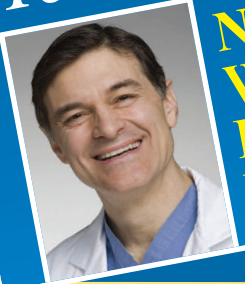


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What's on the November Ballot?

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - It's that time of year again. Time to make our semi-annual visit to the township hall and vote. This November 3 there are some city commission seats that will need to be decided, one library millage and the Charlevoix Public Schools millage is up for renewal.

Voters in Norwood Township, Marion Township,

Hayes Township, Eveline Township, the City of Charlevoix, and Charlevoix Township will be asked to renew the 18 mills the district has been collecting for school operations. The millage equates to \$18.00 on every \$1,000 of taxable value of eligible property. If it passes it will be in effect until it comes up for renewal again in 2020. "The non-homestead millage election is really important for

the funding of Charlevoix Public Schools. It allows our district to receive our full per pupil allocation because the state expects districts to levy the full 18 mills in order for us to receive their full funding. This millage is roughly 7.1 million dollars to our district, which is 88% of our per pupil funding to run our schools. Our community understands the importance of this renewal as evidenced by their past sup-

port," said Charlevoix Schools Superintendent Michael Ritter.

Two seats are available on the Boyne City Commission. Both Tom Neidhamer and Derek Gaylord's terms are expiring. The terms begin with the first meeting in November of 2015, and expire in November, 2019. Candidates include Hugh Conklin, Gary Mellon, incumbent



See **Ballot** -5A

SPORTS REPORT

FOOTBALL



Rayder Brad Klinger (5) picks off a pass in front of the intended Frankfort receiver, as teammate Hunter Cox (4) makes an attempt at the ball. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

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• **Boyne Falls Pair earns All Conference Honors**

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STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Boyne City "Alive and Well"

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On Thursday, October 15 citizens of Boyne City gathered at Boyne Mountain to hear the status of the city that is "a land of opportunity" at the annual State of the Community where four speakers detailed the strengths and goals of Boyne.

The event is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by local businesses each year. This year, 4Front Credit Union served as the main sponsor, while numerous other businesses purchased tables. The event featured four speakers this year including; Lori Meeder, Chris Christensen, Peter Moss, and Michael Cain. Each speaker honed in the aspects of Boyne that they personally represent and how those areas have done in the recent past and what they will do in the future.

The first speaker, Lori Meeder, serves as the Director of the Main St. Program for Boyne City. Meeder shared the projects that the board is currently working on the continue making the downtown area "vibrant." She noted events such as the SoBo Arts Festival, Walkabout Sculpture Tour, Stroll through History, and Farmer's Market as successes for the board who work tirelessly to bring more economic and cultural growth. Meeder also shared that 7 new businesses plan to open their doors within the next year in Boyne City which will add to the strength of the downtown business climate.

"We're all in this together and we're all working together," stated Meeder of the cooperation that



A large audience gathered on Thursday, October 15 to hear the status of Boyne City schools, the county, and the city.

citizens and businesses have with the board to make these positive changes happen.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Chris Christensen then took the podium to share where the county is at in providing help toward making the entire area stronger. Christensen directly serves the Boyne City are in his capacity as Commissioner and noted efforts to have more user friendly technology throughout the area, the addition of a domestic violence prosecutor, and road work as positive steps toward enhancing the area. He noted several challenges however; including the non-motorized trail, as something that will hopefully be resolved within future years. Additionally

See **State of the Community**-8A



Director of the Main St. Program Lori Meeder addresses the audience at October 15's State of the Community.

Volunteers needed for Boyne City Community Playground cleanup day

They had a great volunteer turn out last Saturday with everyone braving the snowy weather to help cleanup the Community Playground. They were able to remove about half the wood chips and are requesting additional volunteers help this Saturday, October 24th starting at 9am to finish the job (the weather is expected to be much warmer!).

The wood chips will be loaded into dumpsters and taken to a disposal facility. Long pants, long sleeves, closed toed shoes are required; gloves will be provided. Please no children under the age of 12 years old. Volunteers are encouraged to bring wheelbarrows, rakes, pitchforks, shovels and other helpful hand tools to assist with the cleanup.

For additional information or questions, please contact Boyne City Hall at 231-582-6597

Bridal Expo at Castle Farms

October 25, 10am-3pm, Featuring displays by the finest in wedding service providers Northern Michigan has to offer. Workshops throughout the day. Celebration Lounge, where guests may purchase beer, wine and food, opens at 12:00pm. Grand Finale Fashion Show begins at 3:00 p.m. and showcases the latest in bridal fashions. Bridal couples register to win door prizes and the Grand Giveaway—a wedding ceremony package valued at over \$15,000! Admission: \$6.00 per person.

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WEDNESDAY



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OCT 23	...35°	...57°	...22° (1993)	...76° (1975)
OCT 24	...35°	...57°	...24° (1969)	...76° (1975)
OCT 25	...35°	...56°	...23° (1952)	...77° (1989)
OCT 26	...34°	...56°	...20° (1990)	...77° (1989)
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OCT 29	...33°	...54°	...17° (1965)	...75° (1989)

OBITUARIES

William Rodney Tillen, 49

(NOV. 7, 1965 - OCT. 5, 2015)

"Bill" is survived by his parents Richard and Catherine Tillen of Charlevoix, brother Jack Tillen of Lake-wood, WA and brother Robert Tillen and wife Dawn of Evansville, IN.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Susata.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1984 where he was active in basketball and football and from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Finance.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Salvation Army in Petoskey.

His family came together privately to remember his life.



Ronald Cordell Phillips, 79

(SEPT. 21, 1936 - OCT. 13, 2015)

Ronald Cordell Phillips of Boyne City died October 13 at Winter Lake Home. He was born in Detroit on September 21, 1936, the son of Cordell and Marion (Pfromm) Phillips.

Ronald is survived by his sister, Janet (John) Michelson and brother, Gary Phillips.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 30 at 4 PM from Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Gaylord where friends and family will be received from 3 PM until the time of service.

Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to Winter Lake Home through Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, P.O. Box 1548 Gaylord, MI 49734.

Patrick Dennis Brennan, 81

(APRIL 14, 1934 - OCT. 14, 2015)

Patrick Dennis Brennan, 81, of East Jordan, died Wednesday,

October 14th, peacefully at home in the care of his wife Bedella.

Patrick was born on April 14th, 1934, in East Jordan, the son of John and Eileen (Farmer) Brennan.

He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1952 and married Iris Lorraine Hosler in 1954. He worked as a painter during the construction of the Mackinac Bridge and had many stories and pictures that he shared with family from his time working up high over the Straits of Mackinac. Later he was employed with Boyne Products in Boyne City and moved to Traverse City to help start up a new plant. He continued to work for Boyne Products and later United Technologies after they bought Boyne Products. He retired from United Technologies as an assembly line supervisor and moved back to East Jordan marrying Bedella Mae Feagan.

In retirement Pat enjoyed helping groom the area snowmobile trails in the valley during the winter and riding his motorcycle with friends and family when the snow was gone. He earned the nicknames "Kickstand Pat" and "Old clutch and go" on one of the many rides because he would throw his leg over the bike hit the starter and put the kickstand up all in one motion and be down the road before the others had even finished putting their helmets on.

He is survived by his wife, Bedella M. Brennan, of East Jordan; son Patrick Francis (Karen) Brennan, of East Jordan; daughter, Michelle Brennan (Doug) Latsch, of Morris Plains, NJ; mother of his children Iris Brennan (George Lardie) of Traverse City; grandchildren, Mac and Brady Brennan, Brennan and Nathan Latsch; brother Jim (Janet) of Battle Creek; brother Mike (Mary) Brennan of East Jordan; sister Betty (Tony) Nessel; and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with the many friends and caregivers that made Pat's last year's entertaining.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents John and Eileen Brennan; brother's Jerry Brennan, Steve Brennan, John Brennan; and loving son Bryan Patrick Brennan.

No service is planned at this time. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a future date.

Visit his webpage at Penzien Funeral Home to sign the guest book and share a message with his family.

Annabell Mary Galmore (Os-trander), 92

(JUNE 12, 1923 - OCT. 20, 2015)

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan.

Visitation will be on Friday from 10:00 A.M. until service time at church. A complete Obituary will follow.

Robert E. Albertson, 92

(NOV. 23, 1922 - OCT. 10, 2015)

Robert E. Albertson, Sr., 92, of East Jordan, formerly of Saginaw, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Georgia House in Charlevoix. He was born November 23, 1922, in Lansing, to Louis and Victoria (Ryder) Albertson. He graduated from high school in Ewart in 1940 before going on to serve in the US Army Air Corp during WWII.

On January 3, 1945, he married Frances Elizabeth Murphy in Lansing, and she preceded him in death on August 15, 1986.

Robert worked for Eddington Floor Covering as an installer, for General Motors in quality testing, before owning and operating a television sales and repair business in Bridgeport



for eleven years. He retired from E.O. Carpenter Co. in Killeen, Texas in 1988.

Robert married Genevieve (Ladamann) McLaughlin on September 2, 1988, in Bay City, and they made their home in East Jordan.

Robert made a life-long commitment to Jesus Christ as a young man and his godly, consistent walk with the Lord greatly influenced his family and friends. His life was a testimony to everyone he met.

Robert was a member of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, and attended the Lighthouse Missionary Church after he was unable to travel to Ellsworth.

Robert enjoyed hunting and fishing, bowling and woodworking as hobbies.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve; sons, Robert (Myrtle) Jr. of Belton, Tex., Peter (Theresa) of Columbia City, Ind., Paul (Deborah) of Searsville, Steve (Paula) of Midland; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren. Robert's grandson, Dustin, preceded him in death.

We want to give special recognition to Dave & Bonnie Bosely, Heavenly Helpers, and the staff of Georgia House for all the wonderful assistance and care-giving Dad received. They all went far beyond what anyone could possibly expect in their efforts to be helpful to Dad and Jenny. We, Bob's family, want to express our heartfelt appreciation for everything you have done.

Funeral was held Saturday, October 17 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. The Reverend Jim Jordan officiated. Burial was at Eastlawn Cemetery in Saginaw.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, 6339 Elm, Ellsworth, MI 49729; or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please sign Robert's guest-book at www.penzienf.com

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2015

Mayor Peck says East Jordan is healthy and has optimistic future

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - Mayor Russell Peck presented the annual State of the City address at Tuesday evening's city commission meeting in East Jordan, which was followed by brief business concerning off road vehicles, firewood sales in the Tourist Park, and the 2015 master plan.

Mayor Peck described the city of East Jordan as being very healthy and offered an optimistic view of the community's future in his address to the commission and public on Tuesday, sharing many of the highlights that have occurred in the last year.

"Let me express how pleased I am that with much careful consideration by the city staff and commissioners, we were able to present a balanced budget for 2015-16 and a DDA payback of general fund debt adding positive cash flow," Peck said.

New additions within the last year included hiring a new city administrator, chief of police,

and parks director. The city has also increased the number of retreats and education for staff and commission members. Peck says they have worked to develop a better relationship between community leaders and citizens through such things as "off the cuff" meetings.

This year has also seen the completion of many projects, including a new master plan for the city, the addition of the Greenlight East Jordan Business Model Competition, and a finalized wastewater feasibility study.

Peck emphasized grant money that city departments have received, including more than \$80k for the fire department, \$190k for parks and recreation, and \$395k for the Safe Routes to School, among others.

"Overall, this past year has once again seen much progress in developing the kind of community we envision for both current and future generations," Peck said. "Together we will once again continue to position our

community for a resilient and sustainable future."

Following Peck's address, the commission unanimously passed a new ordinance concerning off road vehicles (ORVs), allowing ORVs to be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of the roadway within city limits, excluding Main Street from Mill Street to Williams Street, C-48 (State Street) from Maple/M-32 intersection to M-66, M-32 (Maple Street), M-66 (Lake Street) and any cemeteries, city parks, beaches, public works, and water/wastewater facilities, except in the parking areas.

The commission also unanimously passed the authorization of firewood sales in the Tourist Park for 2015-16 by the East Jordan Lions Club and adopted the 2015 master plan.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

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Boyne Falls Public School Students of the Week



Megan Pickering

Grade: 3

Parent's Name(s): Cathy and Gene Pickering
Future Plans: Kindergarten Teacher

Favorite Book: Because of Winn Dixie

Hobbies and Interests: Gymnastics, art and gym

School Activities: I like going to basketball games

Staff Comments
"Megan is a kind and caring student who is always willing to help others. She keeps her head held high and try's her best in my classes. Keep up the great work Megan!"
- Heidi Held



Mason Dratnol

Grade: 5

Parent's Name(s): Danielle Ball
Future Plans: When Mason grows up he wants to become a Game Developer.

Favorite Book: Mason's favorite book is "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series

Hobbies and Interests: Mason loves playing video games at home and is practicing to become a Game Developer.

School Activities: The school activities that Mason enjoys are recess and gym.

Staff Comments
"Mason is a very fun and unique student to be around. He enjoys building and creating new things with Legos and connecting blocks. He is very imaginative with his creations. Mason is a very smart student who will be able to do anything in life if he sets his mind to it. Congratulations Mason for being the Student of the Week!"
- Mrs. Deanna Milks

Charlevoix family is running for a \$30,000 cafeteria makeover

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX - An online video-based cooking contest could mean a little relief for a Charlevoix family raising a child with special needs and benefit the school he attends in a big way. The contest received hundreds of entries from families across the United States. The winner will receive \$15,000 in cash and his school will be given \$30,000 for a cafeteria make-over during a community party.

The Uncle Ben's brand 'Ben's Beginners Cooking Contest' is a program designed to encourage children to make healthier meal choices by getting them interested in cooking at an early age. The contest aims to connect parents with their children, one meal at a time while making cooking an enjoyable activity that brings families together. Children ages K-8 were asked to submit a three-minute home video showing the family together in the kitchen cooking a rice-based dish and discussing their experience cooking together. Thirteen year old Nathan Davis and his Mom Sheila entered the contest and are hoping their community will help them out by voting for Nathan's video submission.

The Davis' have 3 children, KayLee, a junior at Saginaw Valley State University, Hannah a senior at Ellsworth High School and Nathan who is in the 7th grade at Charlevoix Montessori Academy (CMA, formerly Northwest Academy).

Nathan loves John Deere, going camping and he has autism. His autism presents some sensory issues and consequently he eats very few foods but of the foods he eats Uncle Ben's rice is a favorite. "Nathan



Thirteen year old Nathan Davis has entered his video in the Ben's Beginners Cooking Contest in hopes of winning a new cafeteria for the Charlevoix Montessori Academy.

eats Uncle Ben's rice 4 to 5 times a week, he only eats about 20 foods and Uncle Ben's rice is

one," said Sheila. Last year Nathan saw an advertisement on TV for the con-

test, he entered but didn't win. "When he saw the advertisement this year he got really excited to do it again," she said. Nathan wanted to dress up like Uncle Ben for the video. He said that he and Uncle Ben have the same skin. "I told him he could dress up for a little part but needed to be Nathan in most of it. Now he's planning on being Uncle Ben for Halloween," she said.

Sheila believes that winning this contest would give Nathan's self-esteem a boost as well as serve as an avenue to bring awareness to Autism abilities, and help the community through the addition of a new cafeteria at Nathan's school. CMA currently doesn't have a kitchen. Students must carry their lunch every day. Being able to provide free and reduced lunches would be a benefit to the families of the students that attend there.

There are two phases to the contest. In both phases video votes are counted to choose the winner. The Davis' are asking everyone to go to and look for Ben's Beginner's contest - Nathan's video is called "Uncle Ben's Balanced Meal". It will allow one vote each day from October 15 through November 3 for phase 1 and if he makes it, from November 10 through November 30 for phase 2. "We would appreciate help for both phases," said Sheila.

"When he and I were talking about this contest and watching videos from last year he said he was excited for the "hometown party" because he could invite people to it and he could see them be proud of him," she said.

East Jordan Public Schools

Students of the Month



L to R: Madeline Diller (8th), Braedynn Kraemer (4th), and Thomas Brandell (12th)

Mason Dratnol

Madeline Diller is an outstanding student. Her focus combined with her work ethic and creative nature make for someone who is a joy to have in the classroom. Her projects are always detailed and the craftsmanship is superb. Madeline has a love of learning for the sake of knowledge, not just the grade. Madeline Diller is a young woman with a bright mind and a bright future.

Braedynn Kraemer

Braedynn Kraemer is a great student at East Jordan Elementary School. He always has a cheerful smile and is a kind friend to everyone. He works very hard and always tries to do his best with determination and a great attitude. He is truly a Rockin' Red Devil!

Thomas Brandell

Thomas Brandell is a four year varsity athlete who is also in the top 10% of his class. Thomas is a great leader and role model for our students. He has an incredible work ethic both athletically and academically.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2015

1156 Assist Fire Dept with broken gas line in the 800 block of S Park St
1251 Littering complaint in the 1100 Boyne Av
1537 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
1608 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1619 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1738 Report of juveniles throwing stuff at other cars on BC-CX Rd near the city limits.
1950 Suspicious situation in the 400 block of N Lake St
2349 Report of overdue motorist. Located.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

1233 Soap dispenser broken off wall in bathroom at the pavilion.
1259 Civil standby in the 300 block of N Lake St
1300 Request for civil standby in the 300 block of E Main.

1535 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of N Park St
1706 Assist Sheriff Dept and MSP at a domestic near Advance
1741 Request for welfare check in the 100 block of E Water St

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

1138 Assist to Emmet Co in the 600 block of Front
1355 Assist to Planning Dept on Alice St
1606 2 parking citations issued in the 100 block of E Water St
1803 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1857 Report of lost cigarette case between Boyne city and Charlevoix.
1949 Citation issued for speed at Boyne City Road and Court St.
2247 Property damage accident on Park just north of Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

1328 Report of dog running at large in the 200 block of State St
1500 Unlock vehicle in the 100

block of E Water St
1615 Property damage accident on BC-CX Rd near Court St. Tree fell into the roadway and onto vehicle.
1743 Property damage accident at Lake and Division.
2123 Car deer accident at Boyne Ave and Boyne Summit.
2200 Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St
2248 Arrested subject for MIP, Transport Open Intoxicant, and Bond Violation. Arrested second subject for MIP, Possession of Open Intoxicant and Probation Violation at Spring and Jefferson.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2015

0648 Assist to East Jordan PD.
1101 Report of found drill
1500 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 S
1714 Unlock in the 200 block of Brown St.
1911 Assist to Emmet County in the 300 block of E Division St
2055 Disturbance in the 100 block

of Silver St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

0346 Report of a private property hit and run accident in the 200 block of S Lake St.
0845 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
0910 Tree in roadway on Hannah near State
1030 Tree in roadway on Vogel near Union
1445 Arrested subject for DWLS and No insurance. Also for Bench warrant out of Shiawasee Co.
2207 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Ann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

1158 Citation issued for speed on Michigan at Charlevoix St
1535 Report of disturbance in the 400 block of N Lake St
1546 Report of possible child abuse in the 500 block of N Lake St
1745 Child custody issues in the 500 block of N Lake St

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Exciting treasures always on hand at New Beginnings Thrift Store

By Jim Akans

“We are well known for having very high quality items that someone doesn’t typically find in a resale shop,” observes New Beginnings Thrift Store manager, Carol Grissom. “Our inventory is constantly changing, so there is something new and exciting to discover here each and every day.”

Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible se-

lection of top quality, gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. The shop was originally located in the basement of the Holy Childhood School when the operation was founded back in the 1980’s. Proceeds at that time helped to support the school’s day care program.

The Shop began operating under the direction of the Holy Childhood of

Jesus Church in 2005, being re-organized to function more like a typical Thrift Shop, featuring donated inventory from local residents and businesses with a level of quality that far exceeded shoppers expectations. Proceeds from sales at the shop are utilized to support tuitions for children from Holy Childhood School who attend St. Francis in Petoskey, with remaining funds going to assist area individuals in need.

“What truly sets our shop

apart is the incredibly high level of quality items that we offer,” states Grissom. “The clothing, furniture, and other household items we have to offer are beyond what shoppers will typically find at a resale store.”

New Beginnings Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm. For additional information call (231) – 348-2980 or visit New Beginnings Thrift Resale on Facebook.



Located at 650 W. Conway Road in Harbor Springs, New Beginnings Thrift Store has an incredible selection of top quality gently used clothing and accessories, furniture, books, jewelry, tons of household items, and much more on display at their 12,000 square foot facility. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY SR.

BANKS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2015

Construction has begun on Township hall

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH - At a brief 2-hours meeting, the Banks Township Board discussed construction that has begun on the township hall and an upcoming planning session, approved the amendment of an agricultural land division ordinance and appointed election inspectors.

Although the township has only \$80,000 of the estimated \$150,000 needed to complete ADA upgrades to the hall, construction began earlier this month. Three more grants applications will be submitted by December 1. The board is confident that they can secure a capital improvement grant says Supervisor Thomas Mann. “We’re still working on the grants,” said Township Clerk Donna Heeres. So far the interior of the front stone wall has been torn out and is being prepared for the installation of a lift and staircase. “We found some cool stuff up above. We are trying to retain as much of the

original integrity as possible,” said David Rassmussen with CDS construction. An old score board was found under the stairs when a hole was punched in the front stone wall to make way for a second staircase that will lead into the lower level of the hall.

Plans for the 2015 Planning Together session to be held at the hall on November 10 beginning at 6p.m. were solidified with a list of state, county, village, township, school and other community leaders that are expected to attend was verified and the decision to serve pizza at the informal meeting was approved. Planning Together is an idea Superintendent Mann put into motion 3 years ago. “My goal is to bring the leaders of this community together face to face to hear what each are doing. It’s an opportunity to familiarize and bond,” said Mann.

An amendment to change the minimum lot area in the agricultural district came to the board after being

unanimously decided by the Township Planning Commission and reviewed by both the Antrim County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Consultant. The exact changes to the ordinance can be found in Article VI section 6.09 of the township ordinance book. The board approved the changes.

The board will begin accepting bids for the Township’s May Clean-up Day for consideration at the November 16 meeting.

A special Ellsworth Community Schools election to determine if the school millage will be renewed and if a bond issue to upgrade the school’s facilities will be held on November 3. Marilyn Ferweda, Brenda Powers, Jeff Cook, Nancy Zimmerman, Donna Heeres, Irene Shooks, Judy Smith, Arlene Veenstra, and Jim Maine were appointed as election inspectors by the board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 16 at 6 pm at the township hall.

Free radon test kits available during Radon Action Week

Exposure to a dangerous, odorless, invisible gas – radon – ranks as the number one in-home hazard for Americans, according to a recent Harvard University study. Radon is a naturally-occurring, radioactive gas that disperses in open air, but can become a serious threat when trapped inside homes or other buildings. Hazardous radon levels are detected in one out of 15 American homes, and radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is celebrating October 25-31 as Radon Action Week by raising awareness and encouraging everyone to test for radon. During that week only, the Health Department will offer radon test kits – which normally cost \$15 – for free, to encourage Northern Michigan families to check for and eliminate this silent killer from their homes. Test kits can be picked up during regular business hours at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs and Gaylord. A Property Tax ID number must be provided, to help map radon levels in the four-county Health District.

According to Scott Kendzierski, the Health Department’s Director of Environmental Health Services, testing is the only way to know if you and your family are being exposed to dangerous levels of radon.

“Fortunately, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive,” he said. “If you discover that your home does have a problem, the Health Department can provide free consultation and, if needed, help you find a contractor to correct the problem.”

Kendzierski says radon mitigation systems are readily available through local contractors and are widely used, with excellent results that can decrease the presence of radon in a home by as much as 99 percent. Depending on the size and type of home, systems can range from a few hundred dollars up to about \$2,500.

“It’s reassuring to know that exposure to harmful levels of radon is preventable, and correcting the problem is relatively simple for most homes,” he added.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month t-shirts donated



Health Department of Northwest Michigan staff members proudly wear t-shirts donated by Charlevoix businesses in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "Our slogan is Every Woman, Every Year," said Joy Klooster, coordinator of the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program at the Health Department. "Women ages 40 through 64 are encouraged to be screened for breast cancer." Free breast cancer screening is available through the Health Department for those eligible by calling (800) 432-4121. COURTESY PHOTO

Community Foundation grant assists McLaren N. MI patients

McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to assist McLaren Northern Michigan patients from Charlevoix County with resources to improve their access to necessary medical care.

Support of the adult patient assistance program ensures that patients have access to quality care. By helping to provide for the costs of medications, medical supplies and equipment, as well as offsetting travel expenses associated with receiving care, patients from Charlevoix County will no longer be forced to choose between medicine and groceries, or skip life-saving treatment because of the price of gas. For so many of these pa-

tients, a little help with these barriers can keep them on the path to health, healing, and wellness.

"We are grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and to our many other Charlevoix donors who chose to support the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation patient assistance programs." Their generosity and compassion for our fellow community members provides the critical resources to overcome barriers to receiving much-needed care," said Moon Seagren, Vice President and Chief Development Officer with McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation.

For more information about McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, call (231) 487-3500.

Some reasons for adopting a plant-based diet

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Plant-based diets are becoming increasingly popular. Vegetarians cite several reasons for not using animal products such as a concern for the treatment of animals, to lose weight or improve health outcomes. October is Vegetarian Awareness month. The film Food, Inc. documented the practices of the meat and poultry industries.

"I've been a vegetarian for years and years. I'm not judgmental about others who aren't, I just feel I cannot eat or wear living crea-

tures." Drew Barrymore, Actress.

There are various levels of vegetarianism based on the extent that animal products are avoided. Vegans do not consume any animal products or by-products. Vegans don't consume red or white meat, fish, fowl, eggs or dairy. They also don't use animal by-products, such as honey. Typically, a vegan won't use animal products such as wool, leather and silk.

A lacto-vegetarian includes dairy products, but otherwise follows the dietary restrictions of veg-

ans. An ovo vegetarian consumes egg products, but not dairy or other animal products. The lacto-ovo vegetarian is the most common type. They include both dairy and egg products in their diets. A pollotarian does not consume red meat, fish and seafood, but does eat poultry and fowl. A pescatarian consumes fish and seafood, eggs and dairy, but not red meat or poultry. See the "Quick Guide" at www.vegetarian-nation.com for a succinct list.

The list of celebrities who practice vegetarianism

is lengthy and varied. Actresses Mary Tyler Moore, Betty White, and Natalie Portman; musicians Kelly Clarkson, Bonnie Raitt and Steve Perry; athletes Mike Tyson, Martina Navratilova, and Carl Lewis are a few examples. Bill and Chelsea Clinton, Martha Stewart and Bob Barker are also vegan or vegetarian.

The documentary Food, Inc. documented the abuses of the corporate food industry that produces most of the meat and poultry produced in the US. The average American consumes

more than 200 pounds of meat per year. More than 70% of processed foods contain some genetically modified ingredients.

The film Forks Over Knives explores the detrimental health effects of a diet of animal products and processed foods. This film argues that many of the diseases we experience, including cancer and heart disease, can be avoided and even reversed with a plant-based diet.

The health benefits of following a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle include: lower cholesterol levels

(only animal products provide cholesterol), lower blood pressure, a healthier body mass index, decreased risk for heart disease and cancer and better control and prevention of diabetes.

A plant-based lifestyle can also become a natural means of losing weight or maintaining a weight loss. Fruits, vegetables, legumes and grains have fewer calories per ounce and are less dense than animal products. As a result, it is possible to eat larger quantities of plant-based products and consuming fewer calories.

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Thomas Neidhamer, and Leslie Marie Neilson.

In the City of Charlevoix Ward 1 incumbent Jeffrey Porter's seat is being challenged by Aaron W. Hagen. In Wards 2 and 3 incumbents Leon R. Perron and Shirley Gibson are listed on the ballot unopposed.

The City of East Jordan has 4 seats available. Incumbents Robert Kenny, Andrew Boyer,

John Doebel, and Paul E. Timmons terms expire at the end of October. Because Robert Kenny is not seeking re-election his seat will be advertised and applications taken after the election. From the applicants a new commissioner will be appointed for a

2 years term. This process is necessary because there were no applicants or write-ins by the April 21 deadline. The re-elected commissioners take office the first Monday in November.

On the Island, Peaine Township and St. James Township will be asked to renew the Beaver Island District Library Millage. The 4 year renewal of 0.9864 mill or \$0.9864 for each \$1,000 of taxable value is intended to provide funds for library services and operations. In 2015 \$116,000 was levied.

In Banks Township, Ellsworth Community Schools will be asking for a new school bond millage as well as a renewal of the expiring operating millage. The \$3 million Bond proposal is needed to make facility upgrades and includes the replacement of the boiler, electrical and septic systems, the addition of one ADA bathroom, enclosing the court-



yard in the H-shaped middle/high building which will result in one more classroom and eliminate the problem of getting from one side of the building to the other uninhibited and increased security for both buildings. In the elementary building an addition will be built to house a new cafeteria and preschool classroom. "We're the only school in the ISD that doesn't have a 3 year old program. It's not because we don't have a need for it, it's because we don't have the

space for it," said Gaffney. The 2 mills the district is asking for equates to 27 cents per day on a house with an SEV of \$50,000 or \$100 a year for 30 years. The operating millage renewal is 18 mills for 5 years.

This past May only 6,364 of the 21,848 registered voters visited the polls throughout the county and Banks Township. "In May it was actually a special state proposal election. There were some other proposals added from different units since the state was paying for the election, but overall it was a low turnout and I do not know why. When issues pertain only to the cities turnout is fairly low compared to elections that include county-wide issues where all of the townships are also voting. Of course, every four years during a presidential year the voter turnout is much higher," said County Clerk Cherie Browe.

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Tribute awards reception next Thursday

Four area women and one man will be honored for their achievements at the Tribute awards reception held at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29. The reception is hosted by the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) with title sponsor Chemical Bank. Entry to the Tribute reception is \$25 per person and may be reserved by calling the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067.

Here is a look at the honorees and a few of their accomplishments.

Advocate Award



Mary Peterson COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Family Services, food pantry and resale store. In 1990, Mary Peterson started Good Samaritan on the kitchen table of

her home in Ellsworth. Through her dedication and leadership the food pantry is currently visited by more than 700 families a month. The impact of Good Samaritan has been direct and meaningful to many communities. Since its inception, the pantry has had 81,000 family visits and touched the lives of individuals and families from Charlevoix to Mancelona and Boyne City to Eastport.

Peterson's efforts have also resulted in four natural extensions of the food pantry and resale store, including the Moms and Tot's Center which currently provides services to 450 single mothers and their children; a home weatherization program for low income seniors; an emergency services program to help with utilities; and Sammy's Shoes for families utilizing the Bridge Card. Through her work and volunteerism, Mary Peterson has been and continues to be a leader and an inspiration through her dedication, integrity and kindness.

Business & Professions Award

Elisa Seltzer was hired as Director of the Emmet County Department of Public Works in 1989 and has created and led the entire 26-year development of this award-winning Emmet County recycling system. Her passion, vision and hard work have created a model recycling program recognized throughout Michigan and beyond. Emmet County Re-



Elisa Seltzer. COURTESY PHOTO

cycling is used by more than 80% of Emmet County households, collects 60 different materials and handles recyclables from four counties. Under her direction, countless hours have been put into developing awareness and education about the importance and value of recycling.

Seltzer is recognized as one of the top five recycling leaders in Michigan, is constantly sought out as a consultant/speaker, has served three terms on the Board of the Michigan Recycling Coalition, is the Chairperson of the Networks Northwest Solid Waste Advisory Council and is one of nine members on the Governor's Recycling Council. Additionally, Seltzer is a skilled and accomplished teacher at Temple B'nai Israel in Petoskey; overseeing and carrying out a one year process with each child training for the Bar Mitzvah for boys and the Bat Mitzvah for girls. Her work with the children at the

Temple has been described as "irreplaceable". Seltzer's deep commitment, friendly demeanor, can-do attitude and infectious passion are qualities that have helped her excel professionally and as a caring and engaged community member.

Community Service Award



Penny Huber. COURTESY PHOTO

Penny Huber, an engaged and committed community member, is known by many as a person with integrity, caring and a get-it-done attitude described as "awe-inspiring". She served on the Friendship Centers of Emmet County (FCEC) Board of Directors from 1995 to 2003. As Board President she rose to the many challenges of finding the FCEC a new space and negotiated the sale of FCEC acreage to help fund the current Center on Anderson Road, Petoskey. As a member of the FCEC Building Committee, Penny developed building plans, collaborated with the general contractor, worked on the community-wide capital campaign, chaired/volunteered on multiple committees and provided financial support to ensure a positive outcome.

Huber continued to impact the area's senior population by establishing the Huber Senior Center in Brutus, which she continues to improve and renovate. Huber's community-mindedness is evident as the founding, volunteer editor of the Alanson Village Chronicle, a quarterly newsletter and vital source of information for Alanson residents from 1995 to 2010. Her can-do attitude helped accomplish improvements to the Village of Alanson playground. Huber was also instrumental in establishing the Inland Water Route Historical Society/Museum in Alanson.

Pinnacle Award



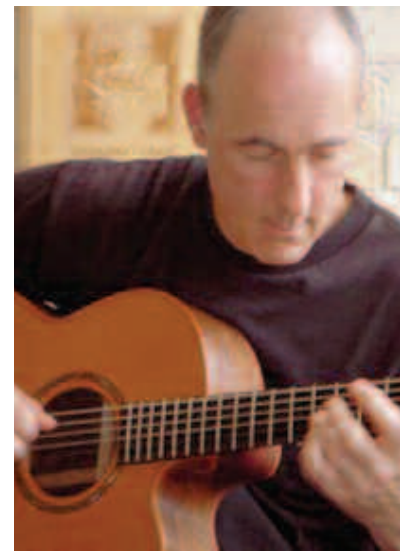
Ann Irish. COURTESY PHOTO

Ann Irish, a civic-minded community leader, has dedicated her life to ensuring community members have access to education, health, culture and economic self-sufficiency. As a champion of education, she served on the Harbor Springs School Board, and as a board member and president of the North Central Michigan College Board. Irish's groundwork and belief in cultivating skilled workers at home to strengthen the community has provided many community members with the option to stay in the area, or return home, to get an education and a job.

Irish also co-founded the North Central Community College Foundation to ensure funding for future scholarships. Irish's early support of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSACF) as a board member and contributor helped

people understand the value of a community foundation; her involvement continues today. More than \$100,000 has been granted to benefit countless organizations in Emmet County through the Donor Advised Fund she established in 1997. Irish has served on the Council of Michigan Foundations and the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. In 1970, Irish and other community members realized women in the area were in need of vital reproductive health and education services and helped establish the northern Michigan chapter of Planned Parenthood. Irish is an active member of her church, supports the arts and participates in several choral groups. Irish is known as being gifted at putting people together to solve and address needs. She is described by those who know her as generous, caring, witty, brilliant, strong, fun, thoughtful and an amazing asset to our community.

Man of Action Award



Bill Wilson. COURTESY PHOTO

Bill Wilson, therapist, volunteer, is a man of action and a change-maker. As a founding volunteer member of the Violence Prevention Team, he has provided leadership, insight and a depth of understanding about the issue of violence against women. Wilson has actively worked to engage others – primarily men and boys – in the movement to end this violence. Special training enabled Wilson to conduct local focus groups with men to gain insights into their willingness to more fully engage in this movement. One outcome was the establishment of the 100 Men Campaign which provides funding for local awareness, educational and prevention initiatives and provides a way for men to be involved in ending violence against women.

Wilson actively participates in awareness-raising events, activities and community discussions, as well as submitting guest commentaries and letters to the editor on these topics. Bill is a well-respected therapist and has worked for Chip Counseling, Lutheran Child and Family Services and in private practice. As an adept and accomplished professional, Bill has also lead batterers group intervention sessions for men. Bill displays the traits that are essential to drive the social change so desperately needed to end violence against women and girls.

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Business After Hours

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CHARLEVOIX

Annual Halloween "Spook Swim"

October 23, 6-8pm, Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Get ready for spooky music and decorations on the Pool deck with floating pumpkins in the water! Swim, eat pizza, sip on refreshments and grab a goody bag all for just \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. Children 5 and under are free! For more information, call or email the Pool: 231.547.0982 or info@charlevoixpool.org.

BOYNE CITY

Cider Making at The Hill Preserve

October 24, 1-4pm. Join Little Traverse Conservancy staff member Charles Dawley for a cider making extravaganza. From the Clute Road parking area, we will hike to the overlook and orchard part of the preserve. There we will collect apples, crush, and press them. Please bring an empty milk jug or jar if you would like to take some cider home.

BOYNE CITY

Children's Halloween Party

October 24, 2-4pm, Boyne City Eagles Hall. Kids 12 and under are invited to wear their costumes and join them for free food, fun, games and prizes.

BOYNE CITY

Crazy Sally's Road Rally

October 24, 6-9pm, Boyne Area Senior Center. This is an annual event that benefits the Compassionate Hearts organization, a local non-profit which provides assistance to local citizens in need. Teams have fun by dressing up in costume and racing around town in search of clues. Food and Prizes. Cost is \$15 per team (teams of four), limited number of teams. Contact George Danforth 231-340-1592 for additional information or to purchase tickets.

CHARLEVOIX

Barnard Grange Pancake Supper

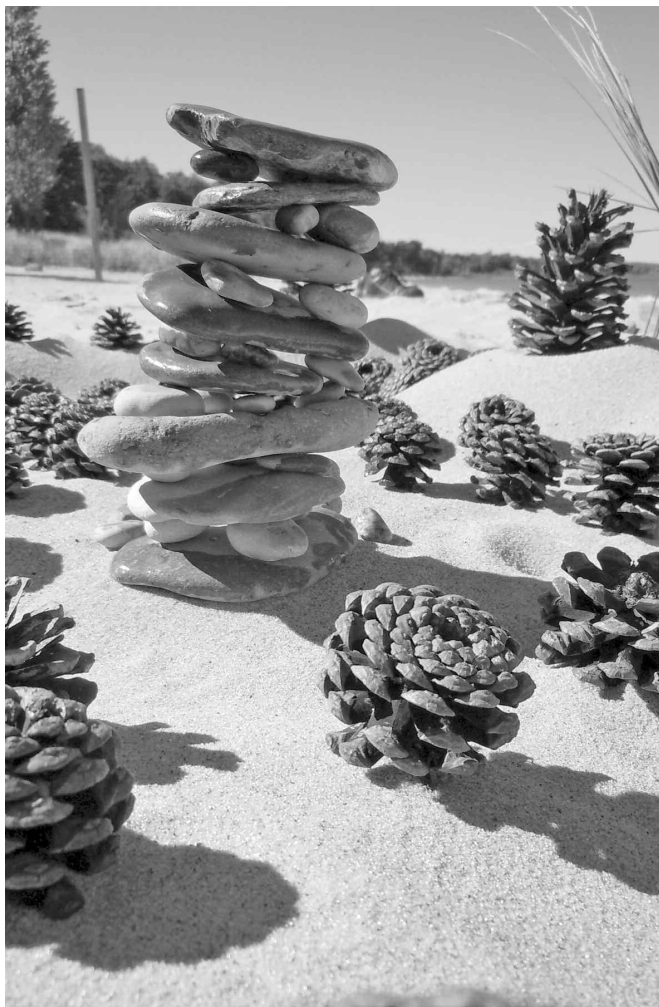
October 24, 5-7pm. Barnard Grange Hall at corner of Klooster and Barnard Roads. Pancakes and maple syrup, sausage, beverage and dessert. Donation - Adults; \$6, Children 6-12; \$4 and 5 and under free.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner and Auction

October 24, 5:30pm. Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7855 Rogers Road. (free will offering) with auction immediately following dinner. Auction items could include: fresh produce, handmade items, baked goods and good

Charlevoix Montessori Academy students create Land Art



7th grader Daniel Fournier's finished product. COURTESY PHOTO



Daniel Fournier and Grace Ward work on their project using the natural materials that they found. COURTESY PHOTO



Meagan VanLoo, junior, Lauren Kwapisz, sophomore, and Haylee Aronson, senior, pose with their finished design. COURTESY PHOTO

On Friday, October 2nd, the Charlevoix Montessori Academy 7-12 grade Art classes, under the direction of Art Instructor Michael Rosteck, went to Michigan Beach to work on their Land Art Installation projects. Land Art Installations are works of art where the medium used is culled directly from the environment where the art is to be experienced. In this

case, it was the stones, sand, water, grass and other materials of Michigan Beach. The students studied the works of Andy Goldsworthy and other professional artists who work in Art Installations before being challenged to design and create their own Land Art Installations.

Michael Rosteck believes that "art exists all around us all day, every

day... and that we can take an active part in it... we can intentionally use art to beautify and make personal statements about our every day surroundings. Art is just as much an essential part of what makes us human as is verbal language or anything else, and it should be recognized, celebrated, and practiced. It is only human to do so."

quality household items.

CHARLEVOIX

Bridal Expo

October 25, 10am-3pm, Castle Farms. Featuring displays by the finest in wedding service providers Northern Michigan has to offer. Workshops throughout the day. Celebration Lounge, where guests may purchase beer, wine and food, opens at 12:00pm. Grand Finale Fashion Show begins at 3:00 p.m. and showcases the latest in bridal fashions. Bridal couples register to win door prizes and the Grand Giveaway—a wedding ceremony package valued at over \$15,000! Admission: \$6.00 per person.

BOYNE CITY

Zombie Fun Run

October 25, 1pm, Avalanche Mountain. The Boyne City High School Blaze Robotics Team is sponsoring the Zombie Mountain Attack, a 5K Fun Run at Avalanche Mountain. Zombies in costume will be scattered along the 5K course to hinder and scare the dickens out of the runners. Costumes are optional, families are welcome; you are invited to be a zombie or a runner. Pizza, apples, water and a prize are included in the \$10 runner registration fee.

EAST JORDAN

Flu Immunization Clinic

October 27, 3:30-6pm, East Jordan Elementary School - Big Gym, 304 4th St. Children must be accompanied by parent/legal guardian. Call 800-432-4121 for appointment. Visit www.nwhealth.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Knights of Columbus Hunter's Banquet

October 29, Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. St. Mary's Parish Hall. Dinner tickets; \$15, Raffle Tickets; (5) for \$20. The Hunters Banquet is a fund raiser sponsored by the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus to provide needed funds to the Charlevoix Food Pantry. The Banquet features a Pork dinner, a variety of side dishes, desserts, and a lot of fun and camaraderie. This year's featured speaker will be Tim Kochany an avid outdoorsman who will share some personal hunting and fishing experiences as well as his experiences as a long-time Department of Natural Resources agent. The event will feature a Grand Raffle prize of a \$1,000 Jay's Sporting Goods shopping spree. There will also be door prizes furnished from area businesses.

CHARLEVOIX

Handling the Holidays Workshop

November 5, 7pm, First Baptist Church Community

Room, 6781 M-66 North. This program is open to anyone who feels a need for help in coping with the holidays. Special focus is given to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. We talk of how to cope with our loss through the Holidays and special occasions, and assist in creating a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. The workshop will be facilitated by David Behling Hospice of Northwest Michigan Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor, and participants will receive an outline with a Holiday planner and other helpful resources. There is no registration for this event but for more information you may call 231-547-7659 or visit our website at hospicenw.org or find us on Facebook at Hospice of Northwest Michigan. There is no charge to attend.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne City Freedom Run

November 7, 10am, Veterans Memorial Park. Celebrate Veterans Day - Run / Walk 1 mile or 5k side by side with Veterans joining us from all branches of the Military. Can't attend the event...participate "Virtually" by registering and running/walking where you are. Register by October 19th, we will mail your shirt and you can run/walk where you live. Better yet, get a group together take photos or a

video of your virtual run and share it on our facebook page. Cost: \$20 (Youth & Adult), Children (13 & Under) FREE. For registration forms or more event details email gunnerk9@yahoo.com or call 231.582.6058 also facebook/BCFreedomRun. Online registration is available through Active.com (fees apply). The run/walk will not be timed.

CHARLEVOIX

Active Military and Veterans Appreciation Event

November 7, 1-4pm, Flight Deck Bar & Bowling Alley. There is no charge for active military and veterans who show their military ID (and spouses). \$10 cover charge for family, friends, and community. Enjoy Chicken, Pasts Salad, Baked Beans, Free games of pool, Free hosted card games, Discounted bowling and shoes, Free DJ and/or Karaoke, Door prizes, 50/50 Games of Chance and Drink specials. At 1pm there will be a Welcome Military Pinning Ceremony for all veterans in attendance. Last chance tickets (\$25 each) will also be available (if not sold out) for the Patriot Quilt Raffle. To purchase tickets, contact Amy Wieland at Hospice of Northwest Michigan at 231.547.7659.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Business After Hours

INCIDENT REPORTS

INJURED AND ABUSED CAT RECOVERED

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that on October 13, 2015, a stray kitten was found on Jefferson St. near North St. in Boyne City painted with an orange-red colored paint. His tail was broken in several places and had a severe infection and infestation which resulted in the tail to be amputated.

Also, back on May 13, 2015 a light colored cat was spotted in the same area with possible wounds on it. However, Officers were unable to locate the animal.

If someone is found guilty of this

crime, they could be looking at 93 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, and up to 200 hours of community service. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office takes this crime seriously and will pursue this complaint to the fullest extent of the law.

Sheriff Schneider is asking for anyone with information regarding this animal to contact the Charlevoix County Animal Control at (231) 582-6667 or dial 911.

HARBOR WOMAN INJURED WHEN CAR STRIKES DEER

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that on Friday, October 16, 2015 at approxi-

mately 10:00 AM the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the Melrose Township Fire Department, and the Boyne Valley Township EMS responded to one vehicle personal injury accident on US 131 in Melrose Township.

Mary Sluyter, a 56-year-old Harbor Springs resident, was driving a 1997 Oldsmobile Northbound on US 131 when her vehicle struck a deer. Both airbags deployed and she was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital and treated for her injuries.

This incident is still under investigation.

TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON US 31 SOUTH

Sheriff Don Schneider reports that on October 15, 2015 at approximately 9:20 a.m. Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Charlevoix Township Fire and EMS, Charlevoix City Police Department and Charlevoix City Fire and EMS, responded to a two vehicle injury accident on US 31 Hwy South near Block Road in Norwood Township.

The crash occurred when a Southbound 2015 Hyundai Sonata driven by Lindsay Withrow, age 28 from Charlevoix, swerved to avoid a vehicle that was stopped in a roadway waiting

to turn left. Her vehicle crossed the centerline and struck a Northbound 1988 Chevrolet Pickup Truck pulling a utility trailer. The Pickup was driven by Jody A. Pringle II, age 30 from Central Lake.

Pringle was treated for minor cuts and released at the scene. Withrow was transported by Charlevoix EMS to the Charlevoix Area Hospital and treated for minor injuries sustained in the accident.

The accident is still under investigation at this time.

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City Discusses Historic District for Earl Young Homes

Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At their regular meeting on Monday, October 19 City Council heard public input from several owners of Earl Young homes in the hope of creating a historic district featuring these "Hobbit Houses" Charlevoix is so famous for.

The discussion has been going for several years, including another proposal that council took no action on in 2009. This time around, the Charlevoix Historical Society and the city have decided to look into creating a historic district out of just the residential homes on Park Avenue, Clinton Street, and Thistle Downs Lane. These streets hold 14 of the architectural gems, which could make up a small historic district under the guidance of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In order to create such a district the current Historic District Study Committee sent a proposal to the SHPO, who required a public hearing to get input on how home owners would feel if such a district existed.

Before the public hearing, the



These homes made by architect Earl Young are the focus of the Historic District Committee who hope to create a historic district out of 14 of them.

city contacted homeowners by way of letter to find out the overall consensus. According to their responses, the idea has support with the majority of owners. Some of these owners indicated support, but requested that if such a district existed the streets and areas across from them

should be clean up.

Sidney Feldman, who was in attendance and owns a property that would be in the district, said that his family was "ambivalent" toward the creation of the district and asked that the "deplorable state" of the street itself be remedied if the project goes forward.

His sentiments were echoed by William Thom, also in attendance, who asked that the "Million Dollar View" a concept of Young's, be reinstated for such a district. That concept involved the houses along Park Street being able to look out over Lake Michigan.

"We all believe very strongly that these homes deserve preservation...but we shouldn't address the historical significance of these homes without addressing the area across the street," stated Thom.

For most owners in the audience the idea had support, with the clause that the facing land be cleaned up and maintained. According to City Manager Mark Heydlauff, there would be no way to tie the clean up across the street to an ordinance making the homes a historic district, but the city could look at cleaning up the area at the same time as creating the historic district.

After hearing the input of the owners, the committee will now spend a year drafting an ordinance for the district that will come before council again. If council approves of the ordinance it will be filed with the state. The ordinance will take into account any concerns that homeowners share with the Historic District Committee before it is finalized.

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

CONTINUED FROM PG. 1A

Christensen stated that the conditions of roads are also trending upward; in 2008 the roads were considered 21% good, as of 2014 that percentage rose to 33% good.

Christensen shared the results of two recent millage proposals in the county that have improved conditions for residents. The first millage was a Veteran's Millage has enabled the County Veterans office to hire another person and be open more hours. The second, a Parks and Recre-

ation Millage, saw improved conditions at Whiting Park but also 7 other projects throughout the county.

Peter Moss, Superintendent of Boyne City Schools then spoke to the crowd regarding the "banner year" the schools had. Despite a decreasing budget and several retirements early in the year, BCHS rallied to "defy" the trend of falling enrollment. Additionally, over 90% of current students are enrolled in an extra-curricular activity, \$655,000 worth of scholarships was awarded to the 2015 graduating class and 70% went onto post-secondary education. These statistics, along with the amazing progress of last



City Manager Michael Cain stated that Boyne city is a "real land of opportunity at the event."

year's boys basketball and football teams, showcased how Boyne City Schools are making progress in the right direction.

"Striving to be the best in this community's DNA," stated Moss of that progress.

Finally City Manager

Michael Cain addressed the audience on the how the city itself has made changes in the past year. Cain noted that "opportunity has been knocking in spades" for the city, who have succeeded in numerous events and a millage to create new city buildings this year. Cain noted the paving of infrastructure projects, as well as the recent Boyne on the Water project as success stories of how democracy is "alive and well" in the town.

"We are not that sleepy little town we used to be. We are the leader of the area," stated Cain confidently.

Cain explained that the success of the city can be pinpointed to the accept-

ance of new opportunities when they arise. He noted that saying yes to new ideas has made the city stronger economically and culturally, which he says the city will continue to do in the future.

The overall tone of the State of the Community was one of hope and excitement for the future. All four speakers lauded the support of those in the community who do so much to make the city as strong and vibrant as it is. Each one stated their hope to see community involvement throughout the future to make the best years in Boyne City those that are ahead of it.

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