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## Cheers: 04/29/2019

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— To volunteers who on Friday planted a variety of trees, native to the area and commonly found along the Boardman River, at the former Boardman Pond Trailhead in Traverse City.

— To the activists from all over northern Michigan who packed into the Dennon Museum and the Milliken Auditorium on Friday night to be recognized for their efforts at the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council Environmentalists of the Year Awards.

Dave Dempsey, who has helped shape policy for conservation and the preservation of the Great Lakes as the senior adviser for FLOW (For Love Of Water), was honored with the Clarence Kroupa Award, which is the lifetime achievement award named after the first recipient of the Environmentalist of the Year award 31 years ago.

Greg Reisig, NMEAC co-chair and the evening's emcee, said all of the nominees were "just amazing people doing amazing work in our region."

— To those who helped the 2019 Katie Heintz Tournament collect more than \$40,000 for community organizations. Almost \$21,000 benefits the Cowell Family Cancer Center's Pediatric Infusion Clinic, and \$20,000 goes to the future Family Birth and Children's Center at Munson Medical Center.

A dollar-for-dollar donation match from Team Elmer's contributed to the fundraiser.

— To the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA's Northcoast Masters Swimmers, who won the small team division at the 2019 Michigan Masters State Meet at Waterford Mott High School April 12-14. The team placed fourth overall, combined with larger teams out of 25 statewide and 400 swimmers. Northcoast Masters includes swimmers 18 and older in the northwest part of the Lower Peninsula.

— To Interlochen Arts Academy students who obtained national honors during the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Athena Nassar, Sophie Paquette, Fiona Stanton, Gabriela Romero-Johnson and Zhijin Hu.

— To Kaitlyn Schaub, who had six hits, two 3-run home runs and 8 RBIs, on her way to breaking the Glen Lake High School softball career RBI record — she set the mark at 111 at a recent home invitational.

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