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Rambler sophomore Ryan Carson throws down a thunderous dunk giving Boyne an early 13-3 first quarter lead and getting the crowd going against Charlevoix.



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PHOTO BY TOM BUTTRICK
East Jordan's Val Peters goes in for this layup attempt against Gaylord

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Hayes Township officials seeking support for public park

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A 22-acre camp now up for sale would become a public park if Hayes Township officials are able to find support from the county and other townships and is able to obtain grants to purchase the property.

Township supervisor Ethel Knepp and clerk Marlene Golovich appeared before the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners at a Wednesday, Dec. 14 meeting to ask for the board's support with the purchase of Camp Seagull, for

many years a girl's summer camp on the Lake Charlevoix side of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

The property is listed at \$6.1 million. It was appraised at \$4 million.

Commission chairman Joel Evans asked what plans the township has for the property.

"Hayes Township is interested in it because it's a beautiful piece of land and we would hate to see it go to condos," Knepp said. "The township wouldn't run it as a camp, but more of a park.

Commissioners expressed their reluctance to assist Hayes Town-

ship saying it would set a precedent and the commission would be asked to assist other townships. But Knepp told commissioners that is not the intention.

"We don't care if the township owns this park. We don't care if the county owns it. It's not just for Hayes Township. Even if the township owns it, it would be open to the public," she said.

Knepp and Golovich said they were looking to the county commis-

See Hayes Township park — 3A



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

Ethel Knepp (left) and Marlene Golovich (right) the supervisor and clerk, respectively, of Hayes Township presented the township's goal for the Camp Seagull property to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, Dec. 14. They would like the property to become a public park and were asking the county commission for its support.

Charlevoix Elementary program special



PHOTOS BY B. J. CONLEY
Charlevoix Elementary School's annual Christmas program was enjoyed by students and their parents on Dec. 20. Teacher and music director, Jayne Bennett, led the students in Christmas and patriotic songs. The U.S. Marines were on hand to present a United States flag to the school in appreciation of the many letters students had written to the troops in Afghanistan. The flag had flown over the 1st Battalion headquarters in Afghanistan. Also attending were Russ Bolt (below left) and Ken Staley (below right) who organize the "Toys for Tots" program.

B. J. Conley

The Charlevoix Elementary School Christmas program filled the school with children's voices singing when the school held its annual event on Dec. 20. But this year held a special added feature — the U.S.

Marines were there.

Gy./Sgt. Glendon Harwell, in the Marines for 16 years and who is based in Gaylord, brought four Marines who had recently completed training with him to the school to present a U.S. flag to the Elementary School. The flag had flown

See Elementary Program — 5A



Death of East Jordan student accidental, examiner says

B. J. Conley

A 12-year-old boy who was a student at East Jordan Public Schools died at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Dec. 6. The death is being investigated by the Antrim County Sheriff's Office. Based upon preliminary information the findings by investigators show that the death was accidental, and not a homicide or a suicide.

Antrim County Sheriff, Daniel S. Bean, said his office is attempting to find the source of Internet postings, including Facebook, that claim the student, Collin Homan, had been subjected to bullying. There is no information that he was bullied, the sheriff said, and the Charlevoix County Medical Examiner has determined the death to be accidental.

"Often when there is an unexplained death of a student, it is often the first conclusion that the student committed suicide because of being bullied," Sheriff Bean said in a prepared statement.

"It is unfair to the memory of this young student, his family, his friends and his community to pass along Internet postings which are not factually correct, but based upon rumor and gossip," he said.

See Accidental Death — 3A



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	HIGH: Mid 30's LOW: Mid 20's	HIGH: Upper 20's LOW: Mid 20's	HIGH: Low 30's LOW: Upper 20's	HIGH: Low 30's LOW: Upper 20's		
	2010-11 Amount	2011-12 Amount	2010-11 Amount	2011-12 Amount		

CHX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

December 12-18

911 Hang Up Call	2
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Abuse	0
Alarm	1
Animal Complaint	10
Annoyance	3
Assault	0
Assist Citizen	2
Assist Motorist	5
Assist Other Agency	7
Attempt to Locate	2
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	0
Car/Deer Accident	11
Citations Issued	0
Civil Complaint	6
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	1
DNR Complaint	0
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	0
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	0
Fraud	1
Health & Safety	0
Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	0
Juvenile	0
Larceny	3
Lockout	7
Lost Property	0
Malicious Destruction of Property	0
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	2
Miscellaneous Criminal	0
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	1
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	0
Parking Violation	1
Personal Injury Accident	2
Personal Protection Order	0
Private Property Accident	0
Property Check	12
Property Damage Accident	5
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	2
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	13
Threat	3
Traffic Stop	33
Trespassing	1

Unknown Accident0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile0
Vehicle in the Ditch4
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

COUNTY RECORDS

ASSUMED NAMES:
The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:
We2Concepts, 929 Dam Road, Boyne City by David Malusi and Rebecca Harris.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:
Shonda Elaine Scott, 30, East Jordan. False report of a misdemeanor. Sentenced to pay \$425 in fines and costs.
Dustin Daniel Crego, 22, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired and attempted to flee and elude, 4th degree. Sentenced to pay \$1,430 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 14 days on work release, 330 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.
Bruce Alan Peters, 51, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$955 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.
Krystal Marie Waller, 27, Petoskey. Retail fraud 3rd degree. Sentenced to pay \$425 in fines and costs and \$30 in restitution.
Amy Dawn Birdsall, 31, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$1,230 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 67 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.
Brawn Jay Bradford, 39, Phoenix, AZ. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$675 in fines and costs and \$2,047.88 in restitution and to 365 days in jail with credit for 22 days, 328 days held in abeyance, 15 days of commu-

nity service work and one year on probation.

Pedro Morales Jr., 31, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$925 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 89 days.

Heather Ruth Rose, 24, Alanson. Non-sufficient funds check. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to \$1,170.15 in restitution.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, December 12

7:05am Health and Safety issue found in the 100 block of Fall Park Rd.
10:19pm Unlock in the 100 block of River St
10:37pm Assist Sheriff Department on Thumb Lake Rd

Tuesday, December 13

9:23am Report of truancy issue in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1:05pm Unlock on S East St
5:15pm Civil Dispute in the 800 block of Main St
6:10pm 911 hang up call in the 500 block of N Lake St

Wednesday, December 14

12:05am Assist ambulance in the 800 block of S Park St
12:32pm Assist Sheriff Department with arrest on East wood Rd
12:54pm Report of vandalism to sidewalk at Boice and Brockway Streets
2:50pm Car mailbox accident reported in the 900 block of Brockway
10:30pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at State and East Streets
11:00pm Report of suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St
11:53pm Report of domestic dispute in the 100 block of Trent St

Thursday, December 15

11:14am Alarm in the 700 block of Spring St. Set off by squirrel.
12:31pm Report of rear window broken out of vehicle in the 100 block of E Water St
2:15pm Report of driving violations near the east city limits
15:13pm Report of gasoline drive off in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
4:05pm Report of tires slashed in the 300 block of E Division St
6:11pm Report of property

being stolen from residence in the 100 block of W Court St
6:15pm Lodged a stray dog at the shelter
6:35pm Report of civil custody dispute in the 100 block of E Water St
8:45pm Report of subject being bitten by dog in the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, December 16

9:20am Unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
10:19am Unlock in the 200 block of Vogel St
10:39am Unlock at Park and Pine Streets
10:50am Report of attempted phone scam in the 900 block of West. Subject claiming to be grandson called asking for money after being in a car accident.
11:58am Unlock in the 400 block of n Lake St
12:25am Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
1:18pm Unlock in the 700 block of Brockway
4:23pm Report of missing children on W Lincoln St. Located at neighbors house a few minutes later.
9:48pm 2 vehicle private property damage accident in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
9:57pm Report of suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of State St

Saturday, December 17

2:25am Car Deer accident on W Michigan near Robinson.
9:56am Unlock in the 300 block of Terrace St
10:36am 911 hang up in the 800 block of S Park St
1:00pm Responded to parking complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
9:29pm Assist Sheriff Department with warrant arrest
11:09pm Noise complaint received in the 700 block of Pleasant Av
11:10pm Citation issued for Expired Plate
11:38pm Noise complaint in the 700 block Pleasant Av

Sunday, December 18

10:34am Report of argument in outside in the 1000 block of Second St
11:49am Lodge stray dog at shelter.
1:00pm 1 vehicle property damage accident in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
4:06pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St. Driver did return and pay.
5:02pm Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

THE SHERIFF'S DESK

Safety Tips for On-Line Holiday Shopping



CHARLEVOIX -- On-line shopping is a great way to save time, travel, and money, but with the increase of on-line holiday shopping Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider wants to remind shoppers to keep their identities safe.

Never give out your Social Security number! Reputable on-line merchants should never require you to submit your social security number.

Only shop using secure Web sites. Most websites will have a pop up screen indicating that they have a security certificate, a "lock" should also appear in the bottom corner of your browser window. Use only reputable Web sites that you are familiar with. Unfamiliar companies can be checked by searching the Better Business Bureau Web site at www.bbb.org or by calling the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll free at 1-877-765-8388. If you are in doubt, don't order!

Check out the merchant's privacy and security policies. Some merchants ask for personal information to sell to other merchants, direct marketers, and even telemarketers. Read their on-line privacy and security policies so that you know where your information is going. Some merchants will allow you to opt out of giving this information.

Avoid "spam" by creating an e-mail account that you use only for ordering. With Yahoo and Hotmail among others offering free e-mail accounts it's easy to create a secondary account that you use to place on-line orders. Any e-mails you receive to that account would then be solely order confirmations and unsolicited emails. Making it easier for you to ignore seemingly legitimate phishing scams. Never respond to unsolicited emails asking you for personal information. Legitimate sites such as Pay Pal will never send you an email asking for personal information. If you receive such an email do not click on the link, this may direct you to a fraudulent website. Open a new browser window, type in the legitimate website, and follow their instructions for reporting a suspected fraudulent email.

Use the same credit card when making all on-line purchases. If you use only one credit card for all your on-line purchases it will make it easier for you to track them and identify any fraudulent transactions. Fraudulent transactions can result from on-line merchants mishandling your credit card information. If you use a card that has a relatively low credit limit this can also prevent thieves from obtaining authorizations for large purchases.

Watch those shipping charges. Carefully check and compare shipping and handling charges before ordering. Some merchants will add 10% to 15% to the purchase price, making what seemed like a great deal into a bad deal. Keep in mind there are lots of on-line merchants that will give you free shipping if you meet a minimum purchase amount, but if you go below that amount it can cost a lot!

Print out and keep all copies of receipts. Keep all you receipts in an organized file that you can easily access in case of any problems. Matching those receipts with the packing lists that come with the products will ensure you receive everything that you ordered.

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Irish Boat Shop selected as Charlevoix Chamber December Business of the Month

By Jim Akans

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected the Irish Boat Shop, Inc. as the December Business of the Month, recognizing the company's longstanding commitment of going above and beyond in helping to make Charlevoix an outstanding community in which to live, work and play.

The Irish Boat Shop was founded by David Irish in Harbor Springs in 1961, and established a second location in Charlevoix in 1971. David Irish continues to serve as Chairman of the Board, with Michael Esposito as President, and Jack Hodge as Vice President.

Employing over 50 people year round, the two Irish Boat Shop locations offer a total of two marinas and boat yards which include over 300 wet slips and approximately 220,000 square feet of indoor storage, much of it heated. They have two complete ship stores, featuring such brands as Patagonia, O'Brien, and Douglas Gill,

an extensive selection of boating accessories and parts, and comprehensive service facilities that address mechanical repairs, woodworking, sailboat rigging, as well as paint and fiberglass work. Irish Boat Shop offers new, pre-owned and brokerage sales, including such highly respected manufacturers as Sea Ray, Boston Whaler and Hunt Yachts.

The best part of doing business in Charlevoix? "The people, the location and the access to Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan," states Michael Esposito. "Charlevoix is a strong community and has a great quality of life."

Esposito adds, "100 percent customer satisfaction is our goal, with an emphasis on fairness and straight forward business dealings. We strive to leave our customers feeling well treated, happy, and satisfied with their experience at the Irish Boat Shop. We are here because of our love for boating and being on the water...helping people have fun



The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected the Irish Boat Shop, Inc. as the December Business of the Month. Among the staff are (from left); Mark Rowbotham, John Kunitzer, Sue Herzog, Jeff Novotny, Lisa Kuebler, Roger Smith, Jeff Glenny and Dave Peterson.

COURTESY PHOTO

with boats is our business. That is why we do what we do." The Irish Boat Shop is located

at 13000 Stover Road in Charlevoix, with a second location at 400 E. Bay Street in Har-

bor Springs. For additional information, call (231) 547-9967 or visit www.irishboatshop.com.

Boyerne City names Acting Police Chiefs



Acting Police Chief Craig Remsberg (right) and Assistant Police Chief Kevin Spate (left) were introduced in their new law enforcement positions at a Dec. 13 city commission meeting. Remsberg has been with the police department for 32 years and Spate for 12 years. Remsberg was named as chief upon the retirement of Randy Howard.

FROM PAGE 1

Hayes Township Park

sioners for support in theory and financially. They said they would like to use the county planner to draft the grant application.

Commissioner Chris Christensen said they should go to the county Parks and Recreation Department.

"I encourage you to work with Parks and Rec on this," Christensen said. "This may be the

last opportunity to have a park on the north side of the county."

The county commission declined to allocate any funds for the purchase of the property, however it did commit to writing a letter in support of Hayes Township's goal. The letter will be part of the grant application. Further, commissioners gave consent for the county planning director, Larry Sullivan, to assist the township with grant proposals.

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FROM PAGE 1

Accidental Death

The sheriff's office investigators have conducted interviews with the family, East Jordan schools administration, staff and students. There does not appear to be credible evidence or information that would indicate

any type of foul play having occurred.

Sheriff Bean asks anyone with direct information that Collin Homan may have been bullied to immediately contact Det./Sgt. James Janisse at the Antrim County Sheriff's Office at 231-533-8627, extension 3515.

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Char-Em United Way Funding Applications Available

Char-Em United Way's 2012 Community Investment Allocation process has begun. Non-profit agencies which provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding.

Letter of Intent applications can be requested by contacting Char-Em United Way at 487-1006. They can also be downloaded from United Way's website www.char-unitedway.org. Letters of Intent are due by January 13. The submissions will be reviewed by the

United Way Allocation Committee, and agencies which meet United Way's funding criteria and priorities will be invited to submit a complete application.

"We are pleased to announce this year's funding availability," states Martha Lancaster, Executive Director. "In 2011, we made Community Investment Allocations of \$204,065 to 29 programs of 30 agencies in grants ranging from \$650 to \$20,000. This year, we hope to be able to provide even more funding. We have increased our Campaign goal to meet the increasing community need and hope that we will reach it.

We are still accepting contributions, and all donations received through the end of April will be awarded in this investment cycle."

CEUW's 2012 funding priorities focus on meeting the community's needs for Education, Income and Health. More information on these priorities, as well as other criteria for eligible programs and agencies is available from United Way.

"These priorities will ensure that, with the increased need in our community for health and human services and with limited dollars available, our Community Investment Allocations are being made as

wisely as possible," continues Lancaster. "And our investors (donors) want to know that we are making the greatest possible impact in the areas of need identified by our community. Therefore, CEUW is focusing on measuring results in programs and sharing our priorities with the community more effectively."

Agencies invited to submit a full application will be scheduled to make a presentation to CEUW's Citizen Review Panel in April. The Citizen Review Panel reviews the requests for funding, hears presentations, seeks additional informa-

tion, and makes recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will meet in May to consider the recommendations of the Panel and to make Community Investment Allocation decisions.

For more information about Char-Em United Way or the application process, contact CEUW at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org or write P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. Complete application information is available online at www.charemunitedway.org.

People Fund Grant Applications Due

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area. The upcoming grant application deadline is Feb. 1, 2012.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$2.2 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Through the generosity of our members who round-up their bill to the nearest dollar, we can give back to organizations in need," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "We encourage non-profit community organizations to apply so that the funds can be put to good use in our local service area."

Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant through the People Fund by downloading the application at www.gtlakes.com. The application can also be requested by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313.



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231-547-2812.

Hosted by: Marc Lame, MD



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DAVE Says

trust broken after cosigning



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,
My dad cosigned on a car loan for me a few years ago before I began working your plan to get control of my money. I missed some payments back then, and it has affected our relationship. I've since paid off the car, but how do I make things right with my dad?

Stephanie
Dear Stephanie,
I know you're hurting, but a lot of this is up to him. The truth is he's partially to blame for being dumb enough to cosign in the first place. And if this was just a mistake you made when you were a kid, then he should be mature enough to realize that and recognize the progress you're making now with your finances.

If you haven't yet apologized for messing up, I think it's something you should do very soon. Let him know how much you hate that it harmed your relationship, and tell him you're following a program that will help you make sure nothing like that ever happens again.

Then, if he can't accept that and move on, it's all on him. I know that's not what you wanted to hear, but sometimes time is the only thing that heals those kinds of wounds.

—Dave

review the research

Dear Dave,
I've heard you say that people spend more with plastic than with cash. Exactly what does that mean?

Edmund
Dear Edmund,
There have been several studies done in recent years that show people spend less money when buying with cash as opposed to swiping a credit card. One study in particu-

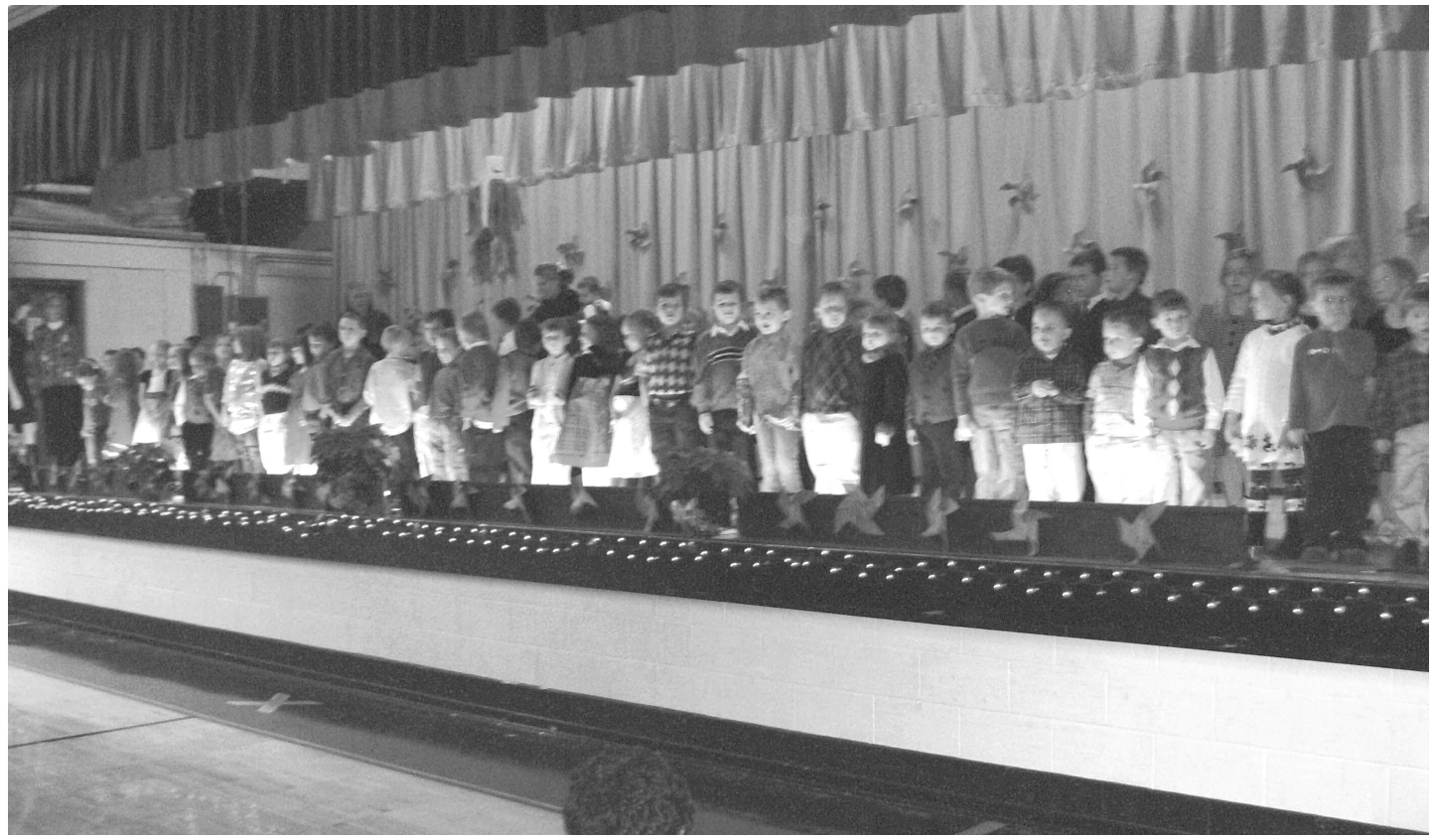
lar conducted by MIT and published in Carnegie Mellon magazine, indicated through the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that the pain centers of the brain are activated when you spend cash. Of course, it depends on the item in question and individual spending patterns as to exactly how much less is spent, but the average is between 12 and 18 percent.

Want some more information? When McDonald's first began accepting credit cards they conducted a focus group study in their restaurants on credit card users versus cash users. At that time, the difference was about 42 percent, meaning that a person using cash bought 42 percent less in a fast food setting than someone paying for their meal with a credit card. On other, more expensive items, the percentage generally drops. But these studies and others have proven that people spend more when using credit cards instead of cold, hard cash.

See what I mean when I say you can't beat the credit shark at his own game? Even if you're one of the few who pays their credit card bills on time every month, you're still throwing your money away!

—Dave

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Ellsworth School Christmas "Fiesta"

It was a "Fiesta" at Ellsworth Community School. The school celebrated Christmas

with its annual program featuring the 9th grade Spanish carolers, the 5th grade band's

debut and of course the preschool through fifth grade vocal program.

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Charlevoix County Parks committee to pursue purchase of Camp Seagull

B. J. Conley

Camp Seagull was a topic of discussion at the Charlevoix county parks committee meeting on Monday, Dec. 19 in Boyne City.

Hayes Township's supervisor Ethel Knepp attended the meeting to continue a discussion from the Dec. 14 board of county commissioners' meeting about the potential purchase of the camp. She said she hopes other townships and the county will get involved and the camp will become a public park.

The camp operated for many years as a summer camp for girls. It is up for sale, listed at \$6.1 million, but appraised at \$4 million. The 22-acre property is on Lake Charlevoix off of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Hayes Township.

A grant application would be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. A Trust Fund grant could cover up to 75 percent of the fair market value price. The state would require an appraisal from a state-approved appraiser.

The reason Hayes Township wants local government to purchase the property is to keep it out of the hands of developers who may turn it into residences and to have a public park on the north side of the lake. Jim Rudolph is a resident of Hayes Township and supports the purchase of the land and using it for public enjoyment.

"I am absolutely certain that if we let this go, people will be spitting on our graves. More people are going to come up here and they aren't making more waterfront," Rudolph said.

Supervisor Knepp agreed. "I could not sleep at night if I didn't try to do something," she said.

County commissioner and Parks Committee chairwoman Shirlene Tripp and other committee members agreed to pursue the matter further with county commissioners.

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Camp Daggett continues to give back to the community



The Camp Daggett team creates an assembly line in order to package over 500 Food 4 Kids Backpack meals for the Manna Food Project. COURTESY PHOTO

For the fourth year in a row, the staff at Camp Daggett gave a day of volunteerism to an area non-profit. This holiday season, the team spent their day assisting the Manna Food Project and the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, both of Harbor Springs.

"We are so fortunate to receive volunteer support throughout the year, that it is only right to give it back," notes Camp Daggett's Executive Director, Brent Marlatt. "This has been a very fun, rich, and worthwhile tradition for my staff and I," he adds. It was a fulfilling day for the team and the organizations, with numerous projects and assignments at each respective location. Both non-profits were most appreciative of the Daggett Team's efforts. "Never underestimate the value for the gift of time; that is why we call it the present!" shares Marlatt.

The Camp Daggett giving team has volunteered with Operation Thanksgiving in Petoskey, the Community Christmas Program in Charlevoix, the Nehemiah Project House in Petoskey, and the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society in Harbor Springs

over the past three years.

Camp Daggett continues to pay it forward to children in the area who wish to attend a camp summer session in 2012. They are delighted to announce that campers signing up for the first week of camp (June 17-23) will receive a \$50 discount. Scholarships are also available to campers who need financial assistance. Each year, Camp Daggett works to provide scholarships to 150 children unable to attend camp due to financial need. Donations are always welcome to support this \$60,000 effort.

Camp Daggett offers eight one-week coed camping sessions starting June 17 and ending August 11, 2012. Summer Camp Applications may be picked up at area schools and local Chambers of Commerce beginning mid-afternoon on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

If you are interested in giving to the scholarship fund at Camp Daggett, please contact Brent Marlatt at 231-347-9742. For more information about camp registration for 2012, visit www.campdaggett.org or call 231-347-9742.

FROM PAGE 1 Elementary Program

over the headquarters of the 1st Battalion in Afghanistan.

The flag was presented because students had written letters to the troops in Afghanistan.

"It was a great thing for them to do, and it's appreciated," Harwell said.



PHOTOS BY B. J. CONLEY

Charlevoix Elementary School's annual Christmas program was enjoyed by students and their parents on Dec. 20. Teacher and music director, Jayne Bennett, led the students in Christmas and patriotic songs. The U.S. Marines were on hand to present a United States flag to the school in appreciation of the many letters students had written to the troops in Afghanistan.

Boyne City High School STUDENT of the Week Jared Willis



GRADE: 11
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Volunteering at the middle school for the 21st Century after school program.
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"I would like to thank my family and the staff at BCPS for helping me become a better person."

STAFF COMMENTS

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"Jared does a good job of asking questions in class and takes his education very seriously." (Mr. Hertel, English Teacher)

"Jared is putting forth great effort to improve himself as a student. He should be recognized for taking that mature responsibility." (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Eleanor Burns

(JULY 19, 1914 - DEC. 16, 2011)

Mildred Eleanor Burns, age 97, of Melrose Township, went to be with her Lord on Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Tendercare of Gaylord.

Mildred was born on July 19, 1914, the daughter of Frank and Zola (Easton) Laurie in Melrose Township. She grew up in the area and graduated from Boyne City High School. Mildred later married Frank Burns who preceded her in death. She was involved in many community organizations and was very active in the Boyne City United Methodist Church. Mildred enjoyed serving others and spending her summers on Walloon Lake.

Mildred is survived by her children, Lucinda Burns, Barbara Kaiser and Irvin Burns; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister Lillian (Bob) Crouch; brother Jim Matthew and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and sister, Helen Canter.

A funeral service for Mildred will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Boyne City United Methodist Church with visitation being held from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor Wayne McKenney will be officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

The family has requested that memorial donations in Mildred's name be directed to the Boyne City United Methodist Church or the Walloon Lake Public Library.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Barbara J. Adams, 81

Barbara J. Adams, age 81 of East Jordan, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced in an obituary to follow. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Joseph Etienne Sr., 96

Joseph Etienne Sr. of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Memorial service will be 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Winchester Funeral Home. The Rev. Matthew Wigton of St. Mary Catholic Church will officiate.

Daniel Leo Kujat

(OCT. 6, 1932 - DEC. 18, 2011)

Daniel Leo Kujat, 79, of East Jordan, passed away on Dec. 18, 2011, surrounded by loved ones at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital after a valiant battle with cancer.

He was born to the late Michael and Wanda (Maciejewski) Kujat on Oct. 6, 1932, in Detroit. Dan graduated from Roseville High School in 1949. He married Betty Manke in 1952 and had nine children. Later in life, he married Thelma McGee.

Dan joined the Heavy Mortar Company, 425th Infantry Regiment of the Army National Guard in 1951. He earned the rank of second lieutenant. He fulfilled his duties to the Na-

tional Guard in 1954. Dan moved his family to Northern Michigan in 1975. He began working with Birchwood Farms in Harbor Springs in 1978. He transferred to Hemingway Pointe in Charlevoix as property superintendent before retiring in 1999. Dan worked as a Realtor for Coldwell Banker in Charlevoix, Vacation Network Properties in Boyne City, ReMax of Charlevoix, Smith and Griffin in Cedarville, as well as State Wide Real Estate in Cedarville. He won several awards for real estate sales.

After retirement, Dan and Thelma owned and operated Lazy Days RV Campground in Cedarville for many years before relocating to Deming, N.M., in 2004 to get out of the cold. They returned to Northern Michigan to be near family in spring 2010.

Dan immensely enjoyed singing, playing cards, dining out, jokes, travel, politics, Bible study, time with his children and grandchildren and working with his hands. He loved playing games, had sharp wit, and had a special knack for fixing things. He was a loyal follower of the Detroit Lions. Dan was the president of the Republican Party of Luna County, New Mexico, a member of the NRA, a longtime member of Holy Childhood Church and choir and most recently a member of Jordan Valley Baptist Church in East Jordan.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; daughter, Denise (Richard) Mahlmeister of Mackinaw City; sons, Daniel (Lillie) of Morristown, Tenn., Darren (Ginnie Evard) of Harbor Springs, Dane (Jean) of Pinedale, Wyo., Douglas (Ruth) of Alanson, Duane (Doty Adams) of East Jordan, Daryl of Harbor Springs; daughter Danette (Will) Swann of Franklinton, N.C.; and stepsons, Bruce (Shelly) Kumfer of Petoskey, Jeff (Vicki) Kumfer of LaCrosse, Wis.; brother, Rodney (Irma) of Wayne, Mich.; the mother of his children, Betty L. Kujat of Harbor Springs; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Derek (1959); brothers Edwin, Patrick, Michael and Quentin; and sisters Audrey and Constance.

A memorial service, conducted by Pastor Silas Doctor was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Jordan Valley Baptist Church (P.O. Box 156, East Jordan, Mich. 49727) or the charity of your choice in his name.

Arthur B. Saworski

(OCT. 25, 1928 - DEC. 18, 2011)

Arthur Bruno Saworski, 83, passed away at Boulder Park Terrace, in Charlevoix, MI on Sunday, December 18, 2011.

Art was born in Cologne, Germany on October 25, 1928, the only child of Bruno Saworski and Helvig Wissner (Link) Saworski. Art is survived by a cousin, Hildagard Weller and her son Uwe, who live in Germany.

Art spent most of his youth in Cologne, attending school, spending time with family and friends. He especially enjoyed time with his grandfather, Johanas Saworski, with whom he had a very special relationship. Near the end of World War II he was drafted into the German Army. He served in the Youth

Corp in anti-aircraft operations. As World War II ended, he was imprisoned by the Allies. After a short time, learning that he was only a teenager, he was released to his family. A year later, when schools finally reopened, he completed his secondary training. In 1947, he went to work for Ford Motor Company in Cologne. In 1953 he was offered an opportunity to attend college in the United States as part of the Marshall Plan Exchange Student Program. He attended the American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and completed his degree in business at Western Reserve in Cleveland, OH. In 1955, Art moved to Detroit and worked for the Ford Motor Company on the Edsel project. In 1957, he went to Chrysler Corporation, where he worked as an automotive engineer. During this time he pursued his interest in cooking, boating, Scuba diving, Republican politics and making visits to the Boyne area. In 1968, he moved to Boyne Falls, and established Northwest Realty. He bought and sold real estate until 1975, when he volunteered to help establish the Commission on Aging in Charlevoix County. After becoming Director of the Commission, he was instrumental in establishing the Senior Centers in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. Several years later, he became the Director of the Charlevoix County Transit, and retired in 1998. After selling what is now Aten Place in Boyne Falls, he purchased a large parcel of land on the corner of Metros Road and Old Mackinaw Trail. He built his new home on this property. He took tremendous pride in this property, and planted thousands of trees as well as developing an elaborate trail system that he used for cross country skiing, hiking, mountain biking and driving is electric golf cart. He spent his retirement years tending to these trails, as well as his orchards, extensive vegetable, herb and flower gardens. For many years he volunteered at Brother Dan's Food Pantry in Petoskey, and developed friendships with the other pantry volunteers.

Art has donated his property to the Little Traverse Conservancy, and it will be known as the Wissner-Saworski Nature Preserve. He also established the Wissner-Saworski Endowment for the Arts with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, for the purpose of providing funds that would support classical music endeavors. Anyone choosing to make a memorial contribution can send checks directly to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Art chose to be cremated, and arrangements are being handled by Stackus Funeral Home. A memorial service is planned for family and friends in the late spring or early summer of 2012.

Alvin A. Merrill II

(JUNE 12, 1970 - DEC. 17, 2011)

Mr. Alvin A. Merrill II, age 41, of Norton Shores, died Saturday morning, Dec. 17, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. Al was born June 12, 1970, in Charlevoix, Mich., to Alvin and Linda (Combest) Merrill. He then moved to East Jordan, Mich., where he graduated from East Jordan High School.

Al has resided in the Muskegon area the past 23 years. He received an associate

degree in drafting from Muskegon Business College and has been employed the past 17 years at Wilbur Products.

Al loved wood-working and was an avid sports fan of most Michigan teams. However, his pride and joy were his wife, Chris, and their three children. On June 16, 1990, he married the former Christina Webb and she survives him, along with his children, Hunter Allen, Wyatt Ethan and Audrey Grace Merrill; his parents, Al and Linda Merrill of East Jordan; his sister, Cyndy (Michael) Streasick of East Jordan and brother, Michael Merrill also of East Jordan; his father- and mother-in-law, Roy and Otera Webb of Muskegon; two brothers-in-law, Carlton (Juanita) Webb and Tom (Jody) Webb, and one sister-in-law, Nancy (Dennis) Pray, all of Muskegon; and by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 6291 S. Harvey St.; Norton Shores, Mich. 49444, (231) 798-1100. Pastor Jim Jordan will officiate. Burial will be in Norton Cemetery. Visitation with Al's family will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one-hour prior to the service on Wednesday. For a more lasting memorial, you are asked to consider the Education Fund for the Merrill Children at Fifth Third Bank. You are also invited to sign the family's Online Guest Book at www.sytsemafn.com.

Kathryn B. "Kay" Smith

(APRIL 3, 1924 - DEC. 15, 2011)

Kathryn B. "Kay" Smith, 87, of Charlevoix, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born April 3, 1924, in Belleville, the daughter of Ellsworth and Helen (Holden) Besemer.

Kay graduated from Belleville High School in 1941, and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1945, from Michigan State University. She worked at the Wyandotte Tribune and taught English at Romulus High School and Cleary Business College. In 1948, Kay moved to Charlevoix with her parents.

On January 22, 1949, Kay married Clayton Smith at the Barnard United Methodist Church. She taught kindergarten at Charlevoix Public Schools for twenty-five years, retiring in 1984. Kay was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, the Michigan Education Association, Barnard Grange, Michigan Farm Bureau, Habitat for Humanity, and Charlevoix County Crop Hunger Walk. She served as Charlevoix Township Clerk from 1950 to 1961.

Kay is survived by her husband Clayton; children, Debra (Terry) Wright of Grand Blanc, Randy (Elizabeth) Smith of Kentwood, Linda (David) Scovel of Higganum, Conn., Gail (Richard) King of Port Penn, Del.; nine grandchildren; sisters, Carol Southworth of Erie, Penn., Barbara Reid of Dearborn. Kay's brother Worth Besemer preceded her in death.

Funeral will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, December 21, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, where visitation will begin at 12:00 noon. The Reverend Gregory Culver will officiate. Burial will take place in Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, or to Charlevoix County Crop

Hunger Walk - www.church-worldservices.org

Those wanting to share a memory of Kay, or condolences, may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Bill Ecklund

(JULY 4, 1929 - DEC. 14, 2011)

Bill Ecklund, 82, of Boyne City and Hubbard Lake, passed away on Dec. 14, 2011, in Charlevoix.

He was born to the late Ralph Ecklund and Margaret Kindt on July 4, 1929, in Flint. Bill received his master's degree from Michigan State University and worked at the executive level at General Motors in Flint and Besser Company in Alpena. Bill also served as an officer and commander in the Coast Guard.

Late in life he married Millie Beriault and they lived in Boyne City and Hubbard Lake with their cat "Cougar." Bill was an avid snow skier, golfer and bowler.

He immensely enjoyed happy hour, celebrating his July 4th birthday with a bang, and watching and attending football, basketball and baseball games. Bill loved the Horton Bay parade, dining at fine restaurants with his beautiful wife, Millie, being with family, and driving their red Cadillac.

He is survived by his wife, Millie, and their beloved pet "Cougar;" five stepchildren, Debbie, Gina, Robert, Charlie and Stephanie; six step grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Bill's ashes will be sprinkled from the chairlift at Boyne Mountain and at his cottage on the West Shore of Hubbard Lake.

A luncheon will take place at Red Mesa in Boyne City following the service. All are welcome, per Bill! Come celebrate and honor the life of a true MSU Spartan man, Bill Ecklund.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Claudia Lorenger, 73

Claudia Lorenger, age 73, of Horton Bay, who with her husband, Chip Lorenger, co-owns and operates the Horton Bay General Store, died in the loving care of her family on Dec. 13, 2011. A celebration of her life will be scheduled in the spring in Horton Bay. A full story of Claudia's life will follow. Arrangements are by Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Marshall, Mich.; www.kempffuneralhome.com.

Arnold E. "Sonny" Hart

Arnold E. "Sonny" Hart, 83, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at his home in Alba.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan with burial in Mount Bliss Cemetery in East Jordan.

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Web Site tracks Santa's journey on Christmas Eve

By Jolly Old Jim

Technology can be a wonderful thing. Growing up in the 1960's, the best way I could keep track of Santa's southward journey on Christmas Eve, just to make sure my eyes were sound asleep as my ears attempted to keep tabs on "strange" noises in the house, was to tune in to my favorite radio station for regular "flight" reports on St. Nick's progress.

Today, excited children have a new and improved resource for monitoring Santa's journey to their chimney or doorstep. Thanks to NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command), children can take a peek at a special web site and follow the progress of Santa and his team of reindeer on Christmas Eve. It's a fascinating adventure watching the Jolly Old Man in the red suite make his way south from the North Pole in an airborne sled full of toys led by Rudolph and his eight reindeer pals.

Now NORAD's main job is to monitor the airspace and maritime area covering the United States and Canada using some very powerful satellite and radar equipment called the North Warning System. It's a big and important job, and NORAD helps to keep us all safe on a 24/7 basis. But on one very special night each year, they also provide a peek at the journey of a very special, and extremely busy person; Santa Clause.

At first, the radar system lets NORAD know when Santa leaves the North Pole to begin his journey. Then, satellites detect the heat given off by Rudolph's red nose. As every child knows...where Rudolph goes, Santa and the rest of the reindeer are certain to follow.

NORAD takes an even closer look at Santa as he makes his journey by using ultra-cool high-speed digital cameras that have been located all around the world. Every so often on Christmas Eve these cameras will capture Santa and his team of reindeer making their way around the world.

On a possibly related note, rumor has it that some very special "Representatives from the North Pole" have secured Charlevoix Municipal Airport as a potential refueling station for a "Special Air Cargo Mission" on Christmas Eve or early Christmas morning. Beyond the normal refueling requests, the airport officials have been asked to have nine bales of hay, two large bags of carrots, two boxes of sugar cubes ready and waiting, and it is reported that the "pilot" has a fondness for cookies and a glass of milk.

Charlevoix Municipal Airport Manager, Matt Bailey, relates, "Being located approximately halfway between the North Pole and the equator, Charlevoix Municipal Airport has been deemed an excellent refueling spot for this special Christmas Eve mission. We supported this event last year, and much to our surprise, the pilot left a nice gift at the airport after his team stopped by. He must be a very jolly fellow indeed!"

As of press time, the time of this special refueling mission was not available. But for those who would like to track Santa's journey from the comfort of home, visit

NORAD's web site at www.NoradSanta.org, and be sure to check out the "Countdown to Track Santa" clock.

Have a very, merry Christmas!

Dreaming of a white Christmas?

By Jim Akans

Will we or won't we? As the Christmas holiday approaches in northern Michigan a question many are beginning to ponder is will the treetops indeed be glistening with snow on December 25th? With Irving Berlin long gone, the National Weather Service office near Gaylord seemed like a logical alternative resource to address the probability of just such a snow-covered Christmas this year.

"If we take the glass half-full approach," cautiously relates Jim Keyser, a Meteorologist at the facility, "we do expect some snow events in the area over the next several days. While it is not going to be extremely cold, it will be just cold enough to produce some snow... though there will also be some melting during the days. The good news is; with the shorter days, and generally below freezing temperatures at night, some snow should remain on the ground and ski resorts will be able to run their snow machines during the nighttime hours."

Ah yes, the cover of snow on the beautiful downhill slopes that bring throngs of holiday visitors to the north during the Christmas and New Year weeks is a vital part of the northern Michigan winter economy, estimated to bring 30 percent or more of the season's resort revenue. So snow isn't just beautiful to behold, it's also beautiful for business.

"I would estimate the odds of a white Christmas in the Gaylord area, and the surrounding areas that typically receive lake-effect snow, to be in the 75 percent range," Keyser states. "It's a bit more questionable in those areas of the north that don't usually experience lake-effect snow during the winter season."

While it may seem a Christmas without snow in northern Michigan is somewhat rare, Keyser points out that just five years ago, in 2006, the weather warmed just before the holiday and a green (or more aptly - faded brown) Christmas day was the result.

"Actually," he observes, "there has been a bit of a quirk in the weather pattern in that during the last 30 years or so, the Gaylord and surrounding area has experienced a



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

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green Christmas in 12 year increments; 1982, 1994, and in 2006."

Keyser notes that the "unusual" winter weather pattern we have been experiencing lately can be traced to a flood of warm air from the Pacific that has been marching across the country, blocking the cold air parked up in the Arctic.

"The cold air is up there," he states. "Close to the Arctic Circle temperatures are reaching as low as 40 to 50 degrees below zero right now. The warm Pacific air pattern just won't let it drop further south."

Well, not just yet anyway.

"In past years, when we have a slow start to winter there are typically periods in January and February that produce some pretty extreme winter weather," Keyser explains. "So we are still looking ahead to an active winter, and icing events will probably be more common than normal this year. On the up side, with colder weather taking some extra time getting here this year, the winter won't be quite as long as we are used to."

That's sounds encouraging in the long run, but for now, I'm still dreaming of a white Christmas.

A bit of trivia about a classic holiday movie and song

By Jim Akans

The list of holiday "classic" films grows ever larger with each passing year. Movies such as "A Christmas Story," "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Home Alone," and a throng of renditions of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" have joined the ranks of such long-standing films as "It's a Wonderful Life," "Miracle on 34th Street," and "The Bishop's Wife," as perennial holiday viewing favorites to help rekindle the spirit of the season. They are joyful reminders that this is a very special time of year; when we celebrate the birth of Christ, and that beneath all the frantic preparation and by and large trivial concerns of our daily lives, we are all of a common bond, essence and purpose.

One of those Christmas classics, "White Christmas," holds a unique position in that it is not only a holiday film favorite, becoming the top grossing film in the year of its release; 1954, it also presented the best selling song of all time, with over 50 million copies of Irving Berlin's title composition having been sold worldwide. Though many have watched the film countless times, here are a few trivia items you may want to

look for the next time your television remote catches a showing of White Christmas.

- This was the third film to feature Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas". The other two are "Holiday Inn" and "Blue Skies." The Vermont Inn set is also a remodeled version of the Connecticut Inn set from the Holiday Inn film.

- Rosemary Clooney was not allowed to record her voice for the soundtrack album because it was being released by a record company (Decca) other than hers (Columbia). She was replaced on the soundtrack album by Peggy Lee.

- When the General blows out the candles on his cake near the end of the movie, the ones on the far side of the cake blow out from another direction, almost before he blows out the ones nearest him. After General Waverly blows out the candles, at the very end of the movie the candles are lit again (I've had birthday cakes candles like that).

- While Phil and Bob are lip-syncing the song "Sisters" there is a phrase at the end that Bob (Bing Crosby) goofs up and says, "Lord help the mister" instead of "Lord help the sister". It's obvious that Danny Kaye catches the mistake.

- During "The Best Things" dance number, on the very last twirl around a kneeling Danny Kaye before she falls into his arms, Vera-Ellen trips over Danny Kaye's outstretched left foot. She recovers so smoothly that it is difficult to catch.

- During the song "Snow" on the train, a close-up of Danny Kaye shows his lips moving but the voice coming out is definitely Bing Crosby's. This happens a couple of times during the song.

While "White Christmas has become the most recorded Christmas song, with over 500 versions in several different languages, Irving Berlin's opening bars are often dropped from those recordings. So just when you think you've heard it all, you may well have missed these lyrics...

"The sun is shining, the grass is green,
The orange and palm trees sway.
There's never been such a day in Beverly Hills, L.A.

But it's December the twenty-fourth, — And I am longing to be up North."

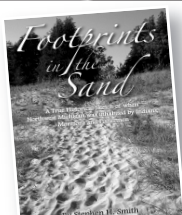
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I want a Baby Alive. Can you ples get me one?
Kylie

Dear Santa,
Please I want a baby doll Tatkums with food!
Shianne

Dear Santa,
I have been an angel. Thank you for all the things you got me last year. How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? Will you get me a carley doll for Christmas. Where do your reindeer go and stand to wait for you? Is there a real Santa and a fake Santa too?
Kelsey S.

Dear Santa,
I been super good. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a doll for Christmas. I like Rudolph.
Meghan H.

Dear Santa,
How is Roodoff and I have been super good and I want a new car. How is Mrs. Claus? I am thankful for a mom and dad and I like you because you get us presents and they are fun to play with!
Jack J.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Zoo Zoo pet kasol. I have fun with it and I play with it a lot. This year I want a American girl doll for Christmas.
Shelby S.

Dear Santa,
I have been soopr good. I want a toy squid. I like the presents but Christmas is so fun too.
Blake R.

Dear Santa,
I want an iPod and a drum set. How do all of your reindeer fly?
James D.

Dear Santa,
I've been good. Can you get me a DSI. Do you love me? I love you.
Catie W.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a nerf football. I want it to be green please. I have been good in school. And a Spartan football helmet and jersey that come with it.
John P.

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I like you Santa. How does the Rudolph fly? I like Miss Claus too.
Keigan M.

Dear Santa,
Do you have a lot of raindeer? I want an iPod and a tent.
Mason C.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for a book. I love Christma. I love you. I want puppys and a DS. I want a lot of presents. My tree is pretty.

Dear Santa,
I would like Bitzy Baby twins. I have been great. Is it hard going to each house? Has Rudolph been good to you?
Delaney B.

Dear Santa,
Can you send a picture of Rudolph? Is the movie Santa Claus 3 real? How do you deliver presents so fast?
Aiden

Dear Santa,
I have been an angel. I want a Christmas dress. I am going to be at my Grandma's house.
Ellen D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me an American Girl doll. Now I want a bed for my American Girl doll. And I've been an angel. How have you been? I hope that you are having a lot of snow.
Merette C.

Dear Santa,
I've been super good. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a doll for Christmas. I like Rudolph. I want to get my picture taken.
Meghan H.

Dear Santa,
I want the pillow pets and a DS too. Did you know that?
Michael

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a new dress please? And can you give me slippers too?
Mabel

Dear Santa,
I want any 3 dolls you want. I have been a good lisner and girl.
Emin F.

Dear Santa,
I want a new gun that can shoot pretend pistls. Please bring me a new nerf gun! I have been a good boy!
William

Dear Santa,
Can you get me all of Jios. I love you and an iPod and all of the NWW.
Sam

Dear Santa,
I want a Toy Hose. I want it to have some armles in it and I want decroshuns to decrad it. I been good at school.
Emily

Dear Santa,
I want a unicorn for Christmas please and can you please make it fose and warm. I was a good little girl.
Billi

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an x-Box-3-60. And I want it with sports too. And I have been a very good brother to my sister and I have been a good son to my mom and dad.
Nick

Dear Santa,
I super duper want a pack of Lego. I have been really good. I want a pack of Lego with Kal, Cole, Zane, Jay and their master. I want them this year.
Turner

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. How is your wife, Mrs. Claus? I rele want 1,000 now cars and a track for all of my cars. I even want my babe sister to be good and my big sister to be hiues. Thank you.
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. I rile want a Brbee doll. I will play with it and I will dress it up.
Katie

Dear Santa,
I want a DES. I promise to shir with my frints. Can you make it in pink! Please, please, please.
Grace B.

Dear Santa,
Please Santa can you bring me a make-up set? Santa please bring me a Shirley Templ doll for me but with different hair curls.
Autumn

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a DS3D and a game called Sooper Mreo Brothers 3D Land!
Donald M.

Dear Santa,
I been a very good boy. If you bring a blue lisavere I'll play and share. Thanks for delivering presents.
Gavin

Dear Santa,
I been really good this year. Could you bring me presents. If you do I will love, love, love you. I clean my room.
Callie

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a princess doll house? It is BIG! And can I have a fish that flots? Can I have dressy shoes, but I like pink and can I have a meow cat?
Caideanne

Dear Santa,
I want a Taylor Swift doll for Christmas and I will play with it. If I get a Taylor Swift doll I will be so happy and I can't wait for this Christmas. I hope I will like this Christmas. On Christmas morning when I open my presents I hope I will see a Taylor Swift doll.
Sydney

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 DDS please and I love this time of year. It is very exciting because you get a bunch of toys. I love what you do.
Keiton H.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Hot Wheels track for my Hot Wheels.
Faith

Dear Santa,
I want a Justin Beber game. And I want a Justin Beber puzzle. And I have been a good, good girl this year. And I want a make up set please Santa? And I want a whole set of Little Pet's Shops.
Kelsey W.

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Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Are you getting sum rest? How do you fit through a chimney? I have bin good. May I have a laptop ples?
Garrett

Dear Santa, Please can I have a big penk tede bear? I help my mom and dad wach by bruther. Can I get a chair for my baby brother please?
Isabella

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a pet reindeer.
Anna

Dear Santa, I want a army guy and a ball. I am gunu sing for you. I like Santa. He brings prasits. He is fun.
Cameron

Dear Santa, I want a doll, hananh.
Riley

Dear Santa, How do the elves make toys? How do you go down the chimney? I would like Star Wars, the force unleshed.
Scott

Dear Santa, Can I have another skat bord please? What are you doing today? Are you sleeping? See you soon.
Colton

Dear Santa, I ben doing chors. Can I have a DS for Christmas?
Koliah

Dear Santa, How mene reindeer do you have?
Jacob

Boyne Falls Elementary School – 2nd grade

Dear Santa, How do your elves make the toys? Are they magic? How do you deliver one hundred prezents in one holl night? Can I please have a DS?
Walter

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing good. Are the reindeer having fun? I am going to leve a note on the cownter for you and Mrs. Class. How do the elves mack toys? May I please have a 3 DS, Tetebere? Can you help peple that need stuff that they don't have enuf money to buy things? I hopw you do. I don't want them to have a bad Christmas. Are you tiyered of coockises amd milck?
Elizabeth

Dear Santa, I would like new sunglasses. Please choose the color. I would also like a new Barbie set. My dad would like a sour green sucker. My mom would like a necklace. We will leave fresh milk and chocolate chip cookies for you.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are allright. How is that fellow Rudolph doing? I'd like to know about him. On Christmas night can you leave a pikcher of Rudolph in my stocking? Wat is it like up their? Can you rite me back? Can I have a laptop and an iphone. Your friend,
Clint

Dear Santa, Do you no wut I want. It will be a dees with more games, ome that is kink kong and a laptop. I no wut my mom wants, a Wii. Jack wons a gllas wufe and Zack wons a spiderman.
Jennifer

How is Rudolph doing and Miss Santa doing and the reindeer doing? I been very good. How is the vevles doing? How's the North Pole? I would like a motcicm car please. Have you been giting rest for the big night?
Logan

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Santa may I please have a xbox 360, a Nintendo DS. Look everywhere for carrots for Rudolph and milk and cookies for you.
Kabib

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph the red nos reindeer doing? The girls are being bad so you better wich out I'm telling you wiy Santa is comeing to town on Christmas heer on the 25. I want a DS and mare-ugahd and balvk hiy heels with a bow on the side of it. Thank you for Christmas. Love,
Hannah

Dear Santa, How are the polar baers? Have the baer got a reindeer? Will you get me a dirt bike and a iphone. My gandpa wod lik a nigh kroin.
CJ

Dear Santa, Are there nine reindeer or eight reindeer? Please can I have some math problems that I can do so if I am bord I will be abule to do something to ceep me bisey? Santa, if you want you and Mrs. Claus can see our play, even the reindeer can see our play! Santa, may I have some painte please. Santa, I am rely exsited about the play. Are you exsided about the play? Marry Christmas.
Margo

Dear Santa, I have been good. I have been helping Anna at school. I help her lern. I would like a DSI and a 3D DS for Christmas.
Alezandra

Dear Santa, How do you fit in our chimney? Look on my table for a surprise. Can I have a hamster and a remote control truck? I have ben working.
Gavin

Dear Santa, Can I please have a DSI and a recarter. A recarter is fun to play with. It is so fun on Chrstitmas. We get lots of presents.
Arianna

Dar Santa, How did you meet Rudolph? How do you fit down chimneys? How do you deliver lots of presents? Could I please, please, please have a PS 3, the original.
Yannis

Dear Santa, You'll be at the fierhall? I will have a PC for Christmas. Look on the tape their will be cookies and milk for you. You can sleep in our bed.
Kristina

Dear Santa, I bet it is very hard to mack all of the toys for all the pepll. Can I please have a GI Jow toy. I helpt my dad on the stofe. It is problle very cold at the north pole.
Gavin

Dear Santa, How is Cuped doing? Has he been playing tricks on the other reindeer? Are you getting tired of milk and cookies every Christmas? I have been cleaning my cats litter box every Saturday. I have also been feeding the dog. May I please have a little Michigan football. May I please have a bottle rocket.
Aaron

Dear Santa, I have been riding my bike and look on the roof for reindeer. Santa, look on the counter for something speshall.
Timothy

Ellsworth Elementary School – 1st grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like the earth to be free. Have Rodoph's nose gotten brighter dull? I want a Barbie dream house, three Barbie dolls, Arel, Bell and Barbie, Ahsoka action figure, the movie Cars 2, cloths, Skipperdoll, shoes, and a Barie vacation house.
Love, Lizzy

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you deliver all the presents to every house in just one day? Is one of your elves named Ben? Is he grumpy? Do you have along beard? Do you fall down the chimney? Do you like cookies? Are the carrots for the reindeer? How do you make all those presnts so fast? I would like a special friend for Christmas, a doll a crib. But what I really want is all of the childern to have a special Merry Christmas.
Love, Melissa

Dear Santa Claus,
How do your elves make all of those toys for the good girls and boys? I am going to be leaving some delicouis, delightful carrots, cookies and some milk. The carrots are for your reindeer. My I please have a remote control helicopter, a fijit friend and mabey a couple pieces of candy.
Love, Emily K

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you like the cookies I make for you? Does it snow in the north pole? How do you get all the presents to the childeren in one night? What are your elves names? Will you get me an art set for Christmas? How do your reinder fly? Do you have a lot of presents? Santa have all the kids been nice? Santa I hope you have a Merry Christmas santa. Love,
Emily

Dear Santa Claus,
How many presents do you deliver? I would love to have a basket of kittens this year. I want, art supplies, computers, an onament for our tree. Do you realy fly with reinbeer? I wish I were you. I would like a sweater. I have a wish do you? Do you have any thing exciting in your life? Are you really magic? Yes or no. How do your rein-deer fly? Santa, you are great.
Love, Anna

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas. I hope you have a great Christmas. Is it very cold there? Do you like cookies? How many presents do you have to deliver? Do you like Christmas? Do you deliver all of the childrin? Is it snowing there?
Love, Ariella

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote contiol I kno how you go dwn the chimney you go clik you dissikpear in to dust and you are don The chmney Do you have polar bears on the frezeng th polhe Do you train polaar bears R now how yor reindeery have dust undar the sled that's how you glide throug the sky When you laand and gow in my hase and your reindeers are outside theres reindeer food for them. Santa I love you.
Love Emmitt

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you always wear red? Many elves do you have? Do you like cookies? Is your sleigh really magic? How long does it take to get to house to house? How long does it take for one of your elves to make a toy? How do you get down the chimneys? How many toys do you have in your sack? Do you like frosting? If you like cookies I will give you some. Thank you for all of the wonderful thins you have given me. And a merry Christmas. From,
Jacob

Dear Santa Claus,
I realy do'nt need anything because I already have it. I would like things for others like awesome, Army, Air Force, in the hospital. What is your favorierte reindeer? Is there a pole in the North Pole? My unbeliveable, ultimate, presant is a cute, cuddley, . . . walrus webkinz.
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Love, Brayden

Dear Santa Claus,
How many presnt do you have? I want a basmkit of art supplies. Do you have-Rudaf-on-your sleigh? Our tree has a but-terfly brite touch. Do you have a wish? Did you know that Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love you.
From, Natalie

Dear Santa Claus,
Where did you get the name Santa Claus, How do your reindeer fly? What is one of the elves names? Am I good so far? I want an electric guitar. Please don't let us run out of water. Are you sick?
Love, Cameron

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! Can you predict the wather, like if it will snow in the north pole? I already wrote my Christmas List except I forgot what I wanted. If I rememberd I would tell you but don't worry I will give it to you. I don't want to make any of your elves upset. How long is your beard? Is there a bell on your hat? Can reindeer talk? Do you ever get sick? How old are you? How old is Mrs. Clause? What will you bring me? Am I on the noughty or nice list? Do you bring gifts to grown ups? How many cookies do you eat in one night? How tall are you? Do you really watch every girl and boy? Are reindeer like pets? There are so many things I want to ask you but I have to end this letter. Goodbye!
P.S. have a safe trip!
Much love, Maggie

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas. Can I have a black horse, dog, cat and toys. I want snow on the gound. I want to see your reindeer. I want to see Rood off.
Love, Jaidyn

Dear Santa Claus,
Does your elves realy make toys? How many elves do you have? How many reindeers bo you haw? How do your reindeer fly? bo you like strawberrss? Do you like Christmas? What is your favor color? Can your sleigh fly? Is is snowing there I wan toys and I want video games. Have a speck-lacklyler Christmas Santa.
Love, Trevor

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? How do your reindeer fly? How many reindeer do your have? Are you real I think the world needs more love and more careing. What do you get for Chistmas? What is your Whif's name? I want a computer. I like you Saint Nick.

Dear Santa Claus,
Where did you get that name Santa Claus? Where did you get those reindeers? I would like a panke, white, Leapster touch for Christmas. Is Christmas your favorite holiday? Do you like brown, cookies and white, milk? What food does your reindeers like to eat? What color is your sleigh?
Love, Laci

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa Claus. What does the North Pole look like? What is yoru favorite coler? How do the elfs make toys? I like yoru hat. Do you change yoru clothes every yae? can you bring me a barbie doll for chrismas. One thing to tell you. What do the elf like and elf school the elffbat? I hope you like my leter.
Love, Rhea!

Dear Santa Claus,
How do the reindeer fly? Santa is it cold enough for icicycles to be on your bright, white beard? I hope you like my cökkies. Just bring me a few toys I actully don't need toys.
Love, Elle S

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a real guitar, amplifier, fushegey, the gravity difying ball. When I think of Christmas I think of the loveing Lord Jesus Christ. I wish that In-Liagets more clothes, schools and houses. But the thing I realy want is for my babysister Bella to be with her father and brothers could you do that?
Love, Spencer

Dear Santa Claus,
What is your favorite rein deer? How big is your sleigh? Did you get my Christmas list? Why do they call you Santa? I hope you have a safe ride. You are a jolly guy. Is such thing as a sugar plum? Can I have the new Harry Potter lego, the DS game and sonic for Christmas?
From, Keira

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Letters to Santa

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Dylan R.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus and your elves and your reindeer? I want Legos and Wii games and one of your elves. I have ben a good kid seice last Christmas. I hope you will have a very Merry Christmas. PS: I live in North America. Love,
Trevor B.

Dear Santa, I have ben a good boy. You are the dest gie ever. I would like a Lego book. Lov,
Gavin H.

Dear Santa, How are you dowing and Mrs. Claus? I have been a good kid. For Christmas I want a Barbie house with three floors. Merry Christmas. Love,
Savannah K

Dear Santa, I hope you hath a good Christmas. I wus a good boy. I want bub fat sleth. I hope you like the cookies and milk.
Cameron F.

Dera Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a noo buney and a bike. I have been a good girl. Love,
Addisen R.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Can I have sum roircasand a Barbie. How is Mrs. Claus doowing? Love,
Ella S.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus and your elves? How man elves do you have? I would like a toy chrukce and a PS and walkie talkie, two of them. A orange one and a green one. We will give you very yummy cookies for you. How do you diliver all the gifts?
Maggi M.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want to have small pupy and books and I want to see rootoff. Santa, think you for all of the nis stuff you gav me lost year. I ben a good girl. You are so nis. Love,
Kiersten F.

Dear Santa, How are you. I have ben a good girl. What I want is Rocky shows. I hope you have a mrry Christmas. Thank you for the presents last year. I gust love the holidays. My siz show is 3. Love,
Alexa M.

Dear Santa, How are you dowing and Mrs. Claus? I been good this year. I want a Nintndow 3DS and a rel lyve chinowy. I hoop you cum for Christmas. Love,
Ella L>

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus, How are you doning this year. I am beying a very good boy this year. I hope I get a hole bunch of Legos and a new DS game. I love Santa.
Logan L.

Dear Santa, How are you and rodolph. I have been a very good boy this year. I want a Wii and Nentendo DS and a ninjago fire dragon and ninjago training cors for kai and it has the real dragon sordr of fire. Merry Christmas.
Blake K.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I ben a good kid this year. I wod like a scat dord for Christmas. I hop you have a good Christmas.
Caiden W

Dear Santa Claus, How have you ben? I lick the elves. Please bering me a mat cin terol drt bick. I will give you yorer faverit cookies. I love Peresis. Love,
William B.
PS. Please rit back.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus. I have ben a good girl. I wot for Christmas is a es backavin. I wish I had a pupy. Love,
Mechelle G.

Dear Santa, How are you doing and Mrs. Claus. I want Maghic Tree Hose books. Merry Christmas Santa. Love,
Isabella O.

Dear Santa, How are you and Roodof. I'f ben verey good this yer. I hope yor ranedeer are good. I want a lioyins jrseeey number 81. I hope your elfs are good to. Sinseerlee,
Alex C.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus. I have ben a good girl. This-Christmas I wata new esy bac uvin. Dak you for the presnt las yer. Love,
Emily B.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I wot a rel i-pad thiss year. And a rel dog to. Thank you for the present last year. I hope you have a great Christmas and I have ben a good girl this year! I love you Santa.
Mira H.

Dear Santa, I hop that you are wom. I love you Santa. Is yor radeer been good and Mrs. Claus doing good. Wut I wot for Christmas is ipad with blue on the back and flams on the back. Love,
Alice L.

Dear Santa, How are the elfs at the North Pole? Bet it is cold their. I whanta PS and a cumptr for Christmas. I am a good girl this yer. I have a elf at home. He is on the deer at home, you can not touch it. I also whant a ipad for Christmas. Have a happr Christmas. Love,
Madelyn S.

Dear Santa, I hav ben a good gril. How are elfs, I thenck very good. I wot pupes. Mare Kismis. I love you.
Lexi D.

Dear Santa, How is the elffs in the north. I will like a bick for Christmas. I like the mostt truck bick won. I was a good boy at hom and at sckool. Wat cinuv cooke do you like. I like the choklit cips cookey and do you like choklit cookey. My sist likes the pent budr cookey. Love,
Jayden H.

Dear Santa, How r you dowing and how or you raider? Can you plesie git me eringgs? I would like a erings. I hope you hath a happye now yer. Love,
Samantha B.

Dear Santa, How are the ranedeer doing? I hope there doing varea good. I hope you can giv me a present. I want a hovercraft and one that's real live one with bitt in, mishean gun in it and an ipads. Love,
Harper B.

Dear Santa, How is Rudof's nose? I hope it's growing very briht and red. I've tried really to apolegise when I make mustacks. But I've been a good girl. Can I please get an surprise [lease. Thank you. Have a happy Christmas. Love,
Evey D.

Dear Santa, How r you lfs doeing? Is it colld in the North Poll. I want a ipad tuch with anger brds.
Ethan S.

Dear Santa, Do you like to travel to kids homes? I have ben a good grla this year. Can I have a cat PLEZ! Thank you Santa. Love
Clowie W.

Dear Santa, What is your farite kinde of cooke? I want a DS for Christmas that's all I want. Mare Christmas Santa. Love,
Vivian L

Dear Santa, How is Rodof? I wat a ipad tach. I wot it black. I wot a helcotr that is isidstdl (indestructible). I was a good boy. Love,
Jett S.

Dear Santa, Whet cinde of cookes do you like? I like cokit chop cookes. Will you get me a stuff pupy please. And have a grat yer. Love,
Hailey L.

Dear Santa, Are the elves doing good? Are you doing good? Will you please get me a ipad please. Will you get me a phon please. Have a vary good Merry Christmas. Love
Madilyn A.

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I am doen good. I please a xbox 360. I please wat a DS. Lov,
Wyatt C.

Dear Santa, Hou is rodof doin? I hav ben a godd boye. Could you ples git me a rewl pup and a rel ipad. Hape noyr yer. Love,
Gavin H.

Dear Santa, How are you? Can you git me mario krt Wii. Love,
Joel M.

Dear Santa, How are the raneder. Are they being good? Will you get me a lego city police jjep with a police dog. Love,
Adam L.

Dear Santa, How is Rodof the red nows raned daer doing. I will mack you a lot of cookes and 1 cand cane. I will like if you mad a cottn cand mashne. Love,
Lanie B.

Dear Santa, How is Roodof. Is he fine? I want a rander. Love,
Natalie H.

Dear Santa, Wos yor faffit cookes? Min faffrit is Penit butter cookes. Was your Randeer good. I wot weres Waldo in Holewood. The book I rely want fere Crsimas. Love,
Tannis G.

Dear Santa, How is the red nos deer. I wot a blue DS. I wot a game. What kind of cukes do you like. And a wot a ip[ad. I wot boy gams.
Micheal R.

Dear Santa, How are the rander? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I be'n good. Can I git a ipad plees. I love you be for I end this ledr lbet its cold up there, but I hop you have a good Crimas. Love,
Kamden K.

Dear Santa, I want a jirssy, a basket-ball hoop, legos, PS xbox 360, the game sorry sliders, a flat scrin TV, pillo pet, diry of a wipy kid, cabin fever, chapter books, remot cuterl cars, cookis, dog, cat, gumball mushen, scat vard hard soccer ball, college size football, basketball shos, a baseball, a bat (not Jackson), 6 Qoders.
Jack N.

Dear Santa, All I want for Chismis is ninjado legos and a pool table and hot wells and a lego cite chrain and sensawu and kai from ninjago and new hockey skates and a skateboard and last ninjago book.
Ben H.

Dear Santa, Do you no what I want for Crismis. I want a skooter that makes sprks and one that has chock and I want a scapbord. I have ridede one befor. And I want to git to see you to. I love you. I no some pepl do not blev in you but I do not fele bad. I love you. And I want a xbox 360. I do nopt have on.
Emya P.

Dear Santa, I bleve in you. Not much people bleve in you for some resin. I hop you mack it from hous to hous. You are speshl to me and my famly so Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night and a happy new year. Love
Lilianaa R.
PS: not Lily

Dear Santa, I like Crismis and I would also want for Chrimis is a neyo ceoobe. Thanks for presin. I want a new DS game and a new Moare Yocrt and a new legos and a stuff amle a Rambo and a new babey and a new heband and a new swedr.
Sophie B.

Dear Santa. I thank you for givig presents to all the childin of the world on Crismis. We love you. You are the best Santa ever. Ava M.

Dear Santa, I want a remote control jeep for weeul drive.
Joe S.

Dear Santa, I want a Anakin costoom for Crismis and a moster truck with a remote and a bluw litsaver and a powrangel costoom with a gold ssorde. Love,
Matthew R.

Dear Santa. I will like a new cat that is fake and a ryl dog in a cage. My mom wants a huscky. I want lots of candy. It is yummy. I like candy. Love,
Amadeus F.

Dear Santa, I wold like a lago ninjago palyset with the sords and the game.
Blake R.

Dear Santa, Thanks for giving presents to all the children of the world on Christmas. Can I have DSI and DSI XL and a Ipod and a Ipad and a puppy for Christmas? I will name her Bella. Your friend,
Karli H.

Dear Santa, I want to have a puppy and a cat. I will wait to see you. No FEDEX to me. I hop I will git a cat and a puppy and not fish.
Conner R.

Dear Santa, I am so sad that I was in 1 grade. I happy in kindergarten. I love kindergarten. I am so not happy a bit. Wow, today is a day.
Matt S.

Dear Santa, I am making a present for you and do you no what I want for Christmas? I want a boy puppy and a ipad and a ipod and a ipone. Thank you for evreething. You are the asumist persin in the world and we mite come to see you and you can show us your elfs. Love
Kaylee S.

Dear Santa, U are the best! I wud like doll stuff and coking stuff and clos. I have ben relly good and so has my bruthers. Don't forget the candy. U are the best. I need new ducks. Love,
Jordan S.


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Annual Christmas Day Dinner will be served at Boyne City Presbyterian Church

By Jim Akans

Marking the 14th annual occasion of this very special community event, the Boyne City Christmas Day Dinner will once again be held on Sunday, December 25th in the dining room of the 1st Presbyterian Church at 401 S. Park Street starting at noon. In past years, this gathering has brought as many as 187 area residents and visitors to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate together.

Gordon Lambie, who is organizing the Christmas Dinner this year with the churches men's club, states, "We are expecting over 100 people to attend this year. This is truly a community dinner, open to anyone who needs or would like to join together and enjoy a Christmas Day dinner. We will be serving the meal from noon until 2 pm."

For the first time ever, the preparation of Joe Krumholz, Jordan Inn owner and chef, will oversee the meal. The traditional style menu will feature turkey, mash potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, rolls and tantalizing pies all expertly prepared...and admission is free!

For many years, Al Lawson spearheaded the annual Christmas Dinner, and this is the first time Gordon Lambie is at the helm.

"This is a new experience for us," he relates, "as Al has been in charge for so many years. People look forward to this event and we want to help it to continue. A lot of vol-



For the 14th year in a row, the tree is trimmed and the tables are set for the annual Community Christmas Dinner at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, being held from noon to 2 pm on Christmas Day. COURTESY PHOTO

unteers are helping us out. We have contribution from local business, such as Glens Market and Gordon Food Services, and several other organizations and individuals are also helping out to make this happen."

So bring your Christmas spirit, hearty appetite, and partake of the 14th Annual Community Christmas Dinner this coming Sunday, December 25th, at the Boyne City 1st Presbyterian Church from noon until 2 pm. To offer your support to this effort, please call Gordon Lambie at 582-2591 or Oral Sutliff at 582.9194.

United Way Makes Year-End Community Investments

Char-Em United Way has made a special community allocation investment to meet critical needs. \$25,000 from United Way's Emergency Needs Fund has just been awarded to several local agencies.

Good Samaritan Family Services, Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), and the Salvation Army have all received grants earmarked specifically for emergency utility assistance. In addition, grants have been made to three additional programs. These include the new Benefits Access Initiative, being coordinated by Char-Em United Way, Manna Food Project's new Food Rescue project, and NMCAA's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The Benefits Access Initiative is a new program intended to help low-income residents improve their financial stability by accessing a range of private and public benefits for which they qualify.

Manna is seeking funds to purchase a vehicle to expand the recovery and distribution of surplus food from restaurants and stores. The grant to NMCAA will allow the agency to continue and expand this important program that not only helps low-income and senior citizens file their taxes, but helps them apply for Earned Income and other tax credits.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide additional funding at this time," says Therese Green, Chair of United Way's Allocation Committee. "During last spring's Community Investment Allocation process, we set aside a small percentage of the available funds into an Emerging Needs Fund. This fund gives us flexi-

bility to meet community needs that might arise in between our annual investment cycle."

"The Emerging Needs Fund was conceived to meet new needs or to fund promising new solutions to existing needs. With the continued economic challenges our community faces, all of these projects will help families improve their financial stability," continued Green.

The funds have been made available to all agencies immediately for use within the next three months.

"We were able to provide this special funding because we had such a successful campaign last year," says Martha Lancaster, United Way Executive Director. "Last year we raised a record amount of funds and this enabled us to invest a record amount of money back into the community. As the community need is greater than ever, we hope that we will be able to maintain this level of investment again this year. However, that will only be possible if we reach our current campaign goal of \$380,000. Our campaign now stands at 60% of goal, and we still have a long way to go to meet that mark."

The Frey Foundation has offered United Way a challenge grant of an additional \$20,000 if it meets the campaign goal this year. Contributions to the campaign can be sent to Char-Em United Way, P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770 or made on line at www.charemunitedway.org, selecting the "Give" button.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

Discover a huge variety of new and vintage items for the home at Consign Design

By Jim Akans

Consign Design, located in a wonderful

three level downtown Charlevoix shop (which began as Hess Furniture many years ago), fea-



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Consign Design, located in a wonderful three level downtown Charlevoix shop (which began as Hess Furniture many years ago) is located at 100 Van Pelt Place, (at the end of Van Pelt Alley off Bridge Street) and features a huge array of items to furnish, decorate, or simply spice up the look of your home.

tures a huge array of items to furnish, decorate, or simply spice up the look of your home. Priced from under one dollar to several thousand, artwork, furniture, lighting fixtures, china, goblets and countless other home accessory items are beautifully displayed throughout the approximately 4,000 square feet of floor space in the shop.

The store is owned by Chuck and Mary Adams along with business partners Rebecca Jeakle and Melanie Morrison, and opened in May of 2007 after these entrepreneurs reviewed a City of Charlevoix study that revealed area residents felt there was a need for an affordable place in town

to purchase artwork, furnishings and antiques.

"We offer just about anything for furnishing and accessorizing the home," notes Mary Adams. "While we certainly have antiques such as Depression era glass, Waterford crystal, and vintage chandeliers, we also have new items in our Interior Design Clearance Center which feature items that were used to furnish model homes for builders. We also have a Children's Section with items such as vintage furniture and books."

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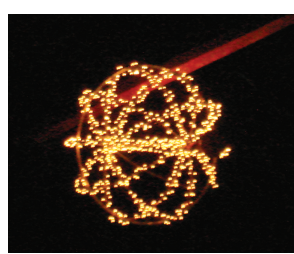
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New Year's Eve at the Crooked Tree Arts Center

Zola Murray an area high school student created the artwork for the admission buttons and t-shirts for New Year's Eve at the Arts Center. Her artwork was chosen among several entries from students throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties.



The ball-drop at New Year's Eve at the Arts Center

artists and organizations including Blissfest Music Organization and Petoskey District Library. There will be over 20 performances and 15 workshops available this New Year's Eve including the potter's wheel, Ukuleles for Youth and dance among many others. The arts center is expecting over 800 participants and 50 volunteers to help ring-in 2012.

New Year's Eve at the Arts Center will be held Saturday, December 31 from 5:00-9:00 PM, concluding with a "Midnight at 9" Times-Square style ball-drop on Division Street. Admission buttons are \$7 for Adults and \$2 for Students. For further information please contact Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or www.crookedtree.org. New Year's Eve at the Arts Center is sponsored in part by Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and Moran Iron Works.



This year's artwork by Zola Murray for New Year's Eve at the Arts Center



Zola Murray pictured with her winning entry for New Year's Eve at the Arts Center

Local Chef to Share Holiday Cooking Recipes at Holiday Farmers Market

Paul Ramey, head chef and owner of Charlevoix's Roquette Burger Bistro will be at the Charlevoix Holiday Farmers Market this coming Thursday, December 22nd from 10am to 2pm at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Chef Ramey will be passing out recipe cards and free samples of his favorite homemade Bread Pudding with Maple Carmel. Most of the ingredients used in his recipe can be found at the Farmers Market.

"When it comes to winter I start to think comfort food, and nothing around the holidays is more comforting than a warm, soft bread pudding. Sweetened custard amidst layers of home baked bread relax and remind me of Christmas spent growing up in the South," said Ramey.

The Farmers Market will also include many gift ideas and gift boxes of your favorite local products that make for the perfect practical present, cool stocking stuffer, or thoughtful hostess gift.

For questions regarding the Farmers Market, contact the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101.

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CHARLEVOIX

Christmas Farmers Market

Paul Ramey, head chef and owner of Charlevoix's Roquette Burger Bistro will be at the Charlevoix Holiday Farmers Market this coming Thursday, December 22nd from 10am to 2pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. 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.

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 market will be held each Saturday in with the exception of Dec. 24th. A special market is planned Dec. 23. For more information about the Winter Market call the Boyne City Main Street office at 231-582-9009. Saturday markets will resume on Jan. 7.

BOYNE CITY

Christmas Gathering

Genesis Church will host a special community Christmas Gathering for the whole family at 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 23, in the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. There will be Christmas music by Harbor Springs performing artist Craig Cottrill and an encouraging Christmas message given by Boyne City's Jamie Woodall. Check out genesiswired.com or call 231-487-0081 for more information.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Tree sale

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

BOYNE CITY

Free Christmas CD

Boyne City resident Dan Farrow, a professional musician and recording artist, is offering a free CD of Christmas carols performed on solo piano. The album features 12 tracks in a contemporary instrumental approach. "My piano style is influenced by impressionist George Winston... you'll hear familiar carols performed in a new way, with original introductions and brief improvisations. It's perfect music for a family gathering or a holiday meal. This is my way of spreading a little comfort and joy at this special time of the year." Farrow recorded "This Christmas" in his home studio, and manufactures and mails the CD's himself. To obtain a free copy of his album, contact him by e-mail at: danielodovanfarrow@yahoo.com or, by voice or text at (231) 675-2935.

BOYNE CITY

Free Christmas dinner

The 1st Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will continue its tradition of offering a free Christmas Dinner for anyone and everyone in the community from noon to 2 p.m. The church is located at 401 S. Park St. The church men's club is organizing the event and cooking the traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's. The dinner is paid for by contributions from the congregation, the public and local grocery stores. Anyone who would like to support the effort may call Gordon Lambie at 582-2591, or Oral Sutliff at 582-9194.

BOYNE CITY

Blood Drives

Blood drives in the Boyne Area include Dec. 27 at the Community Church of Christ, 777 Vogel St. from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Jan. 10 at Boyne City Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Everyone who attempts to donate in December could win a \$250 Meijer gift card or a \$500 Best Buy gift card. To schedule a donation time or get more information about giving blood or platelets, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

BOYNE CITY

Student art show

Continuing at the Boyne Arts Collective gallery is "Boyne Area Schools Present... ART It's ELEMENTARY." Boyne Falls, Boyne City and Boyne Concord elemen-

tary school students will display their artwork through Dec. 31 at 210 Lake St. Gallery hours are Friday 1 to 5, Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday 12 to 4. For information call 231-675-7071. The Arts Collective will move to a winter location during January, February, and March at the Boyne Mountain "Made in Michigan: Gift Shop." Artwork of members will be displayed while artists demonstrate how they create their art.

CHARLEVOIX

Trails are open

Believe it or not, trails are open! The volunteers of the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club have done a great job marking the trails this year and we are hoping for your support so we can keep our trails in good shape for young and old to enjoy.

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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Free Safety Training Available to Health Workers

North Central Michigan College recently received a grant from the State of Michigan to provide free Ergonomics Safety training to help long-term care facilities in Northern Michigan improve worker safety and lower the cost of incidents. The college will provide free customized Ergonomic Safety training at locations and schedules most convenient to the workers. The college will bring instructors and materials to worksites in Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Otsego and Luce counties to train more than 300 long-term health care employees. The program runs through September 2012 with training scheduled on demand. There is no charge to the facility or the workers for this instruction. Please call Thomas Nathe, Director of Corporate and Community Education (formerly Institute for Business & Industry Training) at 231-348-6613 or Helen Leithauser, Business Training Coordinator, at 231-348-6705 for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Applications open for market manager

Boyne City Main Street is accepting applications until 5 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2012, for an independent contractor to serve as Market Manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market. The market manager's job description is available at www.boynefarmersmarket.com or by contacting the Main Street office. Please submit your resume, letter of interest, and three references to Main Street, 112 South Park St., Suite F, Boyne City, MI. 49712. For more information, email mainstreet@boynecity.com or call 231.582.9009.

CHARLEVOIX

COA Board Openings

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board has two openings in the Charlevoix area as of January 1. Members of the community who have an interest in the well being of County seniors and supporting their caregivers are encouraged to apply. Particularly encouraged to apply are those with interest, experience or education in developing community awareness and messaging and/or who desire to serve in a leadership capacity including board chair. Interested citizens can print an expression of

interest form from the Commissioners page at the County website (charlevoixcounty.org) or by calling 231-547-0866 (COA board chair) or 231-237-0103 (COA director). Mail the interest form to 218 W Garfield, Charlevoix, or fax to 231-547-0873. Please contact us as soon as possible; the COA Board will be making recommendations to County Commissioners by the end of November.

BOYNE CITY

Computer 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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Just stuff it

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

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

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

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor farmers market

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

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.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Farmers Market

The East Jordan Garden Club is sponsoring a winter Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, at the East Jordan Civic Center. It will be open the second Thursday of each month; January 12, February 19, March 8 and April 12.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Aktion Club's Annual Penny Drive

Please send in any odd pennies you have hanging out and

the Aktion Club will do the rest! Aktion Club helps with a variety of Christmas Projects including filling shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child, shopping for Adopt a Family, and making fruit baskets for area Senior Citizens who receive commodities in Boyne City and Charlevoix that are delivered by Charlevoix Aktion Club! If you have questions, ask an Aktion Club member of call Kim Brock at 231-547-2979X11. Thank you in advance for you support!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Donations and pledges needed to finish trail

Since the recent announcement of a major state grant has assured that the Boyne City to U.S. 31 recreational trail, local residents have pledged \$3,500 towards the project. Assuming those pledges come through, the project needs another \$14,000 in donations to cover the cost of the \$965,000 project. This is according to Michael Sheean, president of the North Country Bicycle Club, based in Boyne City. "We've got a great start on this, but we still need support from the public," Sheean said. Private donations to allow the development of the trail can be made to the Top of Michigan Trails Council with the following notation on the memo line of the check: "BC to US-31 Trail Fund." If the donors wish to remain anonymous, that should also be noted in some fashion either on the check or in a note attached to the donation. Pledges for future funding may be made in writing the Top of Michigan Trails Council, 445 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770. The Trails Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and, as a result, donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Funds raised over and above the \$17,500 (if any) will be used to assist in developing the second phase of the trail. For additional information, contact Shirlene Tripp, Chair of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee, at 231-347-9679.

CHARLEVOIX

State of the Community

The 2nd Annual State of the Community Address will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 11am-2pm at Castle Farms. Tickets are \$30 person and include a full lunch and bound booklet of over 50 different community reports. Speakers include Erin Bemis, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce; Boogie Carlson, City of Charlevoix; Chief Charles Bury, Charlevoix Coast Guard;

Cheryl Potter Browe, Charlevoix County Clerk; and Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

BOYNE CITY

Help design Boyne City's future

Are you interested in shaping Boyne City's future? If so, plan to attend a City-wide Goal-Setting Session at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 in the Parish Hall at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue (M-75 South). This meeting is an opportunity to share suggestions, ask questions, hear what your fellow citizens are thinking, and receive updates on the status of previously established goals. Input received at this meeting will assist the City Commission and other city boards and commissions in determining the short-term and long-term goals for our community. If you are not able to attend, you may submit suggestions to: City of Boyne City, 319 N. Lake St., or by emailing cgrice@boynecity.com. For additional information or questions, contact City Hall at 582-6597.

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 and Pickers Jamboree

Join the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 14th from 3-10pm at the VFW Hall for the 9th annual music fest featuring area violinists, fiddlers, guitarists, and other string instruments. Any area string musician is invited! It's a musical "hoe down" for fun and laughs. Dancing and sing alongs are encouraged. Food and beverage will be available for sale. Proceeds fund area youth music scholarships. Entry cost is donation only. For more information contact Gabe Campbell at 231.547.9739 or Ed Linse at 231.547.4526

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Giving Circle grants

Are you part of an organiza-

tion in Emmet and Charlevoix seeking funding for projects that help local women and girls? The Hestia Women's Giving Circle is welcoming applications for its sixth grant cycle. Applications are due February 1, and grants will be announced in May and awarded in mid-June. Organizations applying for grants must have 501(c) 3 non-profit status or be a school or government agency, or have a fiscal agent with non-profit status. The Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) which also assists the Giving Circle in grant making and distribution. Applications will be available on the Foundation's website at www.c3f.org. Click on "All About Grants" and follow the Hestia link. Potential applications should call Maureen Radke at CCCF at (231) 536-2440 prior to filling out an application. For more information about the Giving Circle, contact Christine Carpenter, chairwoman, at 348-0736, Diane Neal, secretary, at 242-0298, or send an email to INFO@hestiacircle.org.

BOYNE CITY

Ice Out contest returns

The Great Lake Charlevoix Ice Out contest will be held again this winter as a fund-raiser benefiting the Alano Clubs of Boyne City and Charlevoix. Community members will have the opportunity to purchase guesses on the day and time the carefully selected rock, "Rocky Balboa", will fall through the ice. The person who picks the closest date and time will win \$1,000. The rest of the funds will be split between the two organizations. Rocky and a specially constructed clock will be placed on Lake Charlevoix near the marina lighthouse as soon as ice conditions allow. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Dec. 18 and will be available until March 15, 2012. The cost for each guess is \$2 and tickets will be sold by Alano Club board members and at participating businesses, including the Boyne Area Chamber, Local Flavor bookstore and Pat O'Brien Real Estate. Alano clubs manage facilities that host 12-step recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateen, Narcotics Anonymous, etc. to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities. For more information about this contest or the Alano Clubs of Boyne City or Charlevoix, contact Pat O'Brien at 231-582-1700 or Richard O'Leary at 231-547-9184.

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Charlevoix Holiday Window Decorating Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Charlevoix's Annual Holiday Window Decorating Contest. Charlevoix businesses were encouraged to dress up their windows and storefronts in celebration of the holiday season.

Participating businesses were judged by

volunteers on the following criteria: Holiday spirit, eye-catching design and creativity.

Congratulations to this year's winners: 1st Place: Revolution Bike, 2nd Place: Charlevoix State Bank, 3rd Place: Petals, and Honorable Mention: Ellair & Company Art Gallery.

Thanks to all the participating merchants:

Hearts to Holly, Charlevoix State Bank, Revolution Bike, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, Ga Ga For Kids, Elements, Celeste Murdick's Fudge, Todd Warner Studios, Villager Pub, Weathervane Hotel, Petals, Castle Farms, MacDougall House B&B and Cherry Republic.



1st Place
RIGHT: Revolution Bike captured 1st place in this year's Charlevoix Annual Window Decorating Contest. COURTESY PHOTO

2nd Place
BELOW LEFT: 2nd Place in this year's contest went to Charlevoix State Bank. COURTESY PHOTO

3rd Place
BELOW RIGHT: Petals was the 3rd Place winner in this year's Window Decorating Contest. COURTESY PHOTO



E.J. / Ellsworth Holiday Window Decorating Contest Winners

East Jordan and Ellsworth area businesses have decorated their store fronts to celebrate the Christmas season. Winners of the window decorating contest sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix County News were selected this week.

In Ellsworth, House on the Hill was selected as the winner.

In East Jordan, Chicken-N-Stuff was selected as the first place winner. Second place went to Chellos Salon and Day Spa. Third place was Charlevoix State Bank.

The decorating contest winners receive prizes supplied by the Chamber and the Charlevoix County News.

Injuries reported in one vehicle accident

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 at 4:45 pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury traffic crash on Larson Rd. west of Urman Rd. in Melrose Township.

Fifteen year old Brandon Keith Hull of Boyne City was driving westbound on Larson Rd. in a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer when he lost control on the icy roadway. The vehicle left the road, struck a road sign then drove into the ditch. Brandon was not injured. His mother, 39 year old Stephanie Ann Hull, struck the rear view mirror with her head and received an injury to her shoulder.

Rear driver's seat passenger, 17 year old Ashley Nichole Slinwinski of Boyne City suffered an injury to her right lower leg.

Rear middle seat passenger 12 year old Jordan Michael Hull suffered a minor abrasion to the right side of his neck from the seatbelt. Both Jordan and his father, Brian Keith Hull complained of soreness later that day.

Both Stephanie Hull and Ashley Slinwinski were transported to Northern Michigan Hospital by the Boyne City Ambulance. They were treated and released.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Melrose Township Fire Department and the Boyne City EMS.

Road conditions lead to two vehicle accident on Norwood Road

A Charlevoix County Deputy responded to a two vehicle personal injury crash on December 17, 2011. The accident occurred on US-31 near Norwood Road at 9:46 p.m. The Deputy was assisted by an off duty Pellston Firefighter and Michigan State Police.

The driver, Bridget Peters age 20 from Charlevoix, was traveling Northbound on US 31 when she states she lost control of her vehicle when it veered sharply to the left and crossed the center line. Peters' vehicle was struck by a vehicle traveling Southbound on US 31. Peters was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, her air bag did not deploy.

Driver, Nicole Hutchins age 31 of Central Lake, and passenger, Greg Bloom age 36 of Central Lake, were traveling Southbound on US 31 when Peters' vehicle crossed in front of them. Hutchins' vehicle struck Peters' vehicle in the passenger side, causing damage to the front of her vehicle. Both Hutchins and Bloom were wearing seatbelts and the airbags did deploy.

All persons involved declined EMS to dispatch stating no injuries. Peters upon investigation complained of minor back pain. Peters was transported by her mother to Charlevoix Area Hospital for evaluation; she was released later that night.

Road conditions were snowy with heavy snow falling at the time of the accident. Charlevoix County Road Commission was currently working to remove snow from US 31.

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At Christmas and always, we wish to express our deep thankfulness and our warmest wishes. Have a merry, merry Christmas and a fruitful New Year!

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