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Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop provides donations to Ministerial Association and Care & Share Food Pantry

By Jim Akans

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop has provided donations to both the Ministerial Association and the Care & Share Food Pantry from sales proceeds at their

store located at 205 Water Street in East Jordan. As of the end of November, Crossroads has given \$17,900 to the Ministerial Association and \$9,100 to Care & Share Food Pantry this year.

Crossroads Treasurer,

Mary Ann Roberts states. "Each month, we contribute a portion of our sales proceeds to these two organizations. In November of each year, we leave enough in our

See Crossroads—7A



(L-R) Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop Board President - Carol Weidlich with Treasurer Mary Ann Roberts presents a check to Kathy Reid, director of the Care & Share food pantry. COURTESY PHOTO



(L-R) Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop Board President Carol Weidlich with treasurer Mary Ann Roberts presents a check to Associate pastor Bart Adams from East Jordan Ministerial Association. COURTESY PHOTO

Pharmacy Break In Suspect Arrested

The Boyne City Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the

October 4, 2012 break in of Huff's Pharmacy.

A suspect was developed shortly after the break in and a Felony Arrest Warrant was issued by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor. The suspect, who was from Boyne City was arrested in Phelps

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Pure Michigan Campaign features local distributor



MI Farm Market originator, Scotty Bruce, stands near one of the company's new snack displays.

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By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—This holiday season the state's Pure Michigan committee has chosen local distributor MI Farm Market to design and ship their line of holiday gift arrangements. The local products distributor has recently began repackaging local

foods and providing snack displays as well as offering a new fundraising opportunity for schools and organizations.

MI Farm Market is an exclusive local products distributor that began as a webstore and has recently established a brick and mortar presence in Ellsworth. This year MI Farm Market's lo-

cally produced goods are for sale on the Pure Michigan store homepage, www.puremichiganstore.org for an indefinite period of time. The gift crates created by Ray Bruce, the patriarch of the family run business, will be filled with products made at Fort Fudge in Mackinaw, Ellsworth's Front Porch, Rocky

Top Farms and Royal Farms in Atwood and the Underground Cheese Cake Co. in Traverse City to name a few. These are among the homegrown suppliers sold by MI Farms Market that will be shipped directly from Northern Michigan to customers all over the world.

"We are also working with two area schools to provide a fundraising program based around selling locally made gift arrangements," said Scotty Bruce, the originator of MI Farm Market. "The idea is to keep the local fundraiser money in Northern Michigan and give schools a higher profit margin than they'd get with non-local programs."

The East Jordan senior class is presently selling MI Farm gift crates to finance their trip to Peru this spring. Each student keeps between 25-35% of every item sold. "You are not only supporting a student, you are buying products made right next door," Bruce said.

The company has also started producing snack mixes. Products that have traditionally come in 6-8 ounce quantities are being repackaged in 2-3 ounce 'grab and go' sized packages. The company has brought in snack food products from six different local food providers.

"We'd like to offer a locally produced, healthier alternative to that last minute candy bar at the checkout," said Bruce.

The snacks can now be found near the registers of several local businesses. They sell for about seventy cents more than a candy bar. Learn more about MI Farm Market by visiting: www.mifarmmarket.com

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Mary Lou Holecheck, 77

(SEPT. 26, 1935 - NOV. 29, 2012)

Mary Lou Holecheck of Charlevoix, formerly of Atwood, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2012, at Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Visitation will be from 6:00 pm Sunday, December 2, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11:00am, Monday, December 3, at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, with Pastor Dave Kroon officiating. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery.



The daughter of Arthur and Christina (Veenstra) DeVries, Mary Lou was born September 26, 1935, in Banks Township in Antrim County. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1953.

On December 3, 1955, Mary Lou married Erwin Holecheck in Atwood. They made their home in Atwood before moving to Charlevoix in December 1993.

Mary Lou was a member of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, the knitting club, volunteered for the Ladies Aid, and taught 4-H sewing in Atwood.

She worked as a secretary and did accounting work for Edith Dale & Co., and Charlevoix County, in addition to several other local businesses.

Mary Lou loved to garden and especially loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Erwin of Charlevoix; daughter, Pamela Holecheck of Houston, Tex.; sons, Randy Holecheck, and Larry (Shelly) Holecheck of Charlevoix; grandsons, Joshua Holecheck and Cameron (Brooke) Crain; granddaughters, Jourdan, Morgan, and Jennaca Holecheck; brothers, John (Carole) DeVries of Santa Monica, Calif., Bernie DeVries of Phoenix, Ariz.; sisters, Minnie Houtman of Bellaire, Freda (Michael) Amos of Phoenix, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, 10090 U.S. 31, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

If you want to share a memory of Mary Lou, or condolences, you may do so at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Doris Catt, 88

(APRIL 22, 1924 - DEC. 3, 2012)

Doris Jeanette Catt of Gaylord went peacefully to the Lord on December 3, 2012 while living at Aspen Ridge Retirement Village.



She was born Doris Jeanette McDonald on April 22, 1924 to John & Celia (Van Buren) McDonald in New Buffalo, MI.

The McDonald family moved to Alden, MI around 1932, where Doris attended the Alden Schools graduating in 1942. The family farmed for a number of years. Later, Doris moved to Kalkaska and was hired as a manager at the local Ben Franklin store. It was in Kalkaska that she met C. Glen Catt and was married in 1943. C. Glen was working for the local Kroger grocery store. The Kroger Company transferred them to the Kalamazoo area. Then in 1951, Doris & Glen moved to Gaylord and started the first Glen's Market next to the railroad tracks, taking over an old grocery store that had been closed. Doris worked the day hours while their two children were in school and then became a stay at home mom when their third child was born. Once the children were out of school, Doris dedicated herself as a leader in the American Cancer Society for 20 years, serving on the State Board for one year. She also gave many years working at the Methodist Church Holiday House making dolls and outfits. In 1979 she moved to Cape Coral and then back to Gaylord in 1993.

Preceded in death were her parents, three sisters & brothers-in-law; Alice & Herb Nelson, Jessie & Stan Becker, and Jackie & Lee Dewey. Surviving Doris are her children: Sandy (Dennis) Freeman of Gaylord; Glen (Jeanne) Catt of Gaylord; and Dr. Larry (Dr. Ellen) Catt of El Cajon, CA. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements will include a visitation at the Nelson Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 5 between 4-8 PM, and a celebration of Doris' life at the Gaylord E-Free Church on Thursday December

6th at 10:00 AM (visitation at 9 AM), Pastor Dennis Freeman presiding. Doris' body will be laid to rest at the Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska following a luncheon after the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Ruth A. Hausler, 89

Ruth A. Hausler of Boyne City passed away Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at The Brook in Boyne City.

A funeral service is pending at the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City.

Arrangements are being handled by Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.

Kassandra Ann Knapp, 17

(JULY 30, 1995 - DEC. 2, 2012)

Kassandra Ann Knapp of Alan-son, died Dec. 2, 2012.

Kassandra was born on July 30, 1995, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Steven Knapp and Vicky Cotton and was raised in the Boyne City/East Jordan area and was a senior at the Inland Lakes High School in Indian River.

She worked at Tractor Supply in Petoskey and was working hard to fulfill her dreams of going to college to pursue a career in nursing.

Kassandra had an infectious smile and was full of life. She was very friendly and outgoing and was known to love to talk. She enjoyed scrapbooking, took great pride in her old truck and was a faithful fan of the Detroit Lions. She was loved greatly by her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Kassandra is survived by her father, Steven Knapp; mother; Vicky Cotton, and stepfather, Brian Coors; brother, James Knapp; grandparents, Judy and Steve Knapp; two great-grandmothers, Leona Hodge and Mable Knapp; three uncles, Lonnie Boudro, Dustin Hicks and Ryan Webber; two aunts, Mendy Fontaine and Sonya Goldsmith; and by many cousins.

A funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Petoskey United Methodist Church with Rev. David Behling officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of service at the church.

Gifts and donations in Kassandra's memory may be directed to her family in care of her mother, Vicky Cotton, and may be deposited at any Bay Winds Credit Union Branch as a memorial fund has been established.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Susan Ballard Boal, 96

(JUNE 23, 1916 - NOV. 21, 2012)

Susan Ballard Boal died on Nov. 21, 2012, at Georgia House, in Charlevoix, Mich. She was 96.

Born on June 23, 1916, in Winnetka, Ill., Susie was second in a family of seven — Betsey, Susie, Ted, Joe, Sis, Bud, and Sam. She spent summers growing up on Chebeague Island in Casco Bay, near Portland, Maine, learning swimming, sailing, cruising, tennis and golf.

After graduating from Vassar College in 1937, she met future husband Stewart in the autumn, riding to hounds with the Longmeadow Hunt west of Winnetka. Years later friends sang of their courtship:

"When Stewart Boal went out to ride, Miss Susie cantered to his side.

She smartly wheeled her horse about and said, 'It's nice to see you out.'

Then off she went, that pert coquette, the darling of the horsey set.

'My gosh,' said Stew, 'that girl is cute!' And galloped off in hot pursuit."

Stewie, as everyone called him, proposed to Susie on New Year's Eve. They married April 20, 1938, settled in Winnetka and spent summers in Charlevoix. The Michigan property had been acquired by Stewie's parents Ayres and Lesley in 1912, 100 years ago.

Susie co-founded the Chicago-area chapter of Planned Parenthood in 1946. She remained active in it, and later in the North Avenue Day Nursery, throughout her life.

Susie and Stewie moved to Charlevoix year-round in 1980. For several years, together they operated Windmill Farm Campground

on the site of the family farm, now Dunmaglas Golf Course. Stewie died in a car crash in 2001 on his way to work in Charlevoix nearly 63 years after their wedding.

Susie's great talent was writing occasional verse for family birthdays and other festive occasions. On her 80th birthday in 1996, she wrote in prose: "I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second is a succession of birthday parties."

In 2006, Stewart Jr. and his wife, Sue, gathered journals Susie had written over 37 years, and published them in a book, "A Love Affair," the title referring to Susie and Stewart's affection for their summers spent in Charlevoix. She reflected:

"To this heavenly haven we regularly brought our children for the summer months from the time they were born. Here they learned swimming, boating, horseback riding and tennis. And here cousinly battles were waged, and cousinly affection grew and flourished. For there are four related family homes in the colony, and over the years, a nucleus of 14 cousins ..."

Susie is survived by her brother Sam Ballard and his wife Sally; Susie's son Stewart Jr., his wife Susan, Stewart Jr.'s son Scott, daughter-in-law Suzi, grandson Dylan, son Chris, and daughter-in-law Susan; Susie's son Ellis, his wife LuAnne Kozma, and stepchildren Gregory and Natalie Kozma; and Susie's daughter Nina.

Winnetka services will be Saturday, Dec. 8, at Christ Church. Charlevoix services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at United Church of Christ.

Instead of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be given to: Planned Parenthood, 1003 Spring St., Petoskey, Mich. 49770.

Ida Mae Sarasin, 77

(JAN. 25, 1935 - DEC. 1, 2012)

Ida Mae Sarasin passed from this life on Dec. 1, 2012, at the farmhouse where she was born in Walloon Lake surrounded by her loving family.

Ida Mae was born Jan. 25, 1935, the youngest of seven children born to August and Gladys (Weaver) Jensen. She grew up and attended school in Walloon Lake.

On Aug. 19, 1960, she married the love of her life, Joseph A. Sarasin. The couple made their home in many places until Joe retired from the Navy before moving home to Walloon Lake in 1972.

Ida Mae is survived by a sister, Mrs. Rolene Zacharda of Owosso, Mich., four children, Thomas Sarasin, Brian (Jazmin) Sarasin, Dawn Sarasin, all of Walloon Lake and Linda (Calvin) Penfold of Chandler Hill, five grandchildren, Aria Mae Everts of Worcester, Mass., Kali (Kyle) Smith of Chandler Hill, Tia Penfold and fiancée Dylan Fettig of Grand Rapids, Joseph Penfold of Chandler Hill and Ida Angelina Sarasin of Costa Rica, many nieces and nephews, and dear friends Bob and Bunny Marquardt of Walloon Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; parents, August and Gladys Jensen; brothers, Stanley, Walter, and Roland Jensen; and sisters, Mabel Ward and Bonnie Urman.

Ida Mae was a loving mother and homemaker. She cleaned cottages on Walloon Lake for years with her mother, daughter and granddaughter. Later she ran "Ida's Kitchen" at the Walloon Village General Store, cooking and baking delicious meals and treats. All the Jensen family reunions and holidays were held at Ida's farmhouse, which she cooked for also.

A memorial service celebrating Ida's life will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, at Walloon Lake Community Church with a luncheon following.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan or Walloon Lake Community Church.

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

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Dale L. Hardy, 56

Dale L. Hardy, 56, of Boyne City, passed on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, unexpectedly of natural causes.

Dale was born June 13, 1956, to Doris (Bluhm) and Hilbert O. Hardy of Boyne City. After graduating Boyne City High School in 1974, Dale graduated Ferris State College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He was accepted for enrollment in the

Michigan State Police Academy. Upon completion he was assigned to the Caro Post. He later became a detective trooper assigned to Narcotics Team 4 of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Michigan State Police. He also worked with the Treasury Division, Emergency Management Unit, and as a Specialist Sergeant in the Fire Marshall Division for many years at the Cadillac and Gaylord posts.

Dale retired after 31 years of service with the Michigan State Police. He had been working on building his retirement home and "toy shed." He was well known for keeping in contact with a multitude of relatives, friends, former co-workers and retirees as well as many across the U.S. and some foreign countries who attended courses he taught in fire investigation.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by sister, Diana (Tim) Weier; brother, Darrell (Gabriela) Hardy; nieces Lissa (Jeremy) Brunan, Emily Hardy, and Kenzie Hardy; nephews Marc (Debbie) Weier, and Christopher Hardy; and special great-nephew, Caleb Weier.

Funeral service was Dec. 3, at the Boyne City United Methodist Church with burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Memorials may be directed to the Dale L. Hardy Memorial Fund, C/O Diana Hardy-Weier 417 Elm St., Boyne City, MI 49712. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Dale are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Joseph Tony Barnadyn, 91

(JAN. 12, 1921 - NOV. 30, 2012)

Joseph Tony Barnadyn of Boyne City and formerly of Boyne Falls died on Nov. 30, 2012, at his home.

Joseph was born on Jan. 12, 1921, in Boyne Falls, the son of Frank and Anna (Konrat) Bernadyn and was raised in Boyne Falls, attending the Curfew School.

He entered the U.S. Army and served his country during World War II in Central Europe and The Rhineland, before receiving his honorable discharge in 1945 and went to work for General Motors.

On Dec. 1, 1945, Joseph married Rosemary Hypke in Hamtramck, Mich., and lived there for a short time before moving to Elmira, then back to Boyne Falls. Joseph worked for various companies in the building trades around the area, retiring in 1986.

He was an avid hunter, deer and rabbits, and also enjoyed fishing. He was a life member of the VFW where he served two terms as the Post Commander; a life member of the Eagles, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of St. Augustine Parish.

Joseph was a kind, friendly man, who never had an enemy. As Post Commander of the VFW, he always believed in the mission of the organization and took great pride in his local group and missed his brothers greatly when he wasn't able to attend.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Rosemary; three sons, Ronald (Diana) Barnadyn of Boyne City, Gene (Ruth) Barnadyn of Boyne Falls, and Gerald (Kathleen) Barnadyn of Indian River; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond and Chester Barnadyn, both of Boyne Falls; and by two sisters, Pauline Kudla and Rose Dawson, both of Detroit; and by many nieces and nephews.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters and seven brothers.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. Arrangements are in the care of the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

William Hannan, 83

(DEC. 11, 1928 - NOV. 22, 2012)

William Hannan, longtime resident of Petoskey and current resident of Woodstock, Ga., passed away Nov. 22, 2012, at the Northside Cherokee Hospital in Canton, Ga.

Bill was born on Dec. 11, 1928, in Petoskey, to Henry W. and Henrietta (Parish) Hannan. He grew up in Petoskey and attended Petoskey schools.

On May 17, 1951, Bill was inducted into the United States Army. He served proudly as a corporal with a field artillery unit during the Korean War and honorably discharged in February of 1953. His service in Korea was a

source of great pride to both Bill and his family.

On June 16, 1956, Bill married Carol Ilene Fike in Petoskey; they shared 39 wonderful years together and raised six children. Carol sadly preceded Bill in death on Christmas Day 1995.

For many years Bill was employed in the housekeeping department of Lockwood Hospital.

Bill was a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa with a generous heart and kind nature. He will be greatly missed by his family and close friends.

Bill is survived by his four daughters and one son and they include; Kay (Andy) Kirkendall of Woodstock, Ga., Julia Brummeler of Big Rapids, June Hoyt of Petoskey, Peter (Nancy) Hannan of Clinton Township and Martha (Dale) Stolt of Boyne City. Bill was blessed with 16 grandchildren and they include; Chad (Hope) Kirkendall, Macayla (Luke) Nicolai-son, Jessica, Ashley and Cory Hannan, Charley, Hannah, Thomas and Nicholas Brummeler, Christian and Carrie Hoyt, Steven, Lindsay and Christopher Hannan, and Katelyn and Parker Stolt. He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren, Anika, Axel and Piper Nicolai-son. Also surviving Bill are his brothers and sisters, Phil of Grand Rapids, Allen (Jessie) of Petoskey, Dave of Petoskey, Butch of Petoskey, Gary and Annette Hannan of Petoskey, Katherine Green of Petoskey and Joanne (Pete) Lewis of East Jordan.

Including his parents and his wife, Carol, Bill was also preceded in death by his son, Bill, and by brothers, Howard, Jimmy, Bobby, Gordon and Jerry, and by his sisters, Betty and Mary Lou.

Bill's life was celebrated with a funeral service Friday, Nov. 30, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey with the Rev. David Behling officiating.

Friends and family are welcome to share memories or offer condolences online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Harry L. Atkins, 86

Harry L. Atkins of Boyne City died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at his home with his wife, Vickie, at his side.

The funeral service was Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Augustine Church. Pastor David Behling officiated.

Arrangements are being handled by the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.



Alice E. Tobias, 84

(March 4, 1928 - Nov. 28, 2012)

Alice E. Tobias of East Jordan died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born on March 4, 1928, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, the daughter of Elbert and Delcie (Grubbs) Greene. She married Robert "Bob" Tobias on March 3, 1945, in Louisville, Ky. They had lived in Lansing and then later moved to East Jordan.

Alice was a cook for many years at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was an avid doll collector and had collected more than 723 dolls.

She is survived by one daughter-in-law, Raymona Tobias, of Florida; four grandchildren, Dawn Elizabeth Evans of Lansing, Robert Grant Tobias of Florida, Michelle Tobias of Florida and William Joseph Tobias of Florida; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bob Tobias, in 2003, and one son, Walter Tobias.

The funeral service was Friday, Nov. 30, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Silas Doctor officiated with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

James L. Massey, 84

(APRIL 15, 1928 - NOV. 25, 2012)

James L. Massey departed this old world on Sunday evening, Nov. 25, 2012.

James was born to Fred Massey and Pearl (Kindy) Massey on April 15, 1928, in Boyne Falls. He was preceded in death by 12 of his 14 siblings. One sister remains.

James's ashes will be buried in Boyne Valley Township Cemetery, either yet this year or next spring, depending on the weather. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.



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Avoiding the Holiday Blues & Stresses

Is your holiday season filled with joy or sorrow? Are you so stressed right now that you can't even enjoy the beauty of Christmas? Do you secretly dread this time of year because of the sadness it brings you? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, you could be suffering from a depression that affects thousands of Americans during this festive period.

Feeling sad during the time period encompassing Thanksgiving to Christmas is common for many people. Why? It can mark a period of heightened stress due to money issues, lost loved ones and unrealistic expectations.

Below are five ways to manage your emotions during the holiday season. If you follow them, you can enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas more. And, you may even be able to do it with a smile.

- 1) Decide who you'll see during the holidays. If you come from a troubled family (like many), decide in advance how you'll deal with relatives. Maybe an all day visit should be cut down to two hours. Or, you may need to pass on seeing some relatives all together. If the person you usually visit is abusive and you feel terrible after seeing them, you may just want to send them a Christmas card and spend your holidays with someone else. If this person is a parent or child, you can use this as a



time to explain how some of their behaviors make you feel or, if that is not an option, just explain to them that you just can't make it to their home.

- 2) Set financial goals. Your holidays should be marked with how much love you give to others instead of how much you spend on presents. If you cannot spend a lot on gifts due to a strained budget, you may want to consider just sending a card with a nice note. Be sure to set a realistic budget and stick to it. For large families, you can pick names, so each person only has to buy one gift. You can also do a white elephant gift exchange. Your real goal in setting a fi-

nancial one is to avoid the stress that comes with over-extending one's self during this time of year.

- 3) Take time out for yourself. Probably more than any time of the year, during the months of November and December, you'll be huddled with others. At times, you may be involved in activities that you really don't enjoy in an effort to please others. As a result, it's important to take some time out for yourself. This could include time just to sit alone and meditate, read or listen to music. This time will help you deal with all of the remaining hours you spend with others.

- 4) Set a schedule. Most peo-

ple don't have enough time in the day to do everything prior to the holidays. As a result, this feeling is amplified during the months of November and December due to family obligations and extended shopping periods. Block out a period of time to shop and also visit friends and family. Focus on attending the most important festivities that will help you see most of your loved ones at one time. Let go of those peripheral events that have more to do with strangers.

5) Set realistic expectations. This last piece of advice encompasses all of the rest, which can be over-whelming. Your vision for the holiday season must be based on your own life. So decide what is most important to you and focus on it. Remember, it's your life and you must decide what is acceptable for you.

6) Don't become a Sugarplum yourself. Watch your sugar intake and sweeten your holidays in other ways! Sugar blues make it that much harder to deal with holiday pressures. Eat some protein before going to holiday parties and drink lots of water.

7) Get more sleep. Sleep deprivation can become more of a problem at holiday time. Much post-holiday depression is attributable to fatigue. Make sleep a priority and take some cat naps, even if you don't normally.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 6 1p Pinochle	Friday, Dec. 7 9:30a Craft Class 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Rummy	Monday, Dec. 10 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Woodcarving 1p Pinochle 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, Dec. 11 1pm RUMMY 1p Paint class Raffle	Wednesday, Dec. 12 Cash Bingo	Thursday, Dec. 13 1p Pinochle	Friday, Dec. 14 9:30a Craft Class 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Rummy
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 6 Wii Bowling	Friday, Dec. 7 11am MUSIC: The Cousins *Bake Raffle	Monday, Dec. 10 Bingo	Tuesday, Dec. 11 11am Craft Class Wii Bowling	Wednesday, Dec. 12 FOOT CLINIC! 11am Line Dance Brown Bag Bingo	Thursday, Dec. 13 Wii Bowling	Friday, Dec. 14 FOOT CLINIC! 11am Backwoods **Christmas Dinner & Drawing**
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 6 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table Cards	Friday, Dec. 7 BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am MUSIC Bingo /Gift raffle	Monday, Dec. 10 8-1pm: walking M-F FOOT CLINIC & B/P	Tuesday, Dec. 11 11am line dancing 12:30 bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, Dec. 12 1pm Movie & Popcorn	Thursday, Dec. 13 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table CARDS	Friday, Dec. 14 11am Tag-a-longs Bingo/Gift Raffle 10:30 ADVB Meeting
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, Dec. 6 BREAKFAST CASSEROLE	Friday, Dec. 7 BAKED PENNE & HAM	Monday, Dec. 10 BEEF STEW	Tuesday, Dec. 11 PORK CHOP SOUP & SALAD BAR	Wednesday, Dec. 12 MAC & CHEESE	Thursday, Dec. 13 TACO CASSEROLE	Friday, Dec. 14 BAKED CHICKEN
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Charlevoix Chamber seeking Annual Award nominees

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce is seeking nomination for their annual Awards presentation. If you know a person or business that is worthy of receiving a Chamber award please e-mail your nomination with your reasoning to bemis@charlevoix.org by 5pm on Monday, December 3rd. Award definitions are criteria are below:

- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD** (est. 1987); Dedicated and giving, this individual over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents, and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

- **AMBASSADOR AWARD** (est. 1990); In recognition of an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

- **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** (est. 2009); Inspirational and visionary, this business operates at a level that inspires others and exhibits vision that goes beyond "business as usual." The Business of the Year demonstrates suc-

cess and exceptional performance in business practices, customer service and community involvement.

- **CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD** (est. 2009); Service excellence is a top priority. The recipient of this award, an employee of a member business, exemplifies high standards giving priority attention to every customer, client or guest.

- **NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** (est. 2011); Having opened its doors within the last 18 months, the recipient of this award is a Chamber member and entrepreneur that has demonstrated strong business growth and performance, sound business strategies and practices, unique and innovative approaches, and community involvement.

- **YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** (est. 2011); Driven and leading by example, this individual demonstrates leadership in professional development, civic, charitable and social endeavors in Charlevoix. The recipient of this award is 40 years of age or under and a Chamber member.

CORRECTION NOTICE:

The article, Old Fire Hall sold to Deer Creek Junk art studio, that ran in the Nov. 29 issue had an error. The property at 320 State Street is known as the Old EMS Building, not the Old Fire Hall.

Great Start Parent Leadership Council Forming

Parents who want to make a difference in children's lives asked to join new Parent Leadership Council

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties is inviting parents to join their Parent Leadership Council to make a difference in the lives of children throughout the region.

"The voice of parents is vital to building and sustaining our community's growth," said Jennifer Doumanian, parent liaison with the collaborative.

Parents who choose to give their time through the newly formed Parent Leadership Council will gain personal and professional development, Doumanian explained. They will build personal leadership skills applicable to business and community settings, increase understanding of family strengths and the community, as well as have the opportunity to network with parents, community leaders and other professionals – all while serving as the voice of parents of young children throughout the region.

Members will also support the mission of the Great Start Collaborative by participating in community outreach by representing Great Start and sharing materials with others as an authentic parent voice at community meetings. They will also help plan and facilitate events

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- Jennifer Doumanian, parent liaison with the collaborative.

put on by Great Start, as well as share child development materials and community resources with other parents.

Interested community residents must be a parent or guardian of a child(ren) aged infant to 12, commit five hours per month between January-December 2013, and attend an orientation session to the Great Start Parent Leadership Council.

For their commitment, parents will receive a monthly stipend of \$50 upon completion of hours and the monthly Leadership Council report, and transportation assistance via fuel reimbursement cards.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Applications are available by calling Doumanian at 231.582.8070 or online at www.greatstartforkids.com and click on the "Parent Coalition" tab. Completed forms can be mailed to: Great Start Collaborative, 08568 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720; faxed to 231.582.8082; or emailed to gspc@greatstartforkids.com.

The Great Start Collaborative is currently made up of more than 30 different participants and organizations from around the community. Representatives from business, health, education, human services, legislative, higher education, non-profit, court systems, and parents are committed to creating a movement in our area that seeks to involve the entire community in supporting families as they raise their young children to succeed in school and in life.

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

By Jim Akans

Established in their present location in Downtown Mio approximately eight years ago, Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment store offers area residents an excellent opportunity to sell their quality used items, and purchase a wide variety of clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. The shop, which was founded by Sharon Gardulski, Pastor of the Freedom Worship Center, is operated by a dedicated

group of thirteen volunteer from the Mio area.

"We have many different types of items in the store," states Gardulski. "That includes furniture, appliances and other household items, and we have a lot of new and used clothing, including coats in men's, women's and children's sizes, as well as several items that would make excellent Christmas gifts."

The inventory at Strawberry Patch ReSale-Consignment is brought in by local individuals who re-

ceive 40-percent of the amount those items sell for. Strawberry Patch takes care of the tagging and marketing of those items, and after a 60 day period, unsold clothing is sent to an Amish warehouse facility that distributes that clothing to people in need all over the world.

"Our location is a great resource for people in the Mio area," observes Gardulski. "Major shopping areas, such as Gaylord, Alpena and West Branch, are all an hour or more

drive away. So this is a convenient, local spot where people can make some extra money selling items, and shop for a wide assortment of clothing and household items."

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



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That's Our Christmas Tree!

Choosing, and caring for, that special Tannenbaum

By Jim Akans

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Your branches green delight us."

So begins one of the Christmas seasons most treasured carols. Yet with so many tree species to choose from, and so many needles to sweep off the floor, how can the fearless Christmas tree hunter and gatherer be sure the enduring holiday symbol that graces their abode will indeed offer delight throughout the yuletide season?

"While a 'cut your own tree' is the freshest possible tree," notes Gordon McPherson, owner of McPherson Evergreens in Ellsworth, "A pre-cut can also be a fresh choice as long as it isn't more than a few weeks since it was cut. Fresher tree gives better needle retention and have more of a Christmas tree smell in the home."

Ah, freshness is the key, much like when selecting produce. There is a simple step to take to sustain that freshness by optimizing the trees ability to draw water after it's been placed in the tree stand.

"When you bring the tree home," McPherson advises, "cut about a quarter of an inch off the bottom of the tree, which makes it easier for the tree to draw water. Be sure to keep the water level well above bottom of tree, and keep it away from heat sources, as that makes them dry out quicker. Also, I don't recommend using additives in the tree stand water."

What about species? Among the most popular species are Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine, Eastern White Pine and Concolor. Generally speaking, Firs tend to retain their needles best, Spruces have stiffer branches (especially good for heavy, homemade ornaments), Scotch Pine has good needle retention and sturdy branches (though the needles can be sharp) and Concolor



TALL ORDER: Ellsworth Village Employees, Chuck Fox and Chad Draper inspect the six foot deep hole the village Christmas tree was set into for extra stability. The 40 foot cut tree was placed in front of the Banks Township Hall in the exact spot the 60 foot memorial tree had grown for thirty years until it had to be removed this fall because it was disrupting pipes and threatening the Hall's foundation. Tree lighting and caroling will take place on December 12 at 6 P.M.

hold needles well and have a slight, citrus odor, which is refreshingly unique.

McPherson observes, "The Fraser Fir is our best seller and has good color, fragrance and needle retention. Blue spruce is next bestseller, primarily because of its blue-ish color and stiff branches that hold heavy ornaments well. The Concolor or White Fir is also very popular. They have a fragrance a bit like oranges, and they have a longer needles, a blue-ish color, and soft

needles with good needle retention."

A growing choice in popularity; a live or potted tree offers the benefit of becoming part of the landscaping outside the home after serving as a Christmas tree for a few days indoors.

"When purchasing a live potted tree," McPherson points out, "let it acclimate for couple days in the garage and do the same when taking them back out. They are usually kept inside for a few days, though some customers

have told us they will have it in house for up to two weeks."

A few other bits of advice:

- It can be easier getting the tree into the house while it is still baled, so set it in the stand, and then cut the baling rope.

- Water the tree daily. For example, a 10-foot Fraser Fir can drink up to four gallons a day for the first few days in the home
- As mentioned, keep the tree away from heat registers and other heat sources.

Above all, buy a tree from a

reputable merchant and don't hesitate to ask questions regarding tree selection and care. Finding "that special tree" should be an exciting adventure, and as Charlie Brown demonstrates year after year...every Christmas tree has its own special character and personality. Each will become a festive highlight of the home throughout the holiday season.

MDOT and CRAM remind motorists: "Snowplows need room to groom!"

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) today announced the start of their annual education campaign urging motorists to remember good driving habits in winter weather conditions: "Snowplows Need Room to Groom!"

"Road crews put their lives on the line every day to keep Michigan roads safe for everyone," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Motorists must remember to drive with caution no matter how much salt we use or how often the roads are plowed."

A steady decrease in road funding and an increase in costs have forced state and local agencies to alter their winter maintenance plans and change plowing priorities. However, one important fact has not changed: road crews must have ample room in order to safely clear the many miles of roadway of snow and ice.

"Motorists must do their best to minimize distractions and focus on driving and changes in road conditions," John Niemela, CRAM director, said. "Every year, despite the flashing lights on snowplow trucks, poor driver behavior near snowplows leads to collisions

that can be deadly."

MDOT and CRAM offer the following reminders for motorists:

- Snowplows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks;

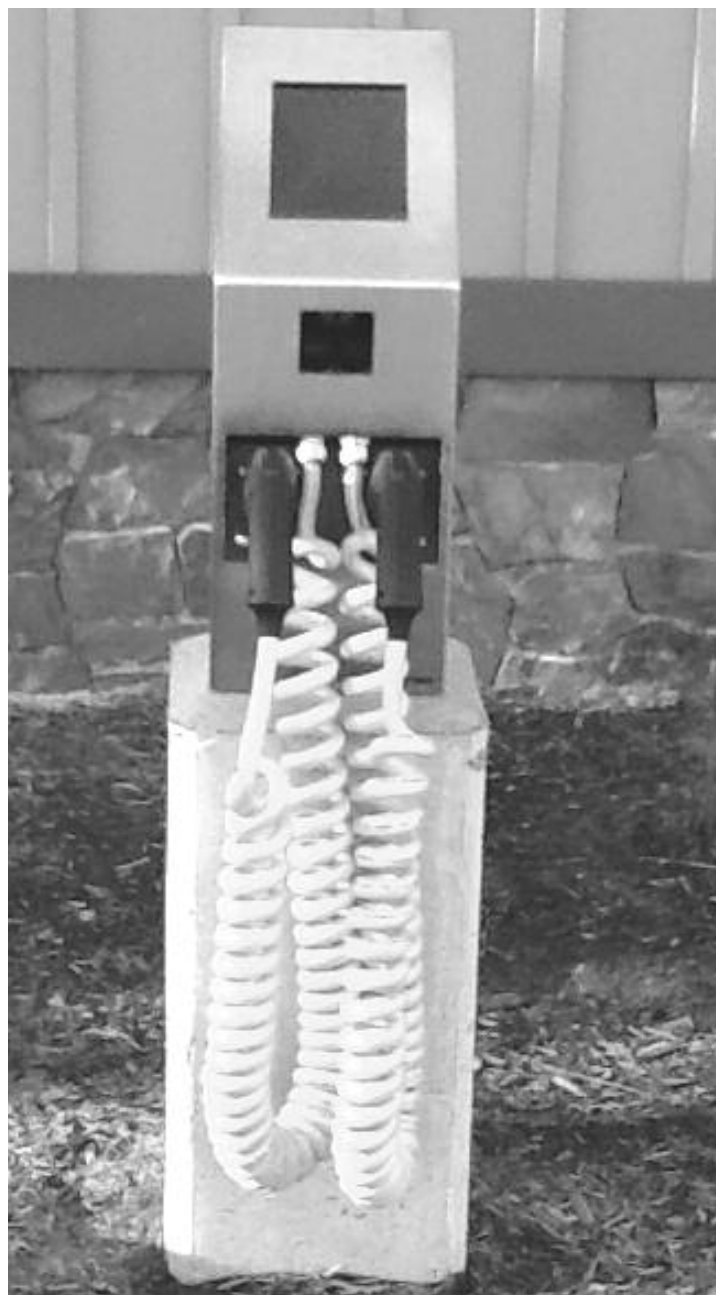
- Snowplows often throw up snow clouds, reducing visibility on all sides of the truck;

- Distracted driving is dangerous driving. Motorists should not text or talk on cell phones while they are behind the wheel. In fact, texting while driving is illegal in Michigan;

- Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With new wing-plow technology, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash; and

- Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destinations this winter.

Steudle added, "For the safety of everyone, motorists should use extreme caution when traveling in winter weather conditions. We can't emphasize this enough: Snowplows Need Room to Groom!"



Car Charging Station installed at Charlevoix City Hall

Car Charging Station has been established in Charlevoix, behind City Hall. Electric car owners can charge at a cost of \$3 and hour. It costs the city seventy-five cents an hour to provide the electricity, the remaining \$2.25 per hour will repay city coffers for establishing the station and the provision of the service. Assuming an average use of ten hours per week the station will be paid off in roughly ten years. The station is set up to accept credit cards. According to City Engineer Don Swem, it takes an average of four hours to charge a car. "To get your tank of gas you spend twelve dollars," he quipped. The station is the only one north of Grand Rapids and the demand for the service is minimal at this time. "Who knows eight years from now when gas is twenty dollars a gallon they'll be lining up," said Swem.

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EAST JORDAN/ELLSWORTH Business Window Decorating Contest

Don't miss out on the opportunity to win some free advertising for your business. Forms are available for the Christmas Window Decorating Contest, proudly sponsored by Charlevoix County News. Be sure to get your business windows decorated for the holidays and then get registered for the contest. Forms can be downloaded from the Chamber website www.ejchamber.org or just call the office and we will get you signed up. 231-536-7351. You must be registered by December 10th for judging on December 13th.

CHARLEVOIX

Holiday crafts

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting their annual Drop-in December Holiday Crafts. Stop by during regular library hours to make one of the fun crafts. The craft changes each week in December, the week of December 8 - Little Angel, December 15 - Holiday Card, December 22 - CD Ornament. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to create one of these fun crafts from the smorgasbord of crafting materials at the library. All ages welcome to drop in anytime during the event. For more information about this or other kids programs at the library, call 231-237-7350 or visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Tourist Park holiday displays

Let's fill the Tourist Park with Holiday Displays. If you haven't reserved your space yet with the East Jordan Lions Club for a spot at the Tourist Park do so today! Let's fill the park with holiday displays. This is a one-of-a-kind event in our area and we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful park setting to do this in. Thank you to the EJ Lions Club for creating and sponsoring this venue. Contact Jeff Argetsinger at 231-582-2770

EAST JORDAN

Holiday light parade

All businesses, organizations, and community members are invited and encouraged to place an entry in the 2012 Holiday Light Parade. Enter to promote your organization or business, or just place an entry to show your community support for this memorable event. The possibilities are endless. Decorate anything and everything with holiday lights and help make this night magical. The parade will take place Thursday, December 6th at 6pm. This event is in conjunction with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony that will take place immediately following the parade. Start making plans now!

EAST JORDAN

Holiday community night

Dec. 6, Soup Cook-off 5:30 - 7:30pm At Community Center, to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry. Holiday Light Parade 6pm - Down Main to 105 Main St. Lighting of the Christmas Tree 6:15 p.m. - Across from the Band Shell. Ecumenical Christmas Caroling 6:15

p.m. - Meet at the tree lighting. Visit with Santa 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Porch of 105 Main (Jordan Valley Screen Printing & Gift Shop) (Sponsored by E.J. Lioness & Lion Clubs). Face Painting, Cookies & Hot Chocolate - Main Street Center (Sponsored by Girl Scouts). Roasting S'mores - In front of Community Center (Sponsored by E.J. Rotary). Winter "Make and Take Craft" 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. - At JRAC and Members Art for Sale. Christmas Tree Sale - At True Value - All day, ending at 5:30 p.m. (Sponsored by E.J. Lions Club). Many businesses are offering specials that evening

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Tree Sale

The East Jordan Lions Club is holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the EJ True Value Hardware now through Dec. 24. This year we are offering Balsam Firs, Scotch Pines, White Pines, Blue Spruce, and Fraser Firs. Prices run from \$25.00 to \$45.00. All proceeds from the sale remain in the community and support the local Lions Club programs and projects.

CHARLEVOIX

Winter Youth Craft Show

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce its Winter Youth Craft Show, 11am - 1pm, Saturday, Dec. 8. The kids have to make their own wares, plan and set-up their own booth, and then sell their gifts during the show. To make the show a success, shoppers are needed! Stop by that afternoon to enjoy the wonderful kids' crafts and bring your small bills and change - you're sure to find that perfect gift! Stop by the youth department at the library for more information or a registration form. Call 231.237.7350 for further information.

BOYNE FALLS

Snowmobile training class

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's dept is hosting a snowmobile training class Dec. 8, 9am - 3pm at the Boyne Falls Fire Dept. building. State law requires those who do not have a valid Michigan driver's license to complete and pass this training program. Register at the sheriff's dept, 1000 Grant St, Charlevoix.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Fox for Tots Toy Wagon

Fox Charlevoix Toy Wagon will make appearances around Northern Michigan collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Scheduled appearances are:

Friday, December 7th from 6p - 9p - Downtown Petoskey's Holiday Open House with Lite 96.3's Tim Nixon on-site

Saturday, December 8th - Fox Charlevoix's Fox for Tots Party with host Tim Nixon from Lite 96.3, Fox Grand Traverse Fox for Tots Party with hosts, Josh and Heather from the KHQ Morning Show

The toy wagon has also made appearances in Petoskey, Charlevoix and Gaylord. In appreciation, anyone donating a toy will receive 2 free water park passes from The Great Wolf Lodge. The toy drive will be topped off with a monumen-

tal party at Fox Grand Traverse and Fox Charlevoix on Saturday, December 8th. Everyone is invited to come take part in this free event. There will be free snacks and hot dogs, children's games, drawings and giveaways and of course Santa Claus and his Reindeer! All donated toys collected at Fox Motors will be given to Toys for Tots who distribute to children in need through area family service agencies.

ELLSWORTH

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 8, 9 - 11am at Banks Township Hall. Breakfast, photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus complements of Charlevoix State Bank. Presented by the Ellsworth Lioness Club with help from the Lions Club. Eggs for breakfast donated by Eastport Market

ELLSWORTH

Equestrian Program

Dec. 8, 1pm featuring the students of Torch Valley Farms, 9786 Church Rd. Light refreshments. For more information call Cathy Russell 231-675-6375

BOYNE CITY

Open house

Holiday open house at the Charlevoix Area Humane Society is planned for Saturday, Dec. 8 at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City. Join them for light refreshments and a tour of the facility between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Come meet and greet the dogs, cats and staff. For a donation, you can take home gifts such as candles and T-shirts. If you are feeling generous, the humane society could use treats, can and dog food, printer paper, kitty litter, bleach and Pine-Sol. For information, call 582-6774 or visit www.charlevoix-humange.org.

BOYNE CITY

New location

No Boundaries has moved to a new location in the new location at Lake Street Plaza, 500 N. Lake St., Boyne City. This is the shopping center with Red Brick Salon, JEMZ Consignment and Lake Street Veterinary Clinic.

CHARLEVOIX

Clay Sculpture class

An exciting Holiday Clay Sculpture class is being offered at Charlevoix Circle of Arts with Mekissa Zelenek Dec. 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.

CHARLEVOIX & HARBOR SPRINGS

Food Drive at MacGregor

MacGregor Plumbing & Heating is currently collecting donations of non-perishable food items for local charities and we need your help! Stop into either Glen's North in Petoskey or Glen's in Charlevoix on Saturday, December 8th from 10am to 2pm with your donation!

Please help us this season to brighten the lives of those in need around us by providing for local families. Thank you for your support and your caring. *You may also drop off items at either of our locations: 235 Franklin Park, Harbor Springs or 14280 Stover Road, Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX

Back Porch music

Our December Back Porch Coffeehouse will be held on Saturday, December 8th at the Charlevoix Senior Center building. The music will begin at 7pm. Musicians and poets are welcome to take turns performing or leading songs and poems. Offerings can be holiday related, or whatever the presenter would like to share. The variety of performers and instruments is sure to be enjoyable! This format will continue throughout the evening, with plenty of 'jam' time toward the end. This event is for all ages. There will be crafts for the younger ones to enjoy as well. Light refreshments will be served - soup, cookies, tea, coffee and juice at no additional charge. Donations at the door are appreciated. All donations will go toward future scheduled performers. Suggested donations are \$5/person, \$10/family. Cookie donations are always welcome! The Charlevoix Senior Center is located on the corner of Carpenter and Norwood Streets.

EAST JORDAN

Looking for project

The Leadership Class at East Jordan High School is interested 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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Volunteers needed for tax program

NMCAA offers free tax preparation at its office in Petoskey and Michigan Department of Human Services offices in Bellaire, Kalkaska, Roscommon and West Branch. Volunteers are needed at all locations including Boyne City and Charlevoix 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. He can also be reached via email at lgshiner@nmcaa.net.

BOYNE CITY

Senior center lunch

Boyne Area Senior Center has 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.

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. 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

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Free counseling

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) provides free counseling and support services to victims of crime including victims of sexual assault, domestic abuse, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Services also provided to victims of elder abuse, hate crimes, economic abuse/fraud, robbery,

DUI/DWI crashes, and survivors of a homicide victim. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy on behalf of survivors and resources/referrals. The WRCNM can assist in filing victim compensation claims with the Michigan Department of Community Health. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM administrative office at (231) 347-0067.

CHARLEVOIX

Winter Farmers Market

The market is from 9am-1pm at the community room in the Charlevoix Public Library. The market will continue every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) until the last Thursday in May.

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.

ELLSWORTH

History preservation holiday program

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will hold its Annual Holiday Dinner & Program, "A Matter of Taste" at Tapawingo, located at 9502 Lake Street in Ellsworth on Monday, December 10. The festivities begin at 5:30 PM with a Cocktail Hour (Cash bar) and Dinner at 6:30 PM. Reservations will be accepted until November 30th. For more information go to www.cchps.info, or call Jane (582-6202) or Georganna (582-5326).

ELLSWORTH

Wooden Shoe Festival

An event of free food, fun and entertainment, Banks Township Hall from on Dec. 12. 6 - 7:30pm. Tree lighting and caroling, pizza dinner, Christmas cookies and a trip to the Hot Chocolate Bar. Kids games and crafts. Twister Joe and Cindy Lou Who will read Dr. Seuss's "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas".

BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

BAH will be held at Re/Max Resort Properties, 111 S. Lake St., Boyne City from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. Co-sponsoring the Chamber's holiday networking event is Fierro HVAC Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration. There is no charge for admission or refreshments.

EAST JORDAN

Mitten Trees

The East Jordan Garden Club will again have their Mitten Trees out in all three East Jordan Banks. Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank and Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. The trees will remain up until December 14th. As you do your shopping, please pick up items to go on the trees. Winter in Northern Michigan is a cold time, and everyone deserves to be warm. Keep in mind that mittens are not the only thing that you can put on the tree. Hats, earmuffs, socks and scarves will all be given a good home. Adult sizes as well as children's sizes are also welcome.

CHARLEVOIX

Food drive

Rotary Club of Charlevoix Can Food Drive. Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Olesons parking lot on Saturday, December 15th between 9am and 2pm. We will also be accepting empty returnables (cans and bottles) as donations. All food and money collected will benefit the Charlevoix Community Food

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BOYNE CITY Farmers Market plans Dec. 15 Holiday Celebration

The Boyne City Farmers Market continues its winter season, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the red barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. More than 20 vendors offering fresh produce, meat, baked goods and more participate in the market each week. The market is planning a Holiday Family Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 15, with hourly customer appreciation gift drawings. Cozy up to the fire and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while listening to the sounds of Christmas. Santa will be taking children's wish lists, and after you shop, you and the kids can enjoy an old-fashioned hayride. Market Money Certificates make great gifts. They are available in \$5, \$10 and \$20 certificates, and the market also accepts Boyne Bucks. www.boynecityfarmersmarket.com.

ATWOOD Live Nativity

You're invited to celebrate a community tradition at the Atwood Church. Join with friends and neighbors in attending our Live Nativity on Sunday, December 16. Performances are at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Experience the story of the 1st Christmas as told through actors, song, animals and choir. Performances are outside at the church lasting 20 minutes with refreshments following in the church Fellowship Hall. Come and experience a fabulous Christmas celebration. Bring the whole family and you're sure to be filled with the spirit of the Christmas season. The church is located in Atwood on Hwy. 31, 12 miles south of Charlevoix. For more information, contact Pastor Dave Kroon at 231-599-3290.

BOYNE CITY Christmas Basket donations needed

The Boyne Area Community Christmas Baskets program is expecting that the need for assistance will be high this year. Organizer Ruth Witenski said she had already received requests for 250 children by Thanksgiving. The program served 650 children last year from Boyne City, Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake. Non-perishable, unwrapped food, new toys and games, books, clothing and blankets may be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center on Pine Street from now through Dec. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Checks may be made payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Treasurer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712. Dec. 21 is the basket-packing day and those eligible for baskets may pick them up that day from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center gym. Volunteers who would like to help pack baskets will be needed starting at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 21. For further information call Ruth Witenski at 582-3152 or 758-2787, or Nancy Hosmer at 582-7346.

BOYNE CITY Starting a business

Fundamentals of Starting

a Business classes are held monthly, with the next ones 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.

BOYNE CITY Food drive

Boyne District Library will once again offer its "Food for Fines" program in conjunction with Boyne Area Community Christmas. From now through Dec. 21 overdue fines may be "paid" by bringing food and other donations for the community's Christmas baskets to the library. Acceptable donations include non-perishable food items, new (unwrapped) toys, books and clothing. The library's Christmas tree is now on display, and new hats, mittens and gloves will once again adorn the tree. The library is seeking the community's help in collecting as many items as possible. Handmade as well as store-bought items are welcome, and all items will be donated to Boyne Area Community Christmas by Dec. 21.

BOYNE FALLS & HARBOR SPRINGS

Ski Academy

Northern Michigan Ski Academy race training sessions start Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at Boyne Mountain and Thursday, Jan. 3rd at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands. A meeting for parents will take place at both locations during the first sessions. For registration forms, pricing and additional information on the Northern Michigan Ski Academy please refer to the website, www.nmsa-zone.org. For information related to this press release call Tom Teske, 231-536-3128.

CHARLEVOIX Let it Snow

Our featured artist Michael Todoroff will be on hand to meet and greet guests on opening night, Saturday evening at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street. Canapes and libations will be served from 6 to 8pm. The Exhibit runs through January 21st. See what Juror, Artist Neil W. Ahrens, has selected for the exhibit. Juror Ahrens is a graduate of Cranbrook Academy of Art and has Bachelors of Fine Arts in Painting from Michigan State University.

CHARLEVOIX Let It Snow! Exhibit

Let It Snow is a juried all media exhibit. "Let It Snow!" will open to the public through January 21, 2013. "Let It Snow!" highlights the beauty of Winter in Northern Michigan. Michael Todoroff is our featured Artist. Born and raised in Michigan, artist Michael Todoroff has been drawing and painting the natural world since childhood. An avid birder and naturalist, Todoroff's passion for nature often takes him to Michigan's more pristine and wild areas in search of subjects to paint, including Isle Royale, Whitefish Point, and out of state locations in Alaska, Montana and Wyoming.

Ford Supports Education Through the 2012 Heart Behind the Oval Community Challenge

Heart Behind the Oval Community Challenge is open to all U.S. high school seniors and college students with a demonstrated commitment to their communities

Public voting determines three winners who each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and a \$2,500 grant to complete a future service project

Students may enter this year's contest on the Ford Blue Oval Scholars Facebook page until Dec. 14 with a video or photo essay showcasing their current community work and outlining a

future project they could complete with more funding

The 2012 Heart Behind the Oval Community Challenge is underway, with the general public registering support for their favorite contest entries through daily online voting. For this year's contest, Ford Motor Company Fund invited high school seniors and college students to showcase their commitment to their communities in a brief video or photo essay. Students can submit their entries until Dec. 14.

The three entries with the most online votes will receive a \$2,500

college scholarship and a \$2,500 grant to a partnering nonprofit to complete a future service project. Wild Card prizes, including a \$1,000 college scholarship and a \$1,000 project grant, will be awarded to two entries chosen by a Ford Motor Company judging panel.

For more information or to enter and vote for the 2012 Heart Behind the Oval Community Challenge, please visit <http://apps.facebook.com/ford-blueovalscholars/>

Crossroads

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count to pay December bills and donate the rest to these organizations. Every year we have been able to increase the amount of the donations we have been able to provide to these two organizations. We all get very excited when we make these donations each year."

The Ministerial Association, which helps people with monthly expenses such as utility bills or rent, is comprised of five area churches that helped to get the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop started several years ago. Each church provided seed money to get the store off the ground.

Roberts notes, "The shop has been wonderful success. I am so proud to be a part of this organization. It is a wonderful group of people here. People regularly comment that this is the nicest resale shop they have been in. We are here to help the people of our community and assist them on the road to self-sufficiency. It is a win-win for our community."

Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop offers resale items of virtually every type, including clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchen items and much more. Anyone eligible to receive food at Share & Care Food Pantry is also given a \$20 coupon per family each month to use at the store.

Roberts adds that Crossroads expresses their thanks to the generous support of the people who donate good quality used items, the shoppers who purchase those items and the many volunteers who give of their time. "We are always looking for volunteers, and if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Crossroads at (231) 536-7606.

FREE Second Saturdays at Raven Hill

The popular family affair events continue at Raven Hill Discovery Center into 2012, with the next event on December 8th with free admission from noon to 4:00 pm and highlighting "To The Rim." Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation from February through November and Charlevoix Lions Club in December, each month FREE 2nd Saturday has highlighted a different science, history or art activity (and the connections between them!), as well as allowed families to explore the hands-on museum and animals indoors and enjoy the Music Garden, Jurassic Park Walk, Schoolhouse, Tree House, Ancient World and other outdoor exhibits. FREE 2nd Saturday hours are from noon to 4 pm. Bring the whole family OR make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every second Saturday in 2012. Please no organizations or groups on 2nd Saturdays - remember, it's a family affair!

In 2010, Second Saturday Science Days were sponsored

by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and in 2011, Second Saturday Science Days were made possible by the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and other generous donors. Because of these donations, family groups were able to strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by exploring a different science concept each month, plus enjoy the museum, animals and the outdoor exhibits. In 2012, the name changed to FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays and the special activities expanded to include history and art, as well as science. The Center has received funding for the 2012—February through November from Charlevoix County Community Foundation and December through the Charlevoix Lions Club. THANK YOU!

Raven Hill is also very excited to announce that FREE Second Saturdays have been fully funded for 2013 thanks to an anonymous donor! Call Cheri at 231.536.3359 or email her at cheri@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org for more information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Innocent man, wrongful conviction

With 300+ exonerations mostly via Innocence Projects now accrued, the storyline is fairly well established. Crime scene investigation is managed by officers and prosecutors, some officers trained and certified in investigation procedures, prosecutors being the legally educated liaison between investigation and court. The current ratio of overturned convictions is reportedly due to manipulated evidence, suborned testimony, erroneous witness and victim identification. Almost invariably prosecution disclaims innocence in even ineluctably proven DNA reversal cases. What is the socio-psychological catalyst here? Why would cops and prosecutors decline to admit proven innocence? Think not that they know not what they do.

One would presumably conjure some version of cognitive dissonance, that is reluctance to admit being wrong, or even worse to cover up wrongful behavior for sake of justifying one's psychic equilibrium. There's the concept of culture at work too, that inbred team player instinct that protects its own and its own way of doing business even if some irregularities are inherent. The syndrome of acting like the bad guys to catch the bad guys has after all been long ensconced in law enforcement. The public doesn't like to be confronted with the notion of official wrongdoing because it's simpler to think that right and wrong are black and white issues.

There is also the aspect of cost of conviction/incarceration at stake as relates to any potential reversal of conviction in terms of restitution for lost years, i.e. county and state having to not only absorb the costs of original conviction and

incarceration but the costs of returning an innocent person to society to start over, in both instances costs that did not need to be incurred had investigation been done on the up and up.

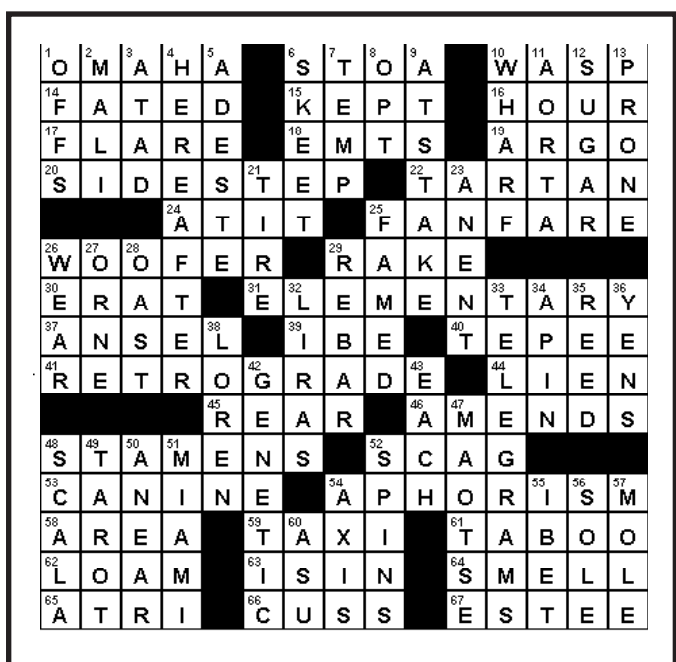
Compounding this sort of travesty – namely convicting the innocent – the prosecutorial crew to date has enjoyed impunity from wrongful pejorative conviction even via withheld or circumstantial evidence, jailhouse snitches, coerced admission of guilt via promises of immunity, leading witnesses to falsely identify, and the all-too-poignant actual planting of evidence. Prosecutors walk free from all this without so much as reprimand. Why is this? With few exceptions of late, the prosecutor's office holds an indemnified position in the investigative and judicial system, a sort of litigation mediator between the public and the court, supposedly balancing the act as a tightrope walker. Tactics of managing this have thereby achieved a venerated legal status, even if placing, as one wrongfully convicted person quipped, "a thumb on the scales of justice". The public has been persuaded over the decades to accept the premise of getting the bad guys by any means possible, viz. the Al Capone conviction for tax evasion when everyone knew he was a crime boss of any crime in the textbook. Thus the prosecutor, and by implication cops too, are immune from most allegations of wrongful acts.

Since the costs of reversing decisions of court can be immense, and of course the implications of misfeasance are anathema to both public and authority, the tendency toward discretely allowing this travesty of justice to continue has pre-

vailed. This filters down even to everyday traffic stops in which the public, now known as defendants, are relegated to the position of having to spend time and money to fight any possibly unjust tickets written by zealous cops on the make for dollars in fees and fines to boost their status as rank and file with potential of career ladder elevation. Often the public will pay an unjust fine for sake of avoiding more costs in defending innocence. The syndrome perpetuates in this manner and in fact is utilized by interrogation personnel who will literally promise anything to gain written statements of guilt, often prepared by others and signed by weary worn-down suspects after a long night of inquisition style questioning. That's the way it works.

The double standard of police work is well enough lodged since most attempts at convicting cops are dismissed whether through internal means or court stalemate. The wolf pack will naturally not condemn one of their own for marauding the sheep herd but will consider it in the line of duty regardless any allegations of illegal conduct. The public is most often compliant with this precept since the tabloid fear-mongering keeps the criminal in the subversive spotlight. It takes one to know one, they figure, and whatever need be is intrinsically acceptable even if unethical – until it happens to them. 300 wrongful convictions shrills loudly. There may be 300 or 3000 more. Despite repudiation this could happen to you.

Submitted by Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan



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Upcoming Events at Wagbo Farm

- Holiday Greens Workshop Saturday, December 8, 1pm, at Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Sliding scale \$5 to \$15. Call 231-536-0333 to register.
- Get ready to deck the halls with Alana Haley of Roots & Wings Herbs! Creating a wreath, swag, kissing ball or arrangement with natural materials is an enjoyable way to kick off the holiday season. Even if you've never attempted this before, you'll be amazed at what you create; it's easier than you think! Come for a Holiday "make and take" that you'll get weeks of enjoyment out of. And you'll be able to say... "I made it!"
- If you plan to make a wreath, bring a grapevine wreath form for the base (other shapes okay too). Cost includes all other materials: greens and embellishments beyond the ordinary plus instruction. Limited space available. Family friendly! Light refreshments provided.
- Northwoods Family Nature Club Sunday, December 9, 1-3pm at Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. FREE.
- Monthly gathering of families with children of any age with the simple mission of relatively unstructured PLAYTIME in the NATURAL WORLD. Each month we choose a loosely defined "adventure" and then let the kids take the lead! It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults whilst the kiddos get down and dirty.

For more information contact the Wagbo Farm at (231)536-0333 or info@wagbo.org.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee Distributes \$14,000 in Grants

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has distributed \$14,067 in grants to five local non-profit agencies to fund programs that benefit young people.

Started in 1992, the YAC was organized to engage local high school students in philanthropy. Sixteen (16) students, representing Beaver Island, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Northwest Academy high schools, comprise the group. "YAC is a great place for students to experience philanthropy at its finest. They are able to see the time, treasure and talent that is needed in order to experience healthy community growth," noted Mishelle Shooks, the Foundation's YAC Program Associate.



YAC members (from left) Josh Lange of Boyne Falls High School, Kiana Kuhs of Boyne City High School, YAC Advisor Tom Schultz of Charlevoix High School and YAC President Elizabeth Hodgson of Northwest Academy work together during the fall grant-making session. COURTESY PHOTO

Organizations submitting proposals for consideration by the YAC are also required to appear before the group for a formal interview. "YAC has made me more aware of what happens in our community. I hope that through YAC we can inspire youth, and adults to help improve the community and really pay attention to the issues that are around us every day," noted Elizabeth Hodgson, a Northwest Academy Senior and President of the YAC Executive Committee. The following agencies received YAC support:

- B.A.S.E.S Teen Center (\$2,000) to provide mentors for teens at risk.
- Beyond the Score Board (\$2,625) for a lecture series promoting healthy relationships.
- Jordan River Arts Council (\$1,250) to create a sketchbook library.

Planned Parenthood (\$4,442) to support "Project Smart Choices." Raven Hill Discovery Center (\$3,750) for a career program for elementary and middle school students. Kiersten Bielas enjoys the experience too. A senior at Boyne Falls High School, Kiersten is completing her fourth year as a YAC member and sits as the Treasurer on the YAC Executive Committee. "Our Grant Making Day is so important to the community. It is our chance to have a say in providing support for programs and services that kids need. I love having the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself," she noted.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds - all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come.

To learn more about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, including how to make a gift to the Youth Fund, please visit the Foundation online at www.cf.org, or contact us at 231-536-2440.

Governor orders flags lowered through Saturday, Dec. 15 to honor former state Sen. Philip Mastin

LANSING, Mich. - Gov. Rick Snyder has ordered U.S. flags within the state Capitol Complex to be lowered to half-staff today through Saturday, Dec. 15 in honor of former state Sen. Philip Mastin, of Fenton, who died Nov. 28. This is in accordance with Executive Order 2006-10, V. K. Flags should be returned to full-staff on Sunday, Dec. 16. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

"The Great Lakes State has lost a dedicated leader and passionate public servant," said Snyder. "I extend sincere condolences to Sen. Mastin's wife, Donna, their children and entire family during this time."

Mastin began his public service career in the 1960s after working as a designer in the automotive industry. During a 25-year period, he served the people of Michigan in various elected and appointed positions, including Hazel Park city councilman, Oakland County supervisor, Oakland County commissioner, Pontiac city manager, 69th District state representative, and 8th District state senator. Mastin also served two terms as president of the Mental Health Association in Michigan and was a member of the National Mental Health Association's executive committee and board of directors. He retired in 1994.

The memorial service is 11 a.m. Dec. 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Fenton.

When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the U. S. flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

Driver injured in rollover accident on M-66

Shortly before 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday November 28, 2012, emergency responders from East Jordan Fire/EMS and East Jordan Police Department, along with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, responded to the report of a one vehicle roll-over on M-66 in Eveline Township.

The driver, 26 year old Hanassa Wilhelm of Charlevoix, was Northbound on M-66 when she lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle spun 180 degrees and rolled into the ditch, landing on the driver's side.

Wilhelm was treated at the scene and later transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan EMS for evaluation.

Wilhelm was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Break in

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County Missouri. A Boyne City Police Officer and a Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy drove to Rolla Missouri, picked up the suspect and returned to the Charlevoix County Jail where the suspect was lodged. The suspect signed a Waiver of Extradition and Consent to Return while in Missouri.

The arrest charges are:

1. Breaking and Entering a Building with Intent
2. Larceny \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000
3. Malicious Destruction of Building \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000

Bond was set at \$20,000

"I'm proud of the way our department investigated this case", said Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither. "Everyone here had a role in this investigation. Officers even put in their own time to help out. We all recognized the importance to the city and especially to our business community of solving this case. It was also important to make the trip and bring the suspect back to face charges".

The Boyne City Police learned that the suspect was in Missouri and contacted a Detective from the Phelps County Sheriff Department. That detective went out of his way to help us locate the suspect Gaither said.

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 19

12:52am Assist Sheriff Department with search warrant
7:03am False alarm on W Water St
12:02pm 911 hang up from the 200 block of Ray St
12:53pm Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St
2:11pm Subject burning leaves in the 300 block of State St
4:41pm Natural death in the 600 block of W Court St
11:13pm Assist to MSP on M-75 N

Tuesday, November 20

10:38am Assist to East Jordan PD in the 100 block of W Division St
11:39am Credit card fraud reported from the 600 block of Jefferson St
12:50pm Report of hit and run accident that occurred in the 100 block of N Park St
1:34pm Medication bottles found in the vicinity of W Michigan and Charlevoix St
5:40pm Citation issued for speed at Boyne City Rd and Court St
7:06pm Civil complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av

7:31pm Report of lost deer head between Lakeshore Rd and Division St
10:38pm Suspicious situation in the 1000 block of E Main St
11:21pm Report of loud music in the 300 block of Division St

Wednesday, November 21

12:33am Intoxicated subject reported in the 300 block of E Division St
12:55am Assist MSP with a suicidal subject on Renkie Rd
12:43pm Report of stolen phone from the 100 block of N Park St
2:10pm Report of hit and run accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
3:52pm Report of subject soliciting money in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:14pm Report of threatening and harassing phone calls in the 600 block of Jefferson St
7:43pm Citation issued for no proof of insurance at Lincoln and Douglas

Thursday, November 22

8:42am Assist with traffic at Turkey Trot
9:58am Property damage accident in the 500 block of Groveland
11:27pm Trespass and dis-

turbance reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
11:46am Subject causing disturbance in the 400 block of N Lake St
11:56am Subject causing disturbance in the 500 block of N Lake St
12:10pm Citation issued for improper lane use at Water and Park St
12:28pm Suspicious subject in the 400 block of Pearl St
3:30pm Loud music and dog off leash in Veteran's Park
6:23pm Assist Fire Department in the 100 block of E Water St
7:35pm Domestic dispute in the 1400 block of Pleasant

Friday, November 23

8:35am B&E reported in the 600 block of State St
10:36am Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of E Main St
2:18pm Report of vehicle off the road on Fall Park Rd
3:02pm Report of suspicious subject in the 600 block of Woodland St
2:52pm Report of tree falling on pole barn on Forest Av
5:03pm Vehicle unlock on Water St
8:11pm Dog bite reported on Pine Pointe Tr
8:51pm Welfare check requested in the 100 block of

West St
Saturday, November 24
10:14am Low hanging cable line on Elm St
10:33am Gas leak on S Park St
12:21pm Request for welfare check in the 1000 block of West St
1:12pm Assist Sheriff Department with traffic crash on Camp Ten Rd
2:31pm Civil issue originating in the 400 block of N East St
2:54pm Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of River St
2:54pm Assist Fire Dept with alarm in the 300 block of E Division St
5:34pm Citation for no proof of insurance Lake and State St
6:32pm Fire alarms going off in the 700 block of Lake Park Dr
8:40pm Report of dog running at large on Hannah St
10:36pm Request for welfare check in the 1000 block of West St
Sunday, November 25
12:57am Assisted Sheriff Department and EMS on Dietz Rd
12:20pm Open door in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
5:21pm Unlock vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St

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U.S. Chamber's Institute Awards Bethany Pearson of Charlevoix Chamber the Regent Scholarship

WASHINGTON D.C. — Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, announced today that Bethany Pearson of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a Regent Scholarship. Awarded to 21 professionals from across the country, the Regent Scholarships recognize each recipient for their involvement in industry professional organizations, community service, and professional background.



BETHANY PEARSON

"Regent scholarships offer executives the opportunity to attend Institute and learn about emerging industry trends, expand their organizations' influence, and grow their peer network," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "We are pleased to help these talented professionals advance their careers and organizations."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has educated tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members, and become strong business advocates.

To learn more about Institute for Organization Management, visit www.uschamber.com/institute.

Each of the Regent

Scholarship recipients will attend one of Institute's five sites in 2013. At the completion of the four-year curriculum, each of the recipients will receive the IOM graduate recognition, signifying completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management and their commitment to the industry. In addition, all credit hours earned through Institute may be applied toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) industry certification.

Institute is a 501(c)(3) affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DEC. 4, 2012

Remedy for Sand Filled Marina Still Hot Topic

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN - Commissioner Tony Cutler asked for a motion for city staff to begin the process of establishing the financial feasibility for the city to purchase a dredger and an East Jordan businessman has offered to donate his downtown building to the city at the December 4 City Commission meeting.

Parks Director, Tom Cannon, returned to the City Commission with numbers and recommendations on dredging equipment after being asked to gather the information at the November 6 Commission meeting. "I've been communicating with a lot of people, we would be the first community with a public marina to own a dredger but we are not the only ones talking about it," said Cannon. A new dredger and everything needed to drain the water from the dredged sand would cost between three and four hundred thousand dollars. The city would have to incur a significant loan to purchase new equipment. Used equipment is available in the southern states and along the Mississippi River. "I'd be more comfortable hiring a consultant (to assist with choosing a used dredger), somebody who could show us around. Why is something fifty thousand dollars and something two hundred thousand dollars and they're both eight years old. That's what I don't know," said Cannon. One thing he did know for sure was that the city would need an eight inch hydraulic dredge. It would be small enough to get into the slips and have the power needed to keep the marina open.

"We've spent years with this topic on and off the table but look at the lake right now. Our problem isn't going away," said Cannon. The commissioners agreed and gave a recommendation to city staff to research financing options, conduct a feasibility projection of staffing and management needs and rental possibilities then investigate the availability of a consultant that can assist with finding a used piece of equipment. All research must be complete by the second commission meeting in January so that a decision can be made in time to get the marina dredged either with the city's own equipment or through a contracted dredger.



Parks Director, Tom Cannon, brought information and recommendation to the City Commission on purchasing dredging equipment to maintain the city's sand filled marina.

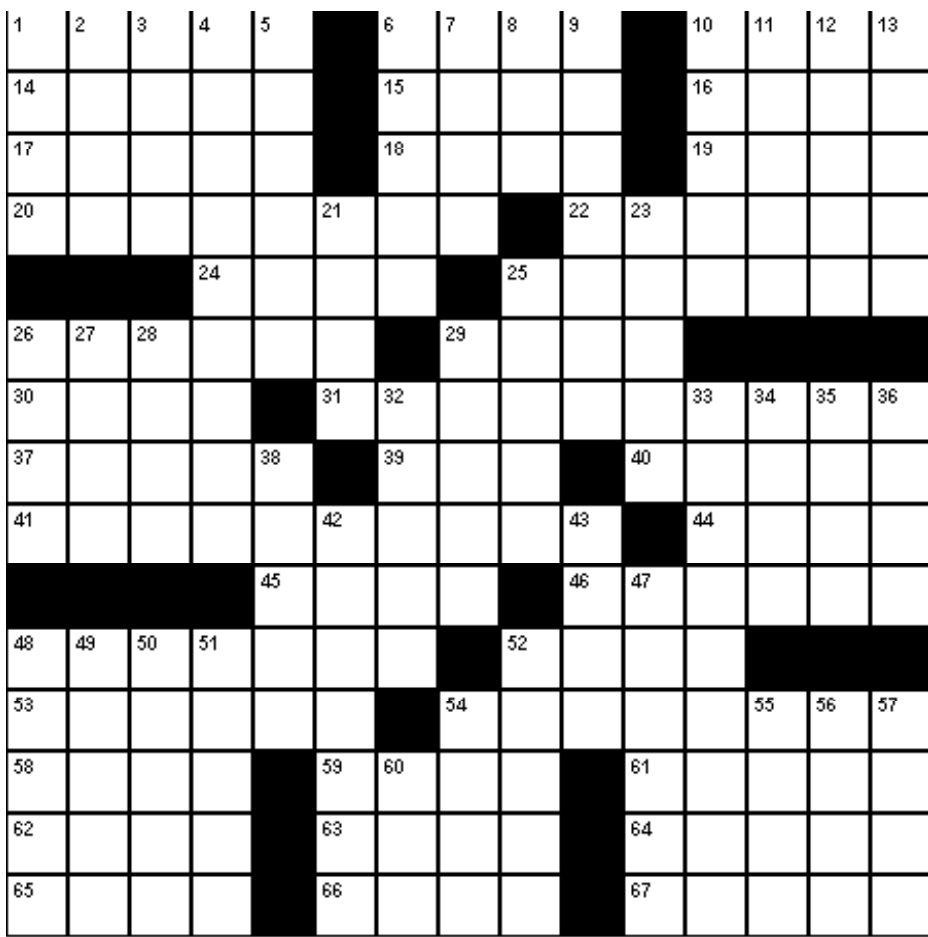
Local businessman, Richard Johnson has offered to donate his building at 121 Main Street to the city. The \$180,000 building has been on the market for quite some time and the donation could benefit both him and the city. The commission is investigating the pros and cons of the offer, not wanting to inadvertently step into any unforeseen problems. The offer is still in the discussion phase.

Discussion has begun concerning the development of the Brown Creek Bike Trail. The trail that goes from the High School to the Elementary School and then to the recycling station could be developed into a larger network of trails that could one day connect with other bike trail networks in the area. "There could be a lot of great things coming off this trail that we could build on," said City Administrator Chris Yonker.

The next City commission meeting will be held on December 18 at 7 P.M.

A Goal setting meeting will be held Saturday, February 9 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The public is welcome.

Weekly Crossword

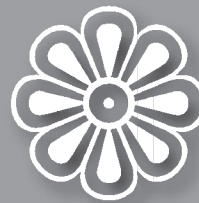


Across

1- City in Nebraska; 6- Greek portico; 10- Flying stinger; 14- Destined; 15- Held on to; 16- It may be happy; 17- Blaze; 18- CPR experts; 19- Jason's craft; 20- Duck; 22- Plaid; 24- Arguing; 25- Trumpet flourish; 26- Low-frequency loudspeaker; 29- Autumn tool; 30- Part of Q.E.D.; 31- Simple; 37- First name in photography; 39- May ___ excused?; 40- Conical dwelling; 41- Moving backward; 44- Legal claim; 45- Back; 46- Recompense; 48- Pollen producers; 52- Heroin, slangily; 53- Like a dog; 54- Apothegm; 58- Extent of space; 59- Cab; 61- Forbidden; 62- Rich soil; 63- The doctor ___; 64- Sniff; 65- Longfellow's bell town; 66- Curse; 67- First name in cosmetics;

Down

1- Does in; 2- Former French colony of north-western Africa; 3- Not much; 4- From now on; 5- ___ Fideles; 6- Shooting sport; 7- Office fill-in; 8- Decide; 9- On the line; 10- Pier; 11- Large artery; 12- Sucrose; 13- Lying flat; 21- Make weary; 23- Concerning; 25- Noted; 26- Don; 27- Writer Sarah ___ Jewett; 28- Kiln for drying hops; 29- Rod used to reinforce concrete; 32- Turkish money; 33- Morse messages; 34- Neat as ___; 35- Oboe, e.g.; 36- Longings; 38- Actress Sophia; 42- DNA-related; 43- Apiece; 47- ___-tung; 48- Milan's La ___; 49- Fortune-telling cards; 50- Lend ___; 51- Orange Bowl site; 52- Rotates; 54- Turning point; 55- Yeah, right!; 56- Flat-fish; 57- Yard tunneler; 60- Sun Devils' sch.;



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Holiday Tradition for All Ages with Crooked Tree Arts Center



Dance the Halls - Sweets 2011

PHOTO BY CARY ADGATE

Celebrating a holiday tradition, Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of Ballet presents its original

production of Dance the Halls, highlights from The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 15th at 3:00pm & 7:00pm and Sunday, December 16th at 3:00pm at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center. Proceeds from these classic performances go towards the Crooked Tree Arts Center Dance Scholarship fund. Certain to be a special holiday treat for all; the audience is invited to meet with the dancers in costume after each performance. Young ones can meet and get autographs from their favorite characters, whether it's the Mouse King, Nutcracker, or the Sugar Plum Fairy!

The evolution of the production has opened the doors to invite young dancers from CTAC School of Ballet to perform with its pre-professional students. In addition to the 16 pre-professional dancers, 35 young dancers, ages 6-16, will take the stage for their first or second "Nutcracker". All dancers in this production were selected through an audition process. Traditionally young dancers start in Act I roles and progress to the virtuosity and magic that encompass Act II. Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet Director, Heather Raue and instructor, Karrie Benedict have enjoyed choreographing and working with this dedicated and

talented cast. Bri Wilson of Petoskey, the lead Mirliton dancer, shares, "For the past four years, performing Dance the Halls has been an absolute joy. Since our Nutcracker is a cherished holiday show, performing it year after year has given all of us multiple opportunities to explore the choreography in multiple ways and enhanced our onstage dancing abilities."

The Nutcracker was first performed in Saint Petersburg in 1892, and became an American tradition in 1944. This is the fourth year for Crooked Tree's version of this holiday favorite. Originally the highlight performance consisted of Variations from Act II; the Waltz of the Snow and Flowers, the Battle Scene between the Mice and Soldiers, Sweets, and extended divertissements joined the lineup over past years. New additions this year include the opening Party Scene as well as scenes from the Land of the Sweets. "To dance The Nutcracker, no matter what role, is amazing. Knowing that we are carrying on a tradition that goes back to 1892 is very meaningful to me." Aidan Flynn (Clara)

Several local artists have provided their great talents to create the lush costumes and props, with over 95 hand-crafted costumes in this production. It has become a local tradition for young and old, and an invaluable experience for the community of artists, dancers, and families involved with the production. "Nutcracker has been an amazing ballet to return to every year.

You can recall the previous years and see how you have improved as a dancer and as an artist. I think everyone can connect to the Nutcracker, whether it's wanting to travel to the Land of Sweets or save a girl from a rat brigade. It arouses a nostalgic joy in people like no other holiday tradition can. This being my second year as the Nutcracker, I always find new experiences and challenges as I rehearse and perform. It gives me a purpose; to take what I did last year and develop my character along with my technique and artistry. I

want the audience to live the story along with me as I perform, because I feel as though it makes it all the more special. I cannot wait to bring to the public the magic that is the Nutcracker," says the Nutcracker, Michael Menghini of St. Ignace.

Others agree wholeheartedly. Kirsten Reynolds of Harbor Springs, Arabian and lead Spanish dancer says, "I feel that Dance the Halls has brought so much to my ballet training experience and to the community at large. I feel so fortunate to be a part of it and my anticipation is

inestimable." For those inspired to test their own pointe shoes, the audition season for Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of Ballet dance company will be held shortly after the December 16th final performance.

Tickets for Dance the Halls are available at www.crookedtree.org or by calling Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231.347.4337; Between the Covers in Harbor Springs and GaGa for Kids in Charlevoix.

Performances are sold out every year, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

Dance the Halls full cast 2011

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Holiday Light Parade, Soup Cook-off and Shopping Specials highlight East Jordan Community Night this Thursday



This coming Thursday, December 6th, the annual Community Night Celebration in East Jordan is a celebration of the holiday season promises to be even more exciting than last year's very successful event. Don't miss the delicious S'more roasting event, sponsored by the East Jordan Rotary, in front of the Community Center. COURTESY PHOTO

By Jim Akans

It's a special evening in downtown East Jordan for the whole family to enjoy. This coming Thursday, December 6th, the annual Community Night Celebration in East Jordan is a celebration of the holiday season promises to be even more exciting than last year's very successful event.

"We have been holding the Community Night celebration for many years now," states Shannon Fender, Office Manager and Event Coordinator for the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. "Many of the events and activities from past years will be returning once again this year, and we are also offering a Holiday Light Parade this year though the downtown."

The always-popular Soup Cook-off, featuring delicious homemade soups from at least seven area restaurants, will be held at the East Jordan Community Center from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. For a donation of just \$2 per person, benefiting the Care & Share Food Pantry, attendees can sample these tantalizing

soups and vote for their favorite. The top three picks will receive award plaques and receive recognition at the EJ Chamber's Annual Dinner Meeting in January.

The Holiday Light Parade will proceed down Main Street at 6 pm, followed by the lighting of the Community Tree at the corner of Spring and Hammond Streets. During the tree lighting ceremony, carolers will lead a holiday sing-along before the East Jordan Citizen of the Year, Dr. John Kempton, flips the switch to light the tree around 6:15 pm.

Of course, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus will be a part of the Community Night Celebration, and Santa will visit with the children on the porch of the Jordan Valley Screen Printing and Gift Shop at 105 Main Street from 6:30 to 8 pm. Kids will also receive the gift of a nifty handmade stocking, courtesy of the East Jordan Lions and Li-ness.

During the evening, East Jordan businesses will be hosting open houses that will include special sales (a great way to get started on that holiday shopping) and refreshments. The Girl Scouts will hold a face-painting event with cookies and hot chocolate available at Main Street Center, The Jordan River

Arts Council will host a "Make and Take Craft" event for the kids and hold their Annual Art for Sale from 5 to 8 pm, and the East Jordan Rotary will hold a S'more roasting event in front of the Community Center.

Another new event this year is the Lighted Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park, which will run from December 6th through New Year's Day. Folks can drive through the park in the comfort of their vehicles and enjoy the many light displays sponsored by area businesses and organizations. Santa will also be at the log building in the Tourist Park on December 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd from 6 to 8 pm, and cookies and hot chocolate will be served during those hours.

"There will certainly be a lot going on in East Jordan this Thursday evening," affirms Shannon Fender. "The Community Night event is a wonderful opportunity to bring the family downtown and enjoy a great holiday celebration."

For more information about Community Night contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at www.ejchamber.org, call (231) 536-7351 or e-mail @ info@ejchamber.org

7th Annual Ellsworth "Wooden Shoe Festival" arrives December 12th

By Jim Akans

Holiday decorations are going up, and the snow and outdoor temperatures are falling down. It's certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and this coming Wednesday, December 12th, the village of Ellsworth will

be ringing in the season with their 7th annual "Wooden Shoe Festival."

A few days before the Wooden Shoe Festival, kids and their families will have an opportunity to join Santa for a Pancake Breakfast at Banks Township Hall from 9 to 11 am on Saturday, December 8th.

Presented by the Ellsworth Lioness Club (with some help from the Lions Club as well), and with eggs donated by Eastport Market, this is a great chance to enjoy a pancake breakfast and kids can select a stuffed toy and have their photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus - compliments of Charlevoix State Bank.

The Wooden Shoe Festival takes place on Wednesday at the Banks Township Hall from 6 to 7:30 pm, with evening of great free food, fun and entertainment. The Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Donna Heeres, will light the Community Christmas Tree accompanied by the seasonal sounds of carolers and even a brass band.

Inside the Banks Township Hall, friends and neighbors can enjoy a free pizza dinner, Christmas cookies and a hot chocolate bar. There will also be plenty of old fashioned



games for the kids, who can also partake in a craft-ing activity to design their own holiday mug. Twister Joe will be on hand creating a variety of unique holiday balloons, and "Cindy Lou Who" will read the Dr. Seuss holiday classic; The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.

That Christmas spirit will be glowing brightly in the Ellsworth at the Wooden Shoe Festival...stop by and share it among family and friends.

Victor the Friendly Vampire author will be at the Wooden Shoe Holiday Fest, December 12th, 5-7:30PM, at the Township Hall.



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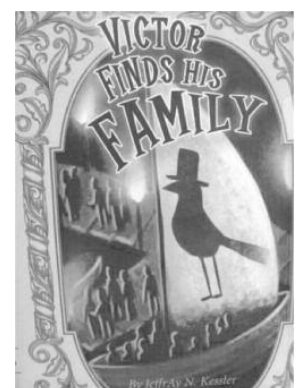
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Artists in Action Features Candy Land Village



The Charlevoix Public Library continues their Artists in Action series, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., December 13, with a special appearance by the kids' holiday favorite: Jack McCreadie making a Candy Land Village. Mr. McCreadie has historically created his special holiday candy land village at home, and then transported it to the elementary school for viewing. This year, the kids will get a special treat as they will be able to watch him build the village in the library.

The Artist in Action series highlights local talents by providing a venue for them to work and for patrons to watch and ask questions. The artists set up a work area in the front lobby of the library to share their craftsmanship with the public and to answer questions. Additional upcoming artists are: January 17, Paul Vermeesch will be finishing his LEGO replica of the library and then on February 21, Janel Anderson will be working with her pastels. For further information about this or other library events visit: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Winter Youth Craft Show

Calling all shoppers and crafty kids, tweens & teens! The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce its Winter Youth Craft Show, 11:00 – 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 8. With the holidays coming up quickly, it is the perfect opportunity to not only show off the diversity of children's imaginations, but to top off your holiday shop-

ping. "It's a wonderful way for our kids to learn some valuable business lessons and earn a little extra money," states Audrey Shapiro, Children's Services Coordinator. The kids have to make their own wares, plan and set-up their own booth, and then sell their gifts during the show. To make the show a success, shoppers are

needed! Stop by that afternoon to enjoy the wonderful kids' crafts and bring your small bills and change – you're sure to find that perfect gift! Stop by the youth department at the library for more information or a registration form. Call 231.237.7350 for further information.

Holiday Jazz Concert at the Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to present a holiday concert with JATL: Jazz @ the Library on Wednesday, December 12th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. JATL is a program of live concerts featuring the trio of Steve Stargardt on the keyboard, Andy Evans on bass, and Chris Ames on the drums. There will be special appearances on the 12th by vocalist Claudia Schmidt and saxophonist Bill Sears. Join friends and neighbors for an hour of holiday classics in the Library Community Meeting Room. Copies of CD's of songs from the Summer JATL series are available for a donation. The



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