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## Sports



Charlevoix's Shane Sutherland puts up a shot in the Rayders' game with Gaylord. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS.



East Jordan's Tori Goodrich (32) floats towards the basket on this shot attempt against the Cardinals. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

## Narrow band? Narrow coverage

9-1-1 faces serious coverage problems

By Norma Jean Babcock

Charlevoix - Emergency dispatch 9-1-1 faces serious coverage problems throughout Charlevoix County due to a required change from simulcast to narrow band radio; these problems were presented to County Commissioners on Wednesday, December 11th.

CCE Central Dispatch is the number that citizens call upon during an emergency, 9-1-1. CCE dispatches to 13 law enforcement agencies, 25 fire departments, and various other emergency services. They cover roughly 4,500 miles of roadway and the populations of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County.

Director of CCE, Bob Bradley along with consultant Michael Whately detailed the struggles they are currently having to Charlevoix County Commissioners. Their radio system changed this past January from simulcast which resulted in a 20% reduction of coverage. Despite extensive prior planning, major areas such as the City of Charlevoix and portions of Boyne City are experiencing marginal coverage at best.

Though simulcast afforded slightly more coverage, the CCE was required to change to narrow banding by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by January 1st, 2013. Had they not complied with this they could have faced \$16,000 penalties each day they continued without narrow banding.

Narrow banding means a change from the usual operating bandwidths of 25 kHz to 12.5 kHz. This meets efficiency standards set forth by the FCC. It re-



Devices compatible with the new narrow band technology the FCC is requiring Central Dispatch to have.



quired either updating or replacing equipment for various emergency sectors, including 9-1-1, police force radios, and fire department pagers. The intent of narrow banding is to open up congested tower signals to allow for more voice paths so that more signals can be supported at once.

One of the hardest sectors hit by this change has been local fire departments. In order to comply with these changes, fire departments were forced to get rid of the voice pagers they carried as they could not be upgraded. This meant fire departments had to completely replace the type of portable radios they carried.

Coverage issues stem from the topography and buildings in this area. Most of the areas covered

have many hills which present issues with radio signal not reaching the lower elevation areas of the county. This is a problem because the majority of area cities are built at water level or the lowest point, so signal can often go straight over them. Also many buildings are made of brick and steel frame structures which cause issues with radio signal penetration.

Charlevoix County Sheriff W.D. Schneider acknowledged the difficulties CCE is having. He pointed out that with the constant change of technology it is not always easy or affordable to keep up.

"There is no perfect system. I don't care what radio system you

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## Maple Lawn Cemetery to see a few changes

By Norma Jean Babcock

Boyer City - Those in charge of fencing at Maple Lawn Cemetery presented closing down multiple entrances and having regular hours to City Commissioners on December 11th.



The cemetery currently has 11 entrances, which Commissioners deem excessive. Members of the fencing committee presented the idea of closing down entrances permanently which would cut down on drive through traffic. They want to use money donated primarily to the Memorial Fund of Jim Stackus which was initially raised for cemetery gates to do so. The donations equal \$10,308 and each proposed gate would cost between \$500 and \$600.

Commissioners expressed a desire to cut down drive through traffic, but not necessarily to make the gates permanent. That way if a larger funeral were to be held at the cemetery, traffic wouldn't become severely congested. They also felt that closing off all entrances was a bad idea and several of them felt that having hours was also not ideal.

"I'm not sure I am in favor of closing off all of the entries around and establishing hours. Closing two off and putting in a main gate would help eliminate drive through traffic. I'm in favor of doing some of them, but not in favor of blocking them off to anyone wanting to get in," said Commissioner Laura Sansom.

Other Commissioners agreed that two entrances and perhaps a main gate to the cemetery would be the best place to start. They also stated many in the community appreciate the open access to the cemetery at any time and that they themselves saw no need to restrict the times in which people could visit the graves of loved ones.

"I am not comfortable locking off the cemetery so loved ones can't get in to visit their relatives whenever they choose to," stated Commissioner Derek Gaylord.

Though the meeting had few audience comments, one or two were there to share their input. They felt that having hours limited the comfort people could find at the cemetery. One audience member commented that he knew many people who visited at all

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## Monday fire destroys Boyne City home



Fire fighters battle a blaze at 823 Lake Street in Boyne City Monday night at 10:00 PM. The home was totally destroyed. Boyne fire fighters fought the fire for more than two hours. The house was being rented and the renter was not home at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported and the cause is still under investigation. PHOTO BY JEFF BOSSORY

## Sullivan plans to remain County Commissioner and City Clerk

By Norma Jean Babcock

Charlevoix - Since Larry Sullivan has announced his intentions to remain a County Commissioner and fill the role of City Clerk, City Council is left questioning whether doing so creates an incompatibility between the offices which they addressed at their semi monthly held December 16th.

Sullivan revealed to City Council his intention to hold both offices on December 6th, in a letter which detailed the research he had done into whether or not doing so would cause an incompatibility of office and have legal ramifications. He stated that the issues which caused City Civil Counsel Bryan Graham to feel the two might be in contention could simply be changes in the wording. Sullivan addressed Council members at the meeting and explained that his viewpoint was based on research that he felt clearly explained that holding both



offices was not an issue.

"When I ran for office the voters knew I was a Commissioner. I discussed this with 3 attorneys, two of which said there were no issues, and the initial response from Civil Counsel indicated no issue," said Sullivan.

However, Graham says that the attorneys have changed their minds after researching the matter further. He expressed concern over the relationships between the City and County governments and worried that Sullivan maintaining an office in each would negatively influence those relation-

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## 9-1-1 Coverage

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There are dead spots. We have a federally mandated act to go to narrow banding, an unfunded mandate. They were thrown into the pot and are trying to make it work," Schneider commented.

For coverage to increase more towers would be required, which would enable radio to penetrate buildings more effectively. In addition, the shadowing effect of hills would be lessened. To acquire more towers will be costly however. Funding for these costs may not be quick in coming.

Commissioners asked whether or not changing to different types of radio would help with coverage issues, citing that new changes in technology may allow for more dependable signals. The concepts of using satellite technology or cellular technology were discussed. However, Commissioner Chris Christensen encouraged CCE to focus mainly on making changes to existing towers, or perhaps renting towers

as opposed to owning them to make the foundation of the radio signals strong before considering using brand new technology.

"I'd like to see a focus on getting us to this level of it works everywhere, and then focus on what's coming. They are on the right path; they know what they are trying to do. Let's use a hybrid of renting and buying (towers) to make sure the system is working," said Christensen.

CCE commented that the hybrid was certainly a possibility and assured Commissioners that they were doing everything they could to make sure coverage was expanded as affordably as possible. Bob Bradley later said it wouldn't be a quick change but that they are doing everything they can.

"Trying to fix what has been created is not going to happen overnight, and we are working to make a good plan that can be implemented to enhance what we currently have in place," Bradley stated.

For more information on how narrow banding works and what it means for the Charlevoix County area, as well as future plans to increase coverage

## Sullivan

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ships. His concern is that having one individual in both offices will not work out for both to be protected and promoted in the best way possible.

Graham expressed the desire to further research the matter now that Sullivan has officially notified the Council of his intentions. He cited the wording of Section 2.16 of the City Charter which states; "...no elected official shall hold any other office or city employment during the term for which elected." Graham stated in a letter to the Council that although the language of this Charter is for City Council members, it could be extended to reference any elected official, including the City Clerk.

Council Members were somewhat divided on the issue of whether or not to allow Civil Counsel to research the matter further. For Bryan Graham to look further into the matter would cost the City roughly \$750 which some Council members thought was unnecessary.

"This whole thing has become a tempest in a teapot...to go off and do fur-

ther research is ridiculous," commented Council Member Jeff Porter.

Though not much was said about Sullivan's decision to hold both offices by Council Members a few did express their unhappiness with the problems and concerns it has caused so far. Council Member Shirley Gibson stated that she understood Sullivan may have known his choice would cause problems. She felt if he made a different decision these problems would be eliminated.

"This could be rectified if he would choose one or the other," stated Gibson. Her feelings that each office should be held by different people were seconded by City Manager Rob Straebel who stated that the choice to have a separate person in both offices had nothing to do with Larry Sullivan, but rather that the relationship between the City Office and the County Office would become more difficult if both were held by him.

City Council chose to allow Bryan Graham to investigate further the legal issues that could be involved with Sullivan holding both positions. They also expressed a desire to have the input of the Attorney General on the matter.

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## Boyer Valley Knights of Columbus host annual Christmas Party for the Physically and Mentally Impaired

BOYNE CITY — On December 4, the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus sponsored the 22nd annual Christmas Party for the Physically and Mentally Impaired that took place at St. Matthew's Church.

Della Sevnski prepares and plans the event each year together with the Boyne Valley K of C.

This party includes a luncheon for 190 Physically and Mentally Impaired along with their caregivers. This event also includes live music with dancing, singing and of course gifts and fruit that Santa passes out to all who attend from local facilities which include; Boyne City, Charlevoix, Gaylord and East Jordan. At this party, the Grand

Knight from Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus, Steve Czerkes presented checks for \$1469.13 to each of these attending organizations, which included The Bergman Center, North Country Enrichment Center of Boyne and the Challenge Mountain Facility.

Additional financial donations were made by: UAW Local 1403, Polish Festival Committee, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

RIGHT: Fun was had by all in attendance at the 22nd Annual K of C Christmas Party for the Physically and Mentally Impaired, as Santa handed out gifts and goodies. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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## Helen B. Shaw, 78

(MAY 3, 1935 - DEC. 11, 2013)

Helen B. Shaw of East Jordan died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born on May 3, 1935 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Milo and Emma (Wakefield) Kane.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1953. On June 20, 1953, in Charlevoix, she married William James Shaw. He preceded her in death on September 22, 1983.

She was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church Women.

Helen is survived by one son, Michael (Lynn) Shaw of East Jordan; two daughters, Jody (Tom) Clemens of Boyne City and Brenda (Ken) Harris of East Jordan; six grandchildren, Meredith (Nick Karaszewski) Clemens, Emma Clemens, Lindsay Clemens, William Harris, Lauren Harris and Niki Shaw; one sister, Thurl Case of Sandusky, MI; and two brothers, Herbert (Margot) Kane and Sam (Barbara) Kane, both of Charlevoix. She was also preceded in death by one son, Mark L. Shaw on January 12, 2010; two sisters, Belma Webster and Charlotte Batchelder.

Funeral service was held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at the East Jordan United Methodist Church. Rev. Ralph A. "Rap" Posnik of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated. Interment will follow in next spring at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan United Methodist Church or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

## Mary Ann Konsek, 81

(JUNE 11TH, 1932 - DEC. 8, 2013)

Mary Ann Konsek, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, died on Sunday December 8th, 2013, at

her home in Elmira. She suffered for many years after a serious automobile accident. Her strong faith and positive attitude was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She was born June 11th, 1932, in Detroit, daughter of Edward and Helen (Kubisz) Labuda. She married John N. Konsek Jr. on April 19th, 1952, in Detroit. They retired to the East Jordan area in August of 1987, after raising their children.

Mary Ann is survived by three daughters, Linda (Gerry) Raush of Port Austin, Toni (Ken) Hillard of Christmas, and Barbara (Ken Mathews) Konsek of Elmira; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Jacob) Johnston of East Jordan, Eric Phillips of California, Brian (Jillian) Nickel of Shelby Twp., Lynn (Sean) Sneller of Lapeer, Bradley Konsek and Matthew Valloni of Olympia, Wa.; and three great-grandchildren, Joshua Johnston, Christian and Lucas Sneller; brother-in-law, William (Darlene) Konsek and sister-in-laws, Kathryn Fowler, Helen Glick, and Laura Cannell; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by many friends in East Jordan, Elmira and Pigeon, especially the St. Joseph Parishioners, the East Jordan Lioness Club, and the Red Hatters.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, John Jr., her parents, her son John N. Konsek III, grandson Christopher J. Nickel, and her two sisters Delphine Staszek and Rita Przybylski.

A memorial mass was held on Monday, December 16, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. James Gardiner officiated.

Memorials may be directed to Munson Hospice or the East Jordan Lioness Club.

## Jennette Berendiena Drenth, 90

(MARCH 16, 1923 - DEC. 14, 2013)

Jennette Berendiena Drenth peacefully passed away at Munson Medical Center on Dec. 14, 2013. She was born in Coopersville, Mich., on March 16, 1923, to John and Dena (Winter) Ter-Avest.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John; sister, Hermina; her husband, Henry; and oldest son, David.

Jennette's family moved from Coopersville to East Jordan in 1936. She was a graduate of East Jordan High School, class of 1939.

Jennette married her husband, Henry Drenth, on June 19, 1942. They enjoyed 64 years together until Henry's passing early in 2007. Henry and Jennette were residents of East Jordan until 1989 when they moved to Traverse City.

Jennette enjoyed being a homemaker and loved cooking, sewing, quilting and a variety of needlework. She was a member of Faith Reformed Church. Her greatest blessing was being with her family and she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Thomas (Carol) Drenth of Lowell, Mich., daughter Janet (John) Noye of Traverse City, daughter-in-law Donna Drenth of East Jordan; grandchildren, Amy (Ryan) Hasapis, Heidi (Chris) Rodgers, Todd Drenth, Cori (Ryan) Curtis, Chad (Kelli) Drenth; and great-grandchildren, Caleb, Alex, Jacob, Maxwell and Hannah. Also surviving are her sister, Evadiena Meeter; sister-in-law, Jean Drenth; brother-in-law, Andrew Klooster; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff of French Manor Senior Living for the care and kindness shown to Jennette during the past three years. Thanks also are extended to Munson Hospice and the staff of the Webber Heart Unit at Munson Medical Center for their excellent care of Jennette and her family during the

final week of her life.

Her service was held Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church. Sign the online guestbook at [hastingsfuneral.com](http://hastingsfuneral.com).

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests the Drenth Memorial Endowment Fund to serve the joint Ellsworth Community and School Library. Contributions may be made payable to the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation (for the Drenth Memorial Endowment Fund), 250 East Front St., Suite 310, Traverse City, MI 49684.

## Carolina Sommerville - Watson

(JUNE 26, 1927 - DECEMBER 13, 2013)

Carolina Sommerville Watson formerly of Boyne City and most recently residing with her son Ward (Sandy) Sommerville of Alanson, MI, died December 13, 2013 at home.

Carolina was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on June 26, 1927 to Pasquale and Virginia De-lonardo.

In 1945, she married Ward J. Sommerville in Asbury Park, NJ and together they relocated to Northern Michigan. On December 16, 1989, Ward preceded Carolina in death. On December 26, 1992 she married a longtime friend Edward Watson in Boyne City, MI. Edward preceded Carolina in death on August 3, 2013.

Carolina was an active member of the Boyne City VFW Auxiliary and where could frequently find her working in the VFW's kitchen. She was also a faithful member of the Boyne City Baptist Church.



Carolina's greatest love was her family. She was a great mother and was always there willing to help when her children needed her. She was a proud and loving grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother and as the years progressed and she was not able to get around as well, always had great concern for what was going on in their lives.

Her family was always warmly welcomed in her home regardless of the time of the year, or what else was going on. She had a great sense of humor and liked to joke and kid around, but could lovingly take it as well as she gave it. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Carolina is survived by her sons, Ward (Sandy) and William (Petra) Sommerville; daughter Jennie (Steve) Gilliam; 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ward Sommerville and Edward Watson and by a daughter, Frances.

A funeral service celebrating Carolina's life was held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Stone Funeral Home, Pastor David Behling officiated. Interment will take place in the spring at the Little Traverse Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of the Straits.

## Todd H. Comstock, 54

Todd H. Comstock of Boyne Falls died Dec. 9, 2013, at his home.

A funeral service celebrating Todd's life was held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, with Pastor Leroy Sutfin officiating.

Those wishing to leave a memory of Todd or a condolence with the family are invited to sign the online register book at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

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# Greatland's Top 10 Myths for the 2013 W-2 and 1099 Reporting Season

Flying reindeer aren't the only legend this time of year...keep your tax facts straight to avoid penalties

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season now upon us, it can be difficult enough to keep track of our schedules and to-do lists, let alone the ever-changing tax reporting requirements for businesses. Greatland, one of the country's leading providers of W-2 and 1099 products for business, fields thousands of calls each year from questioning customers who often mistakenly believe in one of the many tax myths that plague the industry. But what exactly is a tax myth?

Tax myth \`taks `miTH\ noun : FALSE idea or story believed by many regarding the annual fee required by the government to support specific facilities or services.

Failing to understand the real truth behind these myths can cost your business in the form of refiling fees or fines if reporting is not completed correctly. Greatland breaks down fact vs. fiction for this filing year so companies can be better prepared.

W-2 & 1099 Form MYTHS vs. REALITIES

1. Myth: State 1099 re-

porting is not required if there is no state tax withheld. Reality: Check your state's 1099 filing requirements. Many states still require 1099s to be filed even if there is no state tax withheld.

2. Myth: Copy A of Form 1099 can be printed in black ink and filed to the IRS. Reality: Copy A of Form 1099 must be printed in red drop-out ink in order to be properly processed by IRS.

3. Myth: All employers offering coverage under an employer-sponsored group health plan must report the cost of the coverage on the employee's W-2. Reality: Until the IRS issues final guidance for this reporting requirement, reporting is not mandatory for those employers who filed less than 250 W-2s.

4. Myth: In order to prevent identity theft, the taxpayer identification number (TIN) can be truncated (ex: XXX-XX-1234) on Form W-2. Reality: TIN truncation only applies to the payee's identification number on payee statements for Form 1098 series (excluding 1098-C), Form 1099 series, and Form 5498 series. Employer identification numbers (EINs) cannot be truncated.

5. Myth: If an employer gives a worker freedom to

act, the worker should be classified as an independent contractor. Reality: The general rule is that an individual is an independent contractor if the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and not what will be done and how it will be done. An individual is an employee if the employer can control what will be done and how it will be done even if the employer gives the employee freedom of action.

6. Myth: Using the combined federal/state 1099 filing program meets all the state's 1099 filing requirements. Reality: Not all states participate in the combined federal/state program, and many states that do participate in the program still require 1099s with state withholding to be sent directly to the state.

7. Myth: The e-file threshold for state W-2/1099 filing is the same as the federal e-file threshold. Reality: Each state can set its own e-file threshold. Check your state's requirements to ensure that you are in compliance.

8. Myth: When filing on paper, one Form 1096 can be used for one submission of multiple 1099 form types. Reality: A separate

Form 1096 is required for each 1099 form type being submitted to IRS on paper. (Example: If filing both 1099-INT and 1099-DIV forms, two 1096 forms would be required.)

9. Myth: When filing W-2s and 1099s on paper, a filer is required to use the official forms supplied by the IRS. Reality: Substitute W-2 and 1099 forms are acceptable for filing as long as they meet the specifications outlined in IRS Publications 1141 and 1179 respectively.

10. Myth: Payments made to corporations are not reportable on Form 1099-MISC. Reality: Generally, payments made to corporations are not reportable on Form 1099-MISC; however, there are exceptions. The following payments made to corporations must be reported on Form 1099-MISC:

- Medical and health care payments
- Attorneys' fees
- Gross proceeds paid to an attorney
- Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or tax-exempt interest

You can find more helpful year-end reporting information at Greatland's Resource Center.

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# News

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## Students of the Week

Boyne City High School

### Grace Knitter



**GRADE:** 9  
**PARENTS:** Ruth and David Knitter  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Cross Country, Drama, Equestrian Team, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Pride Team, DECA  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Horseback Riding, Skiing, Running  
**FUTURE PLANS:** "Go to college" photographer."

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"Grace is an extremely responsible student who strives for excellence!" (Jean Heath, English Teacher)

"Grace is an exceptional student! She is a joy to have in class! I appreciate her willingness to put forth her best effort! Great job Grace!" (Michele Deming, History Teacher)

"Grace has been a member of the Pride Team since before school even began. She is always willing to share ideas and help out when we need her!" (Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist)

## Student of the Week

Boyne Falls High School

### Michelle McKenney



**GRADE:** 12  
**PARENTS:** Sally and Wayne McKenney  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** National Honor Society  
**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:** Reading  
**FUTURE PLANS:** To get a degree in History.  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** The Last Olympian by Rick Riordan

#### STAFF COMMENTS

"Michelle is a wonderful student who is always polite, helpful, and is a pleasure to have in class. She is a school leader and a positive role model for other students. She will have a very promising future ahead of her." (Alecia Angerer)

# Upgrades to Waste Water Treatment Plant to effect citizens wallets

By Norma Jean Babcock

Charlevoix - The Waste Water Treatment plant is in need of an updates, which could cost taxpayers budgets to need updates as well.

The Charlevoix Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) needs to update its equipment and technology to meet the discharge standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Michigan. The State has set forth a Compliance Mandate that the Treatment Plan must meet. The plans for how the City intends to meet the requirements of the mandate and how they will pay for these updates were discussed at Monday's City Council meeting.

Mark Prein, an environmental engineer, explained to City Council Members that the WWTP in this area is not meeting the standards for legal ammonia discharge, and because Lake Michigan is the discharge site this causes serious problems. He explained that the bacteria used by the Treatment Plant becomes less effective during severe cold snaps, and that the state is concerned about the toxicity this creates in Lake Michigan.

In order for the plant to



The Wastewater Treatment Plant will require several updates to meet State Regulations.

be compliant with the standards set by the State it needs to replace equipment and controls which are old and unreliable. It also needs to update tanks and buildings that have deteriorated due to 40 years of continuous use. The plant also needs to address the biology of its treatment, and revamp it to discharge less ammonia into the lake, especially during extremely cold conditions.

These upgrades are expected to cost the City close to 11 million dollars, which the City plans to fund by selling bonds. In addition to the issue of bonding, the City is now faced with needing to increase the

usage rates on the water used by citizens to make up for the debt these changes could create.

The sewer rates will have to increase by 71% in order for the debt to be covered, and to cover the costs in maintaining and operating the plant. This increase was examined in four different plans to see which would work best for the community. One theory had the increase being attacked head on in one year, however Council members felt this would hit locals much too hard. They instead opted for a plan that would increase rates by 24.5% over three years. This model would basically

mean that the average consumer using 6,000 gallons of water per month would see an increase of roughly \$9.57 to their monthly bill.

Council members recognized the rate increases weren't ideal but hoped that choosing the 24.5% would be the best choice. Currently the Treatment Plant has no debt, and in order to keep it that way some increases will be necessary.

"We know we have to have a rate increase and it's not going to be pretty, but some are prettier than others...the 24.5% for 3 years seems to be the best," said Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson Jr.

City Manager Ron Straebel pointed out that the choice to increase the rates is not something the Council wants to do, but rather is necessary due to the Compliance Mandate the State has for the Treatment Plant. City Council did not officially implement the rate increase, but plans to discuss and approve the plan at their January 20th meeting. Straebel also proposed that a Public Hearing be held to involve the community on which plan they think best. The time and date of that hearing has yet to be announced.

## New Career Liaison program prepares students for training opportunities

North Central Michigan College announced Wednesday, December 11, a new partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and a network of community colleges around the state that will promote training opportunities for in-demand careers to Michigan high school students.

"Today, too few workers have the skills needed to meet the demands of employers in the new economy. One of the most common issues is around the lack of knowledge that high school students have about in-demand careers and training programs," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "Through the Career Jump Start program, we will encourage students to consider training opportunities that will provide them with critical

work skills for those high-demand careers."

Created as a response to feedback received at the Governor's Economic and Education Summits held earlier this year, the Career Jump Start Program is intended to address the critical talent gap facing Michigan employers by promoting high-demand career paths to students. Through a network of Michigan's community colleges, Michigan Works agencies, employers, trade unions, Chambers and other key organizations, the initiative will educate high school students about Associate's degree programs, apprenticeships and other training opportunities for occupations that are in high demand by employers.

North Central and community colleges in 10 regions around the state will

house "career liaison specialists" who will provide resources to high school counselors, administrators, parents and teachers about post-high school training programs that will prepare students for in-demand occupations. Through improved connectivity between employers and the K-12 system, high school graduates in Michigan will be more informed about and connected to high-demand career options.

"Talent is the new currency in economic development. By making Michigan students aware of today's high-demand jobs and the training programs that will prepare them for those jobs, we are ensuring the continued growth of Michigan's economy," said Michael A. Finney, president and CEO of the MEDC. "Career Jump Start is focused on

meeting employer needs and will support ways to connect employers, educators and students, building Michigan's workforce together."

The regional career liaisons will be housed at the following organizations in addition to North Central: Alpena Community College, Bay de Noc Community College, Delta College, Grand Rapids Community College, Jackson College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Lansing Community College, Mott Community College and The Workforce Intelligence Network.

To learn more about the Career Jump Start program, visit . For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit: .

## Cemetery Changes

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 hours to find solace there. The Commissioners ulti-

mately supported the idea to refrain from posting hours. They did agree with the consideration of closing two entrances, but also suggested the idea of sprucing up the main entrance with an ornate gate which would beautify the cemetery.

"I always picture some kind of really beautiful gate for the main entry... to finish it off and make it look like it's complete," said Commissioner Sansom.

All of the other Commissioners thought this was a great idea. They encour-

aged those on the fencing committee to take the comments at this meeting and put them into the planning process for closure of entrances, and to look into finding a gate to enhance the aesthetics of Maple Lawn Cemetery.

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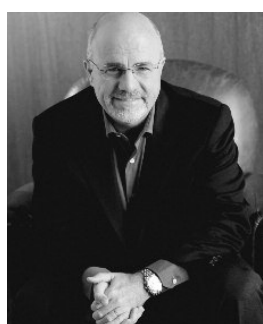
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# DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

## Don't forget Christmas

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I have \$15,000 in debt left to pay off. We bring home around \$32,000 a year, and we usually spend \$250 to \$300 on Christmas. I started talking to her about your plan earlier this year, and she finally agreed and got on board a couple of months ago. How should we handle Christmas budgeting in the middle of working our debt snowball?

Scott  
Dear Scott,  
The first thing I'd suggest is to not mention my name for a while. If she's agreed to start working the plan and help you guys get control of your money, that's enough for now. We don't want to cause a rift during the holidays.

Just sit down together and ask her what she thinks is a reasonable amount to spend for Christmas while you're trying to get out of debt. If it's a reasonable figure, smile and tell her you agree. You might even ask if she's okay with your old Christmas budget. If she is, then pencil it in and move on to other things.

The big thing is to make sure you listen to her opinion and work on this together. On the off chance that she gives some crazy dollar amount, just nod and ask how she came to that figure. Then, talk things out. Don't bring up my name or go crazy about things. It sounds like you two are on the right track!

—Dave

## Switch to Roth TSP?

Dear Dave,  
Do you think I should consider switching from my traditional TSP (Thrift Savings Plan) to a Roth TSP?

Jeremy  
Dear Jeremy,  
If I've got a choice, I'm going with the Roth TSP. Now, if you're starting out really late with your saving and investing, the math might work out either way. But in most cases, when you've got several years ahead of you, a Roth TSP, or even a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k) where your money grows tax free, is a much better choice.

Remember, unless you've waited until you're in your sixties, the vast majority of the money in the account will be growth. Ten percent or less will be the money you actually put into the account. This tax-free growth is what makes the Roth TSP an excellent choice.

In other words, if you've got \$1 million in your current investment, and \$900,000 is growth, you'll get taxed on that portion. That would amount to around \$300,000. If your money is in a Roth, there are no taxes. You just saved \$300,000 out of every \$1 million. Not a bad deal, is it?

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

# The Christmas Gift of Faithfulness



By Jamie Woodall

Have you read the Christmas narrative? Have you ever thought about how

crazy, chaotic, and difficult it was for two people involved?

First there was an angel that showed up to young girl probably between the age of fifteen and nineteen years old, named Mary. This angel said that she would have a baby from the Holy what? - "the Holy Spirit." Joseph, her soon-to-be husband is a morally upright guy with a great reputation in the community. However, he "finds" his fiancé (in our terms) to be pregnant, by someone else. He's a righteous dude and didn't believe in sexual union before marriage, so it could not be his child. Ouch!

So he decides he will break-up quietly and save Mary the public humiliation as much as possible. What a good guy who is most likely an emotional mess at this point. And how about Mary, she is heart-broken knowing a.) she didn't do it, and b.) the love of her life doesn't believe her.

However an angel shows up Joseph's dream. Crazy, huh? The angel tells him "not to be afraid." Furthermore, "The child in your ex-fiance (now), Mary, is from the Holy Spirit."

So Joseph takes Mary to be his wife and their relationship is secure. But then they soon learn that a Roman governor is requiring them to take a very long journey to Bethlehem to pay taxes, at very cold time of year. They pack and off they go. Finally making it to the small town, Joseph and Mary find out there's

no room for them anywhere in town. Young family-man Joseph looks frantically to find a place for his pregnant wife. The only place he finds is a barn, where animals are housed. It may have even been a cave like place where animals were kept.

Things once again settle down a bit for only one night. It was just long enough for a special little baby to be born. A star appears over that place. Angels then reveal themselves to shepherds in the fields that night and tell them to go to Bethlehem because a Savior is born. They come, bow down, and worship the baby. Then Magi, astrologers from Persia, who were magicians and not really monotheistic one-God-believing kind-of people came and brought gifts.

But that night they learn that Herod the jealous and wicked King ruling over the Roman Empire was trying to hunt down the baby Jesus and kill him. So Joseph and Mary had to run away to Egypt. This was another long journey. No post-medical treatment for Mary or the baby. Just get back on the road quick because the government is trying to find them and kill them.

After living in Egypt for a short time, they had to escape Herod again and run to Nazareth - a town that some joked of "no good thing" coming out of. Uproot and run. Uproot and run. Now settling in a town with absolutely no family support system. This was a difficult and turbulent saga for two young people trying to care for a baby who was to grow up and save the world from sin.

Have you wondered why on earth it was so difficult for them? If God is God, then why didn't he make it easier?

If anyone spends time looking closely at the Christmas narrative there are a few realities that

will rise.

First, God is with Joseph and Mary all the way through the difficulty. This side of heaven God did not rescue them from difficulty, but he guided them through it. Second, God proved himself faithful through difficulty. If there had been no danger, would Joseph and Mary know the faithfulness of God? Faithfulness was a Christmas gift God gave them. Third, God desired them to gift back faithfulness to him through their obedience.

Reflecting more on the Christmas narrative this year has caused me to confess something. Some times in life I look at all the challenges and difficulty and become discouraged and even a bit angry. I can tend to focus on the horror of life's many trials and overwhelming discomforts, rather than the faithfulness of God.

He is there with me. He proves himself faithful in the difficulties. He desires my full surrendered obedience to Him and His ways. That will be my Christmas gift to him.

That was the Christmas Joseph and Mary gave back to him.

After all God did give us a Savior, who was born on Christmas day. It was his only Son, Jesus offered up for the sins of the world - yours and mine. God is faithful. We can count on him for everything. He is with us through it all. He proves himself to us if we can see him in faith, and be faithful to him.

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

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### 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.

## 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. 19.

## EAST JORDAN

### Winter Solstice Celebration

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

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

## HORTON BAY

### Photos with Santa

Pictures with Santa at Horton Bay Church again this year, Santa will be available for photos at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. Saturday, December 21st, 2-4 pm. Come have treats

and get first photo free!

## BOYNE CITY

### Cookie walk

The Boyne City American Legion Auxiliary - Ernest Peterson Post 228 will host a Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 21 in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library starting at 8am until the cookies are gone. If you don't enjoy baking or don't have time to bake for the holidays, come and check out our Cookie Walk. The Auxiliary will have a large selection of homemade cookies for your choosing. Fill a box (or two) with all one kind or mix them up with several of your favorites. Give them as gifts or tray them up for your gatherings. All proceeds will help the Auxiliary continue to support our Veterans and their families.

## 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 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

## BOYNE CITY

### Maple Lawn Cemetery to remain open 24-7

It appears people who have loved ones laid to rest at Boyne City's Maple Lawn cemetery will continue to have access to the cemetery around the clock following discussions by the Boyne City Commission Tuesday. The commission conducted a public hearing Tuesday to gather public input on what, if any of the cemetery's entrances should be gated and what, if any, hours should be established for visitors

## EAST JORDAN

### Holiday Gathering

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

## BOYNE CITY

### Concert

Peter Mulvey will be featured in the next Freshwater Art Gallery concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. One reviewer said Peter Mulvey is "one of the foremost urban folkies on the scene. His lit-

erate, socially conscious lyrics combined with subtle and sultry right-on instrumental accompaniment has intrigued and impressed many." Future Freshwater concerts include "Wine, Women and Chocolate" on Feb. 15, and Willy Porter on March 15. Call 231-582-2588 for reservations. 213 S. Lake St.

## 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

## CHARLEVOIX

### Bridge drop

Join us downtown Charlevoix for the Bridge Drop on New Years Eve for food, fun, and fireworks! Celebrate the coming of 2014 in the biggest, brightest, and best way possible! Day: Winter petting zoo, camel rides, food trucks, snowman making contest, s'mores, hot cocoa, and special after Christmas sales! Night: Dinner and drink specials, live entertainment, food trucks, Bridge Drop, and fireworks! Don't forget to purchase your Bridge Drop Buttons! We are selling Bridge Drop Buttons at the Chamber for \$5. All wearing the button on New Year's Eve will receive special discounts from participating restaurants and retail! www.bridgedrop.com

## EAST JORDAN

### Christmas village

Lighted Christmas Village thru Jan. 5 at East Jordan Tourist Park. Sponsored by East Jordan Lions Club.

## EAST JORDAN

### Junior Achievement Looking Forward To 2013-14 School Year

After completing 13 Classes at East Jordan Element-

ary 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.

## 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 Re-

covery, 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

The Boyne City farm market is 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

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.

## BOYNE CITY

### New location for Celtic sessions

Boyne Celtic session concerts are moving to a new venue. The concerts previously presented at the Freshwater Art Gallery in Boyne City will now be at the Boyne District Library community room. Singer and musician Gaeyle Gerrie-Boss will continue to host the free traditional Celtic music events from 1-3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. Musicians from the around the area will gather and play tunes from ancient Scotch, Welsh, Irish and Bretons for listeners of all ages.

## 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.

## 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/video-challenge. There is no entry fee and the deadline for video submissions is March 1, 2014.

# Charlevoix SHOP LOCAL

## NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 23

### IT TAKES YOU TO START THE TREND

The community of Charlevoix has been issued a challenge:

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

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

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

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# LOCAL



### 1. TAKE THE PLEDGE

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

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

### 2. POST YOUR FAVORITES

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

### 3. TELL YOUR FRIENDS

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

# HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

### 4. TURN IN RECEIPTS

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

### 5. ONLY WISH FOR LOCAL

Request that your friends/family only purchase local gifts for you this year.

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## HOLIDAY TIPS

### Tips for Pet Travel

The weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years Eve all seem to mesh into a whirlwind of meetings, events, and parties as we wrap up and conclude our year. If traveling with a pet is adding an extra layer of work to your schedule this season, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has some great tips to keep you and your pet happy and hassle-free this travel season.

- This year, AVMA celebrates 150 Years of Excellence with Top Tips for Safe Pet Travel:
- It is best to purchase an approved crate prior to travel so you have time to let your pet get used to the crate and be comfortable.
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- Make sure your pet has identification tags with up-to-date information.
- If you are taking your pet across state or international borders, a health certificate is required. The health certificate must be signed by a veterinarian after your pet has been examined and found to be free of disease.

□ It is recommended that you DO NOT give tranquilizers to your pet when traveling by air because it can increase the risk of heart and respiratory problems. Short-nosed dogs and cats sometimes have even more difficulty with travel. Airlines may require a signed statement that your pet has not been tranquilized prior to flying.

□ If traveling by car, make frequent stops (about every 2-3 hours) to allow your pet to go to the bathroom and get some exercise.

□ Pets should not be allowed to ride with their heads outside the window. Dirt and other debris can enter their eyes, ears and nose and cause injury or infection.

□ Pets should not be allowed to ride on the driver's lap or near the driver's feet. Small pets should be confined in crates or in travel-safe dog beds and larger pets should be appropriately restrained with harnesses attached to the car's seat belts.

The AVMA has a wide array of information about pet health and safety tips that have been built upon for the past 150 years. To find out more, visit .

### Holiday Food Safety Tips

Wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling any food.

Wash food-contact surfaces (cutting boards, dishes, utensils, countertops) with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item.

Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly under cool running water and use a produce brush to remove surface dirt.

Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking in order to avoid spreading bacteria to areas around the sink and countertops.

When shopping in the store, storing food in the refrigerator at home, or preparing meals, keep foods that won't be cooked separate from raw eggs, meat, poultry or seafood—and from kitchen utensils used for those products.

Consider using one cutting board only for foods that will be cooked (such as raw meat, poultry, and seafood) and another one for those that will not (such as raw fruits and vegetables).

Do not put cooked meat or other food that is ready to eat on an unwashed plate that has held any raw eggs, meat, poultry, seafood, or their juices.

Use a food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry, and fish are cooked to a safe internal temperature. To check a turkey for safety, insert a food thermometer into the innermost part of the thigh and

wing and the thickest part of the breast. The turkey is safe when the temperature reaches 165°F. If the turkey is stuffed, the temperature of the stuffing should be 165°F.

Bring sauces, soups, and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating.

Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. When making your own eggnog or other recipe calling for raw eggs, use pasteurized shell eggs, liquid or frozen pasteurized egg products, or powdered egg whites.

Don't eat uncooked cookie dough, which may contain raw eggs.

Refrigerate leftovers and takeout foods—and any type of food that should be refrigerated, including pie—within two hours.

Set your refrigerator at or below 40°F and the freezer at 0°F. Check both periodically with an appliance thermometer.

Thaw frozen food safely in the refrigerator, under cold running water, or in the microwave—never at room temperature. Cook food thawed in cold water or in the microwave immediately.

Allow enough time to properly thaw food. For example, a 20-pound turkey needs four to five days to thaw completely in the refrigerator.

Don't taste food that looks or smells questionable. When in doubt, throw it out.

Leftovers should be used within three to four days, unless frozen.

## Winter Luncheon lectures at North Central Michigan College

North Central Michigan College's luncheon lecture series for the winter semester will begin on Friday, January 24. A wide variety of topics will be featured: Court School, historic Cross Village, Sobriety Court, the state of public health in our area, the anniversary of Pi and the stories behind some great classical music. All programs in the winter series will be held at noon on Fridays in the college's Library conference room.

Kicking off the series on January 24 is a closer look at "Court School." Emmet County Probate Court Judge Fred Mulhauser started a school for students whose brushes with the law barred them from conventional classrooms. Today, Lakeview Academy is a unique partnership involving the Char-Em ISD, Emmet County and the 7th Probate Court. Judge Mulhauser will provide an update on the school he was able to create.

One of the oldest settlements in Michigan, the Cross Village in northern Emmet County was once home to a large native community, large amounts of lumbering and fishing activity and a 2,000-acre Catholic "convent" and farm run by an autocratic and eccentric Catholic pastor. In the 1850s, its Native American population faced deportation to Kansas. On February 21, Jane

Cardinal from Good Hart will talk about the area's colorful history.

Inspiration for great music has come from many sources: hopeless love (of course), but also opium, a small dog chasing its tail and bladder stone surgery! On February 28, Kate Botello, classical music program host and producer for Interlochen Public Radio, explains the stories behind Beethoven's Moonlight Sonatas, Berlioz' Symphonie Fantastique, Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice and many others.

In celebration of Pi Day on March 14, North Central mathematics professor Gary Kersting will offer an entertaining and enlightening discourse on this famous mathematical constant that represents the ratio of a circle's diameter to its circumference. To help mark this momentous occasion, pot pies will be served and pie will be offered for dessert.

On April 11, Linda Yaroch, RN, MPH, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, will provide an overview of public health in our area. She will discuss the local impact of the state's expansion of Medicaid coverage and implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

90th District Court Judge James Erhart is one of a growing number of judges who offer second drunk driv-

ing offenders a tough, two-year alternative involving monitoring, testing, counseling and other strategies that can help them overcome alcohol addiction and become more productive members of society. On May 2, Judge Erhart will explain the program and talk about the people whose lives are being changed in a positive way.

All Luncheon Lecture programs are held on Fridays at noon in the Library conference room. Reservations are required. Call to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$10. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

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, bachelor's 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®.

## Ice Fishing Safety Tips

By Jeff Bossory

Whether you fish sitting in a cozy shanty occasionally glancing at your tip up just waiting for the flag to pop up or you are just jigging for crappie in the bright midday sun, keep one thing in mind: when you are on the ice it can be very dangerous.

### Ice Fishing Basics

No ice is safe ice! Ice thickness varies across a lake. Avoid areas where there is flow (feeder streams and springs) or in-water obstructions (bridges pilings, docks, and dam

structures), since ice is usually thinner around these objects.

Always fish with a partner or in an area where several other anglers are present. Let others know exactly where you are going and when you plan to return. Place a cell phone in a plastic bag to protect it from moisture in case you get wet.

Always take along a throw cushion or wear a personal flotation device in case of immersion.

If You Fall into the Water, remain calm! Slip off loose boots to tread water more

effectively. If no ice awls are available, call for help and try swimming out by letting your body rise up to firm it and crawl out. Stay flat, distributing your weight on the ice. Keep your clothes on once out of the water. This will keep you insulated.

If someone else falls in, REACH (stick or fishing pole), THROW (rope or flotation device), ROW (row or push a boat), and GO (call for help).

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

### Monday, November 25, 2013

- 8:57am Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
  - 9:45am Property damage 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
  - 7:25am Parking complaint in the area of Front and Pleasant
  - 7:36am Larceny reported on Fall Park 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
  - 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 the 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
- 11:30am Vehicle 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 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 E 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

- 12:13am Single vehicle injury accident on Boyne Av near Division St
- 10:38am Drug Paraphernalia found in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 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 9-15, 2013

- 911 Hang Up Call.....4
- Abandoned Vehicle.....0
- Abuse.....0
- Alarm.....3
- Animal Complaint.....10

- Annoyance.....0
- Assault.....0
- Assist Citizen.....3
- Assist Motorist.....6
- Assist Other Agency.....10
- Attempt to Locate.....3
- Attempted Suicide.....0
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation.....0
- Breaking & Entering.....3
- Car/Deer Accident.....8
- Citations Issued.....6
- Civil Complaint.....2
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.....1
- Death.....0
- Disorderly Person.....0
- Disturbance.....0
- DNR Complaint.....1
- Domestic Dispute.....0
- Driving Complaint.....4
- Fireworks Complaint.....0
- Found Property.....1
- Fraud.....4
- Health & Safety.....1
- Hit & Run.....1
- Intoxicated Person.....0
- Juvenile.....2
- Larceny.....6
- Lockout.....8
- Lost Property.....0
- Malicious Destruction of Property.....0

- Mental Subject.....0
- Minor In Possession.....0
- Miscellaneous Criminal.....1
- Missing Person.....0
- Noise Complaint.....1
- Operating Under the Influence...0
- Paper Service.....15
- Parking Violation.....1
- Personal Injury Accident.....1
- Personal Protection Order.....1
- Private Property Accident.....2
- Property Check.....32
- Property Damage Accident.....18
- Prowler.....0
- Road Hazard.....4
- Stalking.....0
- Suspicious Situation.....3
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- **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.**
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# Farmers Market to host holiday open house

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will be hosting a special holiday celebration during the regular December 19th Farmers Market next Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Santa will be present from 11-noon, immediately following story hour, to take pictures with the Children. Stop down for free cookies, cocoa, coffee and holiday cheer.

Don't forget that the Charlevoix Farmers Mar-

ket is a great place to find last minute gifts and food products for those hard to buy for people on your list. Farmer's markets tokens make great stocking stuffers! Handmade evergreen centerpieces will help make your holiday table festive!

Celebrate the holidays and shop fresh and local at the Charlevoix Holiday Farmers Market. Meet the folks that grow, bake and produce the items that help

make the holiday table so special and delicious. Everyone loves the gift of great food! As always, Bridge Cards and Credit/Debit cards will be accepted.

The Market will continue to be held every Thursday from 9am-1pm at the Charlevoix Public Library until June. If you have questions, contact the Charlevoix Chamber at 231.547.2101

## United Way makes year-end community investments

Char-Em United Way has made a special community allocation investment to meet critical needs. United Way's Emergency Need Funds have just been awarded to two local agencies.

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency was awarded \$7000 to fund an AmeriCorps member to assist working with and case managing the increased number of homeless people living in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Child Abuse Council Collaborative Project was awarded \$2000 to fund Pre-K to 3rd grade child sexual assault prevention materials for children and their families as part of an awareness campaign. \$17,000 is remaining in the Emergency Needs Fund that can be used within the 13-14 fiscal year as emerging community needs are identified.

This fund has been established to give Char-Em United Way the flexibility to meet community needs that may arise between its

annual allocation cycles. Funds may be earmarked for United Way's Strategic Initiatives and priorities (e.g. Education, Health, Income), emerging community needs; new approaches to previously-identified needs; and/or an agency or community emergency.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide additional funding at this time," says Therese Green, Chair of United Way's Allocation Committee. "During last spring's Community Investment Allocation process, we set aside a small percentage of the available funds into an Emerging Needs Fund. This fund gives us flexibility to meet community needs that might arise in between our annual investment cycle."

"We were able to provide this special funding because we had such a successful campaign last year," says Lorraine Manary, United Way Executive Director. "Last year we raised a record amount of funds and this enabled us

to invest a record amount of money back into the community. As the community need is greater than ever, we hope that we will be able to maintain this level of investment again this year. However, that will only be possible if we reach our current campaign goal of \$425,000. Our campaign now stands at 40% of goal, and we still have a long way to go to meet that mark."

The Frey Foundation, for the second year, has offered United Way a challenge grant of an additional \$30,000 to match new and increased campaign donations this year. Contributions to the campaign can be sent to Char-Em United Way, P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770 or made on line at [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org), selecting the "Give" button.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org).

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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**

<b>Thursday, December 19</b> 5-6pm Lite Tour 6-7pm Hot Chocolate & Cookies	<b>Friday, December 20</b> 11am-12pm Tag A Longs Raffle	<b>Monday, December 23</b> Line Dance Bingo	<b>Tuesday, December 24</b> CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	<b>Thursday, December 26</b> Wii Bowling
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**CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, December 19</b> 11am Chair Yoga Class Back Porch Music 1pm Pinochle	<b>Friday, December 20</b> Foot Clinic 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	<b>Monday, December 23</b> 1pm Wood Carving 7pm Bible Study	<b>Tuesday, December 24</b> CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	<b>Thursday, December 26</b> BIRTHDAY DAY! 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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**EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Thursday, December 19</b> KARAOKE DAY!	<b>Friday, December 20</b> 10:30am Exercise 11am Cousins Bingo/BAKE RAFFLE everyone bring something!	<b>Monday, December 23</b> 8am-1pm Walking M-F 10am Exercise	<b>Tuesday, December 24</b> CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	<b>Thursday, December 26</b> KARAOKE DAY!
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**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU**

<b>Thursday, December 19</b> BAKED COD	<b>Friday, December 20</b> POLISH SAUSAGE	<b>Monday, December 23</b> COOK'S CHOICE	<b>Tuesday, December 24</b> CLOSED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	<b>Thursday, December 26</b> BEEF CHILI
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