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Fireworks to Electrify New Years Eve Event

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Council Members approved the Charlevoix Bridge Drop New Year's Eve festivities to include a fireworks display and started discussing plans to sell bonds for improvements to the Waste Water treatment plant.

Community members involved in organizing the second annual Bridge Drop event are excited to introduce fireworks to the festivities this year. Dan Barron, President of the Venetian Festival Board of Directors, requested permission for a small scale display with a lower alti-

tude than the larger fireworks used at Venetian Festival which are fired from water barges further from the crowds.

The proposed fireworks would fire above the northern bank of the Pine River Channel and to the south of the channel toward Lake Michigan. The display would last close to five minutes and be dependent on the weather conditions that evening. City Council was asked to approve this display, which will be the first land based display since Venetian Festival of 1997.

In that year a tragic incident occurred due to land based fireworks. The fireworks were launched from trailers near the water when one of the shells exploded too soon and sent shards of the trailer into the nearby crowd, injuring multiple people and killing one man. Organizers made it clear that the fireworks planned for use at the Bridge Drop will follow all safety guidelines.

"It's as safe as we can make it," said founder Rick Randall. He went on to explain that the shells and amount of fireworks would be much smaller scale than those used in 1997, and that the display would use the most up to date codes and ordinances.

The Council voted to approve the permit pending approval of the Coast Guard in Sault Ste. Marie.

In addition, the Council approved the beginning stages of a bond selling project meant to support Wastewater Treatment plant improvements that will hopefully be completed by the end of 2015. These bonds would not be supported by general taxes but rather by the fees collected for them.

Council gave the go ahead for bonding the project out as the first step in financing the improvements. The bonds will be issued for 20 years at an

interest rate of 2.5% and will be sold by the Michigan Finance Authority. The project is estimated at roughly 12 million dollars, which City Manager Ron Straebel explains is a high estimate that may not be the actual cost. Many resolutions will need to be passed by City Council before the bonds can officially start selling.

The bond issue will be taken up further at the December 16th meeting, when the scope of the project will be further explained.

Boyne City Elementary School named Apple Distinguished School

Boyne City Elementary School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2013-2015 for its innovation and transformation of student and staff learning with tech-

The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments.

"iPad and other tools are transforming how students are learning," said former elementary principal Fred Sitkins. "With prompts from their teachers, students are discovering and learning in a much deeper fashion. The school's mission is to develop life-long learners and these tools - along with our teachers - are giving students the resources to find and discover knowledge.'

Teaching staff, too, are capitalizing on the technology and transforming how they're teaching, he said. "They have been completely reinvigorated," Sitkins said.

Boyne City Elementary Interim Principal Mark Fralick noted that with tools like iPad and Apple TV, students are at the forefront on how they learn new information, process it and present that knowledge to



Boyne City Elementary students (from left) Jagger Nicholls, Amelia Lorencz-Krell, Elizabeth McHugh, and Kaden Reynolds use iPad 1:1 technology during an outdoor educational outing.

their peers, teachers, parents and community.

"We are guiding our students in learning digital skills that are essential for success in the 21st Century," Fralick said.

The selection of Boyne City Elementary School as an Apple Distinguished School highlights the school's success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic achievement.

"With tools like iPad and iTunes U our teachers are now

able to create, curate, and deploy content to students," Fralick added. "Teachers customize students' learning with materials that fit their level and learning style. Our young learners are able to revisit information for a deeper level of understanding and explore ideas and questions like never before. It is truly amazing how our students are sharing this knowledge with the world by creating videos, presentations, and digital books," he said.

Snyder Announces Candidacy for Judge of the 33rd Circuit Court

CHARLEVOIX. MI - Charlevoix County attorney Valerie Snyder has announced her candidacy for Judge of the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix County.

Snyder has been engaged in the private practice of law for



Charlevoix County attorney Valerie Snyder

nearly 17 years, and currently owns her own general practice firm, Valerie K. Snyder, P.C., in Charlevoix. She handles legal matters in a broad range of practice areas, including real estate, family law, estate planning and administration, and civil litigation. She has experience representing clients in trial and appellate courts, as well as in a multitude of administrative proceedings before both state and local boards.

Public service is nothing new for Snyder, as she has previously held both elected and appointed positions in local government. She served on the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission before being elected to the Charlevoix City Council. She was later twice-elected to serve on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

Presently, Snyder is in her second term on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education.

In addition to her experience in local government, Snyder has volun-

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HIGH: Low 20's LOW: Mid 10's

SUNDAY

HIGH: Mid 10's LOW: Mid 00's

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	2013-14Amt	2012-13Amt
Atlanta	12/9/20138.1	12/10/20121
Charlevoix	12/9/20139.7.	12/10/20122.8
East Jordan	12/9/201318	12/10/20127.4
Gaylord	12/9/201346.4.	12/10/201212.2
Mio	12/9/20139.8.	12/10/2012 2.2
Onaway	12/9/201316.9	12/10/2012 7.2
Patnekay	12/0/2013 23.7	12/10/2012 2.6

record temps

Day	Avg. High	.Avg. Low	Record High	Record Low
12	35°F	22°F	56°F (1949)	-13°F (1989)
13	35°F	22°F	50°F (1991)	-13°F (1995)
14	34°F	22°F	59°F (1975)	8°F (1954)
15	34°F	21°F	51°F (1997)	7°F (2007)
16	34°F	21°F	56°F (1984)	4°F (1961)
17	34°F	21°F	54°F (1984)	-11°F (1973)
18	33°F	20°F	47°F (1949)	1°F (1973)

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Awards \$185,869 in Grants

The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved \$185,869 in grants, including \$10,800 to the North Central Michigan College Foundation to purchase computer stations for a mobile training unit, dedicated to training area students and workers with the latest manufacturing skills to meet the needs of today's

Other grants awarded include: \$9,033 to the Beaver Island Association, to establish the Beaver Island Birding Trail.

\$5,033 to the Beaver Island Community Development Company, to install air conditioning units at the Forest View Community Building.

\$4,033 to the Beaver Island Historical Society, for a feasibility study for museum expansion.

\$1,000 to purchase tools for the Boyne City Public Schools Blaze Robotics Team.

\$4,400 to the Boyne Falls Public Schools for equipment for the Hoop

\$5,335 to the Boyne Valley Food Pantry to purchase food items. \$3,000 to Camp Daggett, for an irrigation system to control erosion.

\$5,368 to the Charlevoix Area Hu-

industrial job providers.

mane Society, for an eight unit Cat Condo. \$2,000 to the Charlevoix Historical Society, for a film documentary

on Earl Young. \$2,250 to the Charlevoix Public Library, for a historical jazz music

and dance program.

\$6,000, to Charlevoix Township, for a pathway portion of the recre-

ation improvement plan. \$2,000 to Child and Family Services, to purchase updated market-

ing resource materials. \$1,500 to the City of Boyne City to retrofit the Veteran's Park pavilion into a multi-use structure.

\$500 to the City of Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, for the art in public places project.

\$4,225 for the Leadership Charlevoix County project to achieve non-profit status. \$20,000 to the City of East Jor-

dan, to develop a regional Master Plan for East Jordan and environs. \$3,924 to the City of East Jordan,

for equipment for an EMS emergency vehicle. \$1,250 to Crooked Tree Arts Cen-

ter, for the Lightwire Theatre performance in Boyne City. \$3,500 to the Disability Net-

work-Northern Michigan, to create a smart phone app to identify

handicap-friendly places in Charlevoix County.

\$3,000 to East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry, for holiday food

\$3,097 to the East Jordan Ecumenical Ministerial Association, for emergency home heating, utility shutoffs, and rental assistance.

\$1,000 to East Jordan Public Schools, for college tours for East Jordan and Boyne City Public School juniors.

\$5,000 to Good Samaritan Family Services for the emergency heating assistance program.

\$4,200 to Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra for the March 16, 2014 orchestral performance to be held in Charlevoix.

\$1,500 to Hospice of Northwest Michigan for support for cancer patients and their families.

\$4,705 to the Michigan Land Use Institute for the "Taste the Local Difference" marketing and research project to be conducted in Charlevoix.

\$4,000 to Michigan Trout Unlimited, to hire an intern to identify limiting factors for fisheries in the Bovne River.

\$6,005 to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, for the Charlevoix Storm water Pollution Detection program, in partnership with the City of Charlevoix.

\$4,688 to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, for a water quality and economic health research proj-

Also included in this grant cycle, were grants totaling \$25,388 awarded to East Jordan Public Schools, and another \$21,923 in awards from the Youth Fund to various local non-profit organizations providing services and programs to benefit Charlevoix County youth.

The grants represent distributions from a wide range of donor advised, field of interest and unrestricted community foundation funds. "The endowed funds provide a healthy base from which the grant dollars initiate, and our donor advised funds finish the grant making work. All in all, many generous donors partner together to meet a vast array of community needs. Once again, our donors have responded to leverage the dollars that work so well through the community foundation." said Maureen Radke, Program Officer.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix

County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development, and various civic projects. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents and nonprofit organization.

Since it was founded in 1992, the foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$27 million, and grants and scholarships totaling more than \$13.7 million have been distributed for the common good.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is March 1, 2014. For more information about grantmaking opportunities, or the community foundation, call 231/536-2440, or visit the foundation's website at www.c3f.org.

NCMC Partnering with Petoskey High School to offer a cost free college degree

Starting this winter, Petoskey High School students will be able to embark on an educational journey that will result in a high school diploma and college degree at no cost to them as part of North Central Michigan College's Early College partnership with the Public Schools of Petoskey. The Early College is a pilot program with Petoskey High School. It is open to 2013-2014 Petoskey High School sophomores and offers these students free North Central tuition and textbooks for three and onehalf years and allows students to receive both their high school aipioma and associate degree after their fifth year of high school. Students will complete

their course work at their high school and at North Central's Petoskey campus.

"The goal of the Early College is to provide students and parents an exceptional academic experience that promotes student success through achieving a college credential while reducing the time and expense of college education beyond high school," states Dr. Cameron Brunet-Koch, president of North Central Michigan College. "Increasing the number of area residents with college degrees is an important regional and national goal."

Participating students will realize significant college tuition cost savings and be on an accelerated path to a college degree and career," states Dr. John Scholten, superintendent of the Public Schools of Petoskey. "In addition, students will have the opportunity for personalized support services to gain greater success while in college.

Students will be selected for admission into Early College in accordance with North Central and Petoskey High School admission requirements. Students who are accepted into the Early College will work with advisors and counselors from the high school and North Central to develop their educational plan leading to the completion of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements, as well as an associate degree from North Central upon successful completion of Early College.

A major benefit of the program is the opportunity it provides students to reduce the cost of a college education. "This agreement will allow Petoskey High School students to complete an associate degree and a high school diploma at the same time," noted President Brunet-Koch. "This will result in substantial savings in time spent earning a bachelor's degree and significantly reduce student debt."

For more information about Early College, contact Wendy Fought, director of student outreach and engagement, at 231-439-6349 or or visit.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey. Through its University Center partnerships, students can take courses leading to certificates, bachelors and master's degrees from participating universities. North Central's Corporate and Community Education offers workforce training, professional development seminars and personal interest workshops. In addition to its main campus in Petoskey, North Central offers classes, academic advising, testing and other services in Cheboygan and Gaylord. North Central is an Achieving the Dream Leader College and a Military-Friendly School®.

meetings on Dec. 12, there

will be an all-day open

working session on Fri-

p.m. where members of

the Environment Architects team will compile all

public input meetings

designs for the facility.

and work on preliminary

The work session will be

held in Boyne City Hall Auditorium and everyone

is invited to stop by and

The "Planning the

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the information and input they received from the

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City hosting Planning the **Pavilion Charrette**

The City of Boyne City is hosting a three-day "Planning the Pavilion" charrette for the Veterans Park Pavilion Project with several opportunities for all interested members of the public to offer their comments and

The City is exploring the possibility of creating a year-round, multi-activity structure in Veterans Park for residents and organizations which could also be a permanent home for the Boyne City Farmers Market. The adaptation and reuse of the existing pavilion will be one of the possibilities explored.

A charrette is an intense collaborative process that brings stakeholders together in a series of meetings to solicit input and develop possible design solutions, in this case the Veterans Park Pavilion.

The "Planning the Pavilion" charrette is being led by Environment Architects of Traverse City. They will host a public input meeting in the Boyne City Hall Auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. All members of the public who have an interest in the park are encouraged to attend. To make sure enough materials are available for those attending, RSVPs are requested. You can register by calling city hall at 582-6597. Following a day of

For more information and to register for the sion email

play design concepts for the multi-use facility. The open house is Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room and will feature light refreshments served by Farmers Market committee members. The Veterans Park project is being funded by a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the

Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and funds from Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne City Farmers Mar-

Dec. 12 public input sesmainstreet@boynecity.co m or call City Hall at 582-

Veteran of the Month

The Veteran of the Month for December 2013 is Gerald Roy Bell. Born on Oct. 17th, 1933 in Evart, Mich., Bell moved with his family to Boyne Fall, Mich. in 1945 and worked at the family gas station, restaurant and warehouse business while attending school graduating from Boyne Falls High School in the class of 1952. He went to work for Boyne Oil Company, Boyne Falls, working as a prospecting driller helper. On July 15th, 1953 Bell was inducted into the Army entering into active service in Detroit, Mich. and was assigned to Headquarters, 3rd Armored Division, Fort Knox, Kentucky where he completed basic training and on Nov. 15th, 1953 he was promoted to Private 2nd Class. Bell attended a two-month specialty Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School graduating on Nov. 20th, 1953 with a rating of Very Satisfactory. Bell was reassigned to Battery B, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, South Korea serving as a wheeled vehicle mechanic for 1 year, 5 months and 2 days and on Dec. 22nd, 1954 he was promoted to Corporal Technician. On June 2nd, 1955 at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Bell received a Release From Active Military Service and was transferred to the US Army Reserves, 310thOrdnance Depot, Charlevoix, Mich. On July 1st, 1961 Bell received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded the following decorations and medals: The National Defense Service Medal. The Korean Service Medal and The United Nations Service Medal. Following his release from active duty, in 1955, Bell joined The Iron Workers Union, Local 340, and worked on the building of The Mackinac Bridge and Big Rock Nuclear Generating Power Plant north of Charlevoix. On June 29th, 1957 Bell married Gladys Joann Carson in The Boyne Falls Methodist Church and in Aug. 1967 he went to work as a machinist for The Medusa Cement Company, in Charlevoix, retiring in July 1996. Bell served his community as a volunteer fireman with the Boyne Valley Fire Department, served on the Village Council for many years and was The Grand Marshall of the Boyne Falls Polish Festival Parade in 1993. During retirement Bell enjoyed traveling, hunting, gardening and spending quality time with his family and especially with his grand-



children. On July 4th, 2013 Gerald Roy Bell answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Joann, his children and their fami-

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.





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Pictured: Amanda Wilkin, Ron Simmons, Lindsey Traeger, Jessica Lovay, and Lisha Schilling, Rick Malamed

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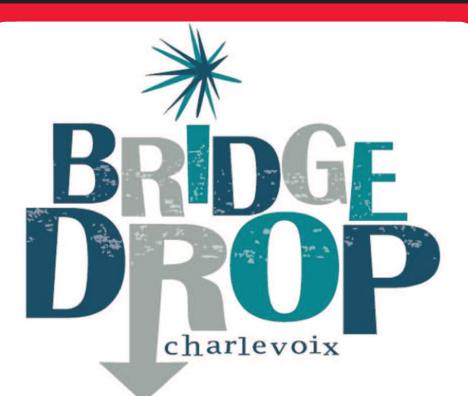


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News

Frances H. Pletz, 93

(MAY 24, 1920 - DEC. 3, 2013)

Frances H. Pletz of Charlevoix passed away peacefully December 3. 2013, at her home. Born to the late Harry and Alice Hillier, May 24, 1920, in Chicago, Ill., Fran married Harold Pletz on January 3, 1942. After living on numerous military posts for two years she returned home to East Lansing while her husband was overseas in the European Campaign. Following World War II they lived in East Lansing until they retired in 1982, and moved to East Jordan. After Harold passed away in 2003, Fran moved to Charlevoix.

Fran graduated with her daughter from Michigan State University in 1981, where they both received a BA in Communication Arts and Science.

In addition to raising a family, Fran worked with her husband at his business in East Lansing and Williamston. She was president of the Williamston Chamber of Commerce and helped the city receive an award for the Historical Buildings painted in the community. She was vice-chair of the Ingham County Republican Party. Fran was Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association from 1968-1982. She was instrumental with foundation work for the State Library of Michigan and Museums present location, and served as a board member of the State Library at the pleasure of three governors. She was past president of Zonta International in Lansing. Upon moving to East Jordan, Fran became one of the founders of the Jordan River Art Council, and was the South Arm Township zoning administrator for eight years. She was a board member of the McCune Arts Council. Fran was an active member of the First Congregational Church -United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

Fran is survived by five children, Harold (Carol) Pletz of Elk Grove Village, Ill; Steven (Susan) Pletz of Algonquin, Ill.; James (Šandra) Pletz of Novi; Frederick (Cheryl) Pletz of Virginia Beach, Va.; Alice Pletz-Miller (Michael) of East Jordan; twelve grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; sister, Harriett H Burchill of Frederick, Md.

Fran was also preceded in death by her brother, William Hillier, and sister Emily Moke.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church – United Church of Christ in Charlevoix on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Charlevoix Public Library, 200 Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to the First Congregational Church – United Church of Christ, 101 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Michael Scott Niswander, 44

(FEB. 23, 1969 - NOV. 11, 2013)

Michael Scott Niswander, 44, died Nov. 11, 2013, unexpectedly at his home in Charlevoix.

Mr. Niswander was born Feb. 23, 1969, in Petoskey, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Niswander. He was raised and attended his school years in Alanson.

He worked for Securitas Security Services for 15 years as an industrial and nuclear security supervisor.

Mr. Niswander also spent many years in the service of others as a volunteer fireman, a search and rescue volunteer, a community response member and was instrumental in recently forming the local Civil Defense Chapter in Charlevoix.

Mr. Niswander is survived by his daughter, Selena, of Charlevoix; son, Michael, of Kentucky; sister, Christina Niswander, and brother-

OBITUARIES

in-law, Steve Berridge, of Buckley. He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Niswander.

A celebration of Mr.
Niswander's life took
place Saturday, Dec. 7, at
the Freedom House Ministries on M-66 in
Charlevoix. The Rev.
Paul Bradley officiated.

Donations in honor of his memory can be made in the form of a contribution to Toys for Tots.

Irene Frances Brannon, 88

(NOVEMBER 18, 1925 - NOVEMBER



Irene Frances Brannon, our loving mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother passed away on November 28, 2013 in Petoskey, Michigan at the age of eighty-eight.

Irene was born on November 18, 1925 in Lansing, Michigan the daughter of Harold and Beatrice (Davis) Welch. She grew up in Lansing and Central Lake and was a graduate of Central Lake High School in 1943.

On July 30, 1944, she was married to Richard Harold Brannon in Petoskey, Michigan. Together Irene and Richard built a house in Boyne City, raised six children, and celebrated 64 wonderful years of marriage.

Irene had many inter-

ests. She loved meeting new people, and was an avid gardener, reader, collector, traveler, and genealogist. She also enjoyed working many years as a Distributor for Shaklee. She approached challenges with energy, a positive outlook, and resolution. She was determined to make a meaningful difference in the lives of family, friends, and community. Irene demonstrated this by being active in a number of associations including Garden Club, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society, Cub Scouts, and Tops. Irene received recognition for dedicating her time volunteering at the local public schools and the Zephyr Hills Hospital. She also served in the Boyne City Seventhday Adventist Church as Summer Bible School Leader, Community Services Director, Sabbath School Secretary, and Pathfinder Leader.

After retirement, Irene and Richard enjoyed traveling including Europe, Arizona, cruises, and many winters spent in Florida. Irene's favorite Bible verse was, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband Richard Brannon in 2008; her son Stephen Brannon in 1981; and her brothers Harold Welch, Lawrence Welch, and John Welch. She is survived by her children, Patricia (Robert) Drap, Kathryn Mitoraj, Richard (Deborah) Brannon, Christopher (Marlene) Brannon, and David (Sharon) Brannon; her brothers Ivan Byard and Stephen Byard; her sister-in-law Myrtle Wasylewski; her five grandchildren, Monty

Wilhelm, Amy Crosby, David Brannon, Alicia Bourque, and Lauren Medina; and her twelve great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for Irene Brannon in June 2014. The family was served by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, Michigan.

Gail A. Batterbee, 61

Gail A. Batterbee of Grand Blanc passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Dec. 9, 2013.

Loving wife of Ken; beloved mother of Todd (Cassie), William (Joni) and Melissa (Brian) King; grandmother of Ally, Corey, Jesse, Brandon, Melanie, Spencer, Kierstynn and Emma; sister of Larry (Dorothy) Drenth, Lynda (Neil) Olstrom, Billie Sue Drenth, Jackie (John) Nachazel and Vicki Lanning.

Ken and Gail moved to Goodrich from their hometown of East Jordan in 1973. Each of the past seven years she and Ken wintered in Punta Gorda, where she was socially active in the community at Water's Edge, and where she lived on a sunny spot on a small pond with her husband of 47 years.

Gail especially loved her grandchildren, who gathered around her the night prior to her death and sang Christmas carols. Christmas was her favorite holiday. Gail owned Easy Tone & Tan in Goodrich.

The funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Goodrich. Friends may visit 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, with a scripture service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities or St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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News

Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

Jennelle Roberts



GRADE: 12
PARENTS:
Cheryl and Steve Roberts
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Cross Country — 3 years, Hospitality
HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Photography, Painting, Running
FUTURE PLANS:
"Douglas J Cosmetology School;
working at becoming professional
photographer."

STAFF COMMENTS

"Jennelle is a hardworking student. She is productive and adds to the class in a positive way." (John Hertel, English Teacher)

"What can I tell you? Jennelle has been wonderful in Hospitality class, she is a nice person, sweet and kind. We look forward to the second semester with her." (Dennis Crissman, Hospitality Teacher)

Boyne City High School

Colton Sieradski



GRADE: 10
PARENTS:
Kenneth Sieradski and
Kristine Kramer
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
Basketball, Baseball

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Practice Makes Permanent School Work, Sports

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: "Graduate High School; go to college; laugh at memories"

STAFF COMMENTS

"Colton is a great student! He takes pride in his work and pays attention to detail! He has built a foundation that will lead to success now and in the future!" (Michele Deming, Government Teacher)

"Colton is a very helpful student. He has a strong work ethic and is wonderful to have in class." (Ryan Ringle, Math Teacher)

"Colton is doing outstanding in Biology this year. He is a conscientious student who is organized and has a strong work ethic. Colton exemplifies what a Student of the Week should be. He is a great student and I truly enjoy having him in class. Congratulations Colton!" (Elizabeth Hemming, Science Teacher)

Boyne Falls High School

Haley Towne



GRADE: 12

PARENTS:
Sarah and Tom Towne

FAVORITE BOOK:
"1984" – George Orwell

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
National Honor Society

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Reading and Writing

FUTURE PLANS:
attend Baker College in the Fall

STAFF COMMENTS

"Haley is doing a great job in the classroom. She is putting in the effort it takes to be successful. Haley is always polite, respectful, and a pleasure to have in class. She is a student who represents Boyne Falls Public School in a positive way. Keep up the good work Haley." (Jason Stolarski)

Boyne Falls High School

Ashlee DeNise



GRADE: 11

PARENTS: Faye and Kevin DeNise
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
National Honor Society

FAVORITE MOVIE: Titanic
HORRIES & INTERESTS.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:
Working at McDonalds and eating there too.

FUTURE PLANS: Cosmetologist

STAFF COMMENTS

Ashlee always has a smile on her face. She excels in her classes and takes on special projects. Her fun and free spirit makes her classmates enjoy their day...that said Ashlee knows when to get down to business and complete any task at hand. Ashlee has a bright future and works every day to meet her goals. (Kurt Nothstine, Career and Technology Education teacher)

The Smithsonian is coming to Charlevoix

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce they have been awarded a special Michigan Humanities Council grant to host the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street: "Journey Stories" exhibit, February 3 - March 21, 2014. Journey Stories tells the tale of how our ancestors came to America and the variety of different types of transportation utilized. Our history is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything to reach a new life in another state, or across the ocean. The 700 square foot exhibit includes six stand alone kiosks all with audio, video and interactive pieces. There will also be an oral history piece where 90 second personal stories can be recorded and then uploaded to the Smithsonian's Stories on Main Street website to be listened to for generations to come!

The Charlevoix Public Library, located in the heart of downtown Charlevoix at 220 W. Clinton St., strives to meet its mission by providing educational resources for the community through unique opportunities such as this traveling Smithsonian exhibit. "We are excited to provide this high quality exhibit to northern Michigan, stated Val Meyerson; it's certainly

something we don't see very often."

In partnership with the library, the Charlevoix Historical Society has created their own local journey story exhibit entitled: "Journeying to Charlevoix: Why they came and how they Traveled". "Journeying to Charlevoix" will be on display at the Charlevoix Railroad Depot and open for visitors each Saturday during the exhibit time-frame and will include the themes: "We were here First", about our earliest settlers, "Pushing the Boundaries" about opening the harbor, and the fishermen and lumbermen, "The Resort Era", and "Riding the Rails & Cruising the Waters."

Charlevoix Historical Society President Denise Fate states, "We are very much looking forward to this event in partnership with the Library which will allow us to showcase the Railroad Depot and many local historic photos and artifacts to hundreds of students from the area."

The Charlevoix Historical Society has been active since the late 1800's. Its main mission is to protect and preserve the iconic structures of Charlevoix: the South Pier Lighthouse, the Harsha House and Museum, and the Railroad Depot. The Society also

provides community enrichment with programs and events to celebrate Charlevoix's storied history. Major milestones of the organization include restoration of the Charlevoix South Pier Lighthouse and Railroad Depot and digitization and safeguarding of over 10,000 historic photos. Among its goals for the near future is acquiring a historic caboose to be on display at the Charlevoix Railroad Depot.

Exhibit guides will be available from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at both locations every Saturday of the exhibit. Guides will also be available for special group bookings. To book a group tour, call Val at 231.237.7360. For more details about the Journey Stories exhibit, visit the website at: www.museumonmainstreet.org/journeystories/.

Journey Stories has been made possible at the Charlevoix Public Library by the Michigan Humanities Council. Journey Stories is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Tax Program Needs Volunteers

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) is gearing up for its 2014 Tax Season. As a volunteer, you will help low-income residents by preparing and filing their tax returns and helping them apply for the Earned Income Tax Credits, Child Care Credits, Homestead Credits, and Home Heating Credits. NMCAA's Tax Program is supported by the State of Michigan to help area residents claim all of the credits for which they are eligible for and need.

NMCAA offers free tax preparation at its offices in Traverse City, Cadillac, and Petoskey, as well as the Michigan Works office in Traverse City and Michigan Department of Human Service in Kalkaska. Volunteers are needed at area library locations in Bellaire, Benzonia, Boyne City, Charlevoix and Leland.

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

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

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

Snyder Candidacy

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Dear Editor:

like a good idea.

teered for many local non-profit organizations. She has served on the boards of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and the Charlevoix Yacht Club, and she currently chairs the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Board of

Trustees

A new circuit court judge will be elected in November 2014 and will take office on January 1, 2015, following the retirement of current judge, Richard M. Pajtas. This will be the first time Charlevoix County voters elect a new judge to the Circuit Court since Judge Pajtas took office in 1985.

On the upcoming election, Snyder said, "I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to meeting many Charlevoix County residents during the campaign. I have the ability to make tough decisions based on the facts and

the law, and not let my feelings or emotions sway an outcome. At the same time, I respect the need to listen to both sides of a story. Whether before the school board or in the court room, citizens deserve to be heard by a fair and impartial decision-maker. I believe I have both the experience and the temperament to be an effective judge for our county."

For more information about Valerie

Snyder or her campaign, visit her website at www.snyderforjudge.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

As a newly-appointed school nurse, I'm careful to monitor the medications I keep on hand. But when I discovered we were storing at least 30 different types of medications that had already expired, I realized I didn't know the proper way to dispose of them. Flushing them down the toilet didn't seem

That's when I called the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, and learned about the Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug (POD) disposal sites, located throughout this region. POD boxes are open to the public are used to dispose of expired, unwanted

or unused prescription and OTC drugs. You can also use them for the disposal of medicated ointments, sunscreen, pet medications, nutritional supplements, vitamins, liquid medications and drops. These potentially harmful substances are then destroyed properly by qualified personnel.

Moreover, the POD boxes help to keep kids and teens safe by offering a way to remove unwanted medications from people's homes, where they might otherwise be abused or accidentally end up in the hands of children. And when these items are thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet, they can contaminate surface, ground and drinking water.

I would encourage everyone to make use of these POD boxes, like the one here at the Boyne City Hall. They are located across several Northwest Michigan counties, including Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet, and are available to the public whenever the building is open. To see a list of POD boxes in our region, go to www.watershedcouncil.org/ and navigate to the "Pharmaceuticals in Our Waters" tab.

http://www.watershedcouncil.org/learn/pharmacueticals-in-our-waters/

Sincerely, Sue McCloskey, RN



Health & Wellness

The Holiday Traveler: Plan ahead for a healthy trip

Thanks to 21st century travel, in established hotels or sleepit's pretty easy to get from Point A to Point B; in fact, over 15 million people will travel abroad this year, with half of those traveling to developing countries. But wanderlust must be tempered by safety: don't book that trip without also booking your immunizations. "It is very important to plan ahead when traveling to certain locations," says H. Gunner Deery, MD, infectious disease specialist with Travel Clinic at McLaren Northern Michigan. "You don't want an illness to be a part of your vacation memories." For travel health tips, read on.

DISEASE AVOIDANCE — **Know About Your Destination** Share detailed information with your health care provider; in addition to your medical history, your doctor will want to know your destination, length of stay, and planned activities. Are you touring museums or hiking the rain forest? Staying

ing in a tent on the veldt? Your itinerary makes a difference.

VACCINES — Get Your Shots Provide a complete vaccine record if possible. Vaccines differ in terms of cost and risk, so providing a complete vaccine history will help your provider determine which vaccines are necessary. Routine vaccines include tetanus, measles, and polio boosters, as well as diptheria/pertussis, zoster, human papiloma virus, and influenza vaccinations. Those over age 65 should have the pneumococcal vaccine; children and teens should have a hepatitis B series.

Foreign travel, however, has specific indications for vaccines. Hepatitis A, typhoid, and rabies vaccines are recommended for certain travel. Meningitis is common in parts of Africa, and the meningitis vaccine is required for entry into Saudi Arabia. Yellow fever is found in sections of Africa



H. GUNNER DEERY, MD infectious disease specialist with Travel Clinic at McLaren

and South America, and immunizations are required for some regions or when crossing into other countries. Rural areas of Southeast Asia and South Asia are known for mosquito-borne Japanese encephalitis. Finally,

the flu (influenza) is common in North America during the winter months, but it occurs year-round in the tropics; travelers are urged to get the vaccine yearly. Some vaccines require a minimum two-dose series, one month apart, so it is important to begin preparations 6 - 8 weeks before depar-

"Most travelers will never come into contact with these diseases, but it is prudent to take the necessary precautions," adds Deery. "The world is accessible, and that includes its maladies.'

PRESCRIPTIONS — Don't Leave Home without Them

Make sure that your prescriptions are filled before departure. Carry a letter from your health care provider with contact information and prescriptions, along with a complete list of medications, their dosage, and their generic names.

TRAVEL ADVICE AND IN-**FORMATION**

If you are planning overseas travel, the Travel Clinic at McLaren Northern Michigan can help with vaccines, advanced prescriptions, and health care planning. The Travel Clinic provides education on food and water precautions, altitude sickness, insect precautions, malaria prophylaxis, and self-treatment of traveler's diarrhea. Call (800) 248-6777 for more information or to schedule an appointment before your holiday or winter vacation.

For additional information, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Department of State have extensive websites that address all health and safety concerns for travelers:

wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices; ; and .

Do the Holidays Mean Weight Gain?

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Beginning with Thanksgiving and through New Year's Day, there are multiple opportunities to deviate from a regular healthy eating plan. The common wisdom for several years has been that the average adult gains seven to ten pounds over the holidays, starting the New Year with a resolution to lose weight. With overeating encouraged and almost expected, it might seem believable that substantial weight gain is a likely result.

Let's think about what a ten-pound weight gain would mean. With 3500 calories per pound, a gain of ten pounds would require consuming 35,000 more calories than required to meet the caloric needs of the body. With around 35 days from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, a weight gain of ten points would mean overeating by more than 1000 calories per day.

For reference, the daily calorie needs of an average moderately-active male is around 2500 calories and an average moderately-active woman around 2000. Gaining ten pounds would be the equivalent of around 10 sugar cookies or ten squares of fudge each day in addition to the required calories for maintaining your current weight.

I am guessing that for most of us, holiday overeating doesn't happen every day. More likely, holiday overeating



Holiday festivities often involve food, but the holidays don't need to lead to weight gain! PHOTO WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

is going to be concentrated in a few number of days, making it more difficult to consume that many calories. Believing that we may gain tento-fifteen pounds should help us to keep our eating in check, but we may instead use that as a selffulfilling prophecy. That is, if we think it is bound to happen, why should we even bother to try and control our holiday eating?

This oft-repeated statistic that the average adult gains seven to ten pounds over the holidays has been the subject of research. Researchers have examined this issue and find that the average person over-estimates their holiday weight gain. According to a 2000 study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, partici-

pants estimated their holiday weight gain at "at least five pounds," but their actual weight gain was just over one pound.

However, people who were overweight did gain five pounds. This might suggest that those who are already overweight are more likely to give into temptation more frequently, holiday or not! While one to five pounds gained is better than ten pounds, there is bad news about this weight gain - most of those who gain a pound (or five) in December will not lose the weight. Instead, they will gain another pound (or more) the next December.

Next time, I will share tips for avoiding or minimizing holiday weight gain.

The Community Free Clinic Is Not Closing

By Howard J. Beck, MD, Medical **Director, Community Free Clinic**

You may have heard a rumor that the Community Free Clinic is closing. I want to dispel this rumor and reassure you that the clinic is still in operation and available to those in need.

Since 1998, the Community Free Clinic (CFC) has provided access to free medical care for individuals with low income and no health insurance. From treating strep throat or the flu, to serving as a first stop after discharge from the hospital, to managing chronic illnesses like diabetes and high blood pressure, to providing eye exams and referrais for dental issues, the CFC has provided care to many disadvantaged individuals in our community. We have been able to provide this uncompensated medical care thanks to our committed staff. many selfless volunteers, grants and the support of generous individual donors through the McLaren Northern Michi-

gan Foundation. With the changing dynamic of healthcare, rising costs and the increasing burden of uncompensated care provided by McLaren Northern Michigan, we are forced to change our focus from providing longterm, chronic care to returning to our original mission of providing episodic walk-in medical care. In essence, we are challenged with reducing



Howard J. Beck, MD

costs while remaining true to our purpose of serving as a "medical safety net" to our low-income, uninsured community members. A return to our original mission means we need to find medical homes for our many patients with chronic conditions. To accomplish this transfer of care, we have teamed up with local physicians and the Community Health Center (a Federally Qualified Health Center located in the Health Department at 3434 M119 in Harbor Springs) to develop a plan to ensure the safe transfer of these patients. We started implementation of this plan at each of our patient care clinics in September and continued through mid-November. During December we will not hold defined clinics, but our office will be open for staff to assist patients with questions, medication refills and record transfers. Walk-in patient care clinics will resume on Wednesday evenings in January at our current location on the McLaren Northern Michigan campus.

What does all this mean for the Community Free Clinic? The CFC will be staffed exclusively by volunteers with the exception of a part-time coordinator and all operating expenses will be funded solely through donations and grants. McLaren Northern Michigan will continue to provide support for our office space, office equipment and technical support. Now more than ever the success of the Community Free Clinic will depend on the generosity of donors, committed volunteers and grants from foundations and community organizations. On behalf of the pa-

tients, I want to thank everyone who has sun ported the Community Free Clinic. In the coming year, our patients will depend on you, both as a supporter and as our advocate in the community. The CFC has been a vital community resource for the past 15 years and without doubt has been an expression of the true heart of our community. Please consider a donation to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation in support of the Community Free Clinic.

If you are interested, I would appreciate the opportunity to update your organization in person and to thank you for your support of the Community Free Clinic. Please contact Jennie at (231) 487-3500 to arrange a meeting.

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News Briefs

PETOSKEY

Deer management

The Tip of the Mitt QDMA Quality Deer Management Branch, which covers Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties will be hosting their second annual Deer Aging/Antler Scoring night at 6 p.m. Dec. 12. at the **Emmet County Fairgrounds** in Petoskey. The Michigan DNR and Michigan Commemorative Bucks will again work in collaboration with the Tip of the Mitt Branch to assist hunters with aging and scoring of recent and past harvests. This event helps the DNR accumulate regional data regarding the whitetail herd and provides QDM educational tips to participants. There will be activities for all ages including raffles and free giveaways. A local meat processor will give deer processing demonstrations and Chef Rov Hall will be provide some tasty venison treats and tips to prepare veni-

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

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 Pro-

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 perform-

ance 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Santa at the Castle

Santa visits Castle Farms on Saturday, December 14th, 11am-3pm. Crafts, games, photo booth, face painting, food, prizes, Polar Express train display, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Don't forget to bring your cameras! \$5 per person. New this year: V.I.P Santa Pass (10am-11am, 3-4pm) includes all the above, plus story time, cookies and cocoa with Santa, and a special gift. Limited availability (20 children maximum). \$20 per child. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Castle's on-line Gift Shop. For more information, contact Larissa at Castle Farms, 231.237.0884, ext. 236. Castle Farms, 5052 M-66, Charlevoix.

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

CHARI FVOIX

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 231-547-4526. Parental permission is re-

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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-

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change; To support your neighbors, friends, and create a

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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 Christmas Program & Service

EJ Lighthouse Missionary Church, Sunday, Dec. 15,



to win some of our weekly featured local products! (www.facebook.com/downtowncharlevoix)

Pledges will be entered into drawings

(www.facebook.com/cvxchamber)

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

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

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Pageant Crowns Queen



Rachel Bernier is crowned 2013 Miss East Jordan and \$8,400 in scholarships are awarded at Pageant





News

HIDDEN TREASURES

"Doing the Most Good" - Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store offers shopping and community value

By Jim Akans

The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The shop. one of six being rolled out in the organization's Eastern Michigan division between 2012 and 2014, opened on October 26th of last year, and is operated under the direction of Lori Oldenburg, Store Manager and Timothy Schroeder, Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant.

"The inventory we carry comes from community donations," Schroeder explains, "and we rotate that inventory consistently to keep it fresh for our customers. Our revenue, after expenses, is utilized to help fund the work the Salvation Army does in this community for those in need."

Brian Jergenson, Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County, notes, "In Otsego County, much of the funding we receive is used to help residents in need of assistance for paying utility bills. We work in cooperation with First Call for Help and the Otsego Housing & Homeless Coalition and other community service organizations in assisting individuals and families in need. We also provide disaster assistance for shelter and food, and on a more limited basis, we offer help for paying for prescriptions and gas

Revenue from the Gaylord Salvation Army Family Store is critical in supporting the Salvation Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good." The store also provides employment for approximately 20 people. Shoppers are impressed with the stores clean, well lit and organized atmosphere, as well as the outstanding values that can be found among the huge variety of items ranging from men's, women's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, household and kitchen ware, toys, and even large



The Salvation Army Family Store is operated under the direction of Store Manager Lori Oldenburg, (at center) and Eastern Michigan Division Family Store Consultant, Timothy Schroeder (at right). Brian Jergenson, (at photo left) is the Business Manager for Salvation Army in Otsego County. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

items such as furniture, televisions and appliances.

Schroeder points out, "We also offer a 15-percent discount for Senior shoppers every Wednesday, and a 15percent discount for those serving or who have served in the military on Thursdays.'

Shoppers will also find half-off specials each week, and the store offers pick-up service for donated items. In keeping with the organizations mission of "Doing the Most Good," clothing items that aren't sold are baled and sent to 3rd world

"Many people don't realize that the Salvation Army is a church," states Schroeder. "We are Christian mission and a Christ-center organization. We are about helping oth-

The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 7 pm. For those wishing to drop off items for donation (this is especially welcome during the slower first few months of the year), they can stop by between 9 am and 7 pm Monday through Saturday - phone (989) 448-



The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Gaylord is a win-win for both area shoppers and for the local community. The Salvation Army Family Store is located at 919 S. Otsego Avenue in Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS



Council President Hugh Campbell informs Council about the arrival of the new village snowplow truck.

Village Council Meets

Norma Jean Babcock

Ellsworth: The Village Council held its regular meeting Monday, December 9, 2013.

Ellsworth Police Chief John Morris presented the idea for a school competition to Council Members for the making of a new police patch for the Village of Ellsworth. He explained that the patch he wears now is a generic statewide patch and that he believes students in the Art Class at Ellsworth Community School can come up with a more distinctive patch.

"It would be neat and a good thing for the school...it would make us a little bit more unique," said Morris.

Council Members approve of the plan, and are interested in when it would take place. So far Morris feels it would be best for the competition to coincide with Ellebration, the weekend long summer festival.

Hugh Campbell, Council President informed Council members that the new plough truck for

Ellsworth should arrive sometime this week, and that the budget has been adjusted to compensate

for the purchase. Council members also choose to keep the camping rates at Wooden Shoe campground the same as last year and approved the re-hiring of Ed and Kris Green as campground attendants. Camping rates last year were \$20 a night per site. Council members felt it was important to maintain the rates, as they had generated enough income to support the campground and put a new roof onto the bathhouse.

"Things are tough enough out there for people," said Trustee Robert Vollmer of the decision to keep the rates low.

The Council also listed upcoming community events, such as the Holiday Fest on December 11 and other upcoming spring events for community members to keep in mind.

The next meeting with be held Monday, January 13th, and all are welcome to attend.









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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 kiddos 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.

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

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 refresh-

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 e-mail 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

Food for fines

The library will again offer its "Food for Fines" program in conjunction with Boyne Area Community Christmas. Through 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.

EAST JORDAN **Winter Solstice Celebration**

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

BOYNE CITY Horton Creek Band

Will be playing their annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Performing Arts Center at Boyne City High School. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students; tickets will be on sale soon at the Chamber and Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River.

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 Witenski said she hopes to provide Christmas presents for 1,000 children this year. New clothes and toys are preferred, but gently used items are accepted. Non-perishable, unwrapped

food, new toys and games, books, clothing, blankets and checks may be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center on Pine Street from now through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Checks may be made payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Treasurer Eleanor West, 915 Robinson St. #15, Boyne City 49712.

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 nonmotorized, 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Communion 7 PM LIGHTHOUSE MISSION-ARY CHURCH - Christmas

EAST JORDAN Christmas Day

Eve Services, 7 PM

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

BOYNE CITY

Freshwater Concerts Presents Peter Mulvey Saturday Dec. 28th 8pm. Tickets and info 231-582-2588, 213 S. Lake St. www.freshwaterartgallery.com/

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 Class-

es 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 vis-

CHARLEVOIX

New exhibit

Milagros an all media exhibit at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts runs through 01/14/14. Milagros, small metal figures used to thank Christian saints for fulfilling requests in a time of need accompanied the Spanish as they arrived in the Americas. The featured exhibit for this show is a collection created by members of the Fiber Artists Coalition that celebrate Milagros, the small miracles and joyful surprises in everyday life. For details visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

CHARLEVOIX State of the Community & **Awards Presentation**

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 7th when the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the Community Address & Awards Presentation during a special breakfast event at Castle Farms beginning at 7:30am.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN **Video Contest Promotes Careers** in Manufacturing

Careers in manufacturing will be showcased in a student video contest available to all high school students in northwest Michigan. The contest is designed to show what modern manufacturing jobs are really like and to show that there are opportunities for rewarding careers in the manufacturing industry. The student teams with the top videos will win cash prizes for their schools and gift cards for each team member. The contest is organized by the Education Advisory Group (EAG) of the Northwest Michigan Workforce Development Board and sponsored by Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). It is open to all high school students in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. The student teams will visit local manufacturing plants and put together a three minute video highlighting career opportunities in manufacturing. Students do not need to be enrolled in a film or visual media program in order to participate in the contest. More information is available at: nwm.org/videochallenge. There is no entry fee and the deadline for video submissions is March 1, 2014.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, November 25, 2013 8:57am Vehicle unlock in the 300

block of E Division St 9:45am Property dam age accident

at Vogel and Union 11:23am Unattended death in the 200

block of Franklin 11:50am Report of lost keys on

Beardsley St 2:45am Lost wallet reported in the

1100 block of Boyne Av

of Front and Pleasant 7:36am Larceny reported on Fall Park

7:25am Parking complaint in the area

Rd 8:37am Gasoline larceny in the 1300

block of Boyne Av

9:44am Assist Fire Dept in the 400 block of Lewis

9:44am Domestic assault in the 300 block of E Division St

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

8:48am Civil custody disputes complaint in the 300 block of N Lake St

10:45am Welfare check in the 800 block of S Park St

Koasting Co.

1:39am Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Park St

Wednesday, November 27, 2013 8:26am Vehicle unlock in the 200

block of Brown St 9:55am Assist motorist in the 300

block of N Lake St 11:59am Deer stuck in fence in the

600 block of Call St 8:47am Retail fraud in the 400 block

of N Lake St 10:02am Trespass complaint in the

300 block of E Division 10:50am Suspicious situation in he

200 block of W Court St

Thursday, November 28, 2013 8:30am Assist with traffic control at

Turkey Trot 2:42am Drug paraphernalia found in

the 400 block of N Lake St Friday, November 29, 2013

9:14am Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of W Michigan 11:30amVehicle unlock on Ray St

2:34am Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av 5:25am Assist Sheriff Department on

Anderson Rd 6:20am Lodged a stray cat at the

shelter 7:30am Vehicle unlock in the 200

P.O. Box 164

Ellsworth, MI 49729

block of S Lake St

8:16am Vehicle unlock in the 500 block of Poplar St

10:09am Warrant arrest in the 400 block of N Lake St

10:59am Dispatched ill rabbit in the 300 block of E Division St

11:03am Car deer accident in the 300 block of F Division St

Saturday, November 30, 2013

10:02am .Alarm in the Industrial Park 2:32am Assist Sheriff Department on Hall Rd

9:21am Suspicious situation on Cozy

Nook Ln Sunday, November 31, 2013

the 400 block of N Lake St

12:13am Single vehicle injury accident on Boyne Av near Division St 10:38am Drug Paraphernalia found in

11:52am ...Arrested subject for DWLS 5:26am Suspicious situation reported in the 300 block of Bailey St

8:19am Arrested subject for OWI High BAC at Marshall and Anderson Rd

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

December 2-8, 2013 911 Hang Up Call7

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What \$10 buys at the store



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THE PLIGHT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAMILIES HAS WORSENED

Northern Michigan is in the midst of the 2nd great depression

- Poverty is mostly hidden in Charlevoix County.
- 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.

When you give thanks for your many blessings this Thanksgiving, please reach out and help those less fortunate.

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Connect Michigan Releases New Broadband Availability Data

Research shows that 98.37% of residents now have access to broadband speeds of 10 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload; up more than 2% since April

Lansing - Today in support of GIS Day, Connect Michigan is announcing the release of its new broadband availability data. The research shows that the broadband availability gap in Michigan is declining, with 98.37% of Michigan residents now having access to broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload (including mobile wireless, but excluding satellite services), compared to 95.89% last April. "We have seen many new

and existing broadband service providers investing and expanding service into previously unserved or underserved rural areas," said Connect Michigan State Program Manager Eric Frederick. "While some communities still struggle with broadband access, Connect Michigan's Connected Community En-

gagement Program is working to identify these areas and connect them with service providers that

are able to expand." GIS Day celebrates the use of geographic information systems (GIS) to analyze diverse topics in local, state, federal, and international applications. Connect Michigan has been working since 2009 to ensure that Michigan residents have access to the economic, educational, and quality-of-life benefits derived from increased broadband access, adoption, and use. Part of that work includes maintaining detailed GIS analysis of broadband availability across the state to support broadband planning efforts. This is the eighth round of releasing these data.

Among the findings of the new broadband availability research are:

□ 97.73% of households have access to fixed broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload or higher, the relevant metric the FCC uses to determine eligibility for Connect America Fund subsidies.

☐ Broadband availability at 6 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload increased more than 2% from 96.29% in April 2013 to its current 98.50% (including mobile wireless, but excluding satellite services).

☐ Broadband availability at 10 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload increased more than 2% from 95.89% in April 2013 to its current 98.37% (including mobile wireless, but excluding satellite services).

☐ 68.35% of Michigan's households now have access to fixed wireless broadband service; this is an increase of 37% from October 2011.

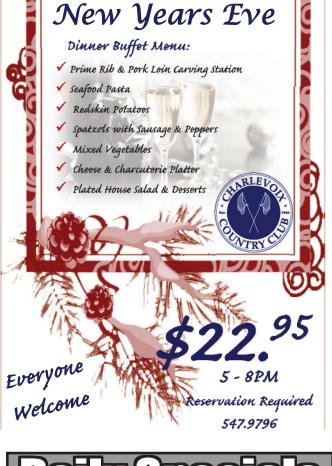
□ 83.33% of Michigan's households now have access to broadband service of at least 50 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload, excluding mobile wireless and satellite services; this is an increase of 34% from October 2011.

□ 83.30% of Michigan's households now have access to broadband service of at least 100 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload, excluding mobile wireless and satellite services; this is an increase of 60% since October 2011.

Last month, Connect Michigan hosted a drawing more than 500 participants at the event and via livestream. Through its Connected Community Engagement Program, Connect Michigan is currently working with 25 communities across the state to support comprehensive community broadband planning efforts and provide technical assistance.

Connect Michigan's research was conducted as part of the State Broadband Initiative grant program for Michigan, funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The data were gathered in accordance with the requirements of the NTIA. The process begins by contacting all known providers in the state and providing information about the broadband mapping project. Information on broadband service areas is collected from each provider through voluntary participation and is subject to confidentiality protections. Connected Nation strives to maintain a flexible mapping process to collect data from providers in a variety of formats based on providers' technical capa-

bilities and resources. About Connect Michigan: As the designated entity for broadband mapping and planning in the state of Michigan, Connect Michigan is a publicprivate partnership between the Michigan Public Service Commission and Connected Nation to work with local governments, businesses, and citizens in the goal of increasing broadband service in the state's underserved areas. For more information about what Connect Michigan is doing to accelerate technology in Michigan's communities, visit.



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Thursday, December 12
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Friday, December 13
Foot Clinic
11am-12pm BackWoods
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Monday, December 16 11am-12pm School Kids Bingo **Tuesday, December 17**Brown-Bag Bingo

Wednesday, December 18
Foot Clinic
CHRISTMAS PARTY!
11a-12p Boyne City Band!

Thursday, December 19
5-6pm Lite Tour
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& Cookies

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Thursday, December 12 11am Chair Yoga Class Roger Hartson Music 1pm Pinochle Friday, December 13 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy

Monday, December 16 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study Tuesday, December 17
11am Chair Yoga Class
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Wednesday, December 18
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PARTY!
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Thursday, December 19

11am Chair Yoga Class Back Porch Music 1pm **P**inochle

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Thursday, December 12
Foot Clinic

Foot Clinic KARAOKE DAY! Friday, December 13 10am Advisory Board Mtg 10:30am Exercise 11am Tag-A-Longs Bingo/Raffle Monday, December 16
Foot Clinic & B/P
8am-1pm Walking M-F
10am Exercise

Tuesday, December 17
11am Line Dancing
12:30pm Bingo

Wednesday, December 18 CHRISTMAS PARTY w/MUSIC! Thursday, December 19

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