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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER, 26, 2013

Road Commission asks for shared ownership of Beaver Island building

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: The County Commissioners met November 26th to discuss whether or not the Charlevoix County Road Commission should have half ownership of the Beaver Island Maintenance Garage at the end of a 20 year rental agreement.

Keith Ogden, member of the Road Commission, came before County Commissioners to share the details of a plan that was outlined on November 25 at the Road Commission meeting. The original agreement would allow the Road Commission to have partial ownership of the Beaver Island Maintenance Garage building at the end of 20 years. During those twenty years they would pay \$6,000 a year in rent and pay for utilities incurred at the building.

At the completion of the twenty years they would be given half ownership of the building.

Ogden stated that the choice to have half ownership was influenced by insurance premium rates. If the County owned the building those rates were higher, however if it was partially owned by the Road Commission they could find lower rates.

"This would be an advantage to both of us. If we own the building jointly we can take advantage (of lower premiums). If you own the building we can't," said Ogden of the benefits to Commissioners in supporting this plan.

County Commissioners were divided about the plan. Some feel that the plan presents no problem to the area. Other commissioners feel that the county should own the building as per the original

agreement since the County footed the bill to make it. Several Commissioners cited this as reasoning for rejecting the offer, or at the very least re-formatting the plan. One reformat would include lengthening the rental agreement to 40 years with \$6,000 in rent a year, at which point the Road Commission will have paid for half of the building and could rightly ask for half ownership.

Commissioner Chris Christenson felt strongly opposed to the initial plan presented by Ogden, even questioning the motive of the Road Commission. He expressed concern that more than wanting lower insurance rates, the Road Commission worried that the County would rescind its support of them at a time.

"We are going to make decisions based on the fact that they

are afraid that someday we are going to turn our back on them because they don't have ownership. That's not good faith," said Christenson.

No comment was made by the Road Commission regarding this motive, but they did state that re-formatting was entirely possible and the forty year agreement could be approved.

County Commissioners decided not to make a decision at this point, rather wanted more time to discuss a suitable reformat and give their Civil Counsel time to draw up a motion that had the consensus of all the Commissioners. The issue will be taken up further at the next commission meeting on December 11th at 9:30 a.m.



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'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.

Make sure to go into the season well prepared by taking advantage of the special event; it's the perfect place for inspiration and acquisition of all your holiday needs. Whether you're shopping for that must-have gift or those little, but necessary stocking stuffers, you can find it all downtown Charlevoix this holiday season.

In addition to the great sales, Santa will arrive downtown at noon to spread some holiday cheer for the children. Santa will be downtown from noon to 1pm courtesy of the Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

After Santa departs, children are invited to watch a free full-length holiday movie at Charlevoix Cinema sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and Charlevoix Cinema III. This year's free movie is The Polar



Express, a motion capture computer-animated fantasy film based on the children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. For entry, please bring a canned-good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. While children enjoy the movie, parents are able to relax, sample and shop without interruption!

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. Be sure to visit for a list of participating restaurants and in-store cocoa station locations.

The Merchant Open House is a great opportunity to take advantage of the new shop local holiday promotion sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. 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.

So make a list, check it twice and head to the Charlevoix Merchant Open House! For additional information, a complete list of participating stores and their activities, and the Cocoa Trail locations, visit or call 231.547.2101.

East Jordan envisions community for present and future projects

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan City Commissioners have a vision of community as they look to the future with an updated Master Plan and face the present with holiday events for all.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently announced that they would be awarding the City of East Jordan with two grants totaling \$23,924. A grant for \$3,924 will be used by the East Jordan Emergency Medical Service to equip the recently purchased Echo 2 emergency response vehicle. A \$20K grant will also be used to update the city's Master Plan.

Coupling the \$20K local grant with the \$15K that the city has reserved within the General Fund for the Master Plan and a possible \$30K from the Cargill Foundation, funds could total up to \$65K. City Administrator Chris Yonker has worked with

See Master Plan—5A

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Northern Michigan Jazz Poet Visits Circle of Arts

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX - On November 30 the Charlevoix Circle of Arts presented jazz poet John Alberts newly released book and CD entitled "Playing Until Dark."

The release party included readings of the book and a sampling of the work produced on the CD. The book chronicles Alberts life, and shares with readers the highlights of growing up in Cadillac, MI and being heavily involved in the arts community. The book was written over the past 18 years and was released at the end of October.

Rebecca Glotfelty, board member for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) introduced Mr. Alberts to the audience gathered which included several area artists who have been showcased at the "Michigan Melody" exhibit at the Circle of Arts. The release party marked the last day of the exhibit and was perfectly fitted to the jazz poetry of Mr. Alberts CD. The exhibit featured artists who made instruments out of unique materials or made beautiful musically themed paintings.

Mr. Alberts helped to found



John Alberts signs his book "Playing Until Dark"

the CCA after which he spent several years in California before returning to the area. The 17 track CD exemplifies Mr. Alberts beat poetry style and was produced in Interlochen with the accompaniment of musicians Chris Lawrence (trumpet), Jack Dryden (bass) and Laurie Spears (saxophones and flute).

"These are such outstanding improvisational artists what

you hear is the first take and only take," said Alberts of the unique music behind his poetry.

The CD is divided much like the book, from poems reflecting on growing up, then middle age and finally discussing death. Mr. Alberts stayed after to sign CD's and books while the Charlevoix Sax Quartet played.

The event also marked an exciting time for the Circle of Arts, with Steve Overton, one of



The Charlevoix Sax Quartet play at the book launch party.

the new co-directors being present for the festivities. The co-directors, Overton and Glory Wood are the first full time directors for the CCA and are excited about the challenge of directing the Circle. Overton opened the Concord Academy in Petoskey and served as a director there for seven years while Wood has an extensive arts background including managing art galleries.

The event was put to video and can be seen on the YouTube page for the Circle of Arts. Check out Charlevoix Area Circle TV for the book release video and 20 other videos of the exhibits. "Playing Until Dark" can be purchased on Amazon or at Barnes and Noble for \$13.95.

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On Monday, November 25 at 6:00 PM a group of business owners, volunteers and community leaders met at the EMS/Fire Building to discuss improving signage and way-finding signs into and in East Jordan for our snowmobile guests. A work plan and goals were put into place to help make the 2014 snowmobile season one of our most successful.

Thank you to the following individuals that are stepping up to improve the snowmobile economy in East Jordan - Bill Tison - Michigan Snowmobile



Magazine, Bill Werner - The Zone/Gemini Lanes, Bill Pardee - B & B Auto, Dale Miller- East Jordan True Value, Gerry Argetsinger and Don Massey - East Jordan Sno-Mobilers & Volunteer Groomers, Laurie Hodgson - Murray's, Police Chief Dale Boehm, City Commis-

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Breezeway Task Force holds annual retreat and strategic planning session

Members of the Breezeway Task Force held their Annual Retreat and Strategic Planning Session on Wednesday, November 27th at the Ellsworth Farmer's Exchange Conference Room. At their half day work session the group reviewed the year's events, projects and promotions of the

Breezeway. They also looked at new marketing and promotional areas and had a Legislative Update from State Representative Greg MacMaster. The Breezeway Task Force also finalized plans for a visit to Lansing to promote the Breezeway to members of the House of Representatives as guests of MacMaster.

The Task Force will resume its monthly meetings in January and 2014 event dates will be announced at that time. For more information on the Breezeway, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

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Free Holiday Celebrations in Ellsworth

Submitted by Alana Haley

The 8th Annual Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Festival, a community celebration of the season, features free food, fun and entertainment Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Banks Township Hall. As is tradition, the fest kicks off with the lighting of the Community Tree by Lynn Aldrich Spearing, Banks Township Citizen of the Year, following Christmas Carols accompanied by a brass band of local musicians. Then, come inside to visit with friends and neighbors over a free pizza dinner topped off with Christmas Cookies and a trip to the Hot Chocolate Bar! Kids can create their own Magnetic Holiday Picture Frame to take home, Twister Joe will be on hand to make festive holiday balloon hats, and The Sugar Plum Fairy will read the kids a story written by local artist Cindi Bassett. For more information: Alana at 231-360-0676.

Don't miss your chance to participate in some Holiday

fun in Atwood and Ellsworth this season! The festivities kick off Saturday, December 7 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Work n' Play Shop in Atwood where you can visit with Santa and enjoy complimentary Hot Cocoa and Cookies. On Wednesday, December 11 from 6 to 7:30 don't miss the 8th Annual Wooden Shoe Festival, our annual community celebration featuring tree lighting, caroling, Twister Joe, free pizza dinner and kids craft topped off by a visit from the Sugar Plum Fairy who will stop in to read a story. Next up is the Lioness Pancake Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 14 from 9-11:00am at the Banks Township Hall. Indulge in a pancake breakfast, choose a stuffed toy and take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus compliments of Charlevoix State Bank. Finally, on Sunday, December 15 the Torch Valley Farms Equestrian Program at 9786 Church Road, Ellsworth, begins at 2pm with light refreshment following.

Holiday Crafts at library

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 1 - Loopedoo Tree, December 8 - Stained Glass Ornament, December 15 - Santa's Mittens, December 22 - Festive Tree of Fluff. 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. 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.

Homemade Soup and Sale

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church is hosting an "All You Can Eat Soup and Sale" this Saturday, Dec 7th from 10:00 - 2:00. Come on in and warm up

with many of our favorite soup recipes while enjoying a day of fun at the Charlevoix's Merchant Open House. Also included are delicious baked goods, crafts, and

gently used Christmas items. The soup is \$5.00 for "All you can Eat Soup", with proceeds going to local outreach and mission projects.



Nancy Grunch, Linda DeGrow, Gail Seidel, and Sharon Velding are testing their soup recipes as they prepare for Saturday's Soup spectacular

Local United Ways to distribute 15,000 toy trucks to children in need this holiday season

Over 20 volunteers from Local United Ways and Labor Unions worked hand in hand and helped unload 15,000 toy trucks that will be distributed to children in need throughout the State of Michigan. This is the 13th year that the Society of Plastics Engineers, Detroit Section (SPE) and American Plastic Toys have partnered to donate 15,000 toys to the Michigan Association of United Ways (MAUW) for

distribution to local United Ways and partner agencies. American Plastic Toys, located in Walled Lake, Michigan donated a week's worth of production, Chevron Phillips Chemical donated 12,000 pounds of plastic, Maple Press donated labels and E.L. Hollingsworth of Plymouth handled the transportation. This is another example of the long standing partnership between

Labor Unions, MAUW and Local United Ways. This holiday season, Char-Em United Way will distribute toy trucks to children in our community through our partner agencies. Char-Em United Way's mission is to improve the lives of people in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by working together to share community resources.

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Shirley J. Petrie, 81

(MAY 8, 1932 - NOV. 29, 2013)

Shirley J. Petrie, 81, died Friday, November 29, 2013, at her home near East Jordan, Michigan.

She was born on May 8, 1932, in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, the daughter of Richard and Pearl (Ketchum) Babbitt.

In 1950, Shirley graduated from Frederic High School where she was on the basketball team and was a cheerleader.

On January 31, 1959, in Grayling, she married James A. Petrie.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Petrie Construction in East Jordan from the mid 1960s to 1995.

Shirley was a member of the Lighthouse Missionary Church of East Jordan and the Ladies Get Together Club of Echo Township. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, making rag rugs and spending time with family.

She is survived by her husband, James A. Petrie of East Jordan; five children, Alan M (Anne) Petrie, Thomas D. (Lisa) Petrie, Bradley S. (Ginny) Petrie, Cheryl A. Petrie and Marianne Howard, all of East Jordan; ten grandchildren; one great granddaughter; one brother, David Bruce (Alta) Babbitt of Escanaba; two sisters-in-law, Edna Babbitt of Grayling and Joyce Babbitt of Byron Center; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Jeanne Babbitt and three brothers, Maurice, Harold and D. Keith Babbitt.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan and Rev. Bart Adams will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church.

Mary (Roberts) Moblo. He married Ellen Hammond on June 4, 1950, in Boyne City, Michigan.

Alfred was a dairy farmer of thirty years, milking about 80 head of dairy cows at any given time. He also had worked at East Jordan Plastics Plant, Diller's Saw Mill, East Jordan Iron Works (now known as EJ) and Trumble Construction.

He had a passion for draft horses, vintage automobiles, boating, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved square dancing with his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Moblo of East Jordan; five children, Loretta (Gary) Goetzman of Eastport, Walter (Judy) Moblo of Ashville, North Carolina, Glen (Kathy) Moblo of East Jordan, Larry (Dennis Figiel) Moblo of East Jordan and Terry (Jeanne) Moblo of East Jordan; nineteen grandchildren; thirty three great grandchildren; two great, great grandchildren; one brother, Walter J. Moblo of Cub Run, Kentucky; and one sister, Mary Ann (Jim) Culp of Saranac & Florida. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia Coeur; his parents; and two sisters, Margaret Mae Murray and Betty Lou Murphy.

Funeral service was Saturday, November 30, 2013, at 3:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. James L. Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan officiated.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720, info@hospicenwm.org. Online condolences may be sent to www.penzienfhn.com.

Kenneth Shann, 75

(JULY 17, 1938 - NOVEMBER 27, 2013)

Kenneth E. Shann of Petoskey passed in peace Nov. 27, 2013, McLaren Hospital in Petoskey. Ken was a loving husband to his wife, Sally Shann, a wonderful man to his two children, Kim Shann and Kevin Shann, and a more than amazing grandfather to his two granddaughters, Michelle Maier and Brianna Shann.

Ken was born on July 17, 1938 in Wolverine, MI, the son of

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Charles and Alice (Bolinger) Shann and grew up in Wolverine, attending school there.

On October 3, 1959, Kenneth married Sally J. Bricker in Boyne City, MI and together they made their home in the Petoskey area.

A well-rounded and hard-working man, Ken worked for Penn Dixie, Petoskey Gas Company, and Petoskey Public Schools. After early retirement, he worked for Fletch's Dealership for many years. He always enjoyed the work he did.

Ken was an amiable man who could always be counted on. He enjoyed hunting, reading and being outdoors. He was an intelligent, kind-hearted, and respectable man who blessed many with his kind words and generosity. He will be remembered by many.

In addition to his immediate family, Ken is also survived by his Brother-in-law, Melvin Curtis Bricker III; 6 Siblings, Lynne, Mary, Sally, Gail, Charlie, and Myrtle; and by many special nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and by 7 Siblings, Audrey, David, Marilyn, Ernest, Gala, Walter, and Rosemary

Private services will be held for the family at this time with a public memorial service being held in the Spring. Ken will be laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society.

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

Thomas "Tom" Newton Boyer, 81

(OCT. 28, 1932 - NOV. 26, 2013)

Thomas "Tom" Newton Boyer

of East Jordan died on November 26, 2013 after a short illness. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa on October 28, 1932, to Frances E. & Marjorie Hicks Boyer. He is survived by his wife, Georgia LaBlance Boyer; a brother, Robert Boyer, and sister, Phyllis Lockhart, both of Grand Rapids; three children, Kim (Bill) Peters, Dave (Connie) Boyer, and Beth (Scott) Lang; seven grandchildren, Megan, Trisha, and Kelly Peters; Danielle, Colin and Reed Boyer; Colt Lang. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Dick Boyer and his first wife, Georgia "Gigi" Owen Boyer. He always said, "Two Georgias? Never had to change the monogram on the towels".

A family only service was performed at the Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix on Friday, November 29, 2013. Tom was such a good sport when Georgia brought home a foster cat or kittens from the Humane Society. Thus, memorial contributions can be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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"Tom, Pops, Gramps" was known for his great sense of humor, his integrity, and his youthfulness. No one could believe he was 81. He was so handsome and active to the end. He loved the sun, to fly fish, and his rose garden. But most of all, he loved his family. He and his wild stories and teasing ways will be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him.

Arthur W Preston, 93

Arthur W. Preston of Petoskey (formerly Essexville, Michigan) went to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Independence Village Petoskey.

Arthur was born and raised in Munger, Michigan, the son of Miles and Helen (Ellison) Preston. He graduated from Bay City Central High School. He married Cleo Porter on June 21, 1941.

They first met each other when they were 2 months old.

Arthur enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942 and was stationed in New York City. He received an honorable discharge in 1946.

Arthur returned to Essexville and civilian life and started raising mink. He and Cleo had the Valley Mink Ranch for 25 years. From there his family operated the Duchess Shop in Bay City.

He and Cleo spent their retirement years enjoying their motorhome and winters in Florida. He enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting and fishing.

Arthur is survived by his wife of 72 years, Cleo, and by his daughter Carol Hanes-Nason (William) of Boyne City and son Alan Preston (Susan) of Novato, California. His grandchild is Chad Hanes (Katy) of Petoskey. Also surviving are two great-grandsons, Benjamin and Grady. Arthur was preceded in death by three brothers, Kenneth, William, Milan and son-in-law Paul Hanes.

The Preston family wishes to lovingly thank the staff of Independence Village and the nurses of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay; their compassion and professionalism was evident in the heartfelt and extraordinary care they provided.

Arthur's life was remembered and celebrated on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at Walloon Lake Community Church. The Rev. Jeff Ellis and Rev. Ward Potts officiated.

The Preston family has requested those wishing to honor his memory consider donations to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Jeff Amesbury, 56

Jeff Amesbury of Boyne City died unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at his home.

Arrangements at this time are pending and a memorial service

will take place at a later date. Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Madelene E. Shinn Mitchell, 91

(MARCH 4, 1922 - NOV. 14, 2013)

Madelene E. Shinn Mitchell, of Boyne City, died Nov. 14, 2013. She was born March 4, 1922.

Her husband, Fred L. Mitchell, preceded her in death in 1999.

Madelene worked at A&P in Boyne City for 20 years until it closed. She and her husband bought A&W and sold it when they retired.

She loved to go to the senior center in Boyne City, the casino and camping with her kids.

Her children are: son, Pat C. Mitchell, daughter-in-law, Tess; daughter, Judy A. Mitchell Fraser; daughter, Bonnie L. Mitchell Cool, son-in-law, Roy H., all of the Boyne City/Boyne Falls area.

Granddaughter, Cristie Elzinga, sons, Jordan, Mitchell and Garrick, and their father, Darrick Struble; Grandson, Scott Elzinga, wife, Denise, and children, Aden, Jaylynn and Katie; Grandson, Robert "Bob" Genson, wife, Carol, and son, James, of Walloon Lake; Grandson, Charles J. "Joe" Gregware III, wife, Sandy, and children, Cam and Brianne, of Lapeer, Mich.; Granddaughter, Patty, husband, Craig Kellogg, and children, Caleb, and Trisha and Cory Vroman, of Buckley; Granddaughter, Beth Ann, and son, Tom Balgenorth; Dwayne Cool and Brenda Coal, of Alanson; Walt and Angie Tieber and son, Walter, of Boyne Falls; Sister, Alice Hill, and son, Joe, of Petoskey. The rest of Madelene's family is deceased. Cousins, Patty LaLone and Marilyn Fagon; Rex and Larry Judkins of Boyne City; Donna Leish, Tresha and Art Hess, sons, Colin and Cory; Vickey and Mike Kiogima and son, Mike, of Petoskey; Wayne and Sheila Carpenter and boys, of Pontiac; Roy A. "Buck," Karen, Amber and Roy Jr., Ashley Cool.

The family thanks the senior center in Boyne City and Grandvue Medical Care Facility who were great to mom, and her special angel, Dorothy. No flowers: the family of Tess and Pat Mitchell, Judy Fraser, the Cool family and Roy H. and Bonnie.

A memorial service will take place 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Nazarene Church on Morgan Street in Boyne City.

Eva J. Markee, 87

Eva J. Markee of Charlevoix and formerly of Fenton, died Nov. 23, 2013, in Charlevoix.

Scripture service was Saturday, Nov. 30, at St. Johns Church Old Stone Chapel in Fenton.

Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton.

Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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Charlevoix Public Library December 2013 Events Schedule

Exhibit: The Bergman Center of Charlevoix will host an exhibit of Mixed Media through December 2013.

Crafts: Make and Take Holiday Crafts: Each week in December, a different holiday craft will be set out for children of all ages to make.

Saturday Play Group, 10:30 a.m., December 7: Enjoy a book, a song, and an activity and have fun with birth – 5 year olds and then stop by the Alternative Gift Fair.

Gifts with a Purpose: An Alternative Giving Fair, Noon –

3:00 p.m., December 7: Several Charlevoix non-profit organizations will be in the library with information about their services. You can select the organizations you want to support, choose a “gift” level, and make a donation. You will receive a holiday card or insert for each gift you make to send out to your recipients.

LEGO Club, 3:45 p.m., December 9: Create a design and then build it with LEGO.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library: Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m., December 11: Live concert of holiday favorites featuring the library’s JATL Trio.

Genealogy Interest Group, 6:00 p.m., December 12: Enjoy the opportunity to discuss new advances in genealogy and to bring information on new research techniques.

BookTalkers Discussion, 6:00 p.m., December 16: Join the Charlevoix Library BookTalkers for a discussion of *The Floor of Heaven*, by Howard Blum.

Memoir Writing Group, 1:00 p.m., December 19: Join this group for discussion and support for writing personal memoirs.

Loose Threads: Northern Michigan Textile Artists, 12:00

p.m., December 18: Join local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs, for this informal group to discuss art and help each other with ideas and projects.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

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

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

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

Knitting Group, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays: Anyone interested in knitting is welcome to join the Knitting Group; all ideas and skill levels welcome.

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

Charlevoix Library Hosts Monthly Book Discussion Group

BookTalkers, the Charlevoix Public Library’s book discussion group, will be discussing *The Floor of Heaven*, by Howard Blum 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 16. In 1896, gold nuggets were found in a tributary of the Klondike River in the Yukon Territory. By the following year, the last great gold rush in North America was on. Like the earlier rushes, this one drew a motley throng of dreamers, entrepreneurs, rogues, and even future literary giants into it, including the three fascinating and very different men at the center of this true-life saga that combines the crime story and the frontier epic. George Carmack, a gold prospector, Charlie Siringo, a Pinkerton Agency detective, and Soapy Smith, a con artist, are intermingled as author Blum tells the true story of the gold rush to the ‘last frontier’ of Alaska and how it shaped America’s national character. This is the third of six books the

BookTalkers will discuss in conjunction with the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street exhibit, “Journey Stories,” coming to the Charlevoix Public Library in the winter of 2014.

BookTalkers is a group of readers who love to read different books that may challenge or delight. They gather monthly for lively discussions. The BookTalkers meet 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Armstrong Conference upstairs at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St. New members are always welcome. On January 20 the book of the evening will be *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis. For discussion questions, visit the book discussion page on the library’s website: www.charlevoixlibrary.org/books-movies-music/book-discussions. For more information call the library at: 231-237-7340 and ask for Beth.

Rosetta of Michigan & Four Lakes Landscape receive National recognition

Charlevoix’s Rosetta of Michigan and Four Lakes Landscape of Charlevoix and Four Lakes Landscape of Boyne Falls are pleased to announce they have received an HNA Hardscape Project Honorable Mention for the Residential - Size Less than 4,000 Square Feet category.

The Hardscape North America (HNA) Hardscape Project Awards recognize outstanding hardscape projects by contractors building residential walkways, patios, driveways, and commercial plazas, parking lots, and streets.

Using a variety of hardscape products from Rosetta of Michigan, this outdoor living space in Petoskey included a wood-fired pizza oven, a grilling and sink area, an outdoor fireplace, freestanding seat walls with caps, as well as a dining area with wet-cast Rosetta pavers underfoot. The challenge of creating this unique space was that the home is perched at the top of a steep hill; installation required extensive retaining wall construction and coordination with the home’s existing features.

Once the patio was completed, the owners needed to replace their old, cracked driveway that was looking worse and worse every year.

The homeowners were drawn to the look of natural cobblestones they had seen in Europe, but wanted something easier to walk and drive on. They chose the new wet-cast Old Mission paver from Rosetta of Michigan that integrates three sizes (6x9in., 9x9in. and 9x12in.) and is available in multiple color blends. “The combination of colors and block sizes ties in with the house really well,” the owners explained. “The driveway now has a natural looking edge and surface, but the joints are more flat so it’s easier to walk on. Even our grandkids can



ride tricycles out here without any problems.”

For the construction process, Four Lakes Landscape owner Wade Smith explained that “multiple slopes had to be met. We had to slope it away from the garage and we had two other asphalt surfaces with existing grades we had to match. The consistent size of the pavers gave us a huge advantage in achieving the proper grades.”

In its sixth year, the HNA awards program received 115 entries. Twenty winners received recognition at an awards ceremony on Friday, October 26th in Louisville, KY. Entries were judged on project intent, design, quality of construction and craftsmanship, compatibility with related construction materials and systems, construction innovation, detailing and overall design excellence.

“On behalf of the entire team at HNA, I would like to congratulate Rosetta of Michigan and Four Lakes Landscape on receiving an HNA Hardscape Project honorable mention for 2013,” said Charles McGrath,

ICPI Executive Director. “There were some excellent projects nominated in this category, and the fact that Rosetta and Four Lakes were chosen shows that they truly recognize the importance of quality construction and craftsmanship.”

“It’s an honor to receive this prestigious mention which further endorses Rosetta of Michigan’s and Four Lakes Landscape’s dedication to customer satisfaction and quality installation,” said Lindsey Manthei O’Connor, Communications Director of Rosetta of Michigan. “Receiving this recognition from the segmental concrete pavement industry is a very significant indication of our dedication to providing construction innovation and excellence to our customers.”

You can learn more about this specific project at www.discoverrosetta.com/old_mission_driveway_project.htm. To learn more about Rosetta of Michigan, visit www.discoverrosetta.com. To learn more about Four Lakes Landscape, visit www.fourlakeslandscape.com/.

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Land Information Access Association (LIAA) in the past, and if the city chooses to have LIAA facilitate the process of creating an updated Master Plan, they will be able to conduct a comprehensive planning process with the \$65K.

According to Yonker, the plan could include a placemaking charrette, a progress website, extensive public input, an emphasis on sustainability and community resiliency, extensive mapping capabilities and more.

In the future, such a Master Plan could closely be tied with grant money for community projects.

Before moving forward with the Master Plan project, City Commis-

sioners are asking whether \$65K is the dollar figure that should be spent.

Crossing into unfamiliar territory, commissioners have tabled any decision-making regarding the project until their December 17 meeting.

“I don’t know what it should cost,” said Commissioner Tony Cutler. “I don’t know if [\$65K] is good or bad.”

Cutler hopes to discuss how much a typical project like this costs at the next city commission meeting and would like to further understand the reasons behind all of the costs.

Mayor Peck reminded the commission at Tuesday’s meeting that the city would only be contributing \$15K out of the General Fund for the project no matter the total cost.

“Whoever we hire to do the plan will communicate with the community...and they will involve all of the groups within the community,” said Mayor Peck.

Looking to Christmas present, Mayor Peck reminded commissioners that the man in the big red suit will be making an appearance downtown this Thursday for East Jordan’s Community Night.

City Treasurer Heather Jackson suggests everyone come early for the soup cook-off at the East Jordan Senior Center from 5:30–7:30 pm.

The cost to take part in the judging (and tasting!) of this year’s nine different soups is only \$2. Donations are also appreciated, as all proceeds go to benefit Care & Share food pantry.

Check out this week’s News Briefs in the Charlevoix County News for a full listing of activities and times for this year’s Community Night.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at 5 pm.

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How To Maintain a Healthy Weight

By Joe Daniels

You are healthy now — and you want to stay that way. One of the best ways to maintain good health is to maintain a healthy weight level.

Eating the right foods — and the right amounts — and incorporating some exercise into your daily activities can go a long way to fend off all manners of possible health problems down the road.

If you are just finishing up a diet that helped you get to your target weight level, you may be scared that you'll be stuck dieting forever. Not so, says Amy Weld, a nutritionist at a Detroit area hospital. "Developing a new plan after the slimming down

portion of the diet is over is just as important as the diet itself.

While some successful slimmers prefer to immediately increase their calorie intake, others prefer to do it in steps. In many ways, this is a good idea as it helps you to concentrate on getting your extra calories by gradually increasing the portion sizes of the foods you're already eating rather than suddenly adding in chocolate, crisps, booze and takeaways.

Build a healthy base by eating vegetables, fruits, and grains (especially whole grains) with little added fat or sugar.

Select sensible portion sizes. Get moving. Get regular physical activity to balance calories from the foods you eat.

Set a good example for children by practicing healthy eating habits and enjoying regular physical activities together.

Keep in mind that even though heredity and the environment are important influences, your behaviors help determine your body weight.

Weld offers a possible five-step plan to maintain your new healthier weight.

Step 1 - Once you reach target, add 250 calories a day to your existing daily calorie intake. This means if you've been having 1,250 calories each day, you should now have 1,500 calories a day.

Step 2 - After a week, weigh yourself on your usual scales. You'll probably have lost a little

more weight. If so, add another 250 calories to last week's daily allowance. So, if you were having 1,500 calories a day, now have 1,750 calories daily.

Step 3 - After another week, weigh yourself again. If you've lost more weight, add an extra 250 calories to your daily intake, for example from 1,750 calories to 2,000 calories each day.

Step 4 - After another week, if your weight has stabilized that's the amount of calories you need each day to keep your new slim shape. If you've gained a tiny amount, drop your daily calorie intake by 100 calories, for example, from 2,000 calories to 1,900 calories daily. After a week, weigh yourself again. If your weight has stayed the same,

that's the amount of calories you need each day for weight maintenance. If your weight has gone up or down, juggle your daily calorie intake by 50 calories a day until your weight eventually stabilizes.

Step 5 - Weigh yourself once a week on your usual scales until you are confident that you're maintaining your healthy weight.

Weld says as important as eating right is being active. While regular trips to the gym are part of daily life for some people, that doesn't match the lifestyle of others.

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Author Inspired by Grandson

By Deb Hagen-Foley

It is considered by many to be a parent's worst nightmare - the death of a child.

Not so for Nancy Beaver. Nancy has three children, Lisa, Brian and Jess. Her son, Brian, died in January 2007, at age 27. His wife, Kristi, was pregnant with twins and was caring for their young son, Aidyn Florian.

Nancy explains, "When my son died, Aidyn was three and a half. At first, Aidyn talked and laughed with Daddy. He said he saw him, he talked to him and other people who had passed, describing people and calling them by name, and he had never met these people."

He described his paternal great-grandparents in great detail, "Gramma Bridget" was wearing a blue dress and "Grampa Tom" was holding a coffee cup. Both had passed long before Aidyn was born. He also saw his cousin Shawn, whom he had never met.

His Mom, Kristi, had no idea who he was talking about since she had never met these people either and did not recognize the names. She thought Aidyn was going crazy until she was told who these people were.

Aidyn saw his dad's lifeless body, but continued to act as though Brian was still around him. Nancy continues, "It was very comforting, not only because Aidyn was carrying on as though his daddy hadn't died, but because it was very believable, and those of us who were grieving and couldn't see Brian felt better knowing he was still with us."

Why the book?

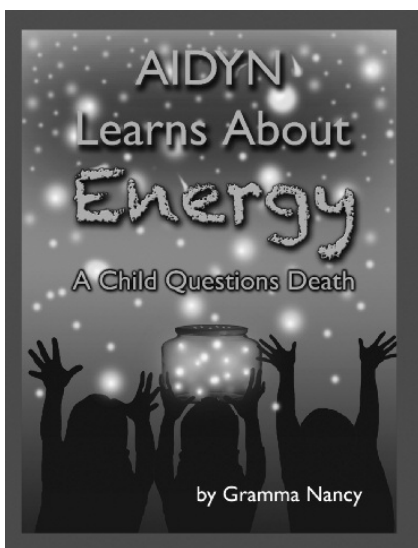
Aidyn's reaction after his dad died and Nancy's own experiences confirmed what she believed - that we don't die. The energy that makes us who we are continues after the physical body stops functioning.

When Aidyn was about five years old, he became extremely afraid of death. Aidyn would wash his hands, wouldn't touch anything and couldn't sleep because he was so afraid of dying. Nancy thought that because others around him were still mourning Brian's death, he started to question his beliefs.

"I wrote the book as a reminder of what Aidyn had taught us, that we are energy, energy never dies, and



Aidyn and Daddy Brian



love is eternal," explains Nancy.

From the introduction to "Aidyn learns about energy: A child questions death":

"My grandson, Aidyn, was 3 years old when his daddy died. At first, Aidyn talked about seeing and playing with Daddy and was frustrated that others couldn't see him. Aidyn gradually stopped talking about seeing his daddy and started being fearful of germs, and of dying. When this book idea came to me, I felt like his daddy was asking me to write it to remind Aidyn that Daddy is still with him, and that although bodies die, the energy that is who we really are lives on forever. Aidyn said that the book helped him, and that it's okay to share his story. I hope it helps you too. Gramma Nancy"

Nancy is not seeking to convince anyone to believe as she does about

death.

"My interest is in offering relief. We don't have to believe what anyone else believes. We can believe what helps us to feel best, and that can be different for everyone, at any given time," she said.

Listen to the Children

"Children are so full of joy, enthusiasm, and optimism. They remind us of what we have forgotten. Aidyn reminded me of what I had forgotten and I reminded him back. I am hopeful that the book will remind others of what they have forgotten, that we are eternal, that love is forever, and there is nothing to fear. Life is supposed to be fun. Death tends to be seen as an ending, something to fear. The book reminds us that we don't die, there is no death. We are eternal. There is nothing to fear."

Aidyn is now 10 years old. He is disappointed that he no longer sees his daddy. His younger sisters, 6-year-old twins Ava and Elli, continue to talk and play with their daddy.

"Aidyn Learns About Energy: A Child Questions Death" is available through Amazon.com <<http://Amazon.com>>. or by special request at your local bookseller. While it was written as a children's book, anyone can benefit from this simple, yet profound, message.

Illustrations by Lisa O'Keefe and Deb Jarvar; photos by Jess O'Keefe

Gifts with a Purpose Alternative Gift Fair the the Charlevoix Library

Gifts with a Purpose: An Alternative Gift Fair is an event that focuses on helping the community and people in need, just-in-time for the holiday season. Gifts with a Purpose will be hosted noon - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The fair, which focuses on Charlevoix organizations, is an opportunity for community members and businesses to "shop" non-profit organizations, making donations in honor of their friends, loved ones, teachers, and other hard to shop for people.

When a shopper comes into the fair, they will be greeted by an organization representative and receive a list of suggested giving levels. Then the shopper may go around and learn about the organizations and how they help the community. Each organization will have suggested gift donations, and how those donations specifically help. For example, a \$50.00 donation to the Outreach Food Pantry will provide meals for a family of four for one month or a \$10 donation to the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will purchase one book for the youth department. Credit cards will be accepted this year and used at the collective check-out station, thanks to the generosity of Charlevoix State Bank.

Once the shopper decides what to purchase, they will receive a gift card that can be mailed or given out to their loved ones. "My children love buying their holiday gifts for their teachers and grandparents at the Alternative Gift Fair, stated Valerie Meyerson, co-organizer and Director of the Charlevoix Public

Library, and the teachers truly appreciated the gift that kept on giving." Meyerson is excited to bring this type of fair to Charlevoix because, "the spirit of the event embodies the holiday spirit as well as the atmosphere of Charlevoix itself." Cheri Hoffman, event co-organizer and Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, is also looking forward to the event as "it doubles the act of giving - it is a unique alternative to buying a gift and at the same time can change the life of someone right here in the community."

The organizations involved in Gifts with a Purpose include: 3rd Day Fellowship & Outreach/Food Pantry/Joppa House, B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center, Bergmann Center, Inc., Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Area Humane Society, Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix Schools Foundation, Colorado Challenge, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Friends of Northwest Academy, Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Rainbow Shoppe, Serenity House—Alano Club of Charlevoix.

Snacks will once again be provided by the Aktion Club of Charlevoix, for a small donation. For further information about the fair, contact one of the co-organizers: Cheri Hoffman at 231-547-7659 or Val Meyerson at 231-547-2651.

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BOYNE CITY

Eddie Essay Contest

Boyne City Kiwanis Annual 10th grade Eddie Essay Contest. December 5th, 7am at the Early Childhood Development Center in Boyne City. 10th Grade students at Boyne City High School, Boyne Falls High School and Concord Academy Boyne where asked "If I had \$100 to give to my favorite local charity, which one would I choose and why?" The students write their essays, the best ones chosen from each school, and over all grand prize, are invited along with their families, teacher, principals and the charity they wrote about, to breakfast prepared by the Boyne City Hospitality class. The students then read their essay and present a check to the winning charity. This is an amazing positive and wonderful emotionally heart-felt event, teaching writing, skills, public speaking, and civic and charitable giving.

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

EAST JORDAN

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

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.

PETOSKEY

Rainwater runoff

North Central Michigan College's Luncheon Lecture will take a look at the pollution and damage from storm water runoff on Friday, Dec. 6 in the Library conference room on the Petoskey campus. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with the lecture starting at noon. The college's Rick Barber and Jennifer Gelb, a restoration ecologist with the Watershed Protection Team of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, will explain how rainwater runoff from parking lots hurts the environment. They will show how NCMC's natural area is undoing some of the damage, naturally. They will explain some of the simple steps you can take to do the same. Cost for the event is \$10 and includes lunch. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 to reserve your place at the table.

CHARLEVOIX

Business breakfast

Friday, December 6th, for Business Breakfast at Fox Motors of Charlevoix from 7:30-8:30am! Enjoy a delicious breakfast while you're informed on community info and Chamber updates. Guest speaker, Ginger Stevens of Joppa House, will also have some updates to share.

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

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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.

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. 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.

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EAST JORDAN

Christmas Concert

Jingle all the way to the Jordan Valley Community Band Annual Christmas Concert. Sunday, December 8 at 3PM in the Community Auditorium at the EJ High School. Featuring the Harmony Hunters, Guest Conductor - Ellen Addington, Conductors - Becky Palmiter & Dee Kelly. Admission is free.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Greenery Gathering

Sunday, December 8 at 1 p.m. at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center

in East Jordan. Suggested donation: \$15-\$25. Proceeds support the center. Registration encouraged – call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org, or leave us a message at www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm. Wagbo friend and creative force Alana Haley (Roots and Wings Herbs) will help us create a wreath, swag, kissing ball or centerpiece for the holidays. It's easier than you think and you'll be amazed at what you create! Greens, twigs, berries and cones provided. If you plan to make a wreath, please bring a grapevine wreath to use as a form.

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

Hats, Mitten and Socks

Bring hats, mittens and socks to East Jordan's Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank or Huntington Bank between November 25 and December 13 and hang them on the Christmas Tree. Care & Share will distribute them along with their local Christmas Gifting project.

BAY HARBOR

Santa Fun Run 1K

Come trot, skip or run in the 1st Annual Santa Fun Run 1K on Sat. Dec. 14 at 4pm. The run will take place along a short, mapped out area in the Village at Bay Harbor. Wear your Santa suits, elf hats or even Grinch gear! We would love to see everyone get very creative in their costuming. Register before December 10th to receive an event t-shirt and a chance to win movie tickets, cash prizes, gift cards from local merchants and more! Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with Santa post race. All proceeds from the Santa Fun Run 1K will benefit the local Toys for Tots Program.

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HarborHabitatRestorePhoto; Customers shopping at the Habitat for Humanity Restore facility in Harbor Springs not only enjoy huge savings in price, they are helping to build the new home dreams of the families the Habitat organization helps each year. COURTESY PHOTO

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore helps build dreams

When someone purchases an item from the vast inventory of new and gently used home improvement products at the 9,500 square foot Habitat for Humanity Restore facility in Harbor Springs, they not only enjoy huge savings in price, they are helping to build the new home dreams of the families the Habitat organization helps each year. It is truly a win-win situation, the expansion of a vision that began back in 1976 when Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity. To date, over 400,000 affordable houses have been built by Habitat affiliates, housing more than 2 million people worldwide.

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore Director, Bob Bystrom, states, "There were 28 Restores in Michigan when we started this one four years ago. Today there are approximately 50 here in Michigan, and over 800 nationwide. We offer a wide variety of

home improvement items, such as windows, doors, plumbing and electrical products, lawn and garden products, light fixtures, paint and more."

The inventory also includes a constantly changing selection of gently used furniture and home accessories. About the only type of item they don't carry is clothing, and as with every Habitat for Humanity Restore in the state, they no longer accept box springs or mattresses.

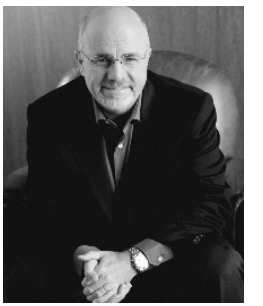
Bystrom notes that local businesses, area contractors, and people in the community donate the vast majority of the items offered in the store. Since Habitat for Humanity Restore is a non-profit organization, those donations are typically tax-deductible for the donor. Proceeds from the sales at the Restore are utilized to assist affiliate Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity build quality, energy efficient, new home for families in Emmet and

Charlevoix Counties.

"When we open our doors back in March of 2007," Bystrom recalls, "Norwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity was building approximately one and a half homes per year. That capacity has now jumped to four to five homes per year, and last year there were seven active projects. Since opening, we also estimate that we have diverted approximately 11,000 tons of waste that would have ended up in landfills."

Harbor Springs Habitat for Humanity Restore is located at 8460 M-119 in Harbor Springs, and hours of operations are Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For details, call 231-347-8440 or visit www.northwest-mihabitat.org/Restore.htm

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

The baby timeline

Dear Dave,

I'm in the military, and my wife and I have \$13,000 in the bank along with \$35,000 in a Roth IRA. We also have no debt, and we put \$3,500 into our savings account each month. Our new baby is due to arrive in January, so do you think this would be a good time to buy our first home?

Tom

Dear Tom,

Based on the market alone, it's a great time to buy a house. Interest rates are fantastic, and prices are recovering but still buyer-friendly. However, considering your wife's delivery date and the fact that it takes a while to find and complete the process of buying a home, I think I'd wait on this. Moving is stressful enough under normal circumstances, but combining that with a pregnancy could shoot your wife's stress levels into the stratosphere. I really don't think you want to do that to her. And speaking as an old married guy, it's something you don't want to experience, either.

Another thing to consider is if there's a good chance you'll be reassigned in the next four or five years. We work with the military a lot, and that means we see people who buy, and get stuck with, homes all over the country. These places usually become rental homes because they don't sell quickly. And this is a situation you want to avoid because being a long-distance landlord is a real pain.

If everything falls into place, you could easily have enough set aside for a big down payment a few months after the baby arrives. At that point, things will feel a little more settled. I know the temptation is great right now to move into a place you can call your own, but you want buying a home to be a blessing, not a curse. Take a little more time, and see how things feel career- and family-wise in a few months. That's my advice.

—Dave

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BAY HARBOR

Holidazzle Lighted Parade

Come be dazzled by the lighted floats created by our local area schools among the twinkling lights in the Village on Dec. 14 at 5:30pm. The Village at Bay Harbor is giving out \$750, \$500 and \$350 cash prizes to the class, organization or sports team with the best lighted float! This friendly competition is open to all schools in the Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Pellston and Harbor Springs area. You won't want to miss the Santa Fun Runners who will be kicking off the parade and a very special performance by the Petoskey Steel Drum Band Double-Decker Bus! Come on down and cheer for your favorite float during the season of giving

CHARLEVOIX

A Visit with Santa Claus in the Firehouse

Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighter's Association Presents A Visit With Santa Claus in the Firehouse! Bring the kids to see Santa arrive on a fire truck, food, drinks, and a movie! All inside, out of the weather. Pictures are available. December 14 11am-2pm at the Charlevoix Fire Department, 210 State St.

EAST JORDAN

Citizen of the Year

Nomination forms for the 2014 Citizen of the year are available at the Chamber Office or on our website at www.ejchamber.org. Forms need to be filled out and returned to the Chamber Office by December 13, 2013.

EAST JORDAN

Santa visit

Saturday, Dec. 14 at Log

Building Tourist Park (Lighted Christmas Village), 6 PM – 8 PM

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch music

The December Back Porch Music Event will be held on Saturday, December 14th, featuring Cal Manis. The featured performer will share music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Following the scheduled performer, we will have a "circle jam session". Cal has generously offered that all donations at the door for this special evening of music will go toward the Back Porch food costs. As always, soups, coffee, cookies will be available at no additional charge. The Back Porch music events are held at the Charlevoix Senior Center Building. Remember, this is a Community Event~ for All Ages! Directions to the Charlevoix Senior Center: From US-31 (Bridge St.), turn west on Carpenter St. (between the Pizza Hut and Flap Jack Shack) to corner of Carpenter and Sheridan St.

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

Visit Santa

Visit Santa Claus at the East Jordan Community Pool on December 14th from 12 – 2 PM. Santa won't be swimming, there will be open swim for everyone for \$2. Bring your cameras to take a picture of your child with Santa.

EAST JORDAN

Community Potluck and Program: Winter Nature Hike

Saturday, December 14 at

noon at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. Free and family friendly. Registration encouraged – call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org. Join us for lunch at the farmhouse and then head out with Resident Naturalist Fischer Jex to take in the beauty of early winter on the Wagbo property. A short trail hike through field and forest can work wonders to undo the stress of the holiday season. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, but not required to join us for lunch. Program portion of this event will begin after our meal, at approximately 1 p.m. Donations always appreciated.

EAST JORDAN

Pet photos with Santa

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

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Program & Service

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

EAST JORDAN

Northwoods Family Nature Club: Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m. at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. Free and family friendly. Registration encouraged – call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org. Attend our monthly gathering of families with children of any age. We have the simple mission of relatively unstructured playtime in the natural world. It's also a great time for parents to meet and talk to other adults while the kids romp and explore. This month we will leave from the farmhouse at Wagbo to play a Winter Scavenger Hunt Bingo. While we're exploring, we also hope to find some goodies in nature to take home to decorate our homes for the season. All ages can participate.

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 & ELLSWORTH

BUSINESS HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Proudly sponsored by Charlevoix County News. Bring some Christmas Cheer to our towns! Entry Deadline - Monday, December 16th and Judging - Thursday, December 19th. Contact the Chamber of Commerce to register.

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

Business after Hours

Bella Vita restaurant will host the Chamber's holiday Business after Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. The casual fine dining Italian restaurant is located at 2911 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. There is no charge for admission, hors d'oeuvres or refreshments.

ADVANCE

Historical info wanted

We are preparing a historical display for Advance, Michigan. If you have historical photos, information or stories regarding Advance we would like you to submit them to Edward May III to use in the display. Info regarding school, industries, buildings, people or other material is welcome. Please call Edward May III at 231-582-7266 or edmay111@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

BASES Community Education Series

2nd Wednesday's - October thru April from 6:30-7:30pm (no charge for these presentation or materials) All presentations conducted at BASES Teen Center. Topics include: Developmental Model of Recovery / Relapse, Relationships in Recovery, Emerging Drug Trends, Dealing with Other Addictions in Recovery, Raising Drug Free Kids, Young People in Recovery, Brain Training for Addiction Recovery. Attend one or all, no pre-registration required, call (231) 547-1144 for more information.

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 POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 18, 2013

3:24am Removed tree from Silver and Charlevoix St
3:41am Removed tree from Morgan and Lake St
3:52am Removed tree from Anderson and Marshall Rd
9:30am Report of missing medications from the 300 block of E Division St
12:21pm Private property dam age accident in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
12:40pm Vehicle unlock in the the 100 block of E Water St
7:29pm Citation issued for speed at Lake and Groveland
8:04pm Assist Sheriff Dept on Bersano Dr
11:25pm Assist EMS in the 400 block of North St

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

12:31am Assist Sheriff Department in the 300 block of E Division St
5:32am 911 hang up call from the 1000 block of Boyne Av
11:15am Assist to Cheboygan County SO in the 300 block of Silver St
3:17pm Arrested subject for DWLS. Citation for refusing PBT
3:20pmReport of missing jewelry.
5:47pm Assist Fire Dept in the 1100 block of Charlevoix St
11:36pm Suspicious situation in the 200 block of E Water St

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

5:33am Assist Sheriff Department with car deer accident near Young State Park
12:55pm Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
3:08pm Unlock vehicle in the 800

block of S Park
3:28pm Found property in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
3:45pm 911 hang up call in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
5:06pm Assist MSP and Sheriff Dept on OWI arrest
5:44pm Report of dog trapped behind fence on the boardwalk. Was gone on arrival.

Thursday, November 21, 2013

8:27am Probation violation in the 300 block of N Lake St
11:41am Welfare check requested in the 800 block of S Park St
6:45pm Driving complaint on East ST
7:30pm Suspicious subjects reported on Adams St
9:14pm Harassment complaint reported from the 400 block of Hemlock
10:42pm Assist Sheriff Dept with warrant arrest on Wilson Rd

Friday, November 22, 2013

1:13am Alarm in the 1200 block of Lakeshore Dr
5:08am Citation issued for speed at Lake and River St
6:00am Suspicious situation at Park and Groveland
10:14am Hit and run accident in the Industrial Park
12:00pmFuneral escort
2:00pm Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
6:56pm Retail fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St

Saturday, November 23, 2013

6:20am Hit and run property dam age accident at East and Water. Citation issued for disobey stop sign
7:22am Assist Sheriff Dept with accident on 131
7:15pm Driving complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
10:48pm Driving complaint on Hannah St

Sunday, November 24, 2013

1:17amArrested subject for OWI
9:07am Towed abandoned vehicle from Front and Second St
1:25pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:07pm Property dam age accident on Lake St near Vogel
6:22pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

November 18-24, 2013

Abandoned Vehicle.....1
Abuse.....0
Alarm.....12
Animal Complaint.....17
Annoyance.....1
Assault.....1
Assist Citizen.....2
Assist Motorist.....1
Assist Other Agency.....5
Attempt to Locate.....3
Attempted Suicide.....1
Bank Alarm.....0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....0
Car/Deer Accident.....11
Citations Issued.....4
Civil Complaint.....2
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
Death.....0
Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....2
DNR Complaint.....1
Domestic Dispute.....0
Driving Complaint.....3
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....0
Fraud.....1
Health & Safety.....1
Hit & Run.....0
Intoxicated Person.....0

Juvenile.....2
Larceny.....0
Lockout.....7
Lost Property.....1
Malicious Destruction of Property ..0
Mental Subject.....1
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....1
Operating Under the Influence ..1
Paper Service.....11
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....3
Personal Protection Order.....0
Private Property Accident.....0
Property Check.....26
Property Dam age Accident.....7
Prowler.....1
Road Hazard.....6
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....5
Threat.....1
Traffic Stop.....33
Trespassing.....1
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....4
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

November 25-December 1, 2013

911 Hang Up Call.....0
Abandoned Vehicle.....0
Abuse.....0
Alarm.....7
Animal Complaint.....13
Annoyance.....4
Assault.....0
Assist Citizen.....1
Assist Motorist.....10
Assist Other Agency.....13
Attempt to Locate.....1
Attempted Suicide.....0
Bank Alarm.....0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....1

Car/Deer Accident.....13
Citations Issued.....7
Civil Complaint.....1
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
Death.....0
Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....3
DNR Complaint.....2
Domestic Dispute.....2
Driving Complaint.....0
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....2
Fraud.....0
Health & Safety.....0
Hit & Run.....0
Intoxicated Person.....0
Juvenile.....3
Larceny.....3
Lockout.....10
Lost Property.....0
Malicious Destruction of Property ..1
Mental Subject.....2
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....2
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....0
Operating Under the Influence ..2
Paper Service.....5
Parking Violation.....0
Personal Injury Accident.....2
Personal Protection Order.....1
Private Property Accident.....0
Property Check.....25
Property Dam age Accident ..12
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....3
Snowmobile Violation.....1
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....3
Threat.....0
Traffic Stop.....20
Trespassing.....3
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
Vehicle in the Ditch.....7
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

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- Federal stimulus funding for food stamps expired at the end of October, reducing food stamps by \$36.00 a month per person.
- 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.
- **Good Samaritan is the resource of last resort since 1990.**
- **We must keep hope alive.**

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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 Witek 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 Treas-

urer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712.

BOYNE CITY

Trail Town committee

The City of Boyne City is looking for people interested in serving on a committee to develop a "Trail Town" master plan. A Trail Town is a community that uses its trail system as the focal point of a tourism-centered strategy for economic development and local revitalization. Trail Town efforts involve all types of trails including non-motorized, snowmobile, lake and river, and 4-wheel. Applications of interest to serve on the "Trail Town" committee are due by noon Monday, Nov. 25, and are available at City Hall and on the city website. The work of the committee is expected to begin in early December and be completed by late spring or early summer. Once organized, the committee will be meeting at least once per month

EAST JORDAN

Winter farmers market

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

EAST JORDAN

Christmas tree sale

Saturday, thru 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 7 PM
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 at 231-582-4660 or e-mail to janso@ja.org.

BOYNE CITY

Ice pole

The downtown Boyne City ice pole has returned to Sunset Park behind the Chamber office. The pole was installed Wednesday by city crews. The water that creates the ice on the pole will be turned on when we get some below-freezing temperatures. The pole has not been put up the last two winters in favor of the downtown ice skating rink. The rink is not being installed this year because it wasn't used as much as city officials hoped it would be. It is possible the rink could be used in the future at another location such as Veterans Park. The ice pole was started about 34 years ago and has been a popular photo spot for locals and visitors.

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.

SHANAHAN'S PRIME

New Years Eve

Dinner Buffet Menu:

- ✓ Prime Rib & Pork Loin Carving Station
- ✓ Seafood Pasta
- ✓ Redskin Potatoes
- ✓ Spatzels with Sausage & Peppers
- ✓ Mixed Vegetables
- ✓ Cheese & Charcuterie Platter
- ✓ Plated House Salad & Desserts

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New Years Eve

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- ✓ Seafood Pasta
- ✓ Redskin Potatoes
- ✓ Spatzels with Sausage & Peppers
- ✓ Mixed Vegetables
- ✓ Cheese & Charcuterie Platter
- ✓ Plated House Salad & Desserts

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee Distributes \$21,923 in Grants

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has distributed \$21,923 in grants to eight local nonprofit agencies to fund programs that benefit young people. Their efforts leveraged additional support from other funds, bringing the grant total to more than \$28,000.

Started in 1992, the YAC was organized to engage local high school students in philanthropy, while also giving them important skills in leadership. Sixteen students, representing Beaver Island, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Northwest Academy high schools, comprise the group. "With YAC I feel like I can make a real change in my community. This is important to me because these programs do so much for youth that it's nice to be able to support them. As a YAC member I have the opportunity to donate my time, talent and treasure," reflected Senior YAC member, Erin Yafen Boyle, of Beaver Island School. Boyle is also the President of the YAC Executive Committee.



YAC Members (back from left): Erin Yafen Boyle, Timothy Roback, Kelsi Churchill, Jill Solomon, Andrew Drenth, Olivia Cary, Montana Thompson, Josh Lange, Emily Matelski, Kiana Kuhs, Noah Carson, (front from left) Emily Boyle, Hannah Davis, Landon Kartes, Jacob Nachazel, J.J. Wachler.

During each grant cycle, the YAC conducts formal interviews with the organizations submitting proposals to learn more about the proposed projects. "My favorite part about being in YAC is definitely seeing the projects we funded really helping people. Without YAC's support, some of

these projects may not have even happened," stated Jill Solomon of Boyne City High School, a Senior YAC member and the Secretary of the YAC Executive Committee. The following agencies received YAC support this spring: B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center (\$2,413) for computerized babies for their

teen pregnancy prevention program.

Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. (\$4,200) to purchase a Mobility Mat for the ski slope and beach.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation (\$5,000) for the Fit-4-Life-Kids healthy living program.

Inland Seas Education Association (\$3,000) for scholarships for family science sails.

Junior Achievement of Michigan Great Lakes (\$2,500) to provide financial and economic literacy programs in grades K-12.

Northern Community Mediation (\$1,788) for a laptop and printer for school-based mediation sessions to address truancy.

Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan (\$6,000) for Project Smart & Healthy for teen pregnancy & infection prevention.

Raven Hill Discovery Center (\$3,234) for the G.E.A.R. U.P. hands on robotics science program.

The Youth Fund, from which the YAC direct grants, topped the \$1,000,000 mark in 2001, and now boasts more than \$1,200,000 in as-

sets. Since its inception, the YAC has granted more than \$750,000 to projects and programs that benefit Charlevoix County youth. The growth of the fund and the financial support that has been poured back into the community emphasize the power of endowment and the good work that endowed funds make possible.

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

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MEDICARE NEWS

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2014

Hopefully all Medicare beneficiaries are aware that we are currently in the Medicare Open Enrollment Period. The time for new enrollments runs from October 15th through December 7th. This is when new enrollments can take place for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans for the upcoming year.

Each year can bring about changes in the Medicare drug plan offerings as follows:

Often there are new plans offered and some are terminated. Monthly premiums often change. Drugs that are approved for coverage under plan (formularies) can change. The deductibles often change. The co-pay charges can vary from year-to-year.

Existing plans may not provide the same level of coverage in the donut hole or gap.

These are just a few reasons that Medicare beneficiaries should review their prescription drug plans each year, even if their list of medications remains the same.

There are currently 31 stand-alone prescription drug insurance plans authorized by Medicare for 2014. In addition, there are another 5 plans that are under sanction and may possibly be available for the upcoming year, providing that the plan sponsors are able to demonstrate to Medicare that they can meet all of the requirements going forward.

While there are a large number of drug plans available, it is important to keep in mind that the only way to make a correct choice is to do an analysis using Medicare's Plan Finder located at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan>. Once the personal information and medications are entered, plans can be compared to determine which are going to work best. Enrollment in a different plan can also be done using the same website. If a Medicare beneficiary wants to stay in the same plan for 2014, then nothing needs to be done, presuming that their plan is still available for next year.

For those who do not feel comfortable doing their own online plan search, help is available from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Trained counselors can help with plan comparisons and also screen

for eligibility in the Extra Help Program that can assist with prescription drug and premium costs; and also screen for eligibility in Medicaid health benefits.

Please call 800-803-7174 to reach counselor. This is a message-only line and callers will

be asked to leave their contact information so a MMAP Team Member can return the call. This is a very busy time of the year for our staff, but we try to return calls in the order in which they are received, as soon as possible.

Here is a listing of all of the Medicare prescription drugs plans offered in Michigan along with their monthly premium cost:

Plan Name	Monthly Premium	Plan Name	Monthly Premium
AARP MedicareRx Enhanced	\$88.40	EnvisionRxPlus Silver	\$32.20
AARP MedicareRx Preferred	\$38.80	Express Scripts Medicare - Choice	\$65.90
AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus	\$22.20	Express Scripts Medicare - Value	\$36.80
Advantage-Plus Meridian	\$29.40	First Health Part D Essentials	\$47.10
Aetna CVS/pharmacy Prescription Drug Plan	\$31.00	First Health Part D Premier Plus	\$95.60
Aetna Medicare Rx Premier	\$108.40	First Health Part D Value Plus	\$42.50
Alliance Medicare RX	\$67.50	HealthMarkets Value Rx	\$30.20
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure	\$26.40	Humana Enhanced	\$45.60
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Max	\$102.90	Humana Preferred Rx Plan	\$22.80
Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Xtra	\$71.20	Humana Walmart Rx Plan	\$12.60
Cigna-HealthSpring Rx -Reg 13	\$31.30	MedicareRx Rewards Standard	\$52.50
EnvisionRxPlus Silver	\$32.20	Prescription Blue Option A	\$62.80
Express Scripts Medicare - Choice	\$65.90	Prescription Blue Option B	\$98.30
Express Scripts Medicare - Value	\$36.80	Symphonix Rite Aid Value Rx	\$29.00
First Health Part D Essentials	\$47.10	Transamerica MedicareRx Choice	\$51.50
First Health Part D Premier Plus	\$95.60	Transamerica MedicareRx Classic	\$45.50
First Health Part D Value Plus	\$42.50	United American - Enhanced	\$57.80
HealthMarkets Value Rx	\$30.20	United American - Select	\$30.00
Humana Enhanced	\$45.60	WellCare Classic	\$16.10
Humana Preferred Rx Plan	\$22.80	WellCare Extra	\$44.60

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 5 Wii Bowling	Friday, December 6 11am-12pm Cousin's Music Raffle	Monday, December 9 Foot Clinic Linedance Bingo	Tuesday, December 10 Brown-Bag Bingo	Wednesday, December 11	Thursday, December 12 Wii Bowling
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 5 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, December 6 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, December 9 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, December 10 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wednesday, December 11 Foot Clinic ODAWA CASINO TRIP! 1pm Bingo	Thursday, December 12 11am Chair Yoga Class Roger Hartson Music 1pm Pinochle
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Thursday, December 5 KARAOKE DAY! Santa Down Town	Friday, December 6 10:30am Exercise 11am Backwoods Maestros Bingo/Raffle	Monday, December 9 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10am Exercise	Tuesday, December 10 11am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wednesday, December 11 10:30am Exercise	Thursday, December 12 Foot Clinic KARAOKE DAY!
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