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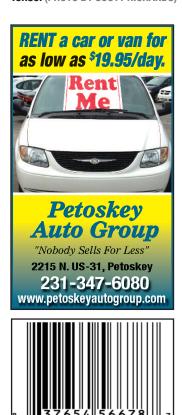
Boyne City Public Schools Make Several Staff Changes



Boyne City's Taylor Baker (15) lets a shot from beyond the arch go against the Bulldogs. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



Red Devils point guard Noah Bacchus (11) makes a tough entry into the paint against the Elks defense. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)



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BOYNE CITY - New shifting of administrative staff at Boyne City Public Schools will save the district about \$27,000 this year. Middle school principal Jeff Bensley resigned in October opening up an opportunity for the district to save money by shifting administrative positions from within.

By Tina Sundelius

"I think that it's important to get the right people in the right seats. The administration that we

had prior was a very solid group of individuals and with that in mind we looked at how we could shift to give us that good solid core team," said Superintendent Peter Moss

Student Success Coordinator and Athletic Director at the high school, Mike Wilson, replaced Bensley in the middle school as principal. "I am looking forward to working with this staff. We have a great core here and I hope combined with my upbeat personality to build up their moral and

kids," said Wilson. Superintendent Peter Moss is excited about Wilson taking the position of Principal Bensley, "Wilson is familiar with procedures and policies of our previous principal so it allowed us not to miss a beat."

Other changes included placing David Hills, a high school teacher and coach, in the position of high school and middle school athletic director; Erin Bybee formerly the director of Boyne Valley Alternative High School

that's infectious, it rubs off on the assumed Wilson's position as high school Student Success Coordinator and Cody Wilcox, a social studies teacher at the alternative high school, has been promoted to fill the position Bybee left open as alternative high school director.

Hills will continue to teach physical education in the morning and complete his athletic director duties in the afternoon. Two classes that Hills previously taught in the afternoon will be as-

See **BC Schools Staff Changes –7A**

Boyne City High School Senior Honored

By Tina Sundelius

Boyne City - Boyne City senior, Andrew Deneau, was presented with the All-American Video Crew honor as part of the Rambler Sports Network Broadcast at Boyne City High School on Thursday, December 13. Deneau has been selected as a member of the video crew for the 2013 annual US Army All-American bowl events.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is the nation's premier high school football game, featuring the best 90 players in a classic East vs. West match-up which takes place every January in San Antonio's Alamodome and is broadcast live on NBC. The All-American Video Crew will assist with production for the nationally broadcast game as well as Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl events during bowl week. The game will be broadcast, Saturday, January 5th on NBC, and last year was attended by almost 40,000 fans.

Deneau and his teacher, Randy Calcaterra, will be flown to San Antonio, Texas January 2-6, for a five-day, all-expensepaid trip in which they will participate in various

All-American Bowl activities including training at NewTek corporate headquarters, producers of multi-camera video

See **Boyne Student Honored –9A**



Andrew Deneau was honored on the program he helps produce for being chosen one of only four students to join the video crew for the 2013 annual US Army All-American Bowl events. Deneau is a member of team BCVI formally known as the Boyne City High School's TV & Film Program.



Christmas Eve

By Jolly Old Jim

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

"strange" noises in the house. Today, excited children have a new and improved resource for monitoring Santa's journey to their chimney or doorstep. Thanks to NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command), children can take a peek at a special website which updates the progress of Santa and his team of reindeer on Christmas Eve. It's a fascinating ad-

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23	32°F	19°F	52°F (1957)	9°F (1989)
24	32°F	18°F	52°F (1994)	14°F (1969)
25	32°F	18°F	58°F (1982)	15°F (1958)
26	32°F	18°F	49°F (1982)	9°F (1993)

Leanna Helen McCarry, 86

(MAY 11, 1926 - DEC. 16, 2012)



Leanna Helen McCarry of Boyne City, died Dec. 16, 2012, at the Hiland Cottage of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey.

Leanna was born on May 11, 1926, in Wolverine, to Thurman and Bernice (Poquette) Sutliff and was raised in Boyne City, graduating from Boyne City High School in 1944. Leanna went back to school later in life, and attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey where she studied psychology and English.

While visiting her sister in Vancouver, Wash., Leanna met the love of her life, James Mc-Carry and on Nov. 1, 1947, the two were married. They made their home for a short time in Vancouver before moving to Boyne City, where they remained.

Leanna worked for Courter's, now Honeywell, as an inspector, retiring from there after 27

Leanna was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, where she sang in the choir, and was also a member of the UAW Local No. 1403 and the UAW retirees group. She enjoyed reading, watching old movies, sewing, knitting, crocheting, traveling and camping.

Leanna was a mentor to a lot of people at work and was a true mother figure. She enjoyed when her friends from work came to visit and loved having children and grandchildren around her, even if they weren't hers.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; daughter, Eileen Belleau, of Boyne City; son, Tim McCarry, of Boyne City; grandchildren, Trevor, Erin, Lucas, Joseph, Logan and Allyssa; three great-grandchildren, Aliza, Lydia and Grace Lynn; and by a brother, Oral (Eleanor) Sutliff, of Boyne City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Elinor Dubin, Lucille Nichols, Jeanne McCarry and Thurleen Eaton; and by a brother, Thurman Sut-

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City with the family receiving friends at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday.

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

Adaline Kitty (Bellinger) Wollam, 94

(OCT. 11, 1918 - DEC. 13, 2012)



Adaline Kitty Wollam long-

time resident of Traverse City and Northern Michigan, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City.

Adaline was born on Oct. 11, 1918, to the late William and Eleanor (Greenaway) Bellinger in Charlevoix. She was a graduate of Charlevoix High School before entering Michigan State College, majoring in English.

On March 12, 1938, Adaline entered into marriage with George E. Wollam in Detroit, celebrating more than 65 years together before his passing in 2004.

Adaline was a devoted mother caring for her boys as they grew, participating in every aspect from the PTO to the Boy Scouts. She was a member of the Eastern Star and worked for many years at Milliken's. Adaline loved the water, swimming and fishing, plus the view from the family cottage on Indian Lake.

After retirement, Adaline and George traveled the countryside and eventually began wintering in Zephyrhills, Fla. She could often be found having fun square dancing, reading a good book, knitting, completing a crossword or walking.

Adaline's charitable heart and giving nature will be deeply missed by those who will cherish her memory as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Adaline is survived by her loving family, her three sons; George (Janet) Wollam of Virginia, Joseph (Beatrice) Wollam of Charlevoix, and Richard (Julie) Wollam of Traverse City; seven grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; and many other loving family members and friends.

Adaline was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents: brothers. Charles and James Bellinger; and one sister, Wilma Smith. Graveside committal service will take place at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation for Scholarships. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Traverse City. Share thoughts with the family at www.reynoldsjonkhoff.com.

Samuel D. Walton, 55

Samuel D. Walton died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at his home in East Jordan.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. Arrangements are by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Stacy Ann Heath, 39

(JAN. 23, 1973 - DEC. 13, 2012)



Stacy Ann Heath of Boyne City, died Thursday morning, Dec. 13, 2012, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in

Stacy was born on Jan. 23, 1973, in Alpena, the daughter of Randall and Linda (Kowalski) Bicksler. She grew up in Alpena and attended Alpena High School and North Central Michigan College. On Oct. 26, 1991, she married Thomas Heath in Alpena.

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Stacy was active in the community and volunteered with the Relay For Life, local food pantries and the humane society. Stacy and her husband started A+ Digital DJ's, a wedding entertainment business and grew it from the ground up. Stacy also worked at Castle Farms as a lead sales coordinator. She always found time to do the things she enjoyed; spending time with family and friends, laughing, playing with Grubber, Trouble and Walter, baking, sewing, shopping and living every minute to the fullest.

Stacy is survived by her loving husband, Tom; children, Katie Heath and Brendan Heath; parents, Randy and Linda Bicksler; siblings, Brand Bicksler and Christine (Trent) Seguin; brother-in-law, Shawn (Becky) Heath; mother-in-law, Nada Heath; father-in-law, Tom (Susan) Heath; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Chet and Florence Kowalski, Donald Bicksler, Erwin Anderson and John Ryers; dear friend, Kay Donnelly; and cousin, Sean Corco-

Stacy was a loving wife, mother and precious daughter who continually gave to anyone in need. Tom and the family would like to give a special thank you to all of their friends for helping them in this difficult time.

Stacy felt it was important to help others and per her request her last act of kindness was to the Gift Of Life in hopes of helping others.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 15, at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City with the Rev. Greg McCallum officiating.

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

Margaret K. Lewis, 99

(APRIL 13, 1913 - DEC. 13, 2012)

Margaret K. Lewis of East Jordan, passed away on Dec. 13, 2012, at McReynolds Hall Nursing Facility in Gaylord where she had been a resident since

She was born on April 13, 1913, to Fred and Mary Haney in the

Bohemian Settlement. Margaret worked at the Ellsworth Canning factory before moving to Niagara Falls, N.Y., where she was employed in the laundry service department of Niagara Falls Hospital until 1967. She then returned to East Jordan and was employed by Circuit Control/ITT until she re-

Margaret was a member of the East Jordan VFW Auxiliary and had served as an officer at one time. She was an avid bowler and attended many state championship tournaments.

She had a great love for flower gardening indoors and out and also animals, especially cats. She was an avid knitter, making and selling many baby sets, afghans, as well as, hats, mittens and slip-

Marge loved to travel and took many trips even well into her retirement years, including a trip to Hawaii and the East Coast. She was always up for any adventure.

She is survived by her siblings, Dorothy Haney, James Haney, both of East Jordan, Robert (Joyce) Haney of Oscoda, Beatrice Francis of Elmira and Edna (Edward) Skop of Milford; and many nieces and nephews.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Francis, Frederic, Leslie; and infant siblings, Lawrence, Bernice and Marie.

The funeral service was Monday, Dec. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Jennifer Saad officiated with interment in the spring at St. John Nepomucene Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan Township, Antrim County.

Memorial contributions may be made to McReynolds Hall, 825 N. Center St., Gaylord, Mich. 49735; or to the Charlevoix County Animal Shelter, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712; or VFW Auxiliary, East Jordan, Mich.

Jessie Marie (Hodgkin) Moose

Jessie Marie (Hodgkin) Moose, beloved mother, sister and grandmother passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012.

She is survived by her sons, Jack Palmer (Debbie), Nick Moes (Deneille), Bruce Moose (Cherryl); her daughters, Virginia (Moose) Thomas, Grace (Moose) Smith and daughter-inlaw, Joan Moose; sister, Juanita King of East Jordan; and numerous grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen (Ben) Moose, and sons, Ben and Jim Moose.

Jessie was a great friend to the residents at Litzenburger Place where she lived the past 17 years. She was a dedicated Sunday school teacher and day care worker to many children throughout Northern Michigan. She could see through the actions of a person into the potential and gift that lay within them. Her faithfulness and dedication to her church family of Jordan Rivers Rising Church in East Jordan will never be forgotten. The example she led, lives on through the lives of those blessed enough to call her Mom and Grandma. Her gift of hospitality will never be forgotten. She was best known as Grandma to all because of the kindness, passion and love in her heart for people. Truly, we rise up and call her blessed. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Family and friends celebrated her life with tributes, special music and a time of remembrance at a memorial service Monday, Dec. 17, at Trinity Fellowship Church in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Nick Moes at (231) 735-6920.

Gary Clayton Field Sr., 63

(NOV. 25, 1949 - DEC. 10, 2012)



Gary Clayton Field Sr., of Charlevoix, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 10, 2012. He passed away at his home surrounded by loving family.

Born Nov. 25, 1949, to Henry and Anne Field he grew up in Petoskey, where he attended Petoskey High School. In 1969, he attended Alpena Community College where he accelerated in auto mechanics.

On Oct. 27, 1968, Gary married the love of his life, Carol McClellan. Together they had three children, Gary, Cary and Kara.

In January of 1971, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in

Gary was employed for 37 years at St. Mary's Cement in

Charlevoix. He loved his job as a lab technician and heavy equipment operator. The entire St. Mary's family was very dear to his heart.

He loved spending time with his family, his cars, fishing and taking his boat out into the waters of Walloon Lake and Lake Charlevoix. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his beloved grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Carol; sons, Gary Jr. (Cindy), Cary (Leanne); daughter, Kara (Jeffrey) Wiatrolik; grandchildren, Klayton, Kelsey, Jeffrey Jr., Jaelynn and Elissa. Also surviving are his father, Henry Field Sr.; siblings, Robert (Norma), Henry Jr. (Sandy), Moe (Sara), Judy, Eileen (Dave) Dennis, Dorla (Kevin), Priscilla (Eddie) Leist and Colleen (Rick); special friend, Bill (Corkey) Lyons; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends of St. Mary's Cement.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Anne Field, and his inlaws, Thurlow and Susan Mc-Clellan.

Funeral service was Friday, Dec. 14, at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey. Pastors Sam McClellan and Tim Wright officiated.

In lieu of flowers, Gary's wishes were for friends and family to pay it forward, to appreciate each breath, to laugh often, and above all to serve the Lord.

Family and friends may share special memories at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

James Arthur Wicker Sr., 86

(DEC. 28, 1925 - DEC. 10, 2012)

James Arthur Wicker Sr. of Boyne City, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

James was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Petoskey, the son of Obie Sr. and Mary (Eaton) Wicker.

He served in the United States Army and later married Frances Reckall on June 23, 1956, in Boyne City. James enjoyed hunting, fishing, going camping and watching sports. He worked for Penn-Dixie Cement and Crain Well Drilling until he retired.

James is survived by his son, James Wicker Jr.; sisters, Donna Higley, Mary Fuller, Sandy (Lyle) Lake: brothers, Bill (Sherryl) Wicker and Obie Wicker Jr.; grandchildren, James, Kenneth. Jeffrey, Kim, Sheri and John; several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Obie Sr. and Mary: wife, Frances; daughter, Marjean; sisters, Virginia Brannon, Alma Grams, Maxine Karlskin, Lucille Goldsmith, Agnus May and Elsie Cooper; and one brother, Charles Wicker.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Dec. 14, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Boyne City American conducted the service with the honor guard.

The family requests memorial donations are directed to the Boyne City American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228.

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

Susan Ballard Boal, 96

A memorial service for Susan Ballard Boal was held. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

Susan passed away on Nov. 21, 2012, at Georgia House, in Charlevoix.

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

News

MDOT keeping most rest areas open year-round

As in most years, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will keep open nearly all of the state's 81 rest areas this coming winter to maintain the convenience and safety they provide to motorists.

Only five rest areas will be closed for the 17week period beginning today and ending April 1, 2013. These closures are due to reduced use during winter months and safety concerns, such as steep entrance and exit drives and potentially slippery conditions on stairways between the parking lots and the huildings

'Motorists, commercial drivers and tourists all rely on our network of rest areas vear-round for the convenience and safety they provide," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "That's why we keep as many of them open throughout the winter as possible.3

The following five rest areas will reopen in April:

- St. Ignace Rest Area on southbound I-75 in Mackinac County

- Ludington Rest Area on northbound US-31 in Mason County

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- Hebron Rest Area on southbound I-75 in Cheboygan County

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Designated rest areas will have "Closed Until Spring" signs posted, including the mileage to the next open rest area listed.

MDOT reminds drivers: Snowplows need room to groom.

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Boyne City Dimming Lights for Newtown, Connecticut

In addition to lowering flags, City of Boyne City officials have decided to turn off all City holiday decorations Tuesday through Thursday evening in support of and in solidarity with the community of Newtown, Connecticut and Sandy Hook Elementary School to

convey their heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all who are suffering from this tragedy.

Businesses or residents who would like to join in this symbolic display of sympathy by keeping all holiday decorations off until the night of December 21st are encouraged to do so.

Note: All information above may be attributed as quotations from the sender. For additional information please contact the Michael Cain at 231.582.0377 or mcain@bovnecitv.com

Charlevoix Chamber names Destaco as December "Business of the Month"

By Jim Akans

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected Destaco as the December Business of the Month, recognizing the organizations longstanding commitment in helping to make Charlevoix an outstanding community in which to live, work and play. Destaco's Charlevoix location was established in 2000, and the parent company's heritage goes back to the founding of Detroit Stamping Company by William H. Roberts in 1915. Today, 'De-Sta-Co' is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and support of clamping, transferring and robotic tooling technology.

Jeffery Canfield, plant manager for Destaco's Charlevoix operations, states, "We build automation components for the automotive, aerospace, food and health sciences industry. We employ approximately 120 people here in northern Lower Michigan, and this team is the most talented and open-minded group of individuals I have ever worked with."

Through the efforts of this amazing team, Destaco has consistently grown in sales volume by nearly six-percent year after year, and have been able to implement new cost reduction programs that saved the operations over \$500,000 in 2012. Now that's a great example of American ingenuity and teamwork taking place right here in northern Lower Michigan.

The company and its employees are also highly involved in the Charlevoix area community. They regularly sup-



The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected the team at the Destaco as the December Business of the Month. Shown in photo are (left to right) Mike Bellmer, Ken Ondercin, Bill Silberhorn, Joe Platte, John McKenney. Russ VanHorn. Cyndi Noirot, Julie Schlecker, Erik VanHorn, Lori Foster, Chris Fayer and Jeff Canfield. COURTESY PHOTO

the efforts of the Bergmann Center, make donations to local athletic leagues, sponsored a Job Shadowing program through Northwest Michigan Works!, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and North Central Michigan College, and they are longstanding members of the Charlevoix

Chamber of Commerce.

"We truly enjoy being a part of this community," Canfield affirms, "and enjoying the beauty of this area."

Destaco is located at 12501 Taylor Road in Charlevoix. For additional information, visit their website at www.destaco.com

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News

East Jordan Freedom Festival **Board Announces 2013 Dates**

Board Members of the East Jordan Freedom Festival are pleased to announce the dates for the 2013 Festival in East Jordan. The group has been successful in negotiations with Schmidt Amusements to move the 5 day event to the Third Weekend in June - Dates for 2013 are Wednesday - Sunday, June 19th – 24th. Many new events are being looked at and additional music

venues are also being planned. Festival board members will be attending the Michigan Festivals and Events Fall Workshop November 2nd and 3rd in Traverse City. The two day workshop offers festival board members classes on event planning, music showcases, fundraising and great networking opportunities with festival members from throughout Michigan.

Volunteers are needed to help on the many activities that take place over the five day community event. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the East Jordan Police Dept. Conference Room. For more information or to volunteer contact President Shannon Fender at 231-536-7351.

Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances. furniture, racks and racks of clothing, shoes, tools, home accessories, jewelry, toys and more...even a special area devoted to wedding dresses.

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale. Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inven-

A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm. seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. For additional information call (989) 732-9500.



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Charlevoix Chamber Hosts Photo Contest

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a photo contest starting today and continuing through January 31st.

To enter, submit your high resolution photo electronically via e-mail to pearson@charlevoix.org with the subject line being "photo contest". Please include your name, phone number and the title of the photograph.

Photos must be taken within Charlevoix County with an emphasis on the city of Charlevoix and surrounding area.

The Chamber staff will pick the top 25 photos, which will then be posted to the Chamber Facebook page to be voted on. The top five photos will be printed on postcards and be available for sale in the Chamber office with the photographers photo credit. The winners will also receive a FREE one night, off season stay at the Weathervane Inn and Suites!

When photos are submitted all rights will be released to the Chamber for printing and reproduction purposes.

If you have questions, you can direct them to Bethany at the Chamber by calling 231.547.2101 or e-mail pearson@charlevoix.org.

Ice rink will return to Sunset Park

Silent Auction Fund-raiser is Dec. 21

BOYNE CITY - The small recreational ice rink that made its debut in Sunset Park last year is returning this winter. Located in Sunset Park behind the Chamber of Commerce office, the rink has been set up and filled with water. It will be ready for skating when it thoroughly freezes, which is expected to take at least a week, depending on temperatures. The rink is self-service, meaning there is no attendant. Loaner skates are available from the Avalanche Park warming house.

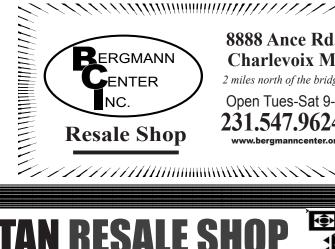
The rink is a project of the Boyne City Main Street Program, and the goal is to provide a place where skaters of all ages enjoy a winter experience in downtown Boyne City. The Cham-

ber's Young Professionals group is assisting with setup and maintenance of the rink. Funds to cover the cost of the rink will be earned from fund-raisers and sponsorships. If you are interested in contributing to the rink, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009 or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Cafe Sante will be holding a silent auction to benefit the ice rink during their "End of the World" party on Dec. 21. One dollar from each featured beer and featured "last meal" entree will be donated to the rink fund. Silent auction items and cash donations will also be accepted; contact Main

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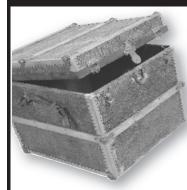
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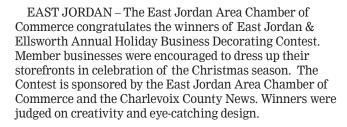
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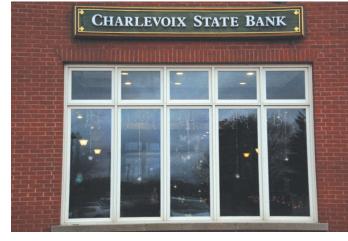
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Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX - The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce congratulates the winners of Charlevoix's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Member businesses were encouraged to dress up their windows and storefronts in celebration of the holiday season. Individuals serving on the Chamber Ambassador Committee judged each business on the following criteria: Holiday spirit, eye-catching design and creativity.

Thanks to all the businesses that participated. Your efforts have made Charlevoix festive and beautiful for our residents and

Congratulations to this year's winners:

1ST PLACE:

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Petals

3RD PLACE: Revolution Bike

HONORABLE MENTION: Ga Ga For Kids









Health & Wellness

Sunnybank Acquired by American House Senior Living

Former Owner's Son Steps in to Carry on Family Business

American House Senior Living Communities expand into northern Michigan, with the addition of Sunnybank Assisted Living. The acquisition, which became effective December 14, will include two senior living properties, located at 2000 East Mitchell Rd., in Petoskey, and 615 Petoskey Ave., in Charlevoix.

Sunnybank Assisted Living opened its doors in Petoskey, in 1999, under the leadership of Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellissimo. As former members of American House themselves, the pair took their expertise to northern Michigan. Following their success in Petoskey, Sunnybank Charlevoix opened in 2006. In July 2009, Diane Gillette sadly succumbed to cancer. Her son, American House Chief Operating Officer Rob Gillette, has stepped in to carry on the family business.

"American House is and always has been a family business. I'm glad we have the opportunity

to keep my mother's company in the family too," said Rob Gillette. "My mother and Ruth laid a great foundation here in northern Michigan, with two caring and vibrant senior communities. I look forward to preserving their legacy, and celebrating the heritage of Sunnybank."

The acquisition of Sunnybank Assisted Living will bring the total number of American House locations to 32 statewide, further solidifying American House's status as the largest provider of senior housing in Michigan.

Both communities will include restaurant-style dining experiences, and a full life enrichment program, with as diverse activities, social opportunities and special outings, much like all other American House locations statewide.

During the winter months, both communities will undergo renovations, including:

☐ Update and upgrade interior decorations and furniture



 \square Expanded patios and outdoor sitting areas

 \square The addition of a van, to chauffeur residents to scheduled outings

Following completion of the planned renovations, American House Petoskey and Charlevoix will host a grand reopening in the spring of 2013, with a flag raising ceremony at both loca-

American House Petoskey fea-

tures 44 individual one bedroom and studio apartments. American House Charlevoix features 49 individual one bedroom and studio apartments.

Medical services will be offered by McLaren Northern Michigan affiliate VitalCare. As northern Michigan's largest home healthcare provider, they will offer services such as assistance with medication management and other medical services, from on-site health care profes-

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For more information about American House Petoskev or American House Charlevoix, please visit www.americanhouse.com, or call (248) 203 - 1800.

Founded over 30 years ago, American House Senior Living Communities provides the most rewarding life experiences for each and every resident. The company offers maintenance-free apartment and villa living, restaurant-style dining, activities, education, wellness, transportation, housekeeping, and third party medical and personal care services. By combining the independence seniors and their families want with the assistance they may need, American House has helped thousands transition into the next phase of their lives with ease. For more information, please visit http://www.americanhouse.com or call (248) 203-

North County **CMH Announces New Medical** Director

Petoskey - North Country Community Mental Health is pleased to announce that Kathleen Phelps, MD. has recently become their Medical Director. Dr.



Kathleen Phelps, MD.

Phelps completed her undergraduate work at MSU and received her medical degree from Wayne State University with honors in Psychiatry and Family Medicine. Internship and psychiatry residency were completed at Northwestern University. Dr. Phelps has extensive experience working with clients and staff in the Community Mental Health system. Her experience also includes being Medical Director of Catholic Human Services and Psychiatric Consultant for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or developmental disability, including individuals with a cooccurring substance use disorder. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org. or to access services call 800-834-3393.

Rotary Canned Food Drive



The Rotary club of Charlevoix held a very successful canned food drive Saturday December 15th at Olesons. They were able to raise over \$300 and 1200 items for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Thank you to all the Rotarians that volunteered, and to all the citizens that donated. — pictured Tom Mielke and Aaron Wilkin.

DARE Graduation



On Thursday fifteen Ellsworth fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program. Officer John Morris and Sheriff Dan Bean presented their certificates. From left to right are: Ivy MacNichol, Jacob Jones, Connor Figueroa, Jesse Hersha, Robby Wise, Bill Stevens, Desi VanderSlik, McKenzie Essenberg, Brandon VanderSlik, Malcolm Marlatt, Shayla Clarke, Kolby Krosnicki, Jimmy Brown, Addie Nagel, and Chloe Huckle.

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SANTA CLAUS TRACKER

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venture watching the Jolly Old Man in the red suite make his way from the North Pole in an airborne sled full of toys led by Rudolph and his eight reindeer pals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have a very, merry Christmas!

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2012

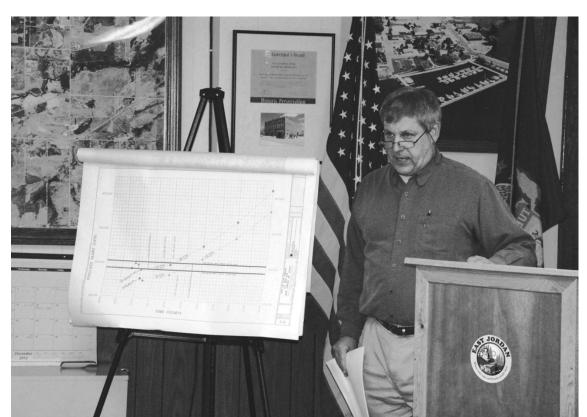
Soil Diversion Wall Moves Forward

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN—City Commissioners decide to proceed with a much needed soil diversion wall without promised grant funds and discussed alternatives for the city's waste water treatment facility at the December 18 meeting.

Although a 50/50 grant agreement with the Michigan Waterways Commission has been approved and sitting on someone's desk since October, City Commissioners and Administrator, Chris Yonker were informed at a meeting in Lansing that because of pressure from the many ailing marinas in the state the \$750,000 that the Waterways normally disperses as grants for various marina needs has all been earmarked for dredging. "There is a good possibility that the money (\$26,500) they were going to give us to build the diversion wall will be given to us to help dredge," said Yonker. It is necessary that both the wall, to divert sand from entering the marina, and the dredging, to eliminate the sand that already exists, is completed or the marina won't open this spring. One way or another, the city expects to receive some funds from the Waterways Commission. "Its six of one, half a dozen of another," said Yonker. The commission voted to proceed with engineering of the diversion wall with intent to pay the estimated cost of \$52,000 to get the project moving. "We have to have the wall in place to get any dredging done or there will be no sense in it," said Commissioner Mark Penzien. The sand dredged from the lake has proven to be 97% silica sand and can be sold to help recoup a small portion of the dredging expenses.

Representatives from the engineering firm, Wade Trim, presented an analysis of the city's waste water treatment plant offering three alternatives for additional short and long term capacity issues at the plant. To expand the spray irrigation acreage across Carson Road, to switch the plant from a biological plant to a mechanical plant, or to build a mechanical plant after holding negotiations with Burnette Foods to assess possible industrial waste needs. The



Wade Trim representative, Paul Repasky, charts the city's waste water treatment plants future capacity needs at the East Jordan City Commission meeting.

first alternative would accommodate residential and commercial users only, the second would blindly accommodate the city's present need and the third would give the city an understanding of possible future industrial needs. Paul Repasky, engineer, commented on the usefulness of the present biological system, "It's the right level of treatment for the community with the financial burden it brings, and for the environment, but it will not go well with industrial growth, it won't work," he said.

Purchase agreements for the former EMS

building and the former Fire Department building are expected to be finalized before the end of the year.

A contract was signed with MDOT to authorize asphalt paving work along Division Street from Buzzell Street northeast to the city limits.

The next City Commission meeting will be held on December 26 at 5:30 P.M. The first meeting in January has been moved to January 2 at 7 P.M.

Banks Township Approves Road Plan

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—A road plan to improve the South Dennis /Essex intersection was approved and preliminary steps to get a quiet title on the property known as Banks Township Park were decided at the Banks Township Board meeting Monday, December 17.

A plan to repair and improve the safety of the sharp curve on Essex Road at the South Dennis intersection has been approved. The section of county road has been a concern of the Board for a number of years. "It's an array of pot holes, a rough corner, it has been in rough condition for years, it's a safety issue," said Thomas Mann, Township Supervisor. The road is located within the Township but is the County's responsibility to maintain. However, the County has not ranked the intersection as a high priority repair. However, Township has come in under budget on the last two road improvement jobs it has completed so they added the section of road onto their road plan and asked the county to help. South Dennis Road as well as the Essex curve will be resurfaced, drainage improvements and ditches will be managed

by the Antrim Conservation District and South Dennis will be narrowed and the angle that it intersects with Essex will be changed. The Township's total cost for the project will be \$110,000. They have \$30,000 in place and expect to collect another \$80,000 through the road mileage between now and the end of May. Work is expected to begin summer of 2013.

Last year the Township Board worked diligently to plan and finance improvements to the Banks Township Day Park only to discover that the park which has been in existence since the mid 1940's has no clear title of ownership. As a result the board had to stop all improvement processes and begin title research. After four months of attempting find proof of ownership on the property they have been maintaining for almost fifty years they have decided to file a legal claim to the property called a Quiet title. "We did our due diligence to see if there was anybody that could have claim to that property," said Mann. A Quiet title is a legal remedy brought by a party with interest in the property, where the intent is to remove all claims by other parties. The act of Quieting Title is not a new concept



The sharp, multi-patched curve on Essex Road at South Dennis is the focus of road repair and improvements initiated by the Banks Township Board of Trustees.

and is used when a break in the chain of title, whether directly known or thought occurs. An action to quiet title is a lawsuit filed to establish ownership of real property (land and buildings affixed to land). The plaintiff in a quiet title action seeks a court order that prevents anyone from making any subsequent claim to the property.

Appointments to the Board of

Review were made. Gary Strange, Bill Alward and Jim Veenstra were reappointed to another two year term and Trustee Tom Cooper has been appointed as board representative to the Township Planning Commission.

The next meeting of the Banks Township Board of Trustees will be held on January 28 at 7 P.M. Please note the new time.

BC SCHOOLS STAFF CHANGES

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sumed by a substitute teacher for the remainder of this year and a teacher will be hired to fill the gap left by his added responsibilities next year. He has been a social studies and physical education teacher at the high school for nearly 13 years as well as the varsity football coach. "I'm very excited about the opportunity to work with more coaches and being involved with more of the kids in an athletic setting. Athletics are an extension of the educational process and I'm looking forward to expanding my role in that area. My biggest short term goal is improving communications with staff, the community, and

kids and their parents," said Hills. "He has a wealth of background in athletics, we see the potential of him mentoring some of our younger coaches and making our athletic program stronger," said Moss

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Erin Bybee began her seven years with the district as a teacher at the alternative high school, then as the school's director. "I'm really excited about an opportunity to work with a larger group of students and having a larger impact. I just hope that I can really help students to be successful, especially those that are struggling," she said.

Wilcox has been at the alternative high school as a social studies teacher for three years. "We wanted to continue the good leadership that Erin established at the alternative high school. We liked the vision Wilcox ex-

presses," said Moss. The school, located in Boyne Falls, serves students that struggle in the traditional setting from Boyne City schools as well as students ordered by courts to attend from other districts. "Erin Bybee (the former director) is a huge mentor of mine. We had been making some changes, probably the biggest of which is the senior profile. That's something the students work on throughout their time here. They practice filling out job and college applications and resumes. They will have completed things we feel are important in the real world," he

"We just didn't think there was a need to go outside the district. We're very fortunate that we have quality administrators so we can keep some continuity in our district," said Moss.



News Briefs

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 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 them www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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.

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

Farmers market

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the every Thursday from 9am-1pm, November through May.





BOYNE CITY

Community Christmas donations - FINAL DAY

Boyne Community Christmas needs donations. Less than two weeks remain for the Boyne Area Community Christmas Baskets program to provide a happy holiday for hundreds of people. Organizers are expecting that the need for assistance will be high this year. 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 basketpacking 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

Free Christmas CD

Boyne City resident Dan Farrow, a professional musician and recording artist, is offering a free CD of Christmas carols performed on solo piano. The album features 11 tracks in a contemporary instrumental approach. "My piano style is influenced by impressionist George Winston... you'll hear familiar carols performed in a new way, with original introductions and brief improvisations. It's perfect music for a family gathering or a holiday meal. This is my way of spreading a little comfort and joy at this special time of the year." "This Christmas In Boyne" was recorded in his home studio, where he manufactures and mails the CD's himself. To obtain a free copy of his album, contact him by e-mail at: danieldonovanfarrow@yahoo.com or, by voice / text at (231) 675-2935.

BOYNE CITY

Starting a business

Fundamentals of Starting a Business" classes are held monthly, with the next one scheduled in Boyne City from

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6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance office, 1313 Boyne Ave. This two-hour session will help those who are considering starting a new business learn the basics. Participants will meet with NLEA Business Counselor Tom Erhart. In addition to learning the basics about how to develop a business plan, you will receive workbooks and other resources important to help you think through and research the various aspects of starting a business. If you are ready to get started, or just in the "dreaming" stage, this session would be a good start. The session fee is \$20 per business and you must preregister to attend; contact the NLEA office by phone 231-582-6482 or by email info@northernlakes.com net to register.

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EAST JORDAN **Snow Lovers Breakfast**

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CHARLEVOIX

Fiddlers & Pickers Jam-

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus invites you to a day of fun music Jan. 12 at the VFW Hall, 12735 US 31 North. The 10th annual Music Fest featuring area violinists, fiddlers, guitarists and other string instruments are invited. A musical hoedown for fun and laughs. Dancing and sing alongs encouraged. Food and beverages available. Proceeds fund area youth music scholarships. Great fun for all ages. 3-10pm. Admission by donation.

CHARLEVOIX

Free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus invite area youth to participate in the K of C free throw contest Jan. 19. Registration at 12:30. Shooting at 1pm. Contest at Charlevoix Middle School, 108 Garfield. Winners may advance to regional and state competition. Registration slips at all area

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 Montana Alaska. and Wyoming.

BOYNE CITY Computer class

Free Computer Classes will continue thru all Fridays in December and January at 10:am at the Boyne District Library. Classes are tailored to your skill level, Beginner to advanced. Help is avail-

able for I Pads and the new Windows 8. For information call the Library at 5827861.

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Above and Beyond



East Jordan Mayor Russ Peck presented a commendation for action above and beyond to Cliff Sutton for his quick thinking when his neighbor had a heart attack. Sutton administered CPR to Richard McKenna after he collapsed on October 29. "It takes everybody working together (to save a life). Without Mr. Sutton providing CPR, it would be most likely that the outcome of this story would be much different," said EMS Director Jay Peck at the commendation presentation held at the East Jordan City Council meeting, November 20. PHOTO BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Beaver Island Superintendent/Principal Search Narrowed to 4 candidates

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education members narrowed the field of candidates for superintendent/principal to four at a special board meeting last week.

The four candidates selected for interviews are all from Michigan. The candidates and their interview schedule are:

Jennifer Verleger, Principal at Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt. Pleasant, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8

Riley Justis, Curriculum and Technology Administrator at Hope Academy Schools, Detroit, 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8 Melanie Allen, Multi-Tier Systems of Support Transition Coordinator at Holt Schools, Holt, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9

Greg Paxton, Superintendent at Beaverton Schools, Beaverton, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9

All interviews are open to the public and will be held in class-room 115. School Board President Jessica Anderson said the board encourages the community to attend the public interview process. If time permits, public questions may be entertained.

"We were very pleased with the caliber of candidates who applied,"

Anderson said, adding it was a difficult process to narrow down the number of candidates selected for interviews. "I want to thank each candidate for giving us the opportunity to review their applications." she added.

A total of 20 candidates applied for the administrative position, which is being vacated at the end of the school year by Kathleen "Kitty" McNamara who had been superintendent for more than 24 years.

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With assistance from Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, which is coordinating the

search, a brochure for the position

was mailed to all 523 school districts in the state, and advertisements were on state and national websites.

Forums were held with school staff and the community to gather input on qualities the community is seeking in their superintendent. Comments ranged from good communication skills to someone who will interface easily with students, parents, and the community.

Tentatively, the school board has set second interviews for the week of January 14 with the hopes to have the new superintendent begin in mid-June 2013.

BOYNE CITY STUDENT HONORED

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production systems. Deneau will receive two days of training on the same technology currently in use by MTV, NBA Development League and the New York Giants. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for him to get that level of training," said Calcaterra.

Deneau is one of only four students from across the country to represent the 2013 All-American Video Crew at this year's game. The application process for the crew involved the production of a three minute video. "Andrew's Demo Reel is the highest viewed and highest rated submission since Newtek began this program 3 years ago. It is simply outstanding," said Calcaterra.

The Rambler Sports Network is part of the Boyne City High School's TV & Film Program which is directed by Randy Calcaterra. "Mr. Calcaterra has always been good at setting me on my own and then giving me a little direction when I need it. He knows where to push and when to give me the tools and tasks I need to learn," said Deneau. "On the outside I seem very monotone but on the inside I'm very excited and happy to get this honor."

You can view Deneau's video reel application as well as the program he helps to produce every day at www.boyne.k12mi.us/rsn.



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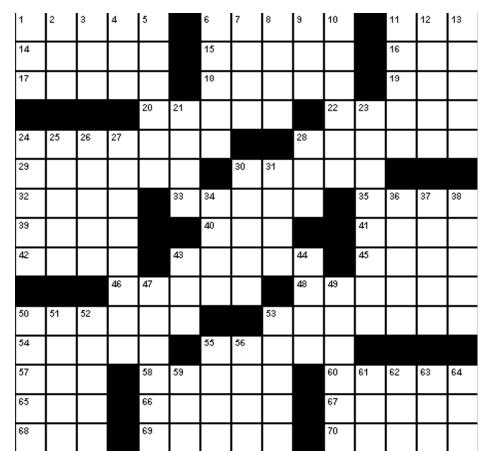
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Down

1- Sun Devils' sch.; 2- Orch. section; 3- Bar bill; 4- ____ standstill; 5- Not malignant; 6- Horne and Olin; 7- "____ Brockovich"; 8- Revolutionary War general Thomas; 9- Volcano output; 10- Releases; 11- Little laugh; 12- Assumed name; 13- Annie of "Designing Women"; 21- Light gas; 23- Cowboy; 24- 3rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 25- Go gaga over; 26- Corrodes; 27- Prototype; 28- Half and half; 30- Moan; 31- Balanced; 34- Chieftain, usually in Africa; 36- The ____ Mutiny; 37- ___ Grows in Brooklyn; 38- Brings up; 43- Baby food; 44- Was indebted to; 47- Moon of Jupiter; 49- Large lizard; 50- Faint; 51- Championship; 52- Wear down; 53- Falls; 55- Enlivens, with "up"; 56- Decorative case; 59- And not; 61- Place for ordering alcoholic drinks; 62- Officeholders; 63- Brian of Roxy Music; 64- Thesaurus wd.;

Merry Christmas

Waiting for the Christmas Hero

By Jamie Woodall, Pastor, **Boyne City Genesis Church**

Do you ever wait for one event to occur and make everything all right? Maybe it's the Lions winning the Superbowl, or even the Thanksgiving Day game. Are you waiting for a vacation, that big buck, a companion, a returning spouse, a job, or a fat bonus? Waiting for Christmas can be like this. It can be a blast.

The snow is falling, the music is playing, the tree is up with all the colorful decorations and lights. Surprise gifts are purchased. I usually think, what will it be like when my wife unwraps this one? She'll love it. Our kids are sitting on the edge of their seats in anticipation. They're waiting for that special time when we get to open presents.

Each Christmas morning there's warm coffee, stocking treats, a big breakfast, and then we hit the gifts hard! The presents are unwrapped, enjoyed, but unfortunately... at some point... in the not-so-distantfuture... the presents are forgotten. There's a day of Christmas bliss and happiness, but then it's back to the grind of life.

However, a deeply satisfying Christmas can occur for anyone in any situation when we know and celebrate the real Christmas story. It started long ago with a group of waiting people. It was a massive group called the nation of Israel. They were waiting for someone to finally come and make everything all right. Their nation was broken. At a time when they were like lost people wondering around in a dark forest because they had turned their back on God, a prophet became the voice of hope rising.

Isaiah was a man God used to speak truth to his people during this dark time. After telling them of the consequences for turning their backs on God, Isaiah predicts that a "light" will come and this light would be a source of "great joy". Isaiah stood before them as God's voice and said, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his



Pastor Jamie Woodall

shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah chapter nine, verses one through seven).

This is one of more than 100 prophecies in the Old Testament or first part of the Bible when God's prophet would predict how the Messiah would come.

The word "messiah" means, "anointed one." It's from the Hebrew consonants MSH transliterated "Meshiach." In Jewish culture a prophet, priest or king would be anointed with oil as symbolic of being chosen by God for a specific task. So there were messiahs, but then there was "the Messiah" who would one day come and make everything all right!

Just eight days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph take him to a priest named Simeon at the temple. Simeon is old and ready to pass on, but his one request of God is to see the Messiah before he dies. When Simeon sees baby Jesus and performs the Jewish ceremony according to their customs by dedicating baby Jesus he lifts his head toward heaven and says to God,

"...you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke chapter 2 versus

Jesus was the Messiah who came as a light to the Gentiles as well as the nation of Israel. The word Gentiles is an awkward-sounding word that simply means anyone who is not Jewish. Jesus was the anointed king not just for the nation of Israel, but for the whole world. This means you and me.

Isaiah was saying that the Messiah (who, later we learn was Jesus) would be a light bringing perspective and understanding to life and all the trauma we face. He is a tremendous source of Joy even more so then when your favorite team wins it all and you are celebrating with thousands or even millions. He has perfect wisdom for all of your situations because he is the Wonderful Counselor. He is in control as the Son of God being Mighty God. In the midst of your chaos he is a good leader who is in control when your life feels out of control. He is not just way up there distancing himself and disconnected. He is like the most loving father who walks with you and mentors you along. He will guide you and point perfect direc-

Oh – and by the way – he's there for you FOREVER. He will never leave you. He will bring you peace. He will come into the middle of your tornado, raise a hand to calm it, and be your peace. He is the Messiah King. He is the one you have waited for who will truly make everything all right.

This was God's hope shared with Israel through Isaiah the prophet. Here's the cool thing - Over 700 years later Jesus is born and history has never been the same.

Jesus is the hero Messiah who comes on Christmas morning. He's better than the Christmas adrenaline rush that comes and goes. He is alive in Spirit and can be our Messiah rescue forever if we receive him. Though there is great trauma this side of heaven, my family and I, bow to him this Christmas season as our hero who makes everything all right!

Will you join me?

Boyne Artist Offers **Christmas CD for Free**

Boyne City resident Dan Farrow, a local musician and recording artist, is offering a free CD of Christmas carols performed on solo piano.

The album features 11 tracks, in a contemporary instrumental approach. "My piano style is influenced by impressionist George Winston... you'll hear familiar carols performed in a new way, with original introductions and brief improvisations. It's perfect music for a family gathering or a holiday meal. This is my way of spreading a little comfort

and joy at this special time of the year."

His rendition of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" can be viewed on You Tube under the name "Daniel Donovan Farrow" or at the following link: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=OVwA-JMXl9o

"This Christmas in Boyne" was recorded in Farrow's home studio, where he manufactures and mails the CD's himself.

To obtain a free copy of his album, contact him by e-mail at: danieldonovanfarrow@yahoo.com or by voice / text to (231) 675-2935



A Letter to Santa

Much to my surprise, I received an email from Santa Claus this past Monday morning, and he wanted to know if I could relay a message from a letter he had been handed at an event this past weekend.

You see, like all of us, Santa had been deeply saddened by a recent event in the news. He thought that perhaps through sharing this very special wish from an area child named

"Jake" that we could find a renewed spirit of hope during this holiday season as our hearts and prayers go out to those affected by this recent tragedy.

"Dear Santa, I am Jake. (I) tried hard to be good this year; my Christmas list is easy this

I want peace on Earth for X-mas; a world with no hungry child, no war, no homeless or jobless people...a world (of) love, hope, faith (and) understanding. (That we) will overcome war, fear and hate. (We) just need a lot more love, respect, honor, compassion and understanding, and for other people to reach out to other people with a helping

Thank you, Santa, and Merry Christmas.

Jake"

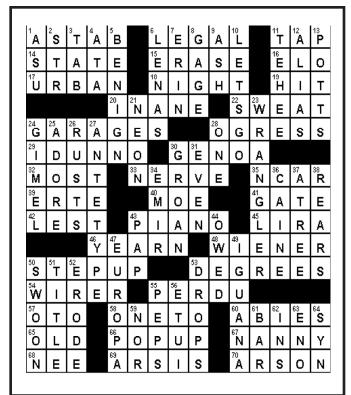
Thank you, Jake. May your wish help to inspire and reaffirm the spirit of this Christmas season and serve as a guide for us all in the coming New Year.

Holiday Cheer



Under the direction of Ellsworth's new band director, Sarah Phinney, the secondary bands celebrated the holiday season by presenting their Christmas concert on Monday, December 10.







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Happy Holidays Christmas in Black & White

Some classic movies that celebrate holiday spirit and fun

By Jim Akans

Every year, a few new film titles are released during the holidays with storylines directly aimed at capturing the festive Christmas spirit, and audiences. Like an early snow, some of these movies stick, and some rapidly fade away.

A number of those relatively recent titles have already become classics, such as A Christmas Story, Scrooged (the Bill Murray version), Elf, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Home Alone and The Polar Express. These can easily be found repeated across the cable channels and revolving on and off video store shelves throughout the season.

Movies are a perfect fit for the Christmas season. Much like the spirit of the holidays, a good movie can pull us into an alternative place, where life's complications seem to melt away. Purpose and meaning somehow become clearer, and understanding the world around us is a lucid as black & white.

After more than half a Century, a selection of Christmas films from the 1940's and 1950's continue to capture the magic of the holidays in elegant black & white format.

Well-written, flawlessly casted, beautifully filmed (yes, they do look good in HD), and each offering an enduring message of life, love and hope. These are film treasures that deserve to be re-visited...and introduced to a new generation of viewers.

The Shop Around the Corner

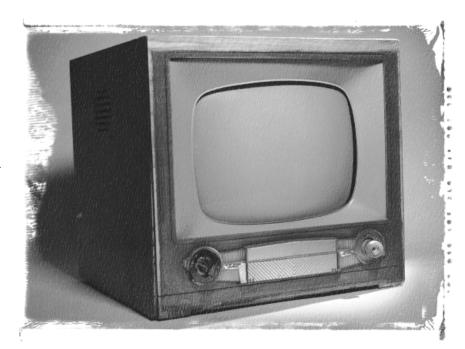
(1940) – A bustling shop prepares for Christmas amid the troubles of a shopkeeper who suspects his wife is having an affair, and co-workers, played by James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan, who seem to dislike each other, yet are unknowingly flirting via anonymous letters. Great fun that later inspired In the Good Old Summertime and even You've Got Mail.

The Bishop's Wife (1947)

Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven team up in this memorable tale about one of the most unlikely "love triangles;" a bishop, his wife and a guardian angel. Grant charms, Niven befuddles, and Young glows. Life lessons are learned among the laughter. Winner of five Academy Awards.

Holiday Inn (1942)

How could a holiday movie (and



this one stops at all the holidays) become anything but a classic when it stars Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and has a soundtrack composed by Irving Berlin? Not about plot, just great fun and a superb holiday musical, including the debut of Bing's "White Christmas."

White Christmas (1954)

Irving Berlin's now classic holiday song surfaces again and became the title of this story of a highly successful song-and-dance team (Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye) who romance a singing sister act (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen) and bring a full scale stage show to a struggling Vermont Inn owned by a much loved former WWII commanding general. The final scene still grabs at the heartstrings.

Scrooge (1951)

The Charles Dickens literary classic has been adapted to film many, many times, but Alastair Sim's portrayal of the indomitable Scrooge in this version is an all-out classic performance. He is just so darn mean and miserly, and seems so genuinely transformed by the end of the movie...even Santa would love him.

Christmas in Connecticut (1942)

While this may be the least-known titles on this short list of classics, don't miss the opportunity to rent or push "select" should this show up on the channel guide. Barbara Stanwyck stars as an unmarried New York food writer, desperately trying to fabricate the Connecticut family farm life she has professed to her readers. It is

part "screwball comedy," part love story, and all holiday mayhem.

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

A film responsible for making true believers in Santa Clause for over sixty years. Edmund Gwenn may actually be Santa for all I know; he certainly looks and acts the part. When all those letters pour into the courtroom...and his cane shows up in that charming Cape Cod home...I still believe.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Surprisingly, this holiday favorite didn't get off to a very good start. It is based on a story, "The Greatest Gift," by Philip Van Doren Stern who couldn't get published after writing it in 1939. An RKO studio producer spotted it, showed it to Cary Grant, who decided to make The Bishop's Wife instead. Director Frank Capra, however, thought it had great potential, and made this film starring James Stewart and Donna Reed in the lead roles, with Lionel Barrymore as despicable banker Henry Potter, but it flopped at the box office. Over the years it has gained a well-deserved reputation as the most beloved celluloid incarnations of the Christmas spirit, a celebration of the triumph of family, friends, goodness and

So grab some eggnog, a bowl of walnuts for cracking, and get ready for some good old-fashioned 20th century holiday spirit to fill your

Mayan Calendar ends, and 2012 Winter Solstice arrives this Friday

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By Jim Akans

Of course there's still plenty of winter ahead here in northern Lower Michigan, but at 6:12 am Eastern Standard Time on Friday, December 21st, the earth's axis will begin to tilt back toward the sun, resulting in greater amounts of sunlight here in the north every day until mid June...so the days will soon be getting longer.

It's the winter solstice, also known as Midwinter, the Solar New Year, the Longest Night, Yule, DongZhi, Soyal...and many more tongue-twisting handles that reference the same celestial event in differing cultural perspectives. The universal message, however, is clear; the path toward summer is about to be broken in.

This year, the Winter Solstice also happens to coincide with the end of a long cycle of the ancient Mayan calendar, and that has led more than a few folks to speculate this date marks the end of the world. This is apparently tied to some rather unfavorable stellar activity, which places a planet on a collision coarse with Earth on that particular date.

NASA, as well as scientists worldwide, however, can't seem to locate this supposed planet, named Nibiru by the ancient Sumerians, and reassure all fellow Earthlings that all space lanes leading to our planet are clear at this time. The planets are also not coming into alignment, the earth core is not shifting, and all measurable signs point to December 22nd dawning pretty much like every other day. with just a bit more daylight than the previous

Which is because we will be on the other side of the Winter Solstice.

The word "solstice" comes from a Latin phrase that means; "sun stands still" (no, not really!). After months of crossing lower and lower in the sky the sun appears to stop before beginning to arc higher in the sky each day for the next six months. Alas, it takes a few months before the increasingly prevalent sun actually warms things up, resulting in a period we refer to as "winter" around these parts, but it's comforting to know we are heading in



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the right direction.

Yet, as Newton's Third Law indicates: for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. So while half the world sees greater amounts of daylight after the winter solstice, the other half experiences a steadily decreasing amount of daily sunlight. The same Winter Solstice that begins the slow march toward summer in Mackinaw City also notifies old man winter its time to think about sauntering back to southern hemisphere places such as Sydney, Australia.

If you happen to own a Mayan Calendar, don't despair. Much like our current calendar, at the end of the existing Mayan Calendar cycle on Friday, a new cycle will begin on December 22nd. Be sure to mark in the date of the upcoming Summer Solstice, which hails the longest day of the year, and will take place on June 21st, 2013 at 1:04 am Eastern Standard Time.

Though there is lots of great outdoor fun yet to come during the beautiful northern Michigan winter ahead, summer seems a little closer, and the world looks a little brighter every day after the Winter Solstice.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY...CALL FOR DEAILS

SCM Thanks the Community

With extreme gratitude this holiday season, SCM would like to extend a great thank you to all those who have made donations of time or money to increase the neighborly feeling within the community.

In 2004, a small group of Ellsworth locals joined together to begin the St. Clair Fireworks Committee. As a result of the success and enthusiasm of this small group it has developed into a group of men who are now known as SCM. Over the last several years SCM has spearheaded an effort to improve and return a spirit of pride to the community of Ellsworth. They have created and maintained trails that flow throughout Ellsworth and can be used for hiking, four-wheeling, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling, established the poker run that is held during the Shiverfest, sought donations and orchestrated outstanding annual boat show and fireworks for the community to enjoy.

Most recently, after the tragic loss of a local business and the great pine tree that stood in front of the Town Hall, SCM, aided by a donation from Al Shindorf and Bruce Bartlett has arranged for a temporary Christmas tree to be decorated and placed downtown. SCM always has their ears open to suggestions for new community events and ideas. They can be con-



Members of SCM, restoring the 'Spirit of Ellsworth'. From left to right, Chad Draper, Dave Rasmussen, Kevin Stark, Ed Fralick, Jerry Rasmussen, Bill Steep. (Absent Chuck Fox, Dave Muha, Keith Stewart, and John Moyer)

tacted through Jerry Rasmussen. If you are interested in making monetary donations, please make deposits at Charlevoix State Bank to the Sinclair Fireworks. Thank you for your donations and thank you for enjoying our accomplishments. Happy holidays, from SCM.



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Charlevoix County COMMISSION ON AGING

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

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COUNTY-WIDE COMMISSION ON AGING

Holiday Dinne Dance

Sunday, Dec. 30th

at the East Jordan Civic and Senior Center

DINNER: 12 noon – 1PM

Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert \$3 Donation

DANCING: 1PM – 3PM

Music by The Cousins

Please join us for good food, great music, and wonderful friends

Don't Fall Victim to Influenza This Year

Older adults are an important part of the Charlevoix County community, and making sure they stay healthy this and every flu season is a top priority for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. Influenza is a serious and potentially life threatening disease that can cause severe complications, and the best way to help protect against it is through annual vaccination.

No matter how healthy or youthful we feel, as we age, our immune system weakens, leaving people 65 and older more vulnerable to influenza. In fact, each year in the United States, about nine out of 10 flu-related deaths and roughly six out of 10 flu-related hospital stays occur in people over the age of 65, making influenza vaccination for this population especially crucial.

That is why the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has joined the Na-tional Council on Aging's Flu + You campaign to help educate adults 65 and older about the seriousness of the flu and the importance of vaccination.

The good news is adults over the age of 65 have two vaccine options available to help protect against influenza the traditional flu shot, as well as a higher dose flu shot designed specifically for this age group to address the age-related decline of the immune system. The higher dose flu shot prompts the body's immune system to produce more antibodies against the flu virus. Antibodies are the soldiers of the immune system that help protect against infection when exposed to the virus.

Both vaccine options are covered by Medicare Part B with no copay

Talk to your health care provider about the dangers of the flu, the benefits of vaccination and the best influenza vaccination option to meet the needs of your age group, and visit www.NCOA.org/Flu for more information.

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 20 1p Pinochle

Friday, Dec, 21 9:30a Craft Class 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Rummy

Monday, Dec. 24 **CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

Tuesday, Dec. 25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Wednesday, Dec. 26 Cash Bingo

Thursday, Dec. 27 1p Pinochle

Friday, Dec. 28 9:30a Craft Class 10am Sit & Be Fit 1p Rummy

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER **ACTIVITIES**

Thursday, Dec. 20 Wii Bowling

Friday, Dec, 21 11am Tag-A-Longs *Bake Raffle

Monday, Dec. 24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, Dec. 25 **CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

Wednesday, Dec. 26 11am Line Dance Brown Bag Bingo

Thursday,Dec. 27 11am Don Judd Wii Bowling

Friday, Dec. 28 **BIRTHDAY DAY!** 11am **R**oger on Keyboards *Bake Raffle

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Dec. 20 Game Day: Uno/Wii Fun Pool Table Cards

Friday, Dec, 21 11am Cousins Bingo/Bake Raffle for **Bobs Cub Scouts**

Monday, Dec. 24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, Dec. 25 **CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS** Wednesday, Dec. 26 1pm Movie& Popcorn

Thursday, Dec. 27 Game Day: Uno/Wii Fun Pool Table

CARDS

Friday, Dec. 28 11am Backwoods Maestros Gift Raffle

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, Dec. 20 CABBAGE ROLL

Friday, Dec, 21 **POLISH SAUSAGE**

Monday, Dec. 24 **CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

Tuesday, Dec. 25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Wednesday, Dec. 26 **CHICKEN & DUMPLING** Thursday, Dec. 27 COOKS CHOICE

Friday, Dec. 28 MEAT LOAF

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Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Zahrah Koch



GRADE: 9 **PARENTS:** Randy and Zareena Koch

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Costume crew for drama

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Reading, watching Doctor Who, Supernatural and Sherlock, writing stories, listening to music, sewing

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS

"Author, set designer, visit New York City and England." "I would like to meet Julian Casablancas one day."

STAFF COMMENTS

"She is an excellent student, helpful and a positive participant in class activities." (Mrs. Hertel, Spanish Teacher)

"Zahrah is truly a model BCHS student. She exhibits care with her schoolwork and respect for others. Zahrah participates, acts responsibly, and contributes positively to the overall classroom experience of her classmates." (Mr. Fritzsche, English Teacher)

"Zahrah is a great student and is always willing to participate. She has a wonderful personality and her smile will light up the room. She is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Zahrah!" (Mrs. Hemming, Science Teacher)

Boyne Falls **Public School**

Hailey Matelski



GRADE: 10 **PARENTS:** Ed and Kim Matelski

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball & Student Council

HOBBIES:

Sports, Skiing, Photography

FAVORITE BOOK: The Giver

by Lois Lowry

FUTURE PLANS:

Attend the University of Michigan

STAFF COMMENTS

" Hailey is the MVP of the classroom. She prepares well, asks meaningful questions, and contributes to everyone's learning. Hailey is well respected by her peers and looks for ways she can contribute to the school community. By surrounding herself with positive people, holding herself to high standards, and bringing out the best is others, Hailey has a bright future ahead of her. "- (Kurt Nothstine)

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Char-Em United Way to Distribute Donated Toy Cars

This holiday season, Char-Em United Way will distribute 304 toy cars donated by American Plastic Toys to children in our community enrolled in the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency Head Start program.

"We were very happy to serve as an intermediary for this donation," states Lisa Luebke, Char-Em United Way staff. "Most people know that United Way raises funds to invest in area agencies, but many don't know that we are also involved in many other activities, as well." Char-Em United Way is also collaborating with Head Start on an early childhood literacy initiative by providing free books to young children

through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

This is the 12th year that American Plastic Toys, an American toy manufacturer, located in Walled Lake, MI, has donated almost 15,000 toys annually (180,000 total) to the Michigan Association of United Ways for distribution to its networks and an additional 180,000 to the Lions Club. LyondellBasell donated 12,000 pounds of plastic, American Plastics Toys donated a week's worth of production time to produce the toys and apply stickers that were donated by Maple Press. E.L. and Hollingsworth of Wixom handled the transportation. This program is a perfect example of collaboration

by the Society of Plastic Engineers, Michigan Association of United Ways and local United Ways such as Char-Em.

Many organizations are still in need of donated items for this holiday season. Local donation needs can be viewed on our website at www.charemunitedway.org under "Find a Donation Drive".

For more information about Char-Em United Way please visit www.charemunitedway.org or contact our office at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, December 3

12:50pmSuspicious subject in the 400 block of N Lake St

4:20pmSuspicious subject at the Recycling Center

8:15pmWelfare check reguested in the 200 block of

10:54pmAssist EMS in the 800 block of S Park St

11:21pmThreats complaint received from the 500 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, December 4

4:10am Assist Sheriff Department with alarm on Connemara Dr

7:24amCitation issued for running red light at Lake

and Water Streets 8:03amUnlock vehicle in

the 100 block of N East St 8:11amReport of vehicle and trailer blocking boat launch. Vehicle removed by

11:40am911 hang up call from the 700 block of Line St 3:34pmReport of juvenile playing in traffic on Boyne Av and E Main St

5:15pmDriving complaint received from the area of Boyne AV and Boyne Summit

5:21pmCar deer accident at Boyne City Rd and Court St 5:45pmMotorist assist Boyne Av and Brockway

Wednesday, December 5

12:00pmCitation issued for parking in handicap spot in the 300 block of E Division St

1:07pmCivil standby in the 400 block of Union St 1:09pmFraudulent email received from the 500 block

of E Main St

5:15pmParking complaint received from the 300 block of E Division St

8:03pmPrivate property damage accident in the 200 block of S Lake St

8:33pmCitation issued for

speed at Boyne City Rd and 8:43pmLarceny reported

from the 800 block of State St 10:45pmCitation issued for speed at Pleasant and

Thursday, December 6

7:39amCar deer accident at E Division and Kuhn Dr 8:25amSuspicious vehicle reported at Avalanche

9:30amSuspicious activity reported in the 700 block of N Lake St

10:35amVehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av 10:45amCivil complaint from the 300 block of E Division St

12:48pmProperty damage accident on Vogel St

2:45pmReport of possible OWI Brockway St 4:15pmParking complaint

received from the 300 block of E Division St 5:50pm911 hang up call from the 200 block of E

Friday, December 7

Main St

9:10amVehicle unlock in the 500 block of Jefferson

9:12amreport of suspicious activity in the area of Groveland St

2:20pmReport of leaves being burned in the 400 block of S Lake St

3:20pmPrivate property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St

5:46pmHit and run accident in the 100 block of N Park St

7:34pmSuspicious vehicle parked in the 700 block of Lake Park Dr

Saturday, December 8

5:17amDog running at large in the 500 block of N Lake St

9:10amVehicle unlock in the 200 block of W Lincoln St

12:19pmTrespass complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St

12:49pmFound wallet turned in. Returned to owner.

3:19pmFuneral escort 5:46pmOdor of marijuana reported in the 300 block of E Division St

7:45pmiuvenile complaint reported downtown

Sunday, December 9

1:57amAssist EMS in the 1000 block of First St 11:43amCivil custody dis-

pute on Grove St 2:10pmLarceny reported from the 200 block of E Cedar St

8:19pmAssist EMS with suicidal subject

Monday, December 10

6:17amInjured deer at State and Hannah St 9:26amReport of lost alasses

10:04amBad check complaint in the 100 block of N Park St

10:28am Civil complaint in the 200 block of S Lake St 1:33pm2 vehicle property damage accident in the 200

5:52pmCar deer accident at State St near the city lim-

block of E Water St

6:30pmIndecent exposure complaint in the 300 block of Silver St

Tuesday, December 11

9:49amParking complaint received in the 200 block of E Water St 10:37amCitizen assist in

the 300 block of N lake St 3:30pmFraudulent phone call received in the 100 block of Silver St

3:41pmParking complaint received at Lincoln and East St

Wednesday, December 12 8:50amVehicle unlock in

the 400 block of High St 1:35pmAssist with traffic control at Boyne Av and Fall

Park Rd 5:36pmFalse alarm in the

200 block of N Lake St 8:04pmDisturbance in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

8:08pmSuspicious subject on River St near Lake St 10:17pmDriving complaint

coming into town on State St 10:37pmAssisted Sheriff

Department with warrant arrest on Old State Rd

11:55pmCivil complaint from the Industrial Park

Thursday, December 13

5:06pmVehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av 9:27pmNoise complaint received in the 1000 block of Haven Court

Friday, December 14

8:41amLarceny reported in the 1000 block of Boyne

2:10pmSubject arrested for DWLS and expired registration on S Park St 3:22pmReport of attempted suicide in the 1600

block of Nordic Dr 5:08pm.....Civil issue 6:17pmRoad rage issue on Boyne city Rd near

Saturday, December 15

Court St

8:53amShoplifting complaint received from the 200 block of S Lake St

Sunday, December 16

3:17pmCivil issues reported in the 800 block of S Lake St

3:20pmMDOP in the 100 block of E Water St 8:50pmHarassment com-

plaint received 9:53pmSuicide in the 500 block of N Lake St



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