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### Apples abound at annual 37th Annual Apple Festival

Fall is in the air and northern Michigan orchards are busy harvesting bushels of fresh, ripe apples in preparation for the 37th Annual Apple Festival taking place downtown Charlevoix on October 9-11. Apples are Michigan's largest and most valuable fruit crop and this year our area apple trees are full to overflow-

More than 30 types of apples will be available as well as other fall harvest items including pumpkins, mums, squash, jam,

maple syrup, pies, cider and so much more. Local non-profit organizations will be onsite to tempt you with hot food items such as chili, hot dogs, pasties, apple flappens, soup and kielbasa. Pick up your fresh bagels, mustard, crepes, honey, meat, baked goods, granola, and fall veggies - All locally grown and produced. And don't forget to stop by the Apple Fest booth on Bridge Street next to the clock tower to purchase your long sleeve 2015 Apple Fest shirt - A

portion of the proceeds will go to the Charlevoix High School Art Department.

Our fall harvest celebration includes fun for the entire family. You won't want to miss the Apple Fest Art & Craft Show taking place all three days in East Park featuring 115 exhibitor booths bursting with unique, one of a kind creations. The show offers the work of artists and craftsmen from around the country and is the perfect venue to kick off the holiday shopping season.

Saturday, October 10th is Kid's Day downtown on Mason Street from 10am to 6pm. Bring the family for a variety of child friendly activities taking place throughout the day. There will be pumpkin & gourd painting by St Mary School, pick an apple pond by American House Senior Living Community, and an apple tree craft activity by Charlevoix Montessori Academy For The Arts. Whispering Pines Petting

See **Apple Festival**–3A



Fall is in the air and northern Michigan orchards are busy harvesting bushels of fresh, ripe apples in preparation for the 37th Annual Apple Festival taking place downtown Charlevoix on October 9-11. COURTESY PHOTO

The Boyne City Harvest Festival is

always a highlight; featuring free horse drawn hay rides, pumpkin decorating, and more! COURTEY

Boyne City to

Kick off Fall

**Festival** 

from trees.

Norma Jean Babcock

will be alive with fall

BOYNE CITY: On Satur-

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themed activities despite

This year the Boyne

Area Chamber and Boyne

City Main Street have con-

during the last days of nice

cocted a festival that cele-

brates the beauty of fall

and gets people outside

weather. The festival is

held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and offers a variety of fam-

ily friendly activities, delicious food, and fun music.

The festival will showcase farm market booths

on Water and Lake Streets See **Harvest Festival**–5A

the dying leaves dropping

with Harvest

**FOOTBALL** 



Rambler running back, Malik Smith literally runs over the Gladiator defense. Smith would tally over 200 yards on the ground in the game. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

- Gladiators outduel Ramblers
- Rayders dominate **Suttons Bay**

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EJ tops Frankfort

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### VOLLEYBALL

 Ramblers top Red Devils.... 2B

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 Ramblers win at **Central Lake invite** 

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# The most colorful time of the year

**By Jim Akans** 

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days." John Bur-

Like many who choose to live in a northern climate, autumn is my favorite time of the year. After the awakening of spring and flurry of activity in the good ole summertime, it's refreshing to greet the autumn break from tourist season, reconnect with family, friends, football and the couch, while marveling as the hardwood forests turn a palette of gorgeous colors.

And why is that? It starts with the fact that leaves are food factories. They draw water from the earth, mix it with carbon dioxide in the air (a very environmentally generous

act), and use sunlight to turn this

combination into glucose using a

green chemical called chloro-

phyll. The whole process is something called photosynthesis, which I learned in school but have since forgotten due to a process called; aging.

So what happens in the fall? Well, it's obvious when I struggle to get out of bed in the dark each morning that the days are becoming shorter. The autumn equinox signals that winter is soon approaching. That means less sunlight, and for deciduous trees and most plants, that spells the end to the whole photosynthesis process until next spring. This gradually reduces the amount of (green) chlorophyll in the leaf, which produces new hues in the leaf color. It's the same thing that happens to bananas as they ripen, turning green to yellow as the chlorophyll disappears.

And why different colors for different tree species?

Well, leaves with lots of sugar

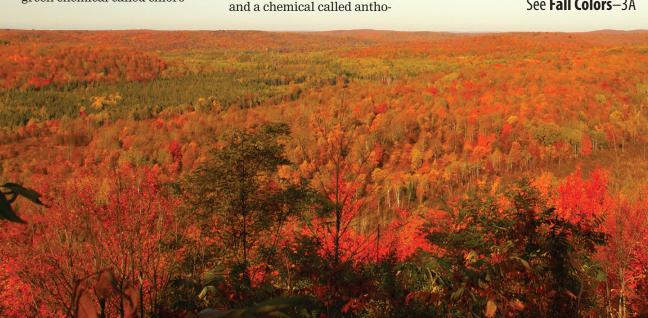
cyanin create bright red and purple pigments (seen in Red Maples, Sugar Maples and Dogwoods). Higher concentrations of carotenes and xanthophylls bring out the orange and yellows (such as in Aspens and Poplars) and browns come from tannins (eventually, the hue of every fallen leaf).

The needles on evergreens are actually "leaves" too. They have a wax-like coating and an internal fluid that enhances their resistance to cold and moisture loss. That allows some level of photosynthesis to continue even during the winter, which is why most of the needles remain green and attached through the year.

So why do some trees change color earlier than others?

Here in the first week of October, I can look out one window in my home and see a Maple showing swatches of red leaves, and

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Don't miss the opportunity to take a long walk or a "Sunday drive" during the next couple of weeks and enjoy the incredible autumn





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OCT 2	41°	66°	28° (1997)	$86^{\circ}$ (1971)
OCT 3	41°	66°	26° (1981)	84° (1971)
OCT 4	41°	65°	$26^{\circ}$ (1996)	81° (1997)
OCT 5	40°	65°	$20^{\circ}$ (1965)	$83^{\circ}$ (2007)
OCT 6	40°	65°	$26^{\circ}$ (1966)	$84^{\circ}$ (2007)
OCT 7	40°	64°	23 $^{\circ}$ (2001)	$87^{\circ}$ (2007)
OCT 8	39°	64°	28° (1981)	88° (2007)

### Edward G Vondra, 66

(JAN. 30, 1949 - SEPT. 26, 2015) Edward G. Vondra was born

on January 30, 1949 to Vernon and Anna Marie Vondra. Ed was the oldest of nine children. He was born and raised on



a dairy farm. Ed married Marty Hill on August 5, 1967 at Holy Cross Church in Stockton, Illinois. They are the proud parents of seven children: daughter, Peg (husband Matt and children Adam, Amanda, Noah, and Jacob) son Rick (wife Teri and children Isabelle, Rachel, Hannah, and Henry), son Chuck (wife Theresa and children Emma and Max), son Shawn (wife Stacy and children Sam and Grace), son Andy (wife, Katie and children Nick, Claudia and Conor), son Tim (wife Mandy and children Eli, Deanna and Abigail) and son Damian.

Ed was committed to serving others his entire adult life. In the 1970's thru the early 1980's, he was the owner/broker of the Vondra Agency in Warren, Illinois. He was actively involved in many service groups, pursued an active faith life at St. Ann's Catholic Church, sponsored several community programs and was a volunteer coach to many sports teams. At age 30, Ed received special dispensation from Rome to become the youngest ordained deacon in the United States. Within a few years, Ed concluded his business career and began serving full time in the ministry of the church.

Deacon Ed moved his family to Boyne City in the summer of 1986 to serve the parish communities of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City and St. Augustine in Boyne Falls. He also served at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey and St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Ed loved Boyne City and its community of people. He was visible at seemingly every event in town. He served on the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education for 15 years, from 2000 until his death. Ed attended countless school events, supporting all Ramblers. Additional community service included the Boyne City Public Library and the Boyne City Kiwanis Club.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son Damian, his parents Vernon and Anna Marie Vondra, his brothers Jim and Joe, and niece Natalie. Donations in Ed Vondra's memory can be made to the Damian Vondra Memorial Scholarship Fund. The program provides college scholarships to Boyne City High School graduates.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday, Sept. 30th at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City with the Rosary being recited Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM followed by visitation until the time of service.

### Janith L. Hendrickson (Henshaw), 76

(JAN. 28, 1939 - SEPT. 23, 2015)

Janith L. Hendrickson (Henshaw) passed away on Wed, Sept. 23rd, 2015, at Charlevoix Area Hospital after a sudden illness. She was 76.

She was born in Detroit MI and raised by many family and friends, including her beloved grandma, Louise Thatcher (in many places), finally able to settle in Kalamazoo MI, where she graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. She married Dan Hendrickson on Flag Day, June 14, 1958. They were divorced many years ago. She

and Dan were avid motorcyclists who traveled all over the country, visiting and living in many places including Mexico and Canada. He preceded her in death by 4 years.

Jan was very talented and creative. She painted, sculpted, wrote poetry and prose, and created computerized art at a time before it was popular. She was spiritual but not religious. She was kind and caring but quiet in these expressions. She was hilariously funny despite her struggles. Jan continued her creations, decorating Litzenberger Place for her neighbors and friends there until her health began to decline.

Her parents were Charlotte Thatcher (Henshaw) Nikitas and step-father Charles Nikitas, both deceased, as well as her bio-father, Russell Hen-

She is survived by her 2 children, Bart Hendrickson of Portland Oregon, and Jennifer Cassidy of Charlevoix, 3 grandchildren; Cassandra Hendrickson of Kalamazoo, Kyle Cassidy of Charlevoix, and Rosalynd Cassidy and her partner Corey Challis of Cheboygan; and one great-grandson, Sawyer Challiss. She also is survived by one half-sister, Lauren Henshaw Swietlicki, with whom she recently made

A memorial gathering will take place, on Saturday, October 3 at Litzenberger Place in Boyne City, from 1 – 3pm. Please bring your memories, stories, and love for Jan! Burial will occur at Mountain Home Cemetery in Kalamazoo MI, also per her wishes, at a later date.

The family wishes no flowers or gifts; only your good thoughts and attendance at her memorial gathering, which is the best gift you can give her memory.

### Lila May Hausler (Giem), 84

(NOV. 7, 1930 - SEPT. 22, 2015)

Lila May (Giem) Hausler Smith passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 with her loving family at her side.

Lila was born November 7, 1930 in Boyne Falls to William and Frances Giem, and attended Boyne Falls School, graduating in 1948. She was a life-long resident of Boyne

She married John H. Hausler, Jr. on October 1, 1949 at Boyne Falls United Methodist Church. They were married forty-nine years until John's death in March 1995. Together they shared a love of family activities, camping, traveling, and playing games. Lila worked at Consumers Energy for many years and Northwestern State Bank. She was a woman of great faith and determination who was blessed with a beautiful smile and a kind heart. Lila enjoyed cooking, baking, card games and most importantly spending time with her family. She loved her family with all her heart and will be truly missed.

On October 31, 1998, she married Robert F. Smith, Sr. and they enjoyed attending their grandchildren and greatgrandchildren's many activities, traveling, music festivals and each other.

She is loved and sorely missed by her loving husband, Bob and his family; her daughters, Marilyn and Mike Seelye and Terri and Bill Mauchmar; four grandchildren, Lynn and Steve Sparks, Jennifer (Brad Hoiem) Seelye, Jonathan and Paula Mauchmar, and Ashley Mauchmar. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren Hunter and Aubrie Sparks; her brother, Cecil Giem; sister, Alice and Gale Reynolds; sisters-in-law, Charlene Giem and Jackie Hankins; brother-inlaw, Roger and Cathy Hausler; many nieces, nephews, cousins

and dear friends. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; her brothers, Lyle Wayne Giem and Floyd Giem.

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Funeral services were held Friday, September 25 at the United Methodist Church in Boyne City. She will be laid to rest at the Boyne Valley Township Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

### Stanley Ray Martin, 71

(JUNE 29, 1944 - SEPT. 27, 2015) Stanley Ray Martin of

Charlevoix died Sunday, September 27, 2015, at his home. He was born June 29, 1944, in Charlevoix to John and Margaret



(Boss) Martin. Stan graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1962, where he enjoyed playing basketball and football. He continued to play in many recreational leagues and coach those sports following high school.

On July 14, 1967, Stan married Carol Ann Shooks in Charlevoix.

From 1966 to 1969, he served in the US Army in Vietnam. Stan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Central Michigan University in 1972. He taught at the Charlevoix Elementary School in the same room for twentyseven years, and his daughter, Krista, now teaches in that

Stan was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, and served on the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission.

Stan loved to golf with his buddies and enjoyed coffee with his friends every morning at Burger King. Stanley was especially proud of his lawn and worked to keep it in perfect condition.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Krista (John) Jarema of Charlevoix, Rebecca (Tim) Burger of Tiverton, R.I., Anne (Dan) Covey of Walker; grandchildren, Alison, Caroline, Jack, and Matthew Jarema; Zachary Tibbits, Scarlett and Libby Burger; Brayden, Ethan, Addison and Jakob Covey, and baby L.; brother, John (Sonja) Martin; sister, Donna Martin all of Charlevoix. Stan was preceded in death by his grandson, Spencer Tibbits; brother, Larry; and parents, John and Margaret Martin.

Memorial service will be 4pm, Friday, October 2, 2015, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, where the family will meet friends beginning at 3 pm. The Reverend Chip Sauer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church, or to the Charlevoix Elementary School Teachers.

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

### John Gordon Peterson, 75

(SEPT. 10, 1940 - SEPT. 24, 2015)

September 24, 2015 the soul of John Gordon Peterson was welcomed into the arms of his personal Savior, Jesus Christ. John was born in Escanaba, Michigan on September 10th,

1940 to Gordon and June (Gierke) Peterson. His early years were spent living in Fairport, Michigan.

Upon graduation from high school John proudly served his country in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Saratoga CVA60.

For many years he worked with his father as a commercial fisherman. Family and friends were always delighted to see him coming with a fresh fillet or smoked fish. In 1975 John began working for the Charlevoix Public Schools where he spent the next twenty-five years. Throughout those years he made many friendships which have lasted until the time of his death.

John was an avid woodworker and many still have the beautiful toys or pieces of furniture he crafted. He loved to fish for pleasure, read a good western, listen to country music and watch old movies. His Bible with its well-worn cover was his source of strength in the trials of life. His joy was his family.

John is survived by his wife, Bernadette (Smigelski) Peterson; son, Philip John (Monica) Peterson of Charlevoix; daughter, Molly June (Doug) Gilbert of Rochester, Minn.; son, Jade Gordon of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; grandchildren, Kathryn and Philip Peterson of Charlevoix; Anne Patterson, Greta and Erik Gilbert of Rochester, Minn.; great-granddaughter, Natalie Patterson of Rochester, Minn. He is also survived by his step-grandchildren, Kaylee, Brandy and Madaline Stoops, Layton Colbeck and Leala Houk; brothers-in-law, Jerome and Joyce Smigelski of Alpena, and Frank and Lois Smigelski of Southfield; many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and June and his only sister, Janie Lou Dittrick.

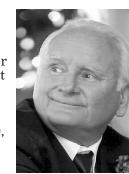
If you would like to honor John's memory please consider Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Public Library or Charlevoix Public Schools.

A time of remembrance and meeting with John's family will be held from 11 am to 1 pm, Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. At 1 pm there will be a eulogy to honor John officiated by his niece, Lisa Salois. Interment will take place at the family plot in Alpena at a later date.

### Samuel Robb MacLeod, 68

(SEPT. 19, 1947 - SEPT. 22, 2015) Samuel Robb MacLeod of

Norwood passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at his home. He was born September 19, 1947, in Detroit to Donald



Edward Bain and Wilda Marie (Green) MacLeod. He graduated from Pershing High School in 1965. Sam served in the US Air Force during the late 1960's in the Vietnam War.

Sam married Norma Lea Smith and they made their home in Grand Blanc. He worked for General Motors, and earned a BA from University of Michigan-Flint. After earning his Bachelor's degree, he worked in engineering in the automotive supply busi-

In 2006, he and Norma made their home in Norwood. Sam was a golfer, an avid boater, and was a founding member of the Charlevoix Elks Club. In retirement, he worked as a greens keeper at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Sam is survived by his wife, Norma; son, Michael Edward (Jessica) MacLeod of Dearborn; daughter, Lisa Ann (Michael) Snyder of Lakeview; grandchildren, Bailey James and Emily Ann Snyder; sister, Sande Bain MacLeod and her husband, Brian Knauff.

Funeral was Saturday, September 26, at the Norwood United Methodist Church. Pastor Craig Pahl officiated. Burial will follow at the Norwood Lakeside Cemetery where military honors will be presented

by the Charlevoix Veterans.

Sam's family is grateful to those who have donated blood, as their gift had helped to extend Sam's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Infusion Center.

### Betty Lou Emerson (Wickersham), 77

(MARCH 23, 1938 - SEPT. 22, 2015) Betty Lou Emerson passed

away peacefully on Tuesday, September 22. 2015, at her Petoskey

home. She was born March 23, 1938, in East



Rochester, Ohio, to Robert and Kathryn (Slates) Wickersham. She grew up in Minerva, Ohio, and graduated from Minerva High School. Betty received her Nurse's training at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. She worked as a Registered Nurse in both the OR and office setting, first in northeast Ohio, and later at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and at Chelsea Hospital in Chelsea. Following her retirement from nursing, Betty worked as a merchandiser for Hallmark Stores in Ohio and northern Michigan.

On May 11, 1958, Betty married Richard Lee Emerson in Minerva. They made their home in northeast Ohio until 1974, when they moved to Howell, Michigan. There they lived for twenty-four years. They returned to northeast Ohio for ten years before moving to Petoskey, where they have lived the past three years.

Betty attended the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey and belonged to the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild. She also enjoyed her time at the Friendship Center. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 38, in Howell, and was a founding member of the Howell Garden Club. She loved to quilt, sew, garden and grow hostas, and she enjoyed her

Curtis Park neighborhood. Betty is survived by her husband, Richard L.; children, Lori (Ted) Pall of Petoskev. Steven (Jill) Emerson of Puyallup, Wash., Kathy (Kyle) Henderson of Rochester, Minn., Derri (Benton) Parsons of New London, Oh.; grandchildren. Thaddeus and Adam Pall, Patrick and Jake Emerson, Kelsey Henderson, Benton Shae, Nate and Gabriella Parsons; great-granddaughter, Callie Parsons; brothers, Richard Wickersham of Minerva, Oh., Wayne (Charlotte) Wickersham of Saint David, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Julia Wickersham of Louisville, Oh; aunt Boots (Marvin) Beans of New Philadelphia, Oh. Betty was preceded in death by her brother, James, and sister-inlaw, Wanda.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 26, at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friendship Center in Petoskey, 1322 Anderson Rd, Petoskey, MI 49770 or the First Presbyterian Church, 501 E Mitchell St, Petoskey, MI 49770.

### Loretta J. Hinton, 68

Loretta J. Hinton of East Jordan died Sept. 26, 2015 in Petoskey.

No services are planned at this time. An obituary will follow. The family is served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

# ZooHoo exhibit opens at JRAC



Glenn McCune (far left) discussing one of his carved sculptures with Bob Scudder and Larry Wubbels, wife Cindy (far left) looks on. COURTESY PHOTO

A most delightful exhibit, ZooHoo, opened Sunday, Sept 27 at the Jordan River Art Center. The title tells us that the theme of the exhibit was the animal world. It was noted that patrons and artists in attendance were most pleased with what they saw.

There is a wide variety of art works including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings; drawings in pencil, pastel, and ink; collages; prints; photographs; sculptures in ceramics, bronze wood, paper mache, stone, and mixed media; and even books with some original art work sent from Beaver Island, No one could not miss Margie Guyot's large paintings, the large hand quilted hangings by Debrah Johnson nor the area with different media of sculptures by Glenn and Cindy Mc-

If one looked more closely

one could observe the ink drawing using tiny circles only of an elephant by Ray Villavane and the colored drawing of an owl by Rusty Hart. On further observation an oil painting by Robert Scudder was thought to be a photograph, it was so realistic. Judy Wagner-Worgess formed a centerpiece of real plants into a flamingo.

Co-curator, Cynthyia Tschudy, stated, "It is so notable that the exhibiting artist expressed themselves in so many different ways."

Over 46 artists responded to the call by Co-curators Cynthia and Katie McLoed.

Besides the artist mentioned above are: Kathie Albring, Roberta Amstadt, Robert Ayalal, Su Bishop, Mary Blocksma, Kerry Bowes, C.M. Brown, Jay Bumbaugh, Nancy Carey, Amy Cook, Bill and Rich Dietrich, Amy Donaldson, Judy

Feldcamp, Joan Gerigk, Linda Gocha, Karen Kimmell, Meredith Krell, Mary Beth Kuhlman, Sharon Lamarra, Richard Lentini, Kathie McCleod, Susanne Malpass, Margaret Moran, Joanne Princinsky, Beth Raddatz, Jan Rocker, Teri Rounds, Marion Shea-Light, Steve Smith, Marilyn Stockwell, June Storm, Steve Toornman, Lou Wolf Vallance, Guy Veryzer, Karen Walker, and Jackie Wollenberg.

Refreshments were served by the JRAC Board of Directors. The exhibit will remain open through October 23, Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4 pm. Other times and group visits may be arranged by calling the curators, Cynthia, 1 231 522 6167 or Katie, 1 231 222 2084. This ZooHoo exhibit is one not to be missed. JRAC is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan.

### Boyne Falls **Public School**

### **Students** of the Week



### **Andrew Campbell**

Parent's Name(s): Karen Campbell Future Plans: Andrew would like to attend medical school. Favorite Book: Station 11 by Emily St.

John Mandel Hobbies and Interests: hunting, fishing, and most things outdoors School Activities: basketball, baseball,

honor role **Staff Comments** 

makes coming to school fun. His comments regarding class discussions are insightful, humorous and often highly entertaining. Andrew has a compelling writer's voice, particularly when writing poetry, and has been a vital team member here at Boyne Falls High School, participating in the varsity basketball and baseball programs. Andrew has a bright future ahead. I look forward to working with Andrew during his senior year, and I will miss him when he is graduates." Mr. Garver

### Srate of the Community Luncheon

October 15, Noon-2pm. Boyne Mountain Vienna Room. Speakers will be Boyne City Manager Mike Cain, **County Commissioner Chris** Christensen, Main Street Executive Director Lori Meeder and School Superintendent Peter Moss. Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber. Admission is \$20 which includes salad, deli sandwich, potato chips, dessert bar, ice tea, coffee and gratuity. Reservations are required by Oct. 9th. Call the Chamber at 231-582-6222

### 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.

### **APPLE FESTIVAL**

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Zoo will be onsite Saturday and Sunday with a large variety of adorable critters as well as face painting by the Charlevoix High School Art Department and the Performing Arts Program.

The Apple Fest Family Fun Run benefiting the Charlevoix Kiwanis Youth Foundation is on tap for Saturday, October 10th. The 1 mile starts at 9am; 5k starts at 9:30am. The races will not be timed and there will be fun obstacles along the course. The event is sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and promises goodies, prizes and lots of fun for everyone. Find out more at www.charlevoixkiwanis.org.

Also on Saturday, October 10th, enjoy a Fall Color Cruise aboard the Keweenaw Star with historic narration provided by David Miles, Charlevoix Historical Society Curator. The cost is \$25 with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Charlevoix Historical Society. Boarding will begin at 1:45pm at the Star's dock on Round Lake. For reservations or more information call Keweenaw Excursions at 231-237-9365 or visit

www.chxhistory.com. **Guided Mushroom Home** Tours will also be available during Apple Fest weekend. Tours are being offered by Ellair & Company Signa-

ture Tours and the Charlevoix Historical Society. Ellair & Company Signature Tours will take place on Saturday at Noon, 2pm and 4pm, and Sunday at 10am, Noon and 2pm. Call Edith at 231-445-0770 or visit www.ellair.com for details. The Charlevoix Historical Society is offering one tour beginning at 10am on Saturday. Call 231-547-0373 for de-

Get out your dancing shoes, The Pine River Jazz Band is planning an exciting concert and swing dance in the Odmark Performance Pavilion in East Park Apple Fest Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30pm. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the Round Lake Education Center Gymnasium on May Street (the old middle school). Donations suggested with proceeds benefiting the Charlevoix Rayder Band

Program Experience the magic of autumn in northern Michigan at the 37th Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival. Join the festivities and show your support for our local farmers, orchards and nonprofit organizations while celebrating the season in scenic downtown Charlevoix this October. The Harvest is in!

For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

### **Apple Fest Shirt Design Competition** winner announced

Congratulations Olivia Jeakle, winner of the 37th Annual Charlevoix Apple Fest Shirt Design Competition sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Charlevoix High School Art Department.

Students in John Guirey's Art Class put their creative skills to the test to produce a variety of unique and colorful Apple Fest logo designs. A number of students entered the competition, but Olivia's design stood out from the rest. "I got my idea for my design because I wanted to do a new twist on an apple with a bite out of it, and that was what came to mind," said Olivia.

The design contest has become an annual tradition that gives the students the opportunity to compete for the honor of having their artwork chosen to be printed on the annual festival shirts with a portion of the proceeds going to the Charlevoix High School Art Department.

"It is such a pleasure to work with the High school and to get the students involved with such a great community event," said Shelly Ferguson, Festival Coordinator. "There were so many wonderful designs submitted by the students this year. It was difficult to choose just one winner."

Olivia is currently a sophomore at Charlevoix High School. Her favorite thing about Apple Fest is walking downtown to get some caramel apples.



John Guirey and Olivia Jeakle. COURTESY PHOTO

"Apple Fest means I get to see my siblings when they come home from college, and we also get to see family and friends," said Olivia.

The Annual Charlevoix Apple Fest will take place downtown Charlevoix on October 9-11. Be sure to stop at the Apple Fest Merchandise Booth located next to the clock tower in East Park and pick up your beautifully designed 2015 Apple Fest shirt. Apple Fest mason jar mugs will also be available for purchase, perfect for sipping fresh apple cider provided by participating

Festival hours are Friday & Saturday, 10am to 6pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. For more information contact the Charlevoix Chamber at 231.547.2101, or visit www.charlevoix.org.

### Fall colors are the best in East Jordan

The 2015 fall color tour season is arriving and peaking later than ever. Make plans to visit the East Jordan area for the state's most beautiful color and viewing sites. The spectacular Jordan Valley with many breathtaking overlooks, hiking trails, along with the spectacular 28 mile stretch on C-48 the Breezeway will satisfy anyone's appetite for vibrant colors of red, orange, rust and green! There are many trail route maps and available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

The 7th Annual Breezeway Fall Color Tour Saturday's will continue on October 3 and October 10. Leaf Peepers are encouraged to visit Royal Farms in Atwood between 10:00 AM and Noon to pick up their "goodie bags" of area business promotions, suggested places of interest, nature preserves and a "Trip Tip Sheet". Proceed at your own pace stopping at farms, shops, restaurants and corn mazes, etc. and end up at Boyne Mt. in Boyne Falls for a chair-lift ride to the top of one of the mountains for an amazing view of Boyne Valley colors. Memorable for sure!

The 6th Annual East Jordan Pumpkin Festival and Leaf Peeker Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 17, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in downtown East Jordan. The

Craft Show runs 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the downtown Community Center. Pumpkins, children's games, pumpkin pie contest, music by Kellerville, Twister-Joe Balloon Artist plus early trick or treating at downtown businesses are all on tap for this annual fall event.

For more information please contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or www.info@ejchamber.

Make plans to visit the East Jordan area for the state's most beautiful color and viewing sites. COURTESY PHOTO



### **FALL COLORS**

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another window frames a mix of hardwoods still dressed in their summer greens. Part of the timing of the changing colors relates to tree species. Sugar Maples change earlier than Norway Maples, Oaks change late in the fall and hold on to their tanninfilled brown leaves most of the winter. It also has to do with the amount of water the trees get;

the more water, the longer the leaves hang on. Physical injury, infestation, environmental factors such as proximity to the street, salt damage, herbicides and air pollution can also cause a tree to change leaf color early.

The best autumn colors usually arrive after a warm, late summer followed by a sunny early fall that has seasonably warm days and cool, but not freezing nights. A combination of good ground moisture, plenty of sun and cooler temperatures

cause leaves to make lots of sugar, which makes the changing colors look very sweet indeed. Don't look for Jack Frost to paint the leaves; an early freeze will just make leaves fall more quickly (as will high winds and torrential rains of course).

If this all sounds a bit too scientific for such an artistic phenomena, consider that Native American lore explains crimson fall colors are the result of blood falling on the leaves after the slaying of the Great Bear in the

sky by celestial hunters. Yellows are from fat splashing out of the pot as the Great Bear was being cooked.

Cherokee legend recalls a time when only plants and animals populated the earth. The Great Spirit promised that if these entities could remain awake for seven days and nights they would receive great powers. Pines and Cedar were able to do this, so they were allowed to stay green year round, while all other plants must shed their leaves in the winter. Animals such as the owl and mountain lions were granted the ability to wander at night.

Regardless of the why, the wow is in the experience. Don't miss the opportunity to take a long walk or a "Sunday drive" in the next couple of weeks and enjoy the incredible autumn colors. It's great to live in northern Michigan.

## **Exceptional Riders Program helps build** social skills in challenged students

By Michelle Medjesky

WALLOON LAKE - If ever there was a non-profit organization more aptly named in all the world, it's hard to imagine any one better than the "Exceptional Riders Program" right here in northern Michigan.

Since 1983 this volunteer group has been coming together, funding themselves and bringing their horses with them in order to offer a unique therapeutic opportunity to individuals with special needs.

The program is nothing short of exceptional in every way.

Those who started it more than 30 years ago are exceptional people.

The volunteers who make it happen are exceptional folks as

Even the horses - all so patient and trustworthy - are exceptional, too.

And the riders? Well, they're no doubt the most exceptional of Those who participate in the

"Exceptional Riders Program" typically face a wide-range of challenges. Most are children, teens and

young adults, although special needs adults are also welcome to participate in the program. Some may have autism or Down Syndrome; others may be

recovering from an accident or stroke while still others may be coping with myriad physical, emotional or mental issues. Whatever the different chal-

lenge may be, the goal of this program is always the same:

To get each student rider up in the saddle and help them regain and improve their physical strength and balance while building friendships and self-es-

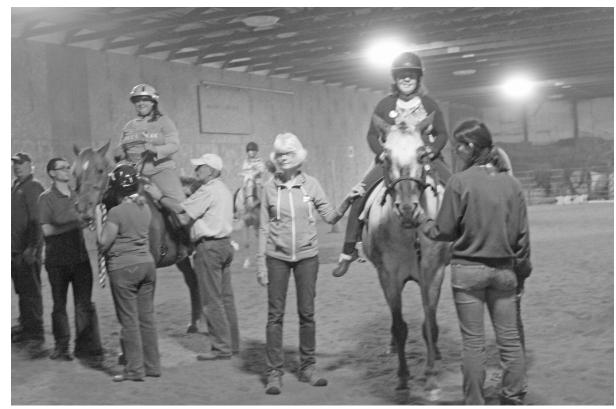
"There's a real therapeutic value in this (riding experience) for people who are impaired that's not like anything they may be getting somewhere else," said Barb Lane, executive director and instructor for the Exceptional Riders Program.

She explained that while traditional physical therapy often inciudes repetitive stretching or exercising of various muscles and body parts one at a time, when a person is on a horse, the workout requires a more orchestrated effort of groups of muscles and body parts all together.

"Say a person has a stroke, they go to physical therapy and they work on whatever particular body part may have been affected, over and over again. But I take that same person and put them on a horse, and now they've got to use their whole body and mind up there," she explained.

Lane said the therapeutic benefit of riding a horse also appeals to those who may not respond well to routine physical therapy sessions or find it difficult to cooperate with their therapist.

"Maybe you can get this person to go to therapy, but if they don't want to do it, they just won't do it. But here, when they're around the horses, they



Volunteers and their horses pose with student riders after a session of the Exceptional Riders Program ended at Walloon Lake Equestrian Center recently. The program focuses on helping those with special needs to find therapeutic value through

don't think of it as a therapy session and all the sudden want to get up there and do it," Lane said, "Our number one goal is the therapeutic value they can get from this, but as a side effect, these students also learn how to ride a horse."

Lane played a pivotal role in getting the Exceptional Riders Program off the ground before it held its first session at a stable in the Charlevoix area in 1983.

Knowing in her young adult years that she wanted to work with those who have special needs and wanted to somehow combine that with her love of horses, Lane attended Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center in Augusta, Michigan.

She said she then moved back up north to be closer to family, hoping to find at least volunteer work at a therapeutic riding center in this area.

But after finding there was no such group therapeutic riding program yet in action in northern Michigan, Lane got together with her good friend, the late Corky Price, who owned a stable in the Charlevoix area and was locally well-known for his horsemanship skills.

"We sat down and we talked about it and we came up with some ideas and then we just sort of ran with it...and it was kind of a disaster at first," she said, recalling with a smile how the first eight-week long session was held during the winter and there was a snowstorm through six out of eight sessions.

"It finally all came together, though" she said, "Pretty soon we looked around and saw we were just growing and growing and growing. Then we realized how big of a need there was for something like this here."

Riding a horse not only benefits a student therapeutically, but affords them a chance to participate in an extra-curricular activity, which is not something readily available for challenged students and other individuals in northern Michigan, Lane noted. Typically, most main stream

schools aren't equipped to allow special needs students the ability to interact with other students outside of class or participate in sports or other after school activities, she said. In northern Michigan, Lane

said the choices for extra-curricular activities for special needs students are basically either swimming or learning snow-related and outdoor activities offered through Challenge Mountain in Boyne Falls.

"But what if a student is afraid of the water or doesn't like being outdoors in the snow?" asked Lane, "These kids have very limited extra-curricular activities to choose from, and for a lot of them, this is the one thing they really look forward to; the one thing they like to get out and do. They get to interact: they bond with the other students and the parents and volunteers and with the horses...sometimes we forget how important bonding is."

And it's not just the students who do the bonding during the Exceptional Riders Program sessions, either, Lane added.

Parents also bond with each other while sitting on benches behind the observation window overlooking the riding arena as they watch and wait patiently for their child, friend or loved one to finish his or her hour-long riding

They swap stories and advice: they offer each other encouragement, empathy and levity.

"If you just think about what some of these parents have to go through day after day after day it can be overwhelming," Lane said, "We've had mothers who sit down here and before you know it, they've become best friends for life."

Volunteers also play an integral role in the program and Lane is quick to add that it couldn't survive without them.

The program is offered twice a year in eight-week-long sessions, one held in fall and one in spring. The sessions are held on Mondays from 6:30pm until 8:30pm at Walloon Lake Equestrian Center, 2900 Old State Road, between Walloon Lake Village and Boyne City.

As many as 12 students can participate in each seasonal session and require at least six horses and 3 volunteers per horse. One volunteer, usually the animal's owner or handler, leads the animal and two volunteers flank each side of the horse to assure the student rider stays safely in the saddle. Volunteers must be at least 18-years-old.

Amanda Hoe of Petoskey said volunteering for the Exceptional Riders Program seemed a perfect way to combine her love of helping children with special needs and her love of horses.

Hoe, 22, said she has volunteered for the program for about a year, now, and hopes she can continue for many more years to

"I've really learned a lot about myself and about other people times easier to build strong children than repair broken adults," said Hoe, "Being able to help these amazing students and become friends with them and the other volunteers and being around the horses - everything about this opportunity has been fulfilling."

The Exceptional Riders Program is a non-profit, self-funded group relying on grants and other donations as well as volunteer help. If interested in volunteering for the current session, which runs through mid-November, or for the Spring 2016 session, or to make a donation to the program, please contact Barb Lane at (231) 838-2262.

### **USDA Extends Dairy Margin Protection** Program deadline

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the deadline to enroll for the dairy Margin Protection Program for coverage in 2016 has been extended until Nov. 20, 2015. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin - the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

"The fall harvest is a busy time of the year for agriculture, so this extension will ensure that dairy producers have more time to make their choices," said Vilsack. "We encourage all operations to examine the protections offered by this program, because despite the very best forecasts, markets can change."

Vilsack encouraged producers to use the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Agency Service (FSA) online Web resource at

www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool to calculate the best levels of coverage for their dairy operation. The secure website can be accessed via computer, smartphone or tablet.

He also reminds producers that were enrolled in 2015 that they need to make a coverage election for 2016 and pay the \$100 administration fee. Although any unpaid premium balances for 2015 must be paid in full by the enrollment deadline to remain eligible for higher coverage levels in 2016, premiums for 2016 are not due until Sept. 1, 2016. Also, producers can work with milk marketing companies to remit premiums on their behalf.

To enroll in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy, contact your local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

Payments under the program may be reduced by a certain percentage due to a sequester order required by Congress and issued pursuant to the Balanced **Budget and Emergency Deficit** Control Act of 1985. Should a payment reduction be necessary, FSA will reduce the payment by the required amount.

The Margin Protection Program for Dairy was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative publicprivate conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

### **BOYNE CITY** POLICE DEPT.

#### **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

Distempered raccoon in the 800 block of Thompson St. 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

Found child in the 400 1555 block of N Lake St. 1617 Vehicle unlock at Van

Dam boat works. 1852 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

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

### **TUESDAY SEPT. 8, 2015**

Served subject with No Trespass Order on Stewart St. Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of Boyne Av Assist subject with re-0851

moval of vehicle from construc-

Tennis rackets left out-0854 side door of city hall over the weekend.

tion site on Front St

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

1255 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of

N Lake St 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.

#### 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 Citation issued for

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2015 0836 Assist Sheriff Dept with accident at Thumb Lake and

speed on Lake St near Lower

Standard Lake Rd 0930 Report of a golden running at large in the Industrial Park 1020 Assist Sheriff Dept with suspicious vehicle at Fontenov

and Chatelet. Report of Domestic vio-1031 lence in the 800 block of West St. One subject arrested.

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. Driving complaint from 2019 the 400 block of N Lake St. 2035 Arrested subject for DWLS on Lake near North St

### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 2015**

Felonious assault on W 0129 Main St. Arrested one subject. 0336 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St

Report of broken glass in the road at Water and Park. Civil complaint on W main St

Suspicious situation re-1355 ported 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. Salvage Vehicle Inspec-

tion Assisted EMS at the 1721 Water Street docks. Alarm in the 300 block 1813

of E Water St 1826 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of E Divi-

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 clean-Civil complaint on Jer-

sey Street. 1716 Property damage accident at Park and Main.

1740 Civil complaint on Jersey escalated to threats com-Citation issued for fail

to yield at stop sign at Water and 2200 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Hannah.

#### **SATURDAY SEPT. 12, 2015** 0517 Vehicle unlock in the

300 block of E Division St. 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 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 Bailev St. 2017 Report of dog running

at large in the 300 block of N Park

2203 911 hang up in the 600 block of State St.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

# A Project of Epic Frustrations

#### **Norma Jean Babcock**

CHARLEVOIX: At their regular semi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 23, County Commissioners reviewed the plans for the non-motorized trail to run between Boyne City and Charlevoix; however few answers were given for when construction on this overdue project might begin.

The meeting focused on an update regarding what is happening with the trail. County Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark and Parks Director Ross Maxwell explained that they are once again in a holding pattern, and have

no immediate plans for construction.

Maxwell explained that although bids for Phase 1 have been returned, those bids came in \$240,000 over the estimated budget. According to Maxwell, those excessive bids were rejected and they are trying to whittle down the cost of the project so as to have new bids available in January 2016. This delay caused many on the commission to express their frustrations at how long this project is taking with no progress.

"Until you cut a tree, or you lay a trail, I don't want to put anymore more behind this," stated Chris Christensen of District #2.

His opinion was echoed by Commissioner George Lasater who stated that he was "embarrassed" when people asked him about the trail and when it would be completed. Maxwell stated that he too is frustrated with the project and the continuous delays on the part of the State, Department of Natural Resources, and easement issues.

These delays have caused many on the board to wonder if it may be time to address the parties that have held up the trail in the hope of getting them to see how it has affected the county and tax payers.

"They held this thing up, and held this thing up...

they deserve a letter on this," stated Nancy Ferguson of District #5.

The commissioners discussed drafting such a letter, but recognized that creating such a letter may not change things in the long run. However, they did consider offering a timeline for the public that would clarify what the hold ups have been in the hope of helping the public see it is not the county itself that has been dragging their

"We need to have some answers for the public," said Joel Evans of District

That timeline has yet to be released; however the

commissioners did ask County Coordinator Kevin Shepard work on creating it. However, Maxwell and Stark made it clear at the meeting that more is needed for the trail to become a reality.

Stark explained that bids for Phase 2 should be in by February, but in order to make Phase 3 happen an amount of \$52,000 needs to be set aside in the Parks and Recreation budget. This amount will assure the DNR that the local match funds are available should they choose to approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant that the county is applying for. Without these

funds set aside, Stark stated that the applications for Phase 3 would be "dead in the water."

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Though a few on the commission were not thrilled with the idea of setting the money aside, others understood that the hard work already put in to get Phase 3 started would be lost if they didn't. Therefore, when a vote was taken all commissioners except Christensen voted to set aside the money. Stark assured commissioners that until Phases 1 and 2 see some type of progress, Phases 4 & 5 will be "held up."

### EJ Class of 1950 holds reunion



The East Jordan High School Class of 1950 recently met for their 65th year class reunion. Pictured in the back row from left to right: Don Bowers, Keith Vance, Delwin Morris, Dorothy Saganek Hammond, Guy Vallance, Esther Zitka Davis, Larry Whiteford, Brock Peacock. Front row from left to right: Connie Crowell McGowan, Janet Flora Premoe, Luanne Fales Reed, Phyllis Bergmann Huff, Margaret Blossie Thomson, Glenda Maxwell Taylor. COURTESY PHOTO

### Char-Em United Way Day of Caring gives back

The 12th Annual Day of Caring connected over following teams of vol- who allowed their staff would not be a success. 500 volunteers in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to dozens of service projects with local non-profit community agencies, the elderly community, cities and counties. Held on the National Day of Service and Remembrance on 9/11, this Char-Em United Way event promotes community volunteerism and gives people the opportunity to give back while making a difference and working together. Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities, and community groups with non-profit organizations and seniors in need of hands-on

Char-Em United Way

would like to thank the unteers 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: Petoskey News Review; and Odawa Casino Resort all allowed their staff or students to assist with projects throughout the day..

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

"We are extremely grateful for all the support from area businesses and organizations dividuals Day of Caring to assist with projects throughout the day." states Racheal Barkley, Char-Em United Wav's Program Director.

Project sites ranged from the Salvation Army to the Habitat ReStore and geographically from Cross Village to East Jordan. Volunteers cleaned, painted, weeded, cleared brush, conducted shoreline clean up and collected data for Adopt-a-Beach with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and much more.

Day of Caring is a great example of businesses and individuals coming together to help our communities. Without the participation of area agencies, schools, organizations, service clubs, businesses, and in-

A HUGE thank you to everyone that was involved this year.

Char-Em United Way manages Volunteer Connections, a virtual volunteer center to assist community members in finding volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits in Charlevoix and **Emmet Counties year** round. Anyone wishing to volunteer can simply visit www.charemunitedway.org and follow the volunteer link to search for opportunities.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org

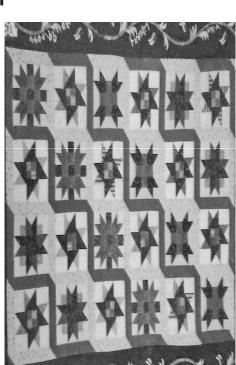
### Quilt Raffle for Active Military & **Veteran Appreciation event**

Quilt Raffle tickets are now available for a beautiful. 63x85-inch "Patriot Stars" embroidered quilt that will be drawn on November 7 for a special Active Military & Veteran Appreciation event. Hosted by Hospice of Northwest Michigan and the Flight Deck Bar/Paul Bunyan Bowling Lanes, the Appreciation event will be held from 1-4pm.

Organizers invite the community to come meet, show your appreciation and get to know your area active military and veteran's while having fun. All active military and veterans who show their military ID (and

spouses) will get in free. Anyone bringing a veteran or member of the active military as their guest can play one game of bowling for free on November 7.

Admission will be \$10 at the door and includes; a dinner featuring chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, free use of the pool, free hosted card games, discounted bowling and shoe rental, DJ music. Patriot Quilt Raffle tickets (\$25 each) will be available at



beautiful, 63x85-inch "Patriot Stars" embroidered quilt that will be drawn on November 7 for a special Active Military & Veteran Appre-

the event and there will be door prizes and drink specials. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Amy Wieland at Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 547-7659. The drawing will be at 1pm by Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Sheriff Don Schneider.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the We Honor Veterans Program through Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

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from 8 a.m. until noon, however many of the vendors will stay open until 4 p.m. to make the most of the day. The booths will offer an assortment of fall produce including; squash, pumpkins, apple butter, honey, and cider. The festival expects over 30 different vendors, and will shut down a portion of Water Street to accommodate the large crowd. In addition to market booths. craft vendors will also be there to show off their homemade and handcrafted items.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. families can enjoy folk art demonstrations, children's games, and a scarecrow making contest! The contest involves both residents and businesses who vie to see who will have the most fun

scarecrow of them all! Starting at 9 am, those in Boyne City can enjoy the "Historic Walking Tour" led by none other than President Teddy Roosevelt himself (with a little help from Scott MacKenzie) that begins at the Dilworth Hotel. From 10 am to 3 pm there are free horse drawn hay rides which leave from the corners of Main and S. Lake Streets, and on that same block kids can paint their

very own pumpkins!

Looking for lunch? Be sure to head to the Boyne District Library for their Empty Bowls luncheon at noon! And don't forget to grab dessert at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate building from 1-3 when they have their pie baking and eating contests!

The fun doesn't end there, throughout the day concerts will be held on 3 different stages! From 11 to 1 festival goers can enjoy the sounds of "Spectrum," "Whiskey Creek," or "Rhett Betty." Closing out the festival between 1:30 and 4 are; "Don Rivers & Friends," "Rustic Heart," and "Jazz North."

Local restaurants and shops are participating as well! For instance, the Wine Emporium and Boyne County Provisions are offering beer tasting from 1 to 4, and for those interested wine and cheese tasting will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Café Sante will offer delectable German cuisine inspired by Oktoberfest, and live music will be there as well.

The Boyne City Harvest Festival is the perfect event to finish off summer and usher in fall with its gorgeous leaves, beautiful sunsets, and cooler temperatures. For more information on the festival, or how you can be involved in the Scarecrow contest, please see www.boyneharvestfestival.com or call 231-582-6222.

### Volunteer support needed for Northern Michigan NKAB Kitchen Tour

Help support your local Habitat Affiliates by attending or volunteering at the 2015 Northern Michigan NKBA Kitchen Tour from 9:00 – 5:00 on Saturday October 17th. Volunteers are needed to greet attendees at each home and assist the kitchen designers as needed. Northwest Michigan Habitat will partner with other local Habitats for volunteer support for this great event.

Each year, the North-

ern MI Chapter of the National Kitchen and **Bath Association** (NKBA) holds a Kitchen Tour in Northern MI. It's a great way to support area designers and to give back to the community. They do this by contributing 10% of all ticket sales to the Habitat mission. Michigan **HOME** and Lifestyle magazine is proud to partner with the Northern MI NKBA for this year's Kitchen Tour. Additionally, Michigan

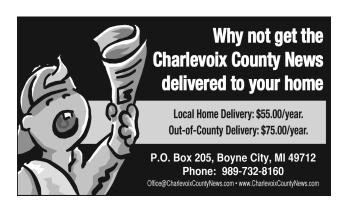
HOME and Lifestyle will donate 10% of all advertising sales to the Habitat mission as well!

This year there are homes located in Indian River, Harbor Springs, Oden, Boyne City, Bellaire, Rapid City and Northport and volunteers are needed to staff each of homes in these locations. All day and half day shifts available. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for couples, friends, mothers/daughters and

everyone else! Call Mandy 231-348-6926 Ext. 102 to learn more and sign up for a volunteer shift. Shifts fill up fast, so call today to get your volunteer RSVP in!

Tickets can be purchased at any home during the tour! Check out Michigan HOME and Lifestyle magazine for more information on the event.

or weatherization done.





### THE ALEDA E. LUTZ VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED HOSPITAL, HOME CARE, BEHAVORIAL HEALTH AND NURSING CARE CENTER ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Saginaw-6/22/15 The Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) announced that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital, Home Care, Behavioral Health and Nursing Care Center Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC underwent a rigorous, unannounced on-site survey on April 28 -May 1, 2015. During the review, a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated compliance with hospital, home care, behavioral health and nursing care standards related to several areas, including emergency management,

environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, and medication management. Surveyors also conducted on-site observations and inter-

The Joint Commission has accredited hospitals for more than 60 years. More than 4,000 general, children's, long-term acute, psychiatric, rehabilitation and specialty hospitals currently maintain accreditation from The Joint Commission, awarded for a three-year period. In addition, approximately 360 critical access hospitals maintain accreditation through a separate program.

"Joint Commission accreditation provides hospitals with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas from the enhancement of staff education to the improvement of daily business operations," said Mark G. Pelletier, RN, M.S., chief operating officer, Division of Accreditation and Certification Operations, The Joint Commission. "In addition, our accreditation helps hospitals enhance their risk management and risk reduction strategies. We commend The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC for its efforts to become a quality improvement organization."

"The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC is pleased to receive accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Ms. Peggy Kearns, Medical Center Director. "Staff from across the organization continue to work together to develop and implement approaches that have the potential to improve care for the Veterans

we are so privileged to serve."

The Joint Commission's hospital standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts, and patients. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help hospitals measure, assess and improve performance.

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### "Doing the Most Good" — Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

### **By Jim Akans**

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop, one of six being rolled out in the organization's Eastern Michigan division between 2012 and 2014, opened on October 26th of 2013, and is operated under the direction of Lori Oldenburg, Store Manager and Timothy Schroeder, Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant.

"The inventory we carry comes from community donations," Schroeder explains, "and we rotate that inventory consistently to keep it fresh for our customers. Our revenue, after expenses, is utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need. We are up 35% over last year and have also increased our staff. We want to thank the community for all of their donations, for shopping here and for helping others do the most good."

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, notes, "In Otsego County, much of the funding we receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying



The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting individuals and families in need. We also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food, and on a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas vouchers.

Revenue from the Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good." The store also pro-

vides employment for approximately 20 people. Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large items such as furniture, televisions and appli-

Schroeder points out, "We also offer a 15-percent discount for Senior shoppers every Wednes



The Salvation Army Family Store is operated under the direction of Store Manager Lori Oldenburg, (at center) and Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant, Timothy Schroeder (at right). Brian Jergenson, (at photo left) is the Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

day, and a 15-percent discount for those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays."

Shoppers will also find half-off specials each week, and the store offers pick-up service for donated items. In keeping with the organizations mission of "Doing the Most Good," clothing items that aren't sold are baled and sent to 3rd world countries.

"Many people don't realize that the Salvation Army is a church," states Schroeder. "We are Christian mission and a Christ-center

organization. We are about helping others."

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday – phone (989) 448-2357





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# King Orchards Named 3rd in Nationwide **Best Apple Orchard Contest**

**By Tina Sundelius** 

NORTHWEST MICHI-GAN - - According to the U.S. Apple Association there are 7,500 apple growers in the United States and local fruit grower, KIng Orchards, was recently nominated for Best Apple Orchard in the country by USA Today's 10 Best Readers Choice Awards.

USA Today selected 20 apple orchards from across America for the 2015 list. Online voters could vote once a day for a month and selected the top 10. Voting ended September 28 with King's coming in third place. "It was an honor to be nominated among 19 other apple orchards and as the only Michigan apple orchard," said Courtney King. "We were very happy to end up in 3rd place. We



: John King, Jessica Michael, Courtney King, Jack King and Frank King are preparing the apple press for cider production. "We've been waiting for a blend of apples and we think we've got it now. We hope to have cider by tomorrow," said John King.

greatly appreciate our customers and employees consistently voting."

King's two farm Markets are currently open from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. seven days a week. King's is a full service orchard in the heart of Northwestern Michigan growing a variety of fresh fruit including tart cherries, sweet cherries, apples, stone fruit, pears, and raspberries. The market season



Macintosh in the M88 market.

typically begins in July with raspberries and runs until October with apples. Both markets sell fresh bakery items made with their own fruit and they specialize in growing Montmorency tart cherries for cherry juice concentrate

which they market internationally. In addition to the fruit stands, you can also find them at Farmers Markets in and around Northern Michigan. They also offer frozen fruit and a variety of frozen pies and bakery items year round.

"We're looking forward to a huge apple crop and we hope to see a lot of U-Pickers in the orchard in the next few weeks," said King



### New Teachers in Ellsworth, Boyne Falls and East Jordan Schools

**By Tina Sundelius** 

It is three weeks into the 2015-16 school year and students around the county have been getting familiar with the teaching styles and expectations of some new recruits in the county's school districts.

In Ellsworth, the new full time music teacher Ashley Ford has made possible the addition of a Choir elective. Ford is a graduate of Central Michigan University and will also be taking charge as the K-12 music and band director. She has spent the past four years as the middle/high school band director for West Branch-Rose City Schools and will be taking on both the high school and middle school band as well as the elementary music program. "I'm really passionate about sharing music with kids and I'm really, really excited about expanding and growing the music program in Ellsworth," she said. There were also two new teachers waiting for Ellsworth High School students in the English department. Nicolas Dziadosz is originally from Rock Springs, Wyoming and graduated from Michigan State University. He says he became a teacher to give young thinkers a safe and exciting space to explore, question, evaluate, and create the world around them. "I've come halfway across the country to get from southwest Wyoming to



Nic Dziadosz - New Ellsworth **High School English TEacher** 

Ellsworth, but the trip has

most certainly been worth

it; I couldn't ask for a more

beautiful and welcoming

place to start my teaching

career," he said. Dziadosz

will also be teaching Span-

ish. Amanda Terryberry is

School graduate returned

bachelor's degree and re-

ceived her Master's degree

in Curriculum and Instruc-

tion from Ferris State Uni-

versity. She has spent the

Alaska. "It's been a dream

Ellsworth and I'm excited

to get started and be back

home," she said. "ECS is

thrilled to welcome these

three educators to our al-

ready outstanding team,"

two new teachers in the

preschool department.

said Superintendent Aaron

In Boyne Falls there are

past 11 years teaching in

of mine to return to

a 1997 Ellsworth High

Ashley Ford -



new Ellsworth music teacher

Charlevoix High School 2005 graduate Mitchell Klooster, known as Mr. Mitchell to his students, is teaching the Great Start Readiness Program. Klooster earned his Associate Degree in Child Development from Grand Rapids Community College and his home. She attended Central Bachelor Degree in Early Michigan University for her Childhood Education from Lake Superior State Universitv. "Over the past five years, I have had the amazing opportunity to be an assistant teacher in a Great Start Readiness Program that served preschool-age children and their families in Bovne City. I look forward to continuing to invest in the field of early childhood education as a lead teacher in Boyne Falls, The fact that childcare and early childhood positions are overwhelmingly seen as women's work, does not sit well with me. Advocating

for the male role in the



Amanda Terryberry-New Ellsworth High School English **TEacher** 

early childhood field is, and will always be, something that I am passionate about," he said. East Jordan 2011 graduate Monica Capelin is also working in the preschool program at Boyne Falls. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education minoring in General Business through North Central Michigan College and Lake Superior State University. She has been working with young children for two years as an assistant in a three year old classroom at Boyne City Preschool and in a GSRP (great start readiness program) there as well. She has also served as a co-director with 5-12 year olds at Camp EJ in East Jordan as well as an assistant teaching in the four year old classroom for the 2014 summer GSRP. She began her new position as the lead



**Falls Preschool Teacher** 

gers room at Boyne Falls Public Schools at the beginning of the school year. "My heart is set on three and four year olds. I have worked with them for two years now and it is right where I want to be. I am excited to work at Boyne Falls Public Schools and to be working with new families," she said.

In East Jordan, David Sawtelle is the new part time music director for both middle and high school. He is also the current conductor of the Alpena Symphony Orchestra. He is a graduate of West Texas State University and holds a master's degree in orchestral conducting. Sawtelle has 25 years experience working in public schools and has studied with many conductors including Stephen Heyde (Baylor University Director of Orchestras), Mehli Mehta (Zubin's Father,

American Youth Symphony), Abraham Chavez (El Paso Symphony Orchestra), Dr. Gary Garner (West Texas State University) Murray Sidlin (New Haven Symphony), Diane Wittry (Beyond the Baton, Allentown Symphony) and George Skipworth (Lewis and Clarke College). He has served in a variety of conducting capacities including the assistant director of the El Paso Youth Symphony and the Pacific Palisades Symphony Orchestra, the El Paso Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Pflugerville Youth Orchestra and the Heart of Texas Suzuki Organization Chamber Music Orchestra. He describes his conducting style as one that commands precision, energy and musical spirit from all his ensembles. His experience also includes teaching instrumental music at all levels in the El Paso, Los Angeles, DeQuincy, Georgetown and Austin School Districts. He is a prize winner at the Academia dell'Arte di Firenze Symphony Conductors Competition in Florence Italy and recently directed the Little Traverse Choral Society in Petoskey,

and produced two CD's

with that choral society. He

continues to teach as a con-

the Crooked Tree Arts Cen-

ter in Petoskey and plans to

continue the development

of string education in the

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# East Jordan Fall Festival a good time for all

**By Tina Sundelius** 

EAST JORDAN--Fair skies, good music, fine food and imaginative art made the first annual East Jordan Fall Festival a good time for all while raising funds for the East Jordan Little League and the food pantry.



Jack Archiable from Shorts served up the microbrew with Rotary representatives Paul Michael and Cal Gotts. For wine drinkers, the Walloon Lake Winery was offering sweet whites and dry reds.

A row of hay art sculptures the length of the park greeted visitors to Tourist Park Saturday, September 26. Everyone was encouraged to vote for their favorite sculpture by leaving canned goods in boxes nearby. Over 300 cans of food were collected and the South Arm Yacht Club was

awarded a plaque and a free weekend stay in the campground for bringing in the most cans. A little further into the park, food trucks were serving a variety of foods, beer and wine



The South Arm Yacht Club took first place in the hay art contest at the Fall Festival. Votes were measured by the number of canned goods left in boxes next to each hay sculpture the food was donated to the Care and Share Food Pantry.

was available in the pavilion and the Pistol Whips serenaded one and all with Lake Charlevoix as their backdrop. "The day went flawless," said Parks and Recreation Director Trina VanderArk. "It was beautiful, we raised \$1200 for equipment to upgrade the little

league softball and baseball fields."

The festival also brought people into town. Last year at this time 3 campsites were rented but after the festival was placed on the calendar, 40 sites were filled. "This first ever Fall Festival was a tremendous success. It brought out not only local visitors and campers to the park but people from all over," said Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak. The Breezeway Cruize was held the same day and Faculak encountered visitors from as far away as Tawas, MI who came to experience the festival then joined in on some of the other local fun including the cruize. "It was a wonderful way to invite guests and bring the community together," she said.



There's a new Food Truck in town! The Bone Shack made its debut at the East Jordan Fall Festival. Mina and Matt Barr moved to Central Lake from Colorado this past May and served up BBQ pork and special recipe sides during the festival. Other trucks at the event included The Landing, Littleman Bites, Smokin Joes BBQ, Pita Cruiser and Fudgees.

### Skitoberfest: A festival of two seasons

By Jim Akans

Saturday, October 3 marks the date of the 7th Annual Skitoberfest, celebrating the autumn and upcoming winter seasons in the heart of northern Lower Michigan. This daylong Oktoberfest-style



Saturday, October 3 marks the date of the 7th Annual Skitoberfest, celebrating the autumn and upcoming winter seasons in the heart of northern Lower Michigan. COURTESY PHOTO.

event has it all; awesome food, Michigan beer, wine and spirits, live music, parade, street dancing PLUS a preview of winter fun with a ski swap, on-snow rail jam, chairlift rides and informative presentations.

The guest speaker at this year's Skitoberfest is Lynsey Dyer, one of the most widely recognized figures in the action sport world. She has been described as parts top caliber athlete, creative tour-deforce and a role model for women-in-the-outdoors everywhere. Boyne's Ambassador of Skiing, Cary Adgate, will also be on hand to provide information about gear, Boyne season passes, and other information to get outdoor winter sports enthusiasts ready for the slopes.



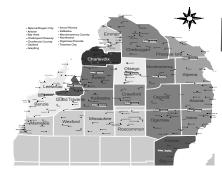
Be sure to check out the Skitoberfest Rail Jam, complete with "snow" and features. Just bring your gear and attitude! COURTESY PHOTO.

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### **Event Highlights**

Winter Expo: 10am - 5pm inside the Civic Center

- Community Ski & Snowboard Swap benefiting Boyne City Ski Teams: 10am - 3pm

- Guest Speaker, Lynsey Dyer, at 2pm

Activities: noon - 6pm - Michigan Beer, Wine, & Spirits Tasting - Tickets required, no entry fee to taste. 21 and older; photo ID required.

- Food & Sweet Treats from Area Restaurants and Food Trucks

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- Wine Tasting at Made in Michigan, 21 and older

- Music and Magic on the Lawn - Live Street Theatre - Casting Lessons with Boyne Outfitters

- Village Sidewalk Sales (11am - 8pm) - FREE Scenic Chairlift

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Rides (noon - 8pm)

- Twin Zip Rides (visit the Adventure Center, 2 - 5pm) - Hay Rides (2 - 9pm)

- S'mores Around the Bonfire (6 - 9pm)

THE Kids' Zone: noon -6pm

- Kids' Root Beer & Soda Garden featuring Northwoods Soda, Tasty Snacks & Sweet Treats, Face Painting, Horse and Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Art Projects, Cookies & Canvas: kids create a work of art in a guided class with a professional artist while eating

- Visits from Fritz, the resort mascot in THE Biergarten, 2pm - 12:30am

cookies!

THE Pond Pedal: 1pm
- Introducing a crazy
Slush Cup-style event
called the Pond Pedal.
Watch as bike riders take
their turn to see if they can
pedal across a singletrack
set over the pond. Adding
crashes and costumes to
the long list of Skitoberfest
fun.

THE Skitoberfest Rail Jam: 3:30 - 5:30pm

- We'll supply the "snow" and features, you bring your gear and attitude! Registration is Saturday from 10am - 3pm at the BOYNE booth at the Winter Expo.

THE Biergarten: 2pm -

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- 2 - 5pm: Gourmet hors
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- 2 - 8pm: Live entertainment by David Cisco

THE Pray for Snow Bonfire: 5 - 6pm

- Join us at the GIANT bonfire, as we pray to Ullr, the Viking God of Snow, for a snow-filled winter season!

THE Skitoberfest Parade: 6 - 7pm

- 7th Annual Skitoberfest Parade and Street Dance, Village Lane

THE Afterparty at the Snowflake Lounge: 7pm - 2am

- Celebrate outside all day and stick around into the evening as we bring the party inside to the legendary Snowflake Lounge with live entertainment, prize giveaways, and more!

- 7pm: Prize drawing for all ages; must be present to win

- 8pm: No entry fee, 21 and older\*\*

- 8:30pm - 12:30am: Entertainment by George Brothers Band

\*\*Must be 21 or older after 8pm; photo ID required at the door.

Child care is available between the hours of 6pm - midnight with advance reservation. For child care pricing and to make a reservation, call 231.549.7274.

For additional information and updates, visit www.Boyne.com/boynemo untain/event/Skitoberfest.

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# **News Briefs**

### **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 oldfashioned "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**

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 sixplace chair, a parade, street dancing, and tons of other surprises during this amazing preseason 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: runfortheirlives@charter.net or call Jamie (231) 675-8792

### CHARLEVOIX **FLU IMMUNIZATION** CLINIC

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6906 Norwood Road. Open to the public. Pre-registration required. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

#### **BOYNE CITY** KAMIKAZE FIREFLIES IN CONCERT

October 8, 6:30pm, Performing Arts Center in Boyne City High School. Vaudeville variety show duo "Kamikaze Fireflies." With such diverse skills as juggling, hula hooping, whip cracking, and sandwiches made with the feet, the pair - who received a standing ovation on America's Got Talent last year - is bringing super-charged stunts and gut-busting comedy to audiences around the world. This event is sponsored in part by Arts Midwest. Special ticket pricing is \$5 for students and \$15 for adults.

### 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 de' oerves 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 everexpanding media universe. All Luncheon Lecture programs are held on Fridays in the Library conference room. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 email luncheonlecor tures@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; 10am-6pm, October 11; 10am-4pm. East Park & Downtown Charlevoix. festival's focal point is the apple, proven to be the most popular fruit in North America. 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, Kids Activities, Swing Dance, Color Cruise, Mushroom Home Tours,

### **EAST JORDAN**

Holiday Art and Craft Show.

**BALLROOM DANCE** October 9, 6-9:15pm, East Jordan Civic Center. Ballroom Dance with live music by the Jordan Valley All Stars. Includes a professional dance lesson by the 2 Left Feet Dance Company at 6:00 p.m. Band plays from 6:45pm to 9:15pm. Suggested donation -\$10.00 per person, children 12 and under free. Bring your own soft drinks and snacks. For more information, please call 231-533-

### **BOYNE CITY GOLF EVENT TO BENEFIT BC HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

October 10, Boyne Mountain. Boyne Battle of the Sexes Golf Fundraiser. Teams will be playing for their favorite guys or girls sports team and competing

to win \$500 for the program of their choice. Catt Development has donated \$500 to go to the winning boys program and Pat O'Brien & Associates has donated \$500 to go to the winning girls program. If you would like to get a team of four together, contact Megan Neidhamer at the Boyne City High School Athletic Office, 231-439-8155 or mneidhamer@boyne.k12.mi.us. Cost is \$30 per person, have dinner for \$30 or you can have a great afternoon of golf and dinner for \$50.

### 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. 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. Speakers will be Boyne City Manager Mike Cain, County Commissioner Chris Christensen, Main Street Executive Director Lori Meeder and School Superintendent Peter Moss. Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber. Admission is \$20 which includes salad, deli sandwich, potato chips, dessert bar, ice tea, coffee and gratuity. Reservations are required by Oct. 9th. Call the Chamber at 231-582-6222

### EAST JORDAN **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

October 15, 5-7pm, Jordan Valley Barn. Sponsored by 4Front Credit Union.

### **PFTOSKEY LECTURE SERIES; MISS**

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 stateof-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.

### **CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

October 21. 5-7pm. Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Hors d'oeuvres and dessets from A Matter of Taste, Open Bar. Entertainment. Door Prizes. Co-sponsored by Beacon Dental Center. No Charge.

### **BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

October 22, 5:30-7:30pm, Brook Retirement Community, 701 Vogel Street.

### **PETOSKEY LECTURE SERIES**; TROOPER OF THE YEAR

October 30, 11:30am, North Central Michigan College library conference room. Corey Hebner of Harbor Springs was named Michigan State Police Trooper of the Year in January for his exemplary work performance, leadership skills and extensive community involvement, particularly with young people. The 19year veteran of the state police will discuss a variety of law enforcement topics including "phishing," the efforts by online scammers masquerading as trustworthy entities to get your usernames, passwords and credit card details to take your money. 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.

### **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

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.co m 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 Iocal Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase 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 bν email 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 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 contact please Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

### CHARLEVOIX **STORY TIME**

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

even dances with the kids.









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# Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

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## Are you ready for the Medicare **Annual Enrollment Period?**

Is your drug plan working well based on the medications that your doctor has prescribed? Are you mired down in the infamous Medicare donut hole? Have you been experiencing a lot of health care costs associated with your advantage plan? Perhaps you want to consider switching to a dif-ferent drug or health plan that will give you better cover-

September is a great time to begin thinking about all this, because the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is just around the corner. It runs from October 15th through December 7th. This is the only time that most beneficiaries can make changes to their current Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan. This year there are 31 drug plans and an average of 14 advantage plans available to beneficiaries in this area. While the number of plan options can be mind bog-gling, having several choices makes good sense.

Medicare Part D prescription drug plans must meet certain standards, however, the premiums, copays, formularies, and coverage benefits in the donut hole can differ. These variables can even change within the same plan from year-to-year, making it important to compare your list of drugs to all plans to determine which will work best for you. The same is true for Medicare Advantage Plans, often referred to as Medicare Part C plans. Most of the advantage plans have combined benefits for health care and prescription drugs. Each plan will vary in premium cost, co-pays, provider network, and maximum out of pocket cost.

The annual enrollment period is also an excellent time for folks to convert from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Medigap coverage, or vice versa. There are up to 10 different Medigap plans avail-able, each having different levels of coverage. Monthly premiums are based on plan benefits, your age, and other factors that are used in the underwriting process.

Keep in mind that if you switch to a Medigap, you will need to enroll in a stand-alone Part D drug plan in order to have continuing coverage for your prescriptions.

During the month of September you can expect to receive several important notices from the company that is currently providing your coverage. For example, you will receive the Annual Notice of Change and the Evidence of Coverage. These notices will tell about the new monthly premium, individual drug costs, possible changes to the plan's drug formulary, modifications to the drug re-strictions, and adjustments to the drug tier groups. A change in any of these items can result in a substantial increase in your costs. There will be about 30 Part D drug plans available again next year. This provides a great opportunity to compare the cost of your current plan to several other plan offerings that could result in cost savings.

This entire process can be daunting for beneficiar-

ies, but help is available. Counselors with the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can conduct a review of your drug plan during the open enrollment period and, if needed, furnish suggestions for plan alternatives. Local MMAP counselors can be reached by calling 800-803-7174. If requested, representatives will send out a prescription drug worksheet that will begin the process of the Part D plan review for 2016. It is recommended that beneficiaries begin calling MMAP in September to ensure there is sufficient time to review your Medicare plans for the up-

coming year. By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assis-

tance Program Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

### **BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

### Thursday, October 1

10am "Basic" Spanish 1am Arthritis Foundation **Exercise Program** Wii Bowling

Friday, October 2 11am Dollar-in-a-Jukebox Raffle

Monday, October 5 Foot Clinic (by Appt) Pretty-Bag Bingo -Gift Certificate Prize Line Dancing

Tuesday, October 6 10:30am Adv Board Mtg Pretty-Bag Bingo -

Free Lunch Prize

Wednesday, October 7 10:30am Wii Bowl Practice

### Thursday, October 8

10am "Basic" Spanish 11am Arthritis Foundation **Exercise Program** Wii Bowling

### **CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

### Thursday, October 1

11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Wii Bowling Practice 1pm Mahjong Dessert by American House Friday, October 2 9:30 Craft Class 1pm Rummy

Monday, October 5 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, October 6 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Mahjong 1pm Paint Class 10am - 6pm: Trip to Grand Traverse Lighthouse Mu-seum — Lake Michigan Air-craft Carriers Exhibition

Wednesday, October 7 FOOT CLINIC 9:30-11:30 FLU CLINIC 12:45 pm Bingo

Thursday, October 8 11:30 Roger Hartson Music 1pm Wii Bowling Practice

1pm Mahjong

#### EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 1 KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class

Friday, October 2 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Raffle

Monday, October 5 8am-1pm Walking M-F 11am Music

Tuesday, October 6 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo

Wednesday, October 7 10:30am Wii Bowling GAME DAY!

**Thursday, October 8** Foot Clinic

10am Advisory Bd Mtg KARAOKE DAY! 1pm Paint Class

### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, October 1 **BOILED DINNER** 

Friday, October 2 BAKED CHICKEN

Monday, October 5 COD ALMONDINE

Tuesday, October 6 HAMBURGER w/BUN

Wednesday, October 7

GARLIC CHICKEN

Thursday, October 8 PEPPER STEAK

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