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## Boyne City's recently retired police chief plans to "kick back"

B. J. Conley

**BOYNE CITY** — The city's Chief of Police, Randy Howard, is retired as of the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 2.

But he didn't leave until he attended a retirement party put on by city staff. Looking relaxed, Chief Howard shook hands and exchanged hugs with a long line of residents and others who came to the party at City Hall.

Chief Howard has more than 35 years of service to the Boyne City Police Department. He began as a dispatcher.

"I've been here in the community and watched it grow," the chief said. "There has been a lot of different changes through the years."

His assistant chief, Jeff Gettel, re-



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

**Retired after more than 35 years of service to Boyne City, former police chief Randy Howard talks with members of the community. The city hosted a retirement party for him at City Hall on December 2.**

signed earlier this year and has moved out of state. The police department has five full-time officers and two part-time officers.

Chief Howard said he would remain in the area and "kick back" for

a while. He has no immediate plans, but may travel a little. He will continue with the annual drag races. "Oh, I'll be around for those," he

See **Chief Howard**— 3A

## Long time sheriff may run in 2012 election

B. J. Conley

George Thomas Lasater, Charlevoix County Sheriff for 32 years before retiring in 2008, is considering a run for election in 2012 to return as the county sheriff.

"I wouldn't discount it," Lasater said in response to whether he would run. "The jury's still out."

In the last three years of retirement Lasater has written several books and began an investigative business known as "Up North Investigations."

Lasater said he would make a decision about running after the first of the year.

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## sports



PHOTO BY ADAM ESSELMAN

**Junior Guard Charlie Hamilton gets some air on a jump shot against a strong Petoskey Northmen Boy's basketball team.**

## Parents Pledge Helps Children

By Tina Sundelius

**EAST JORDAN**— Preschool and Elementary School students and their parents participated in the launching of a national reading program known as "Read Aloud" Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the East Jordan Elementary School.

Seventy-five children and their parents gathered in the cafeteria for pizza and an introduction to the philosophy behind Read Aloud. The literacy promotion program believes that 15 minutes of reading every day can make a lifetime of difference.

"The concept behind this is to show how reading aloud can be fun and engaging as well as a jumping off point for knowledge based activities or just a conversation starter, anything that stimulates the mind," said Bob Robbins, executive director of the organization and a Charlevoix County resident.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded East Jordan Public Schools the \$5,500 needed for implementing the program.

"We were fortunate to have a private donor donate the funding for the program through the



PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS

**Graham Oliver was assisted in making a cookie bus by his big brother Drew during the Read Aloud event at the East Jordan Elementary School Tuesday. The Read Aloud literacy program asks families to pledge to read aloud 15 minutes a day.**



PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS

**Kindergarten teacher, Mary Anderson gets a little help from Greyson and Brady's Dad, Tony Warchol at the Read Aloud event that took place at the East Jordan Elementary School Tuesday. The literacy program asked families to pledge to read aloud 15 minutes a day.**

Charlevoix County Community Foundation and I would like to thank them for making this happen," Carla Winteringham, elementary school principal said.

The children and their parents then broke off into groups and spent the next 45 minutes visiting three different stations where volunteers read to the children then led them in a related activity. Each session took 15 minutes.

"The point of the evening is to get parents engaged and making sure they understand how important that 15 minutes is," Robbins said.

The program is meant to provide a stage for bonding, learning, and having fun while reading.

"Parents are used to seeing the

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

November 28 - December 4

911 Hang Up Call	3
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Abuse	0
Alarm	5
Animal Complaint	8
Annoyance	2
Assault	2
Assist Citizen	1
Assist Motorist	3
Assist Other Agency	9
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	2
Car/Deer Accident	12
Citations Issued	14
Civil Complaint	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	1
DNR Complaint	3
Domestic Dispute	4
Driving Complaint	0
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	0
Fraud	2
Health & Safety	0
Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	0
Juvenile	1
Larceny	5
Lockout	7

Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	1
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	2
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	0
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	14
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident	1
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	4
Property Damage Accident	10
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	2
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	6
Threat	1
Traffic Stop	62
Trespassing	1
Unknown Accident	2
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	3

## COUNTY RECORDS

### DISTRICT COURT

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

Danny William Mosier, 61, East Jordan. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Sarah Jane McBee, 24, Boyne City. Failure to report an accident. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Jesse Wayne Drost, 17,

Charlevoix. Minor in possession and use of tobacco. Sentenced to pay \$60 in fines and costs.

Steven George Massey, 34, Boyne City. Driving with presence of drugs. Sentenced to pay \$1,455 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 62 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

David Glenn Buitendorp, 28, Boyne City. Driving without an operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Shawn Elizabeth Adams, 33, Charlevoix. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs, \$106.49 in restitution and to one day in jail with credit for one day.

Danny Dean Bullion, 55, Mason. Assault and battery. Sentenced to nine days in jail with credit for nine days.

### CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases recently received sentencing in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court:

Zane Rae Bloomer, 24, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct - 4th degree. Sentenced to 30 days in jail.

John Douglas Bennett, 20, Ellsworth. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture of marijuana. Sentenced to six months in jail.

Lisa Ann Young, 34, Ellsworth. Conspiracy to commit controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 months in jail.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the County of Charlevoix:

Derek Allan Langson, 29, Ishpeming and Mary Patricia Lahti, 28, Boyne City.

### ASSUMED NAMES:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Sheila B's Gourmet Cocoa, 01260 Country Club Road, Boyne Falls by Sheila J. Biggs. Cribbage USA, 1015 S. Lake St., Boyne City by Kari Resch. JC Enterprises, 209 Belvedere Ave., Charlevoix by John H. Cross III.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### Monday, November 28

12:44pm Anonymous report of suspended driver in Hudson Twp. Info turned over to Sheriff Department.

4:00pm Report of subject burning chemical smelling trash on Jefferson.

6:27pm Report of missing ATM card from Lake and Water Streets

6:32pm Report of subjects entering residence in the 500 block of Harris St

10:45pm Report of gunshots in the vicinity of Jefferson and North St

### Tuesday, November 29

9:16am False alarm in the Industrial Park

1:22pm Responded to the 300 block of E Division St for civil complaint between resident and repo company.

2:00pm Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

3:38pm Report of harassment

3:42pm Assist probation officer in the 600 block of N East St

4:20pm Counseled subject in the 300 block of E Division St

6:00pm Received driving complaint in the 100 block of N East St

### Wednesday, November 30

8:29am Parent in to report child refusing to go to school.

9:46am Transported subject arrested on warrant to jail

11:48am Assist fire Dept in the 200 block of Front St

4:30pm Report of stolen bike from the 1000 block of Boyne Av

8:09pm Arrested subject for no insurance and expired driver's license

8:49pm Arrested subject for Driving While License Suspended

11:50pm Suspicious vehicle at Lake and Ray Streets

### Thursday, December 1

8:01am Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St

8:45am Attempt to deliver emergency message in the 900 block of Wilson St

10:16am Report of vehicle driving erratically and dragging bumper near cemetery

12:09pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Water and East Streets

2:46pm Unlock in the 200 block of E Water St

3:48pm Citizen in to drop off found cell phone

5:09pm Report of loud music in the 300 block of E Division St

6:40pm Report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of N Lake St

9:03pm Arrested subject on warrant

11:30pm Observed suspicious activity in the Industrial Park

### Friday, December 2

3:59am Report of loud noise coming from the 700 lock of Wenonah St

8:20am Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St

9:19am Report of larceny from vehicle in the 300 block of E Cedar St

12:00pm Subject in with fix it ticket

3:57pm Request for welfare check on subject in the old Carter's parking lot. All ok

6:42pm 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St

9:16pm Residence toilet papered in the 400 block of E Division St

10:21pm Report of argument occurring in the 100 block of E Water St

### Saturday, December 3

11:38am Report of abandoned vehicle on Edwin St

12:37pm Unlock in the 500 block of N Lake St

6:55pm Civil dispute over x-box cord

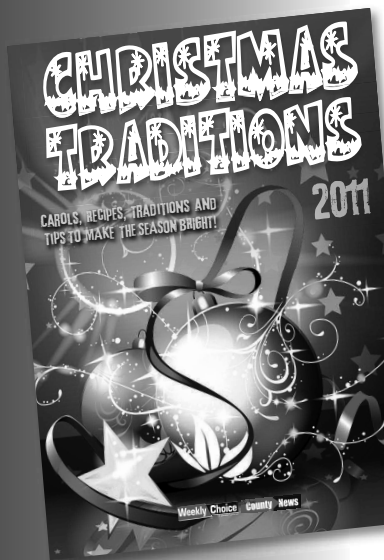
### Sunday, December 4

12:18am Report of assault in the 100 block of E Water St

2:15pm Unlock in the 200 block of Front St

5:03pm Custody dispute in the 200 block of N Lake St

9:02pm False alarm in the 100 block of W Michigan



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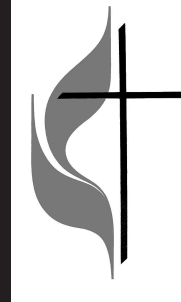
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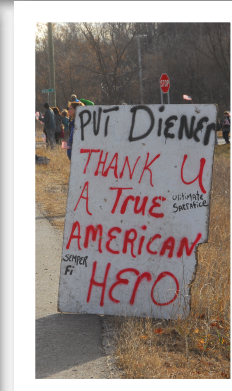
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People lined the streets of Boyne City from the Boyne City High School to Water and Lake Streets to honor Pvt. Jackie L. Diener on Friday, Dec. 2. U.S. Army Pvt. Diener was killed in an attack by insurgents in Afghanistan on Nov. 21. Complete silence fell over the crowd as the motorcade passed by. His parents are Jack and Val Diener and his sister is Marcie. Jackie was a native of Boyne City. He was 20-years-old.

## Two injured in single vehicle accident in Hayes Township

On Friday December 2nd, 2011, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, along with the Charlevoix Township Fire Department and Charlevoix EMS, were called to an area on Maple Grove Road between Upper Bay Shore Road and Stolt Road in Hayes Township for an unknown injury accident. Upon arrival, crews found an early 1990's model Chevy Van had run off the road into a heavily wooded area. The van was at the bottom of a small ravine with no occupants around.

Shortly there after, the driver and passenger were brought back to the accident scene by the driver's parents. The driver, 20 year old Mathew Golovich of Charlevoix, was Southbound on Maple Grove Road, South of Upper Bay Shore Road, when it appears the vehicle made a hard right running off the road, down the small ravine and hitting several large trees. Both Golovich and the passenger, Trevor Blackwell age 19 of Charlevoix, were transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated and released.

The accident is still under investigation.

## FROM PAGE 1 Chief Howard

said of his drag racing passion. He realizes retirement will be something he will need to get used to, but he will be out in the community and involved in activities.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of Boyne City," he said.



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## Christmas season kick-off in East Jordan

By B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The snow was nowhere to be seen, but that was the only thing missing at East Jordan's annual Community Night, the kick-off for the Christmas season held downtown on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The Harmony Hunters were in tune at the barbershop, carolers were singing, pausing only to cheer along with the crowd when the Christmas tree lights were turned on, the soup tasting contest warmed everyone up and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus listened to children's wishes, following Santa's Parade.

The line of parents and kids waiting to see Santa was long, but the crowd was patient as one by one the children sat on Santa's lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

"Have you been good this year?" Santa would ask. Not one child had been bad the whole year.

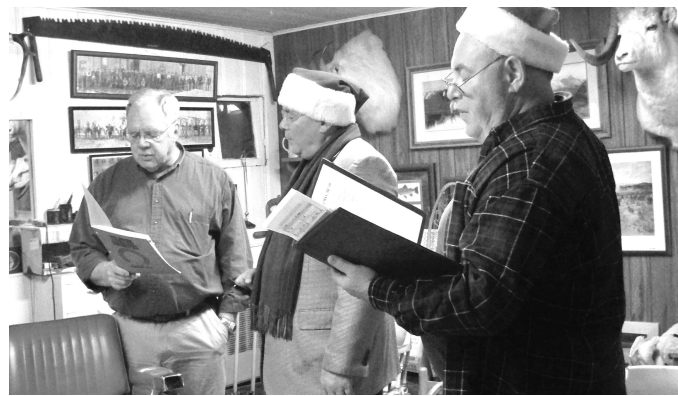
Soups made by various restaurants and civic groups were served at the Senior Center and ranged from cream of asparagus to pumpkin soup garnished with cinimon roasted pecans. The winners this year were: First Place Sommerset Pointe, Second Place Chicken & Stuff and Third Place The Jordan Inn. The funds raised through ticket tasting sales are donated to Care and Share.

The East Jordan Area Chamber organized the event.



PHOTOS BY B. J. CONLEY

East Jordan held its annual Community Night on Dec. 1. Events included the soup cook-off. Sharing a laugh during serving one of the soup varieties are (left) Joseph Krumholz, owner of the Jordan Inn and (right) Evan Chappuies, general manager at Sommerset Pointe. Other activities at the event were singing by the East Jordan Harmony Hunters and, of course, visits with Santa Claus.



## Charlevoix Merchant Open House December 10th



**SANTA DOWNTOWN  
NOON TO 1:00**

**FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE  
"All I want for Christmas"  
at Charlevoix Cinema at 1:00**

Please bring a canned good for entry.

By Jim Akans

'Tis the season for the holiday festivities to begin, and this Saturday, December 10th, stores in downtown Charlevoix will be offering lots of special sales, samples, refreshments, drawings and more during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House.

It will be a day filled with a wide variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy, and at noon, Santa will arrive downtown aboard a fire truck, and will be downtown from noon until 1 pm to greet children brimming with smiles as bright as the holiday season itself.

Once Santa gets ready to depart, head over to the Charlevoix Cinema for a special full-length holiday movie geared especially for the youngsters, compliments of the Charlevoix State Bank. Parents, be sure to bring along a canned good to donate to the Food Pantry for your child's free admission to the theater. The movie will be adult supervised, so parents can head downtown for some shopping if they choose while the children enjoy the show.

As of press time, following is a list of activities during the Merchant Open House this Saturday;

**American Spoon Foods** ~ Beginning at 1pm, stop in and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres.

**Castle Farms** ~ 10am-6pm Find treasures galore at the Gift Shop, including Prince and Princess items, plus sparkly trinkets for the glamour girl on your Christmas list, and Knights in Shining Armor for that special guy. Loads of stocking stuffer items! Free Gift with every \$25 spent at the Gift Shop. 10% off all purchases (excluding wedding items) of all purchases \$50 or more. From 1:00 - 3:00 pm there will be fun, games, crafts and snacks, The Polar Express train display, our brand new Christmas Train Tree, and the chance for a photo opportunity with Santa. Admission: \$5 per child (ages 2+); must be accompanied by an adult.

**Celeste Murdick's Fudge** ~ 10am-6pm \$5 half pound slices of any flavor and free samples!

**Charlevoix Harbor Wear** ~ 10am-8pm Offering refreshments and random drawings throughout the day.

**Cherry Republic** ~ Enjoy samples and hors d'oeuvres and live music.

**Cliff's Shoes** ~ 20% off all kid's boots—Saturday only.

**The Clothing Company** ~ 10am-9pm ONE DAY SALE. Refreshments served. Free gift wrapping. Free gift with \$50 Woolrich purchase. Special in store raffle.

**Consign Design** ~ 10am-8pm Cookies, prize drawing and additional 10% off total sale.

**Elements** ~ 10am-9pm Refreshments from Noon-5pm and gift certificate drawings throughout the day. Receive a holiday gift with purchases over \$35. Elements offers unique items including LifeLinks jewelry by Glenn Wachler.

**Ellair Gallery** ~ 10am-6pm Stop in for cheese and wine tasting. Free gift with each purchase.

**Glik's** ~ 10am-6pm 10% off storewide. Some exclusions apply.

**Halfway to the Top** ~ 20% off all regularly priced clothing. Stop in for refreshments, door prizes and free gift wrapping! Also join us on Thursday Dec 8th for our special holiday party taking place from 6 to 8pm.

**Harbor View Café** ~ 7am-2pm 10% discount on breakfast or lunch for two. Register to win a gift certificate.

**Hearts to Holly** ~ 10am-4pm \$50 gift certificate drawing at 4pm. All Christmas fabric 30% off (1 yard or more).

**Picture This** ~ 10-11:30am Have a picture of your Dog taken with Santa. Fundraiser for the Charlevoix County Humane Society. \$5.00 minimum donation. Refreshments for the Dogs and their people.

**Revolution Bike** ~ 10am-6pm 30-50% off storewide. Enjoy snacks, refreshments and musical entertainment throughout the day.

**Rocking Horse Toy Company** ~ Be sure to stop in for refreshments and specials!

**Round Lake Book Store** ~ 9am-9pm All day refreshments. Great assortment of Christmas Gift selections. Christmas Children's books. And many books on sale.

**Sunglass Shoppe** ~ 10am-6pm Enter to win a \$50 gift certificate at the Charlevoix store. Snacks and refreshments served all day.

**The Taffy Barrel** ~ Noon-6pm Serving hot cider and holiday cookies. Today only, purchase one pound of any bulk candies (including Jelly-Belly) and receive 1/2 pound FREE. Why not fill those stockings with their favorite old fashioned candies? Holiday boxes, bags or tins will be available to purchase and fill with your favorite treats. Stop by and enjoy your sweet day at the Taffy Barrel.

**Todd Warner Studio** ~ Serving holiday cheer and refreshments all day.

Be sure to bring your holiday gift-shopping list, check it twice, and head to the Charlevoix Merchant Open House.

For additional informa-

tion or a complete list of participating stores and their activities visit [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org) or call 231.547.2101.

## Santa visits Castle Farms Saturday, Dec. 10

By Jim Akans

Everyone knows that Santa Claus deserves the "royal treatment" all year long, but that is especially true as Christmas approaches.

This coming Saturday, December 10th, kids of all ages will have a chance to visit with Santa in the "royal" setting of Castle Farms near Charlevoix, as the facility hosts the 4th annual Santa at the Castle event from 1 to 3 pm.

Brittany Severinsen, Venue Event Coordinator, states, "In addition to having the opportunity to visit with Santa, one of the things kids absolutely love about this event is watching the Polar Express model train we have set-up and listening along as we play the audio from the Polar Express books. We also offer a goodie bag for \$5 (for kids age two and over) that includes a coloring book, stickers, a letter they can use to write their holiday wishes on before they go up to visit with Santa, and even a cookie for a snack."

Severinsen also notes that children can have their photos taken with Santa...but reminds parents to bring their camera to the event to capture their child's visit with St. Nick. There will also be light snacks and refreshments available at the event.

But that's not all that's happening at Castle Farms this coming Saturday.

From 10 am until 6 pm, the Castle Farms gift shop will also be hosting a very special Open House. This is the second year for this event, and for every \$25.00 purchase



The Polar Express model train set up is something kids of all ages enjoy at the Santa at the Castle event. COURTESY PHOTO

a shopper makes they will receive a free gift, and for purchases totaling \$50.00 or more they will receive 10% off.

Castle Farms' 2nd Annual Merchant Open House is a celebration of the season held in conjunction with the Charlevoix Merchant's Open House (see related article). There are treasures galore available, including Prince and Princess items, plus sparkly trinkets for the glamour girl on your Christmas list, and Knights in Shining Armor for that special guy. Loads of stocking stuffer items can be found for those of all ages!

For additional information, call Castle Farms, located at 5052 M-66, at (231) 237-0884.

## Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus' Presents Handel's Messiah Concert

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. A quartet of outstanding soloists, Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Martha Hart, alto; David Theis, tenor; and Mark Goros, bass; will join the GLCO Orchestra and GLCO Chorus in this performance.

Handel's "Messiah" is the best known and most beloved oratorio ever written, combining recitative, aria, and dramatic choruses in a resounding affirmation of God's love. "Messiah" was written in 24 days, and was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742, as a benefit concert for the Society for Relieving Prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and the Mercer's Hospital. Handel made slight modifications in the work for almost every performance, tailoring the arias to his soloists and varying the number of voices in the choir. "Messiah" stands as an artwork which transcends period and cultural boundaries, and speaks in the most profound way to human spiritual aspirations. During the Advent and



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Presentation of the Christmas sections of Handel's "Messiah," will take place at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Thursday, December 15th, and Friday December 16th at 7:00 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

Christmas seasons the first section and selected portions of the remainder are usually performed.

Tickets, ranging from \$14 for General Admission, \$25 for Silver Reserved Section, \$50 for Gold Reserved Section, and \$75 for Platinum Reserved Section, are now available on line at [TREATickets.com](http://TREATickets.com) or [www.glcorchestra.org](http://www.glcorchestra.org) or by calling the GLCO office 231-487-0010. Reserved seating is available. General admission tickets are available at Chambers of Commerce and bookstores in Petoskey, Harbor Springs,

Charlevoix, Boyne City, and East Jordan, Dars Hallmark in Cheboygan or at local bookstores. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. For this Season's Performance all active military and their spouse will be admitted free as well as students 18 and under

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presentation of Handel's "Messiah" is sponsored by the Bank of Northern Michigan, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Dear Santa

Hey Kids... send your Letters to Santa to us for publication in an upcoming edition of the Charlevoix County News.

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# Sing, Dance, Celebrate

**December 11 at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey, 3:00 pm**

Dance Attack of Mancelona and the Little Traverse Youth Choir (LTYC) will present a collaborative winter concert at the Petoskey United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. The LTYC, Touring Choir and Treble Choirs, directed by Heather Marvin of Petoskey, and Dance Attack, directed by Jeannine Sladick of East Jordan, will be collaborating on several programs this season including joint concerts and at least two joint production numbers integrating the dancers and singers. Dance Attack is a program of Concord Montessori and Community School (CMCS) in Mancelona. Both groups participated in the 2011 Children of the World in Harmony International Youth Choir & Dance Festival presented by Voices Without Borders, Inc. this past summer. The December 11th program will feature a wonderful variety of traditional dance styles including the

highly energetic Appalachian Clogging, Irish, French Canadian, and English step-dances plus contemporary and sacred and secular works in two and three part arrangements for treble choir.

The LTYC has appeared with the Little Traverse Choral Society and the Young Americans and participated in the 2010 Children of the World International Choir and Dance Festival. The LTYC is currently comprised of thirty-eight singers ages 8-18 from throughout northern Michigan. Later this month the choir will open for the Messiah concerts in Petoskey, and this spring they will go on a Midwest concert tour and perform Carmina Burana with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus.

Heather Marvin, Director of the LTYC is enrichment coordinator at Petoskey Middle School. She has been the Music Director of the Little Traverse Youth Choir since its founding last February. She formerly directed several Petoskey Middle School musicals, church children's and adult choirs, and is Associate Producer of the Children of the World in Harmony International Youth Choir & Dance Festivals.

Jeannine Sladick began her dance career when she performed with "Dance All Night" in the



1980's, and subsequently with "Step in Time", and the "Step Sisters". Her greatest passion is to share her enthusiasm for traditional dance and keep the folk process alive! Jeannine is Artistic Director of the student traditional step dance company "Dance Attack!" at Concord Montessori and Community School of Mancelona, Michigan. The Little Traverse Youth Choir is a program of Voices Without Borders, Inc., a local non-profit organization, which produced the Children of the World in Harmony International Youth Choir and Dance Festivals the last three summers. VWB, Inc. was founded to promote, support, and sponsor choral music and dance performances and other performing arts activities for young people in our

schools and communities.

The Voices Without Borders Board of Directors appreciates the support from grants awarded by the Hestia Women's Giving Circle, the Cheboygan Area Arts Council Regional Regranting Agency, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Great Lakes Energy People Fund, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation as well as from its patrons, donors, and sponsors. If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution to support these programs, please send checks payable to Voices Without Borders, 507 Alcan Road, Petoskey, MI 49770. Thank you for your patronage and for supporting the arts. LTYC will hold auditions for new

singers on January 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Petoskey. Please contact Heather Marvin at 348-1049 or at littletraverseyouthchoir@gmail.com. Information about this and other upcoming concerts is also available on the choir's website at www.littletraverseyouthchoir.org.

Tickets are available at McLean & Eakin and Horizon Bookstores in Petoskey and Between the Covers Bookstore in Harbor Springs, as well as Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ticket prices are \$5 students and seniors, \$7 adults, \$25 limit for immediate family. Tickets will also be available at the door the afternoon of the concert.



## A tradition of excellence in dining and service at the Redwood Steak House in Lewiston

By Jim Akans

For over 50 years, the Redwood Steak House in Lewiston has offered a unique, steak house (and seafood) experience right here in northern Lower Michigan. From the tantalizing, melt in your mouth flavors of hand carved Porterhouse, New York Strip and Tenderloin steaks and Roast Prime Rib of Beef, to the delicious delicacy of Lobster Tails, King Crab Legs, Jumbo Shrimp that are steamed or hand dipped and deep fried, and tender, flakey Ocean Perch, Fresh Whitefish or Icelandic Cod, the menu at the Redwood Steak House is a virtual roster of delight for northern Michigan residents and visitors to behold.

Redwood Steak House opened their doors back in April of 1958, and other than two short breaks, one the result of

a fire and the second during a change of ownership, this extremely popular dining destination has been providing a tradition of excellence in dining and service ever since. The original 48-seat restaurant was built by Bill and Elda Butski, and purchased by brothers Curt and Tommee Render in 1967, who expanded the facility to a seating capacity in the dining room to 130, and added a bar area. In 1980, Rob Chapman, who had been working for the Renders since 1969, purchased the Redwood Steak House and expanded the dining area even further to achieve a seating capacity of 150.

Today, the Redwood Steak House offers not only a first class dining experience; they also feature live entertainment or Karaoke on Friday

See Redwood Steak House—7A

## Ellsworth and Atwood Celebrate the Season

### Wooden Shoe Festival

The 7th Annual Ellsworth/Atwood Wooden Shoe Festival will be held Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Banks Township Hall. The fest kicks off with the lighting of the Community Tree by Irene Shooks, Banks Township Citizen of the Year, followed by Christmas Carols. Then toast the Season with friends and neighbors over pizza, punch and cookies. Make an ornament and help decorate the Hall for the holidays. Twister Joe, Northern Michigan's Favorite Balloon artist, will be on hand to make festive holiday balloon hats.

### Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, December 10, 9:00am to 11:00am Don't miss the annual Ellsworth Lion and Li-oness Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Banks Township Hall. Take a photo with

### Santa compliments of Charlevoix State Bank. Atwood Christmas Celebration

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## DAVE Says

### Business and friendship

Dear Dave,  
I'm about to buy my first home. My plan is to buy a duplex and rent out the other side to help pay down the mortgage quickly. A friend of mine wants to be my renter, but I'm worried that this could jeopardize our friendship. What do you think?

Jerry  
Dear Jerry,  
This can work, but the odds aren't in your favor. When you do business with friends you always face the risk of running into a situation that can damage the relationship.

Does this mean you can never do business with friends? Of course not. I do a lot of business with friends. But I make sure that the specific requirements of our relationship are laid out very clearly, in writing.

It would be a good idea to make sure he understands that he absolutely must come talk to you ahead of time if there's even a chance that he might not make the rent one month. Most problems can be worked out, but you're not running a charity. This needs to be emphasized in a kind-but-firm manner.

Sometimes friends have unrealistic expectations on both sides. The friend who is renting may think he'll get some slack on the payments, or the friend who's the landlord may assume the renter will be a model tenant. These dangerous myths need to be addressed and ironed out before anything is signed.

You can make it work, Jerry. Just be straightforward, and make sure the rules are understood by everyone involved. Then,

when you have to enforce the rules, do it gently but firmly.  
—Dave

### Co-signing leads to Stupid Tax

Dear Dave,  
My wife co-signed on a loan for an ex-boyfriend five years ago when they were together, before we even met. Now a collection agency is after her. Our attorney has recommended we take Chapter 7 bankruptcy, but the debt is only \$5,000. Is there a better way?



Dave Ramsey

Jeff  
Dear Jeff,  
You bet there's a better way! It's just plain stupid to even consider trashing your financial life over \$5,000, because bankruptcy stays on your record for years.

This is an old loan with very low expectations for collection. The collector probably bought it for next to nothing, and everything he gets will be profit. It's not uncommon for debts this old to be settled for fifty cents on the dollar, and sometimes even less. Haggle with them, and I'll bet you can talk them down to \$2,500.

Get an agreement in writing before you send them a dime, and do not give them access to your bank account. They'll threaten to sue, or ruin your credit and that kind of stuff, but my guess is you can work this out. It may take a couple of weeks and some patience, but that's nothing if it will save you \$2,000 to \$3,000.

You guys will have to pay some Stupid Tax on this one, but I hope it will teach you both a very valuable lesson. Never co-sign a loan!  
—Dave

### Sophie Podufaly

(JAN. 5, 1917 - DEC. 3, 2011)

Sophie Podufaly, 94, of Boyne Falls, died Dec. 3, 2011, at the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Sophie was born Jan. 5, 1917, in Standish, Mich. the daughter of Michael and Bernice "Bertha" (Sayk) Furmanek and was raised in Dearborn, Mich.

On Sept. 5, 1938, Sophie married Edward Podufaly in East Detroit and they made their home in the Detroit area. Sophie worked as a seamstress at the Burschell's Bridal Shop in Dearborn, Mich., for 25 years until Edward retired in 1964 and the family moved to Boyne Falls. Sophie later became the librarian at the Crooked Tree District Library in Boyne Falls, a role she held for 40 years. Edward preceded Sophie in death in 1996.

She was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls and enjoyed gardening, crocheting, reading, and loved playing bingo.

Sophie is survived by four children, Henry (Anna) Podufaly of New York, N.Y., Bernice (Pete) Skop of Boyne Falls, Walter (Irene) Podufaly of Big Rapids, Mich., and Veronica "Geegee" (Ed, Jr.) Matelski of Boyne Falls; 12 grandchildren, Christopher, Jennifer, Philip, Patricia, Sharon, Karen, Eric, Elizabeth, Abbey, Edward III, Dan, and Brad; and by 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward; a sister, Wanda Matelski; and by two brothers, Steve and Johnny Furmanek.

A funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls.

Memorial contributions in Sophie's memory may be directed to the Crooked Tree District Library in Boyne Falls.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

### Opal E. Washburn

Opal E. Washburn (nee Follette) died unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Petoskey.

She is survived by daughters, Rahel Sivan (Walloon Lake) and Daniella Washburn (East Jordan.) Additionally, she had six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She lost her husband, DeVere L. Washburn Sr., in 2001, and her son, Devere L. Washburn II, in 2008. She is survived by four sisters and four brothers.

Opal may be best remembered as owning Dell's Beauty Salon in Boyne City. After retiring from her shop, she worked for Northern Michigan Hospital in pre-admitting for 15 more years when she retired, again, in 1991, at which point she and her husband, "Dee," began to travel. They bought a second home in Zapata, Texas, where they wintered and traveled the Southwest — extensively. She had an A.A. in cosmetology, and was working off and on toward a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, also taking classes at North Central Michigan College. She was an avid genealogist, often traveling to Ohio and Indiana sites to do research with her daughter, Dani. Until a few years ago, you might have run into her at craft shows around Northern Michigan, another strong interest of hers. She was a VFW Woman's Auxiliary member and also a Red Hatter.

She has left behind not only a loving family, but many friends. Although she graduated from Petoskey High School, she attended Boyne City High School into her senior year, class of 1946.

Please, if you will, take a moment and "hats off" to Opal E. She lived a good, fine life, we, as her daughters,

are asking that you stop and keep a good thought, remember her kindly and she will live on in our hearts, forever. Donations may be made to the Boyne City Senior Center, earmarked: Senior lunch program ... please, no flowers. A memorial service is planned for spring.

### Christopher Matthews Hock

(SEPT. 16, 1970 - DEC. 1, 2011)

Christopher Matthews Hock, 41, of East Jordan, MI and Cary, North Carolina, died Thursday, December 1, 2011, at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

He was born on September 16, 1970, in Rochester, Michigan, the son of Donald E. and Charlotte A. (Matthews) Hock. He graduated number one in his class at Reidsville High School, Reidsville, North Carolina in 1988. He received his Bachelor of Science degree, Summa Cum Laude in Computer Science and Mathematics from the St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina in 1992.

He married Shandra L. Sweet on June 15, 2001 in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They made their homes in East Jordan, Michigan and Cary, North Carolina.

He worked as a computer consultant for CGI, Canada for nineteen years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, travel, movies, computers, guitar, cars, boating, walking his dogs, Gracie and Piper.

He is survived by his wife of nine ½ years, Shandra L. Sweet-Hock of East Jordan, Michigan and Cary, North Carolina; one son, Andrew S. Sweet of East Jordan, Michigan; his parents, Donald E. and Charlotte A. Hock of Reidsville, North Carolina; his grandmother, Lil Hock of Cape Coral, Florida; one sister, Andrea (Alex) Taylor of Sanford, North Carolina; a special uncle, Edward Matthews of Reidsville, North Carolina; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sanford H. and Paula M. Sweet of East Jordan, Michigan; brother-in-law, Brent (Rachelle) Sweet of Lake Odessa, Michigan; one sister-in-law, Robin (Tom) Peters of East Jordan, Michigan; brother-in-law, Sanford L. (Amanda) Sweet of Williamsburg, Michigan; cousin, Meredith A. (Drew) Franklin, and 12 nieces and nephews: Kyle, Shalea, Shaina, Valerie, Alainna, Tim, Hayden, Aeden, Tanner, Adam, Landon, and Cooper.

A celebration of Chris' life was held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Genesis Methodist Church in, Cary, North Carolina, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Craig Ham officiated.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan, Michigan. Rev. James L. Jordan and Rev. Bart Adams of the Lighthouse Missionary Church will officiate. Interment will follow in Rockery Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or to St. Andrew University online at [www.sapc.edu/giving/](http://www.sapc.edu/giving/) (Please indicate in the comments box that the donation is in memory of Chris Hock) or by mail to: St. Andrews University, 1700 Dogwood Mile, Laurinburg, NC 28352, Phone: (910) 277-5664, Fax: (910) 277-5663 (Please make out the check to St. Andrews University and indicate in your check memo line that the check is in memory of Chris Hock.)

### Evelyn J. Ballard, 82

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

The funeral service was Friday, Dec. 2, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Ronald G. Klooster

(March 1, 1943 - Nov. 29, 2011)

Ronald G. Klooster, 68, of East Jordan, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011. He was born on March 1, 1943, in East Jordan, the son of George and Helen (Springstead) Klooster. He grew up on a 120-acre farm near East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1961.



Ron delivered fuel oil for the East Jordan Co-op for many years. He also farmed and managed the East Jordan Co-op Convenience Store. Recently, Ron served as a chaplain at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He had served as East Jordan city commissioner and mayor. He also served the East Jordan area with his ministry and management of the Open Door Christian Coffee House.

Ron enjoyed riding his Honda "Silver Wing" motorcycle and during Christmastime, playing "Old Man Winter." Ron loved food, fellowship and singing gospel. He enjoyed his Grandvue fellowship through the Senior Companion Program.

He was a devoted father, devoted friend and a devoted member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Heather (Randy) Burks of East Jordan and Melissa Klooster, both of East Jordan; six grandchildren, Nicole Dougherty, Alexis Dougherty, Trey Dougherty, Trevor Dougherty, Donvee Burks and Miranda Burks, all of East Jordan; three sisters, Marilyn Pearce of Fostoria, Ohio, Kay Richards of Lake City and Carol (Ray) Schneider of Charlotte; and his significant other, Dorothy M. Lehman of Mancelona.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church with pastor Rap Pospik of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan United Methodist Church for chaplain development.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Emily Lynn Root

(MARCH 22, 2004 - NOV. 29, 2011)

Emily Lynn Root, age 7, of Boyne City, went to the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Emily was born on March 22, 2004, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Willis Root Sr. and Theresa Looze.

Emily loved animals and spending time outside. Emily was a second-grader at Boyne City Elementary School.

Emily is survived by her mother, Theresa Looze; father, Willis Root Sr.; sisters, Heather Skop and Andrea Skop; brothers, Corey (Ashley) Root and Willis "Billy" (Jessica) Root Jr.; grandmothers, Shirley Looze and Margaret Root; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Emily had a sweet nature and could melt any heart with her tender smile. She will be greatly missed by all the lives she touched.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the church with the Rev. Duane Wachowiak serving as celebrant. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery on Skop Road in Boyne Falls.

Memorial donations in memory of Emily may be directed to the family, in care of Theresa Looze.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Emily are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

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## FROM PAGE 1 Bell Ringers

McIntyre and N.J. Lewis, instrumental in the original use of the kettle, took the idea to the East Coast.

In 1897, McIntyre prepared his Christmas plans for Boston around the kettle. Other Army officers did not want to participate for fear of "making spectacles of themselves." Nevertheless, McIntyre, with his wife and sister, set up three kettles on Washinton Street in the heart of the city. That year, the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy.

In 1898, The New York

World hailed the Salvation Army kettle as "the newest and most novel device for collecting money." The newspaper also observed, "There is a man in charge to see that contributions are not stolen."

In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down diner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today, families are often given grocery checks for food baskets so they can prepare dinners at home. The homeless poor are still invited to share holiday dinners and festivities at hundreds of Salvation Army centers.

Kettles now are used around the world, includ-

ing Korea, Japan, Chile and Europe. Everywhere, public contributions to the kettles enable The Salvation Army to bring the spirit of Christmas to people who would otherwise be forgotten - the aged and lonely, ill, poor and disadvantaged, or inmates of jails and other institutions.

In the United States, The Salvation Army annually aids more than 6 million people at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kettles have changed since that first utilitarian cauldron in San Francisco. Today, some kettles have such devices as a self-ringing bell, a booth with a system that broadcasts Christmas carols, even the capability for donors to use credit cards! Though here in Northern Michigan, the familiar sight of a Salvation Army volunteer ringing their bell throughout the holiday season is a tradition that endures.

Whatever the innovation, though, the same message "Sharing is Caring" still supports this timeless enduring program.



## Mitten tree at Bay Winds



East Jordan Garden Club invites you to share in the giving spirit by donating mittens, hats, scarves and socks this holiday season. Bring your donation to East Jordan's Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix

State Bank and Huntington Bank and place them on the Christmas tree until December 15. Donations will be distributed by the East Jordan Care and Share in conjunction with their holiday gifting projects. The

Mitten Tree project is a collaborative effort between the Garden Club and Care and Share.

Pictured are garden club member Marge Best (L) and Care and Share representative Connie Roberts (R).



## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Jim Daly & Juli Slattery



### First Christmas after Divorce not Very Merry for Children

**Q: My ex-wife and I have had a lot of rough holidays together, but this is our first one since our divorce. Now, we're negotiating who gets the kids when, and it's terrible -- especially for our kids. How can we help them have a "merry Christmas"?**

**Juli:** Some experts on divorce have described it as a death -- the death of a family, a marriage and a dream of happily ever after. As with any death, there is gut-wrenching grief associated with the loss, and learning to adapt to a "new normal." At no time is this more poignant than at the holidays. Your kids are grieving the loss of their family as much as you are. It's OK to let them express that and acknowledge that this Christmas will be difficult for everyone.

Although everyone gets hurt in a divorce, the children are the most obvious victims. They had no say in what happened, yet have to live with the painful aftermath. Research indicates that one of the top predictors of a child's stability after divorce is the health of the relationship between his parents. Whatever conflicts, wounds and feelings you have toward each other, put them aside for the holidays and give your children a conflict-free Christmas. I'd encourage

your former wife and you to do whatever you can to work together to make the holidays smooth for your kids.

If possible, share Christmas morning, celebrating together, or pitch in together to buy your kids gifts from both of you, instead of competing for who bought more gifts. I know these suggestions may sound far-fetched given the hostility that often accompanies divorce, but your kids deserve your effort toward peace. More than any shiny package under the Christmas tree, your children most want and need to know that Mom and Dad love them and are not going to fight over them.

**Q: Every Christmas, my kids get caught up in the desire for the latest toys and electronic gadgets. Not only is this expensive for my husband and me, but it seems to miss the point of Christmas entirely. Without being preachy, how can we teach our kids that it's not just about getting stuff?**

**Jim:** Children have a tendency to feel that the world revolves around them. Our culture encourages this problem by telling kids -- and adults, too -- to look out for No. 1. The materialism of the Christmas season only aggravates the problem.

In her book "Fun-Filled

Parenting," author Silvana Clark suggests that one of the best antidotes for self-centeredness is to volunteer as a family. It might be serving at a soup kitchen, or hosting a neighborhood bake sale and giving the proceeds to charity, or taking part in a church service project, or putting together Christmas care packages for the troops.

According to Clark, volunteering helps children learn four valuable lessons. First, it helps them understand that they're not the center of the universe. Second, it enables kids to learn responsibility and gain self-confidence. Third, it puts them in touch with community resources and groups that depend on volunteers. And finally, volunteering helps kids build relationships with positive role models -- men and women who have invested their lives in reaching out.

Here's something that will really blow your kids' minds: have them go through their stuff and identify a few things (in good condition) to give away to a needy family or shelter this year. Or better yet, have them pool their allowance and buy a few new items! This kind of selflessness goes against just about everything they're hearing from the culture.

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## FROM PAGE 1 Parent's Pledge

completed projects their kids bring home but now they can see the process and do that with their kids," Winteringham said.

When all three stations have been visited children and parents alike gather in the gym to take the Read Aloud Pledge and receive their Big Box of Books. Each child received a box of six beautiful new, age-appropriate books all related to this year's theme "Things that Go!"

"Because of the way the human brain processes words, reading to a child gives them an advantage at the elementary school level. By kindergarten, some children have been read aloud to as few as 25 hours while their peers have been read aloud to as many as 1,000 hours," Winteringham said.

"If a child doesn't read at grade level at the end of first grade, there is only a 12% chance they will be reading at grade level by the sixth grade even with all the intervention," Robbins said. "Studies directly correlate not reading by third grade with graduation rates and future prison population rates."

The program launched the pilot for its Big Box of Books community outreach initiative in Mancelona in December of 2010. The program put books in the hands of families after providing learning sessions where children and adults alike were inspired to make reading aloud a daily part of their lives.

"If a student reads 20 minutes per night, five nights of every week, they will have read 3,600 minutes in a school year. If a student only reads 4 minutes per night, five nights of every week they, would have only read 720 minutes per school year. It is so important to set a goal for our students so they can be successful with reading. That is why we make the pledge to read at least 15 minutes every night at East Jordan Elementary," Winteringham said, "I'd love to see this branch out to other schools, it really promotes at home reading."

## National program began in Northern Michigan.

By Tina Sundelius

Read Aloud.org believes that through reading aloud together, families can build literacy skills, reinforce knowledge-based learning, and enhance communication across generations. This national, non-profit organization that works to ignite a passion for reading aloud in families got its start right here in Northern Michigan. Bob Robbins, Carolyn Robbins, Jennifer Liu Bryan, and Candace Kendle are a family that believes families that read aloud together will be stronger, smarter and more successful.

The program is the brainchild of the Robbins family. While researching together for family history that would provide the source of a book Liu Bryan was writing, "The Cole Family Christmas", the family discovered that their grandmother had read aloud to her family nightly including to her husband who had no formal education, and all of them did very well in life.

"After publishing the book we discussed taking this on as a social cause, we started looking at the data and saw how compelling it was," Bob said.

The Robbins have been vacationing in Alden since 1980 and made it their home in 2000. "We are proud, we got to start it (Read Aloud) in our neighborhood we're the first and that makes me feel good, our kids got to get started first," Carolyn said.

## FROM PAGE 5 Redwood Steak House

and Saturday evenings. Regular performers include local musical favorites Sneaky Peat, the Key West Comedy Magic of Frank Everhart (who will appear this Saturday, December 10th starting at 6 pm), and "Michigan Man" Mike Ridley also performs at the Redwood Steak House on a regular basis.

Redwood Steak House is open seven days a week and features daily dining specials that have generated a wave of excitement among area diners. Those include a famous all-u-can-eat Fish Fry on Tuesdays and Fridays, Steamed or Hand Dipped Jumbo Shrimp on Wednesdays, Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus on Thursdays and Saturdays, a Complete Chicken Dinner on Sundays, and Monday's are reserved as "Chef's Choice," with a unique, and delicious selection each week.

"Something we have just added is our Early Bird Special," states Rob Chapman. "That is available from 4:30 to 6 pm Sundays through Thursdays, with prices ranging from \$6.99 to \$7.99. Specials include

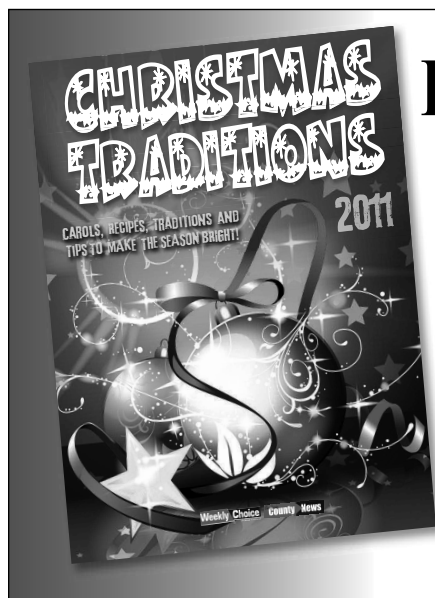
liver and onions, lemon pepper chicken, whitefish or cod parmesan, crab cake, beef tips and noodles, fettuccini with meat sauce and ocean perch fish and chips."

Another favorite specialty item at the Redwood Steak House is "The Steak Tray." Servers bring a tray of sumptuous Porterhouse, New York Strip or Tenderloin steaks for guest to select from, or they can have a steak cut to order.

For over half a century, the staff at the Redwood Steak House has been dedicated to the highest of standards. Freshness is always a top priority, and they prepare their own dressings, soups and sauces from scratch, and even bake their own bread, corn muffins, biscuits and more on a daily basis for their guests.

"I encourage people to take a beautiful drive to Lewiston and visit us," states Rob Chapman. "At the Redwood Steak House, they can select their own steak, or perhaps enjoy some great seafood, and know that our entire staff is committed to making their dining experience a truly enjoyable and memorable one."

The Redwood Steak House is located at the corner of County Roads 489 and 612 in Lewiston. For reservations and additional information, call (989) 786-4600 or visit [www.theredwoodsteakhouse.com](http://www.theredwoodsteakhouse.com).



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# News Briefs

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Senior Agency Seeks Ideas from County Citizens

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (COA) is working to develop a sustainable model for providing senior services throughout Charlevoix County. In support of this effort, the COA advisory board is conducting a series of meetings around the county to: share results from focus group sessions last summer; provide current and future financial projections affecting the COA department; share alternatives recently presented to county commissioners; and seek reactions, ideas and suggestions from the public for consideration by the commissioners. Because the well being of senior citizens impacts every aspect of a community's quality of life, the COA believes it is important to share the challenges it faces in delivering senior programs and services and to hear the opinions and ideas from all segments of the population in developing solutions. The COA advisory board invites you to get involved in the future of the COA and well being of Charlevoix County seniors by participating in one of the following meetings:

Charlevoix Thursday, December 1 6:00 - 8:00 PM Library, Community Room B

Boyerne City Wednesday, December 7 6:30 - 8:30 PM Library, Community Room

East Jordan Thursday, December 8 6:00 - 8:00 PM Grandvue Theatre

Beaver Island Tuesday, December 13 6:00 - 8:00 PM St. James Township Hall

For questions or more information, please call Margo Johnson, Advisory Board Chair at (231) 547-0866 or Jack Messer, Director of the COA at (231) 237-0103.

## 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 Dittlows at 547-4935.

## EAST JORDAN & ELLSWORTH Holiday Business Decorating Contests

Be sure to register for the two Holiday Business Decorating Contests sponsored by Charlevoix County News. Forms available at the Chamber or on-line at [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org).

## 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 period 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

### 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](mailto:frieda@compnor.com)

## ATWOOD

### Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 10, varied times 8am thru 4pm Friske Orchards "Family Game Time by the Fire" 11-2, Atwood Hardware Make-a-Snow Sculpture & Hot Chocolate & cookies Noon - 2, Royal Farms Holiday Open House with Hay Rides and a Sledding Party (weather permitting) bring your own sled from 1-3, enjoy Hot Chocolate & Cookies at Work n' Play Shop 8 - 4

## BOYNE CITY

### Breakfast with Santa

The annual event held at Water Street Cafe, will be Saturday, Dec. 10, with seatings at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Breakfast includes waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, a sweet treat, orange or apple juice, a digital photo and a gift from Santa. Admission is \$7.95 per child or adult. Reservations are required; call 582-9929.

## 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

### 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 ginger bread houses. Northern Eagle Clothier at 118 Water Street is donating its store windows for some of the children's gingerbread creations.

## 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 of 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!

## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Carols in the Round

Traditional, Contemporary and International songs of the season accompanied by a variety of instruments. Come to listen, play, sing and celebrate the season together in the warmth of the Charlevoix Senior Center Building. Family friendly; light refreshments available at no charge (donations toward the Back Porch Music Concert series are welcome). Saturday, December 10, 7pm.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Choir concert

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

## 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.

## ELLSWORTH

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 11, 9am to 11am. Don't Miss the annual Lion and Lioness Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Banks Township Hall. Take a photo with Santa compliments of Charlevoix State Bank.

## 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 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

## PETOSKEY

### Staying Financially Fit

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency will be hosting a workshop on Staying Financially Fit on December 13, from 6pm to 9pm, as part of a series of workshops on financial fitness. The series workshops are offered free to the public at NMCAA, 2202 Mitchell Park. To register or to find out about the future workshops, please call 231-347-9070.

## 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@northernlakes.net](mailto:info@northernlakes.net).

## EAST JORDAN

### Christmas Program - Grade 4-5

4-5 Grade. Dec. 14, 7pm at East Jordan Elementary School Gym

## EAST JORDAN

### Free Movie

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

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## ELLSWORTH

### Wooden shoe festival

Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Holiday Festival activities are also being coordinated for Wednesday, December 14th beginning at 6:00 PM - Banks Township Hall. Tree Lighting, Caroling, Children's Activities, Twister Joe and Refreshments. If you'd like to help, please contact us!

## BOYNE CITY

### Business after hours

Bella Vita restaurant will host the Boyne Chamber's holiday Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Formerly known as Monte Bianco, Bella Vita is a casual fine dining Italian restaurant that reopened May 18 under new owners Kelly Woodard and Ryan Houghton. "We specialize in authentic Italian cuisine while relying on Northern Michigan products whenever possible," Woodard said. "Our focus is on the dining experience as a whole - quality dishes hand-prepared with the freshest ingredients, exceptional service, combined with a full bar, eclectic wine list, and good friends." They are located at 2911 Boyne City - Charlevoix Road, phone 231-582-3341. Bella Vita has been closed since Oct. 15 and will reopen Dec. 16, the day after Business After Hours.

## PETOSKEY

### Handel's Messiah

Handel's Messiah will be presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Thursday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 16, at 7pm. A quartet of outstanding soloists, Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Martha Hart, alto; David Theis, tenor and

Mark Goros, baritone. The orchestra's presentation of Handel's "Messiah" is sponsored by the Bank of Northern Michigan, The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, and contributing members. Reserved tickets are available at Treatickets.com, www.glorchestra.org or by calling 231-487-0010. General admission tickets (\$15) are available at chambers of commerce and bookstores in Boyne City, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and East Jordan. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

## EAST JORDAN

### Holiday Art

Looking for a unique gift? Stop by the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St. thru Dec. 17 to shop for holiday art created by the talented local artists at the Jordan River Arts Council.

## EAST JORDAN

### Christmas Art Sale

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

## BOYNE CITY

### Boyerne 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.

## EAST JORDAN

### Christmas Tree sale

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

## GAYLORD

### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Otsego County Parks and Recreation will host a holiday 3 on 3 basketball tournament on December 29th, 30th, and 31st. Tournament is for 3rd - 8th grade boys and girls. Each grade bracket will be limited to the first 6 teams that register. 4 players per team. Each team is guaranteed 3 games. Cost is \$40 per team. Games will be officiated. Registration deadline is Dec. 26. Stop by the Otsego County Community Center, 315 S. Center St. Gaylord or call 989-732-6521 to register.

## 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 (charlevoix-county.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 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.

## 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 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 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.

## 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

### K of C Free Throw contest

Boys and girls ages 9-14 can register to participate in the Knights of Columbus annual free throw contest. Forms are available at all area schools. The contest is January 14 at Charlevoix Middle school. Registration at 12:30pm, competition begins at 1pm. Players compete by age and gender and can advance to district, regional and state competition.

## CHARLEVOIX

### Fiddlers & Pickers Jamboree

9th annual music fest featuring area violinists, fiddlers, guitarists and other string instrument artists. Any string instrument artist is invited! A musical hoe down for fun and laughs. Food and beverages available. Proceeds fund area youth music scholarships. Jan 14, 3pm - 10pm. at VFW HALL, 12735 US N 31

## EAST JORDAN

### Christmas wreath sale

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## Last Second Saturday Science for 2011

It's a family affair at Raven Hill Discovery Center this last second Saturday in 2011—December 10th from noon to 4 pm. Thanks to a grant awarded by the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Center has offered free admission for families and special science activities on the second Saturday of each month in 2011, ending this Saturday, December 10th. Bring the whole family "team" OR make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests.

In 2010, Second Saturday Science Days were sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and in 2011, Second Saturday Science Days have been made possible by the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and again there has been record attendance. Because of these generous donations, family groups have been able to strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by exploring a different science concept each month, plus enjoy the museum, animals and the outdoor exhibits. The focus this Saturday will be Lasers. Learn how lasers work and how they are used.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information or questions and especially for winter road conditions, please call 231.536.3369.

## Barnett Recognized for Service to Firefighters



**Sheriff Don Schneider/Capt. Jesse Silva, Charlevoix Fire Dept./Chief Shawn Bauman, Hudson Twp. Fire Department/Chief Jim Hawkins, Boyne Valley Twp. Fire Department/Dick Barnett/Chief Paul Ivan, Charlevoix Fire Department/Chief Dennis Amesbury, Boyne City Fire Department/Chief Curt Thompson, Charlevoix Twp. Fire Department/Shift Commander Joe Schwartzfisher, Charlevoix Fire Department.**

On November 29th 2011, during the quarterly meeting of the Charlevoix County Fire Officers meeting at the Melrose Township Fire Department, Former East Jordan Fire Chief Dick Barnett was recognized for his many years of service as the Regional Train-

ing Coordinator for the State of Michigan, Bureau of Fire Services Office of Firefighter Training. Barnett recently retired from his role as Regional Training Coordinator, overseeing firefighter training and testing for 6 counties in Northwest Lower Michigan and 2 coun-

ties in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Barnett started in the fire service in May of 1963, and in 1976 became a Fire Instructor. Barnett also served for many years as the Fire Chief in East Jordan. Barnett announced his retirement as Regional Coordinator in July.

## United Way maintains online list of local donation drives



Are you looking to spread holiday cheer? Char-Em United Way can help point you in the right direction. United Way's website now has a section listing local donation drives.

"Our online listing of local donation drives explains how to donate food, clothing, and holiday gifts," says Casey Adams, AmeriCorps VISTA for Char-Em United Way. "It also lists the ongoing drives of

food pantries and resale shops, as well as seasonal events such as United Way's Stuff the Bus."

To find the listing of Donation Drives go to [www.charemunitedway.org/activities/find-donation-drive](http://www.charemunitedway.org/activities/find-donation-drive) or click on the Donation Drive link on Char-Em United Way's homepage.

"We hope this will be a useful clearing-

house for generous people wanting to donate," said Adams. "Agencies wanting to post donation drives can submit information using the form on the webpage."

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org)

## Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment helps Mio area residents buy and sell quality goods



PHOTO COURTESY OF TONI MILLER

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately seven years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated group of thirteen volunteer from the Mio area. "We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances

and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who receive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great re-

source for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

The Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment Shop is located in Downtown Mio next to the Rite Aid store. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. For additional information, please call (989) 826-1503.

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# Health & Wellness

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## Smokers Cough

Are you coughing even though you don't have a cold? This is the outcome of continuing to fill your lungs with nicotine, tar and other chemicals which are being acquired every time you smoke.

### What is smokers cough?

A smoker's cough is a kind of disease that is usually found in every smoker and it is being caused by irritants that are entering the respiratory system.

An ordinary person is experiencing a cough mainly because there is a phlegm build-up in their windpipe and this phlegm would go out of their body on a natural process with the help of their body's cilia. Cilia are a fine hair like that line the pipes of your respiratory system and guide any irritants that are trapped inside your body to move and go out your respiratory tract. While smokers have built a problem with their cilia, they become immobilized and damaged so the phlegm could not go out of the respiratory system. That's why the cough of every smoker is quiet hard to relieve but here are some ways to cure smokers cough.

Boil one cup of water and then combine one tablespoon of anise seed. Cover and allow the mixture to stay for 15 minutes. Strain the mixture into a cup and add honey or lemon then drink it while it is still hot. Use as needed.

Drink fresh lemon juice every morning to provide the body with vitamin C and calcium which gets rid due to smoking.

Combine salt with warm water and gargle it at least 3 times a day to help clear the phlegm in your throat and heal your smokers cough.

Get a large pot with water and bring to a boil then inhale the steam from the boiling water, taking deep breaths, with a towel covering your head. This will calm your cough and remove the phlegm.

Boil mint leaves and eucalyptus in water then inhale with this mixture. Organic leaves are a good choice to get rid of smokers cough.

If these steps don't improve your condition and cough get worst, consult your doctor right away to get medical attention. The best way to avoid smokers cough is to stop smoking.

source: smokerscough.org

## Veterans Affairs Office provides help to those exposed to Agent Orange

New Guys

*Hey sailor, go get me twelve feet of water line.*

*Hey sailor, go get me a bucket of relative bearing grease.*

*Hey sailor, go get me a 12" water hammer.*

*All hands topside to see the lighted Prudential Sign on the Rock of Gibraltar.*

*Hey sailor cut in the cooling water to the engine room handrails.*

*Go get a bucket of steam from the boiler room.*

Every service has its own set of go get me's for the newbie. This first test is usually given by the crew to see if you can take a little ribbing. God help you if you fail the test.

There are other tests that you find out about after you have been out of the service for a few years. The series of tests that few people know about are the tests for the medical problems associated with exposure to the herbicide agent orange.

Contrary to popular belief there is no "I have agent orange". Agent Orange is just one of the defoliants used by the armed services. The main use was in Vietnam but, there are instances where defoliants were used in other places.

There was a rainbow of herbicides used by the military. The

various chemicals were labeled by color-coded stripes on the barrels. This arsenal of herbicides known by the colors of the rainbow, included Agent Blue (which contained arsenic), Agent White, Agent Purple, and the lethal combination of 2,4,-D, and 2,4,5-T, AGENT ORANGE, Agent Orange II (super orange), Agent Pink, Agent Green, Dinoxol, Trinoxol, Diquat, Bromacil, Tandex, Monuron, Diuron, and Dalapon.

The medical effects associated with the exposure to the chemicals are insidious and may not reveal themselves for years. It could take fifty years or more.

The VA now uses the word presumptive. If you had boots on the ground in Vietnam between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, it is presumed that you were exposed to Agent Orange. The presumption has been extended to brown water sailors. (Servicemen who served on boats and ships within the country and its surrounding waters). The government is now looking into allowing blue water sailors to be included within the presumptive parameters. I guess the government still has a hard time believing the wind blows.

All Vietnam, in country, Vets are now eligible for free physical exams, through the VA, for exposure to these herbicides.

The VA provides:  
A pre-exam interview to deter-

mine when the veteran served in Vietnam.

A compilation of the veteran's medical history.

A physical exam.  
A series of basic laboratory tests, including chest X-rays (if appropriate), urinalysis and blood tests.

Consultations with other health specialists, if needed.

A post-exam interview to discuss results.

A letter explaining the findings.

A follow-up exam or additional lab tests, if needed.

Notation of exam and test results in the veteran's permanent medical file and the

Agent Orange Registry.

### DISEASES LINKED TO AGENT ORANGE (Herbicide) EXPOSURE

Chronic lymphatic leukemia, Chloracne, Diabetes type II, Hodgkin's disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Prostrate cancer, Respiratory Cancers, Soft tissue sarcoma, Spina Bifida, AL Amyloidosis, Chronic B-Cell Leukemia's, Ischemic Heart Disease, and Parkinson's Disease. From time to time the VA adds to this list.

### AREAS OF EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE IN AND OUT-

SIDE VIETNAM

### Exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam:

Exposure on land in Vietnam or on a ship operating on the inland waterways of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

**Blue Water Veterans:**  
Possible exposure on ships off the shores of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

**Korean Demilitarized Zone:**  
Exposure along the demilitarized zone in Korea between April, 1968 and August 31, 1971.

**Thailand Military Bases:**  
Possible exposure on or near the perimeters of military bases between February 26, 1961 and May 7, 1975.

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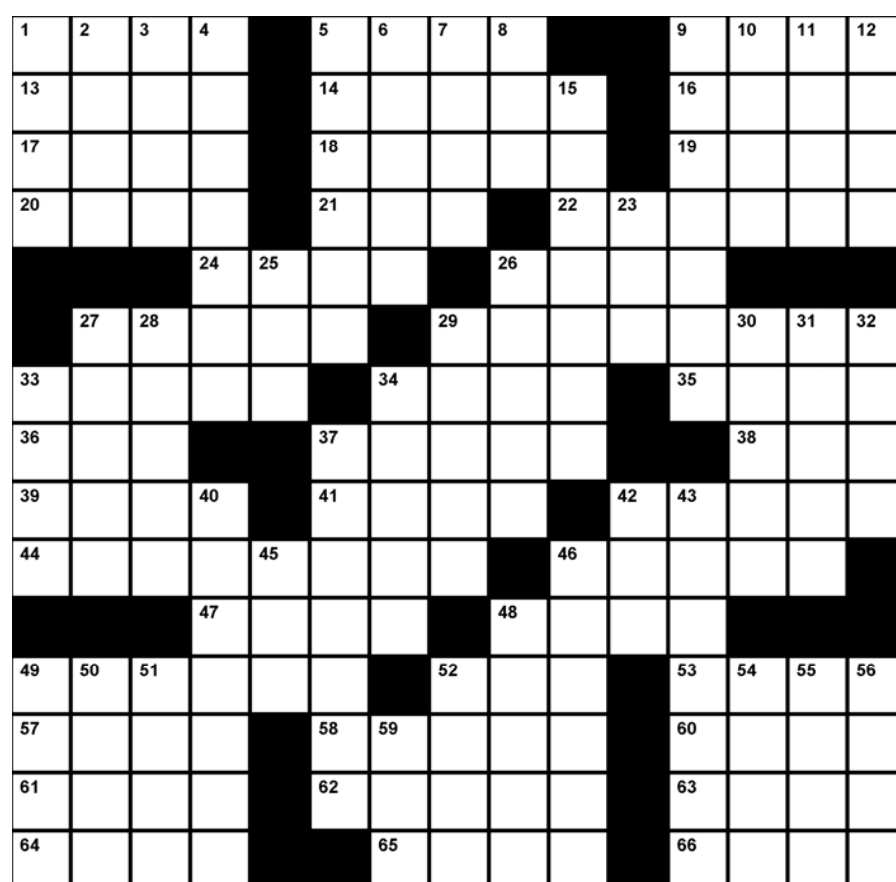
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NBF/DBF  
Submitted By John Hess, Veterans Affairs Director, Charlevoix County

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1- Gyro meat; 5- Ethereal; 9- Forearm bone; 13- Culture medium; 14- Loose outer garment; 16- Animated character; 17- Hindu princess; 18- Antiknock fluid; 19- ... saw Elba; 20- Draft picks; 21- Anonymous John; 22- "Gun-smoke" star; 24- Lean; 26- School orgs.; 27- Salsa singer Cruz; 29- Celebration; 33- Renaissance fiddle; 34- Bric-a-; 35- Actor Rob; 36- Fingers; 37- Small moneybag; 38- Charge carrier; 39- Capital of Calvados, in NW France; 41- Ashtabula's lake; 42- Small nails; 44- Embellishment; 46- Actress Anouk; 47- Describes a gently cooked steak; 48- Nightclub of song; 49- Go hungry; 52- Needlefish; 53- Skater Lipinski; 57- Opera set in Egypt; 58- Hagar the Horrible's dog; 60- Corrida cheers; 61- Annoying buzzer; 62- Capital city of Yemen; 63- Narrow inlets; 64- \_\_\_ sow, so shall...; 65- Devices for fishing; 66- Aggregate of fibers;

### Down

1- Dr. Zhivago's love; 2- I've Got \_\_\_ in Kalamazoo; 3- Horse hair; 4- Stiff coarse hair; 5- Apathy; 6- John of England; 7- Architect Mies van der \_\_\_; 8- Hurrah!; 9- Kitchen vessel; 10- Anecdotal knowledge; 11- Denials; 12- Black cuckoos; 15- Casual gathering; 23- Deserter; 25- Sot's sound; 26- Freedom from war; 27- Aromatic wood; 28- "Barnaby Jones" star; 29- Edible plant product; 30- Communication medium; 31- Came to; 32- Contact, e.g.; 33- Puerto \_\_\_; 34- Carried; 37- Noblewoman; 40- Give an account; 42- Apex; 43- Expressive of love; 45- Dallas player, briefly; 46- Main arteries; 48- 200 milligrams; 49- Heroic adventure tale; 50- Sardine containers; 51- An apple \_\_\_; 52- Basic unit of heredity; 54- Et \_\_\_; 55- Back; 56- Org.; 59- A Bobbsey twin;

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# News

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## Free Movie Saturday, December 10 at The Charlevoix Cinema

By Tina Sundelius

CHARLEVOIX—The Charlevoix Cinema's new management is striving to have a friendly atmosphere and are very community oriented, adding 'Free Movie Saturdays' starting with this year's Annual Charlevoix Open House Movie event on Dec 10.

New manager Scott Keinath has secured a local sponsor to bring a free movie into the cinema once a month.

"If I could get another one or two we'd do two free movies, especially for the locals in the winter time," Keinath said.

This year's Christmas feature is the 1991 comedy, "All I Want for Christmas." It will be showing at 1pm on Saturday and then for those who couldn't squeeze in, it will be shown again for free Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2pm. A donation of canned goods will be collected at the door to benefit the local food pantries.

Keinath has been managing the Cinema since the end of September. Since then they have hosted the Charlevoix County Girls Scouts, Charlevoix Middle School, and now are hosting a free movie during Charlevoix Christmas Open House.

"We are listening to community suggestions and have adjusted our hours and show times," Keinath



COURTESY PHOTO

**Kayla Eggers, Benjamin Way, Manager Scott Keinath, Alexandra Ballentine and Jon Way want to welcome everyone to the Charlevoix Open House Free Movie Saturday Dec. 10.**

said, "We also take requests for movies the public would like to see."

In the two months that Keinath has been there he and the staff have

been working hard to improve the cinema's image. They've painted the building inside and out, put new signage at the theater and have created a new website, [www.charlevoixmovies.com](http://www.charlevoixmovies.com).

## Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week

Cassidy Shankleton



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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, Photography, Videography

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: Go to college.

### STAFF COMMENTS

"Cassidy is a very self-motivated, responsible student who pushes herself to excellence in her coursework."  
(Mrs. Heath, English Teacher)

"Cassidy is a very thorough student. As an AP Calculus student she is motivated to work hard to gain a high level of understanding."  
(Mrs. Clausen, AP Calculus & Physics Teacher)

"Cassidy is a senior who leads by example. You can always count on her and I look forward to seeing great things from her."  
(Mr. Ivie, Band Teacher)

## TRACKING LEGISLATION

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

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**SB 0826:** This bill would require dogs that do not have a license be transported to an animal control shelter or an animal protection shelter. Further, the bill would authorize a sheriff to kill or cause to be killed unlicensed dogs if the sheriff determines that a dog is a threat to public safety. **Status:** Referred to Committee on Local Government and Elections on Nov. 29, 2011.

**SR 0101:** A resolution offered as a memorial to the life and accomplishments of Frederik Gerhard

Hendrik Meijer. **Status:** Adopted on Nov. 29, 2011.

**HB 4163:** This bill would require schools to adopt a policy that prohibits bullying at school. It would be known as "Matt's Safe School Law." Under this bill, all school district boards, including the boards of local districts, intermediate districts and charter schools, would have six months from the effective date of this new law to adopt and implement a policy prohibiting bullying at school. Those districts already

having a policy that complies with the provisions found in this new law would not be required to adopt another, however, they would have to submit a copy of their policy to the Department of Education no later than 60 days after the bill takes effect. At least one public hearing would be held on the proposed policy. **Status:** Bill ordered enrolled on Nov. 29, 2011.

**SB 0502:** This bill would allow the Liquor Control Commission to issue a liquor license to a com-

munity college or a public university that operates an accredited culinary or hospitality program for consumption at the program's location, under certain circumstances.

**Status:** Ordered enrolled on Nov. 29, 2011.

**HR 0166:** A resolution to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and to declare Dec. 7, 2011 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

**Status:** Adopted on Nov. 30, 2011.



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**HB 5125:** A bill to provide for the powers and duties of county road commissions to transfer to the county board of commissioners.

**Status:** Passed by the House on Nov. 30, 2011. Sent to Senate Committee on Transportation.

Compiled by B. J. Conley  
Dec. 5, 2011

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