

**BUY HERE PAY HERE**

CALL DONAVON AT ONAWAY AUTO & FINANCE

LOW DOWN PAYMENTS • EZ TERMS  
OVER 150 VEHICLES IN STOCK  
CALL DONAVON AT (989) 306-3126



**WOW!** Here is your chance to get this impeccably remodeled 3 bed / 1 bath home. It sits situated on three spacious city lots, and includes a large pole building for all your toys. Walk to downtown and all Boyne has to offer.

[www.whyLyndas.com](http://www.whyLyndas.com)

112 S. Park Street  
Boyne City, MI 49712  
231-582-9555

*Charlevoix*  
**County News** Thursday, November 5, 2009 **75¢**

Serving Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood



Dick and Nancy Cunningham (left) of the Friends of the Boyne River speak to Boyne City city commissioners at an Oct. 29 meeting, about the Boyne Riverview Nature Area project and the deadline for action to receive grant funding. The commission held off on a nod to FOBR to begin the project, saying more research is required to determine use of the area located behind the Industrial Park.  
PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

**FOBR Receive Setback**

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER  
BOYNE CITY — The Friends of the Boyne River met with disappointment when city commissioners denied its request for the go-ahead on a Boyne River Nature Area project. The action, taken at a commission meeting on Oct. 29 at City Hall, results in the probability of the nature preservation group losing more than \$14,000 in grant

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

**ELECTION**

**Voters elect some new reps, keep others**

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

**BOYNE CITY**

Boyne City voters re-elected commissioners Dan Adkison and Ron Grunch and chose Laura Sansom to fill the third open seat on the city board of commissioners. Their four-year terms begin with the next city commission meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at city hall. A total of 596 ballots were cast. The city has 2,768 registered voters.

**Dan Adkison** begins his third term on the city board of commissioners. He is also on the city planning commission and the parks and recreation commission. He received 327 votes.

**Ron Grunch** has been on the board of commissioners for 10 years. He is active with the seniors and will continue to focus on their interests, he said. He received 320 votes.

**Laura Sansom** begins her first term on the commission. She received 298 votes. Sansom said she will focus on listening to the citizens, protecting green space and open space to keep the character of the town, and on year-around, good jobs for the residents.

"I'm really excited," Sansom said. "I appreciate the people who came forward to help. They really worked hard and I got

to talk with a lot of people and got to know them better."

**EAST JORDAN**

In East Jordan, Mark Postma and Lee Symonds were up for re-election and Ron Klooster's seat was open because he lost in the August primary. There is a fourth seat open that was vacated by former commissioner Dan Bennett. That seat remains open until a special election in February 2010. Voters ousted long-time city commissioners Mark Postma (who was also the mayor) and Lee Symonds and voted in **Jane Booze** with 291 votes, **Russell Peck** with 246 votes and **Thomas Breakey** with 245 votes.

East Jordan has 1,570 registered voters and 410 cast ballots.

**CHARLEVOIX**

Charlevoix city council had a light turnout of voters, most likely because the incumbents were uncontested. Re-elected were **Jill Picha** and **Dennis Kusina**. **Bryan Vollmer** was voted in to fill a vacant seat. This is his first term on city council. Also re-elected was Charlevoix city clerk **Carol Ochs**, who had no challengers.

Boyne City City Commissioners

Dan Adkison - 327 Votes

Ron Grunch - 320 Votes

Laura Sansom - 298 Votes

East Jordan City Commissioners

Jane Booze - 291 Votes

Russell Peck - 246 Votes

Thomas Breakey - 245 Votes

**Classified Ads as low as \$2.00**

Delivered throughout Charlevoix County each week. see page 15 for details.

**Hearing Set for Boy Accused of Attempted Murder**

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

**CHARLEVOIX** — A youth accused of assault with attempt to murder and home invasion, 1st degree, is scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Michael Meza, 14, has chosen to have a jury trial and two motions brought by him through his attorney will be heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County. Meza is the juvenile that

police say entered the house at the Duncan residence in Boyne City at about 4 a.m., on April 26, grabbed a kitchen knife and assaulted a 9-year-old girl as she was sleeping at the residence, cutting her throat. The attacker fled when the girl began to scream. The girl was taken to the hospital, treated and released.

Meza's attorney, Mike O'Briant, is asking the court to suppress statements made

by Meza at the time of his arrest and subsequent to his arrest. His request is based on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution, he said.

O'Briant said Meza's statements should be suppressed because Charlevoix County detectives did not question him at the family division of the Charlevoix County court, as required by Michigan Compiled Law 764.27. Instead, Meza was

questioned at a juvenile youth facility where he was being held on unrelated charges in southern Michigan, O'Briant said.

The attorney states that sheriff detectives say they received permission from Meza's mother, Sonja Meza, to question her son, but permission is not in writing or recorded.

In addition to O'Briant asking the court to suppress all statements made by Meza

to the police, he requests an order for an examination of the defendant by a psychologist or psychiatrist to determine Meza's mental capacity.

Another motion by defendant scheduled to be heard on the same day, Nov. 10, is a request for specific material, including preliminary reports, summaries and investigative data obtained by law enforcement from the complainant Duncan's residence.

**WEATHER**



**Thursday**  
High 37, low 26  
NW wind 19mph



**Friday**  
High 44, low 39  
S wind 10mph



**Saturday**  
High 50, low 40  
SW wind 9mph



**Sunday**  
High 48, low 39  
SW wind 4mph



**Monday**  
High 51, low 38  
SSE wind 8mph

**INDEX**

Local News.....1-8, 16  
Local Sports.....9-12  
Movie Review & Listings..... 6  
Real Estate .....13  
Classifieds.....14-15



*Living local, Lending local*

Ellsworth roots, Bellaire resident, Branch Manager & Consumer Lender, EJ Rotary Secretary  
**Jamie Fischer**



Charlevoix State Bank is proud to have employees like Jamie who live, work and give back to our community.



**536-5511**

Member FDIC