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Community supports family of fallen soldier

PHOTO BY B.J. CONLEY

People share memories of Jackie Diener's young life

B. J. Conley

As the Diener family struggles with grief at the loss of their son and brother, the Boyne City community gathers to support them. Pvt. Jackie L. Diener II, 20, a native of Boyne City and son of Jack and Val Diener and brother to Marcie, was killed in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on Monday, Nov. 21. He died from wounds suffered when his unit was attacked by small arms fire. He was a Cavalry Scout with the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, according to a press release from the Army Public Affairs office at Fort Drum, New York. Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York has ordered that flags

be lowered to honor Pvt. Diener.

Diener joined the Army in March. After training at Fort Benning, GA, he was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division and arrived at Fort Drum in July. He deployed with his unit to Afghanistan in September in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Diener has been awarded and decorated with the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO medal and the Army Combat Action Badge.

People in Diener's hometown say he was an adventurous individual. He lived in Denmark his junior year of high school through the Rotary Club. He was chosen to be the exchange student because of his enthusiasm, Pam Hartwick said. Hartwick was his Rotary mentor.

"He was so eager," she said. "He called every week to see if we had made a decision yet. That had a lot to do with Jack being chosen to go."

The community plans a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov.



Pvt. Jackie L. Diener

29, at the Veterans Memorial. A public memorial service is also planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Boyne City High School auditorium. Diener graduated from Boyne City High School in 2009.

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Charlevoix County Commissioners commit to 3 miles of recreational trail
Voters may decide remainder of trail

B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — If discussion translated into miles, the approximate 14 miles of a proposed non-motorized trail from Boyne City to U.S. 31 in Charlevoix Township would have been constructed at least 10 times by now.

But some decisions are more difficult to make than others and for the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners the recreational trail is one of the more difficult decisions. However, at a Nov. 23 meeting, commissioners did pass a resolution for Phase I that made a commitment for the county to contract with Northwest Design Group to finish an engineering design, that made the county the lead governmental agency of the project and that stated the county will enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Boyne City.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has issued a "conditional commitment" to Boyne City of \$565,900 for Phase I and the county has applied for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for \$300,000. The county also applied for a Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$44,312, and the county was awarded \$26,800, with the balance of \$17,512 to come from contributions.

Phase I of the trail will run from Boyne City to just past Young State Park — 3.2 miles. The vote was 5-1 with the nay vote coming from commissioner Richard Gillespie. Gillespie said he voted no because it looked like the county may be asked for more funds. Commissioners have stated in the past that the county would fund maintenance of the trail only. The maintenance is estimated to cost \$390 a year, after the trail is 10 years old.

Gillespie said he has asked for a list of residents' names along the

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

November 21-27

911 Hang Up Call	5
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Abuse	0
Alarm	2
Animal Complaint	12
Annoyance	0
Assault	0
Assist Citizen	2
Assist Motorist	2
Assist Other Agency	9
Attempt to Locate	3
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	1
Car/Deer Accident	10
Citations Issued	15
Civil Complaint	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	1
DNR Complaint	1
Domestic Dispute	2
Driving Complaint	0
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	0
Fraud	2
Health & Safety	0
Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	0
Juvenile	1
Larceny	4
Lockout	2
Lost Property	0
Malicious Destruction of Property	0
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	1
Miscellaneous Criminal	0
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	0
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	13
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident	1
Personal Protection Order	1
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	20
Property Damage Accident	2
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	1
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	4
Threat	1
Traffic Stop	44
Trespassing	2
Unknown Accident	0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0

COUNTY RECORDS

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Sarah Marie Roberts, 21, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,255 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Christopher John Mink, 18, Gaylord. Retail fraud 3rd degree. Sentenced to pay \$425 in fines and costs.

Amber Lynn Johnson, 27, New Baltimore. Failure to report an accident. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail, 31 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Gunner John Isaac, 45, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated 2nd. Sentenced to pay \$1,430 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days on work release, 314 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and two years on probation.

Mathew William Warrington, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to 40 hours of community service work.

Ricky John Morey, 52, Charlevoix. Driving with BAC of .17 or more. Sentenced to pay \$1,610 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days on work release, 89 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 31, East Jordan. ORV fleeing and eluding and ORV operating on a highway right-of-way. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs and to 15 days of community service work.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the County of Charlevoix:
Charles Ross Billings, 53, Walloon Lake and Tina Marie Jolly, 52, Walloon Lake.

ASSUMED NAMES:
The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:
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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 14
10:29am NSF check complaint from the 300 block of N Lake St
12:59pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
1:45pm Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
1:55pm Funeral Escort
3:05pm NSF check complaint from the 100 block of N Park St
3:34pm Subject at PD to file stalking complaint
3:38pm Civil dispute reported from the 300 block of E Division St
3:47pm Report of abandoned vehicle in the 200 block of E Water St
4:32pm Civil complaint from the 1000 block of West St

Tuesday, November 15
9:30am Assist Sheriff Dept with assault on M-75 S
1:21pm Unlock in the 100 block

of Front St
3:37pm Request for welfare check in the 400 block of Pine St
4:55pm Report of harassing phone calls being received in the 500 block of Hannah St
5:14pm Numerous 911 prank calls received from cell phone in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Suspect located.

8:27pm Unlock in the 100 block of Boyne Av

Wednesday, November 16
10:28am 2 vehicle property damage accident in the area of Park and Division Streets
3:32pm Unlock in the 100 block of W Court St
4:38pm Subject burning leaves on Brockway. Advised to put fire out.

Thursday, November 17
9:59am Report of larceny from the 200 block of S Park St
12:20pm Civil complaint reported in the 500 block of Poplar St
5:19pm Alarm in the 100 block of E Water St
6:43pm Threats complaint reported on Wenonah St
11:06pm Citation issued for headlight out

Friday, November 18
10:53am Unlock on Fall Park Rd
2:43pm 2 vehicle property damage accident on Lake St near Vogel St
2:53pm Disturbance reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
6:52pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
8:16pm Unlock of Front St
8:23pm Report of careless driver in the 500 block of N Lake St.

Saturday, November 19
12:55am Citation issued for violation of GDL Level II
2:11am Subject arrested on warrant.
2:40pm Assist Animal Control in the 100 block of N Park St
7:19pm Arrested subject on warrant.

Sunday, November 20
2:24am Citation issued for failing to report accident.
3:00am Arrested subject for felonious assault in the 200 block of S Lake St
2:11pm Unlock in the 400 block of E Pine St
2:47pm Report of suspicious substance in the 500 block of S Park St

Monday, November 21
6:30am Domestic disturbance in the 100 block of E Water St
8:20am Report of dead fox on Division St near contractor's Dr
2:11pm Unlock in the 200 block of E Water St
8:26pm Received call from the 400 block of State St regarding welfare check
10:03pm Received call from the 400 block of State St regarding welfare check

11:04pm Received call from the 400 block of State St regarding unwanted subjects in the residence.

Tuesday, November 22
1:22am Assist ambulance in the 300 block of E Division St
5:08am Report of driving violation on Boyne Av
10:21am Report of cat stuck in fence in the 400 block of State St. No cat
10:29am Civil complaint received from the 500 block of N Lake St
11:50am Report of illegal entry in the 600 block of S Lake St
11:59am Report of telephone line down on North St.
12:35am Report of driving violation on Boyne Av
1:07pm Report of civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St
3:48pm Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
6:37pm Lost elderly subject in the 400 block of N Lake St. Was given ride home.
9:19pm Larceny of gasoline from W Main St

Wednesday, November 23
4:55am Report of driving violation on Boyne Av
12:38pm Report of stolen jacket from LacVue Dr. Recovered in Advance.
2:46pm Report of driving violation on Boyne Av
5:51pm Car deer accident at Fall Park and Boyne Av
6:57pm Report of cross walk violation at Water and Park Streets
9:30pm Found an open door in the 1000 block of E Main St

Thursday, November 24

8:41am Escort Turkey Trot
11:51am Arrested subject for driving without insurance. Vehicle impounded.
7:14pm Car deer on Charlevoix St near Grunow

Friday, November 25

12:55am Citation issued for speed
2:23pm Driving complaint received in the area of Ann and Wilson Streets
6:01pm Report of gunshots being heard in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
7:02pm Civil complaint received from the 800 block of N Lake St
9:05pm Arrested subject for OWI/DWLS.

Saturday, November 26

1:42am Assist Sheriff Department at 131/Clarion
2:54am Citation issued for expired license
8:35am Larceny of gas can from the 300 block of N Park St
9:45am Report of suspicious subject in the area of Front and Pine Streets
12:15pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of W Pine St
6:09pm Arrested subject on warrant

Sunday, November 27

12:00pm Subject at PD to report receiving harassing phone calls
12:49pm Welfare check in the 500 block of N Lake St
6:05pm Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance

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EAST JORDAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT;

Dr. John Kempton

By Jim Akans

The Ambassadors of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that Dr. John Kempton has been selected as the Business Spotlight of the Month. A resident of East Jordan for 33 years, Dr. Kempton established and grew a very successful dental practice in East Jordan over the years. After retiring from his practice he began offering his leadership services as a John Maxwell Certified Coach, Teacher and Speaker.

Born and raised in New York State, Dr. Kempton met his wife, Chris, a Michigan native, and the couple settled in the East Jordan area and raised two children. Dr. Kempton has been extremely involved in the East Jordan community over the years, serving on the school board, as past President and current Trustee for the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, is also serves as a trustee of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Recently, Dr. Kempton was selected to utilize his experience and expertise as a trainer for the world renowned John C. Maxwell Team, heading one of only three teams established in Michigan, and the only one in Northern Michigan.

Dr. Kempton explains; "I train teach and coach individuals, teams and organizations the principles to leadership and communications. It is a process that explores who we are, what we offer, and how we can achieve what we desire to accomplish."

Mastermind is one of the concepts Dr. Kempton explores as part of the John C. Maxwell Certification program, and it is also the genesis behind the Mastermind on Main program he offers his services to in East Jordan.

"The concept for this program emerged from an application East Jordan has made for the Main Street Program spearheaded by the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce," he relates. "One of the bullet points for that program is Economic Gardening; creating opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to grow and develop in this area. We hold workshops for small groups that meet on a weekly bases for several months, creating a learning and growing process centered on leadership."

Two of these Mastermind on Main classes have already been completed, and two additional classes are scheduled to commence in January of 2012. The fruits of this exemplary community involvement Dr. Kempton will play a significant role in the develop-



COURTESY PHOTO

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ment of leaders in East Jordan for many years to come.

"My wife and I have a love and passion for the unique qualities the East Jordan area offers," Dr. Kempton affirms. "We feel compelled to give back to the community we love, and work within the framework of this community to help it grow to the capacity of what the leaders and people who live here want to achieve. East Jordan is a wonderful hometown; small, friendly with an amazing array of outdoor recreation that includes lakes, the river and woodlands. This really is a very unique and special place."

The spotlight business of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce is sponsored by the Charlevoix County news. We congratulate Dr. John Kempton for being selected as this month's spotlight business.

Ellsworth Village Holds Painting The Town Meeting

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH Residents gathered at the Banks Township Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 22 for a brainstorming session to choose a color scheme, theme and design that would be unique to the Ellsworth community. It was the first of many upcoming public meetings.

A color scheme needed to be established before a December 12 deadline imposed by the Grand Vision Grant that the village received to assist in the promoting of its Farm Market. The grant included \$1,700 for banners to line Main Street. Because of the short deadline the banners will not incorporate a design, just the name of the village, and colors that hopefully will come to represent the community.

Village officials want to establish a continuous theme to give the village a unique and positive image. "The deadline on the banners created a kind of urgency to get a design," Erin Nickle, Village Board member, explained.

Participants were asked to list the positive things in the community that draw people and then they were asked what they would most like to see highlighted.

"When I see Ellsworth I want it to show what the people are, you can't see when driving through town how wonderful the people are and I



Judy Wagner-Worgass, Marilyn Drenth, Rob Essenberg, Bill Everett, Erin Nickle, Alana Haley, Scott Sowers Celia Hastings, John Hastings, Amy Russell, Jan Rasmussen and Jerry Rasmussen brainstorm about a design for the village of Ellsworth at the Banks Township Hall Tuesday night.

want people to see that," Nickle said.

Discussion concluded that the agricultural culture and year round outdoor activities needed to be reflected in the villages design. "You don't notice the quality of people when you drive through and see the run-down buildings." Participant Rob Essenberg said, "This is a community of volunteers, a community of giving, we need to put that on a banner and celebrate that."

Participants agreed that the undercurrent of the village's design should have a 'my town' feel or a 'community of giving' tone.

Resident Celia Hastings suggested that the earth tones present in the fieldstones that fill the community be used as a starting point and everyone agreed. "We don't need fancy in this town, Ellsworth is charming." Resident Judy Wagner-Worgass said.

Future meetings to discuss how to implement the ideas expressed will be announced.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Continues Leading Role

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation saw an increase in charitable donations in 2011, an ongoing reflection of the generosity that has characterized the community since the foundation began in 1992. This information, and much more, is chronicled in the foundation's recent annual report, titled, "It's Showtime!"

In spite of ongoing economic challenges in Michigan and across the country, more than 1,000 people made a charitable contribution to the foundation, with overall gifts totaling more than \$1,275,000. As a result, the foundation was able to distribute nearly \$950,000 in grants that supported the area's outstanding nonprofit agencies and other worthwhile causes. In addition, the foundation played a supporting role by providing more than \$147,000 in scholarships to deserving local students who are pursuing further education.

Some of the foundation's grants provided assistance for programs that benefit the area's young people, including the \$20,500 distributed by the members of the foundation's Youth Advisory

Committee. Programs that helped meet the community's most pressing needs – purchasing clothing, covering fuel and utility expenses and helping to stock the area's food pantries – also received extra attention, as did programs aimed at economic development and community leadership.

2011 was a year of growth on the organizational side of the ledger too, as the foundation was reconfirmed in the Council on Foundations (COF) National Standards process, a designation that signifies that the Charlevoix County Community Foundation meets or exceeds all of the requirements of the COF's accreditation process. Other highlights included the implementation of the organization's new strategic plan, which was developed by the Board of Trustees and foundation staff, including Chip Hansen, the foundation president. "Developing a strategic plan was an important step for us to take," Hansen said, adding, "the plan is filled with ideas and activities that will help us move the organization forward in a positive way in the years ahead."

"In a lot of ways, 2011 was a significant year for us," Hansen continued. "We were able to get the most out of our resources, while responding positively to key needs in our community, in spite



Leadership Charlevoix County participants Sara Kessler (left) and Bethany Pearson (center) are pictured here with Mishelle Shooks, Program Coordinator. Leadership Charlevoix County was funded in part with a generous grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The program is featured in the foundation's Annual Report, which was released in mid-November.

of ongoing economic challenges." The foundation's endowed funds and the generosity of so many donors helped to provide a balance against the effects of the

economy. "Our endowed funds are a huge advantage," Hansen explained, adding, "as they allow us to enjoy a certain level of predictability in an economy that has otherwise been unpredictable."

With an asset base of nearly \$20.3 million and the generous support of so many people on an annual basis, the foundation has been able to grant more than \$11 million since 1992. "2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the community foundation," Hansen said, adding, "we've come a long way in 20 years, and our growth is a reflection of the generous nature of our community," he concluded.

More information about the community foundation is available in their annual report, which was distributed in mid-November. The report summarizes the organization's highlights, while providing an opportunity to consider making a tax-deductible, year-end gift. Those who would like a copy of the report may call the foundation office at 231/536-2440 or access it online at www.c3f.org, where they will also find information about grants, gifts, donors, funds and financials.

TRACKING LEGISLATION

A weekly compilation of selected bills, resolutions and actions of the House and Senate in the state Legislature.

To see more detail contact www.legislature.mi.gov/

HB 4306: A bill that would require school districts to contract and competitive bid for certain non-instructional services. **Status:** Scheduled for a Third Reading on Nov. 29.

SB 130: Revise the minimum number of unpaid parking tickets a person may have before the secretary of state will not issue or renew the person's operator's license from six parking tickets to three. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

SB 109: To prohibit access to cash benefits from automatic teller machines (ATMs) located in casinos. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

HB 4744: To allow a license to serve alcohol at certain commu-

nity colleges and universities. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

HB 4029: To permit county apportionment commission establishing single-member county road commission districts. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

HB 4030: To provide for in the Michigan election law the option to elect county road commissioners by geographic districts of equal population. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

HB 4728: To allow an alternative method for signaling a turn; allow when operating a bicycle. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

HB 5125: To provide for powers

and duties of county road commissioners to be exercised by the county board of commissioners. **Status:** Scheduled for Second Reading on Nov. 29.

SB 162: To create a specialty vehicle registration plate for Michigan Humane Society. **Status:** Scheduled for Third Reading on Nov. 29.

SB 17: To prohibit formation of medicinal marijuana clubs or operation of medical marijuana bars. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

HB 4013: To allow reserve peace officers, auxiliary officers and reserve officers to possess and operate electrical devices designed to temporarily incapacitate persons. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

SB 377: Medical marijuana registry information: make available to law enforcement officers upon issuance of a medical marijuana card. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

SB 418: To clarify permissible causes of action under the medical marijuana law. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

SB 504: To prohibit dispensing medical marijuana within 1,000 feet of a church or school. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

SB 505: To establish qualification for designation as primary caregiver for medical marijuana patient. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.



STATE OF MICHIGAN CAPITOL BUILDING
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HB 4553: To establish requirement for continuing education for landscape architects for license renewal. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

SB 540: To provide equal treatment for health insurance coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy. **Status:** On Senate calendar for Nov. 29 for General Orders.

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route so he can ascertain for himself the various opinions, but has not received them.

Commissioners have questioned whether residents along the route want the trail, whether the trail should be constructed on the shoulder of the road or farther away from the road, and what would be the county's responsibilities. County commissioners may put the remainder of the trail construction decision in the hands of the voters.

Commission Chairman Joel Evans says he is not opposed to the trail, but he wants to know exactly what funds would be expected from county taxpayers. Grants are expected to cover construction costs.

Evans questions whether this is the right time to spend funds on a trail.

"I've heard from so many people that their roads are falling apart," Evans said. "Because these are very trying times, we should spend money on what we need, not on what we wish we had."

Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt sees the trail in a different light.

"This [trail] will bring in tourism," he said. Bringing in tourism will bring in tourists' dollars when they shop, dine and stay in area motels.

But commissioner Ron Reinhardt doesn't think waiting for tourist dollars to trickle down to local residents is practical. When he

rides his 4-wheeler and snowmobile on a designated trail he pays \$25 for the 4-wheeler license and \$45 for the snowmobile license.

"If bicyclists want a trail so bad let them help pay for it," Reinhardt said.

Commissioner and chairwoman of the Parks and Recreation Department board, Shirlene Tripp, is an advocate for the non-motorized trail, but says the users could pay a share of the costs.

"I'd like to see licenses on bicycles like we used to do," Tripp said.

Tripp added that meetings held for the public to comment about the trail are packed and she thinks the majority of the people are in favor of the trail.

A ballot proposal to let the voters decide if they want a trail is an option.

"That would be fine with me," Evans said. "If the majority wants the trail they can vote for it."

Commissioner Chris Christensen suggests that the county consider a zero budget millage for the Parks and Recreation Department. A zero budget millage means that the millage would not increase or have any affect on current property taxes. Instead it would reallocate funds within the county's general fund. The funds from this millage could be used not only for the Boyne City to Charlevoix trail, but for other trails and recreational projects, Christensen said.

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East Jordan Youth Collects Signatures To Brighten Soldiers Christmas

By Tina Sundelius

Nineteen-year-old East Jordan resident Jennifer Arnott was told over the Thanksgiving holiday that her brother Justin would be sent to Afghanistan in February. The news set her mind on the soldiers spending the holidays away from their families. Instead of just letting the thoughts pass she called the American Red Cross to see what she could do to make their holidays better.

Arnott discovered a program called 'Holiday Mail for Heroes.' "The Red Cross asks that while you are filling out your Christmas cards you send one to a soldier," Arnott said, "I didn't think just one card would make a difference."

She set a goal of collecting 1,000 signatures and generic well wishes on cards and passing them onto the Red Cross by December 6. The East Jordan American Legion Post 227 and the Women's Auxiliary financed the purchase of the cards as well as the postage.

Arnott mobilized immediately placing gift-wrapped boxes in the East Jordan and Boyne City BC Pizza restaurants and the East Jordan Glen's and Save A Lot. The boxes have a container perched on top filled with new Christmas cards available to be signed by anyone and dropped into the box on the bottom.

Arnott wasn't happy with the low profile of the boxes so instead of shopping on Black Friday with her friends, she positioned herself in the foyer of the East Jordan Glen's where she greeted customers and asked if they would like to sign a card. Most people gladly signed the cards but some people refused. This frustrated Arnott because there was no expense or risk to the signers, just an opportunity to brighten someone's day.

Finally, without realizing what she was saying upon hearing a "No thank you" Arnott blurted, "Freedom isn't free but these Christmas cards are." The customer said "You're right." And signed a card.

Approximately 400 cards have already been signed. Arnott is hoping



East Jordan resident Jennifer Arnott holds one of the card boxes she has placed around East Jordan and Boyne City to allow people a chance to wish soldiers in Afghanistan a Merry Christmas. Arnott has set a goal of reaching 1,000 soldiers with Northern Michigan Christmas wishes.

to get the East Jordan elementary schools and the Boy Scouts involved in making some.

"I'm hoping to give the soldiers a

better Christmas, Arnott said, "I want to show them that we care and support them and recognize the sacrifices they are making for us."

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Boyne City man arrested

On November 3, 2011, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office arrested William Lloyd Bentley, age 49 from Boyne City, on several felony and misdemeanor charges involving construction and home repair jobs he was contracted to perform. There were multiple complaints that range from Bentley being an unlicensed contractor to being paid to do work or supply materials,

but never doing or completing the work he was paid to do.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office believes that there may be other victims of these crimes that have not yet come forward. Anyone who believes they have been a victim or knows of other victims is asked to call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 231-547-4461.

Bogus Delivery Messages e-mailed to Postal Customers

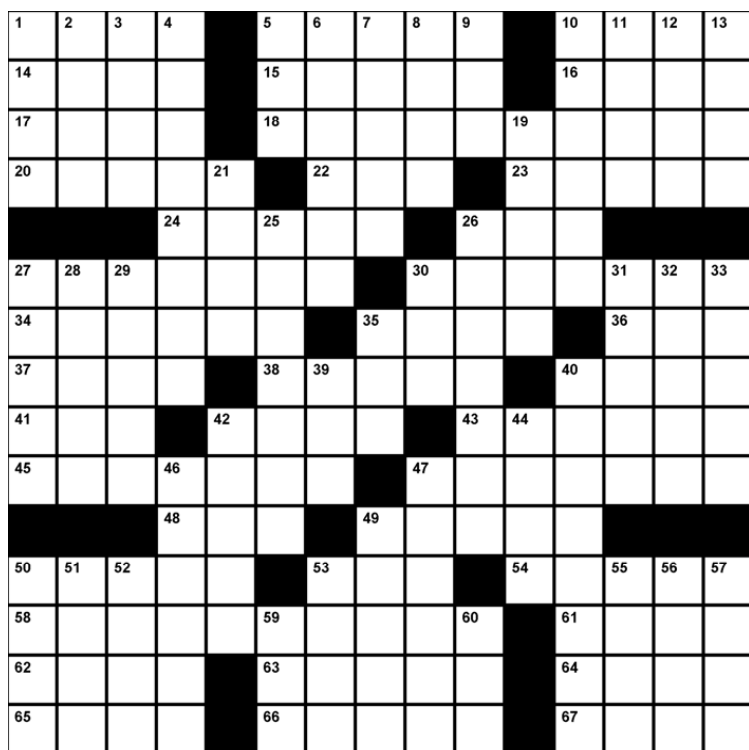
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Like most viruses sent by e-mail, clicking on the link will activate a virus that can steal information such as your user name, password, and financial account information.

What to do? Simply delete the message without taking any further action. The Postal Inspection Service is working hard to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program. If you have questions about a delivery or wish to report spam, please call 1-800-ASK-USPS.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1- Sports figure; 5- Kate & ___; 10- Egyptian deity; 14- Analogy words; 15- Crackers; 16- Barrett of gossip; 17- Grange; 18- Component part; 20- Country singer Travis; 22- Become an ex-parrot?; 23- Yellow-fever mosquito; 24- Devastation; 26- Boob tubes; 27- Egg white; 30- Twitter; 34- Lecture; 35- Internet writing system that popularized "pwn3d" and "n00b"; 36- Monetary unit of Vietnam; 37- Swedish auto; 38- Chasing; 40- Tabula ___; 41- Balaam's mount; 42- Collar fastener; 43- More nasty; 45- Hopelessness; 47- Packages; 48- Circle section; 49- God of Islam; 50- Gandhi's land; 53- Bar order; 54- Saturn's largest moon; 58- Trial of skill; 61- Record; 62- Dies ___; 63- Unborn child; 64- Bit of gossip; 65- Immature herring; 66- Chaplin persona; 67- Atlantic mackerel;

Down

1- Separate by a sieve; 2- Boris Godunov, for one; 3- Longfellow's bell town; 4- Dwarf; 5- "Rope-a-dope" boxer; 6- Capital of United Kingdom; 7- Reasoning; 8- About, in memos; 9- CBS logo; 10- Minister; 11- Nailed obliquely; 12- Actress Heche; 13- Panama and bowler; 19- Life-boat lowering device; 21- ___-shanter (Scottish cap); 25- Pertaining to hunting; 26- Caused by heat; 27- Syrian leader; 28- Buy alternative; 29- Copper and zinc alloy; 30- Bee follower; 31- Baron; 32- Art supporter; 33- Bellows; 35- Inc., in Britain; 39- Fine hair; 40- Having rickets; 42- It's a wrap; 44- Part of Q.E.D.; 46- Twinned; 47- Full assembly; 49- Prince Valiant's wife; 50- How sweet ___; 51- Me neither; 52- Double; 53- From the U.S.; 55- London art gallery; 56- Copycat; 57- Captain of the Nautilus; 59- Fore's partner; 60- Cookbook abbr.;

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A "Flurry Fest" of holiday fun in Charlevoix this Saturday

By Jim Akans

This Saturday, December 3rd, downtown Charlevoix will be bustling with holiday fun as the 5th Annual Flurry Fest takes place under a heated tent with live music, a chance to sample and vote for Charlevoix's "Best Hot Chocolate," and even an opportunity for kids of all ages to greet Santa and visit with his reindeer.

Santa's visit will begin with his arrival aboard a fire truck, and he will be distributing holiday goodies to children at the corner of Clinton and

Bridge Streets. Santa Claus will be there from 2:30 until 3:30 pm, and Northwestern Bank and the Charlevoix Volunteer Fireman's Association are sponsoring this portion of the event.

Flurry Fest will take place from 2:30 until 6 pm under a large and wonderfully heated tent located in Downtown's East Park. There will be plenty of live music by local performers to boost those holiday spirits, including the brass group; Tuba Christmas, the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts choral group; Christmas Glee, the tropical

island sounds of the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, and banjo-picker extraordinaire; Tiger Bear John.

To keep warm and toasty in a most delicious way, Flurry Fest attendees will have the opportunity to sample and vote for Charlevoix's "Best Hot Chocolate," provided by local eateries. Attendees will also be able to meet Santa's reindeer, and have a chance to pick up ski passes for the 2011-2012 ski season at Mt. McSauba, the City of Charlevoix's municipal ski hill, at a very special discounted rate. Limited edition Flurry Fest mugs will once again be offered, with proceeds supporting the Flurry Fest event.

Flurry Fest is made possible by the generous support of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Bingham Insurance Services, Charlevoix Ace Hardware, the Charlevoix Courier, Landscape Logic, Way Transportation and Todd & Pam Wyett

Additional details about Flurry Fest can be obtained by visiting www.downtowncharlevoix.com.



Jordan Valley Community Band present Winter Concert this Sunday

The Jordan Valley Community Band will be presenting its annual 'Winter Concert' on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 pm in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Also performing will be the Harmony Hunters, a barbershop ensemble. Admission is free. In addition to concert marches, the band's repertoire will feature many perennial Christmas favorites including a flute choir selection.

Now in its 21st year, the Community Band is comprised of members who range in age from students to senior citizens

who travel from communities in Charlevoix, Antrim and Emmet counties to rehearse and perform.

If you or someone you know plays an instrument or has played in the past and would like to return to the fun and excitement of band participation, please contact Director, Rebecca Palmiter at 582-3734, President, Leslie Cunningham at 547-2145 or Secretary/Treasurer, Phyllis Childs at 582-3488 if you need help finding an instrument or to have your name added to our mailing list.

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Ring in the Holiday Season at Holly Daze

Charlevoix Area Hospital's biggest fundraiser of the year kicks off the Holiday Season with good cheer and festive giving on December 2

Santa Claus is coming to Holly Daze this year—in fact, that's the theme of the entire event. He's bringing an evening of joys and treats for everyone who attends. Tickets are still available to the 19th Annual Holly Daze fundraiser hosted by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. This year's event will be held at Castle Farms on December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The evening begins with a silent auction and cocktails, followed by a seated dinner and the live auction. Everyone can find something they love at this year's silent auction. With more than 180 items at a wide-range of price points, attendees will be impressed with the variety of selections. Artful displays include everything from original artwork to beautiful chandeliers, a charcoal grill, a tube for summer boaters, gift certificates, home service packages, and so much more.

For the live auction, guests will start off bidding for a truly local experi-

ence—snipping off Kirby Dipert's ponytail. The local business owner has grown out his locks and is granting the honors of cutting them to the highest bidder. A few of the other exciting auction items include a magnificent full-length fur coat made from coyote and fox, a farm-to-table dinner for ten featuring local ingredients prepared by a professional chef, and a Detroit team sports package for tickets to Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings games. And for the art lovers in the crowd, local artist Todd Warner has donated his "Blue is Beautiful" whimsical bird sculpture to add to the evening's offerings.

Proceeds from the event will provide support for the new School Nurse Program, which is placing qualified, professional health care providers into local school districts. The program is off to a great start, and additional funds will ensure its continued progress.

"People love to give to the hospital, and they love to come together to celebrate the holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity to do both," says Lyn Jenks, Foundation Executive Director. "We are so excited about this event; it is always



Donna Looze, Committee Member, admires the centerpiece created and donated by Rhea Dow, Linda Weston, and Margaret Heath. More than 15 local artisans and store owners will create unique centerpieces to be on display and auctioned off at the Holly Daze silent auction, Dec. 2.

such fun for everyone involved." For more information about Holly Daze or to make a reservation, call the foundation at 231-547-8502.

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The real estate agents from Pat O'Brien & Associates in Boyne City presented a \$10,000 donation to the Boyne Food Pantry in Boyne City, and Boyne Falls' Boyne Valley Food Pantry.

Food pantries in Charlevoix County have noticed a steady increase in the number of families they are serving in the last two and a half months.

Bill Cousineau of the Boyne Valley Food Pantry in Boyne Falls said that they had 39 families come through the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving, and he expects that many or more in the weeks preceding Christmas. According to Cousineau, unemployment accounts for much of the need, and people sometimes have to make a choice between groceries or house payments.

While the pantry doesn't give people money, Cousineau said if the pantry is able to put food on the tables of local families, and those families can then afford to make a house payment, "(T)hat's what we're all about. Food on the table helps make the house payment."

Due to increased traffic at the local food pantries, each will be stretched a little thinner this year. Cousineau's Christmas "wish list" is simple.

"To continue to be blessed by the people who

are making donations. Our goal is just to make sure we can keep putting food on people's plates," he said.

Pat O'Brien & Associates were among this year's donors. At the end of 2010, the agents at the Boyne City real estate office decided to dedicate a portion of each of their gross commissions to local food pantries. The \$10,000 they aimed for was a challenging goal, but all were grateful as the last quarter checks were given to the Boyne Food Pantry in Boyne City, and Boyne Falls' Boyne Valley Food Pantry.

Realtor Martha Mishler described seeing Lei Nahinu of the Boyne Food Pantry receive the check.

"Oh, my gosh. It brought tears to my eyes, seeing the gratitude. It was really emotional," she said. "I would do something again. I definitely like the giving part."

The food pantry donations were originally the brainchild of O'Brien real estate associate Brett Binkley. He was very happy with the results.

"It was very successful," Binkley said. "I think a

\$10,000 contribution to local food banks is a big accomplishment for our office. Especially since it was a team effort of all the agents.

"It's definitely something we want to continue in some fashion," Binkley said.

Nahinu also said that they are seeing increasing numbers of families seeking assistance this year. She also is grateful for all donations; Nahinu and a couple volunteers picked donated apples at a local orchard this fall in order to provide families with fresh fruit.

Nahinu remembers when the food pantries served almost only canned foods, and she is careful to ensure families also have access to fresh food when available, as well as hygiene and paper products. Cousineau said they too have shelves stocked with everything from bread to paper towels.

If you would like to help local pantries feed local families this holiday season, call Lei Nahinu at 231-675-5759 or Bill Cousineau at 231-549-2230.

Recyclers Challenge Community to Collect Cartons



Residents of Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties have been able to recycle coated paper cups and cartons—like milk cartons and juice boxes—for over a year. But at the Emmet County Recycling Center, where the recyclables are sorted in preparation for their use by factories in the region, staff say they aren't seeing many cartons in the bins. So to raise awareness of carton recycling, Emmet County Recycling is issuing a challenge to their friends and neighbors: collect 10,000 pounds of cartons in 10 weeks.

"People in northern Michigan are great recyclers—for example, we know that well over 80% of Emmet County residents recycle with us—so we're pretty sure it's just a matter of getting the word out that cartons are recyclable. It's a whole new material that previously wasn't recyclable," said Elisa Seltzer, director of Emmet County Recycling.

The "10,000 Pounds in 10 Weeks" campaign is being supported by a matching grant from the Carton Council. The Carton Council is a group of carton manufacturers seeking to

increase recycling of cartons across the United States.

The 10-week challenge runs November 14, 2011 through January 22, 2012. Cartons will continue to be collected after the January deadline, but won't count toward the 10,000 pound goal. Cartons can be recycled at all Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Presque Isle county recycling drop sites, and through Emmet County's curbside collection program. Even though they are made of paper, because they are often still damp, cartons are collected in the Containers bins. In addition to milk cartons and juice boxes, similar containers like half-and-half cartons and broth boxes are included too.

From the Recycling Center, the cartons are shipped to Great Lakes Tissue in Cheboygan. Great Lakes Tissue (GLT) separates the plastic/aluminum layers from the paper portion of the carton and uses the paper to make tissue products, like paper towels and napkins. "Carton recycling is a fine example of how recycling supports jobs in the region," remarked Seltzer.

"GLT bought the former Procter and Gamble mill, which was sitting shuttered right in the middle of Cheboygan. They brought jobs back to the town. Recycled cartons are important to GLT because they're a lower cost feedstock, compared to virgin paper pulp. The lower cost material helps GLT compete."

Under the Carton Council grant, Emmet County Recycling will be educating about carton recycling many different ways. Plans include everything from information on the county website to a "found objects" sculpture by Ritch Branstrom of Rapid River. "We're having fun with all different ways of communicating that cartons are recyclable," enthused Kate Melby, communications coordinator for Emmet County Recycling, "so keep an eye out and recycle your cartons!"

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Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is a win-win organization

By Jim Akans

It's truly a win-win organization. The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is both an excellent spot to find quality, used items of virtually any kind, and the proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help to support the ongoing mission of the Mancelona Food Pantry in providing food for area

families in need.

"The Food Pantry serves families throughout Antrim County," states Edith Plumb, a volunteer at the establishment and Secretary of the Board. "It was founded about 10 years ago and is ran by a very dedicated group of volunteers. We serve approximately 200 families in assisting with the food needs each month, which translates into approximately 700 individuals."

viduals, businesses and those from downstate who have summer residences in the area.

The facility is a large three-story building that was once a church. Inside, customers will find two levels devoted to resale displays, and one floor level for the food pantry and fellowship hall.

"It is a very nice environment," relates Edith Plumb. "Our mission is getting more and more important all the time as more people are in need of assistance with the food needs. We are part of the Northwest Michigan Action Agency Food Coalition, with is a group of about 40 food pantry's in the area that cooperate with each other in staying informed about the issues affecting us."

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N.



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Ruby, Doris and Donna are among the volunteers who dedicate their time to assisting customers at the Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop.

Maple Street in Mancelona. The Resale Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am until 4 pm, and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm. The Food Pantry is open

Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. For additional information, please call (231) 587-9606.

The Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop is located at 201 N. Maple Street in Mancelona.

COURTESY PHOTO



BOYNE Golf Professionals Raise \$25,000 for Local Charities

Boyne Resorts' golf professionals proudly presented two checks to local charities totaling \$25,000. The Manna Food Project accepted a check for \$17,000 and The First Tee of Boyne Highlands received \$8,000. The donations were the result of nearly a year's worth of fundraising leading up to and following the annual Harbor Cup golf tournament held in September, which pits twelve BOYNE golf professionals against twelve area golf professionals in a 54-hole Ryder Cup style event.

In addition to the Harbor Cup's golf rivalry, there's an equally important commitment to fundraising with each team selecting community organizations and raising money for charity. Since its inception, Harbor Cup has contributed more than \$160,000 to area beneficiaries. This year, Team BOYNE raised the largest donation in Harbor Cup's 15-year history.

"This record breaking donation was a tremendous team effort," said Bernie Friedrich, Team BOYNE's 2011 Harbor Cup captain and senior vice president of Boyne Resorts' marketing, golf and retail operations. "We could not have raised this amount of money if it were not for the extraordinary efforts of our golf professionals and support from BOYNE team members, country club members and

homeowners.

Team BOYNE golf pros were not only champions on the golf course winning this year's match, they are also champions in the hearts of those who carry out the daily missions at The Manna Food Project and The First Tee of Boyne Highlands.

For The Manna Food Project, a pantry and warehouse that supplies food to 35 pantries and agencies in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, the \$17,000 donation provides 212,500 meals to community members in need.

"We talk a lot about the contribution that volunteers make to The Manna Food Project and all the pantries in the area and often focus on those providing 'physical' assistance," said Kathy Hart, executive director of The Manna Food Project. "Equally important are those who use their physical abilities to generate the financial support needed to keep the operations running. The time and energy that Team BOYNE puts into raising money throughout the year for Harbor Cup is one more example of people in northern Michigan caring about their neighbors and wanting to make a difference. Not only does this provide food for families, it helps keep The Manna Food Project going. We are very humbled and blessed to be part of the BOYNE family and honored to work with their out-

standing staff."

At The First Tee of Boyne Highlands, an organization that promotes character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf, the \$8,000 donation not only enhances programming, it also pays for a Life and Golf Skills Instructor for one year. In 2011, The First Tee had 350 participants in their on-going programs and reached an additional 1,000 students in school and youth group clinics.

"We are so grateful for the generous support of Team BOYNE and Harbor Cup," said Shauna Bezilla, executive director of The First Tee of Boyne Highlands. "The golf professionals give to our youth in so many ways including their time and financial support. We look forward to our continued relationship with the Harbor Cup."

Team BOYNE 2011 Harbor Cup players include Captain, Bernie Friedrich, Assistant Captain, Josh Richter, Ryan Brown, Mike Chumbler, Mike Fay, Steve Good, Andy Nietering, Brian O'Neill, Owen Miller, Casey Powers, Barry Redmond, Jerry Roman, Kyle Roman, Dave Trudell and Dan Turcott.

For more information, please contact Josh Richter, incoming captain and head golf professional at The Heather golf



COURTESY PHOTO

Team BOYNE golf professionals present The Manna Food Project with a check for \$17,000.



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Josh Richter and Bernie Friedrich of Team BOYNE present Shauna Bezilla and Currie Weed of The First Tee of Boyne Highlands with a check for \$8,000.

course at Boyne Highlands, by calling 231-526-3013. For more information on The Manna Food Project, visit www.mannafoodproject.org

and to learn more about The First Tee of Boyne Highlands, go to www.thefirstteeboynehighlands.org.

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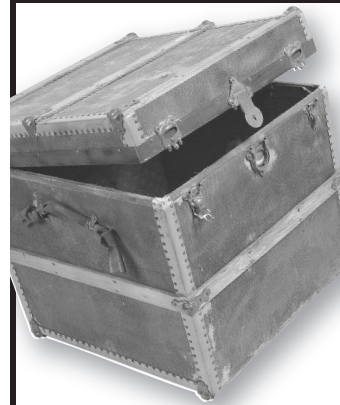
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NORWOOD

Warmth Drive

Norwood United Methodist Church is holding its' annual "Warmth Drive" for the benefit of the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth. We are collecting warm items of clothing for all ages, pajamas, blankets and all outdoor clothing. Also we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for distribution through Good Samaritan at Christmas time. Items can be dropped off at the church on Sunday from 10:30am to 1:30pm or call Lights at 547-9356 or Ditlows at 547-4935.

scope, if the weather permits. Attendees are invited to bring their own telescopes. Call 231.536.3369 for more information.

ELLSWORTH & KEWADIN

Holiday Greens Workshop

12th Annual Roots & Wings Herbs Holiday Greens Workshops Friday, December 2 at 10am in Ellsworth or Saturday, December 3 at 10am at Pine Hill Nursery, Kewadin. Creating a wreath, swag, kissing ball or arrangement is a great way to kick off the holiday season. Even if you've never attempted this before, you'll be amazed at what you create; it's easier than you think! Bring your own grapevine wreath form if making a wreath. \$25 fee Includes greens and embellishments beyond the ordinary, tea and sweets. Presented by Alana Haley of Roots and Wings Herbs. Call to register at 231-360-0676; limited space available.

EAST JORDAN

Community Night

East Jordan Community Night preparations are well underway at the Chamber Office. Thursday, December 1st, starting at 5:00 PM! Soup Cook-off, Santa Parade, Visit with Santa in the band shell, Tree Lighting, Open Houses, Caroling and more. If you would like to get involved, please contact us!

EAST JORDAN

Santa parade

Dec. 1 - Holiday Community Night/Santa Parade. 5-8pm. Tree Lighting, Santa Parade, Live nativity, soup Cook-off and much more. Contact E.J. Chamber office for details 231-536-7351

CHARLEVOIX

Blood drive

On Thursday, December 1st from 9:30 to 3:15pm Harbor Industries will be host the American Red Cross. The drive is open to the public and walk-ins are welcome. Come to donate blood this month and you could win a \$500 Best Buy gift card and \$250 in free groceries from Meijer. To schedule an appointment, log on to www.redcross-blood.org, sponsor code: HI

BOYNE CITY

Food documentary

Forks over knives, a documentary film that focuses on the research of two food scientists, will be shown at 6:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Boyne District Library, 201 Main St. There is no charge to see the film, which reveals that despite broad advances in medical technology, the popularity of modern processed foods has led to epidemic rates of obesity, diabetes and other diseases. After the screening, Dr. Charles Huebner of Petoskey will lead a discussion and question-and-answer session. This program is sponsored by Get Healthy Boyne, a group of local citizens who encourage you to visit and "like" their Get Healthy Boyne Facebook page. For more information, contact Bridget Foltz at 231-409-2411 or Ruth Grass at coachruth@gmail.com.

EAST JORDAN

NOMAC-Northern Michigan Astronomy Club meeting

Thursday, December 1 is the next scheduled meeting of NOMAC, the newly formed Northern Michigan Astronomy Club at Raven Hill Discovery Center. Rod Cortright, astro-photographer, will share information about photographing the night skies, using a variety of camera equipment. Bring your camera and learn how to capture the stars. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. After the photography program, the group will spend time at the Center's Moon Base viewing the heavens through the Center's 16-inch reflecting tele-

CHARLEVOIX

Holly Daze

The annual holiday season kick-off to benefit the School Nurse Project of Charlevoix Area Hospital. Silent and Live auctions, cocktails, dinner and loads of fun! Friday, Dec 2, 5pm - Midnight

EAST JORDAN

Wreath sale

Girl scouts Christmas wreath sale. \$22 each made with fresh greens. Call Connie for more information or to place an order. 231-675-4332

BOYNE CITY

Boyne City hosts three holiday craft shows on Dec. 3

Boyne City is the place to be on Saturday, Dec. 3, if you're looking to purchase arts and craft items as Christmas gifts. There are three different craft shows in town on that day. Here are the details:

HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW will be held from 9am to 3pm Saturday, Dec. 3, at Boyne City High School. Admission is free and refreshments are available for this 33rd annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation. For booth information, contact Theresa Robarge at 582-3694 or troberge@charter.net.

GERMAN MARKET - SOBO, the South Boyne arts district, presents its third annual Old-Fashioned European Christmas Market with art, gifts, food, music and fun - something for everyone on Saturday, Dec. 3. Booths are still available for the German Weihnachtsmarkt-style market that will be held from 10am to 6pm at the Water Street Mall, located at the corner of Main and Front Streets. Other SOBO and community businesses will also be participating. Anyone interested in obtaining a booth for the Christmas Market may contact Donna Prevost (suntanna@twinnvalley.net) of Sun for the Soul at 582-0410.

EAGLES CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW - The Boyne City Eagles Auxiliary is planning a Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show from 9am to 4pm Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Eagles Hall, 106 River Street. Applications are available at the Eagles Hall. For more information call Joyce Hardy at 231-582-9014 or Celia McGeorge at 231-675-4349.

EAST JORDAN & ELLSWORTH

Holiday Business Decorating Contests

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Dr. Juli Slattery

MAN'S WIFE DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE AT HIS CHURCH

Q: I want my wife to attend my church with me, but she says it's too formal and liturgical. And she feels the people aren't friendly. The denomination I attend is very important to me and I will not give up my faith — but we don't have another church of this kind around us for miles; in fact, the closest is about 45 miles away. What should we do?

Jim: Your ability to find common ground on this issue will depend on the degree to which you're both willing to compromise. Some churches offer a more upbeat, informal service on Saturday evenings. Your wife might feel more comfortable in such a setting. Is that an option at your current church? If your wife feels like an "outsider" to your particular tradition, I'd encourage you to take it upon yourself to help her feel more welcome. Go out of your way to help her make friends.

I know you're determined to be faithful to your

denomination, but would you at least consider the possibility of finding a place of worship outside that denomination, for your wife's sake? The beauty of the Christian tradition is that many different denominations trace their doctrines back to the same basic biblical tenets. Switching from a Baptist church to a Presbyterian or non-denominational church, for example, is hardly the same thing as "abandoning your faith." And in the end, driving 45 miles to the other church you mentioned might be worth it. It's certainly a better option than having you and your wife attend separate churches.

I'm reminded of the joke in which a man is filling out an employment application and gets hung up on the question, "What is your church preference?" After thinking about it for a minute, he writes, "I prefer a red brick church." If only the decision were that simple!

Q: Every year, I dread the holiday season ... the noise,

commercial, cards and gifts nauseate me. I also dread the parties and get-togethers with relatives. It all just seems so fake. Frankly, I get depressed during Christmas. My wife loves Christmas, so I feel like I have to pretend to enjoy it for her sake. Any help for a Grinch?

Juli: Well, Mr. Grinch, you're not alone in your dislike for the holidays. In fact, depression and suicide rates spike during this time of year. Feeling depressed at Christmas is even worse because everyone is telling you that you should be happy!

Your dislike for the holidays may not be about Christmas at all, but rather what it has become. Christmas is first and foremost a religious observance, the day Christians commemorate and contemplate the incarnation of Jesus Christ. How people celebrate Christmas is a completely different matter. In fact, many people who love the meaning of Christmas are appalled by the materialism and hedonism now

associated with it. I think it's just as appropriate to weep on Christmas Eve as you contemplate Jesus' birth as it is to give a gift to a loved one.

Instead of chucking the whole holiday, ask yourself the question, "How can I best celebrate Christmas this year?" The answer may be for you to skip a party and serve dinner to those less fortunate.

In the "spirit of Christmas," we all flex a little for others, spending time with in-laws, going to work parties we don't really feel like attending, and so on. But I would encourage you not to "fake" your excitement for the holidays to make your wife happy. Instead, find the genuine joy of celebrating an event that changed the course of history in your own way.

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CHARLEVOIX

Flurry Fest

Flurry Fest will take place on Saturday, December 3 from 2:30pm - 6pm under a large heated tent in downtown's East Park. The staples of the event remain the visit from Santa chauffeured by the Charlevoix Volunteer Fireman's Association and his reindeer, the hot chocolate contest featuring mouth-watering concoctions offered by area eateries and great music from local performers. This year's musical selections include brass group Tuba Christmas, the warm island percussion sounds of the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, banjo-strumming Tiger-Bear Jon and vocal harmonies offered by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts' Christmas Glee ensemble.

EAST JORDAN

New session of Masterminds

The Chamber and Dr. John Kempton are finalizing the schedule for two (2) Mastermind Leadership Classes. A second session of "Mastermind on Main Street" will be offered over a ten (10) week period in early 2012. A "Mastermind on Main Street - Communication" class will be offered over a nine (9) week pe-

riod in early 2012. For further information on the class offerings, cost, etc. please contact the Chamber Office, 231-536-7351 or Dr. John Kempton, "Achieve 360 Inc." at 231-222-2146.

CHARLEVOIX

Gifts With a Purpose

Are you looking for the perfect holiday gift for that "impossible-to-buy-for" person on your list. Charlevoix Gifts with a Purpose Alternative Giving Event just might be your answer! Don't buy another gift that will just disappear into the back of a closet. Instead make a donation to a local nonprofit and give the gift that gives twice. On Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 2pm thirteen local nonprofits will be on hand in the community room at the Charlevoix Public Library to share their mission and message and accept your donations in return for an alternative gift card that you can present to the person you have chosen to honor. The nonprofits participating are: B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center, Bergmann Center, Inc., Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix Area Hospice Foundation, Charlevoix Area Human Society, Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation, Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and 3rd Day Fellowship and Outreach Food Pantry. Each nonprofit will have a giving range, so everyone, from children to people on a fixed budget, can find the perfect gift! Who would you buy for: your child's classroom teacher, piano teacher, scout leader; the office grab-a-gift, your great uncle who has everything, your boss or co-worker? The list is endless and all funds raised stay local! Please plan to attend Charlevoix Gifts with a Purpose, and help make a difference in your community!!

well over \$16,000 to benefit Boyne area charities. Admission will be collected at the door, with all sales going to Boyne area food pantries through the Manna Food Project. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. There is also an angel auction that begins Nov. 25 and concludes Dec. 3 at the breakfast.

BOYNE CITY

Student art show

Coming Dec. 3 to the Boyne Arts Collective gallery is "Boyne Area Schools Present... ART It's ELEMENTARY." Boyne Falls, Boyne City and Boyne Concord elementary school students will display their artwork through Dec. 31. An Opening Reception will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the gallery, 210 Lake St. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. For information call 231-675-7071.

BOYNE CITY

Ice Rink Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner and support the ice rink at a fund-raising dinner and silent auction at Cafe Sante on Sunday, Dec. 4. Entertainers include Nelson Olstrom and Nathan Bates. Proceeds will help pay for the new ice rink that will be created in Sunset Park, behind the Chamber office. The Boyne City Main Street Program is spearheading the ice rink project.

EAST JORDAN

Community Band Concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will be presenting its annual Winter Concert on Sunday, December 4th at 3pm in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Also performing will be the Harmony Hunters, a barbershop ensemble. Admission is free. In addition to concert marches, the band's repertoire will feature many perennial Christmas favorites including a flute choir selection.

EAST JORDAN

Business After Hours

December 5 - Jordan River Arts Council, 5 - 7pm. Co-sponsors ej & Jordan River Arts Council. Admission: Donations for Care & Share Food Pantry.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner with Santa

Dec. 6, 4:30 - 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria

BOYNE CITY

Lights of Love

'Tis the season for giving and the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Charities will once again offer the opportunity to make a difference by hosting the annual "Lights of Love" Christmas Tree Lighting in Boyne City. Festivities will begin, at the Boyne River Inn, at 6pm Wednesday December 7th. Following caroling and the tree lighting ceremony a dinner will be served at a cost of \$14.50. Space is limited so reserve early. Donation forms are available at Boyne Area Chamber, Boyne Senior Center and various other local merchants.

CHARLEVOIX

Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ dinner group for all area singles 50 years and older will meet Friday, December 9 at 5pm at Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere. Bring a \$10 gift and 2 dozen Christmas Cookies as we will be going to Yvonne's, 4105 Sequanota Rd. after dinner for a movie and/or games. Reservations required so R.S.V.P. by calling Frieda at 231-347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com

ATWOOD

Christmas Celebration

Dec. 10. Sleigh Rides, Open Houses, Snow Sculptures & More.

BOYNE CITY

Humane Society open house

Holiday open house at the Charlevoix Area Humane Society is planned for Saturday, Dec. 10 at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City. Join them for light refreshments and a tour of the facility between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

BOYNE CITY

Computer lab

The Community of Christ Church at 777 Vogel St. has installed a computer lab that is open to the public at no charge. The lab is open for general use Monday through Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. In the future, classes will be offered on resume and cover letter writing and general computer use. The church is also starting a Coupon Club with tips on finding and using computers and access to the computer lab from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays.

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Boyne City High School

STUDENT of the Week



Parker Harbaugh

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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:
 Juggling the Universe
FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
 "Study the cosmos in order to explore and explain the Universe we live in."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Parker continues to challenge himself in his course work. He is a great leader in our building. Great job Parker!"
 (Mrs. Deming, Social Studies Teacher)

"Parker is an excellent student in both Physics and AP Calculus. He is self-motivated and has a true desire for learning."
 (Mrs. Clausen, AP Calculus & Physics Teacher)

"Parker is a respectful, responsible person with high ability and motivation – he is a great leader at BCHS."
 (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

BOYNE CITY

Gingerbread house displays

A new holiday event this year will be gingerbread houses featured in many downtown stores and businesses throughout the season. Area resident Barbara Young is organizing this along with the Boyne District Library, which is hosting a gingerbread-house making workshops for children. Any business that would like to make a gingerbread-style house or display one made by someone else is urged to notify the Chamber, so it can be included in a "Gingerbread House Tour" planned for Saturday, Dec. 10. More details on the tour will be announced soon. Anyone may also contact Barbara at 540-845-5578 for information, tips, articles and web links on building their own gingerbread houses. Northern Eagle Clothier at 118 Water Street is donating its store windows for some of the children's gingerbread creations.

EAST JORDAN

Santa Visit

East Jordan Sno-Mobile Club House, Dec. 11, 9:30am to 11am. Visit with Santa at the Sno-Mobile Club House on Mt. Bliss Rd.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Greens Workshop

Saturday, December 10th, 12pm- Come out to the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center for our monthly potluck program! The potluck begins at 12 pm with lunch in the Wagbo farmhouse. Bring a dish to pass if you can, but it's not mandatory. The program begins at 1 pm with Alana Haley of Roots & Wings Herbs teaching a Holiday Greens Workshop. Make a wreath or swag from fresh cut greens, berries, twigs and cones. Even if you've never made a wreath before, you'll be amazed at what you can create! If you plan to make a wreath, bring a grapevine wreath for the base. Free and open to the public. Limited to 15 people. Call Wagbo at 231-536-0333 to register. Located three miles south of East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX

Fun with Santa

Castle Farms of Charlevoix is busy preparing for a visit from the jolly ole fellow himself. Santa Claus is taking time out of his busy schedule to visit The Castle on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be fun and games, crafts and snacks, the Polar Express train display, a brand new Christmas Train Tree, and of course, the chance for a photo opportunity for your child's picture with Santa. Don't forget to bring your camera. Admission is \$5 per child (ages 2+); children must be accompanied by an adult.

CHARLEVOIX

Free movie

Dec. 10, 1pm at Charlevoix Cinema III, 101 Antrim St. The Grinch that Stole Christmas.

Bring a non-perishable item for admission. Food donation benefits the food pantry.

CHARLEVOIX

Merchant Open House

The Charlevoix Merchant Open House is the perfect place for inspiration and acquisition of all your holiday needs. On Saturday, December 10th merchants will be armed with samples, refreshments, special sales and more at participating stores. It will be a day filled with activity not only in stores but also

in the streets! At 12pm Santa will arrive downtown on a firetruck to spread some holiday cheer. Santa will be downtown from noon to 1pm. At 1pm children are invited to watch a free full-length holiday movie (with a donation of a canned good for the Food Pantry) at Charlevoix Cinema compliments of Charlevoix State Bank. While children enjoy the movie, parents are able to shop and sample without interruption!

ATWOOD

Live Nativity

You're invited to celebrate a community tradition at the Atwood Church. Join with friends and neighbors in attending our Live Nativity on Sunday, December 11. Performances are at 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Experience the story of the 1st Christmas as told through actors, song, animals and choir. Performances are outside at the church lasting 20 minutes with refreshments following in the church Fellowship Hall. Come and experience a fabulous Christmas celebration. Bring the whole family and you're sure to be filled with the spirit of the Christmas season! The church is located in Atwood on Hwy. 31, 12 miles south of Charlevoix. For more information, contact Dave Kroon at 231-599-3290.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program- K-1

K-1, Dec. 12, 7pm at Elementary School Gym

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan's Got Talent

Girl Scout troop 362 will be sponsoring "East Jordan's Got Talent" on Saturday, January 14, 2012 during Sno-Blast. Sign up night and try outs will be held Tuesday, December 5th and December 12th from 5:30pm to 7pm in the High School Band Room. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle, read a poem or have some other talent, we want you!!! For more information call Missy 231-357-2255 or Michelle 231-536-2532.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program – Grade 2-3

2-3 Grade. Dec. 13, 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Gym

EAST JORDAN

Music in the Park

Madrigal Singers. Dec. 14, 7pm at East Jordan school Community Auditorium.

EAST JORDAN

Mitten Trees

Mitten Trees will be located in our three local banks, Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank and Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. Trees will be up until December 14. Please don't feel limited to mittens only - hats, scarves, socks and slippers are also welcome. All items will be distributed by Care & Share. Sponsored by East Jordan Garden Club.

BOYNE CITY

Starting a business

Fundamentals of Starting a Business classes are held monthly, with the next one scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the NLEA office in Boyne City. The fee is \$20 per business and you must register by contacting the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482 or email info@northern-lakes.net.

ated by the talented local artists at the Jordan River Arts Council.

EAST JORDAN

Free Movie

Beethoven's Christmas Adventure Dec. 18, 1:30pm at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. Sponsored by the Library Friends.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Art Sale

Jordan River Arts Council is hosting an art sale thru Dec. 18, 1-4pm.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Community Christmas needs donations

The Boyne Area Community Christmas Baskets program is expecting that the need for assistance will be greater than ever this year. Non-perishable, unwrapped food, toys, games, books, clothing and blankets may be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center on Pine Street from Dec. 1 through 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Checks may be made payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Treasurer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712. Dec. 20 is the basket-packing day and those eligible for baskets may pick them up Dec. 20 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center gym. For further information call Ruth Witek at 582-3152 or Nancy Hosmer at 582-7346.

EAST JORDAN

Band Concert

Middle School/High School band concert Dec. 19, 7pm at East Jordan High School Gym

CHARLEVOIX

Christmas Farmers Market

There will be a special holiday market on December 22 so that you can stock up for your Christmas meals. Products available at the winter market include: apples, squash, garlic, onions, pumpkins, greens, tomatoes, organic meat, cheese, fresh bread, mustard, pasties, jam/jellies, frozen corn, Christmas trees, bagels, soup, scones, wild mushrooms, salad dressings, BBQ sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, dried flowers, cherry juice, dried fruit, beef jerky, pet treats, cookies, hummus, salsa, plus much more. Open from 10am to 2pm at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room. Help to support your local farmers, keep your money in our community, and eat the freshest products available at the Charlevoix winter Farmers Market.

CHARLEVOIX

Juried photography show

Life in Northern Michigan-Places and People is the theme for the annual photography show at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. The show is administered by the Charlevoix Photography Club. The photos will be on exhibit until December 30.

CHARLEVOIX

Commission on Aging Board Openings

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board has two openings in the Charlevoix area as of January 1. Members of the community who have an interest in the well

being of County seniors and supporting their caregivers are encouraged to apply. Particularly encouraged to apply are those with interest, experience or education in developing community awareness and messaging and/or who desire to serve in a leadership capacity including board chair. Interested citizens can print an expression of interest form from the Commissioners page at the County website (charlevoixcounty.org) or by calling 231-547-0866 (COA board chair) or 231-237-0103 (COA director). Mail the interest form to 218 W Garfield, Charlevoix, or fax to 231-547-0873. Please contact us as soon as possible; the COA Board will be making recommendations to County Commissioners by the end of November.

BOYNE CITY

Computer Classes

Free computer classes are held at the Boyne District Library at 1 p.m. on Fridays. Classes are tailored to your skill level, beginner to advanced. For more information call the Library 582-7861 or instructor Ron Grunch at 231-582-6974

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Just stuff it

To the wonderful folks who are becoming avid recyclers, those of us trying to monitor the sites need your help one more time. Remember the bad old days at the Charlevoix and Boyne City sites when there was only one cardboard bin? Remember how hard you worked to get your cardboard in, but the bins were often full? We finally have two (2 – count 'em) cardboard bins at each site, but it is not helpful for hauling if one is not completely filled before you begin using the other. Could we please ask you to take the time to flatten your cardboard and take the few extra steps to fill the back of the bin? And, before you start on the second bin please stuff it! cram it! until it the first bin is entirely full. These two simple acts will save all of us money because we won't be hauling bins that are half full. Thanks for working with us.

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

Harvest Barn Church, Noon - 3pm every Saturday through winter. Fun for all ages. \$5 per person.

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor farmers market

The Charlevoix Winter Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the first Thursday of every month from 10am to 2pm, November through May. In addition to the regularly scheduled markets, there will also be a holiday market on December 22nd, just before Christmas.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market

The indoor farmer's market continues its Winter Market from 10am to 2pm in the red building adjacent to the Boyne District Library. The market will not be open this Saturday, Nov. 26, but it resumes on Dec. 3, 10 and 17. It will be open Friday, Dec. 23 instead of Saturday, Dec. 24. The market includes 15 local vendors selling vegetables, apples, syrup, honey, cheese, meat and

baked goods. It is managed by the Boyne City Main Street Program.

CHARLEVOIX

Life in Northern Michigan Art

Original art & gift certificates on sale at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St, thru Dec. 30. The 3rd annual juried photography show. Vote in the People's Choice Award.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening around the area in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the County News covers all of Charlevoix County. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. Our advertising rates are far less than most other papers and your message will reach readers all across Charlevoix County. The Charlevoix County News is distributed on news stands and by subscription to Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Atwood and Walloon Lake. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

BOYNE CITY

Winter Farmers Market

Thanks to the support of the Boyne District Library, the Boyne City Farmers "Winter" Market is now open. Winter hours will be Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The market will be held in the red building next to the library. The library recently purchased the building for possible future expansion. It is estimated the space will allow for approximately 15 to 20 vendors to participate. The market will be held each Saturday in November and December with the exception of Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving weekend) and Dec. 24th. Two special markets are also planned. The first is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the second is Dec. 23. The market also plans to be open January through April but a schedule will not be set until mid to late December. For more information about the Winter Market call the Boyne City Main Street office at 231-582-9009.

CHARLEVOIX

Choir concert

Community Christmas Choir, "Down from His Glory" Saturday, December 10, & Sunday, December 11, 6pm. Community Reformed Church.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Tree sale

Lions club Christmas Tree sale, until December 24, at True Value Family Center.



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DAVE Says

Intensity hurting the marriage?

Dear Dave,
When does reaching the point of being debt-free become more important than marriage? We're following your plan and doing the debt snowball, but my husband's been working a second job, and it's really cutting into our together-time at night and straining our relationship. I'm afraid we're going to end up debt-free, but divorced. When does one outweigh the other?

Tracy
Dear Tracy,
Getting out of debt is never more important than your marriage. But families go through all kinds of stuff, and one of those things is cleaning up messes they've made. It's not always fun, but there's a price to pay if you want to win with your money or anything else.

It sounds to me like your husband has gone gazelle intense about getting out of debt, and in the process may have left you behind a little bit. I don't recommend that! He probably needs to take some time to come back and emotionally re-connect with you. And I'm sure some good, old-fashioned back rubs and words of encouragement from you are in order. Your man could use them if he's been working two jobs!

But there's plenty of time for snuggling and stuff later. Right now, you're trying to do something—something really important—for the good of your family. I know it can be difficult, but it won't last forever. And I can promise you this: Once you're done, you'll be very glad you toughed it out!
—Dave

(Ready to buy?)

Dear Dave,
I graduated from college in May, and I already have a job in my field. It was a part-time position that went full time, so I already have \$15,000 in an IRA and about \$23,000 in savings. I'm also debt-free, because scholarships paid for my education. Am I ready to buy a house?

Zack
Dear Zack,
This is an awesome position you're in right now! Financially, you're okay to buy a house. I do have one slight hesitation, though. There are going to be lots and lots of things happening in your world during the next few years, and there's a possibility you'll end up moving—maybe for a girl, or even another job—during this time period. It's going to be a time of transition, and having a piece of real estate tied around your neck could be a huge pain. But if you're sure that's where you want to be for a while, then it's not such a big deal.

Keep in mind that there's a word for real estate that sells quickly, and that word is cheap! Lots of times, the only way to get out from under something like that fast is to practically give it away. It's a great time now to buy a home, though. It's like they're on sale. Interest rates are really low, too.

Don't use the entire \$23,000 as a down payment on a place, and keep an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside. Make sure you get a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage, too. If you play this right, Zack, you're going to be sitting pretty!
—Dave

* For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.



Dave Ramsey

Jackie Lee Diener II

An adventurous, gentle man of only 20, Jack packed more life into his young years than most do in their entire lifetimes. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him and remembered by many more than that.

Although he willingly admitted to not being a scholar he did enjoy the social activities and sports that come with school. In his years leading up to junior year in high school Jack enjoyed being on many teams including football, basketball, Little League baseball, 4-H soccer and wrestling and track to name a few. Outside of athletics he enjoyed playing in the school band, science fairs and volunteer projects in the community.

During his junior year of high school Jack took part in the foreign exchange program that took him to far away places like Denmark, Italy and France. Even thousands of miles away from home, his high morals and zeal for life made him many friends and helped him to touch many lives.

Jack was also very active with his family where he enjoyed camping in all seasons, swimming, hiking, building (and tearing apart), ice skating, snowmobiling, boy scouts and black berry picking.

On his own and with his friends he enjoyed paintball, computers and gaming, reading, Frisbee golf, going to local (and professional) football games and just enjoying all of the things life had to offer him.

After high school Jack spent a year working and going to college before enlisting in the United States Army in January of 2011. Jack trained in the second to last graduating class at Fort Knox Kentucky before moving on in his field at Fort Drum in New York. Jack proudly served his country and fought hard for he believed in.

Jack will always be remembered for his vivacious spirit, quick wit, mischievous smirk, laughing eyes, warm hugs and generous heart. He made many friends and memories wherever he went; touching and changing lives that will stretch on into the years to come.

He is survived by his father (Jack Diener), mother (Val Diener), sister (Marcie Diener), grandmother (Donna Diener) and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his grandfather (Clifford Diener), uncle (Leon Drake), grandfather (Harlan Drake) and many others.

A celebration of Jack's life will take place at the Boyne City High School on December 10th at 11am. Pastor Jeff Ellis will be officiating.

Family, friends and the community may share a thought or memory of Jack with the family at www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations are made in Jack's honor to the following organizations:

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PHL Airport, Terminal A East
8500 Essington Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19153

Charlevoix County Humane Society
614 Beardsley St
Boyne City, MI 49712-9035

Boyne City Rotary Club
ATTN: Youth Exchange 6290
P.O. Box 219 Boyne City, MI 49712

Fisher House for Families of the Fallen
220 Lajes St. Dover, AFB, DE 19902

Midway International Airport USO
ATTN: Larry B.
333 S. Wabash Ave., 16th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

Ronald G. Klooster, 68

Ronald G. Klooster of East Jordan, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, in Ann Arbor.

Arrangements are pending at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Tracy Gene Curtis

FEB. 8, 1939 - NOV. 26, 2011)
Tracy Gene Curtis, 72, of Charlevoix, passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, with the Rev. James Athey officiating. Interment will take place at Brookside Cemetery at a later date.

Tracy was born Feb. 8, 1939, in Charlevoix, to Russell and Gertrude (Clark) Curtis. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1957, then served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

On June 7, 1959, he married Myrna A. DeYoung in Mason City, Iowa. They



made their home in Charlevoix where Tracy was employed by American Mold and later, the U.S. Post Office. He retired from Medusa Portland Cement Company in 2003, where he worked as a master electrician for more than 35 years.

Tracy was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church and served as a trustee. He served as the Marion Township Clerk, was vice president of Boiler-makers Local D480. Also a member of the National Rifle Association, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating.

Tracy is survived by his wife, Myrna A.; daughters, Tracine (Travis) Hummel of Charlevoix, Kathrine Curtis of Boyne Falls; son, Russell "Pat" (Tobi) Curtis of Charlevoix. Tracy especially loved his grandchildren, Gordon, Molly, and Matthew Desch; Suzanne Curtis; Lily and Chloe Belle Curtis; great-granddaughter, Kaylee Desch. He is also survived by his mother, Gertrude Koskuba; sister, Gail Parker both of Charlevoix; brother, Gary Curtis of Curtis; goddaughter, Kimberley Csar of Houston, Texas. Tracy was preceded in death by his daughter, Suzanne Jo in 1978.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Sign Tracy's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Frederick LaBrecque

(APRIL 16, 1957 - NOV. 23, 2011)

Kenneth Frederick LaBrecque, 54, of Boyne City, passed away at home Nov. 23, 2011, losing his battle with esophageal cancer.

Ken was born April 16, 1957, to Jay and Mildred (Dodds) LaBrecque at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

He attended Boyne City schools and graduated from Boyne City High School in June 1975. He attended Bell & Howell Institute in Kansas City, Mo., taking electronics classes.

He was an amateur photographer, taking pictures of weddings, graduation pictures, among other events.

Ken worked at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital for 33 years in the dietary department, making many friends.

Ken loved to go iceboating in the winter and sail boating in the summer.

Ken was a member of Community of Christ in Boyne City, serving as assistant financial officer for several years.

Ken's parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his sister, Sandra (Lee) Ecker of East Jordan; brothers, Joseph of Boyne City and Dave (Robin) of Martin, Mich.; four nephews, Jerry (Laurel) Ecker of Mesa, Ariz., Jon (Melinda) Ecker of Boyne City, Corey Ecker of East Jordan, Andrew Geister of Kalamazoo; niece, Danielle LaBrecque, of Martin, Mich.; three great-nieces, Delaini and Corinne Ecker of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jaidyn Ecker of Boyne City; two great-nephews, Orion Ecker of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dominic Fosmore of Boyne City; and many friends.

Visitation will take place 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

A celebration of Ken's life will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the funeral home with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Elder Lee Ecker will officiate assisted by High Priest Eleanor West.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boyne City Community of Christ building fund for the new sanctuary, or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ken are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Donald J. Nowka

(DEC. 23, 1927 - NOV. 18, 2011)

Donald J. Nowka, 83, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at his home in Jordan Township, Antrim County, in the presence of his family.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1927, in Dearborn, the son of Walter and Elvira (Anderson) Nowka.

He graduated in 1945, from Fordson High School in Dearborn. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II as an aviation mechanic in the Pacific Theater including Midway Island.

He married Constance "Connie" LaPierre on April 2, 1971, in Garden City, Mich.

Don was active in Junior Achievement. He worked with his father for Walter Nowka and Son Landscaping, where they created the first 3D archery course. Don worked as the superintendent of maintenance at the Tireman Plant in Detroit for Burroughs; supervisor of skilled trades at the truck plant in Wayne for the Ford Motor Company; the owner administrator for the Wishing Well Manor Nursing Home in Northville and Whispering Willow Nursing Home in Canton.

He moved to East Jordan in April of 1988. He never stopped working and was

a consummate putzer.

Don enjoyed hunting, shooting firearms and collecting antique cars.

He is survived by his wife, Constance "Connie" Nowka, of East Jordan; children, James and Cathy Nowka, Michelle and Frank Filardo, and Brian and Donna Nowka; five grandchildren, Jimmy, Renee, Stephen, Grant and Michayla; and two great-grandchildren, Hannah and Wyatt; and was a father figure for many others. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Helen Pippit.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A military service followed at Lakeside Cemetery in South Arm Township.

Memorials may be given to the Wounded Warriors Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Helen Claire (Hammond) Johnson

(MAY 23, 1922 - NOV. 19, 2011)

Helen Claire (Hammond) Johnson, 98, passed away on Nov. 19, 2011.

Helen was born to Harry W. and Sylvia I. (Sutton) Hammond on May 23, 1922, in Muskegon.

She married Carl A. Johnson on June 5, 1943.

Helen is survived by three sons, Douglas (Sue) Johnson, Ronald (Nicole) Johnson and Eric Johnson, all of Charlevoix, as well as eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; grandson, Travis, and granddaughter, Zoie.

Helen enjoyed knitting, crocheting and sewing and used her talents to make mittens, hats and clothing for her grandchildren and for charity. She also enjoyed gardening and assisted her husband, Carl, in making bump jumpers every winter for many years. She will always be remembered for her kind generosity, sense of humor, and will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

A graveside service was held Friday, Nov. 25, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Officiating will be Shane Johnson and the Rev. Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Evelyn J. Ballard, 82

Evelyn J. Ballard died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Bortz Heath Care of Petoskey.

Arrangements are pending at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Fay V. Midgett, 55

Fay V. Midgett died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at her home in East Jordan. A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan.

George Krchak, 65

A graveside service for George Krchak of Charlevoix will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. James Green of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix will officiate.

George died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011.

William F. Preston

(APRIL 11, 1945 - NOV. 4, 2011)

William F. Preston, 66, formerly of Manistee, died unexpectedly at his home in Tucson, Ariz., on Nov. 4, 2011.

He was born April 11, 1945, in Jackson, Mich., son of Betty and William F. Preston Sr.

In 1968, Bill married Mary Jo Jach and they had two beautiful children.

Bill was also married to Reanne Wallner and at the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, PeiChen.

He graduated from Manistee High School in 1963, Northern Michigan University in 1969 and attended graduate school at Central Michigan University. Bill worked in the family insurance business, Preston-Widgren Insurance Agency, for many years until he moved to Tucson about 15 years ago.

Bill was loved by family and friends. He had several life-long friends and many other friends when he lived in Manistee. He was a member of the Manistee Elks Lodge, and the First Congregational Church.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and John Yarocho of Charlevoix; his daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Matthew Morrison of Florida; his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Chad Eckhardt of Manistee; seven grandchildren, Kelsey, Kyle, Sydney, Ashley, Rylee, Carter and Kasey of Manistee; and niece, Kelly Yarocho; nephew, Tom (Blair) Yarocho and Kyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Betty Preston.

A memorial service took place on Monday, Nov. 28, at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee.

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Health Department receives Michigan Cancer Consortium Challenge Award

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan received the Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) Challenge Award at the Consortium's annual meeting. Eight of the MCC's 116 members were awarded for their plans to increase access to and utilization of cancer screening services among their own employees. Joy Klooster, who coordinates the Health Department's Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program and the Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program, accepted the award on behalf of the agency.

"The Challenge is a win-win for employees and employers," said Anna Notier, MCC Cancer Policy Consultant. "Our primary goal is to improve employee health and wellness. At the same time, a healthy workforce can improve the bottom line."

Each of the MCC Challenge Award recipients committed to assessing their organization's current policies; obtain baseline data regarding screening rates; and create an action plan based on the assessment.

"We're expecting to see increases in employee cancer screening among the Challenge organizations," said Notier. "Those that have the most dramatic improvements will be publicized as model organizations to encourage other employers to adopt similar policies."

According to the Partnership for Prevention, employers who want to invest their health care dollars will emphasize preventive services that are proven to be cost-effective. Breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings are proven to be cost-effective in the short, mid, and long-term.

"We're proud of our Employee Wellness Program," said Pat Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health for the Health Department. "We believe it is important to encourage our employees to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We've made sure our health insurance policy covers cancer screening. But we also offer employee wellness activities year-round, such as weight-loss contests

and lunch time presentations on topics such as healthy nutrition, reducing stress, and ergonomics.

In addition to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, the other Challenge Award winners are American Cancer Society-Great Lakes, Catherine Health Center, District Health Department #10, Health Plus of Michigan, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan Osteopathic Association, and the Sparrow Health System.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information regarding the Health Department's Employee Wellness Program, contact Lynne DeMoor at 231-347-4640.

Renowned Charlevoix Yoga Teacher Will Present Workshop at Song of the Morning Yoga Retreat Center

Vanderbilt – Yoga instructor Heidi Dietrich will present a workshop entitled "Yoga & Mandalas – Enhancing Creativity" at Song of the Morning Yoga Retreat Center in Vanderbilt. This weekend retreat of yoga, meditation, mandalas, chakras, and fierce creativity will begin Friday, December 9 and end Sunday, December 11.

In this weekend of yoga, meditation, self-care and self-love, Heidi Dietrich will help participants focus on life as an embodied practice. Nurture the vessel of your body with time for walking, resting, journaling, and honoring your body through yoga and nutritious meals. Heidi will help you explore the release of old stories held in the body's cells through asana and nutrition. Saturday afternoon will involve creating mandalas and exploring the chakras, while Saturday evening's yoga class will balance the chakras for a delicious evening of sleep in the clean air of Northern Michigan! The program fee is \$120 plus the cost of lodging.

Recently featured on the cover of Spirituality & Health Magazine, Heidi Dietrich is the owner and primary instructor at Charlevoix Yoga Studio. She has been practicing yoga since 1990 and received her 200RYT certification from Marianne Wells Yoga School in Costa Rica in

2009. After experiencing Anusara Yoga, Heidi began pursuing further training in this heart-oriented method that honors the dance of life. As a yogini and an artist, Heidi is inspired to encourage others to create art through the harmony of balancing the body, mind and spirit.

In addition to her interest in yoga, Heidi is also a hula hooper and a proponent of hula hooping for a great cardiovascular workout. She presented a popular hula hooping class at Yoga Fest 2011 at Song of the Morning in August. Hula hoops are available for sale at her Charlevoix Yoga Studio.

Located on 800 beautiful forested acres along the Pigeon River, Song of the Morning Yoga Retreat Center offers a variety of educational programs on the physical, mental, and spiritual potential of human beings. Song of the Morning offers comfortable and reasonably priced lodging for workshop participants and other guests. All accommodation prices include gourmet vegetarian meals. During free time, guests enjoy hiking the beautiful trails. Guests are welcome to join the nightly meditations that run Tuesday – Saturday from 8 to 9 PM. A Sunday meditation service is held at 11 AM. For more information, check out our website at www.songofthemorning.org.

Health Department awarded Safe Routes to School grant for six schools

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is one of five local health departments awarded a grant from Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to develop Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Action Plans in partnership with local schools. Boyne City Elementary and Middle School, Gaylord Intermediate and Middle School, and Pellston Elementary and Middle School are all participating in the program, designed to encourage and

enable school children, including children with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to and from school when distance is reasonable and routes are safe.

We recognize the important role schools can play in addressing the childhood obesity epidemic," said Fred Sitkins, Boyne City Elementary School Principal. "Children are not as physically active as they once were, with decreases in the numbers walking or biking to school and increases in

"screen time" and other sedentary pursuits."

SRTS Teams are forming now in each community to oversee development of local Action Plans. In Pellston, the Building Healthy Communities Coalition's Physical Activity Work Group serves as the SRTS Team. "We're recruiting now for all of the SRTS Teams," said Jim Harrington, Building Healthy Communities Consultant for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Anyone

who is interested is welcome to join us."

Harrington said the first steps to the SRTS project will soon be underway. "We're preparing to collect data now," he said. "There's a flurry of activity: parents are completing SRTS surveys, teachers are compiling tallies of how students got to school, and we're planning walking and biking audits in each community".

Walking and biking audits are

very important to developing SRTS Action Plans:

Boyne City: December 6 at 2:30 PM

Gaylord: to be determined
"In addition to physical activity's obvious health benefits, we know students who get at least 60 minutes of exercise per day come to school better rested and less stressed," said Jerry Belanger, Gaylord Middle School Principal. "Walking and biking to school makes students better learners."



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Santa Claus Came to Town



5 Year old **Sienna Cutler** from Ellsworth visits with Santa at Boyne City's Santa parade last weekend. Her wish was for a real unicorn to keep in her room.

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Firefighters Respond to House Fire on M-75



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The Boyne City Fire Department was called to a home fire earlier this week on M-75. Even during the Holidays, first responders are on call and respond to an emergency.

5th Annual FLURRY FEST

Saturday, December 3rd
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The 5th Annual Flurry Fest returns to Downtown Charlevoix on Saturday, December 3rd!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. ..Santa visits Downtown
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2:30 – 6:00 p.m. ..Flurry Fest
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