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It's an exciting time to be here

East Jordan State of the Community

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan's annual State of the Community Luncheon held Tuesday at the Harvest Barn Church saw record attendance this year. Organized by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, area

business and community members came together along with East Jordan's High School Senior Class to hear several area civic leaders share updates on many local projects.

Chamber President Mary Faculak noted one of this year's successes was reorganizing East Jordan's Historical Society. Mary explained the importance of preserving local history and the impact

it has on the community. Society President Tom Breakey reported efforts are underway to find a new home in the downtown area for the historical collection and the newly formed board of directors is considering publishing an updated volume of "East Jordan Remembers", a collection of stories of East Jordan's past. Mr. Breakey encouraged the

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Left to right, Joanne Schroeder, Tom Cannon, Matt Stevenson, Tom Breakey, Tom Teske and Mary Faculak.

Trick or Treating in Charlevoix County



BY JIM AKANS

Halloween is sneaking right up and that means its trick-or-treating time! All across Charlevoix County folks are stocking up on goodies for giving, so check out the following schedule, fine-tune your costume, and get ready for a door-to-door quest in search of devilishly delicious delights. Don't forget to check the related article on Halloween Safety, and of course, always remember to say "Thank You!"

- **Boyne City:** Trick or Treating hours are 5-8pm on Halloween. A Pet-Friendly Boyne City Halloween Parade will also be held on October 31. Lineup starts at 4:30pm along Lake Street in front of Lake Street Market. The parade will begin shortly afterwards at 4:45pm, moving north along Lake Street, turning on Water Street, turning at Park Street and ending at the First

Presbyterian Church's Trunk or Treat. After the parade, Boyne City Firefighters will be handing out treats for kids at the Fire Hall and the Bookmobile will be handing out candy and bookmarks redeemable for free books at the Boyne District Library. There will also be a Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 7-9pm at the BC Lanes parking lot. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk. No registration necessary, just show up. Limited open bowling and laser tag will be available.

- **Charlevoix – Downtown** trick or treating will take place on Octo-

ber 31, from 6 to 8 pm.

- **East Jordan Trick or Treat Hours** will be on October 31 from 5 until 8pm. The Methodist Church will hold a trunk or treat from 5-7pm and the Harvest Barn Church will hold their Hallelujah Night celebration with games and give-aways from 6-8pm.

- **Ellsworth - Trick or treating** in the Village will take place on October 31, from 5 to 8pm.

Be safe, don't eat all your candy at one time, and have a wonderful Halloween!



All across Charlevoix County folks are stocking up on goodies for giving, so check out trick or treat time for your community, fine-tune your costume, and get ready for a door-to-door quest in search of devilishly delicious delights. Wikipedia photo

Pumpkins potentially contaminated by oversaturated septic field

Pumpkins purchased from the pumpkin display in the front of Pond Hill Farm on Saturday, October 19 between 2 and 4pm were potentially contaminated by an oversaturated septic field and should be disposed of immediately. If you purchased a pumpkin during this time, do NOT consume it.

Once the problem was identified, Pond Hill Farm staff quickly cordoned off the area. However, if you purchased a pumpkin during this time period, Pond Hill Farm will dispose of it and issue a refund.

If you wish to dispose of the pumpkin yourself, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan suggests that the pumpkin is bagged and placed in the trash. Additionally, thoroughly wash hands with soap and water immediately following cleanup efforts. If you wish to clean any other items, please use rubber gloves, wash any fabrics or clothing in hot water and clean non-porous surfaces (such as shoe soles) with soap and water, followed by a bleach disinfectant (1/4 cup bleach in 1-gallon water). Ensure items have time to dry completely following cleaning.

For additional information regarding pumpkin refunds or questions about purchases, please contact Pond Hill Farm at 231-526-3276.

For additional information regarding disposal of pumpkins or cleaning other items, call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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Helping people take control of their health

BY KAREN WALKER

Everyone who comes to her practice is treated like family. In fact, some of Dr. Martina Williams' patients are her family. She says after her father had back surgery, he experienced tingling and numbness in his legs. With his daughter's encouragement, he turned to chiropractic treatment for help. He is now one of her patients and enjoying the benefits of her care.

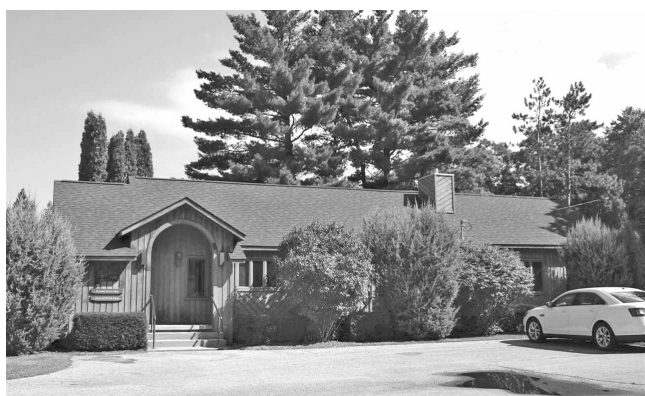
A 2012 East Jordan High School graduate, Dr. Williams knew she wanted to be a chiropractor since high school. And she feels like East Jordan is where she was meant to be. Occupying a building that once housed a dental practice at 306 Main Street, which she says is the perfect spot, she officially opened Monarch Family Chiropractic last June.

Her office feels open and inviting. She designed it to be a cheery place and also a place of warmth and calming, and good energy. She says she wants people to feel like they are getting a big hug every time they come in and know that they're being cheered on as they are guided through their health journey.

Focused on wellness and preventive care versus pain based care, her practice is more than just relieving pain. Dr. Williams says her objective is helping patients reach their health goals by finding the cause of the problem and correcting it so their body can heal. She says it's more than just coming in



Dr. Martina Williams is a 2012 graduate of East Jordan High School. Her practice is focused on wellness and preventive care versus pain based care. Photo by Karen Walker



Monarch Family Chiropractic is located at 306 Main Street in East Jordan. Courtesy photo

when you hurt, it's coming in to prevent problems.

"Chiropractic isn't just about your bones, your spine and back pain," she explains.

"It's about allowing your body to heal and function the way it's intended". She says, "Your body was always destined for healing and func-

tioning, it just needs a little help".

Dr. Williams stated she is starting to see children as young as 15 or 16 years old in the early stages of degeneration due to poor posture from too much time spent on computers and devices. She remarked, "We want to stop the progression and even reverse it with the techniques we do here."

Monarch Family Chiropractic is affiliated with Max Living, a group of chiropractors whose mission is to change the way we think about our health. Every new patient goes through an initial exam and consultation, and x-rays if needed, before receiving a spinal adjustment.

Dr. Williams has a Bachelor's Degree in Life Science and a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Logan University in St. Louis, MO. She is also certified in nutrition and spinal corrective care through Max Living. She says chiropractors are all different and feels she is not a typical chiropractor. She feels she is more gentle than most chiropractors with a lot of tools enabling her to service nearly everyone, big or small, infant or elderly.

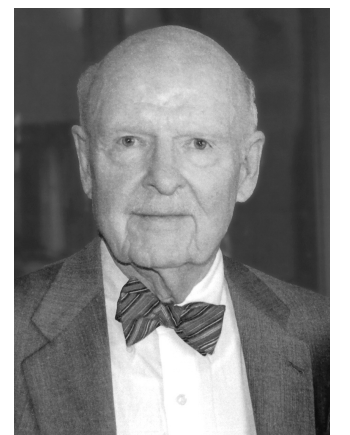
Dr. Williams explained, "If we (as chiropractors) can help people realize they can take control of their health and be more and do more because their health is better, then we've done our job". Monarch Family Chiropractic can be reached through their Facebook page or call the office at 231-222-2136.

GUEST COMMENTARY

"Will Week" October 21-27

Since 1994, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has partnered with individuals, couples, families, and businesses who wish to make a difference through charitable giving. In recent years, the Community Foundation has become a trusted partner for future giving - or giving through your will, trust, IRA, or other element of your estate plan. Future giving is meaningful philanthropy anyone can do because it doesn't impact a donor's current finances. Community foundations are a logical partner for those who wish to leave a local legacy because of the mission to work "For Good. For Ever."

"Will Week" is a celebration of future giving and a reason to share about how friends and neighbors are working with their advisors and their Community Foundation to leave a lasting legacy. Dr. Raymond H. Murray provides a terrific example. He worked with his financial advisor and attorney to update his will, which included the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Dr. Murray let us know that he had remembered the Community Foundation in his will and confirmed the names of the funds he wanted to support. When Dr. Murray passed away in 2009, the Community Foundation received a gift from his estate. The gift enriched several funds to make a difference on Beaver Island. Because of his effort to reach out to the Community Foundation to share his charitable wishes, we were able to implement them with confi-



Dr. Raymond H. Murray. Courtesy photo

dence and without delay.

Dr. Murray chose to enrich existing funds, but some donors have chosen to establish a new fund bearing their name to do good work in their memory. For more examples of folks who are making a difference through future giving, visit c3f.org for a digital version of the Legacy Guide or be in touch at 231-536-2440 to have a Legacy Guide mailed to you. Through gifts made now and those promised for the future, the Community Foundation is committed to building a stronger community together.

Sincerely,
Chip Hansen
President
Charlevoix County Community Foundation

For more information, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, www.c3f.org; or the Petoskey Harbor-Springs Area Community Foundation at (231) 348-5820, www.phsacf.org.

DNR precautions for hunting from tree stand

All hunting requires meticulous preparation and a commitment to safety, but as Michigan's bow season enters its second full week, it's a good time to consider extra precautions when hunting from a tree stand.

The Tree Stand Safety Awareness Foundation, a nonprofit focused on safety education and mindfulness, collected accident information from 12 states. Although Michigan wasn't a participating state, the data provides a good starting point for conversation.

When it comes to tree-stand incidents, the foundation found that:

The average fall victim's age was 47.

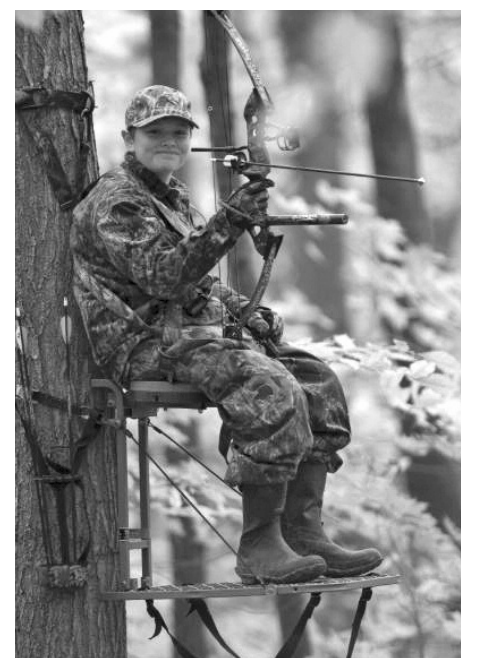
Lock-on and climbing stands were the most common types involved.

The majority of people who fell did not use a harness.

Most falls occurred when people hunted with traditional firearms or bows, followed by muzzleloaders and crossbows.

Most people fell because they slipped or lost their grip or balance.

"The DNR is in full support of the foundation's effort to boost tree-stand safety," said Lt. Tom Wanless, the hunter education administrator for the state of Michigan. "The more infor-



Safety precautions are even more important when hunting from a tree stand. Here, a young man is demonstrating the proper use of a full-body harness, securely attached to the tree. Learn more about hunting safety tips on the DNR's Recreational Safety webpage. (courtesy of DNR)

mation hunters have, the safer they can be."

Wanless shared a few tips:

Use your hands and feet to maintain three points of contact when ascending or descending a tree stand.

Use a full-body harness attached to a secure fall line positioned above your head.

When lifting a crossbow or firearm (unloaded, safety on) into a tree stand, use a secure pull system, such as a rope. Never attach anything to a trigger or trigger guard.

The DNR teaches tree-stand safety, safe firearm handling, first aid and other important life skills as part of its hunter education program. Read more hunting safety tips or find a hunter safety education course near you at Michigan.gov/HuntingSafety.

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young people in attendance to talk with their parents and grandparents about life when they were young, dig out old photos, and write their own family history to preserve for the next generation.

East Jordan School Superintendent Matt Stevenson reviewed the new facilities and programs at school. He noted construction has been completed in the new gymnasium with a walking track, new locker rooms, and improved entrances to the school. The school recently acquired additional property near the high school and is in the process of building a 144 space parking lot to service Boswell Stadium, the gym, and auditorium. Mr. Stevenson noted the public is welcome to use the new walking track at the gym before school hours as well as the outdoor track at Boswell Stadium during summer months. Also the Community Pool located at the high school is available to the public year 'round as part of the wellness options available to area residents.

Mr. Stevenson outlined some of the work underway in the school district including a new emergency response plan, implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program, and a variety of support systems available to students and their families; all contributing to East Jordan students' academic success. Mr. Stevenson expressed his pride in what the school is doing on a daily basis to produce a positive outcome.

East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon updated the group on several projects taking place within the City including 3900 feet of new sewer main, 2200 feet of new water main, and new storm sewer in a twelve city block area. He also noted the 225,000 gallon City water tower tank on Buzzell Street is being upgraded to 300,000 gallons. These projects total



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Monson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Board President Joanne Schroeder shared some of the hospital's accomplishments and activities related to their 100th anniversary celebration.



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about \$2.4 million dollars with \$2 million being funded by Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant money. Mr. Cannon reported several projects have been completed this past summer including a new Pickleball Court in Rotary Park, new water fountains, and batting cages at Community Park; all with the help of outside funding. He said these small projects have a big impact on the recreation opportunities for the community. He also noted the City Master Plan is currently being updated with a public presentation

scheduled for December 12th at the Civic Center.

Mr. Cannon reported the City is looking at some renovations at Sportsmans Park including a kayak launch

and improved handicap accessibility, as well as restroom and walkway improvements. Across from Sportsmans Park, plans are underway to improve waterfront access with a proposed boardwalk replacing the soon to be retired boat launch ramp and a possible commercial development in the current parking area.

Tom Teske, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) explained how a streetscape improvement project originally planned for next year was put on hold when grant money from MEDC became available to fund the "Joining Jordan" project. This project involves building a pedestrian walkway next to the downtown State Highway bridge, tying together the City's east and west sides. The project will also provide better access for bicycles and snowmobiles crossing the bridge.

Monson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Board President Joanne Schroeder shared some of the hospital's accomplishments and activities related to their 100th anniversary celebration. Monson serves about 30,000 Northern Michigan residents including East Jordan. Ms. Schroeder informed the group that Monson is expanding their presence in East Jordan with additional services at their rehab center on the second floor of East Jordan's Main Street Center building.

Mary Faculak closed the presentation stating, "East Jordan has a bright future and it's an exciting time to be here". She encouraged attendees to visit the Chamber's display at MDOT's Clare Welcome Center promoting East Jordan.

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Halloween Safety Tips

BY JIM AKANS

Halloween is one of the most enjoyable annual celebrations for kids of all ages. It's the biggest costume party of the year, an opportunity to greet those smiling faces of neighborhood children at the front door, and of course, nary a sweet tooth goes unsatisfied. A happy Halloween is a safe Halloween, so here are a few tips to help ensure this Halloween is the best Halloween ever.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) points out that costumes should be bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame (though costumes should be non-flammable).

Wear light colored costumes. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility. Glow Sticks, Glow Stick bracelets and small flashlights are accessories that also help raise a child's visibility in the dark. Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.

If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or



their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

The AAP also notes that to keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, residents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations. They should also check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs, wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps, and please restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

A few AAP tips for making the neighborhood rounds on Halloween evening;

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children while trick-or-treating.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review

the route and share it with your family. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.

Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters to:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group at corners or established crosswalks (as recog-

nized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.

- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble spotting trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity

Of course, Halloween means lots and lots of candy and treats. A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats. Also;

- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats.
- Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends eating only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.

It's also a very good idea to ration treats for the days following Halloween. Let's see; three for the trick-or-treater, one for me...

Have a safe Halloween adventure!

EJ Lions Club Fall Rifle Raffle underway

The annual Fall Rifle Raffle, sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club is now underway. The raffle prize is a Browning 30.06 rifle with a Leupold Scope, or you may opt for a Gift Certificate worth \$1385 to Jay's in Gaylord. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at True Value Hardware in East

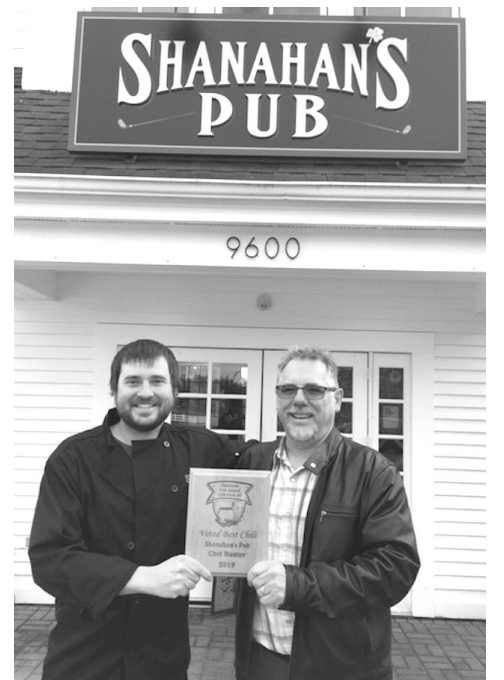
Jordan or from any Lions Club member. The drawing is November 4 at 7pm. at the Jordan Inn in East Jordan. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds from the raffle benefit East Jordan area charities and events. For more information call Bob Pursel, 269-352-0890

"Best Chili in Town!"

The winner of the 15th Annual Charlevoix Chili Cook-Off, held at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church on Saturday 12, is (drum roll please) is Chili #5 of Shahan's Pub, Chef Hunter Hoagland. Congratulations Chef Hunter!

All six chilis were delicious and all received votes and were hotly contested among the chili goers. Other restaurants participating in the Cook-Off were:

- #1, East Park Tavern, Chef Ray Babbitt
- #2, Scovies Gourmet, Chef Eric Wlodarczak
- #3, Weathervane, Chef Hunter Sutherland
- #4, Bridge Street Tap



Chef Hunter Hoagland and Pastor Randy Hitts. Courtesy photo

Room, Chef Aaron Hagen - #6, Pigs Eatin' Ribs, Chef Tom Vachon & Brandon Odom.

We are ever so grateful to all six restaurants for their generous chili donations.



Great Lakes Energy hosts Chad Rupe, Administrator of Rural Utilities Services (RUS), at their headquarters in Boyne City. Pictured, front row - Shari Culver (Great Lakes Energy), Traci Smith (USDA), Jeff Smith (RUS), Shaun Lamp (Great Lakes Energy), Bill Scott (Great Lakes Energy), Chad Rupe (RUS Administrator), John Fettig (Great Lakes Energy), Mike Heise (Cleveland). Back row - Tom Harrell (Alger Delta), Jason Allen (USDA), Scott Blecke (Great Lakes Energy), Steve Drake (Great Lakes Energy), Aaron Wallin (Cleveland), Pat Sarve (RUS). Courtesy photo

Great Lakes Energy hosts Washington official

Three northern Michigan electric cooperatives welcomed the Administrator of Rural Utilities Services (RUS), Chad Rupe, to Great Lakes Energy's headquarters in Boyne City on Oct. 10. Rupe visited the area from Washington, D.C. to meet with and learn more about the work of the three local electric cooperatives who all receive loan funding through RUS. Officials from the USDA Rural Development office and the RUS State Director from Missouri also joined in the visit.

Great Lakes Energy's Chief Executive Officer, Bill Scott, provided information about each of the three co-ops, including Cloverland Electric Cooperative head-

quartered in Sault Ste. Marie and Alger Delta Electric headquartered in Gladstone.

Scott noted different challenges faced by each co-op and their leveraging of economic development loans and resources to boost local businesses and each area's economy.

Scott Blecke, Great Lakes Energy's Vice President of Engineering, spoke of the difficulty of growing and evolving in rural areas without an adequate communications network. He referred to Trustream, the fiber internet service Great Lakes Energy is rolling out to its members, adding that, "Seventy percent of our footprint is unserved by internet other than satellite."

Rupe observed that co-ops are central to the community, just like a bank or post office. He noted their mission aligns with that of the RUS administration and added that current economic development initiatives co-ops are undertaking, such as delivering high speed fiber internet services, will provide viability to the communities co-ops serve for future generations.

Walloon Lake Safety Dinner held

The Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy (WLAC) hosted its Annual Safety Dinner which invites local law and safety officials to present individual Walloon Man/Woman of the Year Awards for their respective departments. In attendance were WLAC staff, including Executive Director, Josephine Roberts, WLAC Safety Committee members, Kerrie Peterson, Tom Morrow and their spouses, representatives from Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, Bear Creek Township Fire Department, Melrose Township Fire Department and Boyne City Fire Department.

"We invite every safety department that touches Walloon Lake to this dinner to just be able to say "thanks" on behalf of everyone in our organization," said Tom Morrow, WLAC Safety Com-



From left to right: Kerrie Peterson, Bill Blewett, Chris Putnam, Emily Putnam, Pete Wallin, Julie Wallin, Mike Keiser, Jen Keiser, Al Welsheimer, Josephine Roberts, Todd Reeves, Abbie Hawley, Dennis Amesbury, Janie Amesbury, Melissa Lasater, George Lasater Jr., Megan Wuerth, Kurt Wuerth, Dennis Howard, Micki Howard, Andrew Marihugh, Emmye Marihugh, Tom Morrow and Marilyn Morrow. Courtesy Photo

mittee Member. The evening's Walloon Man/Woman of the Year included;

- Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department - George Lasater Jr.
- Melrose Township Fire

- Department - Andrew Marihugh
- Boyne City Fire Department - Kurt Wuerth
- Bear Creek Township Fire Department - Chris Putnam
- Emmet County Sheriff's

Department - Mike Keiser For more information about The Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy please visit www.walloon.org.

Great Lakes Energy honored

Great Lakes Energy was honored to welcome Congressman Jack Bergman on Oct. 7th to Petoskey. Bergman met with the cooperative contingency at Petoskey Farms Vineyard and Winery, located southeast of Petoskey. Owners Tracie and Andy Roush hosted a tour throughout the winery to explain the wine-making process and their reliance on local goods and services including Great Lakes Energy's electricity and fiber internet service. The winery became connected to Trustream, Great Lakes Energy's new fiber internet and voice service, earlier this year.

They explained how Trustream has benefits their growing business not only with credit card pro-



(Left to right) Shari Culver, Scott Blecke, Steve Drake, Shaun Lamp, Congressman Bergman, Bill Scott, Craig Borr, Director Paul Schemanski. Courtesy photo

cessing but because they are relying on technology more and more throughout the winemaking process. Fol-

lowing, the group traveled to a nearby substation to see the fiber communications hut and learn more about the

fiber project. As a Michigan energy cooperative, Great Lakes Energy is dedicated to driving innovation in technology and customer experience for its entire service footprint. The cooperative currently only offers Trustream to its Petoskey service district and is conducting feasibility for the Boyne service district. They intend to expand to their other services areas in the future.

The fiber network delivers download speeds up to 1 Gig (1,000 megabits per second), massive bandwidth, unlimited voice services, no data caps, and more allowing for residents and businesses to work from home, have access to online education in addition to streaming, gaming and much more.

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundellus

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure improvements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehrhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fackel, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and EJ Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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Boyne City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full Story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHIMAKER)

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Over the last 60 years your generous donations ensured thousands of Boyne area children had a merrier Christmas. With the holiday season approaching we, the volunteers of Boyne Area Community Christmas, are asking for your support. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and can be in the form of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, games or books. If you would like to donate monetarily, please make checks payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas and send them c/o Eleanor West, Treasurer at 915 Robinson Street #15, Boyne City, MI 49712. All donations can be dropped off at the Boyne City Education Center by using the Pine Street entrance. We will be accepting donations from November 19 until December 19, 9am to 4pm.

If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Wlenski at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 758-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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Wind and rain didn't slow down EJ Pumpkin Festival

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
KAREN WALKER

East Jordan's Pumpkin Festival brought fun and games, and early trick-or-treating to downtown East Jordan last week. Due to the wet and windy weather, most activities were held indoors at the Civic Center.

Area children, many dressed in their Halloween costumes, enjoyed games and activities while adults shopped vendor booths. A wagon load of pumpkins sponsored by Maple Ridge Dental provided free pumpkins for the kids, Jordan River Art Center hosted a make and take mask crafting workshop, and balloon artist Twister Joe, sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, made balloon "ghosts" for the kids. Downtown business were open late delivering candy to trick-or-treaters and many youngsters took advantage of the artistic talents of Alissa and Katrina for some face painting at Not Too Shabby.

Winners of the pie baking contest sponsored by Save-A-Lot were: first place, Ashley Priest; second place went to Jodie Brantley. Residential/Non-Profit Scarecrow contest winners, sponsored by Lynda's Real Estate Service were: first place, Priest residence; second place, South Arm ORV Club; and third place, Fick residence. Business Scarecrow contest winners, sponsored by Petoskey News Review were: first place, Jordan Inn; second place, The Insurance Shop; and third place, The Foundry Bar & Grill.

East Jordan Chamber of Commerce event coordinator Shannon Fender said "despite the cold rainy weather the Pumpkin Festival saw a great turnout and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all of the event sponsors, the clubs, churches and organizations for participating and to the businesses that provided candy for the trick-or-treaters".



Scarecrow contest winners in the Residential/Non Profit category with Mary Faculak (left) and Shannon Fender (right) second place winner Alan Kava with South Arm ORV Club, and first place winners Caleb and Ashley Priest.



Pie baking contest winner Ashley Priest (center) with Mary Faculak and Brenda Skop



Second place in the pie baking contest is Jodie Brantley (center) with Mary Faculak and Brenda Skop



Maple Ridge Dental distributed pumpkins for the kids



Kiley Reeves playing the ring toss game



Alexander Olds getting a face painting by Alissa Carson at Not Too Shabby



First place in the scarecrow contest, business category in front of the Jordan Inn



Allona Jackson shows off the mask she made at Jordan River Art Center



Becky Peebles with candy for the trick or treaters at Sunny Side Up

Opening of Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull Park

After a positive visit from their insurance risk assessor, Hayes Township officials announced Camp Sea Gull opened to the public on Monday, October 21, 2019.

"We are ahead of schedule for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of work in the park. With the support and cooperation of our granting agencies, our board has been addressing all safety concerns and are excited to open our park to the public," Supervisor Ron VanZee commented. "The grantors have expressed

how pleased they are with the amount of work being done and have complimented our board on their efforts."

Camp Sea Gull is open from dawn to dusk. There are several temporary safety measures in place throughout the park until more permanent ones can be installed. Park rules are posted on the park kiosks, as well as other important information visitors might need. The launch area is limited to small craft, such as kayaks and canoes, only due to the limited turning

radius in the lower parking area.

The park is located off Lake Charlevoix, which has beautiful sweeping views of the fall foliage this time of year. The fishing pier is the perfect spot to throw a line in, or just take a stroll and watch the sun set over the lake.

The Hayes Township board extend their thanks to the public as they have patiently waited to visit the park. "It was of the utmost importance that we addressed as many of the park safety issues as possi-

ble this year. Looking ahead, we plan to have the temporary measures replaced with permanent ones in the spring, and the park will be on track to fully open for the 2020 season," VanZee shared. "Our unified board has really shown their dedication with this project, and we will continue working hard for our residents."

Hayes Township Camp Sea Gull Park is located at 8580 Boyne City Road, in Charlevoix, MI.

Lower your risk during Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Liver cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Michigan, and between 2008 and 2017, liver cancer mortality increased by 46 percent. To help raise awareness and promote early detection and prevention of liver cancer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michigan residents to take steps to lower their risk of liver cancer. New cases of liver cancer continue to rise in Michigan. Between 2007 and 2016, Michigan saw an increase of 50 percent in liver cancer incidence. Moreover, liver cancer has the third lowest survival rate of any type of cancer with a five-year survival rate of 18 percent.

In the United States, chronic hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection are leading causes of liver cancer, making up 65 percent of factors contributing to liver cancer incidence. However, most people with hepatitis B or hepatitis C do not know they are infected because these infections rarely cause symptoms. "Michiganders can reduce their risk of liver cancer through early detection and disease prevention," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "Talk to your healthcare provider about possible risk factors and hepatitis testing."

To identify current infections, Michiganders should get tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C by contacting their healthcare provider or local health department. For individuals with no prior exposure to the hepatitis B virus, infection can be prevented with a vaccine.

For individuals experiencing active infection with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, treatments are available that can reduce their risk of liver cancer. Hepatitis C treatments can cure more than 95 percent of persons infected with hepatitis C.

During Live Cancer Awareness Month, Michiganders are urged to:

- Identify your risk for hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C by taking the CDC's 5-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment at CDC.gov/Hepatitis/RiskAssessment.
- Get tested if you are at risk. Talk to your healthcare provider or local health department about getting a simple blood test for hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C.

- Protect yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B by getting vaccinated. If you are currently infected with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, talk to your healthcare provider about treatment options. There are treatments for hepatitis B that can lower your risk of liver cancer and new and effective hepatitis C treatments with minimal side effects.

- Follow a healthy lifestyle, such as regular exercise and consuming a healthy diet with limited amounts of alcohol. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver.

For more information on viral hepatitis and testing and vaccination recommendations, visit Cdc.gov/Hepatitis or Michigan.gov/Hepatitis. For more information on liver cancer, visit Cdc.gov/Cancer/Liver.

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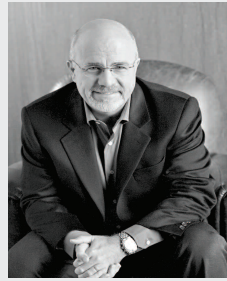
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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Mini emergency fund?)

Dear Dave,
I'm 26 and single, and I have about \$35,000 in credit card and student loan debt. I'm only making \$20,000 a year right now, but I expect to be making almost \$30,000 soon. Under the circumstances, can I get by with \$500 in my emergency fund, or do I need to have \$1,000 set aside like you recommend in Baby Step 1? I'm worried about keeping up with bills while saving money for my starter emergency fund.
Thomas

Dear Thomas,
I know it will be tough, but a \$1,000 emergency fund

should be your first big goal. Also, if you're not already doing a monthly budget—and spending every dollar on paper before the next month begins—start doing it now! Living on a budget will help you control your money instead of allowing a lack of money to control you. That's how you can keep up with the bills while you save that first \$1,000.

Let's say you know you'll be getting two \$750 paychecks each month. You go ahead and plan out how to spend that money before you ever get it. Take care of necessities first. I'm talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. After that, make sure you're current on your debts. Once those things are out of the way, pump every spare dollar you can into your emergency

fund. And remember, limit your spending to necessities only!

Start working on that now, Thomas. It's very important. Remember the old saying about Murphy's Law, and how anything that can go wrong will go wrong? If you keep living without a plan and no emergency fund, Murphy will hunt you down!
—Dave

(They're just trying to help, but...)

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are in our twenties, and we work for the same company. We've been thinking about going back to school and finishing our degrees, because our employer is willing to pay for up to 10 credit hours, plus books, per semester with no strings attached. My parents think we should get student loans instead, so we can finish faster. We both have less than two years to go to complete our degrees, so what do you think?
Janet

Dear Janet,

Wow, this is a fantastic opportunity! How many times does someone offer to pay for a college degree with no financial strings attached?

I'm sure your folks want what's best for you, but the truth is you probably couldn't take more than nine or 10 hours per semester, work full-time jobs, and keep your relationship and your marriage healthy. If you've both got less than two years of school left, it's not going to take that long, anyway. You're still young and have plenty of time to make this happen.

I don't think your parents mean any harm, but they're wrong on this one. I've got a feeling they're like most people in America today. They've spent most of their lives swimming in debt, and they've reached a point where they've just accepted it and think there's no other way. To me, that's sad.

If you and your husband really want to finish your degrees, I'd say the two of you need to march into work tomorrow morning, and take advantage of that wonderful offer. Stay away from debt!
—Dave

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