Penny Kristo (left), owner of the Shadetree Stained Glass Studio in Petoskey, and her son, Jeremy (right) install the last panel of leaded windows at the Crouse Memorial Chapel in late March. There are 16 panels, each measuring 47 inches tall, depicting branches of a birch tree with indigenous native flowers below, and a million dollar sunset over Little Traverse Bay in the background. (Photo by Tamara Stevens)

New view in Bay View

Trustees plan meetings on membership, property tax

The Bay View Board of Trustees is planning several special meetings, mostly closed sessions, later this April on the questions of property taxes and membership requirements.

The first meeting, a closed session, will be from 4-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus, Mich. There will be a dinner break from 6:30-8 p.m.

The first part of the meeting, a closed session, will be a discussion of written communication from the Association's attorney on membership requirements.

The portion of the meeting after the dinner break, also a closed session, will be a discussion of written communication from the Association's attorney on property tax issues.

The board will meet again at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, again at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. The board will again meet in closed session to discuss written communication from the Association's attorneys on the membership requirements and property tax issues.

At 10:30 a.m. an open meeting of the board is planned if the board decides that action is needed on any matter in the closed session. The board reserves the opportunity to hold the open meeting, but will not decide until Saturday, April 21, whether it will actually hold the open meeting.
Spring is here!

Green grass, budding trees and forsythia herald an early arrival of spring in Bay View. These pictures were taken Friday, April 6. Four days later it was snowing, but there was no accumulation and the weather warmed back up the next day.

Following an extremely mild winter, temperatures reached record highs in mid-March, shooting into the 80s. The summer-like warmth prompted many fruit trees to begin blooming. When normal temperatures returned, much of the region's fruit crop was lost to frost. (Town Crier photos)

Finance office expanding

Sandy Ayers has joined the Bay View Association Business Office staff as the accounts receivable coordinator.

In this newly-created position, Sandy will assist Finance Director David Hartnett with all incoming payments and invoicing. She will be on the job full time June-August and three days a week the rest of the year.

Sandy formerly ran her own business in industrial sales, and developed her accounting expertise there. She is originally from Livonia, where she graduated from Churchill High School. She also attended Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

“I'm very happy to be working here at Bay View,” Sandy said. “I enjoy my co-workers tremendously, and I look forward to meeting and interacting with the members and summer staff.”

Sandy began her duties March 16. She can be reached at the Bay View Business Office extension 2229, and at sandy@bayviewassociation.org.

She lives in Topinabee with her family.

Residents exceed county carton recycling challenge

Recyclers in Emmet, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, and Charlevoix counties have met and exceeded a challenge made by Emmet County Recycling in November: recycle 10,000 pounds of paper cartons in 10 weeks. The total actually came to 10,165 pounds.

Paper cartons include packages like milk cartons, juice boxes, broth and wine boxes.

The cartons are used by Great Lakes Tissue in Cheboygan to produce napkins, paper towels and tissues from the recovered paper.
New publisher joins Bay View staff

Catherine Sommerfeldt has joined the Bay View Association Business Office staff as the Association’s new web and desktop publisher.

She replaces Perry D. Clark, who is retiring today, Friday, April 13 (see article on page 6).

Catherine has extensive experience in graphic design, commercial printing, web site development, content management and optimization, and social media.

In addition, she has provided marketing and media consultation to businesses for 14 years, 10 of which have been at Gaslight Media as Marketing and Client Relations Manager. She was instrumental in the development of Bay View’s web site, and knows the site inside and out.

“I’m honored to have been selected for this position,” Catherine said. “I have always enjoyed working with Perry and the staff at Bay View, and am looking forward to serving the members and advancing Bay View’s mission.”

A native of Cass City, Mich., Catherine received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has worked for Lucent Technologies in Northville, Mich.; for Creative Consulting Services and Media Image Digital Marketing in Toronto, Ontario; and Gaslight Media.

Catherine lives in Boyne City with her husband, Bill – who just happens to be Bay View’s summer chef – and their two children, Thomas and Eva.

Catherine begins Monday, April 16. Contact her at catherine@bayviewassociation.org or by phone at 231-439-9242.

Win-win game

Crop Hunger Walk June 30

Once again, the Petoskey-Bay View community has the opportunity to stroll through Bay View’s tree-shaded streets to help feed the hungry.

Besides food, the dollars gathered bring hope and provide facilities for clean water, gardens, health care and shelter for refugees.

Anyone suffering from natural or manmade disasters will find Church World Service partnering with local agencies to help.

On the local front, The Manna Food Project, which receives a quarter of the money taken in, continues its mighty impact to keep the wolf away from the door. Each week hundreds of clients are provided with nourishing food so that their children may grow strong and not have to go to sleep hungry.

2011 CROP walkers, led by Grand Marshals Scott Cameron (left) from Big Apple and Greg Carpenter (right) from Crooked Tree Breadworks, netted $25,387! (Photo courtesy Hannah Rees)

Emmet County launches mattress recycling as pilot project

Emmet County’s newest recycling opportunity – a pilot project recycling old mattresses – will supply a new northern Michigan business while saving area residents money.

Mattresses, box springs and futons can now be recycled at the Emmet County Drop-off Center. Twin and single sizes are $8 per piece to recycle; double, queen and king are $12 per piece. Recycling will save customers as much as 45 percent.

Michigan Mattress Recyclers (MMR) in Gaylord will disassemble the mattresses, springs, and futons and recycle the component materials.

The Drop-off Center is located at 7363 Pleasantview Road.

Mark your calendar and plan to join the 8th Petoskey-Bay View CROP Hunger Walk’s winning team! Call Mary Jackson, 348-2949, or Katy Bayster, 348-2017.
Education registration now under way

By Toby Jones
Education Director

All our amazing course offerings are posted and ready for your enrollment!

Please note that the only way to get any discounts is to use our online registration system and to do so before Tuesday, May 15.

Bay View member prices are always lower than nonmember prices, of course, but any prices listed as discounts can only be procured when you register online. Paper registration forms, no matter when they are submitted, will not result in discounted pricing.

To access the online registration system, simply go to bayviewassociation.org/online-class-registration-18/

Some people have found this page confusing, so we are working with our web developer to simplify things. Please bear with us.

Big Read Update

Be sure to read the book that all of us are reading in advance of the Hemingway Society gathering June 17-21.

The book for adults is Paula McLain’s bestseller “The Paris Wife.”

Not only will Ms. McLain be with us on campus Tuesday, June 19, both for an afternoon cottage presentation at the Knowlton’s cottage – 3-4:30 p.m. – and an evening reading and lecture at Hall Auditorium – 7:30-9 p.m. – but the Education Team will be hosting and leading porch discussions of her book “The Paris Wife” all week.

We are hoping that each of you will come to just one of the gatherings listed below:

Monday, June 18
• 1-2:30 p.m., Stevens/Grubb Cottage, 1665 Park, Block 2 Lot 18.
• 4-5:30 p.m., Bay View Library.

Tuesday, June 19
• 3-4:30 p.m., Knowlton Cottage, 745 Lakeview, Block 21 Lot 1.

Wednesday, June 20
• 2-3:30 p.m., Edman Cottage, 685 Lakeview, Block 21 Lot 6.
• 7-8:30 p.m., Sally Smith Cottage – 1565 Glendale, Block 20 Lot 17.

Thursday, June 21
• 3:30-5 p.m., Bright Cottage, 1922 Forest, Block 43 Lot 6.

Friday, June 22
• 10-11:30 a.m., Jackson Cottage, 2063 Stephens Lane, Block 38 Lot 1.

The Education Team requests that you be kind enough to sign up for one of the discussion groups above by using a sign up sheet we will have posted in the foyer of Loud Hall.

If you can’t get over to Loud, feel free to call the Education Office. Your courtesy in signing up in advance will allow us to convey an accurate count to our kind hosts so that they may plan accordingly.

For our teenage readers, we are featuring Hemingway’s “Nick Adams Stories” and our discussion gathering for teens will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in the Bay View Library.

All our discussion groups will be facilitated by an Education Team member and will last 90 minutes. We hope you will all show your support of this Chautauqua tradition by participating in our Big Read!

Mid-Atlantic Reunion 2012

The Fourth Annual Mid-Atlantic Bay View Reunion was held Feb. 17-20 at Williamsburg, Va. Besides touring colonial Williamsburg, the group also enjoyed a tour of AleWerks Micro-Brewery in Williamsburg and a trip to Yorktown, dining in an 18th century house along the York River. At right, the group poses in front of the fireplace after dinner at the Kitchen at Powhatan. Pictured are (first row, left to right) Judy Bryan, Sue Shinn; (second row, left to right) John Snyder, Graham Hagey, Pat Dauler, Helen Hagey (holding the Petoskey News-Review) Jennifer Scott, Dempsey Scott, Darrel Shinn, and Jeff Dauler. (Courtesy photo)
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Juanita Vogelsberg memorial
There will be a memorial service for Juanita Vogelsberg at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in Evelyn Hall. Juanita passed away Feb. 26.

Memorial Garden fees rising
This is a friendly reminder from the Memorial Garden Committee. The fees for placements of ashes in the garden will increase beginning Tuesday, May 1. The new fees are $400 for Bay View members and their extended families, and $800 for all others. Until May 1, advance payments can be made to the business office at the old rate of $300.

Donald Milan Francisco
Donald Milan Francisco passed away March 7, 2012, peacefully in his bed at Colonial Villa. Memorials may be given in Don’s name to the Bay View Association.

Sell your treasures
Once again, we are seeking sellers for Morning Council’s popular annual marketplace, “Treasures in the Trees” Saturday, July 14, in Fairview Park. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to sell your antiques, art, furniture, jewelry, crafts, and “too good to toss” items. A booth (20x20 foot lawn space) is still only $30 and you keep all proceeds. This year for $10 there will be a designated area for children to sell their goods. Sellers are responsible for setup, cleanup, and pricing. Space is limited and booths are rented on a first-come-basis to Bay View cottagers and friends. For more information or if you participated last year and want to reserve a booth this year, please contact Jane Seely-Parnell at jj102487@aol.com, 616-850-2683. Newcomers contact Michelle Hansen at michelle.cincichick@gmail.com, 616-717-2220.

We caught them on the way up
National Public Radio in February featured a nice piece on the duo of Igudesman and Joo, who performed in Bay View last summer as part of the Crouse Visiting Artists series. It really lends credibility to Bay View booking artists on their way up instead of their way down. You can check it out at: http://www.npr.org/event/music/146820313/igudesman-and-joo-i-will-survive

Annual waterfront cleanup
Bay View will hold a cleanup gathering at the Boat House/Waterfront Saturday, May 26, to pull some weeds, do some sanding, slap on some paint and do whatever else Wally asks and weather permits. Per usual, coffee, bagels and rolls will be provided. Please email or call Tom George at tmjsgeorge@sbcglobal.net, 419-472-4102, if you can make it, so we know how much food we need.

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Thank you, Bay View!

Web and desktop publisher retiring

This is my last Town Crier, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you at Bay View for the privilege of being your web and desktop publisher for the last eight years. It has been a great run and a terrific way to cap off my career.

When Rod Slocum hired me off disability eight years ago, he knew he was taking a chance, but he also knew me personally and believed in me. He was willing to take a chance no one else would, and I am eternally grateful.

I hope I met, and exceeded, his and your expectations by upgrading both Bay View's printed publications and its web site, as my predecessor, Leslie Burk, did before me.

As for my expectations, I can tell you truly that I have never felt more appreciated for my work than I have in three times in a row is still cordial to me.

This has not been an easy decision, as I still find my job challenging and enjoyable. However, after weighing all the pros and cons, it is the right decision. The time has come for me to go.

Bay View's web and desktop publishing will be in good hands, however. In fact, they will be in far better hands than mine. My replacement, Catherine Sommerfeldt (see story on page 3), will take the Association's print and web presence to the next level and beyond.

Again, thank you all so very much. It's been tremendous. Best wishes and good luck to everyone.