

Charlevoix County Local Election Results*

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 5th DISTRICT

which includes Eveline, Marion, Norwood, Peaine, and St. James Townships. Incumbent Richard L. Gillespie, Republican 1609 Nancy Ferguson, Democrat ..1197

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 6th DISTRICT

this encompasses Charlevoix Township. Results not available at Press Time.

Charlevoix City, Ward 3

Incumbent Shane D. Cole	
Shirley Gibson	

....218

.....191

Charlevoix City Ward 2	
Incumbent Greg Stevens	276
Leon Perron	

Charlevoix City Mayor

Incumbent Norman (Boogie) Carlson Jr. Write-In	
Boyne Valley Township St	upervisor
Sue Hobbs, Republican Bernard J. Kondrat, Democrat	

Hayes Township Trustee

	-	
Rich Burnett Rep	ublican	
Incumbent Doug	as L. Kuebler, Republican	699
Incumbent Jim R	udolph, Democratic	518
LOCAL SC	HOOL DISTRIC	Г

East Jordan Public Schools	
Scott Nachazel	535
Kevin Shepard	401
Becky Rowbotham	341
Ellsworth School Board (4 year term)	
Susanne Gardner	457
Jonathan Kelly	280
Kandi S. Randall	491

Bay Township

ROAD MILLAGE RENEW PROPOSAL: Yes No **Boyne Valley Township** PROPOSAL TO AMEND PURPOSE OF TRANSFER STATION MILLAGE: Yes No

Chandler Township

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL -	
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY:	
Yes	.11
No	.25

Eveline Township

PROPOSAL TO RENEW ROAD MILLAGE:
Yes
No

Hudson Township

.470

389

.193

..582

356

. 283

School district proposal- BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY:	
Yes	32
No	40

Area Wide Proposals

Charlevoix City, Charlevoix Township, Eveline Township, Hayes Township, Marion Township, Norwood Township OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Results not available at Press Time.

East Jordan, Eveline Township, South Arm Township, Wilson Township

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL: .Total 846 Yes: 428 EJ city, 286 Eveline, 132 Wilson No: 371 EJ city, 220 Eveline, 128 WilsonTotal 719

* Unofficial results as of press time.

Charlevoix Holiday Parade entry forms being accepted

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering Charlevoix's 2nd Annual Holiday Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, November 23rd at 5:30pm on Bridge Street in downtown.

The parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's Annual Community Tree Lighting Celebration, which runs the same day from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Tree Lighting activities include ornament making and free photos with Santa at the North Pole (located at the Charlevoix Cir-

East Jordan City Harbor 80% **Closed Again**

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN-The disastrous effect of waning water levels and sand brought into the lake by the Jordan River was the topic of conversation at the November 6 East Jordan City commission meeting.

Parks Director Tom Cannon addressed the commission for nearly an hour Tuesday asking for direction to proceed with resolving the

Veterans Day ceremonies honor service to our country



ongoing harbor problems before the benefits of last

See East Jordan Harbor- 9A



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PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Please take time this Sunday, November 11th, to honor, recognize and remember the service of those veterans and active military personnel.

By Jim Akans

Sunday, November 11th is Veteran's Day; a date designated each year for honoring those who have served and who are serving our country in the military. It is not a date that was arbitrarily set; rather, it marks the occasion of an armistice that was called on November 11 at 11 am in 1918, ending hostilities between Allied nations and Germany during World War I. The following June, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the 11th day of the 11 month to be Armistice Day, and many communities hold memorial ceremonies at the 11th hour on this holiday.

Armistice Day became an official holiday in 1938, was given the

name Veteran's Day in 1954, and during the early 1970's, it was reanchored to the 11th day of the 11th month by a law signed by President Gerald Ford in 1975.

Please take time this Sunday, November 11th, to honor, recognize and remember the service of veterans and active military personnel. Please note that with Veterans Day falling on a Sunday this year, area Veterans Day programs and ceremonies in the area will be taking place on the following Monday.

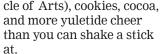
To those who have or are serving; THANK YOU!

Following are some of the ceremonies and programs that will be held in the Charlevoix County News distribution area this year:

BOYNE CITY - The American while the date moved around a bit Legion will hold ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, November 11th at 11 am.

> CHARLEVOIX - There will be a wreath-laying ceremony and the playing of taps at the Charlevoix Area Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park on Sunday, November 11th at 11 am.

> **VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH -**There will be a Veterans Day continental breakfast followed by a program at the Ellsworth High School on Monday, November 12th. The breakfast for veterans will start at 8:15 am, and the program, which will include a performance by the Ellsworth High School Band, will begin at 9 am.



The theme of this year's parade is "A Christmas Wonderland". The deadline to enter is November 19th. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office or at www.charlevoix.org.

All are invited to join the parade! Children are welcome to bring their favorite furry friend and march in the teddy bear parade portion of the procession. Does your dog play well with others and have a holiday themed costume? If so, you may enter your companion in the canine costume parade. To participate, please bring a canned-good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

Let's make the Community Parade a cherished tradition that will continue for years to come. Contact the Chamber today at 231.547.2101 or ferguson@charlevoix.org for further details.

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THURSDAY

HIGH: Low 50's

LOW: Upper 30's

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SUNDAY

HIGH: Upper 50's

LOW: Low 40's



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LOW: Low 30's

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TUESDAY

record temps

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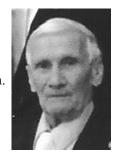
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9	49°F	32°F	71°F (1999)	17°F (1991)
10	49°F	31°F	71°F (1999)	16°F (1980)
11	48°F	31°F	67°F (2010)	14°F (1985)
12	48°F	31°F	65°F (1964)	15°F (1983)
13	47°F	31°F	65°F (1999)	14°F (1986)
14	47°F	30°F	62°F (1958)	5°F (1986)

James D. Stackus, 90

(JAN. 31, 1922 - NOV. 4, 2012) James D. Stackus passed away

City early Sunday morning He was 31, 1922, in

weathe



Stackus. Jim graduated from Boyne City High School in 1940. He lettered in baseball, football and basketball as team captain and was awarded the Outstanding Senior Male Athlete in 1940. He was inducted into the Boyne City High School Hall of Fame in 2010.

Following high school, Jim worked in Saginaw serving his resident training in mortuary science, 1941-42, at E.G. Deisler Funeral Home.

He served in the U.S. Navy 1942-45. "Lil Doc" served during World War II as pharmacist's first mate on the destroyer ship U.S.S. Wilkes. Following discharge, he worked in Ionia at Meyers Funeral Home, and completed resident training in 1946. He enrolled in mortuary science at Wayne State University and graduated in June 1947. Jim returned to Boyne City where he purchased the Stackus Funeral home from his father and aunt, Mrs. Glen Norma Shearer. After 50 years of serving his surrounding communities, he sold the business in

1990.

HIGH: Low 50's

LOW: Low 40's

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HIGH: Low 50's

LOW: Mid 40's

in many club, community and

state events, including Rotary

Boy Scout leader, past president

merce, board of directors Camp

Daggett, and served on the Boyne

City School Board for eight years.

He was past president and secre-

Boyne City Chamber of Com-

peacefully at his home in Boyne

Nov. 4, 2012. born on Jan.

Boyne City,

to Schuyler

and Sylvia

(Shepherd)



City Airport and flew power lines for Wolverine Power. Jim is well known for his involvement in, service to, and love for Boyne City.

Many of Jim's favorite pastimes and hobbies included flying, downhill skiing, fly fishing, hunting, berry picking and working in the woods with his dozers and tractors.

An absolute joy of Jim's life began in 1974 and continued for more than 20 years, which were the canoe trips he made exploring and navigating the wild rivers of Canada, with an assortment of 20 to 25 members of the notorious canoe clan dubbed "The Gunnel Grabbers."

Although he gave generously of his time to his community, Jim will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, who was never too busy to make time for all of them.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor (Hosmer) Stackus. They

OBITUARIES

her home in Boyne City. He is also survived by his six children, Craig (Diane) Stackus of Boyne City, Cheryl Stackus of Boyne City, Leslee (Robert) Wiltjer of Boyne City, Kevin (Dawn) Stackus of Boyne City, Kelly Jo (Fred) Stutzman of Boyne City, Scott (Linda) Stackus of Petoskey; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; half sister, Joanne Eastwood of Arizona. He was preceded in death by his first wife and birth mother of his four eldest children, Charlotte (VanNornum) Stackus in 1959; his brothers, Robert, Ira and Perry; and sisters, Delores, Hilda and Norma; and grandson, Garrett.

A visitation will take place 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City. One hour of visitation will take place prior to the service. Committal will at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Memorials may be made to the Maple Lawn Cemetery gate projects, c/o Boyne City City Hall, 319 Lake St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712; or Eleanor Stackus, 417 Front St. Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

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

Margaret M. Haggerty, 91,

(DEC. 25, 1920 - NOV. 3, 2012) Margaret M. Haggerty of Charlevoix passed away at her home Saturday, November 3, 2012. She was born December 25, 1920, in Charlevoix to Jerry and Hazel (Shearer) Haggerty.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Petoskey, and worked as a clerk for the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the District Health Department.

Margaret graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1940. She was an avid downhill skier, enjoyed cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. She loved to watch the deer and wildlife.

Margaret is survived by her friend, Jean Swanson of Charlevoix; nephews, Richard Haggerty of Charlevoix, Mike (Debbie) Haggerty of Milford; nieces, Julie Emerson of Miss., Rita Haggerty of Charlevoix; sister-in-law, Patricia Haggerty of Charlevoix.

Visitation will be 3-5:00pm, Saturday, November 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Roy L. Rains, 83

Roy L. Rains of Ellsworth died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility. No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel



of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Joyce A. Brown, 75

(JULY 1, 1937 - OCT. 31, 2012) Joyce A. Brown of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, October 31, 2012,

at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She was born July 1, 1937, in Royal Oak, to Vincent and Clara (Leininger) Stoneham, and moved to Charlevoix as a young girl.

Joyce was employed as a teller and loan officer at the First State Bank, and later at the Family Federal Credit Union in Charlevoix.

On December 30, 1978, she married Donald W. Brown in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her husband Don; children, Richard (Tonia) Wells, Jr. of Charlevoix, Gail (Brad) Black of Crosswell, Dan Wells of McHenry, Illinois; stepdaughters, Marcia (Steve) Peterson of Grand Rapids, Terri (Jim) Peightal of Long Beach, Calif., Andrea (Tony) Smith of Redondo Beach, Calif.; thirteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several brothers and sisters.

A memorial visitation will be 6-8:00pm, Saturday, November 3, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Interment will take place at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Shawn Therece McCraney, 47

(MARCH 4, 1965 - OCT. 30, 2012) On October 30, 2012, Charlevoix

lost an angel, Shawn Therece Mc-Craney. She was born March 4,



tary of the Michigan Funeral Directors District 9, Board of Directors (Governor) of M.F.D.A. He was a member of the National Flying Funeral Directors Association, past manager of the Boyne

were married June 17, 1961, at Jim served with honor and love (twice past president), life member F&AM Lodge No. 391, Senior

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James E. and Moreen K. (Verlin) Hodges. At the age of

1965, in Grand Rapids to

thirteen she moved to Charlevoix to live with her sister and brother -in-law, Kathy and Butch Zoet, who became her second parents. Shawn graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1984 and attended Ashworth Business College.

Shawn spent her life as a caregiver, working for Grandvue Medical Care Facility, Charlevoix Area Hospital, and the Charlevoix Ambulance. For the past several years, she fulfilled her life passion by owning and operating Georgia House Assisted Living and Heavenly Helpers in-home care. Her love of the elderly is her legacy to all of us.

On October 12, 1996, she married her soul mate, Russ Mc-Craney and together they unconditionally loved their two children. Not only a faithful wife and mother, Shawn passionately served God and her community. She is survived by her husband Russ and their children Cassie and Joey; along with many brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews as well as grandparents, Howard and Dorothy Zoet of Middleville; father-in-law and Ray "Pops" McCraney of Horton Bay. Shawn was preceded in death by her parents and mother-in-law, Nancy "Nana" McCraney.

Funeral will be 1:00pm, Saturday, November 3, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix where visitation will begin at 10:00am. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Reverend Chip Sauer will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to McCraney Children's College Fund, c/o Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Those wanting to share a memory of Shawn may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.co m or at the funeral service.

News





East Jordan Elementary students parading on Halloween





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Farm Service Agency Administrator urges farmers and ranchers to vote in county committee elections

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that the 2012 FSA county committee elections will begin on Monday, Nov. 5, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 3, 2012. "The role and input of our county committee members is more vital than ever," said Garcia. "New county committee members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of disaster and conservation programs. With better participation in recent years, we also have seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates." Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots from their local USDA Service Center. Dec. 3, 2012, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must also be postmarked no later than Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2013. To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm also may be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended Aug. 1. While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,700 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers. More information on county committees, such as the new 2012 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

Hurry in and save. Deals this great won't last long.











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ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM Safe Home Annual Harvest Food and Supply Drive underway

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) is holding their annual Harvest Food and Supply Drive to collect needed items for domestic and sexual abuse survivors and their children staying at the agency's Safe Home.

The Safe Home provides a secure, supportive and caring residence for families in Northern Michigan that often arrive at the emergency shelter without personal belongings. Last year 139 survivors and their children sought refuge at the Safe Home and were provided with more than 8,700 meals, as well as all their daily needs. The Safe Home is fully staffed, stocked and operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a week providing a constant safe haven for those seeking refuge and producing a constant need for food and

supplies. Annual costs to run this program exceed \$25,000.

"We rely on donations from the community to help make the shelter a 'home' for the many families from Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties utilizing these critical services," said Safe Home Coordinator, Jamie Winters. "All domestic abuse services at the Safe Home are provided at no charge to domestic abuse survivors and their children; support from the community during this annual donation drive is essential."

Some of the items on the Safe Home Needs List include non-perishable food items such as cereal, fruit juice, peanut butter and boxed meals. Household supplies include laundry detergent, toilet paper, hand soap and dish towels.



Women's Center Domestic Abuse Program staff are pictured holding some of the items needed during the Harvest Food and Supply Drive (front from left) Jen Rashleigh-Houser, Angie Linsenman, Nicole Bruskotter, Kim McQuistion, (back from left) Stacey Ettawageshik, Jennifer DeVries, Amy Strohpaul, Monica Webb and Jamie Winters.

The Safe Home shelters many children who require baby food, infant formula and spill-proof cups. Personal care items for both adults and children are also needed including lotion, body wash and hair brushes. Gift cards and financial donations are also welcome—a \$75 donation will feed and house a family of four at the Safe Home for a week.

The complete Safe Home Needs List is available on the agency's website at wrcnm.org. Donations may be brought to the WRCNM's Administrative Office and Gold Mine Resale Shops in Petoskey, or to WRCNM satellite offices in Boyne City, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord or Mancelona. For more information, a Safe Home Needs List or to arrange for pickup of items, call 231-347-1572.

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency's Tax Program Needs Volunteers

Northwest Michigan **Community Action** Agency (NMCAA) is gearing up for its 2013 Tax Season. As a volunteer, you will help low-income residents by preparing and filing their tax returns and helping them apply for the Earned Income Tax Credits, Child Care Credits, Homestead Credits, and Home Heating Credits. NMCAA's Tax Program is supported by the State of Michigan to help area residents claim all of the credits they are eligible and need.

NMCAA offers free tax preparation at its office in Traverse City, Cadillac, and Petoskey, as well as the Michigan Works! office in Traverse City and Michigan Department of Human Services offices in Bellaire, Cadillac, Kalkaska, Roscommon and West Branch. Volunteers are needed at all locations including Boyne City, Charlevoix, Benzonia, and Leland libraries.

Tax preparation experience is preferred. NMCAA will provide training on tax preparation of low income returns and TaxWise software. After passing a basic IRS tax preparation test, you can choose to do tax preparation at times and a location that fit your schedule.

Become a volunteer tax preparer by contacting Latitia Garthe-Shiner at (231) 947-3780 or (800) 632-7334. She can also be reached via email at lgshiner@nmcaa.net.

For more information, please call Carrie Banks at (231) 947-3780 or email at cbanks@nmcaa.net.



Good Samaritan Furniture & More offers quality finds in downtown Ellsworth

By Jim Akans

"Our inventory at the Furniture & More showroom changes daily and is priced to move," states Mary Peterson, Director of Good Samaritan Food Pantry/Resale Shop, an affiliate of the Furniture & More store in downtown Ellsworth. "We offer a wide variety of very nice quality furniture, home décor accessories and appliances, and the proceeds from the sales are utilized to help our Food Pantry serve area families in need."

The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan Furniture & More showroom is located at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth, and opened their doors about two years ago. Since 1990, Good Samaritan Family Services has been helping area families in times of need through a diverse offering of services, including a Food Pantry, guidance for new mothers, providing clothing, coats and shoes, assistance with home heating, and more. The Furniture & More showroom, managed by Evie Snyder, helps to support the Good Samaritan Family Services mission.

Peterson notes, "This is a great place to shop and browse for items for the home or cottage. We are located in a beautiful, original building in downtown Ellsworth that was home to the Shooks Market for many years. People enjoy the ambience of the showroom, with vintage wood



The approximately 1,800 square foot Good Samaritan Furniture & More showroom at 6517 Center Street in Ellsworth is full of gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate the home. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY SR.

flooring and several living area vignettes we have set up. While we have a wide variety of items on display, and if there is something in particular a shopper is looking for that we don't currently have, we will put them on a waiting list and give them a call when an item that fits their needs comes in."

The showroom is full of gently used sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, the home. The items are donated by local individuals and businesses, and donations are accepted during normal business hours.

The Good Samaritan Furniture & More Showroom is located on Center Street in Ellsworth diagonally across from the Front Porch Café. The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday. For further infor-

beds, lamps, pictures, household nick-knacks...just about anything imaginable to furnish or decorate mation, call the showroom at (231) 676-3339 or visit www.thegoodsam.org.



HIDDEN TREASURES



BOYNE CITY

Challenge Mountain Resale 1158 S. M-75, Boyne City 231-582-5711 www.challengemtn.org

Consign Design 100 Van Pelt Pl., Charlevoix 231-237-9773

www.consigndesign.net

<u>CHARLEVOIX</u>

Bergmann Center Resale Shop 8888 Ance Road, Charlevoix 231-547-9624 www.bergmanncenter.org

Kelly's Antiques & Furniture Barn 06176 Old US 31 S.,Charlevoix 231-547-0133 www.dkellyantiques.com

EAST JORDAN

Crossroads Resale Shop 205 Water Street., East Jordan 231-536-7606 Open Tuesday thru Saturday

ELLSWORTH

Good Samaritan Furniture & More Store 6517 Center St. Downtown Ellsworth 231-588-2208 thegoodsam.org

ELLSWORTH

Good Samaritan Resale shop 9746 Main Street Ellsworth 231-588-2208 thegoodsam.org

FREDERIC

Pineview Military Surplus 7328 Old 27 North, Frederic 989-348-8300

GAYLORD

A-2-Z Resale 1829 Old 27 South, Gaylord 989-732-9500

Goodwill Retail and Donation Center 1361 Pineview Dr. (near Lowes) Gaylord 989-705-1747 www.goodwillnmi.org

GAYLORD Great Rooms Quality Pre-Owned Furniture 148 W. Main St., Gaylord 989-745-5184

989-745-5184 www.greatroomsgaylord.com

Angels at Work

Resale 1523 S Otsego Ave. Gaylord 989.448.8615

Venus & Blue Jeans 340 West Main St.., Gaylord 989-731-2600 www.venusandbluejeans.com

Four Seasons Resale of the North 1182 B. South Otsego Ave. (Next to Sears) Gaylord, MI 49735 989-306-3700 Northern Michigan Treasure Hunter's Guide to area antique, consignment, resale and thrift shops

HARBOR SPRINGS

New Beginnings Thrift Shop 650 W Conway Rd., Harbor Springs 231-348-2980

HARBOR SPRINGS

Habitat for Humanity Restore 8460 M-119., Harbor Springs 231-347-8440

MANCELONA

Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale Shop 201 N. Maple St., Mancelona 231-587-9606

MIO

Strawberry Patch Downtown Mio 989-826-1503

PETOSKEY

Challenge Mountain Resale Shop 2429 US31 North, Petoskey 231-348-3195 www.challengemtn.org

PETOSKEY

Goodwill Retail and Donation Center 1600 Anderson Rd.,Petoskey 231-348-6947 www.goodwillnmi.org

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Arts & Events Jordan Valley District Library's November/December Exhibit



Jordan Valley Fog(above), by Jan Goodwin is the grand prize winner in the Friends of the Jordan's photography contest. The award winning photos of the annual contest

will be on display throughout the library until the end of December. More photos from the contest are

available at www.friendsofthejordan.org.

Google and other business leaders to speak at 2nd annual **Charlevoix Chamber Seminar Series**

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce presents the second annual Business Seminar Series on Tuesday, November 13th from 9am to 5pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. The series, sponsored by Northwestern Bank, will be an intensive one day event that will feature seven different speakers covering topics ranging from social and mobile media to investment concepts to staff development ..

Participants can sign up for the entire day of classes for a reduced rate or pick two or three single seminars that they are interested in attending. Members of the Charlevoix, Petoskey, Boyne City, East Jordan, Traverse City and Beaver Island Chambers of Commerce can attend the full day for \$100 (including lunch) or attend a single session for \$25. "Not Yet Members" are welcome to attend for \$150 for the full day or \$35 per session ..

"We're very excited to offer such a wonderful group of

speakers to the Northern Michigan Business Community" said event coordinator Bethany Pearson. "Participants are going to be learning from some of the best speakers Michigan has to offer, it's a great opportunity for both employers and employees to take advantage of."

Speakers will include: - Bethany Prykucki, MSU Extension Leadership Developer

- John Kelley, Google Lead Manager

- Michelle Corteggiano, Founder and Owner of ATI Marketing

- Waneta Cook, Owner of Cook Family Farms and Entrepreneur

- Robert Laura, President of SYNERGOS and Author of "The Naked Retirement"

- Brian Hammer, Plante Moran

- Tino Breithaupt, Manager of Michigan Retention and Growth.

A community-minded busi-

ness, Northwestern Bank, has stepped up to sponsor the event. Their investment in Northwest Michigan and "I can do that!" slogan shows that they believe in promoting educational events that will help business owners, both large and small, succeed.

"We're very excited to be sponsoring the Charlevoix Chamber's Business Seminar Series," said Steve Weber, vice president, Northwestern Bank. "We believe in northwestern Michigan and its business potential and this seminar features some of Michigan's brightest minds with regards to responsible, sustainable growth."

Pre-registration is required. To register please contact Bethany at the Chamber by emailing -

pearson@charlevoix.org or call 231.547.2101. Additional information about the speakers and the schedule can be found at www.charlevoix.org

FREE "Second Saturdays" continue at Raven Hill Discovery Center

This coming Saturday, November 10th, is a FAMILY AF-FAIR at Raven Hill Discovery Center. Join us from noon to 4 pm for family fun indoors and out. The Center is offering FREE ADMISSION and special activities for families on the second Saturday of each month in 2012 through December.

Bring the whole family "team" OR make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problemsolving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every month. Family groups can strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by trying different science challenges.

The focus in November will be Pioneer Toys. Visitors can play with a variety of old-fashioned toys, as well as explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and then head outdoors to enjoy the Music Garden, Beyond Jurassic Park, Schoolhouse, the Tree House, the Ancient World and the other outdoor exhibits.

Call Cheri at 231.536.3359 or email her at cheri@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org for more information. This year FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays are have been sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through November and the Charlevoix Lions Club in December. Please no organizations or groups on FREE 2nd Saturdays - remember, it's a family affair!

Charlevoix Public Library November Events Schedule

All events are at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 231-237-7340.

Genealogy Interest Group, 6:00 p.m., November 8: Enjoy the opportunity to discuss new advances in genealogy and to bring information on new research techniques.

LEGO Club: 3:45 - 5:00 p.m., November 12: Drop in for this monthly session of fun with LEGOs.

Quilters and Friends, 10:00 a.m., November 15: Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a morning work group. Bring your project and equipment.

Artists in Action: Book Wreaths. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., November 15: Stop by the lobby

for a quick demonstration on how to make a book wreath, with librarians Audrey Shapiro and Linda Adams.

BookTalkers Discussion, 6:00 p.m., November 19: Join the Charlevoix Library BookTalkers for a discussion of The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins.

What to Read after The Hunger Games, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m., November 19: A fast paced program for teens who will learn about 8-10 books to read after The Hunger Games. Everyone will leave with a free book!

Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, 12:00 p.m., November 21: Join local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs, for this informal group to discuss

art and help each other with ideas and projects.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS: MUG: Mac Users Group, 5:00 p.m., every Monday: This group will gather to share tips and problem solving using Macs.

Story Hour w/ Ms. Laura, 10:30 a.m., Every Thursday: Play "Ms. Laura Says," listen to stories and music, learn finger plays, and spend time with friends and family. Call for information: 231-237-7350.

Writers Group, 6:00 p.m., Thursdays: All writers welcome - published, unpublished and novices – for support and gather new ideas with other writers.







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BOYNE CITY Christmas wreaths

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BOYNE CITY & BOYNE FALLS Blood drives

The American Red Cross is holding two local blood drives this month. Boyne Falls School hosts a drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Nov. 8, and Concord Academy Boyne City hosts a drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Nov. 14. To schedule an appointment call 800-733-2767.

CHARLEVOIX **Clay Sculpture class**

An exciting Holiday Clay Sculpture class is being offered at Charlevoix Circle of Arts with Mekissa Zelenek Nov. 10 and Dec. 1 & 8 from 10am - Noon. Cost is \$40 for two sessions for ages 8-12. Limit of 10 per class. Supplies are provided but participants should wear an old shirt or cover up. Call the Circle to register at 231-547-3554 or on-line at www.charlevoixcircle.org.

BOYNE CITY WATER STREET CAFE

Val & Larry will be closing for a couple of weeks for renovations and software updates from through Nov. 23, reopening Saturday, Nov. 24. Special orders for their popular Thanksgiving desserts and pies are welcome during this time; orders should be placed

by Nov. 18. Call 231-582-9929.

PETOSKEY

Homebuyer workshop

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA), a certified HUD housing counseling agency, will be presenting a three day workshop on Homebuyer Education. This 8 hour workshop you the basics of the home buying process including op-tions for low income and moderate income families. The workshops are offered free to the public at 2202 Mitchell Park, Suite 4. Attend all three workshops to get your certifi-cate of completion! To register or to find out about future workshops, please call 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518 or visit www.nmcaa.net.

ELLSWORTH **Ellebration! wants YOU!**

Planning for Ellebration! 2013 starts now and we could use your help. The Ellebration! Committee is seeking new members to help plan and present our annual celebration of food, family and fun. Interested in making Ellebration! happen? Contact Alana at 231-360-0676 or come to our next meeting: Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00pm at the Gold Nugget. It's the most fun you'll have serving your community!

CHARLEVOIX Notable Nights

Northwest Academy's 4th Notable Annual Nights Fundraiser at the Argonne Supper Club, Thursday Nov. 8th 5:00-8:00 pm, in support of the Performing, Visual & Literary Arts Programs. Tickets are available at Northwest Academy or The Clothing Company. They are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Take out orders are also available.

BOYNE CITY City leaf pickup

Each Monday and Friday through November 9th. Please set bagged leaves curbside anytime after the first day of pick up, in clearly marked biodegradable paper bags. City crews will pick up bags as time allows. If your biodegradable bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, please notify city hall at 582-6597.

EAST JORDAN **Thinking for Beginners**

Saturday, November 10, 6pm potluck, 7pm program at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. FREE. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. To progress in any field it is useful to approach its content with the atis very hard to accept that we can learn more. Thinking is a task, a joy and a wonder that we are constantly engaged with but it can become automatic and a bit dull. In this introductory presentation we will start simply but come away with something of great value. The only requirement for participation is an attitude of curiosity and openness - and a willingness to exercise your thought! Presentation by Daniel Proudfoot. Bring a dish to pass if you are able but never required. Tableware and beverages provided.

EAST JORDAN Sight in days

Sight-In Days at the Sportsman's Club. Saturday, November 10th and Sunday, November 11th - 10am - 5pm, Monday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 13th Noon - 5pm.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Arts and Craft Fair Nov. 10, The Jordan River Arts Council is pleased to announce its 22nd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. Always the second Saturday in November. This year the event will be November 10 from 10 am until 4 pm at the East Jordan High School, East Jordan. For further information including requirements to exhibit, to work, or how to become a member of JRAC please contact Howard Ellis, 231 536 3385 or 231 536 2152 or jracinfo@att.net.

BOYNE CITY

Veteran's day ceremony

The Boyne City American Legion will hold a Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

EAST JORDAN

Northwoods Family Nature Club

Sunday, November 11, 1-3pm at Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. Free. For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org. Monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured PLAYTIME in the NATURAL WORLD. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos get down and dirty. This month again we will head back to our "gravel pit" to look for every child's favorite item Owner of Cook Family Farms ber 8 to the Chamber Office.

to collect—rocks! We might even find a Petoskey stone or two.

BOYNE CITY America Sings

Nov. 11 - "America Sings" Salute to Veterans, free concert at Boyne City Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX

Recreational Volleyball

Looking for men's, women's, and co-ed teams for 2012-13 season. A team entry blank and initial roster is due, as well as a team fee of \$100 by November 12th at 5pm at the City of Charlevoix City Manager's office. Please see website: www.citythe ofcharlevoix.org to download and print out the team entry blank and rules. You can call (547-3253) or e-mail mgr@citvofcharlevoix.org for further information. An organizational meeting will be held on Monday, November 19th at 5:30pm in the lower level conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI. Team captains are required to attend. Team schedules will be available at the meeting.

CHARLEVOIX

Business Seminar Series

The Charlevoix Chamber will be hosting our 2nd annual Business Seminar Series, sponsored by Northwestern Bank. The Seminars will take place on Tuesday, November 13th from 9am-5pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Tickets are \$25/seminar or \$100 for the whole day. To register please contact Bethany at the Chamber by eg

m a i l i n g pearson@charlevoix.org or call 231.547.2101. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00-10:30. Bethanv Prykucki. MSU Extension Leadership Developer. "Real Colors Personality Test"

10:45-12:15. More Info Coming 12:30-2:30.

Michelle Corteggiano. Founder & Owner of ATI Marketing. "Social & Mobile Media"

2:45-3:45. Robert Laura. President of SYNERGOS & Author of The Naked Retirement. "Applying Investment Concepts to Your Business"

2:45-3:45. Tino Breithaupt. Manager of Michigan Retention and Growth at MEDC. "MEDC- New Directions"

4:00-5:00. Brian Hammer. Plante Moran. "How to Turn Your Business into a Top 100 Career, or a Calling?"

EAST JORDAN Fiber Exhibits & Work-

shops

Jordan River Arts Council -Fantastic Fiber Exhibits & Workshops thru Nov. 13

PETOSKEY

Junior Achievement

On Tuesday, November 13 at 4:00 PM, Junior Achievement will be hosting an informational meeting at the Petoskey Public Library for anyone interested in volunteering and/or may also have an interest in additional involvement. This meeting includes the communities of Boyne City, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. In 2011-2012, over 700 students were involved in Junior Achievement's in-school programs. With renewed interest from the educational and business community, that number will increase. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to janso@ja.org or for questions call 231-582-4660.

EAST JORDAN Starting a Business

Starting a Business classes

are held monthly, with the next ones scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 14 in East Jordan. The fee is \$20 per business and you must register by contacting the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482 or email info@northernlakes.net. Visit their website for Business Assistance resources for new and existing businesses.

EAST JORDAN

State of the community The East Jordan State of the Community will be held Tuesday, November 13, Noon to 1:30 PM at the Harvest Barn Church at 210 S. Lake St. Speakers include: Chris Yonker - East Jordan City Administrator, Jon Hoover - East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent, Joel Evans - Chairman Charlevoix County Board Commissioners, Andy of Hayes - Executive Director Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Mary Faculak - Executive Director East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Greg Mac-Master. The East Jordan Senior Class of 2013 has been invited to attend. Lunch will be by East Jordan Schools \$10 per person. Dessert sponsored by Charlevoix tate

Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 Main Street, P.O. Box 137, East Jordan, MI 49727. Visa and Master Card accepted. This is open to the public. Please plan on attending this very important community update event.

BAY HARBOR Womens club

Patrick McGinn, MS, MA LLP, CAADC, CCS-M, is the **Director of Clinical Operations** at Harbor Hall and will address the elements of recovery from the addictive disorder per-spective at the Nov. 14 Women's Club luncheon meeting at the Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village Harbor Dr. Harbor Hall is an outpatient and inpatient center for the disease of addiction which can be treated, and recovery is available to individuals regardless of their drug of abuse. Mr. McGinn has been working in the substance abuse field since 1986. Before coming on staff at Harbor Hall, he completed a 22-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy, counseling in naval rehab centers. Everyone is invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon and presentation at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 14 is \$15; RSVP to Judy Juneau, 231-526-6505 by noon Nov. 12.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours Lake Street Market and Cin-

diFranco's Cool Stuff are cohosting the event on South Lake Street, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15.

BOYNE CITY Buck Pole Contest

Boyne Co-op True Value will be holding its second annual Buck Pole Contest Nov. 15 and 16. Register by 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at the Co-op, 113 S. Park St., Boyne City. The registration fee is \$20, and there will be more than \$3,000 in prizes for the top scores for men, women, youth and over-all score. Three should mounts valued at \$500 are being donated by Lasting Memories, Northwoods Taxidermy and Ultimate Wildlife Taxidermy. Judging will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16. The Co-op is donating 25% of the proceeds to local charities. Free hot dogs and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16. Call (231) 582-9971 for more information or to become a sponsor by donating prizes, advertising, food, beverages

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NORWOOD Hunter's lunch

Norwood Area Historical Society and the Norwood Methodist Church invite you to the annual Hunters Lunch at the Old Schoolhouse in the village of Norwood. Thursday. November 15 from 11:00-2:00. Homemade chili, soup, bread and pies, and beverages will be served. Fee is \$8.

BOYNE CITY Garden Club raises funds

by selling holiday wreaths

The Boyne Valley Garden Club is getting ready for its largest fund-raiser, the Christmas Wreath Sale. The event has been held for almost 20 years and started very small. It is now the club's major fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy flower to beautify more than 15 gardens around Boyne City. As the demand has grown, so has the cost - the club now spends more than \$5,000 on flowers, both annuals and perennials. Click here for an order form or pick one up at the Boyne Chamber office. All orders must be placed by Nov. 8, and orders are to be picked up at the Eagles Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Nov. 20. Business deliveries will be made on the morning of Nov. 20.

BOYNE CITY Boyne Meets Broadway

The Boyne City High School Drama Department will present its annual dinner theater variety show, Boyne Meets Broadway, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17 at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Enjoy appetizers, dinner and dessert catered by the school's hospitality program while students from the jazz band set the mood in the commons with their smooth sounds. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. sharp. After dinner, sit back, relax and enjoy as the Drama Department presents this year's rendition of its well-known fall variety show filled with song and dance inspired by Broadway, the big screen and more. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from any cast member or at Local Flavor, 125 Water St.

BOYNE CITY

Earlier Than the Bird - shop in your pajamas on Nov. 17

The third annual Boyne City 'Earlier than the Bird" holiday beina shopping event is

are complimentary and there will be a cash bar. The public is welcome to attend.

BOYNE CITY Indoor farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter and spring on Saturday at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. The indoor market will continue every Saturday through April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be Holiday Basket Drawings for Thanksgiving and Christmas - don't miss out on the opportunity to have turkey and all the fixings. The market has announced that it will also be open Wednesday, Nov. 21, for a pre-Thanksgiving special shopping day. "Market Money" is available for holiday gift-giving. You can purchase Holiday Gift Certificates and share the gift of local healthy food. Boyne Bucks from the Chamber are also now honored at the market. Bridge Cards are also welcome all year at the Market.

CHARLEVOIX Turkey Trot

Charlevoix Area Hospital is encouraging the community to exercise with family and friends before sitting down to that big meal while helping out local food pantries. Come to the annual CAH Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on Thursday, November 22. Registration begins at 7:30 am at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive with the race starting promptly at 8:30 am. There will be a \$10 individual and a \$25 early registration fee per family. Price will be \$5 more the day of event. Please bring a nonperishable food item to be distributed to the local food pantry. All participants will receive a commemorative Turkey Trot shirt. Please visit Charlevoix Area Hospital's web-site to register on-line www.cah.org

BOYNE CITY Turkev Trot

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is organizing Boyne City's second annual Turkey Trot 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk to be held at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22. The race will begin and end at Veterans Park. Entry fee, including a T-shirt is \$15 by Nov. 11 or \$20 after. Family entry fee is \$30 in advance or \$35 after, including two T-shirts. A T-shirt is guaranteed if entry form is received by Nov. 11. There will be special awards for best dressed turkey, youngest turkey, oldest turkey and farthest-traveled turkey. For further information contact Ruth Skop at 582-3416. Entrants are asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Boyne area food pantries.

EAST JORDAN Business after hours

Nov. 29 - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Holiday Business After Hours at A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo. Proudly Co-sponsored by EJ, Charlevoix State Bank and A Matter of Taste. Donations to Care & Share and Good Samaritan.

CHARLEVOIX Gifts with a Purpose: An Alternative Giving Event

December 1, 10am - 2pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. This fair affords members of our community the opportunity to, instead of buying a traditional gift for a recipient, make a donation to a charitable organization in the recipient's name, and the organization provides an "alternative or virtual" gift, usually in the form of a certificate or card, which is presented to the recipient. By making a donation in your recipient's name, vou double vour giving! This is a unique alternative to buying gifts for people who "have it all". You can change the lives of people you will never meet.

BOYNE CITY Starting a business

Class scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 20 in Boyne City. The fee is \$20 per business and you must register by contacting the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482 or email info@northernlakes.net. Visit www.northernlakes.net for Business Assistance resources for new and existing businesses.

EAST JORDAN Looking for project The Leadership Class at East Jordan High School is in-

terested in volunteer opportunities. If you have a need for volunteers please contact the Leadership Class teacher, Mr. Nachazel at pnachazel@ejps.org

CHARLEVOIX

Yoga Stonehedge Gardens hosts Charlevoix Yoga with Heidi Dietrich Wednesday mornings 9-10am. Stonehedge Gardens is located on M-66 one mile south of the Ironton Ferry. Come and practice Yoga in the beautiful gardens at Stonehedge.

BOYNE CITY Senior center lunch

Boyne Area Senior Center has finished a highly successful summer program of evening meals instead of lunches on Wednesdays - but now it's back to lunches at noon Monday through Friday. Suggested donation for lunch is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$6 for those under 60. For more information call coordinator Terri Powers at (231) 582-6682.

CHARLEVOIX Raffle

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts, (CCA) is offering you a

chance to participate in our first annual CCA Raffle. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Circle Programs. We are selling only 200 tickets at \$100 each for this 2012 - 2013 Monthly Raffle. The final drawing will be on August 2, 2013. Each and every month, you have a chance of winning 1 or 3 cash prizes: \$150, \$100 and \$50. All tickets go in the "hopper" so everyone has 36 chances of winning! The cost of the ticket averages \$8.33 per month. Please call the CCA (231) 547.3554, visit "Elements" at 107 Bridge downtown, or contact any CCA Board member to purchase your tickets. Only 200 tickets will be sold. You do not need to be present to win.

CHARLEVOIX

Wanted: Girl Scout Volunteers The Charlevoix Area Service Unit is putting out a call for adults who would like to make a difference in the lives of area girls who are anxiously awaiting a troop experience. The number one resource for the girls in Girl Scouting is the leader. We are also seeking a School organizer, a Product manager. Assistant Leaders and an Event Coordinator. The first steps in becoming a new volunteer is to apply! Please contact Amy Hanchin, 231-544-2714 or amyhanchin@yahoo.com

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EAST JORDAN Become a Lioness

We do many other good

things too numerous to mention. We work as a team and always put the community first, which is a big part of being a good Lioness. Please come and join our team if you feel motivated to serve our community. If interested, please call Lioness Brenda Chanda at 231-536-2774 home or 231-330-9924 cell.

planned for Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is created for those who want to kick off the season with friends and family, coffee and pastries, and holiday shopping specials - all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available. Merchants will be offering special deals along with refreshments. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift of a Boyne City coffee mug. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

Lake Street Market and CindiFranco's Cool Stuff are cohosting the Chamber's next Business after Hours networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. The two stores are located across the street from each other at 306 and 309 S. Lake St. in the Admission and hors d'oeuvres

BOYNE CITY Santa parade

The Santa parade is coming soon, on Friday, Nov. 23. The Santa Parade starts at 6pm and the Holiday Open Houses continue from 5 to 9 p.m. in most downtown stores.

CHARLEVOIX

Join the Holiday Parade

Show your holiday spirit and community cheer by entering Charlevoix's 2nd Annual Holiday Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, November 23rd at 5:30pm on Bridge Street in downtown. The parade is a welcome addition to Charlevoix's annual Community Tree Lighting festivities which run the same day from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Tree Lighting activities include ornament making and free photos with Santa at the North Pole (located at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts), cookies, cocoa, and SOBO District of Boyne City. more yuletide cheer than you can shake a stick at.

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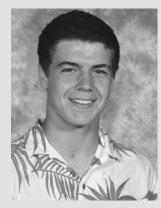
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Student of the Week Boyne City High School Bradley Fouchia



GRADE: 11 PARENTS: Shantel Fouchia

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, Basketball, Golf

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Play the drums, golf play football and basketball."

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS Golf management and become a pro golfer

STAFF COMMENTS

"Bradley is an example of what BCHS teachers ask of our students: he participates in class discussion, he takes responsibility for his work, and he behaves politely and appropriately. He is becoming an excellent student."- (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)



New Design Studio Opens

Charlevoix – A husband and wife team, Brian and Carissa Mullaney, have announced the opening of studioMI, llc. The business provides services in graphic design, web design, interior design, and architectural and product

pre-visualizations. Carissa and Brian decided to pool their talents "in order to create a multi-disciplinary design firm that can do it all," says Brian Mullaney. "Whether you need the design of a logo, business cards, website, kitchen remodel, retail space, or a complete branding package, you can call us."

Carissa Mullaney, with the maiden name of Fershee, is a Charlevoix native and is "excited to be back near family again". She has spent the last 15 years in the Denver area, but had always wanted to return "home". While in Denver, she worked as an interior designer and interior design educator at a local college.

Carissa can provide both commercial and residential interior design services, and also has a credential in environmentally sustainable design. She has worked on a variety of projects, including: resort lodging and



Brian and Carissa Mullaney, have opened a new business in Charlevoix, studioMI

restaurants, multi-family housing, corporate offices, sports medicine and fitness environments, and single family residences. Carissa is a commercial artist who can also deliver creative and user-friendly graphic and web design services.

Brian Mullaney has over ten years of experience as a 3D artist and designer. He has worked for companies such as LEGO, Gazillion Entertainment, NetDevil and FOX Television. Brian has also collaborated on projects published by LEGO/Warner Brothers, NcSoft, Aegia (Nvidia) and Codemasters. His work with FOX Television was nominated for an Emmy. Brian brings an expertise in graphic and website design, media arts, and photo realistic previsualizations to the business.

To kick off studioMI, llc, Brian and Carissa have decided to donate their website design services to a Northern Michigan business or organization in need. If you currently do not have a website, you can contact studioMI at 231-237-5373 no later than 5 pm, November 19th, 2012 to be eligible for this one time free giveaway. Be ready to provide your name, business name, phone number, services provided, and why you feel you should be selected. studioMI will select one recipient and notify the business or organization by November 30th, 2012. They will provide a free custom website design that typically would be valued between \$500 - \$1,000. Standard web hosting fees, domain name registration fees, and any requested upgrade add-on services would remain the responsibility of the winner.

Your Red Cross Urgently Needs Volunteers

Petoskey - The work the Red Cross has done over the past week in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy is nothing short of amazing. Thousands of volunteers have been working around the clock to provide people with a safe place to sleep, food to eat, supplies to help with cleanup, and offering comfort with a kind word, and a smile.

But more is needed in the weeks and months to come. We need additional volunteers to help now with Superstorm Sandy. But we also need volunteers to help with future local and national disasters, as well.

If you have an interest in helping others, won't you consider becoming

a Red Cross volunteer? Sheltering, feeding, client casework, health and mental health services as well as clerical staff are just a few of the activities that play a major role in assisting those in need following a disaster.

Call the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter in Petoskey at 231-348-7666 to begin your Red Cross career today. Register to volunteer then attend free classes beginning Friday, November 16, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM that will allow you to join other volunteers in sheltering, feeding and supporting the victims of Superstorm Sandy and other disasters.

This could be that life-changing

moment. Quite possibly - yours!

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or join our blog at http://blog.redcross.org.

Hill Nature Preserve Gets New Parking Lot

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Until recently, parking to the preserve was very limited with a small parking area available along Charlevoix Avenue/Old Horton Bay Road. However this past August, the Conservancy received a generous 10acre donation from Al Haske which brought the preserve size to 116 acres and allows for better parking and access to The Hill.

Earlier this month, a provisional six-car parking lot was completed on

the new donation with the help of numerous volunteers. Generous assistance came from Matthew Bowman of Eternity Home and Cottage Care. Camden MacKenzie, a local Eagle Scout candidate, coordinated volunteers to continue work on the parking area and on a temporary trail that links the parking area to the existing trail system on the preserve.

The Conservancy plans to maintain both the old parking area along Charlevoix and the new Clute Road parking area. The Clute Road parking area will be plowed this winter and there is a possibility that trails will be groomed for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. A bigger gravel-surfaced parking lot as well as a formal and permanent trail from the new parking lot to the trail system will be established next summer. (Updated trail information will be posted on the Conservancy website.) Preserve visitors are encouraged to park at the new parking area whenever possible, as it is both safer and more user-friendly than the old one. Please note that The Hill Preserve is not open for hunting, and although dogs are welcome, they must be leashed while in the Preserve.

The Hill Preserve is one of more than 160 nature preserves owned and managed by the Little Traverse Conservancy throughout its fivecounty service area. A free nature preserve map is available through the Conservancy office and is also available online along with other mapping resources. Visit www.landtrust.org.

Weekly Crossword

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Down

1- Fairy queen: 2- Blood letters: 3- A Bobbsey twin: 4- I've been framed!: 5- Like spinach: 6-"Clueless" catchphrase: 7- Containing lime: 8-Hilton competitor: 9- Years in old Rome: 10-Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace: 11- Law of Moses: 12- Use a soapbox: 13- Fragrant compound: 21- Dines at home: 22- Power problem; 23- Tee, e.g.; 24- Slender boat; 25-Favored crime of pyromaniacs; 29- Kett and James: 30- Garment worn by women: 32- Performing animal show; 33- Black Sea port: 34-Lauder of cosmetics: 35- Paddock: 36-Woman's one-piece undergarment: 44- Defrauded: 45- Official count of population: 46-Return to a former condition: 48--ski: 49-Free of frost: 50- Chief of the Vedic gods: 51-Olds model: 52- Gossamer: 54- 365 days: 55-Revivalists: 59- Abby's twin: 60- Driver's aid: 61- Dreyer's partner in ice cream;

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Dear Editor:

National Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10-18, is a time to increase awareness about this ongoing crisis affecting more than 636,000 people in the U.S. every day. One way we can reduce our nation's homelessness is to help end domestic violence.

Significant percentages of homeless women report domestic violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness. Many survivors are in highly controlled relationships and lack resources to leave the home they share with an abuser. Without access to money, transportation or a support system, they must choose between staying in an abusive relationship and living on the streets. Homeless shelters are not a safe option for many domestic abuse survivors who are escaping a dangerous relationship. Daily, in the U.S., 37,000 domestic abuse survivors and their children reside in a shelter or transitional housing program. Locally, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides support, counseling and safe shelter to survivors at the Safe Home. Last year, 664 survivors and their children utilized WRCNM domestic abuse services; 135 of whom sought safety at the agency's Safe Home and 68 made use of transitional supportive housing.

If homelessness is considered an ignored epidemic, domestic violence is an invisible one. It occurs in intimate relationships behind closed doors, leading us to think of it as a private matter. Domestic violence is not a private matter, it is a crime. It is a

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serious national problem that affects us all – in every community, work place and school.

You can help end domestic abuse! Support, listen to and believe survivors, and speak out against domestic abuse. Volunteer at the WRCNM's Safe Home. Help others become informed by inviting the WRCNM to speak to your organization, group, school or workplace. Be a role model by practicing respectful, healthy, non-violent relationships.

Working together as a community, we can make a positive impact on ending domestic violence and homelessness.

Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan



East Jordan Middle School student Kaylee Cochran was given a commendation for the work she put into restoring the Mill Street Park. "I thought it needed some fixing up," said Cochran. As a requirement for admission into the Shoe Club, Cochran had to give 8 hours of community service. Cochran spent two full weekends on the project after she approached the Parks and Recreation Director, Tom Cannon with an idea to give the park a new look.

East Jordan Harbor CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

spring's dredging is eradicated. "Right now we're in worst shape than we were last year," he said. Anticipating the ongoing dredging issue consequential to building a harbor at the mouth of a river, the city applied for a grant to construct a wall that would redirect the flow of water entering the South Arm from the Jordan River and relieving the harbor of the constant onslaught of sand and silt that presently has all but 18 slips blocked. The City has been notified that they have received the DNR Waterways Commission 50/50 grant for \$26,000 but have yet to receive any paperwork. "The worst case scenario keeps happening," said Cannon, who has been waiting for the grant agreement to proceed with construction. "The more time we back off on this wall the more it's going to cost in the future." agreed Commissioner Mark Penzien.

Cannon begrudgedly suggested that if the agreement did not arrive very soon the commissioners reject the grant and proceed with the project.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars spent now will save us sixty thousand next year," said Penzien



Newly appointed Commissioner Tinea Spence was sworn in by City Treasurer Heather Jackson at the November 6 City Commission meeting. Spence was appointed to fill Lee Symonds seat after he surprised the commission by resigning in October.

the water level has decreased by eighteen inches and the river has brought in an even greater amount of sand than in past years. "Between the fifth and tenth months of this year more sand has gone into the harbor than the last two years," said Cannon.

"The timeline is shrinking, we're going to take action we just don't want to move too soon and lose the grant if we don't have to," said Penzien. The commission asked Cannon and city Administrator Chris Yonker to lay out a plan including costs and a timetable and some feasible options for the next meeting which will be held Tuesday, November 20 at 7 P.M.

GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY would be a more appropriate shibboleth on cop cars. They're out there looking for money. They're not there to protect you, see that you get home safely, don't hurt anybody, keep the peace. They're there to make money.

As side benefit COPs (Constables On Patrol) get to act out the swagger inherent to the blue collar job, otherwise not available to unskilled workers. Putting on the uniform, as with black robed judges, suddenly transforms the workingman into an officer of the law with court and corrections, fee, fine, licensing and multitudinous statutes standing stolidly behind him/her. For pay, perk and pension, cops and courts have created a culture of recycled forms of perpetual taxation. That's what it comes down to, moneys collected through laws legislated by the hirelings in state capitols and federal triumvirate that we pay for and vote into office - the gift that keeps on taking and charging interest.

Cops no longer walk the beat and consequently get no more free breakfasts, communicate not with townsfolk, instead isolate and alienate themselves behind glass and metal wheeled enclosures with technological equipment, behind billboards drinking coffee, only associate with the public when able to write tickets that beget either fines or jail and court, in which latter case even more money intake is leveraged. These guys are not protectors, they're predatory bill collectors.

to catch the bad guys, needful in the days of Wild West outlaws and then inner city crime. Now, apart from drug violations, murder, rape, and robbery, cops are focused on infractions of law having to do with DUI law, seatbelt violations, paperwork as in "your papers please", and a multitude of minor peccadilloes on statute books according to the judge's admonitions and fines. With a slam of the gavel s/he collects the wages of sin from you for wages of sin by bureaucracy, to curtail you and benefit them.

All this reduces to want of lawbreakers. Yes, want. Whether civil or criminal every ticket, every arrest, garners money for city, county and state and hence federal annual kickback.

And then come the lawyers. They pay taxes too and work to both convict and negotiate bargaining for defendants - mostly bargaining since most court cases are plea bargains of one sort and another. Law is a business and as oft quipped business doesn't pay taxes, consumers do inclusive of defendants. As soon as the monetary angle is arrived at, the deal is done, money collected, everyone goes home or to respective hard time. It doesn't matter much; money changes hands in any case. Law has become nothing more than a racket. We have no need of cops. What good do they do? Neighborhoods don't need surveillance; neighborhoods have neighbors and dogs for that task, guns if needed. One cop per small town is plenty, perhaps an on-call part

time fill-in for overnight chores -Chester or Festus would do just fine, even Barney Fife. County and State cops have no place in small towns. That one local officer has also discretion of warning and allowance for degree of safety apparent. The breathalyzer testing apparatus is regulated far too low on a scale of inebriation to make realistic decisions as to ability to drive. Seatbelts are sometimes sensible on highways where speed limits increase but not in 20-30 mph city street neighborhoods and parking lots. The only police function of worth is in traffic accident reports for insurance company restitution, a function that otherwise would have to be handled by insurance agents who gladly let cops take care of that for them and hence vote accordingly for legislated actions enhancing statutes that might prevent further accidents, so goes the rationale.

All of this comes to, as longshoreman philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote, Every movement first becomes a business, then a racket. Law is a racket created, aided and abetted by legislated bureaucracy which has slowly taken over the land in the form of cops, courts and collections in police state perpetuity for the system maintained solely for that purpose: money.

Originally cops were instituted

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

The commissioners were informed in September that their grant application was approved but the Waterways Commission cancelled an October meeting leaving the city hanging, unable to proceed with the needed construction because of the terms of the grant. No bids or permits for any part of the project can begin until the grant has been officially received. In the meantime

CHX COUNTY Sheriff's dept.

October 29 - November 4

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Abandoned Vehicle2
Abuse0
Alarm4
Animal Complaint16
Annoyance2
Assault0
Assist Citizen3
Assist Motorist0
Assist Other Agency7
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Car/Deer Accident24
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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, October 29

7:00am Leaking fire hydrant on Terrace St 9:06am Luggage reported missing from the airport 1:45pm Civil dispute in the 300 block of N Lake St 2:50pm Report of juvenile smoking in the 900 block of Brockway 5:14pm Hit and run accident reported on Wilson St 5:45pm Blackmail complaint received from Call St

POLICE BEAT

6:01pm Juvenile issue in the 100 block of N Park St

Tuesday, October 30

11:41am 2 vehicle private property accident in 100 block of S Lake St

2:23pm Fraud complaint received from the 100 block of W Lincoln

2:54pm 911 hang up calling the 200 block of E Main St

3:53pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

4:32pm Assist Fire Dept in the Industrial Park

9:08pm Citation issued for disregarding steady yellow at Water and Park Streets

Wednesday, October 31

6:50am Vehicle broke down at Division and Pleasant 8:56am Vandalism complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av 9:26am Plane crash at the airport 11:25am Car and house egged

in the 900 block of Pleasant Av 12:25pm Assist EMS on Taylor St

12:28pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

4:13pm 911 hang up call from the 100 block of W Court St

4:29pm Assist with Halloween Parade

5:18pm Citation issued for speed on Division at Contractor's Dr

7:03pm Property damage accident reported in the 500 block of N Lake St

8:56pm Unlock vehicle in the

1000 block of Boyne Av 11:51pm Alarm in the 100 block of E Water St

Thursday, November 1

2:22pm Parking citation issued in the 100 block of E Water St

5:04pm Civil complaint calling in from the 700 block of Wenonah St

3:33pm Received complaint about leaves being raked into river

4:46pm Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

6:58pm Assist to Emmet Co Sheriff Department in the Indus-

trial Park 9:35pm 911 hang up call from the 200 block of E Main St

Friday, November 2

6:00am 911 hang up call from the 400 block of Front St

7:48am Assist Fire Dept in the 500 block of Jefferson St

9:26am Suspicious subject reported in the 800 block of Boyne Av

9:58am NSF check complaint received from the 100 block of S East St

10:07am Suspicious situation reported in the 500 block of N Lake St

1:50pm 2 vehicle property damage accident in the Industrial Park

3:48pm VIN Inspection in the 300 block of N Lake St

5:40pm Report of bonfire in the woods between S East and S Park Streets

10:40pm Report of brick in

middle of road on E Main St

Saturday, November 3

3:33am Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St

4:38am Report of people yelling in the 300 block of E Division St

6:03am Vandalism and assault report received from the 300 block of E Division

10:09am Assist EMS and Sheriff Department on Fall Park Rd

1:35pm Citation issued for disregarding traffic signal at Park and Water Streets

1:59pm Citation issued for speed at Charlevoix St and Ridge Rd

6:48pm Suspicious subject in the 800 block of E Main St

11:58pm Citation issued to subject for improper use of lights on S Lake St

Sunday, November 4

1:51am Citation issued for expired registration at Ann and Pleasant

11:00am Report of screws in road at Front and Division Streets

11:49am Report of attempted suicide in the 300 block of W Division St

1:00pm Open door reported 900 block of Lower Lake St

3:30pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of Front St

7:18pm Suspicious subject reported in the 400 block of Boice St



Charlevoix County Commission on Áging

"The mission of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is to provide the highest quality senior services in partnership with the community. We focus our efforts on advocacy and support for seniors and their caregivers by promoting health, wellness, and education to achieve a dignified and enriched quality of life."

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Putting the right foot forward!

In December 2011 the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging started provid-ing foot care to seniors of Charlevoix County. The program has been a great success and continues to grow one foot at a time! Tracey Rupinski, RN, CFCN and Robin Pugh, RN, CFCN are nationally certified by the (WOCNCB), Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board. Tracey and Robin are also the 14th and 15th in the State of Michigan to earn certification.

As foot care nurses we provide foot and nail care to homebound seniors as well as monthly foot care clinics at area senior centers. (See senior center calendar for dates and times.)

Our training certification allows us to provide lower leg assessment, nail and foot care for the diabetic foot, assess for the risk of amputation and the use of specialty tools to thin calluses and thick fungal nails. We are trained to recog-nize common foot problems and provide education, recommendations and ap-propriate referrals.

We love feet! So if you need foot and nail care, we would love to see you at one of our foot care clinics or in your home. Please contact your local senior center for a foot care appointment. For in home foot care call 231-237-0103.



Medicare Drug Plan Sign up in Boyne City

Certified Medicare counselors from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at the Area Agency on Aging will be assisting individuals in reviewing and signing up for 2013 Medicare Drug Plans at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Wednesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 28

from 9:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. Medicare drug plans make changes every year and should be reviewed annually to make sure the customer's needs are still being met in the coming year. REGISTRATION IS required since slots are limited. Please contact Terri at the Boyne Area Senior Center at 582-6682 for an appointment.

The Boyne Area Senior Center is located at 411 E. Division St. in Boyne City. Participants should bring a list of their prescriptions, including dosages (or pill bottles) and their Medicare Card.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance program (MMAP) is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits counseling to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. MMAP is funded by a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging through funding received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Individuals with questions about Medicare may contact MMAP for assistance at their local Commission on Aging office or regional office at the Area Agency on Aging 1-800-803-7174.

	CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES												
Thursday, Nov. 8	Friday, Nov. 9	Monday, Nov. 12	Tuesday, Nov. 13	Wednesday, Nov. 14	Thursday, Nov. 15	Friday, Nov. 16							
11:30 Roger Hartson	Craft Class 9:30 am	1p Woodcarving	1p Paint class	Cash Bingo	BACK PORCH MUSIC SERIES	9:30a Craft Class							



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Health & Wellness

Health Department to observe Great American Smokeout on November 15

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in Michigan, vet many Michiganders still use tobacco. More than half of these tobacco users have tried to quit for at least one day during the past year. Because tobacco products are highly addictive, most users make several



attempts to quit before they are successful.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan will join the American Cancer Society to mark the 37th Great American Smokeout on November 15th. Smokers are encouraged to use it as the date to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By doing so, they will be taking an important step towards a healthier life one that can reduce cancer risk for themselves and their loved ones.

"The Great American Smokeout is a reminder to encourage tobacco users to quit, and to support them in their efforts," said Linda Yaroch, Health Officer for the Health Department. "There are resources available to help with quitting, and we want to make sure that people are aware of those resources."

Research shows that a combination of therapies, including nicotine replacement, counseling, self-help materials and a strong support network of family and friends, can help smokers quit.

There are numerous resources available to Michigan residents:

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Tobacco Quitline, (800) 784-8669, provides free telephone coaching for the uninsured and those with Medicaid and Medicare, and free nicotine replacement medications for those who qualify. Information on quitting smoking and a free printable Michigan Smoker's Quit Kit are available through MDCH by visiting www.michigan.gov/tobacco.

BecomeAnEX.org is a free, interactive Web site that shows smokers how to re-learn life without cigarettes. The site, developed by Legacy in partnership with Mayo Clinic, offers a free, personalized quit plan and an online support community to help people prepare to quit and stay off tobacco for a lifetime.

The American Cancer Society has tools available to help with quitting. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

In addition, the Health Department will be of-

Avoiding the Flu, Naturally

Dr. Lindsay Figley, D.C. Saks Wellness Center, Gaylord

Well, I'm back again for the month of November, and I'd like to discuss a topic that can be somewhat controversial and that comes with this time of year. I'm referring to the Flu Shot. It is now common for pharmacies, and big businesses to offer the flu shot to people and employees as if it were a special holiday offer that you don't want to miss.

The Influenza virus is transmitted through the air when we cough or sneeze and expel vapors that are harboring germs that can then be picked up by others breathing the air around us. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches and pains, headaches, and sometimes nausea and vomiting. Often times, it is confused with the common cold. There are three classifications of the Influenza Virus, and numerous strains in each category that can range in severity of symptoms. Given these symptoms, it is understandable that we would want to do something to protect ourselves as most of us don't want to be ill, chance passing it to our families, or take the time from our hectic schedules to be sick. But how should you accomplish this?

The Flu Shot for the 2012-2013 season provides 3 different strains according to the Center for Disease Control, including Influenza A (H3N2), Influenza A (H1N1) from the 2009 outbreak, and also an Influenza B virus. These are derived from hen's eggs that have been injected with antibiotics such as neomycin and polymyxin. In addition to these active ingredients, there is also mercury, formaldehyde, sodium phosphate, sodium chloride, octylphenol ethoxylate, and gelatin. Side effects include soreness, redness, and swelling at the injection site, fever, headache, muscle aches, and sore throat. Sound familiar?

By choosing to have the flu shot, you are readily subjecting yourself to the virus that you are trying to avoid. That's how vaccines are meant to work. By exposing yourself to a virus or bacteria in small amounts, your body is able to fight it off, and builds a higher immunity to the virus. That makes sense, right? There are, however, some down sides. It is common to feel a bit under the weather after receiving the vaccine. Sometimes, the strains that are expected to be prevalent that year are in fact not, and you end up sick anyway through a different strain. And something we should be particularly alert to is all of the additives, such as those listed above that are in the shot. Who wants to be putting

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things in their body that are created in a lab and don't belong there. So, what are some natural things you can do to help protect yourself this flu season? One of the most important things that we can do, living in Northern Michigan is to get enough Vitamin D. Once we get into early fall months, the angle of the sun shifts across our region, it gets colder, and we end up with inadequate exposure to the sun, which is how our bodies make Vitamin D. It is a crucial support to our immune systems and is proving to be as important as Vitamin C, if not more! Check for an organic brand and make sure to take the proper amount as instructed, based on body weight, to support your immune system this year. Also, regular exercise along with plenty of water, and a diet full of different colored fruits and vegetables will help you stay strong through the winter. Live well this month and always!

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