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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 2014

Boyne City presents over \$52,000 to Camp Quality and almost \$10,000 to Challenge Mountain



Proceeds from the 11th Annual Boyne Thunder event were presented by Mayor Ron Grunch to representatives from Camp Quality and Challenge Mountain at the November 25 Boyne City Commission meeting.

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY - Resolutions to apply for two grants were approved, a contract with an engineering firm to take soil borings at the site of the new DPW garage was hired and a date was set for a joint board and commission meeting at the November 25 Boyne City Commission meeting.

A contract with Soils and Materials Engineers to perform soil borings at the North Boyne site of the new DPW garage was approved. Finding a site on the property where suitable soil for construction of the buildings has been an ongoing topic of discussions. Soil quality is ques-

tionable as a result of a great deal of fill being placed on the property over time. "This is a critical step for us to move forward," said City Manager Michael Cain. Soils and Materials Engineers was the lowest bid at \$5,400. "We have to know what we're looking at underneath. That will affect the price," said Commissioner Derek Gaylord.

Harbor Master Barb Brooks proposed to the Commissioners that the city apply for a Marina Safety Grant. The grant is provided through the city's liability insurance carrier's Risk Reduction Grant Program. Approval of a resolution to authorize



Boyne City Mayor Ron Grunch holds up a picture of the newly installed fireplace at the warming house at Avalanche Mountain. He then presented Bill Kuhn with a certificate of appreciation for the many hours of labor he invested in the project.

See Boyne City Commission -9A

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

2014 Charlevoix County News All-Area Volleyball Dream Team Named

Holiday merchant Open House & Cocoa Contest

CHARLEVOIX - Tis' the season for the holiday festivities to begin! On Saturday, December 6th, merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, refreshments, special sales, raffles and more during the Charlevoix Merchant Open House.

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

In addition to the great sales, Santa will arrive downtown at noon to spread some holiday cheer for the children. Santa will be at Charlevoix Cinema III from noon to 1:00pm. There is no fee for your child to visit with Santa, but after Santa departs, children are invited to stay and watch a free full-length holiday movie sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. This year's free movie is *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, a 1992 American musical fantasy-comedy film and an adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. For entry, please bring a canned-good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

While children enjoy the movie, parents are able to relax, sample and shop without interruption! Don't miss the 2nd Annual Charlevoix Hot Cocoa Contest. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores and restaurants. Just look for the "Cocoa Trail" posters in the store-front windows to stop in, sample and vote for your favorite cocoa creation. Competing restaurants include The Bridge Street Tap Room, Cre8tive Cupcake, Grey Gables Inn Restaurant, Scovie's Gourmet, Smoke on the Water, The Drawbridge Bistro, and The Landing Restaurant.

The Merchant Open House is also a great opportunity to Shop Small and support your local businesses during the holidays. With this in mind, the Charlevoix DDA is offering a great holiday promotion this year! Simply pick up a local passport at City Hall, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce or any participating downtown retailers. Spend \$10 or more in 8 downtown stores from November 29 to December 22 and get your downtown passport stamped for a chance to win \$250 from the DDA and free parking in Downtown Charlevoix for one year. This initiative is part of the Small Business Saturday shop local campaign started by American Express in 2010.

So make a list, check it twice and head to the Charlevoix Merchant Open House! For additional information visit or call 231-547-2101.

East Jordan Citizen of the Year nomination forms available

It's that time of the year to nominate the people in East Jordan who are making a difference in the community for Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are now available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office or on the Chamber's website www.ejchamber.org. Nominators are asked to describe the nominee's outstanding community involvement (both past and present), civic contributions, special community contributions and any other pertinent information.

A committee comprised of community representatives review the nominations and vote by secret ballot. The Citizen of the Year is announced annually at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction. The 2014 Annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 31 at Castle Farms. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber Office at 231-536-7351.

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LOW: Low 30's

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OBITUARIES

Sherry L. Bye, 61

(APRIL 11, 1953 - NOVEMBER 23, 2014)

Sherry L. Bye of Charlevoix died Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Metron of Big Rapids.

She was born April 11, 1953 in Flint to Clifford and Bethel (Grosser) Bye.

Sherry moved from Flint to Charlevoix County in 1987. She enjoyed being with her family. Surviving are her parents Clifford and Bethel Bye of East Jordan, brother Nels (Marcia) Bye of Hillman, and sister Lois (James) Banks of Hickory Hills, Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan at a later date.

The family was served by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth, online at www.hastingsfuneral.com

Jenna Bailey Giddings, 5

(MARCH 13, 2009 - NOV. 27, 2014)

Jenna Bailey Giddings, precious daughter of Sheila and Rocky and little sister of Cecilia, Sydney, Morgan and Kendall, passed from this life after her hard fought battle with cancer on Thursday, November 27, 2014.



Jenna was born March 13, 2009 in Petoskey and was a student at Ottawa Elementary. Over the course of her short time with us, she touched many lives. Her family will forever remember a little girl with a big personality, who was smart and determined. She was blessed from birth with beautiful expressive blue eyes that were the windows to her soul and an infectious smile that endeared her to everyone she ever met. She is a beautiful little soul; whose bravery was an example to us all.....she is deeply, deeply loved and so very much missed.

As mentioned above Jenna is survived by her mother Sheila and father Rocky and by her sisters, Cecilia, Sydney, Morgan and Kendall. She is also survived by her grandparents Alvin and Cynthia Giddings and Leonard and Elizabeth Readmond, as well as numerous aunts uncles and cousins.

Jenna's family asks that you join them in honoring and celebrating

her life during a funeral mass that will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church; the mass will be led by Fr. Bryan Medlin. Visitation will be held on Friday December 5th from 2-4 and again from 6-8 p.m. at Stone Funeral Home. Visitation will also be held at the church on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Friends and family wishing to remember Jenna with a charitable contribution are asked to direct those contributions to her family c/o Sheila Readmond, 9039 Springvale Rd., Boyne Falls, MI 49713, these donations will be directed to a charity yet to be determined.

Rest now little one safely in the arms of our Lord.

Franklin N. Ayers, 87

(APRIL 19, 1927 - NOV. 26, 2014)

Franklin N. Ayers of Gaylord passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Frank was born in Silverwood, Michigan on April 19, 1927, the son of Clyde & Nettie (Bohac) Ayers.

He moved to Gaylord 22 years ago from Ellsworth. He was a long-time farmer and also worked for the East Jordan Co-Op until his retirement in 1993.

Frank is survived by 1 daughter, Diana (Willie) Bridger of Gaylord; 3 grandchildren, Jody (Mark) Acord of Missouri, Frank (Debbie) Lindley of Texas and Amber Bridger of Missouri; 6 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Nellie Mae (Ray) Wojtkowiak of Gaylord and sister in law, Marion Ayers of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Edward Ayers and sister, Mary Cabic.

The family has chosen to remember him privately. Contributions in his memory may be made to the family, through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734.

Robert Bryan, age 93

(MAY 7, 1921 - NOV. 25, 2014)

Robert Bryan of Boyne City passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at Grandvue Medical

Care Facility.

Robert was born on May 7, 1921 in Sturgis, MI the son of Jess and Myrtle (Lung) Bryan. He married Gwendolyn Davis on September 15, 1943 in Lansing. He owned and operated Bryan's Music Company for many years until retirement. He was an active member of the Boyne City United Methodist Church. Robert enjoyed antiques, traveling, drawing, painting, music and was a huge Detroit Tigers fan.

Robert is survived by his two children Robert (Judy) Bryan and Jasmine Johnson; grandchildren Leila Bryan, JT Williams, Jami Williams, Donya Williams, Zakiya Barnes, Stacy Vondra, Robert Bryan, Jessica Guzniczak; great grandchildren Monique Chambers, Dante Chambers, Malachi Richards, Madison Richards, Sam and Grace Vondra, Jacob Clark and Keith and Myra Guzniczak; and brother William Bryan.

He is preceded in death by his parents Jess and Myrtle; wife Gwendolyn and brother Garth Bryan.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 28, 2014 at the Boyne City United Methodist Church. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Memorial donations may be directed to the church.

Jerry L. White, 70

Jerry L. White of East Jordan died Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Josephine Rose Stutzman, 99

Josephine Rose Stutzman of Charlevoix passed away Dec. 2, 2014, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Jerry Lou (Mays) Whitbeck, 78

(AUG. 4, 1936 - NOV. 11, 2014)

Jerry Lou (Mays) Whitbeck of Oscoda and formerly of Charlevoix and Gaylord, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014, at Lakeview Manor Nursing Home in Tawas City.

She was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas on August 4, 1936 to the late Luther and Sarah Nall (nee

Kendal).

Jerry enjoyed sewing, quilting, doll making, cross stitching and was a member of the Oscoda United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Dollar; children, John (Kathy) Mays, Scott (Beverly) Mays, Jeffrey (Karen) Mays, Ron (Becky) Whitbeck, and Todd (Nadine) Whitbeck. Jerry is also survived by her brother, Luther Nall and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

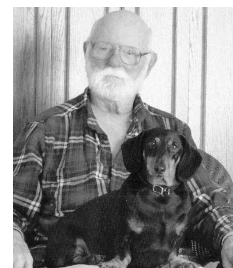
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Pam Crain.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and you may offer your condolences at www.buresh-funeralhomes.com

Phil Martin, 86

(JUNE 5, 1928 - NOV. 27, 2014)

Phil G. Martin, 86, of Charlevoix, passed away November 27, 2014, at his home. He was born June 5, 1928, in Charlevoix, to John James and Clara Belle (Ruckle) Martin. Phil graduated from Charlevoix High School. He owned and operated Martin's Standard Service at two locations in Charlevoix, and a snowmobile shop. He worked for the Charlevoix Wastewater Treatment Plant, and was a heavy equipment operator for the State of Michigan in the construction of Department of Natural Resources Public Access Sites. In retirement he ran a lawn service with Dave Dutcher called Two Old Men and a Lawnmower. Lately, Phil could be seen any day of the week riding his scooter around Charlevoix with his best friend Schultz in tow, or riding on Phil's lap.



Phil loved photography, and was an avid photographer and collector of local photos - a hobby that began in high school when Phil was the yearbook photographer. Phil is survived by his children, Steve A. Martin, Kathy Martin Resch both of Charlevoix, Phil W. Martin of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Jared, Jason, Nika, Nigel, and Dustin; great-grandchildren, C.J., Hannah, Cam, and Chase; former wife, Clara Martin; sister, Sarah Cummings of Charlevoix, and the whole Martin family; his constant companion, Schultz; a special thanks to his niece and nephew to Mary Ann and Ron Cox and their family for always being there for Phil. Phil was preceded in death by his daughter, Nita, earlier this year.

A service will be announced in the spring of 2015.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Circle of the Arts, 109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Mary E. Reich, 61

(OCT. 24, 1953 - NOV. 23, 2014)

Mary E. Reich passed away peacefully at her home in East Jordan on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014.

Mary was born on Oct. 24, 1953, in Keokuk, Iowa, and enjoyed her life in Northern Michigan. She loved being outside fishing, camping, gardening and doing many activities with her family.

Mary worked at Charlevoix Area Hospital for many years and retired from the Charlevoix County Transit in 2013 where she enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels and meeting people of the community.

Mary is preceded in death by her stepfather, Leston H. Brown

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Dale Reich, and her children, Don (Amy) Reich of Bay City, Robin Reich of Ellsworth, Scott (Christa) Reich of Fowlerville; mother, E. Esther Brown; sisters, Billie (Gaugi) Holm, Tina (Rob) Hutchison, Ginger Stevens, and brother, Mike (Terri) Smith, all of Charlevoix, sisters, Patty (Bob) Beach of Lansing, Susan (Barry) DeWitt of Phillips-

burg N.J., and brother, W. Joseph (Teresa) Smith of Milwaukee, Wis.; along with stepbrothers, stepsisters, aunts and uncles. She was blessed with 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Mary's request, there will not be funeral services. In lieu of flowers, make donations to Meals on Wheels or Charlevoix Area Hospital in her honor. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Josephine Rose Stutzman, 99

Josephine Rose Stutzman, 99, of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at her home. She was born March 13, 1915, in Weyerhaeuser, Wisc., to Joseph and Magdalina (Kopca) Vratana. She graduated from Calumet High School in Chicago in 1930, and from Englewood Business College in Chicago in 1932. On September 15, 1940, she married Joseph F. Stutzman in Detroit.



Josephine worked in Chicago for Chevrolet Motor Division as a Billing Clerk from 1935 to 1940; and in the office at Donnelly Corporation in Detroit from 1941-1942. She was a bookkeeper at Stream-Eze Corporation in Charlevoix from 1952 to 1958, and at Freedman Aircraft in Charlevoix from 1958-1977.

She and her husband, Joe, were active since young adults in the Farmers Union and in the Barnard Grange, in which she was active until recently. She was an avid gardener who loved her flowers and loved to can vegetables from her garden. She enjoyed embroidering, quilting, and crocheting and loved sharing those talents with family and friends. She loved baking pies and cookies for organization fund raisers and knitting for the Grange Mitten Tree. She loved music, and her dancing years began in Chicago as a teenager dancing to the Big Bands at the Trianon and Argonne Ball Rooms. Many years were spent supporting Jasper and the Tag-A-Longs in which Joe played violin and his sister, Lauretta, played piano. She took great pride in her family and was a loving, supportive mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

Josephine is survived by her children, Janice Mae (Thomas) Tuffelmire of Allegan; Gary Lee (Deborah Crandall) Stutzman of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Ryan (April) Hunt of East Lansing, Kristin (Paulk) Bryant of Roswell, Ga., Allan Tuffelmire of Cave Creek, Ariz., Daniel Tuffelmire of Scottsdale, Ariz., Shelly (Christopher) Johnson of Allegan, John (Wendy Brown) Lopez of Traverse City, Bradford Lopez of Charlevoix; great-grandchildren, Rachel and Natalie Hunt; Christopher, Brandon, Jarod Tuffelmire; Justin Arlt; Taylor Raphael; Nathan Lopez; E. J. Shemwell; special friends, Kathy Clark of Harbor Springs and Janet Stutzman of Charlevoix. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph in 1999; her brothers and their wives, Edward (Blanche) Vrantanina, and Robert (Dorothea) Swanson; sister-in-law, Lauretta Swanson; infant brother, William.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm, Thursday, December 4, and from 10 am, Friday, until the time of the funeral at 11 am, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Robert Bellairs will officiate and burial will take place in the Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix City Band Fearless Five Scholarship, c/o Ron Winchester, 209 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or to the Barnard Grange, c/o Helen Stevens, 15645 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please sign Josephine's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneral-home.com

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 1, 2014

City Council Takes on Outdoor Dining

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At the lengthy meeting of City Council on Monday night the issue of outdoor dining came before the board yet again, with little results.

Since the Cool Cities initiative in 2007 the City of Charlevoix has been researching ways to make outdoor dining a reality for downtown business owners within the Downtown Development Authority district. During the summer of 2014 an official subcommittee was created to tackle the issue that consisted of members of the DDA, city staff, Council, and downtown business owners. Since that time, council members have revisited the topic to create regulations that would allow for outdoor café style dining during the summer season between April 1 and October 31 every year.

Bethany Pearson of the DDA presented the agenda item and delineated several revisions made since it was last brought before council. The revisions included mandating the removal of barriers and tables after October 31 which would mark the end of the season for outdoor seating. Additionally, all chairs must stay within regulated areas and all sign ordinances apply to the outdoor seating areas.

These changes were made at the request of various council members



Charlevoix could see dining similar to this found in Ann Arbor as early as this summer. COURTESY PHOTO

whose concerns with the program have caused city staff to change the proposal several times. However, this time, it was not only members of council who voiced concerns. City Planner Michael Spencer shared his opinion that the fees charged for having outdoor seating seemed high, and that he would like to see them lowered. He stated that as the sidewalks the seating would be on are not maintained by the city, but rather by the business owners themselves, he felt the fees should be lowered, and that the initial fee to have outdoor seating should be the only fee charged.

"The sidewalk areas are not maintained by the city...these outdoor seating areas can improve the sidewalk space," said Spencer, who added later that "...for a space that isn't maintained by the city...it should just be a one-time fee."

His sentiments were swiftly responded to how-

ever by council member Jeffrey Porter of the First Ward, who indicated that the fees would be a way to keep violators of the program in line. Porter felt that the program offered benefits to a select number of business owners, but may be unfair to the public in general whose

taxes paid for the sidewalks that the dining would be located on.

Porter's thoughts were echoed by downtown business owner Kirby Dipert, who took the podium to share his concerns with the outdoor dining program during the public hearing held directly after the proposal was presented.

"I'm not quite sure why anyone would want to eat dinner next to a U.S. Highway...I think the fee should be considerably more than proposed...why is it the restaurant owners get to use city property for free while business owners, like myself, cannot?" asked Dipert.

Dipert's concerns were taken to heart by council, who attempted to hash

out the specifics of the fees with Pearson. Pearson responded that the fees were based on what several other areas in Michigan currently charge for outdoor dining. Council requested that city staff research a better fee schedule before they agree to change the city code to allow outdoor dining.

The proposal was thus tabled until the next scheduled meeting of council, when it will be revisited with hopefully more input from downtown business owners without restaurants, and more information can be researched on fees. That meeting is set for December 15th at City Hall in council chambers.

Holiday Crafts at Charlevoix library

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting their annual Drop-in December Holiday Crafts. Stop by during regular library hours to make one of the DIY crafts. The craft changes each week in December, the week of December 1 – Gift Tags, December 8 – Ribbon Tree, December 15 – Reindeer Handprint, December 22 – Snowmen on a Stick. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to create one of these fun crafts from the smorgasbord of crafting materials at the library. All ages welcome to drop in anytime during the event. The week of December 8 – 14 stop by the main lobby during regular business hours to visit the "Wrap it Green" display, and get some ideas for holiday wrappings using recycled materials. For more information about this or other craft programs at the library, call 231-237-7340 or visit them at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Historical Charlevoix Photo Exhibit

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library have moved their historical photo exhibit depicting Charlevoix in the early 1900's to accommodate the painting of the second floor corridor. The exhibit will be temporarily located in the Community Meeting Room Foyer of the Charlevoix Public Library through the end of the year. At that time, it will be relocated to its permanent location back on the second floor.

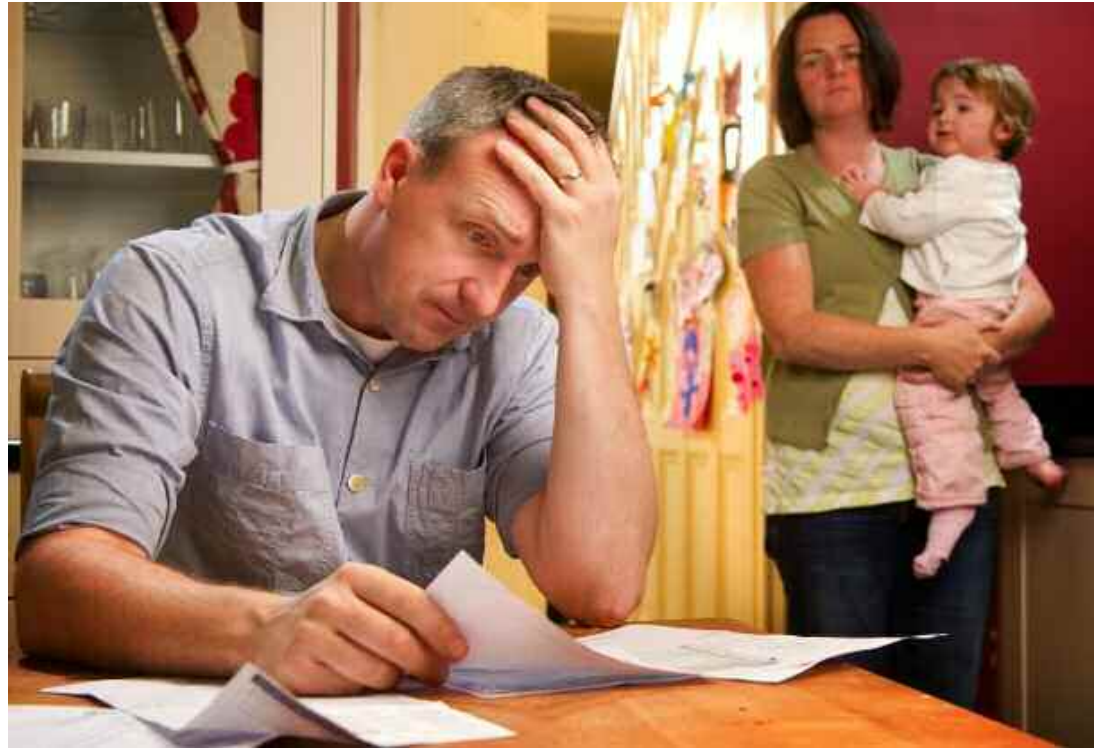
The Michigan Room Committee (Cynthia Postmus, Marilyn Novak, Kay Heise, Mary Ann Chew, and Nancy Porter) of the Charlevoix Public Library spent hours of time researching photos at the Charlevoix Historical Society, which would give people a sense of life in Charlevoix one hundred years ago. The exhibit was generously funded by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, but could not have been accomplished without the assistance of David Miles, co-director of the Historical Society. The exhibit was originally pur-



chased and installed by the Friends of the Library in honor of the Library's 100th Anniversary of an independent library building in Charlevoix.

Visit the exhibit during regular library hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 – 8:00; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00; Sunday, 1:00 – 5:00. For more information about the library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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Wellness Wednesday in Boyne City

Charlevoix Area Hospital is expanding its Wellness Wednesday Program to include Boyne City on the second Wednesday of each month. The next Wellness Wednesday will be from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10th at Boyne Area Medical Center at 223 N. Park in Boyne City. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screen includes: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Blood

Glucose level, Body Mass Index (BMI), Muscle and Fat Percentages, Pulse, Blood Pressure. No fasting is required. However, if individuals are fasting, LDL and triglyceride levels can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. For those who are diabetic an A1C level can be obtained for an additional \$5.

Participants will receive a blood pressure log, pedometer, and all test results at the time

of the screening –all in less than 15 minutes. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. No appointment needed just walk-in any time between 8 am and 11am. Questions can be directed to the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: (231) 547-8906 or by email: communityhealth@cah.org

Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



GIVE YOURSELF AN EXTRA LONGEVITY BONUS

Life expectancy in North America is at an all-time high. For Americans born in 2012, it hit a 78.8 years, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In Canada, it's even better -- about 81 years.

But even though the average lifespan has increased by more than 30 years since 1900, we think you can do better than that! Sure, 25 percent of your destiny is genetic, but you have control over how the rest plays out. The first step: Find your RealAge at www.realage.com, and then take these steps to make yourself younger today (and tomorrow):

Good numbers: Keeping your waist size, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol in the healthy zone dramatically reduces your risk for heart disease, some cancers, diabetes (and all of its complications, such as vision loss and kidney problems) and more. The total benefit is enormous. Longevity bonus: Minding all your numbers can make your RealAge as much as 19.8 years younger.

Daily D-3: Vitamin D is vital for your memory, skin, heart, bones and arteries, and it helps fight off colon, breast and prostate cancer. You'll get some D from foods like salmon, but you'll probably need a supplement, too. Increase absorption 50 percent by taking it with your biggest meal of the day. Longevity bonus: Getting enough vitamin D-3 daily (1,000 IU) can make your RealAge 1.3 years younger.

Social connections: Reach out to family and friends through emails, phone calls and face-to-face visits. Some studies conclude that strong connections with others could increase your chances for a longer life by 50 percent. Wow! One reason: Close relationships help reduce stress. Longevity bonus: Staying connected can make your RealAge 2.5 years younger; managing stress can make your RealAge 1.1 years younger for women, 2.4 years younger for men.

Plenty of produce: Eating five servings of vegetables and four servings of fruit per day can help you control your weight, lower your risk for heart disease and diabetes, help protect against some cancers and even boost your mood. It helps at any age: In one recent five-year study of women

in their 70s, those who ate the most produce were 46 percent more likely to live longer than those who ate the least. Pairing produce with health-enhancers such as whole grains, lean protein and good fats, achieved best results. Longevity bonus: A diverse diet that includes plenty of produce can make a woman's RealAge as much as 6.1 years younger and a man's RealAge 4.4 years younger.

Move every day: Daily activity helps you stay slim and plays a role in controlling blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels. One Harvard University study found that every minute you exercise could increase your longevity by seven minutes or more. Picking up the pace increases those benefits. Longevity bonus: Walking at least 20 minutes a day can make a woman's RealAge as much as 1.9 years younger and a man's 1.2 years younger.

Strength-train: A short, sweet muscle-building routine helps you add and maintain muscle mass, keeping your metabolism younger so that around the clock you'll burn more calories. Other pluses: Clothes will fit better; you'll have better health numbers and more energy; and the time commitment is short. Longevity bonus: Strength-training for just 10 minutes three times per week can make your RealAge as much as 2.6 years younger.

Deep, restful sleep: A recent 14-year study found that women who got at least six hours of shut-eye nightly lived longer those who got less than five hours. It's also important to aim for high-quality sleep. Get checked for obstructive sleep apnea if you snore or have pauses in breathing during the night or feel extremely fatigued despite a long night in bed. Longevity benefit: Getting adequate sleep -- at least six hours, but no more than nine -- can make your RealAge up to 1.5 years younger if you're a woman and 0.9 years younger if you're a man.

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Avoiding Holiday 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 often-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 study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, participants 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.

While this is better than ten or fifteen 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. If the pounds continue to accumulate, the health risks associated with being overweight will also mount.

You don't need to welcome the New Year with extra poundage. It is possible to enjoy the tastes of the season without gaining weight. Perhaps one or more of these tips will keep you from gaining one to five pounds in the coming weeks.

Plan ahead. Planning ahead, thinking about strategies for dealing with the abundance of holiday foods, is step one. Think of the reasons you are following a healthy eating plan and write them down. Make a plan for a day that includes a holiday feast. Don't skimp on your workout. Working out in the morning will give your metabolism a boost. After working out, you are more likely to eat in a way that is consistent with your health lifestyle. If you do eat extra calories, at least the damage is reduced through the calorie burn of the workout.

Don't arrive hungry. Knowing that you are going to have a large meal, you might think it is better to "save" your daily calories and to skip meals. That is a big mistake. Eat on your regular schedule during the day AND eat something healthy shortly before the celebratory meal. Eating your regular meals, perhaps smaller servings, plus some vegetables or a piece of fruit shortly before going to the event will ensure that you aren't starving when you arrive. If you are hungry, seeing all that food will make you want to eat everything in sight!

It is more than just the food. The holiday feast might seem central to the event, but remember that the gathering is also about connecting with family and friends. It might also be a good time to meet somebody new! Don't start at the buffet table. Walk around the room, chat with others in attendance and observe the decorations.

Don't drink your calories. Avoiding alcohol all together or at least keep it to a minimum. Alcohol reduces inhibitions and can easily make you forget your intention to eat in moderation. Alcohol is wasted calories without any nutritional benefit. Along with the eggnog or hot chocolate and you have multiplied the calories of that drink.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water, add some

lemon or lime for more flavor. Club soda is also a good choice. Water will help to fill you up and carrying a glass will give you something to do with your hands besides snacking! Have a large glass of water or more before you get to the buffet table.

Review your options. When you decide to eat, review your options before filling your plate. Take your time in deciding what is most appealing to you of the options that best support your healthy lifestyle. Vegetables, fruit, lean protein are good choices. Go for simpler foods. The more complex the food, the more difficult it is to tell what it contains.

Fill most of your plate with healthier choices while being selective about which treats you will select. Filling up on healthier options will make it easier to resist the high calorie, high fat choices. To have even better control over your options, consider bringing your own food. If attending a potluck, go with a choice that supports your goals. You could also bring some raw vegetables or raw nuts in case the good options on the buffet table are very limited. And, don't put multiple layers on your plate - it takes more thought and effort to go for seconds than to overfill the plate on the first trip.

Choose your indulgences thoughtfully. Of course you are going to enjoy a taste of the season, but do you need to try everything? Only select those goodies that look the most delicious to you. A treat in moderation is fine. Before you fill a plate with one of everything, think about the effort you have put into your otherwise healthy lifestyle. Is that plate full of sweets worth undoing all that work? How long will you need to workout to burn off those calories?

Follow the three-bite rule. Now that you have selected some extra-special treats, take time to really enjoy them. Use the three-bite rule, the first bite is to taste it, the second to really enjoy it, and the third bite tells you that is isn't going to get any better. Save your calories to try something else. If you don't think you can stop after three bites, at least take small portions.

Go for a walk. During the event, don't stand near the buffet table. Enjoy your selections away from the remaining food. After the meal, organize a walk to view the holiday lights. The exercise will help you burn off a few of those calories and getting away from the leftovers will reduce mindless overeating.

Remember your commitment. If you want to keep eating, review your reasons for wanting to eat healthy. You made a commitment to take good care of yourself. Are those reasons more important than those holiday treats? If you have overindulged, commit to getting back on the healthy lifestyle track right away. Don't let one experience lead to more overeating.

Following some of these tips will help you to enjoy holiday events while respecting your healthy lifestyle. Your commitment to your weight loss goals, even on special occasions, will encourage others to respect them also.



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EAST JORDAN

Holiday Community Night

Thursday, December 4 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Downtown East Jordan - Community Center

EAST JORDAN

Carolers wanted

Come downtown on December 4th, 6:15 PM and help Citizen of the Year - Debbie Carey light the Community Christmas Tree with song and merriment! All Voices Welcome!!

BOYNE CITY

Lights of love

This year's Lights of Love Ceremony is being hosted Dec. 5 by the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Club to benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Lights of Love offers an opportunity to stop and remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You are invited to come and join them at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, next to the Boyne Area Chamber for the tree-lighting ceremony. There will be music and singing with complimentary hot chocolate provided by Parkside Grill & Treats. Merchants will have extended hours that evening and restaurants will be offering Lights of Love food and beverage specials, before and after the tree-lighting ceremony. Area residents can support the project and help decorate the tree by purchasing a heart and/or a tree light to be lit in memory of a loved one. A "Hearts of Love" ornament can be purchased for \$35 or you can select your loved one's favorite Christmas light color with the white lights at \$3; green lights at \$5; blue lights at \$10; red lights at \$15; and gold lights at \$25. Mail a completed donation form and your tax-deductible donation check, payable to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, to Marcia Newkirk, P.O. Box 807, Boyne City MI 49712. Donation forms are available at the Chamber and a few of the local merchants. Cosponsoring the event with Eta Nu are the Boyne Area Chamber and Boyne City Main Street. For more information, contact Marcia Newkirk at 231-675-3580 or the chamber at 231-582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX

Holly Daze

Climb Aboard the Candy Cane Express Friday, December 5th at Castle Farms. Sponsored by Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. For more information visit www.cah.org/holly-daze

CHARLEVOIX

First Friday business breakfast

At Barnard Grange, 15975 Klooster Road, Friday, December 5. 7:30 - 8:30AM. Catered by Scovies. \$7 Members, \$10 Non-Members. This will be our last First Friday Breakfast for 2014. Come out and enjoy a nice hot breakfast before heading to work

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Christmas songbooks

If your group or organization would like extra copies of the Christmas Traditions songbooks for Christmas caroling, contact our office. They are free of charge and contain words and music to lots of favorite Christmas carols. Contact the Charlevoix County News office at 989-732-8160 or email us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

CHARLEVOIX

Holiday bazaar

Northwest Academy School presents a Holiday Bazaar. A flurry of family fun, food and festive goods! Saturday, December 6, 10AM - 4PM, 115 W. Hurlbut Ave. Come support local non-profits, join the silent auction, and enjoy activities for children of all ages! Come for great Holiday fun!

CHARLEVOIX

Soup & Sale Spectacular

The Charlevoix united Methodist Church is hosting an All You Can Eat Homemade Soup and Christmas Sale Saturday December 6 from 10-2. Come on in and warm up with many of our favorite soup recipes while enjoying a day of fun at the Charlevoix Merchant Open House. Also included is a large assortment of gently used Christmas items at bargain prices. Delicious baked goodies and crafts are for sale too. Soup is \$6 for All You Can Eat, with proceeds going to local outreach projects.

BOYNE CITY

Cookie walk

The Boyne City American Legion Auxiliary will host a fundraiser Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 6 starting at 8am until the cookies are gone. Location: 302 S. Lake St. (corner of S. Lake & E. Main St). 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.

ATWOOD

Free Holiday Fun

Don't miss your chance to participate in some Holiday fun in Atwood this weekend. The festivities kick off Saturday, December 6 from 9:00am to 6:00pm in Atwood. From 9am-6pm visit Friske's Farm Market for Samplings, Specials, Refreshment and Christmas Treats as well as an Open House at the Country Haus. Enjoy an Open House 10am-6pm at Royal Farms where you will find special Holiday offers. From 11am-2pm at the Work n' Play Shop you can visit with Santa and enjoy complimentary Hot Cocoa and Cookies. A lot of Holiday happenings in this little town!

MICHIGAN

2014 Open Enrollment of Medicare

The Annual Open Enrollment period for Medicare beneficiaries will continue through December 7th. It is important for every Medicare recipient to review his/her coverage and be certain that the plan you have for 2015 is the best plan for you.

EAST JORDAN

Hunting the Wild Yule Tree at Wagbo

Sunday, December 7, 1pm at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center in East Jordan. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10, family friendly. Registration encouraged. Call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us at [facebook.com/marthawagbofarm](https://www.facebook.com/marthawagbofarm). Come on out for some old-fashioned Christmas fun - looking for the perfect wild tree to grace your home. We will also collect boughs to make "swags" and other natural seasonal decorations, including edible winter bouquets. Some supplies available; bring your own grapevine wreath if you wish to make an evergreen wreath.

CHARLEVOIX

Free holiday concert

On Sunday, December 7th, from 3-5pm, Younce Guitar Duo and vocalist Miriam Pico bring the soulful tunes of jazz and the melodic rhythm of world music to traditional Holiday classics. This holiday concert concludes with refreshments including hearty appetizers and holiday sweets. This is a free public concert, underwritten by the Leo S.

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EAST JORDAN

Community Band Concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will present its annual winter concert at the East Jordan High School Auditorium on Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. The program will feature familiar holiday music, a musical tribute to Pearl Harbor, and special guest singers, The Harmony Hunters. Admission is free, with donations joyfully accepted.

CHARLEVOIX

History Preservation Society dinner

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's Annual Holiday Dinner & Program Monday, December 8. The Bistro AT Charlevoix Country Club. 5:30 Cocktail Hour & Appetizers, Cash Bar, Dinner at 6:30. \$35 includes tax & gratuity. Reservations accepted until Thursday, December 4th. Call Jane (231.582.6202) or Georganna (231.883.9867)

ELLSWORTH

Wooden Shoe Festival

On Wednesday, December 10 from 6 to 7:30 don't miss the 9th Annual Wooden Shoe Festival, our annual community celebration featuring lighting of the Community Tree by Larry Essenberg, Banks Township Citizen of the Year, caroling with the Pine Lake Winds Band, a free pizza dinner, kids craft, hot chocolate bar with Cookies and Twister Joe! It all takes place at the Banks Township Hall.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Your input on County Recreation Plan

The Charlevoix County Parks Committee is in the process of updating the 5-year County Recreation Plan. To help determine our priorities over the next five (5) years, the Parks Committee is requesting your input on County parks and recreation facilities. The Committee has developed an online survey, which is posted on the County website at www.charlevoix-county.org. Please take a few moments to complete our survey. Your input is important to us! The survey will be open until Friday December 12, 2014.

CHARLEVOIX

Fox for tots

Fox Charlevoix is an official Toys for Tots donation drop spot! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to our Charlevoix dealership showroom now thru December 13th to help make Christmas bright for one young soul. When you bring in one unwrapped toy, you will receive one pass to the Great Wolf Lodge water park good for two people.

CHARLEVOIX

Santa to visit fire dept.

The City of Charlevoix Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting Santa on Saturday, December 13th, from 10am - 1pm, at the Fire Department on State Street in Charlevoix. Kids can have their picture taken with Santa, watch a Holiday movie, and enjoy hot dogs and candy. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, please call Winifred Scott at 231.547.2821. Sponsored by the City of Charlevoix Volunteer Fire Department.

GAYLORD

Live nativity

You will find this heartwarming event an excellent addition to your Christmas tradition. Bring your friends and family and walk with us down the Bethlehem road as we relive the marvelous birth of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. December 13th - 14th, 6-8pm at

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ELLSWORTH

Lioness Pancake Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 13 from 9-11am at the Banks Township Hall you can indulge in a free full breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs donated by Eastport Market, Sausage, Juice, Milk and Coffee. Children may choose a free stuffed toy and take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus compliments of Charlevoix State Bank. Presented by the Ellsworth Lioness Club with help from the Lions Club.

BAY HARBOR

Holiday Open House

Dec 13, Ring in the holiday cheer in style at the Village at Bay Harbor Open House and Holiday Parade! Merchants will have special promotions, appetizers and cheer in their spaces. Be sure to browse and find that perfect gift to take home with you. Enjoy the special holiday festivities from 4-8pm, including the Santa Fun Run and Holiday Parade as we celebrate the season in Bay Harbor.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Village

Enjoy a drive through our Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park, 218 N. Lake St. on Dec. 4-Jan 4, 2015. Christmas music will be available on your radio as you drive through the lighted displays which have been created by area businesses and individuals. Children of all ages may visit with Santa, Saturday Dec. 13, 5-7pm while enjoying cookies and hot cocoa. Christmas Village and Santa sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Tree Sales

The EJ Lions Club is selling Christmas Trees at the EJ True Value Hardware during normal business hours. Prices range from \$25-\$50 and proceeds go to support local Lions Club Projects. Shop early for the best selection.

EAST JORDAN

Visit with Santa

Children of all ages may visit with Santa at the East Jordan Tourist Park Lighted Christmas Village, Saturday, Dec., 13, 5-7pm, while enjoying cookies and hot cocoa. Sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club.

BOYNE CITY

Community Christmas

With the holiday season approaching the volunteers of Boyne Area Community Christmas are asking for your support. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and can be in the form of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, games or books. If you would like to donate monetarily, please make checks payable to Boyne Area Community Christmas and send them c/o Eleanor West, Treasurer at 915 Robinson Street #15, Boyne City, MI 49712. All donations can be dropped off at the Boyne City Education Center by using the Pine Street entrance. We will be accepting donations until December 19, 9am to 4pm.

PETOSKEY

The Nutcracker

Dec 20 - 21, Holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker", will be performed by CTAC School of Ballet dancers on Saturday and Sunday December 20 & 21 at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center. Show times are 3pm both days and 7pm on December 21st. Tickets for Matinee Performances: \$50 Reserved / \$15 Adult / \$5 Student. Evening Performances: \$50 Reserved / \$20 Adult / \$10 Student. Tickets are available online, at the arts center and Between the

Covers in Harbor Springs.

CHARLEVOIX

Bridge Drop

New Year's Eve, December 31st is right around the corner and the Charlevoix Bridge Drop is back and better than ever! Get your creative juices flowing during the Snowman Making Contest, sponsored by Charlevoix Public Library! Make smores over the fire pit in Bridge Park! Meet and greet the famous Second Chance Musers - kiddos can even go on a dog sled ride! Pigs Eatn Ribs and Pita Cruiser food trucks will be serving up awesome eats to warm you from the inside out. New to the Bridge Drop this year is the Bridge Drop Brew Tent (21+) which features an all Michigan Brew line up and hosts fantastic live music from 3-11:45pm. (P.S. the tent will be heated) The actual Bridge Drop will take place at 11:55pm and the best New Year's Eve Firework Show in the Midwest will take place at midnight! Fireworks Raffle Tickets are now available! 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$20. Grand prize is \$1000 and all proceeds help fund the fireworks show! The Bridge Drop is sponsored by Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, Charlevoix Convention & Visitors Bureau, Randall Chiropractic, and Fox Motors. If you are interested in sponsoring this fantastic community event, please contact Amanda at info@visitcharlevoix.com. For more information visit www.bridgedrop.com!

CHARLEVOIX

Gift of Art Holiday Show

The Gift of Art Holiday Show will run thru January 3rd at the Circle of Arts. This show features the creations of over twenty area fine artists and craftsmen. Offered are a wide range of paintings, prints, photographs, pottery, jewelry, etc. to please all tastes and budgets.

BOYNE CITY

Fruit sale

The Boyne City High School bands are raising funds by selling fresh-from-the-grove Florida oranges and grapefruit in convenient sizes. Please show your support for our organization by purchasing a box of fruit for yourself, a family member, a friend or a co-worker. See any member of the band to place your order.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Junior Achievement volunteers

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Volunteer Network

Boyne volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include

your organization and volunteer needs in this new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondykm@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool aged siblings are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Playgroups will help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. This fall/winter, Playgroups are held: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson; 9:30-11am Thursdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Fridays at United Methodist Church, Petoskey. Call (231)347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Messy church

This is a fun way of doing church for families. There are crafts, Bible stories learning about the God who loves you, songs, and free meal. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult. This is a non-denominational event which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4 - 6 pm at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Your call is appreciated for meal count at 547-2654.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Seniors ride free

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

CHARLEVOIX

Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or care givers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, story teller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

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Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee



The Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus sponsored a Regional Spelling Bee at Boyne City High School auditorium on November 26, 2014. Winners in the 4th, 5th, & 6th grade bee are (L-R) 5th place: Nora Vargo, Boyne City School; 4th place: Nicole Hellebuyck, Boyne City School; 3rd place: Paxton Giem, Boyne City School; 2nd place: Aubrie Sparks, Boyne Falls School; 1st place: Sarah Snyder, Boyne City School. The top four finishers advance to the next level in Gaylord in January.



These Boyne Falls 7th through 9th grade students recently competed in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Boyne City. Winners at Level II, grades 7 through 9 are (l-r): 1st place, Eleri Giem; 2nd place, Josee Behling; 3rd place, Sharity Whitaker; 4th place, Joslyn Morgan, and alternate, Sara Evans. They will advance to the Diocesan Finals on January 17, 2015 in Gaylord. Great job!

Crooked Tree Youth Symphony is Seeking Brass, Woodwind and Percussionists

The Crooked Tree Youth Symphony will begin rehearsals on Monday, December 1, 2014 at Crooked Tree Arts Center's Upper Carnegie Building in Petoskey. The Crooked Tree Arts Center Youth Orchestra students intent during performance. Director of Orchestras, Robert Dudd, is seeking quality brass, woodwind, and percussion players to join with the Chamber Orchestra to form the Crooked Tree Youth Symphony. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays in the Upper Carnegie Building at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Tuesdays in East Jordan in the East Jordan Elementary School Music Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays in the Upper Carnegie Building at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



Crooked Tree Arts Center Youth Orchestra students intent during performance.

Program, an anonymous gift dedicated to bringing music education to the young people of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra directly benefits from this gift, named in memory of the work of Mrs. Gerber. The success of the Youth Orchestra programs and the Beginning Strings Program, has opened the doors for several other collaborations and art enrichment opportunities for students in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, provided by the Arts Center. For further information contact the Director Robert Dudd at (231) 347-5720 or email robert@crookedtree.org

Program support is provided by the Gerber Music Education Pro-

Boyne Falls schools receives \$500 grant through Boyne Falls EZ Mart/Exxon



PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

On Monday, December 1st, Boyne Falls schools received a 2014 Education Alliance Grant in the amount of \$500 through Boyne Falls EZ Mart/Blarney Castle/Exxon Mobil. The grant was presented by EZ Mart store manager Jim Rutkowski (at right) to Boyne Falls superintendent/principal Cindy Pineda (at left) and will be utilized to assist math and/or science programs at the Boyne Falls schools.

Boyne City Public School

Student of the Week



Auriana Leismer

Grade: 9

Parent(s): Charlene Hunt and Matt Leismer

Future Plans: Attend the University of Michigan, graduate with a masters in Elementary Education, and get hired as a teacher.

School Activities: Volleyball, Drama, Youth Advisory Committee, Student Council, Marching Band

Hobbies and Interests: Writing, Reading, Drawing/sketching, Music

Additional Comments: "I just wanted to say thanks for choosing me as BCHS' student of the week!"

Staff Comments:

"Auriana is an exceptional student who is motivated, involved, and considerate." – Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

"Auriana is a terrific student! She is very detail oriented which has helped her to be successful in many activities. She is a polite and helpful young lady and a future leader of BCHS." – Brandon Ivie, Band Teacher

"Auriana is an excellent student in my US History & Geography class. She has a desire to go above and beyond what is expected! Great job Auriana!" – Michele Deming

East Jordan Public Schools Students of the Month



EMILY ZMIKLY

Mrs. Noiro – Emily is always a bright ray of sunshine in class. She brings with her a positive attitude and vibrant spirit daily. Academically, Emily is a top notch student who takes pride in doing her best and being a role model to others. She comes to school ready to learn, and shares her knowledge with others. She is a sweet, young lady who I have enjoyed having in my class. Congratulations Emily!

DAVID ISHAM

• Mrs. Jackson feels he is an exceptional young man and deserves to be recognized as the student of the

month.

• Mr. Essenberg wanted to thank David for always being there to help with a technology issue with a smile

• Mrs. Russell recognizes that David is one of the most hardworking student and his always willing to help with any computer issue.

• Mrs. Walker states that David is a truly genuine person who is always willing to lend a helping hand and his behind the scenes leadership has not gone unnoticed.

David helps all the teachers with a smile and professionalism that goes well beyond his years

Congratulations David, you are truly deserving of the honor of being stu-

dent of the month!!

-Mrs. Moore

STEWART GRAHAM

Stewart Graham is East Jordan Elementary School's November Student of the Month. Stewart is a perfect example of what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe. He is a role model for other students and consistently makes good choices at school. He is an encouraging leader and loved by all of his classmates. We are very proud of Stewart and truly enjoy being greeted by his big smile every day. Congratulations Stewart!!

Boyne Falls Public School

Student of the Week



Cody Milbrandt

Grade: 11

Parent(s): Travis and Melissa Ogden

Future Plans: Further Education to Become Architect

School Activities: Basketball, Robotics, and Poetry Out Loud

Hobbies and Interests: Sports and Writing

Favorite Book: "The Outsiders"

Staff Comments:

"Cody is doing a great job in the classroom. He is a positive contributor and always works well with his classmates. Cody is polite, respectful, and a pleasure to have in class. He is a student/athlete who represents Boyne Falls Public School in a positive way. Keep up the good work Cody." – Jason Stolarki

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2014

Youth encourage East Jordan beaches and parks to go tobacco-free

By Krystal Johnson

EAST JORDAN—The East Jordan City Commission heard from SAFE (substance abuse free environment) representatives at the Tuesday, December 2 meeting, where commissioners were challenged with the idea of going tobacco-free at city parks and beaches.

Susan Pulaski of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and East Jordan High School students, Stephanie Buckholz and Caley McPherson, gave a presentation about the negative effects of tobacco products and why communities should consider going tobacco-free. SAFE youth members in a video presentation stated that

there are no safe levels of secondhand smoke, even when in the outdoors, and that cigarette butts are the most littered item in the U.S. With over 80% of Michigan residents being non-smokers, SAFE members encourage cities to consider the majority.

This past summer, while creating the video presentation, SAFE youth of Northern Michigan spent a day cleaning local beaches, primarily in East Jordan. In that single day, students collected nearly 1,400 cigarette butts or filters, five cigarette lighters, 25 cigarette packages, and 111 cigar tips.

Pulaski said that SAFE hopes to see policy change, but it is not meant to be heavy-handed. The organiza-

tion encourages the city to set policy and then simply post tobacco-free environment signs, which Pulaski says they have available at no cost to the city.

"Signage alone seems to be effective," said Pulaski.

It's not a matter of imposing a fine on individuals for smoking, she said. Peer enforcement seems to be enough.

City Administrator Tom Cannon said that the city of East Jordan currently does not have a policy concerning tobacco in outdoor areas at parks and beaches.

The city of Charlevoix recently became 100% tobacco-free at parks and beaches, which is something Commissioner Andrew Boyer wants to see the East Jordan City Com-

mission consider as well.

Cannon and city staff plan to investigate the possibility of creating tobacco-free zones and will report back to the city commission at a later date. At that point, the commission will choose whether or not they want to set new policy.

Cannon also noted recent concerns over the M66/M32 intersection at Tuesday evening's meeting.

"There have been comments about the stoplights being out of sync and not working correctly. The new technologies of the MDOT stoplights are controlled by sensors and are working as designed. The sensors continually monitor traffic patterns which will speed up the flow of traffic in all di-

rections. Therefore, you may notice oncoming traffic may be stopped when your lane has a green light," Cannon commented on a city webpage.

Commissioners also noted that Thursday, December 4 will be the annual Community Night in downtown East Jordan. The evening includes a lighted village at the Tourist Park, a soup cook-off at the Community Center, a 6:00 p.m. lighted parade, and a bake sale, face painting, crafts, and of course Santa Claus.

The next regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops in Boyne City and Petoskey



Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. COURTESY PHOTO.

By Jim Akans

In 1984, the Challenge Mountain 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization was founded to raise funds to develop an adaptive ski program to allow physically and mentally challenged individuals enjoy the thrill and excitement of the sport of downhill skiing free of charge. With a motto of "If I can do this I can do anything!" the Challenge Mountain or-

ganization grew over the years to include Summer Games, Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Camp Quality, Winter Games and much more.

Challenge Mountain Resale Shops, located in Boyne City and Petoskey, offer a wide range of donated clothing and household items for sale with proceeds utilized to help support Challenge Mountains' ongoing mission. The 6,600 square foot facil-

ity in Boyne City and 4,200 square foot facility in Petoskey each present a seemingly endless array of men's, women's and children's clothing items, books, music, furniture, linens, glassware and other household items to select from.

The Boyne City store is located at 1158 S. M-75, just east of Boyne City toward Boyne Falls (where the facility was actually once located), and the Petoskey

store is at 2429 US 31 North across from Houghton Gas.

The Boyne City store is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm, and the Petoskey store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm. For additional information about Challenge Mountain, please call (231) 582-6966 or visit www.cmski.org.

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JRAC 24th Holiday Arts and Craft Fair Successful

The Jordan River Arts annual Arts and Crafts Fair deemed successful not only by the Board of Directors but also by most of the vendors and the buyers. Over 1500 persons came through the door with many very pleased with their purchases. Of the fifty three vendors many renewed their place for next year's

fair. There was a great variety of original items with awards given in two categories—best Individual Item and most Creative Set Up. Best Individual item first prize was given to Less VanderMeulen for a three foot hand carved motorcycle with over 20 types of wood being used. The second prize for best individual item went to Elsie Vredenberg for her turkey quilt. First prize in the most creative set up was given to Wendy Corona for her "Antique Christmas" displays. She used antique or recycled items and decorated each with silk flowers and Christmas decorations. The second prize in most creative setup went to Kari Morningstar for "Imagine that Originals." Rusty Hart, artist and member of JRAC was the judge.

It should be noted that JRAC had their own booth. They were selling several different items. High sales were for the seed packets. Patrons selected seed of flowers, lettuce, and herbs, placed in envelopes. Each envelope was decorated with art work from the sketchbook exhibit. These packets will also be available in the JRAC Gift Market opening November 23 running through December 19 at the Jordan River Art Center. Also of

A larger than life size St. Nick, one of the hundreds of items for sale by Pat Tinney at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, EJHS, November 8. Tinney is a founding leader of this major fund raising event for JRAC.



JRAC booth at the Holiday Art Fair, EJHS, Saturday November 8. "Great Ideas start with strong roots. Watch us grow."

note for sale were the caramel apples donated by Kilwins of Charlevoix. The gourmet lunch is always a big hit with plans already started for next year.

The JRAC Board owes a big thank you to the East Jordan

High School for the use of the facility, to the many persons helping whether members, friends, or students, to the vendors both the faithful and the new, and to those in attendance whether buying something or just enjoying the

outing.

This event is one of the major fund raising events for JRAC with much of the funds used for scholarships.

Sugar Plum Fairy Tea

Crooked Tree Arts Center's annual Sugar Plum Fairy Tea will be held on Sunday, December 7 at the historic Terrace Inn on the grounds of Bay View. Enjoy tea with principal performers of Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet's "Nutcracker", including: Clara, the Nutcracker, the Snow Queen, the Dew Drop Fairy, Mirilton, and of course, the Sugar Plum Fairy. Reservations are required for the 1:30 pm tea service and seating is limited.

Attendees will enjoy traditional tea and cocoa service, keepsake picture with the dancers, piano performance by Charlie Millard and a take-home treat from a sweets buffet. Each attendee also receives a ticket to the Nutcracker performance on December 20 and 21, held at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center.

season with your favorite little lady or gentleman at this magical annual event. The dances are in full costume so the room literally sparkles" noted Larissa Flynn, chair of the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea. "The arts center has been performing the Nutcracker to sold out performances for many years" said Heather Raue, Artistic Director CTAC School of Ballet. Dance Education Director. "The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea now adds a bit merriment to the season and supports the scholarship fund at the same time!"

Tickets start at \$75 for two and proceeds of the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea support the year-round dance scholarship fund. Sponsorships are available at \$150 and \$250 with extra amenities. For more information, contact the arts center at 231-347-4337.



On Monday, December 1st, Odawa presented two area charities; McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital's Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund and Charlevoix Area Hospital's Circle of Strength, each with a check for \$11,543. Pictured from left; Moon Seagren (McLaren chief development officer), Bea Law (Odawa Casino), Eric McLester (Odawa general manager), Dave Zechman (McLaren president and CEO), Roger Boron (Odawa CFO), Gay Pung (Charlevoix Hospital Circle of Strength) and Kim Stevens (Charlevoix Hospital Circle of Strength). PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Odawa Casino's "Play for Pink" breast cancer awareness program results in \$23,086 in donations to two area charities

By Jim Akans

Throughout the month of October, Odawa Casino in Petoskey held a special promotion that encouraged employees and casino guests to make donations to be utilized to promote breast cancer awareness and provide services for breast cancer victims. On Monday, December 1st, Odawa presented two area charities; McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital's Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund and Charlevoix Area Hospital's Circle of Strength, each with a check for \$11,543.

At a press conference on Monday, Odawa General Manager Eric McLester noted that the casino originally set the donation goal at \$5,000 but after that amount was raised in

the first week the goal was revised to \$10,000. Even that goal was surpassed by over 100 percent and funds raised through the program totaled over \$23,000.

Dave Zechman, McLaren president and CEO noted, "This is a wonderful example of one of our largest employers participating to promote health in our community."

Throughout October, which is national Breast Cancer Awareness month, guests at the casino had the opportunity to earn points for donations, to purchase specific items at the gift shop for donations, play in the Go Pink poker tournament, or contribute by utilizing the dinner buffet on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Odawa team members were able to contribute by purchasing a Play for

Pink t-shirt, donating spare change or purchasing raffle tickets. Huron Distributors also contributed funds to the program from proceeds from specific beverages that were purchased during the month.

The Kathleen Jontz Breast Health fund provides mammograms and diagnostic services for uninsured or underinsured women and promotes breast health education. The Circle of Strength program provides emotional and educational support along with financial assistance for mammograms, diagnostics and treatment expenses for those in need.

For additional information about breast cancer awareness, please visit the American Cancer Society web site at www.cancer.org/fightbreastcancer.

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A Call for More Cooperation between city, townships

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: In what may prove to be the first of many special city work sessions, multiple ideas for how the city should move into the future were discussed; including a call for the City and nearby townships to cooperate and make things better for the community, despite what their address may be.

The idea started with newly elected Mayor Gabe Campbell who explained to council that he wanted to see "more cooperation between the townships and the city." Campbell stated he felt that cooperating would "better the community" in general and that he hoped trust could be built so that positive changes could be made. He expressed his feeling that the idea they shouldn't work together was "ridiculous," and explained that in his opinion being from one or the other was only a political issue, not a tangible one.



A large crowd gathered at City Council learned of how council members intend to unify the city with neighboring townships.

"You don't know where the (boundary) stops when you go for a walk," stated Campbell.

His sentiments were echoed by several on council who agreed that more cooperation would be ideal in making the community

more cohesive. One suggestion for helping build trust and unity was to create a Recreation Authority in the area that would oversee city owned amenities and make them more available and open to non-city residents. This

would make it possible for all interested to utilize these areas, such as Mt. McSaubia or the city golf course, to do so more easily and affordably.

All members of council felt that this idea of creating a Recreation Authority would be a good step toward the ultimate goal of bringing the Townships and City into a more harmonious relationship. City Manager Rob Straebel indicated that although interaction with the townships have gotten better in recent years, the politics were still a struggle to get past for both entities.

"Our fire departments work very well together, I think it's the politics that bog us down on this," stated Straebel.

Straebel also stated city staff has begun preparing to make efforts to build cooperation between the entities already. Township leaders have been invited to an upcoming meeting where the issue of recreation will

be openly discussed and hopefully input can be given from both sides.

Other ideas proposed included utilizing current undeveloped properties in the area to bring in more revenue, re-evaluating the trees and lighting on the trees in the downtown area to reduce costs and make the aesthetics more pleasing, and putting more energy into fixing street problems in the residential areas of the city. The council also discussed making the City Clerk position into a full time position, as currently the 29 hour a week job makes it difficult to keep up with all the necessary tasks the clerk is required to perform.

As this was simply a work session, no decisions were made, but the ideas given at the meeting give City Management and staff direction for creating the 2015/16 budget. A budget has not been created at this point, but a draft may be submitted near the end of December.

Boyerne City Commission

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staff to submit a grant application requesting up \$5,000 for electrical improvements was granted. Brooks told the commission that she intends to use the funds to purchase a safety beacon that detects current and to replace corroding metal electrical boxes and connections with conduit ones." I see an opportunity to protect the public from something completely accidental but it happens," said Brooks.

EMS director John Lamont asked the Commission for permission to apply for a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for a power stretcher which costs

\$23,244 with all amenities including "wings" which allows for the safer transport of larger clients. "This will protect both the patient and protect the staff," he said. The request was approved.

The Mayor presented a check for \$52,448.89 to Camp Quality and a check for \$9,536.16 to Challenge Mountain. The awards were proceeds raised at this summer's Boyne Thunder event. He then presented John Kuhn with a certificate of appreciation for the work he invested in the Avalanche Mountain warming house fireplace.

A joint board and commission meeting was set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2 in the Boyne City Hall Auditorium.

The next City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

Holiday Jazz Concert



The Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., is pleased to present a holiday concert with JATL: Jazz at the Library on Wednesday, December 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. JATL will present a program featuring Steve Stargardt on the keyboard, Andy Evans on bass, Bill Sears on Saxophone, and John Lindenau, on the drum set. This holiday concert will include a special appearance by vocalist Miriam Pico singing her favorite holiday tunes. Miriam Pico has been perfecting her craft of singing and songwriting for over ten years. Her love of northern Michigan and her family has added depth and dimension to every performance.

Join friends and neighbors for an hour of Ms. Pico sharing holiday favorites in the Library Community Meeting Room. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information about this or other library programs, visit the library at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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MONDAY NOV 10

0443 Suspicious vehicle on Brockway St
0759 Citation issued for Disregarding Steady Yellow Signal at Water and Park.
1319 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St
1320 Funeral escort
1415 Disturbance in the 300 block of E Division St.
1544 Harassing phone calls reported from the 800 block of S Park St
1710 Suspicious situation at Ann and Second St
2135 Speed limit sign hit on Front St near the Harborage.
Tuesday November 11th 2014
0024 Assist EMS/in the 3000 block of Glenwood Beach Rd.
0056 Assist Sheriff Dept on Dietz Rd.
0136 Assist EMS on M-75 N.
0645 Citation issued for Speed.
1106 Officer responded to a civil complaint that turned into an assault in the 300 block of E Division
1415 Property damage accident in the 900 block of Boyne Av
1529 CSC complaint that occurred in the 400 block of E Main St several years ago
1530 Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
1622 Juvenile complaint
1645 Civil complaint in the 500 block of W. Michigan
2037 Attempted suicide in the 800 block of S Park St
2228 Hit and run accident reported in the 1000 block of Boyne Av

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

0947911 hang up in the 100 block of W Lincoln
0950 Request for traffic control Boyne Av near Great Lakes Energy while they run cable across road.
1135 Tree down across Court at Park St.
1350 Arrested intoxicated subject in the 200 block of E Water St.
1821 Property damage accident on Boyne City Rd.
2000 Car deer accident on Boyne City Rd at Court St.

2051 Report of a tree in danger of falling into the road on N Lake at Groveland.
2228 Unlock vehicle at S. East and Water.

THURSDAY NOV 13

0820 Parking complaint at Pine and Lake St.
0955 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St.
1026 Assist Sheriff Dept with rollover on Pleasant Valley Rd
1127 Parking complaint on Morgan St.
1531 Reporting of subject at Robinson and Court pushing snow into the road.
1554 Report of MDOP to lawn in the 500 block of Harris St....
1636 Report of B&E in the 400 block of N Park St.
1832 Driving complaint on Division St. Arrested subject for OWI and Attempt Resist and Obstruct on Park St
2052 Property damage accident on State St

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

0943 Harassment complaint from the 300 block of E Division St
1135 Assist DHS in the 900 block of Brockway St
12432 vehicle property damage accident at Front and Water
1457 Found fishing net dropped off at PD
1559 Suspicious subject in the 800 block of N. Lake St.
2131 Structure fire in the 400 block of Boyne Av.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

1052 Report of a B&E in the 500 block of W Michigan.
1204 Private property damage accident in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
2154 Report of an OWI in the 1100 block of Boyne Av

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

0303 Citation issued and vehicle towed for snow removal in the 100 block of E Water St
0800 Dispatched an injured deer on Front St. near the Tannery Beach
1009 MDOP complaint in the 400 block of Boyne Av.
1100 Lodged a stray Sheltie that was found RAL on S Lake St.
1106 Assist DNR with a report of an illegal doe kill on Hannah St

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

2244 Civil issue in the 500 block of N Lake
0808 Property damage accident on Lexamar Dr
1248 Citation issued for speed at Brockway and Harris
1510 Report of missing shovel from the 400 block of Hemlock.
1924 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
1938 Assist Sheriff Dept on M-75 S

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18

1039 Vehicle unlock on Brockway St
1048 Juvenile complaint in the 300 block of Silver St
1806 Assist Sheriff Dept with elderly driver on M-75 S.
2000 ERT assist to Kalkaska County
2110 Dog running at large in the 400 block of N. Park St.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

0035 Citation issued for Refusing PBT and Defective Equipment at Lakeshore and Marshall
0851 Assist citizen in the 200 block of Vogel
0928 Parking complaint in municipal lot off of Ray St
1349 Austistic juvenile runaway from Gaylord located in the 100 block of Cherry St
2106 Vehicle reported in the road on Wilson St near Ann. Broken down. Wrecker on the way.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

0454 Vehicle in the ditch on Division St and Boyne Ave.
0630 Report of subject on Division near Lewis blowing snow into the roadway. He was blowing it across the street.
1430 Arrested subject on child support warrant in the 1000 block of S Lake St
1456 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
1547 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of Brockway
1715 Intoxicated subject in the 600 block of Beardsley
2312 Assist Sheriff Dept with possible suicidal subject on Pleasant Valley Rd

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

0900 Abandoned van at Avalanche. Needs to be removed for plowing.
1001 Controlled substance violation in the 100 block of E Water St

1226 Suspicious subject in the 600 block of State St
2356 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of West St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

0850 Escorted the football team out of town for the play off's
1028 Report of a Domestic Assault in the 500 block of N Lake St. Subject arrested

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1225 Report of an attempted vehicle theft in the 200 block of Hannah St called in by Onstar.
1331 Civil Standby in the 700 block of S Park.
1431 Driving complaint on M-75 N speeding and nearly causing an accident. Stopped vehicle and issued verbal warning.
2127 Driving complaint on N. Lake St. Report of vehicle passing on double yellow.
2222 Citation issued for Disregard Stop Sign.

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

November 17-23

911 Hang Up Call1
Abandoned Vehicle0
Abuse0
Alarm3
Animal Complaint10
Annoyance3
Assault0
Assist Citizen0
Assist Motorist5
Assist Other Agency8
Attempt to Locate5
Attempted Suicide1
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering0
Car/Deer Accident9
Citations Issued4
Civil Complaint2
Criminal Sexual Conduct1
Death0
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance1
DNR Complaint1
Domestic Dispute3
Driving Complaint3
Fireworks Complaint0
Found Property0
Fraud2
Health & Safety4
Hit & Run0
Intoxicated Person1
Juvenile3
Larceny0
Lockout9
Lost Property0

Malicious Destruction of Property...0
Mental Subject.....1
Minor In Possession0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint0
Operating Under the Influence.....0
Paper Service12
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident0
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident1
Property Check21
Property Damage Accident.....8
Prowler0
Road Hazard.....4
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation4
Threat0
Traffic Stop15
Trespassing.....1
Unknown Accident.....2
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile 0
Vehicle in the Ditch7
Violation of Controlled Substance Act0

November 24-30

911 Hang Up Call1
Abandoned Vehicle1
Abuse0
Alarm2
Animal Complaint11
Annoyance.....1
Assault0
Assist Citizen2
Assist Motorist5
Assist Other Agency11
Attempt to Locate2
Attempted Suicide2
Bank Alarm0
Boating Accident0
Boating Violation0
Breaking & Entering0
Car/Deer Accident19
Citations Issued8
Civil Complaint7
Criminal Sexual Conduct2
Death1
Disorderly Person0
Disturbance4
DNR Complaint.....1
Domestic Dispute4
Driving Complaint3
Fireworks Complaint0
Found Property0
Fraud1
Health & Safety1
Hit & Run2
Intoxicated Person.....1
Juvenile.....1
Larceny3
Lockout7
Lost Property0
Malicious Destruction of Property...0
Mental Subject.....0
Minor In Possession0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....2
Missing Person0
Noise Complaint0
Operating Under the Influence.....0
Paper Service5
Parking Violation0
Personal Injury Accident1
Personal Protection Order0
Private Property Accident2

Property Check.....33
Property Damage Accident.....13
Prowler0
Road Hazard.....6
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation5
Threat1
Traffic Stop27
Trespassing.....2
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile 0
Vehicle in the Ditch5
Violation of Controlled Substance Act1

One person injured when car strikes tree.

On November 16, 2014, at approximately 3:15 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle personal injury accident on Chandler Hill Road near Frayley Road in Chandler Township. A 2003 Honda CR-V was driven by Susan Miller, age 48 of Petoskey. Miller was traveling North on Chandler Hill Road when she lost control of her vehicle due to the icy roads and crashed into a tree. Miller had to be removed from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life, which was provided by the Melrose Township Fire Department. Miller was then transported by Allied EMS to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital where she was treated for her injuries. Miller was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident.

Pickups collide on Loeb Rd. Two men injured.

Sheriff W.D. Schneider reports on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 17:21 hours the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on Loeb Road two tenths of a mile north of Veenstra Rd. in Marion Township. Fifty-three year old Rosendo Garcia Oviedo of Ellsworth was pulling onto Loeb Road from a private driveway in his 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck. He pulled into the path of a 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck being driven by 49 year old Patrick Allen Ragle of Charlevoix. Ragle's vehicle struck Oviedo's vehicle in the driver's door with its' front end. Both drivers were transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital with non-life threatening injuries by the Charlevoix Ambulance service.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, the Charlevoix EMS Service and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.



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Area December Happening

12/6, 13, 20, 27, Saturdays, 9am – 1pm
BOYNE CITY FARMERS' MARKET

In the Red Barn next to the Boyne City District Library
www.boynechamber.com

12/4, 11, 18, Thursdays, 9am - 1pm
CHARLEVOIX FARMERS' MARKET

Charlevoix Public Library, Community Rooms A & B
www.charlevoix.org

12/23, Tuesday, 9am – 1pm
SPECIAL HOLIDAY FARMERS' MARKET

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12/4, Thursday, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

A night with family & friends as we light the community Christmas Tree, sing carols, and greet Santa. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in town to hear all the kids' Christmas wishes and pass out stockings. Annual Soup Cook-off takes place at the Community Center.
www.ejchamber.org

12/5, Friday, 5:30pm – 10:00pm
HOLLY DAZE @ CASTLE FARMS

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Annual Holiday Fundraiser. Join your friends for an evening of good cheer, great auction items, and help support your local hospital.
www.charlevoix.org

12/5, Friday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the holidays on the Bidwell Plaza! We'll be serving hot cider and kettle corn, while you enjoy carolers, artist demonstrations and even a craft! Warm up inside with holiday shopping and performances by the cast of "Annie the Musical".
www.crookedtree.org

12/5, Friday, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
LIGHTS OF LOVE

The lighting of the Community Lights of Love Tree will be next to the Boyne Area Chamber Office. There will be a band and choral group leading the crowd in singing Christmas carols.
www.boynechamber.com

12/5, Friday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
PETOSKEY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Santa flies into town to light the giant Christmas tree in Pennsylvania Park. Merchants open their doors to offer warm holiday greetings. The streets are filled with merry entertainment by carolers and the Petoskey High School Steel Drum Band.
www.petoskeydowntown.com

12/6, Saturday
MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

Charlevoix merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, refreshments, special sales, raffles and more.



12/6, Saturday, 11:00am – 3:00pm
SANTA AT THE CASTLE

Santa visits Castle Farms. Crafts, games, photo booth, face painting, food, prizes, Polar Express train display, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Bring your camera! Cost is \$5.
www.charlevoix.org

12/6, Saturday, 9:00am – 3:00pm
HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

Hosted by the Boyne City Booster Foundation at the Boyne City High School.
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12/10, Wednesday
ELLSWORTH WOODEN SHOE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The traditional lighting of the holiday tree along with carolers and the Banks Township Citizen of the Year "flipping" the light switch kicks off the evening's events.
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 4 Wii Bowling 11am Knitting & Crochet	Friday, December 5 11am Dollar in a Jukebox Raffle	Monday, December 8 Foot Clinic (by Appt) Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, December 9 Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize	Wed., December 10 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	Thursday, December 11 Wii Bowling 11am Knitting & Crochet
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 4 9:30am Christmas Decorating Party 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle	Friday, December 5 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, December 8 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, December 9 Roscommon Seniors Visit for Lunch 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wed., December 10 Foot Clinic Adolph Cwik Music 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, December 11 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Roger Hartson 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 4 KARAOKE DAY! SANTA NIGHT!	Friday, December 5 Birthday Day! APPLE BBQ CHICKEN 11am Music Bingo/Raffle	Monday, December 8 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, December 9 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wed., December 10 GAME DAY!	Thursday, December 11 Foot Clinic KARAOKE DAY! 10am Advisory Bd Mtg
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, December 4 LIVER & ONIONS	Friday, December 5 APPLE BBQ CHICKEN	Monday, December 8 TUNA CASSEROLE	Tuesday, December 9 SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS	Wed., December 10 COOK'S CHOICE	Thursday, December 11 CHICKEN ENCHILADA
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