivie every Monday from 10:00 - 10:30am! No registration required. Questions? Contact Helene Ivie at 582-7861 or ivieh@boynelibrary.org.

Preschool StoryTime will meet in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 10:00 - 10:45am beginning on Tuesday, October 6. Children ages 3 and up and their siblings are invited to join Mrs. Ivie for stories, songs, crafts, and activities each week. StoryTime is a great opportunity for young children to explore the library, engage in literacy-based activities, and socialize with their peers. No registration required. Questions? Contact Helene Ivie at 582-7861 or ivieh@boynelibrary.org.

CMA student building project



Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts (CMA) 7-8th graders recently built a Terra Mata structure as part of their study of Prehistoric times. Pictured, from left, are Thomas Landrie, Daniel Fournier, Alicia Torres, Neil Barnes, and Grace Ward. COURTESY PHOTO

Family Dollar donates 2.9 million meals to Feeding America

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. today announced a \$292,000 donation to Feeding America®, the nation's leading domestic hunger relief charity. The amount was raised by Family Dollar customers who made donations during the retailer's Feeding Families, Fueling Hope campaign. The donation translates to more than 2.9 million meals for children and families in need.

"At Family Dollar, helping those in need is extremely important to our Associates and customers," said Family Dollar's President and Chief Operating Officer, Gary Philbin. "In today's uncertain economy, so many in our communities continue to struggle with hunger, and we are so grateful to our customers and store teams for rallying behind this important cause."

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte hosted a check presentation for Family

Dollar and Feeding America earlier Tuesday morning. As part of the presentation, Family Dollar Associates presented 500 filled backpacks for the food bank's weekend backpack program. Seven Charlotte-area teachers, nominated by their peers for helping curb hunger in their classrooms, were also on hand to be recognized for their efforts.

"More than 48 million people struggle with hunger in communities across America. We know that we can't solve hunger alone. We are thankful to Family Dollar employees and customers for partnering with us to ensure that more kids and families have access to nutrient-rich food," said Nancy Curby, vice president of corporate partnerships at Feeding America.

Campaign facts:
- Family Dollar and its customers raised more than \$290,000

for Feeding America and the nationwide network of 200 food banks.

- This translates to more than 2.9 million meals using Feeding America's metrics of \$1 donated = 12 meals.

- This equates to more than 3.5 million pounds of food.

- 90 percent of funds raised will remain in local markets to support food bank programs.

- 10 percent of donations will

support Feeding America national programs such as their Backpack Program and School Pantry Program.

Stay up-to-date on the latest news and happenings at Family Dollar at www.facebook.com/familydollar or Twitter at @myfamilydollar. Customers can check the hours of their local Family Dollar stores at www.familydollar.com.



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Art Patrons gathering on newly constructed patio during JRAC Annual Meeting. COURTESY PHOTO

Jordan River Arts Council honors contributing members at annual meeting

Four special people were lauded for their contributions to the arts and to the mission of the Jordan River Arts Council during the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 13th. Honorees included Betty Beeby (in memoriam), Peggy Midener, Don Smith and Bonnie Staffel. The meeting took place on the new patio and in native plant garden area at the arts council in East Jordan. Bonnie Staffel and Don Smith and family attended along with approximately 50 arts council members.

Betty Beeby who passed away in August was remembered for her dedication to the next generation of artists. She provided, through the Arts Council, 22 scholarships to high

school graduates wanting to continue their education in the arts. More than the monetary amounts of the awards, Betty inspired the scholarship recipients by personally meeting with each of them. Her lifelong accomplishments as an artist, her exuberant personality and her passion for the artistic life influenced many through the years.

Longtime Jordan River Arts Council supporter, Peggy Midener was recognized for her wise contributions as a board member for both JRAC and the Crooked Tree Arts Council as well as for her career as an artist and faculty member of the Center for Creative Studies. It was announced that Midener

has been designated as Board Member Emeritus for the Jordan River Arts Council.

Board Member expressed their gratitude to Mr. Don Smith for his generous gift of the new patio area at JRAC given in memory of his artist wife Connie. When completed, this lovely area in front of the Arts Center will provide a place for people to gather in quiet contemplation or as a space for events such as the ice cream social that preceded Sunday's meeting.

Artist Bonnie Staffel who 50 years ago established one of the first artist studios in the area and was influential in the development of the arts culture of NW Michigan

was also celebrated. Bonnie is a nationally known potter whose works in stoneware and porcelain are held in many collections. She has been a teacher and arts school administrator and continues to make pottery in her home in Charlevoix.

The regular business meeting then followed with the election of board members: Sharon Gardner, Karen Kimmell, Yasmin Richmond, Karen Walker, Sylvia Walworth to three year terms and Katie McLeod to fulfill a vacancy until 2017. They join existing board members Nancy Carey, Jane Diller, Howard Ellis, Nelson Ogden, John Stevens, Cynthia Tschudy, Barbara Young, and Judy Wagner-Worgess.



Raku pots dry slowly around a wood fire in preparation for a pit firing. COURTESY PHOTO

Experience Fire & Clay at Raven Hill Discovery Center

Everyone is invited to Raven Hill Discovery Center's First Annual Fire & Clay Festival on Saturday, October 3 from noon to 4 pm. General admission is \$10 per person and includes access to the museum, animals, outdoor exhibits, plus the special exhibition "90 Years ~ Todd Pioneer Family History!" in the Warren Loranger Great Room and a pottery show from Raven Hill's private collection on display in the Alternative Energy House.

In addition, visitors can preregister for up to three sessions creating Raku Pinch Pots (1 pm ~ \$5), African Spirit Masks (2 pm ~ \$10) and/or Precious Metal Clay (3 pm ~ \$25). During Session 1, participants experience traditional low-fired raku clay, getting down & dirty with real clay, as they make, decorate and pit fire pinch pots and clay discs.

Introductions to more modern clays—Sculpy and Precious Metal Clay follow. Session 2 allows

visitors to create African spirit masks from sculpy clay. In Session 3, artists of all levels can fashion a piece of pure silver jewelry from Precious Metal Clay. Exhibit space (\$10) is available to clay artists wishing to display and sell their work during this special afternoon.

We want to make your visitor experience the very best possible, so whatever tickles your fancy, come experience "fire and clay". And be sure to give us a shout soon at 231.536.3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org to register for the Raku, Sculpy and Precious Metal Clay sessions or to reserve an Artist Exhibit Space. Preregistration for these activities is required by September 30, 2015.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts through Raven Hill's Operational Grant award.

"Armchair Theatre" monthly performances begin this Sunday

During the fall and winter seasons, the Charlevoix Circle of Arts Armchair Theatre will present Sunday evening performances once a month. On Sunday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m., the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "The Gin Game" will showcase Dick Williams and Kay Hull. The drama with comic overtones takes place on a seldom-used porch of a retirement home. Two residents meet there to play a running game of gin. Lifetime memories flutter out of the cards.

This award winning play written by D.L.Coburn, originally starred Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn. This presentation of a staged reading will feature two actors who have performed with the Armchair Theatre for two seasons—Dick Williams and Kay Hull. Dick majored in theatre and speech at Michigan State University and received a MA in speech. He founded the Torch Theater and led it for 18

years.

Kay has portrayed Elizabeth Browning in "Letters of Love" and as Ann Rutledge in "Spoon River Anthology" in 2014. Kay herself is a published writer and poet. She has been a lay reader for years, currently at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Ruth Willis, Performing Arts Chairperson of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, brought together a group of people who were interested and/or had been involved with the theatre. In the summer of 2014, The Armchair Theatre began its presentations twice monthly throughout the summer season. In 2015, two performances were scheduled monthly and the decision was made to continue throughout the fall and winter season once a month on Sunday evenings.

Several of the participants in Armchair Theatre have offered their thoughts on theater arts. Tim Cox—"A good doctor is

able to put himself in another's place, understand his concerns, which is not horribly different from the job of an actor." Desiree Kaiser—"Live theater is just so important. It is part of our history and cultural identity. It is also a great character and skill builder. Our lives are a series of stories, and live theater gives us a chance to tell some of the stories that affect us, and learn how to tell them well. As actors it gives us the courage to stand in front of an audience and be a different person."

Cynthia Boss—"The Charlevoix Circle of Arts and the community can benefit from Ruth Willis's gifts as an accomplished professional actor, director, producer, teacher and mentor as she develops Armchair Theater. She brings us an opportunity that is usually only offered in urban areas.

All-Ages farm tour & open drawing event

On Saturday, October 3 from 4 to 6 pm, meet the farmers and get an up-close look at the animals, vegetable gardens, woods, and fields that make Bluestem Farm an interconnected patchwork of good, clean food. After the farm tour, we'll sketch a bit and enjoy the beautiful farm. Bring your own sketchbook and personal art supplies. (JRAC will also make some supplies available.)

This event takes place rain or shine, but there's a big barn for cover if the weather's not good. Please dress for the forecast and wear comfortable shoes you won't mind getting dirty. Light snacks will be provided. Please, no dogs. This event is co-sponsored by Jordan River Arts Council and Bluestem Farm. For questions, contact Katie

McLeod at (231) 675-7740. Though not required, registration is very helpful here: <http://bit.ly/JRACBluestemOpenDrawing> on behalf of the farm's subsidized food program (the Help Others Eat Well Fund) will be gratefully accepted at the door. More on that here: <http://www.bluestemfarm.net/outreach/>

Bluestem Farm is located at 4218 M-32 at the Adams Intersection. Please note that if you are relying on electronic navigation to Bluestem Farm, it will probably steer you wrong. The farm is at M-32 and Adams Road, and the driveway is off M-32. Parking is inside the farm. A good map is here: <http://bit.ly/BluestemFarmMap>

32nd Annual Crop Walk

September 26, 9am. The six-mile walk will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe in East Jordan, Whiting Park in Boyne City and Charlevoix Middle School in Charlevoix. Each location will conclude the walk at the Congregational Church in Ironton where lunch will be provided for all

walkers. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015

0515 Assisted EMS in the 800 block of S Park St.
0925 Report of two small children crawling in and out of the window in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av
1004 Distempered raccoon in the 800 block of Thompson St.
1017 MDOP and Trespass complaint on Stewart St.
1145 Report of suspicious activity and vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1150 Another distempered raccoon in the 300 block of E Division St.
1339 Possible violation of a no contact order in the 300 block of E Division St.
1445 Report of two dogs running at large near First and Ann.
1555 Found child in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1617 Vehicle unlock at Van Dam boat works.
1852 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

2121 Fireworks complaint at Jefferson & North.
2235 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

TUESDAY SEPT. 8, 2015

0333 Served subject with No Trespass Order on Stewart St.
0425 Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
0851 Assist subject with removal of vehicle from construction site on Front St
0854 Tennis rackets left outside door of city hall over the weekend.
0933 Report of barking dog on Line St.
1005 Ongoing noise complaint on W Main St.
1023 Report of telephone scam in the 300 block of N East St
1255 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
1333 Assist Sheriff Dept on Fontenoy St
1408 Report of missing laptop from the 1100 block of N Lake St.
1942 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av. Made contact with driver, will go back and pay.

2057 Report of a suspicious vehicle on the airport. It was us.
2116 Assist Sheriff Dept with disturbance on Pleasant Valley near Davis.
2145 Overdue motorist reported from the 400 block of Bay St. Located subject at Lake/North enroute home.
2239 Citation issued for speed on Lake St near Lower Lake

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2015

0836 Assist Sheriff Dept with accident at Thumb Lake and Standard Lake Rd
0930 Report of a golden running at large in the Industrial Park
1020 Assist Sheriff Dept with suspicious vehicle at Fontenoy and Chatelet.
1031 Report of Domestic violence in the 800 block of West St. One subject arrested.
1314 Report of lost set of keys near the waterfront
1518 Personal injury accident in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
1758 Barking dog complaint on Line St.
2019 Driving complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St.
2035 Arrested subject for DWLS on Lake near North St.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 2015

0129 Felonious assault on W Main St. Arrested one subject.
0336 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St
1041 Report of broken glass in the road at Water and Park.
1245 Civil complaint on W main St
1355 Suspicious situation reported in the 400 block of E Division.
1545 Report of vehicle parked in Fire lane in the 400 block of N Lake St
1505 Found driver's license dropped off at PD.
1700 Salvage Vehicle Inspection
1721 Assisted EMS at the Water Street docks.
1813 Alarm in the 300 block of E Water St
1826 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St
1937 911 check in the 700 block of Spring St.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 2015

0800 Report of possible phone scam from E Main St
0850 Report of lost cell phone between the waterfront

and Jefferson St last night.
1152 Arrested subject for OUID near the 500 block of N Lake St.
1319 Report of lost keys.
1459 Littering complaint from North St
1605 Report of smoke rolling out of the old theatre. Just cleaning.
1612 Civil complaint on Jersey Street.
1716 Property damage accident at Park and Main.
1740 Civil complaint on Jersey escalated to threats complaint
1833 Citation issued for fail to yield at stop sign at Water and East.
2200 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Hannah.

SATURDAY SEPT. 12, 2015

0517 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St.
0618 Assist Sheriff Dept in the 300 block of N Lake St.
0837 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St.
0925 Assist Sheriff Dept with accident near Young State Park.
1058 Report of a Saint Bernard standing in Pleasant Ave. near the city limits.

1240 Dispatched another Raccoon in the 100 block of W Ann.
1509 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel.
1618 Report of refrigerator left beside road at State St and East. Caller concerned that kids will get in it and be stuck there
1705 Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
2307 Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of S. Park St.

SUNDAY SEPT. 13, 2015

0119 Assist EMS in the 300 block of Silver St.
0218 Removed a shopping cart from the roadway in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1201 Animal complaint in the 900 block of Second St.
1214 Animal complaint at Second and Division.
1925 Suspicious subject at East S and Bailey St.
2017 Report of dog running at large in the 300 block of N Park St.
2203 911 hang up in the 600 block of State St.

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Leadership Charlevoix County kicks off on Beaver Island

Leadership Charlevoix County kicked off its fifth year with a teambuilding retreat for the 19 class members on Beaver Island on Sept. 13-14. Before boarding the Beaver Island Boat Company ferry, the class kicked off their retreat at the Charlevoix Public Library with teambuilding and personality profiles led by Karen Marietti from Camp Daggett.

Once on the island, the class took in the sights, sounds and places of interest for the next day and a half, including an overnight stay and tour at the CMU Biological Center, visits to the Community Center, the Mormon Print Shop, Little Sand Bay, the Beaver Island Transfer Station, Beaver Island Com-

munity Schools, Beaver Island Health Center, Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and Welke Airways/Air Ambulance Service.

"This is a great group of people," said Kendall Hayes, Program Coordinator for Leadership Charlevoix County. "They have already bonded so well and bring a lot of enthusiasm to this year's program. I can't wait to see how this year evolves and what these participants will bring to the table as future leaders of Charlevoix County."

Leadership Charlevoix County is a collaborative program of the Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan Area Chambers of Commerce. Over the next nine months, participants

will take part in sessions involving our Community Governmental Structure; Ethics, Culture and Philanthropy; Economic Development; Education; Health and Human Services; and Environment and Natural Resources. The class will also learn "hands on" leadership skills including public presentations, how to run a meeting, grant writing, and conflict resolution.

"The goal of Leadership Charlevoix County is to develop the skills of potential leaders within our community who currently work or reside within Charlevoix County," said LCC Board President Dianne Litzenburger. "Our participants are hand-picked by Charlevoix County businesses and our Chambers of Commerce as potential

board members, city council members, elected officials, and business owners who will direct the future of our community. This is a huge opportunity for both the participants and Charlevoix County."

LCC class members will also collaborate throughout the year on a community service project. The project, chosen by the class, must meet a community need, and be completed within the nine months of the LCC class program. For the first time this year, LCC asked for "Requests for Proposals" from community agencies for consideration by the leadership class. So far, six proposals have been submitted for consideration.



This year's leadership class consists of 19 members: Kim Altobello, Boyne Area Chamber; Barb Brooks, City of Boyne City; Devin Butterbrodt, Classic Instruments; John Cool, Charlevoix State Bank; Charity Gee, Great Lakes Energy; Liane Hagerman, Health Dept. of Northwest Michigan; Molly Hauxwell-Currier, Boyne City Public Schools; Heather Jackson, City of East Jordan; Jenn McAndrew, Boyne Co-op True Value; Lisa Meyer, Charlevoix Public Schools; Jeff Minkwic, Boyne Mountain; Cliff Porter, Cannonball, LLC; Alissa Post, Castle Farms; Hannah Sanderson, Northern Michigan Review (Charlevoix Courier); Nikki Skrocki, The Insurance Shop; Ashley Sonnevil, Charlevoix Area Hospital; Kristen Spears, RE/MAX Boyne; Randall Sutton, Boyne Mountain; and Carrie Titus, 4Front Credit Union. COURTESY PHOTO

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The "Veteran of the Month" for September 2015 is Donald William Peterson. Born Sept. 16th, 1937 in Lansing, Mich., Peterson was raised in DeWitt, Mich. and graduated in the class of 1956 from DeWitt High School. Peterson enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on Oct. 31st, 1956 entering into active duty in Detroit, Mich. beginning a 21 year, 11 month and 17 day military career. On March 30th, 1957 in DeWitt Peterson married Ruth J. White. On Jan. 1st, 1958 Peterson was promoted to the Non-Commissioned Officer rank of Corporal and was assigned to Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division serving as a Squad Leader with the specialty of Machine Gunner. On April 25th, 1958, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Peterson reenlisted and was reassigned to Guard Company, Service Battalion, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia where he attended a two week Non-Commissioned Officer Briefing Course. On Dec. 16th, 1960 Peterson reenlisted and continued his schooling in Accounting and Intro To Business Courses. Peterson served two tours of duty in Vietnam totaling one year, seven months and eleven days. On Jan. 4th, 1969 Peterson was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and on Nov. 1st, 1972 he reenlisted in Arlington, Va. On March 1st, 1974 Peterson was promoted to Master Sergeant and on Sept. 30th, 1976, at Service Company, Support Battalion, Quantico, Va., Peterson received an Honorable Discharge and was transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserves and was awarded the following decorations and awards: Vietnam Service Award with Four Bronze Battle Stars; Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation with Palm; Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Devise; Letter of Commendation from Department of the Academics, USA, Trans School, Fort Eustis, Texas; Pistol Expert Badge; Rifle Marksmanship Badge and The Good Conduct Medal with Five Bronze Stars Award. Returning home Pe-

erson went to work for General Motors in Lansing, Mich. serving as a Security Officer retiring in 1992 and later moving to Gaylord, Mich. where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, drove cancer patients to Petoskey, Mich. for radiation treatments, served on the Veterans Trust Fund Board and the County Veterans Affairs Committee. On Jan. 29th, 2015 Donald William Peterson answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Ruth and son Douglas.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.



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NCCM receives commendation from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

North Central Michigan College and Melissa Colby, the College's veteran resource representative, recently received a superb commendation from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. The VA has a new system for ranking schools that are "Veteran-Friendly," and North Central has received the highest ranking.

The Michigan Veteran-Friendly School program is designed to formally recognize academic institutions of higher learning committed to supporting the needs of student veterans and their dependents. The program promotes best practices by awarding gold-, silver- and bronze-level status to institutions that offer veteran-centric services and programs.

Being awarded gold-level status means that North Central has met at least six of the following criteria:

- On-campus veteran's coordinator and/or staffed veterans center
- Active student-operated veteran club/association



North Central Michigan College and Melissa Colby, the College's veteran resource representative, recently received a superb commendation from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. COURTESY PHOTO

- Established process for the identification of current student veterans
- Evaluation and awarding of credit for military training and experience
- Veteran-specific website/portal
- Monitoring and evaluation of student veteran academic retention, completion and graduation rates
- Monitoring and evaluation of student veteran job placement rates

"We are very proud of Melissa and applaud her commitment to our student veterans. This is an excellent achievement," states Dr. Cameron Brunet-Koch, president of North Central.

For more information on North Central's programs for veterans, contact Melissa Colby, Veteran Resource Representative at 231-348-6820 or mcolby@ncmich.edu.

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Boyer City Clerk Commemorates 30 Years

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On Tuesday commissioners surprised Clerk Cindy Grice with commendation and accolades for her 30 years of service to the City.

Amongst what proved to be an overall upbeat agenda, Grice was lauded by colleagues past and present during the City Manager's Report by Michael Cain. Grice has been a fixture in the City Hall building for 30 years; during which time she has aided 6 mayors, 17 different commissioners, and 3 City Managers. She took her current position as Clerk/Treasurer in 2005.

At the meeting, Grice was given flowers and many in the audience voiced their appreciation for her years of service. Included in the audience was County Clerk Cherie Browe, who commended Grice on her "extreme professionalism" and teased that she hoped Grice would stay clerk until she retired. Others who worked with her in Boyne City laughed about their times together and expressed their admiration for her calm during stressful times.

Mayor Ron Grunch also read a proclamation lauding Grice's service to the city after which the meeting adjourned for a 15 minute break to enjoy re-

freshments in Grice's honor.

After that, business returned to usual with project updates, approval of grant seeking, and new equipment purchases. The first item tackled involved an artistic venture, which Main St. Director Lori Meeder detailed. The newest piece of art to join Boyne will be a bronze statue that will be placed in the water that shows a life size logger pulling a log out of the water. The statue will be created by a local artist and requires finding grant funding through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The commission approved allowing the Cain to sign that

grant.

The commission then approved allowing Cain to look into funding options that would allow the city to purchase the property that is currently leased to them at 475 N. Lake St, across from Family Fare. They then approved paying \$15,350 to exercise the water valves throughout Boyne City in the hope of keeping them in good working condition.

The commission also chose to allow Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski to purchase a new computer for his duties in the amount of \$1,599. Additionally, an ambulance was sold for \$1,251 and Cain was appointed Environ-



Boyer City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Grice accepts a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Grunch at Tuesday's Commission meeting.

mental Review and Certifying Officer for the Lake Street project as the next step in securing grant funding.

The next meeting of the Boyne City Commission will be held Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the city building.

HIDDEN TREASURES

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

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 out 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



HiddTrea-HomespunPhoto1; 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. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

items customers can find are dish-ware, 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.

DONATION POLICY

CONTINUED FROM PG. 3A

Council chose new locations, but that the types of memorials stay consistent to the design of those already in East Park.

The committee also recommends that veteran and military memorials be considered on a case by case basis; meaning that the type, location, or style could be chosen at the city and donors discretion. The committee then commented on what type of public recognition should be given to those who donate. According to the recommendation, recognition could be given to those donating. They suggested certificates at a public event or meeting, thank you letters from the Mayor or City Manager, and that if an especially significant donation is made the council may consider a ceremony in honor of the donation.

Additionally, a donation list should be published annually to recognize the gift to the community.

These recommendations were received well by the council, however, they chose to take no action on Monday, but instead to hold a Public Hearing at their next meeting for those in the community to offer further input on the policy. That hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers.

In other council news, council approved of purchasing 250 ton of ice melt salt for the winter for \$16,307.50. They also approved of hiring a consultant to create a new Recreation Master Plan as the current plan is set to expire next year. Additionally they gave notice that they will be issuing Capital Improvement Bonds for \$3.6 million which will be generated from existing revenues via the County Road Millage and the City Infrastructure Millage.

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Classes for seniors aimed at avoiding falls

One-third of Americans over age 65 will fall each year, with falls attributing to the highest number of emergency room visits. For seniors, both falling and the fear of falling can decrease their independence and quality of life. To combat this growing statistic, The Great At Any Age initiative sponsored by the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM) marked the National Council on Aging's National Falls Prevention Awareness Day on Sept. 23

by drawing attention to free Michigan programs available in seniors' local communities that can help them avoid falls. This year's theme is "Take A Stand Against Falls."

The Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM), which covers Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties, is offering an eightweek program called A Matter of Balance: Man-

aging Concerns About Falls. The series of classes is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. Participants learn how to reduce fall risks in their environment, increase balance with exercise, view falls as controllable and set realistic goals for increased activity.

The classes are based on a proven program created by Boston University, and 97 percent of seniors who have taken A Matter of Bal-

ance classes would recommend the program to others.

Information about the program serving Michigan residents age 60 and older and their caregivers can be found at the website, www.GreatAtAnyAgeMi.com. Specific class times and locations can be found by calling 1-800-442-1713 or visiting aaanm.org/mob-workshops.

"The total cost of fall injuries is \$34 billion a year, yet it costs seniors nothing for this excellent program

that protects and enhances a person's quality of life," said Darcia Brewer of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. "We want individuals to feel confident that they can protect themselves from falls and maintain their independence."

Last year, 48 states participated in observing the special national day intended to raise recognition about the dangers of falls and the possible consequences of sustained injuries. AAAAM, based in

Lansing, is offering the free classes through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

"With the Great At Any Age initiative, we want to help older Michigan residents make lifestyle changes that will empower them to lead healthier, more satisfying lives," said Mary Ablan, AAAAM executive director.

Making a Relationship Last - Secrets from the Experts - Part 2

By Deb Hagen-Foley

"Love seems the swiftest but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century." Mark Twain

Choosing to enter into a committed relationship and formalizing your loyalty to another person means sharing their intention to stay together for the long-term. Approximately 40% of marriages end in divorce, and the rate of divorce appears to be declining. The divorce rate for women with college degrees was 16% for those who married between 1990 and 1994, down from 27% of those with a four-year degree who married between 1975 and 1979.

In the U.S., 2.3 million couples wed each year. This is an average of 6,200 weddings per day. One-third of those getting married have been married before.

If you are preparing to marry, you may wonder why some relationships last for decades and others don't survive. To learn the secrets for making a relationship last, I spoke to some experts. The eight experts I consulted learned about marriage through more than 265 years in committed, long-term relationships ranging in length from 4 to 56.5 years. These relationships include 11 marriages. Half of the experts have married once each. The shortest of these only marriages have lasted 35 years, so far.

Carol, Connie, Donna, June, Lisa, Nancy, Shari, and Virginia shared their lessons learned, advice

for success in a long-term relationship with those who are preparing to walk down the aisle. Last week I shared the expert's opinions on the importance of communication to maintaining a long-term relationship. Here are more recommendations from the experts.

Respect and trust. According to Lisa, "You must build and maintain trust in one another, always, always, always. Keep your promises, your word is your bond, be able to count on one another. Be respectful. Always. Always. Always."

Carol agrees, "My advice for a lasting relationship would be to always respect each other."

Know yourself, be yourself, love yourself. Shari, married 28 years, passed on advice she learned from her brother - be yourself. Don't pretend to be someone you are not and encourage your partner to be authentic also. Research confirms this advice - couples that have an unrealistic view of the relationship, based on putting their best selves forward, are more likely to become disillusioned when reality sets in.

Donna felt that by marrying so early, she didn't take time to know herself, "I wish someone had told me to live my live first, do what I wanted to do, spend money on myself etc. before committing to marriage."

Nancy, who has been married three times, totaling 27 years, is now committed to loving herself. "My advice is to have an excellent relationship with yourself, because, wherever you go, there you are."

Grand opening celebration at Meredith Manor in East Jordan

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation is inviting community members to a Grand Opening Celebration and Dedication for Meredith Manor, an apartment community for low income seniors. The celebration will be held Friday, September 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Meredith Manor, 109 McKenzie Street, East Jordan. The Dedication Ceremony will start at 2:00. The public is invited to attend to celebrate this new state of the art 10-unit senior apartment community for low income seniors. Meredith Manor is designed for aging in place and incorporates energy efficient and green construction features.

Meredith Manor came to fruition because of the vision and inspiration of Jim Meredith, a community leader and senior advocate. While a member of the East Jordan Housing Commission, Jim saw the need for additional apartments for low-income seniors in East Jordan. The Housing Commission purchased the land for the apartments and collaborated with Northern Homes on the initial design for the apartments. Jim Meredith passed away in 2009.

Meredith Manor features 10 independent living apartments, each with



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one bedroom, a bathroom and a kitchen. The building has a community room for residents to use and an office for an on-site manager. The aging-in-place features include wide doorways, low thresholds and a large roll-in shower in each unit. Energy efficient and green construction features include water conserving fixtures, energy efficient lighting, insulated concrete form walls, and high efficiency heating systems. The apartments are designed to meet En-

terprise Green Communities Criteria

"Meredith Manor was built because of Jim Meredith's dedication to his community. The apartments address a need for affordable housing for seniors in East Jordan" said Jane MacKenzie, the Executive Director of Northern Homes, "Meredith Manor is one more great example of what Northern Homes is doing to address the critical need for affordable housing for seniors and families throughout northern Michigan."

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care workshop

"Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC): Promoting Recovery from Addictions in Northwest Lower Michigan". This workshop is open to all who are concerned and interested in addressing substance abuse issues in our communities. Michael Flaherty PhD, Clinical Psychologist, from Pennsylvania will be our workshop leader.

Workshop participants will:

- learn about ROSC and how it differs from traditional treatment approaches,
- be involved in defining recovery for our community,
- learn about efforts in the region toward quality services,
- be involved in establishing new principles of care for our community,
- identify the roles of peers, families and communities in ROSC,

(f) learn about Recovery Coaches in our area,

(g) have an opportunity to encourage policy makers and others to help fund these efforts, and

(h) help to establish goals for our local area about future efforts and activities.

The workshop goes from 10am to 4pm on Friday, October 2nd and the cost will be \$10 which will include lunch on-site at the Charlevoix Public Library Conference Rooms. If you would like continuing education units (CEU's) for social workers or addiction professionals, you can pay an additional \$10 in your registration and get 5.5 hours of continuing education credits.

The Charlevoix Alano Club,

BASES, Charlevoix Hospital, Harbor Hall and Sue Hoffman Clinical Social Worker are working together to bring this much needed workshop to our local area. Participation will be limited to 75 people. This workshop is supported by a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

To learn more about this workshop and to register, please visit:

www.BASESTeenCenter.org/ROSC.htm where you can sign up with a credit card or send in your registration information to BASES at 208 West Lincoln, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Or you can call BASES at 231-547-1144 for more information.

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“Empty Bowls Luncheon” 4th Annual Boyne City Community Meal

“Empty Bowls Luncheon” 4th Annual Boyne City Community Meal will be held on October 3 from Noon - 1:30pm in the Community Room at the Boyne District Library.

During the summer, Community members made 72 bowls at the Friday night Stroll the Streets, and the SOBO Arts Festival. Soup will be provided by market vendor Blackbird Gardens and Boyne Country Provisions, with bread provided by market vendor Hardwood Gold.

Tickets are \$20, available at The Grain Train, the Manna Food information booth at the Farmers Market, and at the Boyne District Library. All proceeds are donated to The Manna Food Project.

Your donation buys your lunch and a bowl of your choice to keep.

“Empty Bowls” is an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a

community level. Each community’s events are self-developed and independent. The project expands one group at a time, and events are currently held in many areas in the United States and Canada. “Empty Bowls” now supports food related charities around the world and has raised millions of dollars to help alleviate hunger. The expressed objectives of “Empty Bowls” are:

- Raise as much money as possible to feed the world’s hungry people. Lives are in the balance.
- Increase awareness of hunger and related issues. Through education, awareness, and action, concerned individuals can change human attitudes that allow hunger to exist.
- Advocate for arts education. Nurturing the creative process through the arts enhances the possibility of finding new solutions to old problem.



Empty Bowls Luncheon” 4th Annual Boyne City Community Meal will be held on October 3 from Noon - 1:30pm in the Community Room at the Boyne District Library. The Friends of The Boyne District Library Quilt Raffle Drawing will be held during the luncheon. Tickets are available at the library. COURTESY PHOTOS



The Circle of Arts is pleased to present a retrospective show in honor of one of Northern Michigan’s well-known and respected pastel artists, Jerry Power. COURTESY PHOTO

Power of Pastels: Legacy of Jerry Power

The Circle of Arts is pleased to present a retrospective show in honor of one of Northern Michigan’s well-known and respected pastel artists, Jerry Power. Jerry passed away in 2009 and his family is graciously sharing over fifty of Jerry’s beautiful paintings from their personal family collection, many of which have never been seen before.

Jerry Power started painting in 1989 when his wife Pati signed him up for a pastel class in Romeo Michigan. He then continued painting with the Romeo area painters and entered his first competition at the Romeo Peach Festival. He was hooked on painting and became very serious about it after retiring and moving to northern Michigan. Jerry became a member of several art associations including the Great Lakes Pastel Society, Michigan Plein Air Painters and was proud to be a Master Painter with the Great Lakes Painters Association. Jerry’s work has been featured in many magazines including American Artist and The Pastel Journal. Power received many honors in his all too short career including the Art Spirit Foundation and the Diane Bernhard Silver Medal Award for Excellence.

Jerry loved the outdoors and plein air painting. His paintings transport you to northern Michigan beaches, the dunes along Lake Michigan or an old farm and meadows of beautiful flowers. “I feel my obligation as an artist is to share with the viewer those moments for they may never come again, and spark an awareness that nature is both beautiful and fragile.”

He loved to teach and share his love of plein air paintings and did so at a variety of galleries in northern Michigan including Cycling Salamander in Charlevoix and Thoreson Farms in Leelanau. His wife, Pati was his constant companion accompanying him while painting and teaching classes.

This is what he had to say about the undertaught art of squinting: “I found squinting to be the most important technique that I use. It was never taught and isn’t really a part of any how-to-draw-and-paint publications. Maybe it can’t be taught and just has to come from experience. Squinting down your subject sounds simple, but it takes awhile to understand what it really means. There are degrees of squinting and different approaches, depending on what you are squinting for. Are you

squinting to determine shades and patterns? Are you looking for movement or an abstract design? Clarifying color value or the right temperature? Deciding on composition, blocking out distractions, softening edges, establishing contrasts? Or are you just making a busy scene appear simple?”

He added, “Believe me, squinting is the best tool. I have seen artists or students squint when they start a painting because they were told they should, and after they have started the painting, never squint again. If you continue to use the squinting process while you paint, you can help keep your center of interest from getting lost. You know where to keep your sharpest contrasts. You won’t lose the basic design and movement of space and form. It will keep you from losing your measurements, which may have been covered over. Squinting really helps you choose the soft and hard edges that make a painting work.” (American Artist)

The opening reception of The POWER of Pastels: Legacy of Jerry Power is Friday, September 25th from 5-7 pm at the Circle of Arts located at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

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September 24, 5-7pm, Pickers Exchange and Karen Walker Studio. Presented by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLEVOIX POWER OF EVENT MARKETING

September 24, 8am, Charlevoix Public Library. This seminar is FREE to Chamber members and only \$10 for non-members. During the seminar enjoy complimentary coffee and sweets from Cre8tive Cupcake!

CHARLEVOIX BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

September 26, 4pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street. A Blessing of the Animals service will be held to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell will lead a short service with readings and prayers. Those who wish to attend should cage or leash their pet. For those pets who cannot come to the service, but still wish to receive a blessing, their owners may bring a picture for the blessing. After the service, a brief reception of treats for pets and their people will be in the Parish Hall. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-6322.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE AREA ARCHERY CLUB 3D FUN SHOOT

September 26, 9am-2pm, Avalanche Preserve. The archery range is located at 746 Pleasant Ave. One of the contestants will win a Prime Iron Bow valued at \$1,000, and other prizes will also be awarded randomly to those who register in a drawing at 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 if you sign up by Sept. 24 by emailing your name to info@boynechamber.com. Late registration on Sept. 25 or 26 is \$15. The event is being organized by local resident Bill Kuhn; contact him at 231-675-1200 if you have any questions. Proceeds go to the Boyne Area Archery Club.

BOYNE FALLS SCENIC TRAIL DAY HIKE AND POTLUCK

September 26, starting at 2pm. The Jordan Valley 450 Chapter, North Country Trail Association will hold events in honor of North Country National Scenic Trail Day.

A 3.5 mile group hike will be held at 2:00 pm starting at the Landslide Overlook of the Jordan River Valley, near Alba. A potluck dinner will be held at 6:00 pm at the Boyne Valley Township Fire Hall in Boyne Falls. Optionally bring a side dish to pass. Entrée, beverage and dessert provided. A presentation "Exploring Isle Royale" by noted wilderness author Jim DuFresne will highlight the chapter meeting following at 7:00 pm. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing. The public is welcome to all of these events.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 32ND ANNUAL CROP WALK

September 26, 9am. The six-mile walk will begin at three Charlevoix County locations, including Elm Pointe in East Jordan, Whiting Park in Boyne City and Charlevoix Middle School in Charlevoix. Each location will conclude the walk at the Congregational Church in Ironton where lunch will be provided for all walkers. All church's and individuals are welcome to join the walk. For more information about CROP Walk or if your church or organization would like to participate please contact: East Jordan, Marge Teske, at 231-536-3128, Charlevoix, John Young at 231-547-2042 and for Boyne City, Mary Richwine at 231-582-6035.

EAST JORDAN BREEZEWAY FALL COLOR CRUISE

September 26, 10am-5pm. Cruise the 26 miles of The Breezeway at your own pace stopping along the way at local attractions, enjoy a meal or just to take in the breath taking scenery. Pick up your goodie bag and trip tips sheet in Atwood at Royal Farms and let your adventure begin ending

at Boyne Mt. for a trip up the chairlift to take in the fall colors. Info at www.ridethebreezeway.com

NORWOOD CROP WALK

September 26, 9am, Norwood Church on 4th Street. The walk is on the lakeshore and is about 4 miles. A rescue car will follow walkers in case of sore feet. Dogs are welcome on the walk. After the walk, lunch is served. Call Thelma Ditlow (547-4935) or Marion Light(547-9356).

EAST JORDAN FALL FEST

September 26, 11am- 4pm. East Jordan Tourist Park. Food Trucks, Beverage Vendors, Live Music, Hay Bale Art and lots of fun. \$5 entry fee, all kids 10 and under are free!

HARBOR SPRINGS HOPS 'N HIGHLANDS MICROBREW FESTIVAL

September 26 & 27, Boyne Highlands. Featuring more than 40 Michigan brewers and live music including Kellerville, Huckleberry Groove and Chris Kallega.

BOYNE CITY JAMES OTTO IN CONCERT

September 27, 2 and 6pm, Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. General admission tickets are available at the door and at the Boyne Area Chamber office for \$25. Call 231-225-0275 tickets or further information. Otto has had a number of singles make the Billboard charts, but his big hit was "Just Got Started Lovin' You", which became Otto's first Number One hit, as well as the Number One country single of 2008. James Otto's website. Proceeds to benefit Boyne City Fire Department.

BOYNE CITY WHY PEOPLE LEAVE CHURCH DISCUSSION

September 27, 6:30pm, Life-tree Café, 401 S. Park Street. The program, titled "Leaving God? Insights From Those Who've Walked Away From Church," includes interviews with John Bucher, an author, filmmaker, and screenwriter who was hurt by the church, and Dr. Josh Packard, a professor and researcher at the University of Northern Colorado. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss their own personal experiences with organized religion. Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

CHARLEVOIX HARVEST FESTIVAL AT CASTLE FARMS

September 27, 11am-4pm. Join us at Castle Farms to celebrate nature's bounty and autumn's glory at our annual Harvest Festival! \$10 admission includes full access to the Castle, plus entertaining family friendly activities for all ages. Horse-drawn wagon rides, arts and crafts, games and prizes, face painting, plus magic show and fire spinning performances by Magik Mike! Visit the 'Mini Farmer's Market', with vendors exhibiting and selling homemade items. Free cider and donuts. Additional food available for purchase. Special: 2:00 pm Guided Historical Tour available for an additional \$2 per person.

CHARLEVOIX SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

September 29, 6:30-7:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Are you planning to take early retirement? Or do you want to continue working until, or beyond, full retirement age? Whatever your plans, this meeting will help you make informed decisions about your future based on your Social Security benefit options. Speaker: Ben Muladore of Edward Jones. Free admission.

BOYNE CITY MARY'S BOYNE FALL FASHION SHOW

September 29, 11:30am, Porter Creek Fish House. Enjoy lunch while you view the newest fall fashions. \$17 per person includes lunch. RSVP to Mary's of Boyne 231-582-3820 and be sure to invite a friend.

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE

October 2, 7:30-9:30pm, Chamber office. The month of October has been named Chamber of Commerce Month by Governor Rick Snyder. To recognize and thank our Chamber members, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding an Open House Breakfast for it members

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 3, 8am-4pm, downtown Boyne City. Farmers Market, live music, free horse-drawn hay rides, kids games and pumpkin painting, craft show, scarecrow contest, hay rides, 5k walk/run, Gravel Grinder bike race. The entire Boyne City Farmers Market will move to Water and Lake Streets from 8am to noon. The farm market booths will sell a variety of apples and other harvest items including pumpkins, squash, apple butter, jam, honey and cider. Portions of Water Street will be closed to traffic during the festival to make room for the Farmers Market, music and more than 30 arts and craft vendors.

BOYNE CITY BAC GALLERY GRAND OPENING

October 3, 214 Water Street.

BOYNE CITY GRANDVUE TERRACE AND RECREATION PARK FUNDRAISER

October 3, 6-11pm, Boyne City Eagles Hall. An old-fashioned "Barn Raiser" fund-raising party to benefit the proposed Grandvue Terrace and Recreation Park project. Music will be provided by Vasco Zucchiatti, Full Circle Band and Tim's DJ Service. The event will also include a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, a ticket auction and a cash bar. Food will be available. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door. For more information, call Nancy Lawson, 231-582-9884.

BOYNE FALLS SKITOFERFEST

October 3, Boyne Mountain. You'll find everything you'd expect at Oktoberfest - great food, Michigan beer, wine and spirits, live music and performances - plus our own ski- and snowboard-oriented twists on tradition. Carve out plenty of time for our on-snow rail jam, a ski swap, free rides on our six-place chair, a parade, street dancing, and tons of other surprises during this amazing pre-season celebration. Admission is FREE, and tickets for food, brews, and some activities will be available.

EAST JORDAN JORDAN RIVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GUN SHOW

October 3, 9am-5pm, Harvest Barn Church, 210 S. Lake Street. Show hours are 9am-5pm. Admission: General \$4, Veterans: \$3. For dealer reservations contact Bob Herrmann 231-582-9528.

BOYNE CITY GREAT PUMPKIN RUN

October 4, 8am, Race start is in Peninsula Park. 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. 7-7:55am registration in back of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry Fee: Pre-registered - by 5 p.m., Oct. 3 - \$20; Race day entry fee - \$25; Age 12 and under \$10. Awards will go to the top male and female, top three youth (12 and under), oldest participant, youngest participant and various human/canine pairs. Refreshments: Water, fruit and more. Questions: E-mail: run-for-their-lives@charter.net or call Jamie (231) 675-8792

CHARLEVOIX FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

October 7, 9:30-11:30am, Charlevoix Senior Center, 6906 Norwood Road. Open to the public. Pre-registration required. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

EAST JORDAN GREEN LIGHT BUSINESS COMPETITION

October 8, 5:30-8pm, Castle Farms. Get in on the excitement and energy of Green Light Business Competition. Listen to the ten finalist pitches and be a participant in the People's Choice Award! There is no charge to attend this event; however, registration is required as space is limited! Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served at no cost thanks to the generosity of the event sponsors. Register at www.greenlighteastjordan.com. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce - 231-536-7351

PETOSKEY LECTURE SERIES; INTERLOCHEN PUBLIC RADIO

October 9, 11:30am, North Central Michigan College library conference room. Sally Eisele was named general manager of IPR earlier this year after a long career at WBEZ in Chicago, KQED in San Francisco, WKAR at Michigan State University and the Michigan Public Radio network. She will talk about how public radio is meeting the challenges of an ever-expanding media universe. All Luncheon Lecture programs are held on Fridays in the Library conference room. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$10. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at noon.

CHARLEVOIX APPLE FEST

October 9, 10, 11. Bridge Street. The festival's focal point is the apple, proven to be the most popular fruit in North America. Northern Michigan's cool temperatures are said to produce tastier and more colorful fruit than those grown in warmer climates. More than 30 types of apples will be on hand as well as other fall harvest items such as pumpkins, squash, jam, honey, maple syrup, pies and cider. Also Charlevoix Homecoming Parade, Apple Fest Family Fun Run, Holiday Art and Craft Show.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Farmers Market outdoor market season is in full swing, open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am- noon at Veterans Park.

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Charlevoix Farmers Market, East Park, Thursdays, 9am-1pm along Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Follow event updates on: www.facebook.com/CharlevoixFarmersMarket

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 9am-1pm at Sportsman's Park (Bridge Street). On Facebook at EastJordanFarmer'sMarket

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP FREE FIREWOOD

In the next two or three weeks, extensive work will be done on the trees in the cemetery.

All of the small limbs and brush will be removed, but the wood than can be used as firewood will be stock piled for use by our Norwood citizens. If you are interested in some of this wood, please contact the Township and we will advise you when it is available. It will be free, all you have to do is remove it. You can contact the Supervisor norwoodsupervisor@yahoo.com if you would like to participate in this program.

EAST JORDAN SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

East Jordan Public Schools plans to sponsor a food service program this summer under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program for Children. We plan to operate this food service program at East Jordan Elementary School, 304 Fourth Street. We will be serving breakfast from 9:00 am - 9:30 am and lunch from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday. This feeding program will operate from June 15, 2015 through August 21. Meals will not be available on July 3 and July 6.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include your organization and volunteer needs in this new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are

available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

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.

CHARLEVOIX FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

October 12, 10am-Noon, American House, 615 Petoskey Ave. Open to the public. Pre-registration required. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

BOYNE CITY FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

October 13, 9am-Noon, Boyne Area Senior Center, 411 E. Division St. Open to the public. Pre-registration required. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

BOYNE CITY STATE OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

October 15, Noon-2pm. Boyne Mountain Vienna Room. Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber. Admission is \$20 which includes salad, deli sandwich, potato chips, dessert bar, ice tea, coffee and gratuity.

PETOSKEY LECTURE SERIES; MISS MARGY

October 16, 11:30am, North Central Michigan College library conference room. Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry recently launched its largest, most technologically advanced boat, the "Miss Margy," to take passengers to Mackinac Island quickly and in air-conditioned comfort. The \$3.8 million all-aluminum boat was built by Moran Iron Works in Onaway. Bill Shepler will talk about this state-of-the-art craft, its construction in northern Michigan and his company's role in our robust tourism economy. All Luncheon Lecture programs are held on Fridays in the Library conference room. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$10. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at noon.



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Happy 50th Birthday Medicare!

Fifty years ago on July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law legislation that established the country's Medicare and Medicaid programs. At a White House ceremony, Harry Truman was the first to sign up for the benefit and receive his new Medicare card.

Most folks become eligible for Medicare when they turn 65 years of age. Some are deemed eligible at a younger age if they are on Social Security Disability for a period of at least 24 months. Medicare still works well today, and those who are eligible for the benefit, rely heavily on it to defray a large portion of their health care costs.

This is also a time to reflect on the health of the Medicare system. Current and future generations are wondering what the benefit structure will look like as we move forward. Policy makers are busy making projections and providing recommendations to ensure that the Medicare Trust Fund remains solvent, especially given the influx of the baby boomers who are turning 65 and a future that indicates that this trend will continue.

A year ago the Medicare

Trustees, a board made up of Federal Department officials and two public representatives who are appointed by the President reported the following:

They project that the trust fund that finances Medicare's hospital insurance coverage will remain solvent until 2030, four years beyond what was projected in last year's report. Due in part to cost controls implemented in the Affordable Care Act, per capita spending is projected to continue to grow slower than the overall economy for the next several years.

"The Medicare Hospital Insurance trust fund is projected to be solvent for longer, which is good news for beneficiaries and taxpayers," said Marilyn Tavenner, former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we are taking important steps to improve the quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries, while improving Medicare's long-term solvency. Specifically, we have made major progress in improving patient safety, decreasing hospital readmissions, and establishing new payment models such as accountable care organizations aimed at reducing costs and improving quality.

These reforms slow the rise in health care spending while improving the quality of care for beneficiaries."

A number of factors have contributed to the improved outlook, including lower-than-expected spending in 2013, and lower projected utilization in the types of health care needed by Medicare patients. Medicare spending per beneficiary has grown quite slowly over the past few years and is projected to continue to grow slowly over the next several years. During the past four years, per capita Medicare spending growth has averaged 0.8 percent annually, much more slowly than the average 3.1 percent annual increase in per capita GDP and national health expenditures over the same period.

The benefits of this slower growth accrue to both taxpayers and beneficiaries. For example, although the Part B premium for 2015 will not be determined until later this year, the preliminary estimate in the Report indicates that it will remain unchanged from the 2013 premium for the second consecutive year.

Background points: In 2013, Medicare covered 52.3 million people: 43.5 million people aged 65 and older, and 8.8 million people

with disabilities. About 28 percent of these beneficiaries have chosen to enroll in Part C private health plans that contract with Medicare to deliver Part A and Part B health services. Total expenditures in 2013 were \$582.9 billion. Total income was \$575.8 billion.

The report is available at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ReportsTrustFunds/downloads/tr2014.pdf>.

Additional information concerning the future needs of Medicare can be found at the Medicare Rights Center website where a discussion takes place about the top "50 Wishes" for the program at: <http://www.medicarerights.org/50wishes>.

Beneficiaries can obtain local help with any question associated with Medicare and Medicaid insurance programs by contacting a trained and certified counselor with the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Simply call our toll free number at 800-803-7174 and leave a message.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept 24 10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Wii Bowling	Friday, Sept 25 Birthday Day! 11am Roger Hartson Raffle	Monday, Sept 28 Pretty-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize Line Dancing	Tuesday, Sept 29 Pretty-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize Lunch & Wii Bowling with Charlevoix!	Wednesday, Sept 30
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept 24 KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class	Friday, Sept 25 BIRTHDAY DAY 9:30 Craft Class 11:30 Adolph Gwik Music 1pm Rummy	Monday, Sept 28 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, Sept 29 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Paint Class Wii Bowling at Boyne Area Senior Center	Wednesday, Sept 30 12:45 pm Bingo
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept 24 KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class	Friday, Sept 25 11am John Slough Bingo/Raffle	Monday, Sept 28 8am-1pm Walking M-F 11am Music	Tuesday, Sept 29 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, Sept 30 10:30am Wii Bowling GAME DAY!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, Sept 24 CHICKEN STEW & BISCUITS	Friday, Sept 25 MEATLOAF	Monday, Sept 28 BEEF LASAGNA	Tuesday, Sept 29 HOT TURKEY SANDWICH SOUP & SALAD BAR	Wednesday, Sept 30 COOK'S CHOICE
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