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Jordan Valley EMS Authority progresses forward

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN - Draft articles of incorporation for the creation of the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority were presented to the East Jordan City Commission for review at the Tuesday, November 19 meeting.

Serving as an outline for the authority, the draft articles of incorporation include the name of the authority, approved contracting municipalities, and the purpose and powers of the authority. The articles also include guidelines for its board of directors and officers, finances, transfer of assets and liabilities, and procedures for withdrawal or dissolution of the authority.

"The idea behind this is that the articles of incorporation become [the authority's] constitution," said EMS Director Jay Peck. "It would be the board's decision as to how [the authority] would run and how it would operate."

The board of directors would be comprised of seven members serving three-year terms, excluding first appointments, which will serve 1-3 year terms. Each incor-



EMS Director Jay Peck.

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porating municipality and approved contracting municipality would appoint one resident to serve on the board. Incorporating municipalities include the City of East Jordan and the townships of Jordan, Echo, South Arm, and Banks. Contracting municipalities include Eveline and Wilson townships; these townships are considered paying entities, as

they are only partially serviced by the East Jordan EMS.

The articles of incorporation state that the authority will become effective January 1, 2014 if all of the incorporating municipalities have approved the articles prior to that date.

Funding for the authority will primarily be supported through millage requested by the author-

ity. November 2014 is the earliest that a millage could find its way onto the ballot. If passed, the authority could go live by April 1, 2015, said City Administrator Chris Yonker. On that date, the city could transfer all assets, such as the ambulance fleet, to the authority. The EMS building, which was donated by the Malpass Foundation in 2010, will however remain under city ownership, and the authority will lease the space.

While the city will be losing power of control with the creation of an authority, their hope is that the authority will offer sustainability.

"As a body, [the city commission] has looked at this and said [the authority] is the best way that [the city] can provide the best ambulance service."

The EMS Authority Advisory Committee will continue to work with legal counsel Bryan Graham to finalize the interlocal agreement.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

Boyne Community Christmas collecting donations for needy families

The Boyne Area Community Christmas program is now accepting donations. The organization has been putting together baskets of food, clothing and toys for the past 60 years. Organizer Ruth Witenski said she hopes to provide Christmas presents for 1,000 children this year. New clothes and toys are preferred, but gently used items are accepted. Non-perishable, unwrapped food, new toys and games, books, clothing, blankets and checks may be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center on Pine Street from now through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

daily. Checks may be made payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Treasurer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712.

Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors at 231 Water St, has been designated as a new drop-off site for the Community Christmas drive. Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., until Dec. 17. They are asking people to bring an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item from 5 to 8 p.m. the evening of the Santa Parade/Downtown Open

Houses, Friday, Nov. 29. As a special thanks to the community, Coldwell Banker will be having Christmas caroling and a bonfire that night and will also be giving out holiday treats to children.

Dec. 20 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. 20. For further information call Ruth Witenski at 758-2787; needy families should call Nancy Hosmer at 582-7246.

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238°F26°F61°F (1982)-9°F (1976)
338°F25°F64°F (1982)-1°F (1976)
438°F25°F60°F (1951)-2°F (1966)

OBITUARIES

William P. Staffel, 89

William P. Staffel of Charlevoix died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

No services are planned at this time. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Opal Marie Foster, 51

Opal Marie Foster of Boyne City died Nov. 16, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan.

The funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Church of the Nazarene in Boyne City with the Rev. Charles Fowler officiating. Interment will follow in Boyne Valley Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m., also at the church.

Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Donna L. White, 75

(JAN. 21, 1938 - NOV. 11, 2013)

Donna L. White of Charlevoix passed away Monday, November 11, 2013, at Georgia House in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be 4 pm, Saturday, November 30, at the Charlevoix United Methodist

Church. The Reverend Steve Guthrie will officiate. Interment took place in the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Donna was born January 21, 1938, in Charlevoix to Carlton and Marguerite (Chew) Ikens. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1955.

On January 21, 1956, she married Marcus W. White in Charlevoix, where they made their home.

Donna was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church where she had served as choir director. She worked at the Charlevoix Area Hospital pharmacy over 28 years, retiring in 1998.

Donna is survived by her children, Cathy (Ronald) Agnello, and Mark (Joy) White all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, T.J. (Rhonda) Carey, Todd (Kate) Carey, Susan (Mark) Lunsford, Kimberly Agnello, Emily White, Marcus W. White, III; great-grandchildren, Trey and Will Carey; Kinley Carey and Madi Lunsford.

Donna's husband, Mark, preceded her in death on September 8, 2008.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Dr., Charlevoix; or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Dean E. Whittaker, 83

Dean E. Whittaker of Walloon Lake passed away at his home Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013.

A private family service is planned for Dean.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Gregory Steven Umlor, 49

(JAN. 11, 1964 - NOV. 20, 2013)

Gregory Steven Umlor of Charlevoix died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, at his home.

He was born in Petoskey on Jan. 11, 1964, to Lester and Ellen (Jones) Umlor. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1982, and then earned an A.A.S. degree in diesel mechanics from Ohio Technological College in Cleveland.

Greg worked as a diesel mechanic for several years, and then worked as an automotive mechanic at Subaru-By-The-Bay in Bay Shore for the past 11 years.

He enjoyed hunting and outdoor motor sports, and he loved his dogs.

Greg is survived by his mother, Ellen Umlor, of Charlevoix; sister, Carol Umlor, of Bay Shore; brothers, Lester and David Umlor of Charlevoix, and Michael (Tammy) Umlor of Rhineland, Wis.; nieces and

nephews, Anthony, Linda and Amanda Diaz, and Olivia Umlor. Greg was preceded in death by his father, Lester, in 1988.

A remembrance of Greg's life will begin at noon Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Hayes Township hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley, Boyne City, MI 49712. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

James H. Czarnecki, 80

(NOV. 3, 1933 - NOV. 21, 2013)

James H. Czarnecki of East Jordan died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in East Jordan.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1933, in Hazel Park, Mich., the son of Joseph and Elva (Churchill) Czarnecki.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

On Feb. 27, 1954, in Hazel Park, he married Dorothy Bishop and raised six children.

James had worked at the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as E.J.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed golfing and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Czarnecki, of East Jordan; six children, Nancy Czar-

necki of Nampa, Idaho, Jill (Greg) Baker of East Jordan, Jamie L. (Charles) Gothro of East Jordan, Trish G. (Raymond) Lifer of East Jordan, David (Brenda) Czarnecki of East Jordan and Lennie P. (Randy) Miller of East Jordan; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Joseph (Nancy) Czarnecki of Nocona, Texas, and John (Marie) Czarnecki of Elk Rapids; and one sister, Paula Spearman, of East Jordan.

He was preceded in death by one sister, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will take place. Arrangements are by the Penzance Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Charles E. 'Charlie' Winn, 70

Charles E. "Charlie" Winn, of Cadillac and Charlevoix, passed away Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 70.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac.

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T'was the Night of Thanksgiving

Based on the children's book T'was the Night before Christmas

By Heather DeLong

T'was the night of Thanksgiving, and all bellies were full Mom was sorting through ads, it was out of control. The web pages were open, mouses ready for clicking Only the greatest deals are what she'd be picking.

The children were pulled up out of their beds While parents put coats on them, hats on their heads. And daddy in the driveway scraping ice off his car Had just planned out the store routes-some near, others far.

When on the TV a commercial they see Said buy a drill set get the second one free! In a huge rush, we flew out the door They never heard a sale quite like this before.

The snow on the roads proved driving unclear Conditions like this made it harder to steer. But my family was on a mission, we couldn't stop now Dodging minivans, missing mail-boxes, we followed a plow.

With turkey inside us, we felt a bit queasy We knew that Black Friday shopping wouldn't be easy. Drivers were speeding like it was a game My dad gestured and shouted and called them bad names.

"You can't cut me off like that on a left turn! I swear winter drivers will just never learn!" We got to the entrance of the store parking lot And parked in a really tight far away spot.

Once out of the car, we raced toward the door Running around other people to



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get to the store. The doors were still locked for another two hours So we waited in line underneath the snow showers.

In what seemed like a day the time finally came Where we would put last minute shoppers to shame. Fighting through crowds, pushing our way over and under In almost an instant we found goods to plunder.

Gift sets, electronics, goodies galore We'd have to load the car and come back for more! At this point we're running on little to no sleep

But it's hard to resist when these things are so cheap!

We filled up our carts to the top 'til they spilled My parents were beyond reasonably thrilled! They found presents for Grandma, Uncle Bob and Aunt Margaret They continued until they felt they reached a good target.

No one would forget what we got them this year Better than caroling; better than story time, gifts are the best kind of cheer! We grabbed our last bags and got ready to leave Happy we got deals we never

thought we'd achieve.

The car ride back home was busier than before We'd have to deal with poor drivers once more. My eyes were starting to close, I was ready for bed But I was glad we got our holiday shopping done way ahead.

As my parents tucked me in under my covers and said goodnight I couldn't get adjusted on my pillow just right. I kept thinking of the hustle and bustle of the holidays And tried to picture how it used to be in the old days.

Did people always lose sleep just to get to the store Or did the holidays once mean something more? Remember your loved ones this holiday season Don't forget, for your shelter and love, they're the reason.

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When a disturbing event occurs, our brain automatically goes into survival mode, shuts down and often causes an individual to freeze internally and externally. Our brain records the details of a trauma with the original sounds, sights, smells, body sensations and

negative feelings and thoughts. A trauma frozen in one's memory will continually attempt to unlock itself which often leads to distressing symptoms such as nightmares, flashbacks and triggers to the past memory.

Some individuals handle a traumatic event because they have protective factors in place such as healthy coping and self-care strategies, a good support system and relative financial stability. This allows the brain to naturally unfreeze itself and move the negative event to an adaptive state within the brain.

At the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, our work with survivors of trauma is to help an individual learn and utilize healthy coping and self-care techniques, establish a healthy support system and provide links to community resources. Once these have been established an

individual is often ready to begin working on a trauma incident.

One way to do this is through EMDR therapy, which stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), developed by Francine Shapiro. EMDR therapy targets the negative memory, thoughts, feelings and body sensations associated with the trauma; it reprocesses the trauma incident into the adaptive coping skill area of the brain. When this occurs, the trauma incident loses its negative disturbance level and the individual can move on from the experience and utilize their healthy coping skills.

During the reprocessing stage the client focuses on the memory, negative beliefs and associated feelings and body sensations while engaging in sets of rapid eye movements or by holding physical 'tappers'.

The tappers provide vibrations that stimulate reprocessing in the brain. Once the memory becomes unfrozen it can move to the area of the brain where higher level thinking occurs. When this happens, the client experiences new insights into the event, their disturbance level related to the incident discontinues and a new, positive belief about how they view themselves with regard to the situation is established. For example, a sexual assault survivor that has the negative belief they did something wrong, will instead internalize 'I survived, I am strong'. The sexual assault survivor who may have had symptoms of anxiety, depression or post traumatic stress because of the assault will, most likely, lose those symptoms and begin the road to emotional health.

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The Power of Gratitude

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Happy Thanksgiving! Like many Americans, you may take this day as an opportunity to remember the many wonderful things in your life. I noticed a trend among some of my Facebook friends to express their thanks every day this month. Each day, they have posted a status update recognizing something for which they are thankful. One day a year is nice, daily for a month is better - what if every day we started to notice the abundance in our lives? How might that change how we think and feel, for not just a single day, but for every day?

Each of us projects energy or vibrations, through our thoughts and emotions. According to The Secret, that energy is the source of who we are, our sense of well being, and what we attract in our lives. "Like attracts like." If your thinking is negative, you will attract negative events. If your thinking is positive, if you anticipate that positive things are going to happen for you, your vibrations will be positive and you will attract positive things.

So, how do we shift our thinking to create what we want instead of dwelling on what we don't want? One way to become more positive in your thinking is to stop thinking about what is lacking in your life is to recognize all the wonderful things already in your life. It is easy to fall into the habit of thinking that our lives would be better if we could only get the right job or the right mate. By thinking that way, we are focused on what we don't have and that negativity is not going to attract the job or the



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mate we want. If, instead, we spend time reflecting on all the things that make our lives great, it helps to create the environment to be open to other great things.

One way to change our thinking is to focus on gratitude. Each day, preferably in the morning, think of five things that are good about your world and write those down. These can take the form of "I am grateful for..." "It can be whatever comes to mind. For example, "I am grateful for having a warm house in a Michigan winter" or "I am grateful for having family that love me." They can be big things or small things.

As you practice writing these, you will begin to notice more and more things for which to be grateful. This will start your day in a

positive direction and that momentum will carry you into the day. During the day, as negative thoughts enter your mind, think of a gratitude to reverse the thought. For example, you might think, "I don't like how I look, I need to lose weight." Turn that around to something you do like about your appearance, such as, "I have beautiful blue eyes."

According to the Law of Attraction, as you start taking these positive actions, our energy or vibration will shift in a positive way and you will attract more positive thoughts and actions. Thoughts become things! Think happy thoughts!

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Members of the 2013 Great Start Parent Leadership Council include (from left) Mandy Peterson, Janey Thorpe, Devanie Born-Argetsinger, Tara Riley, Lynette Lillie, Valerie Schreiber, Liaison Raeann Dunlop, Samantha Webb, Jessica Wilson, Amy Lauer, and Kiesha Fuller. Not pictured are Heather Pemble and Rachel McDonough-Grogan.

Parents invited to join Leadership Council

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties is inviting parents to join the 2014 Parent Leadership Council, comprised of parents of children 12 and under, that help strengthen families and support optimal development of young children. "The authentic voice of parents is vital to community planning and growth," said Maureen Hollocker, Director for the Great Start Collaborative. Parent Leadership Council members will gain personal and professional development, explained Raeann Dunlop, Parent Liaison and leader of the 2013 council. "They will build personal leadership skills, 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," Dunlop said.

Members will participate in community outreach by representing Great Start and sharing materials with others as a parent voice at community meetings. They will also help plan and facilitate events and projects hosted by Great Start, as well as share child development materials and community resources with other parents. Parents within the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District that are interested in becoming a part of the Parent Leadership Council must have a child(ren) aged infant to 12, commit five hours per month from January 2014 through December 2014, and attend the Great Start Parent Leadership Council Orientation. To eliminate barriers to participation, parents will receive a monthly honorarium of \$50 upon completion of hours and the monthly Leadership Council reporting form, and transportation assistance via fuel cards. Application and additional information can be found by visiting

www.greatstartforkids.com. Application deadline is 5 p.m. on December 20, 2013. Completed application forms can be mailed to: Great Start Collaborative, 08568 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, MI 49720; faxed to: 231-582-8082; or e-mailed 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.

Students of the Month

East Jordan Public Schools



Left to Right: Haylah Buell (7th Grade), Stephanie Wixson (12th Grade) and Keenan O'Neill (5th Grade)

Haylah Buell is a role model for other students. She consistently does the right thing and is kind, considerate and fun to be around. She enjoys science, robotics and cross country. She is an "A" student who asks great questions and is always a positive part of class. I look forward to seeing the great things she accomplishes in the future. Great job Haylah! (Mr. Peterson:)

Stephanie Wixson is bright, hard-working, and conscientious. I admire Stephanie for her willingness to step up and try new and more challenging courses. She has a great attitude and is one of the most helpful students I have had in class. (Mrs. McPherson)

Keenan O'Neill Keenan was chosen as student of the month for his kindness and compassion he has continually shown to other students in our Read 180 class. (Mrs. Haley)

Student of the Week

Boyne Falls Elementary

Necia LeBlanc



GRADE: Kindergarten
PARENTS: Andrew LeBlanc
FAVORITE BOOK: My favorite book is Cinderella.
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: I really like to run and play on monkey bars.
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: At school, my favorite activities are playing play-doh, working on the computers, reading, and working on i-pads.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?: When I grow up, I want to be a princess.

STAFF COMMENTS

Necia is a kind and caring friend. She is very helpful and looks out for the best interests of everyone around her. She is wonderful to have in class! (Beth Meier)

Charlevoix SHOP LOCAL

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 23

IT TAKES YOU TO START THE TREND

The community of Charlevoix has been issued a challenge:

To invest in our community; To strengthen our local economy; To create more jobs; To conserve your tax dollars; To celebrate our local craftsman; To help save the environment; To invest in entrepreneurship; To help our local schools; To make this community, your community; To be the agent of change; To support your neighbors, friends, and create a sense of place

These are the things that happen when you choose to shop at an independent local business. This year, when you plan to spend your money here in our community, you become a piece of the puzzle and hold the power to create positive change-what could be cooler than that!?

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK AND PLAY BY:

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LOCAL



1. TAKE THE PLEDGE

Simply write the words "I pledge to shop local" on our Facebook Page

Pledges will be entered into drawings to win some of our weekly featured local products!
 (www.facebook.com/downtowncharlevoix)
 (www.facebook.com/cvxchamber)

2. POST YOUR FAVORITES

Some people simply don't know what's out there. Help them out by posting your favorite local gifts to give or receive on Facebook or Twitter using #Charlevoixshoplocal. If social media isn't your thing, e-mail them to us and we will show them off for you!

3. TELL YOUR FRIENDS

YOU are Charlevoix's biggest asset! Share your shop local mantra with your friends, family, or anyone that will listen!

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

4. TURN IN RECEIPTS

Save your local receipts for a chance to win BIG! For every \$100 in receipts you will be entered to win \$500! Add up smaller receipts to total \$100. Turn in as many as you can to the Chamber of Commerce office to increase your chances.

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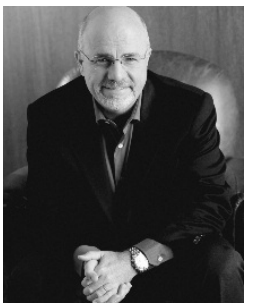
Charlevoix Ace Donates to Hospice of Northwest Michigan



Mark Greyerbiehl, owner of Charlevoix Ace Hardware presents a \$500 check to Cheri Hoffman, Executive Director for Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

In the past year, Hospice served both of Mark's parents and the father of his wife Vicky. Mark and Vicky wanted to do something to give back to Hospice, so Charlevoix Ace Hardware hosted a Tailgate party on the day of the Michigan -v- Michigan State game. Participants enjoyed free hot dogs, pop, popcorn and other goodies, then voted for their favorite team. The result was \$500 raised for Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Giving beyond tithing

Dear Dave,
My husband and I tithe, but right now we're on Baby Step 2 of your plan and we're expecting a child in a few months. Since we're trying to pay off all our debt except for our home, what should we do about giving beyond our tithe in this situation?

Carrie
Dear Carrie,
Evangelical Christians recognize two types of giving in the Bible—tithes and offerings. The tithe is off the top, before you do anything else. That's why I recommend people put it on the top line of their budget forms.

After that, offerings are almost impossible to find in Scripture until you've first taken care of your family. The normative method found is that offerings are to be taken out of your surplus. In my mind, while your family is in debt and you're busy taking care of your household, there is no surplus. Just because something tugs at your heartstrings or someone spews out a toxic sermon on giving doesn't mean that you need to give offerings above your tithe.

But here's the good news. Once you've paid off your debt and have a fully loaded emergency fund in place, you'll have the rest of your lives to open up and give like never before. Getting out of debt means you will gain control of your most powerful wealth-building tool—your income. And when that happens, you can give with extraordinary levels of generosity.

There are three things you can do with money—spend, save and give. And when you reach a point where you can give well, it's the most fun you'll ever have with money!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He's authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and Entrepreneurship. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Find resale bargains and one-of-kind items at the Bergmann Center Resale Shop

By Jim Akans

Many Northern Michigan residents are familiar with the outstanding opportunities provided by the ongoing work of the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix. The staff at the non-profit Center assists in building life skills for individuals with developmental disabilities, with programs that include on-site job training and employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, community awareness, daily living skills and enrichment classes.

What many may not be aware of is that starting in August of 2010, The Bergmann Center opened a fantastic Resale Shop located right next to their main facility on Ance Road, offering terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furni-



The Bergmann Center Resale Shop offers terrific bargains on resale goods ranging from clothing, furniture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals. COURTESY PHOTO

ture and other household items, to one-of-a-kind new products created by local individuals.

The shop has many exciting products made by individuals at the Bergmann Center; such as fire starters from recycled material, furniture painted by a local woman artist, gazing balls made from recycled bowling balls adorned with donated stained glass, items from clay, handmade jewelry, love lights made with clear stained glass and candles, and much more.

In addition to a lot of great merchandise, the Bergmann Center Resale Shop also offers a great place for individuals in the Center's program

to learn skills on the job, such as running a cash register and processing inventory. These are valuable skills that will continue to provide rewards for these individuals for years to come.

The Bergmann Center Resale Shop is located at 8888 Ance Road in Charlevoix, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and the staff accepts item donations during those hours as well.

For additional information call (231) 547-9624 or visit www.bergmanncenter.org and follow the Resale Shop link.

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CHARLEVOIX

Holiday Food Drive

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center of Charlevoix is hosting the 4th Annual Holiday Food Drive supporting the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Food and cash donations will be accepted at our clinic located at 06510 M-66 North, in the Kmart plaza through November 27th. Joel Smith, Physical Therapist and Clinic manger, and staff wanted to get involved with helping the community. The food drive will try to fill a 24 x 12 foot area, which is the size of their aquatic therapy pool. Cash donations are needed to buy food in bulk which for every dollar you donate it can purchase 5-15 pounds of food. New this year, if anyone brings in a donation that fills our small pool, you will receive a free t-shirt. If you unable to stop by the Charlevoix clinic, food and cash donations can also be dropped off at any of the Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Centers located in Harbor Springs and two locations in Petoskey. For more information contact Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center, (231) 547.0380

BOYNE CITY

Turkey Trot

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is organizing Boyne City's third annual Turkey Trot 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk to be held at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28. The race will begin and end at Veterans Park. Entry fee, \$25 on the day of the event. Family entry fee is \$40 in advance or \$50 on the day of the event, including two T-shirts. Chip timing by Superior Timing will be offered for the first time this year. Packet pick-up will be 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Edward Jones office, 101 S Lake St. For further information contact Ruth Skop at 231-881-0945 or Gayle Harbaugh at 231-675-5725. Entrants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to the Boyne area food pantries.

CHARLEVOIX

Community Thanksgiving dinner

7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 28, Noon - 3pm. This year's location is at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 1003 Bridge St. ALL ARE WELCOME (meal provided at no charge) Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. To help with dinner call Joy at 231-547-4813

BOYNE CITY

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Boyne City Eagles will host their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at the Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake St. The dinner is open to the public, and there is

no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Anyone who needs a ride or would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles (in advance) at 231-582-6904.

EAST JORDAN

Thanksgiving day dinner

Don't spend Thanksgiving alone. Thanksgiving Dinner St. Joseph Catholic Church on Nicholls St. East Jordan starting at social hour 1 PM, Dinner 2 PM

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Tree Lighting Celebration

Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, November 29th from 3:00 to 6:00pm in downtown Charlevoix!

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5:30-6:00pm: Holiday Parade sponsored by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

6:00pm: Community Tree Lighting in East Park provided by the City of Charlevoix.

6:00-6:30pm: Story-time "A Journey To Bethlehem" in East Park sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

BOYNE CITY

Downtown open houses and Santa Parade

Downtown Boyne City will transform itself into a holiday winter wonderland when it hosts the annual Holiday Open House and Santa Parade on Nov. 29, the Friday after Thanksgiving, from 5 to 9 p.m. To make it a true community celebration of the season, we are inviting everyone in the area to participate in the festivities - from businesses, organizations and churches with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality from 5 to 9 p.m. The goal is to fill downtown Boyne City with all the sounds, sights and smells of the Christmas season. We are hoping for carolers to be on every street corner; businesses, community organizations, schools, families, and churches to enter floats; and parents to bring their children down to meet Santa. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and Santa will arrive on his sleigh and be joined by some of his elves and reindeer. Those participating in the parade must send in a parade registration form and will line up on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets starting at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City. Santa will then be available to meet with all the young children on the Parkside Grill patio. In addition there will be

hayrides, a chance to see reindeer up close, and refreshments for all of Santa's guests. For more information, contact Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River at 582-2355, the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Concert

With John Lamb. Saturday, November 30, 6:30pm. \$8. At the Circle of Arts

BOYNE CITY

Jolly gingerbread

Boyne District Library will kick off the holiday season with a "Jolly Gingerbread" program on Saturday, Nov. 30, when children of all ages will have the opportunity to build their own unique gingerbread houses. There are two sessions at 1 and 3 p.m. Registration by Nov. 26 is required. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. This event is generously supported by the Dale Hardy Memorial Fund and by Glen's Markets. To register, call Monica at 231-582-7861 or visit www.boynelibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Poetry Reading

Saturday, November 30th Poetry Reading by John Alberts. He will be reciting poems from his new book of poetry. John and his wife Raechel helped start the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA). They are beloved members of the CCA.

BOYNE CITY

Need recipes

Boyne District Library and Boyne City Public Schools are partnering to create a unique collection of Boyne City family heirlooms in the form of a cookbook. Recipes for the Boyne City Family Recipe Cookbook are being accepted at the library or high school. Cookbooks will be available after the first of the year for \$10 each. Pre-orders are being accepted now at the discounted price of \$8, and gift certificates will be available. The project is part of One Book, One Community - Boyne Reads 2013, with "Annie's Ghosts" as the featured book. Recipe submissions and pre-orders will be accepted through Nov. 13, when Steve Luxenberg, author of "Annie's Ghosts" visits Boyne City. His talk at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a Dessert Reception hosted by the high school Hospitality Class, and a book signing hosted by Local Flavor Bookstore. For more information, contact the library at 231-582-7861 or visit www.boynelibrary.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Circle of Arts

On November 19, the Board of Directors of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts named Steve Overton and Glory Wood to serve as Co-Executive Directors. Teaming together, they bring a wide range of competencies and experience. Steve started

the Concord Academy in Petoskey and Glory Wood is an accomplished artist with years of experience managing her own art galleries. We hope you will stop by the Circle of Arts and introduce yourself and learn more about the dynamic duo.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Village

The East Jordan Lions Club is once again hosting the East Jordan Christmas Village in the Tourist Park. Area churches, schools, businesses, clubs/organizations and families are invited to decorate one of 70 sites available. Forms to reserve your site are available from any Lions Club Member or at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office.

BOYNE CITY

Christmas wreaths

The Boyne Valley Garden Club has started taking orders for Christmas wreaths and garland. This is their biggest fund-raiser and the proceeds go to purchase flowers to beautify more than 15 Boyne City gardens. Warm your home or business this holiday season with the natural beauty and fragrance of balsam fir, white pine and cedar wreaths handcrafted by the Boyne Valley Garden Club. If you are not on the callers list, you may pick up an order form at the Chamber or Local Flavor, or call Alice Marshall at 582-6492.

CHARLEVOIX

New exhibit

Milagros an all media exhibit, will open at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts on 12/06/13 and run through 01/14/14. Milagros, small metal figures used to thank Christian saints for fulfilling requests in a time of need accompanied the Spanish as

they arrived in the Americas. The featured exhibit for this show is a collection created by members of the Fiber Artists Coalition that celebrate Milagros, the small miracles and joyful surprises in everyday life. For details visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Historical Society Christmas Dinner

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Annual Christmas Dinner will take place at the Grey Gables Restaurant, 308 Belvedere Avenue, on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this always festive occasion. \$30 per person - cheese & cracker & veggie dip platter, rolls, salad, choice of four entrees, vanilla ice cream, and hot fudge cream puff dessert, coffee. Tax and tip included. Cash bar available. Call (231) 547.0373 Tuesday-Saturday 11-4 for more information and reservations.

BOYNE CITY

Grain Train opening next week

The Grain Train Natural Foods Market will be opening its new Boyne City store on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The store has been in a flurry of activity the last few weeks as they prepare coolers, shelves and store for business. "We are excited, exhausted and looking forward to welcoming customers," a store official said. The store will be open during the downtown open houses from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. "We won't have products on the shelves for sale, but people can stop by and see how the space has changed and what they can look forward to a few days later. And, of course, we will have snacks and refreshments for everyone to sample during the event." The store will be open 7 days

a week from, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner with Santa

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Elementary Cafeteria 4:30 - 7 P.M.

ELLSWORTH

Pancake dinner

You are invited to attend a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, December 3 from 4:30-7:00 PM at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church. Cost is by donation. This event is being sponsored by the Ellsworth GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) girls group. The church is located at 9323 Main St. in Ellsworth. For more information call 231-599-3309.

EAST JORDAN

Blood Drive

East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane. Tuesday, December 3 from Noon to 5:45 PM. Sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church.

EAST JORDAN

Community Night

Thursday, Dec. 5, Celebrate the holidays with family & friends throughout the business community. Business Open Houses, special sales, activities and refreshments. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Soup Cook-Off - EJ Senior Center. Proceeds benefit Care & Share. 6:00 p.m. Lighted Holiday Parade on Main Street 6:15 p.m. Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree & Caroling - with Citizen of the Year (Across from Memorial Park) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Visit With Santa - Handmade Stockings - EJ Lioness & Lions Clubs -Downtown. Jordan River Arts Council Exhibit -"Annual Members Art for Sale" 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. "Make & Take" Kids Crafts

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- 1487 Charlevoix County citizens receive food stamps.
- In October 2012 our Pantry provided food and clothing for 714 families, an all time record. **This October the number increased to 812 families, our new record. We expect this number to soar.**
- Many families live just above the poverty level and cannot receive state aid, but are still struggling financially.
- It is estimated that more than 1700 Charlevoix County seniors are struggling financially, often having to choose between affording meals or their medications.
- **These hurting families are our neighbors. We must help them.**
- There are few options for a desperate family in Charlevoix County. The resources are quickly overwhelmed. We must try to keep families together in their homes; children and elderly warm and fed, living as normal lives as possible.
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CHARLEVOIX

Rod & Gun club election

The Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club will be holding their annual General Election. Current members will receive a ballot in the mail, which must be returned to the club no later than Wednesday, December 4 to be counted. On the ballot are the nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors for the one year Officer terms expiring on December 31 nominees for President are Paul E. Haver and Ronald Svoboda, Vice President Vane Smith, Treasurer Kim Marie Jones, Recording Secretary Pat Haver, Membership Secretary Open. Three Board of Director positions are open for a term of three years each. Nominees for those positions are Tim Arner, Fred Parsons and Andy Singer. If you should have any questions, please contact Election Official Designee Pat Duffy at (231) 547-2785 or via email at crgc1946@gmail.com

BOYNE CITY

Lights of Love

'Tis the season for giving and the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Charities will again offer the opportunity to make a difference by hosting the annual "Lights of Love" Christmas Tree Lighting. Participants are invited to purchase a light or a heart in honor or memory of a

person or group, with proceeds going to support hospice patient care through the Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Lights range in price from \$5 to \$25. A "heart of love" ornament can be purchased for \$35, and the name you request will be inscribed on the heart which will be placed on the tree for the ceremony. Festivities will begin at the Boyne River Inn, at 6 p.m. Wednesday December 4th. Following caroling and the tree lighting ceremony in the courtyard at Country Now & Then / Up the Lazy River, a dinner will be served for \$14.50. Orders for lights or hearts must include the name, address, and phone number of the donor, and whether the order is in honor or in memory of a person. For information contact Mary Whitlock at 231-582-9798. Make checks (for lights, hearts and dinner), payable to Eta Nu Charities and mail to P.O. Box 133, Boyne City. Donation forms are available at the Boyne Area Chamber, Senior Center and various local merchants.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Village

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Sunday Jan. 5 visit the lighted Christmas village - Sponsored by East Jordan Lions Club, EJ Tourist Park

CHARLEVOIX

Holly Daze

The plans for Holly Daze 2013 are well underway and another great holiday event is in the making for Friday, December 6. The well-known Friday evening event will once again be hosted at charming Castle Farms with its popular silent and live auctions of amazing items. Space is limited; please contact Faye Parrish at 231-547-

8501 to purchase your tickets.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday greens workshop

Announcing the 14th Annual Roots & Wings Herbs Holiday Greens Workshops Friday, December 6 at 10am at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, Saturday, December 7 at 1pm at Pine Hill Nursery, Torch Lake. Creating a wreath, swag, kissing ball or arrangement with natural materials is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Even if you've never attempted it before, you'll be amazed at what you create - it's easier than you think! Bring your own grapevine wreath form if making a wreath. \$25 fee Includes greens and embellishments beyond the ordinary and instruction. Presented by Alana Haley of Roots and Wings Herbs. Call to register at 231-360-0676; limited space available.

BOYNE CITY

Craft show

Holiday hobby craft show will be held from 9am to 3pm Saturday, Dec. 7, at Boyne City High School. Admission is free and refreshments are available for this 35th annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation. For booth information, contact Colleen Calo at 231.582-6156 or ccalo@boyne.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Holiday Merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest

'Tis' the season for the holiday festivities to begin! On Saturday, December 7th, merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, refreshments, special sales, raffles and more during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House. Santa will be downtown from noon to 1pm courtesy of the Charlevoix Township Fire Department. A new addition to this year's event is the 2013 Hot Cocoa Contest. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores. Just look for the "Cocoa Trail" posters in the store-front windows to stop in, sample and vote for your favorite beverage. The Chamber will be giving away a \$500 Chamber Check gift certificate to a lucky shopper. For every \$100 in receipts turned into the Chamber, you will be entered to win the \$500 prize. Add up smaller receipts to total \$100. Turn in as many as you can to increase your chances. To be eligible, your purchases must be made between November 15 and December 23.

BOYNE CITY

Santa visit

The library will host a special visit with Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Children of all ages are encouraged to come, and no registration is necessary. All children who attend will receive a book and have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa. The event is sponsored by Eta Nu.

BOYNE CITY

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, at Water Street Cafe in downtown Boyne City. There will be seatings at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 582-9929.

EAST JORDAN

Community Night

Holiday light parade. Thursday, December 5th. Calling all residents, businesses, schools, sports teams, and community organizations! What better way to show your holiday & East Jordan spirit than participating in the Community Night Holiday Light Parade. It just takes a little imagination and a string of lights! Join us for the fun as we welcome Santa to town in style. The community Christmas tree will be lit immediately following the parade.

EAST JORDAN

Pet photos with Santa

EJ Memorial Park Bandshell, Dec. 7, Noon - 2 PM, Sponsored by: East Jordan Freedom Festival

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ATWOOD

Christmas open house

Dec. 7 is the Atwood businesses Christmas open house. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Snow Sculptures & specials & samplings! Christmas celebration at Friske Orchards - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Lots of Christmas excitement, Christmas music and much more. Santa at Work N Play Shop - 11 AM - 2 PM, Hot Cocoa & Cookies served

BOYNE CITY

Childrens book signing

Freshwater Art Gallery is hosting an Illustrated Children's Book Signing and Reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Five authors and illustrators will be on hand: Glenn Wolff, Monica Farrier, Josh Skeel, Chris Weston and Simon Otto. There will be snacks for the kids and a wine and cheese reception for adults. The artists will provide black and white pages from their books for children of all ages to color. Books will be available to view, purchase and be signed. Freshwater is located at 217 S. Lake St., Boyne City, 231-582-2588.

BOYNE CITY

Judy Kuheana breakfast benefits local food pantries

Red Mesa Grill will host the 17th Annual Judy Kuheana Memorial Breakfast benefiting Boyne Area food pantries from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Judy Kuheana was the founder of the Boyne Area Food Pantry. She was known to have an incredibly kind and generous heart to all those that knew her. She passed away in 1996, and in remembrance of her spirit, The Red Mesa Grill is donating all proceeds from the breakfast and silent auction to local food banks. The silent auction begins Nov. 25. Wreaths for the silent auction have all been decorated and donated by local businesses; they are located on the main table and throughout the restaurant. Judy loved angels and in turn was an angel to many. The angels in the silent auction have been donated by many people in memory of Judy's spirit. The more money raised means the more money that goes toward the needy in our area. So far, these breakfasts have raised well over \$17,000. Admission (\$9 adults, \$5 children 12 and under) will be collected at

the door.

BOYNE CITY

Craft show

Holiday hobby craft show will be held from 9am to 3pm Saturday, Dec. 7, at Boyne City High School. Admission is free and refreshments are available for this 35th annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation. For booth information, contact Colleen Calo at 231.582-6156 or ccalo@boyne.com.

EAST JORDAN

Band concert

Sunday, Dec. 8 is the Jordan valley community band holiday concert - 3:00 p.m. - E.J.H.S. Community Auditorium

EAST JORDAN

Christmas programs

Monday, Dec. 9 K-1-Christmas Program, 7 PM Elementary Gym

Tuesday, Dec. Garde 2-3-Christmas Program- 7 PM Elementary Gym

Wednesday, Dec. 11 Grade 4-5- Christmas Program- 7 PM Elementary Gym

BOYNE CITY

Holiday Crafternoon

Middle and high school students are invited to get creative at the library's "Holiday Crafternoon" Materials will be available to make special handcrafted gifts for family and friends. All supplies and refreshments will be provided. Registration by Dec. 10 is required. To register, call Monica at 231-582-7861 or visit www.boynelibrary.org.

ELLSWORTH

Wooden Shoe Christmas festival

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. - Banks Township Hall. Community tree lighting with Banks - 6 PM by the Township citizens of the year - Caroling. Twister Joe, Children's Activities and Refreshments

EAST JORDAN

Santa visit

Saturday, Dec. 14 at Log Building Tourist Park (Lighted Christmas Village), 6 PM - 8 PM

CHARLEVOIX

Free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual free throw contest Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 Garfield St. Registration at 1:30pm. Shooting begins at 2pm. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Registration slips are available at all Charlevoix area schools or call Ed Linse, 231-547-4526. Parental permission is required.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program & Service

EJ Lighthouse Missionary Church, Sunday, Dec. 15, 11 AM

EAST JORDAN

Band and Choir concert

East Jordan Middle school and high school holiday band and choir concert Monday, Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m. - E.J.H.S. Gym

EAST JORDAN

Mittens, Hats and Socks

Monday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Dec. 13 BRING MITTENS, SOCKS & HATS to E.J. Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank & Huntington Bank and hang them on the Christmas Tree for Care & Share to distribute - E.J. Garden Club Project

BOYNE CITY

Holiday band concerts

Band will be held Monday, Dec. 16. The Boyne City Middle School concert will start at 6:30 p.m. and the high school concert will be at 8 p.m., both in the Performing Arts Center.

EAST JORDAN

Madrigal players

Petoskey high schools madrigals Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7pm East Jordan Community Auditorium. Sponsored by Music in the Park

BOYNE CITY

Farm market moves indoors

The Boyne City farm market is now indoors at the Red Barn next to the library on Park Street. The winter market continues every Saturday at that location from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers Market Moves Indoors

The Charlevoix Farmers Market is indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library every Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Stop in for bagels, maple syrup, scones, granola, preserves, veggies, pumpkins and more all grown and produced locally here in northern Michigan.

CHARLEVOIX

CNC certificate program

Baker College of Cadillac will be offering a CNC certificate program at the Charlevoix High School Advanced Manufacturing and Machining Lab in January, 2014. Questions can be directed to the Baker College Admissions office at 231-876-3119.

BOYNE CITY

Career connection

Job seekers can learn about job opportunities and

improve their job search skills by getting involved in the new Boyne City Career Connection. The group will typically meet every other Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St. Next is "Your Résumé - Qualified for the Position" at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. For more information, call Harold (Buck) Love at Northwest Michigan Works, 231-620-5178.

BOYNE CITY

Food for fines

The library will again offer its "Food for Fines" program in conjunction with Boyne Area Community Christmas. From Nov. 25 - Dec. 19 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.

BOYNE CITY

Hats and Mittens

The library's Christmas tree will be displayed on the main level during the holidays. New hats, mittens and gloves will once again adorn the tree, and 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 will be donated to Boyne Area Community Christmas by Dec. 19.

EAST JORDAN

Winter Solstice Celebration

At Raven Hill Discovery Center. Bonfire at Stonehenge Saturday, Dec. 21, 7-11pm. Preregister by Dec 14

BOYNE CITY

Community Christmas

The Boyne Area Community Christmas program is now accepting donations. The organization has been putting together baskets of food, clothing and toys for the past 60 years. Organizer Ruth Witenki said she hopes to provide Christmas presents for 1,000 children this year. New clothes and toys are preferred, but gently used items are accepted. Non-perishable, unwrapped food, new toys and games, books, clothing, blankets and checks may be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center on Pine Street from now through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Checks may be made payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Treasurer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712.

EAST JORDAN

Winter farmers market

2nd Thursday of the Month, Civic Center, Special Holiday Date - Dec. 23

EAST JORDAN

Christmas tree sale

Saturday, Nov. 23 - Dec. 22 Lions Club Christmas tree sale at E.J. True Value Hardware - M-F 8:00a.m.-5:30p.m., Sat. 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Sun. 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. - Shop early for best selection - More info, contact any Lions Club Member

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Eve services

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH- Christmas Eve Mass 6 PM Children's Mass UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion 7 PM LIGHTHOUSE MISSIONARY CHURCH - Christmas Eve Services, 7 PM

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH-Christmas Mass 9 A.M. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Community Christmas Dinner, 3 - 6 PM

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Gathering

Saturday, Dec. 28 Raven Hill Discovery Center Holiday Gathering: Enjoy, food, fun & friends 12 - 4pm

EAST JORDAN

New Years Eve overnight

Raven Hill Discovery Center, Register your kids for a fun overnight (Tuesday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.-9 a.m. Jan. 1, 2014). Registration is limited, so book your spaces soon by calling 231-536-3369. Overnight and includes meals, snacks & activities. (Ages 4-14)

EAST JORDAN

New year's eve service

Lighthouse Missionary Church New Year's Eve Service & Party (food & games for the whole family), Tuesday, Dec. 31, 8 PM

EAST JORDAN

Junior Achievement Looking Forward To 2013-14 School Year

After completing 13 Classes at East Jordan Elementary during the 2012-13 school year, Junior Achievement is pleased to learn that they will have the opportunity to be involved in 16 classes during the Spring Semester of 2014. In order to guarantee the success of these classes, additional sponsors for classes must be secured and volunteers recruited to teach the classes. If you would like more information on sponsoring one or more classes and/or providing a volunteer to teach a class please contact Mark Pankner

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 11, 2013

9:24am Missing person complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
9:38am Report of peeping Tom on West St
10:42am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Cedar Streets
12:07am Report of telephone fraud from E Main st
2:47am Dead tree in roadway at Boyne Av and high streets
3:41am Report of missing husky
4:02am Disabled vehicle reported on on Boyne City Rd at the city limits
6:46am Narcotics complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
8:05am Domestic dispute in the 300 block of E Division
10:04am Assist Sheriff Dept on Old State Rd
Tuesday, November 12, 2013
4:27am Assist EMS in the 1000 block of Roosevelt St
7:56am 2 vehicle property damage accident on Boyne Av near the Industrial Park
8:15am Warrant arrest in the 300 block

of N Lake St
11:01am Citizen dropped off found cell phone
11:15am Subject in looking for the lost cell phone that was just turned in.
1:05am Vehicle unlock in the 800 block of S Park St
1:22am Welfare check requested in the 300 block of E Division St
1:32am Citation issued for speed at Lake and Division Streets
2:45am Assist to Cheboygan PD on Lewis Av
4:34am General assist in the 500 block of N Lake St
5:05am Investigate previous assault having occurred in the 300 block of E Division St
5:11am Report of 2 dogs running in traffic on Front St near the Harborage
6:30am Report of fraudulent phone calls
6:58am Driving complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
8:14am Private property damage accident in the 300 block of Silver St.
Citation issued for careless driving
8:39am Car deer accident at Vogel and East St
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
7:09am Citation issued for fail to signal turn and no proof of insurance.
8:03am Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of Wenonah St

8:57amVehicle unlock on W Main St
9:33amReport of lost wallet
10:08am Alarm reported in the 200 block of S Lake St
12:00am Parking violation reported in the 100 block of E Water St
4:02am Report of found wallet. Was the one missing from earlier in day
7:03am Assist EMS in the 1000 block of Roosevelt
Thursday, November 14, 2013
8:00am Littering complaint on Haven Ct
10:45am Driving complaint from E Main St
2:16am Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N Lake St
2:55am Warrant arrest in the 300 block of N Lake St
5:10am Suspicious vehicle in the Industrial Park
Friday, November 15, 2013
12:32am NSF check complaint from the 100 block of N Park St
1:59am Retail fraud complaint from W Water St
3:53am 911 hang up call from the 300 block of S Lake St
6:07am Alarm in the 300 block of E Water St
6:52am 911 hang up call from the 200 block of S Lake St
8:39am Juvenile complaint from the area of Marshall and Lac Vue
10:28am Suspicious situation reported

in the 600 block of W Michigan
10:38am Private property damage accident in the Industrial Park

Saturday, November 16, 2013

3:23am Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St

Sunday, November 17, 2013

3:40am Assist Sheriff Department at Boyne Mountain
10:07am Removed tree from Line St near Michigan
11:18am Citation issued for expired plate at Lake and Ray Streets
11:52am Assist to Charlevoix PD on Lake Park Dr
1:56am Motorist assist on M-75 near the Industrial Park
4:59am Citizen assist in the 300 block of Groveland St
6:00am Report of flooding on M-75 near the city limits

Minor injuries in rollover accident on US31

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on November 22, 2013, at 9:31am, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix EMS and the Charlevoix Township Fire Department responded to the scene of a one vehicle rollover accident on US 31 near Old 31 South in Charlevoix Township. The accident occurred when 20 year old Petoskey resident, Kiley Nowlin, lost control of

her vehicle on slippery roads while southbound on US 31. Nowlin ran off the road and upon entering the ditch, the vehicle rolled several times coming to rest on the roof of the vehicle. Nowlin and her three passengers (29 year old Periscilla McFall, two year old Khloe Nowlin and infant Luvaya Smith, all of Petoskey area, all were taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. All occupants had seatbelts or child restraint systems in use when the crash occurred.

One injured in rollover accident on US131

On November 23, 2013 at 6:53 a.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a one vehicle rollover crash. Boyne City Police assisted with the crash scene along with Melrose Fire Department and Boyne Valley EMS.

Kim English, age 51 of Boyne Falls, was traveling Northbound on US 131. She lost control of her vehicle South of M-75 N and the vehicle rolled several times after impacting the side of the highway. English was unable to get out of her vehicle.

Boyne Valley EMS transported English to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for minor injuries.

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MEDICARE NEWS

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan
Open Enrollment & Medicare Plans for 2014

The open enrollment period for Medicare Plans will once again be from October 15th through December 7th, with an effective date of January 1, 2014. The details for each of the stand-alone Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) and the Medicare Advantage Plans will be released prior to the start of the enrollment period.

First let me describe some of the basic features of the drug insurance coverage for these plans. Generally, there have been over 30 stand-alone drug plans and about 12 Medicare Advantage Plans available to Medicare beneficiaries in some or all of the counties of Northwest Michigan. These plans vary considerably in premium cost, co-pays for medications, and in the cost for the deductible.

While there are not any details available concerning the premiums for Medicare plans at this point, CMS Medicare has already announced that some of the costs associated with prescription drug insurance will be lower in 2014. The annual deductible cost for plans will be reduced by \$15 to \$310. The gap or donut hole

will be low-ered from \$2,970 to \$2,850 in 2014. This means that beneficiaries will enter the donut hole quicker than in the previous year. It is important to note that the \$2,850 threshold level for the gap represents the total cost for medications, not the out of the pocket cost. Once a beneficiary enters the donut hole, the co-pay for their brand name medications will rise to \$47.5% of the full cost of the drug. Generic drugs will cost 72% of the full price. Compared to 2013, the cost for brand drugs for those folks in the donut hole will remain the same, while the cost for generic drugs will be lowered about 7% from the previous year.

The catastrophic level has also been reduced by \$200 to \$4,550. This means that people who have spent this much out of their pocket, will see their drug co-pays reduced significantly.

Beneficiaries who are eligible for any level of Extra Help are not affected by the donut hole, so it is important for this, and many other reasons, to be screened for this important benefit. The Extra Help program is sponsored by the Social Security Administration.

There are many changes taking place in health care at this point. The new Health Insurance Marketplace plans will not affect nor change anything for Medicare beneficiar-

ies. Those on Medicare need to do nothing as it relates to these new healthcare plans. In fact, it is illegal for Medicare participants to enroll in one of the Marketplace plans.

Folks can compare drug and health plans and enroll online by going to the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov and click on "Find health & drug plans." Otherwise trained counselors from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can provide no cost services to Medicare beneficiaries for those who are unable to do their own research. They can also be screened for Extra Help and other low income benefits.

It is vital for people on Medicare benefits to have their plans reviewed each year because the plans are constantly changing. New plans are offered and some existing ones are terminating. Also, the plan benefits can change from the standpoint of the drug formulary, co-pays, premium levels, and even restrictions.

MMAP counselors consist of volunteers and paid staff who are unbiased and well trained to provide help. A counselor can be reached by calling MMAP, toll free, at 800-803-7174. Start the process today by calling MMAP and request to have a drug worksheet mailed out.

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By Cheryl Jacobs

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Complain or Give Thanks?



By Jamie Woodall

Have you ever wondered why we

humans complain so much? It seems to be our natural propensity. We are creatures of comfort and want things a certain orderly way in our lives, don't we? The weather is too hot, or too cold. No snow or too much snow. Some days the weather is just right. But even on those days there are usually fifty to a hundred things we can find that aren't right allowing it to sabotage our spirit. Let's face a brutal fact; most often we don't walk through life with a 100% thankful spirit.

It's appears to be against our nature to turn to God and give thanks for everything in life. But that's what he desires. And that's what is best for our lives. It alleviates stress, and makes us people that others enjoy to be around. 'Positivity' is good, powerful, and infectious. Every year Thanksgiving helps me evaluate my general life attitude.

Did you know that Thanksgiving is actually

about giving thanks? Check out the words of an ancient Psalmist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations (Psalm 100).

Now, reread it more slowly. This always helps in digesting Scripture. For these people in this ancient time there were gates of a temple court where they would go to praise and worship God for all he had provided for them. Why? Because he is good and his love endures forever. He is faithful and walks with us through all the mess if we allow him to do this.

As I consider this more carefully, the words of the biblical writer James come to mind. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

I remember thinking about this little nugget a few years ago while I stood in the streets of Sao Paulo Brazil. We had just visited whole families living in one-room cement box houses and shanties. Trash littered sewer water ran under the sidewalks. In the 100-degree sun it

smelled like dog poop. Small children were everywhere barefoot and shirtless. Sexual disease was rampant. Normal was completely broken. Runaway dad's hung out smoking dope on street corners. It was hard. Yet as I walked into a small "garage church" those people were singing praises to God louder and more filled with charisma than any church I could think of in the US.

I came home from Brazil ashamed to go back to our four-bedroom carpeted home with air conditioning. If you've been to a third-world place then you know the feeling. I have so much more than I ever need. A new level of gratefulness welled up in my heart. I wanted to give more, and care more. I forgot about what I once thought I didn't have. I wrestled with my kids and remembered... "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights."

This Thanksgiving season I want to encourage you to focus your mind on the act of giving thanks to God for everything. God, thank you for my health. Thank you for my family. Thank you for a home with running water. Thank you for being faith-

ful even when I'm not. Thank you for your mercy. Thank you for your love. Thank you for giving me purpose in life. Thank you for the sun. Thank you for the rain. Thank you for the snow. Thank you for difficult times that can build my character. Thank you for friends. Thank you for life. Thank you for freedom. Thank you for being a God who desires to meet me in my deepest pain when I don't understand. Thank you for being not just a God who is out there, but one who is near me. Thank you for your son Jesus. Thank you, God. Thank you. Thank you.

No matter what challenges you face, being sincerely thankful will change your life. God is good. He hurts with you, and desires a different world as well. We can trust him, and give thanks.

Have a grateful Thanksgiving.

Jamie Woodall is the pastor of Genesis Church in Boyne City that meets 11am Sundays at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. Genesis Petoskey meets at Petoskey Middle School auditorium at 9:30am.

Harmony Hunters spreading holiday sounds



East Jordan's Harmony Hunters entertained the crowd at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Business after Hours last Thursday. The event was hosted at A Matter of Taste at Tapawingo in Ellsworth and sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and E.J. Area business people made donations to the Care & Share Food Pantry and the Good Samaritan. Their generosity will help many families this holiday season.

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On December 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., librarians Audrey Shapiro and Linda Adams will be in the lobby hosting the December Artist in Action event, demonstrating the art of making a Flipped out Tree. People who drop by are welcome to watch the art of making a tree from curled book pages and then take home a pattern to try the technique themselves.

For more information about this or other craft programs at the library, call 231-237-7340 or visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Charlevoix Tree Lighting Celebration

Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, November 29th from 3:00 to 6:00pm in downtown Charlevoix!

3:00-5:30pm: Ornament making at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts sponsored by Northwestern Bank & The Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

3:00-5:30pm: Photos with Santa at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts compliments of Picture This.

4:00 - 6:00pm: Cookies & Cocoa in East Park provided by Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant and Subway.

5:30-6:00pm: Holiday Parade sponsored by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

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