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DDA says they are 'Not able to Pay'

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: At a special meeting of the Downtown Development Authority on Monday night, the board determined that they were unable to pay \$30,000 to the Charlevoix Public Library as part of an agreement made years ago when the property was purchased from them.

The meeting of the DDA began with a conversation about a motion made by Jeffrey Porter of the First Ward at the meeting of City Council on December 1. At that meeting, Mayor Gabe Campbell brought up the issue of the DDA's yearly contribution to the Charlevoix Public Library. The issue quickly became heated when Porter stated his opinion on the matter.

"There is a plaque with the DDA's name on it (at the library) that should probably be ripped

off the wall," stated Porter. Porter then motioned that council demand the DDA to pay their contribution of \$30,000 yearly. The motion was retracted as the issue wasn't on the agenda, but had been brought up under miscellaneous business. Council therefore asked staff to further investigate the matter and bring more information back at the next scheduled meeting. DDA Director Bethany Pearson thus chose to discuss the issue at the DDA meeting, where context could be given for how and why the contribution came about, as well as why it currently isn't being made.

Essentially, the issue comes down to an agreement made between the Library and the DDA when the Library was purchased from the DDA. In 2002, the library was fast becoming too large for its previous location. In the hunt

for a new building, the current location, which used to be the Middle School, was found. Because the DDA felt it important to keep the library downtown, they chose to acquire and fund the majority of the purchase. They owned the building for several years before a millage in 2006 allowed the Library to buy the building from them. Once purchased, the Library requested that the DDA agree to contribute \$30,000 each year to help maintain funding. According to board member Dan Barron the DDA chose to agree at that time, but did not sign a contract requiring them to honor the agreement for a specific amount of time.

Barron stated that although the DDA initially said yes to pledge the money each year based on budget projections, legally there really wasn't basis for demanding the DDA to pay

the contribution.

"We made a commitment...but it was not an unconditional commitment...there was not a binding written contract," said Barron.

Pearson then explained to the board that if they decided to pay the amount pledged, they would end up with a budget deficit within two years. Pearson indicated that the DDA could not feasibly make the payment, but that they did value the library and its contribution to the downtown area.

Board member Kirby Dipert also gave his opinion on the matter at the meeting by explaining that he was told the library isn't losing the funds that are not being contributed, but that due to the millage and how the library is funded throughout the district; the Library is still operating without deficit.

"We aren't really penalizing the library...," stated Dipert, "We are not the bad guys."

Barron followed up Dipert by stating that the DDA are "100% staunch supporters of the library" and that if the funding was available he would support paying the yearly contribution.

Although council members Jeff Porter and Shirley Gibson were in the audience, as well as Library Treasurer Rick Brandt, no public comment was offered regarding the issue at the DDA meeting. However, the issue is on the agenda for both the upcoming Board of Directors meeting at the Library and City Council. The Board of Directors will meet December 11 at 3:00 pm in the community room of the Library, and City Council will meet December 15 at 7:00 at City Hall in Council Chambers.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

2014 Charlevoix County News All-Area Football Dream Team Named

Area students draw tears at annual Eddie Essay contest



Winners of the Eddie Essay Contest stand before parents, teachers, and charities with their plaques. From left to right, Hannah Chapel, Payton Bauman, Leanne Bentley, Amber Leinonen, and Gold Prize winner Katelynn Wilson.

By Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: On December 4, students from various schools surrounding Boyne City gathered to share heartrending essays they wrote to help their favorite charities get funding at the 8th annual Eddie Essay Contest for 10th graders.

The contest is held by the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City who honor the memory of Ed Hughes, a man they refer to as "an ordinary person who did extraordinary things," by creating this competition in which students write essays about their favorite local cause or charity in the hopes of winning an award which enables them to give a mone-

etary donation to the organization they wrote about. This year marks the 8th time that 10th graders have been involved in the contest, which originally started with 5th graders.

This year 5 students won various awards through the contest. Two students represented Boyne Falls School; Amber Leinonen and Kate-

See **Eddie Essay**—8A

Noise Ordinance and new sewage lines to Sommerset Pointe discussed at city meeting

By Tina Sundelius

BOYNE CITY—Boyne City Commissioners approved a new noise ordinance and discussed the installation of sewage lines from within the city limits to Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club and Marina at the December 9 meeting.

In 2009, Boyne City's noise ordinance was ruled unconstitutional vague. Since then police have had nothing to back them up when they receive complaints. The Boyne City Police Department receives an average of 61 complaints annually. City staff and Police Chief Jeff Gaither have been working on a new noise ordinance since October of this year. "The general idea of this ordinance is certainly a very useful tool for us to keep the peace in the city," said Gaither. With recommendations from the city attorney to clearly adopt a "reasonable person" standard, the ordinance has been revised several times since October. During a public hearing to consider adopting the newest revision Commissioners Sansom and Gaylord expressed concerns that the revision was still too vague. "I still have some problems with this ordinance, it seems pretty vague to me and who measures what is "reasonable" and "appropriate", said Sansom.

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Veteran of the Month

The Veteran of the Month for December 2014 is Sherman Otis Thomas. Born on April 17th, 1919 in a farmhouse in Eveline Orchards, north of East Jordan, Mich., Thomas, completing the eighth grade, graduated from Walker-Eveline School, the area's one room schoolhouse, and graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1938. Thomas, who had begun grafting trees at the age of 10, continued to work with his father, who was the caretaker of Eveline Orchards. On June 30th, 1940, in East Jordan, Thomas married Veronica "Peggy" Woodcock and for a short time he worked at The Willow Run Bomber Plant. On May 12th, 1945 he was inducted into the Army entering into active service in Detroit, Mich. Following basic training, where he qualified as a Sharp Shooter with the M-1 Gaurand rifle, and specialty training as a

Diesel Mechanic, Thomas departed the USA on Nov. 29th, 1945 arriving in the European Theater of Operations on Dec. 10th, 1945. He was assigned to the 191st Port Company in Italy where he performed major overhaul, maintenance, and unit replacement work on marine diesel and gasoline engines used in troop carriers, landing craft, and sea going tugs. He directed the work of 120 diesel mechanic, supply technician and laborers handling marine repair work for the port. On June 17th, 1946 Thomas was promoted to the non-commissioned officer rank of Staff Sergeant and on July 9th, 1946 he departed the European Theater of Operations arriving in the USA on July 21st, 1946. On July 30th, 1946 at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Illinois Thomas received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded the following Decora-



SHERMAN OTIS THOMAS

tions and Citations: The Victory Medal, The European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal and one Overseas Service Bar (representing six months foreign service.) Returning home Thomas went to work for

Clarence Healey's Chevrolet Garage in East Jordan (later purchased by Al Sinclair). In 1951 Thomas purchased and operated Sperm's Pure Oil Service Station and AAA Wrecker Service on Main Street, south of City Hall, and also sold Oldsmobile cars and parts for the Howie Parcell Dealership, from Charlevoix, Mich., out of his service station in East Jordan. In 1961 he became the manager of the East Jordan Co-op for the next 20 years and was a member of the Rotary Club. He then worked for a short time for Central Oil in Gaylord, Mich. Thomas gave back to his community by serving actively for 30 years in the Fire Department, 12 of those years as Fire Chief, and 43 additional years as an honorary member. He was a charter member of the Jordan River Action Group and the Wild Scenic River Commission. He was an

active member of The Fly Wheelers Club, near Walloon Lake, and The East Jordan Snowmobile Club. He supported Veterans through his 69-year membership in American Legion Post 227 by participating in the Honor Guard Rifle Squad at Military Funerals. On Oct. 8th, 2013 Sherman Otis Thomas answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter Lennie, son Russel, and their families. To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

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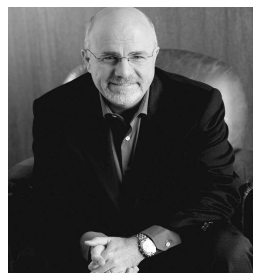
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Diana
Dear Diana,
I've learned, after years of writing books, doing a radio show and trying to educate folks about their finances, you can't make people listen to you. Even with what I do for a living I don't throw my opinion around unless someone asks.

I think you're smart for realizing there are some boundaries here. But there's no reason you can't create a situation where he can ask your opinion. You might begin with talking about some of the mistakes you've made in the past. This could help him connect with you, and feel more comfortable opening up about his own situation. Once he realizes you haven't repeated the same mistakes, and have a better life for it, he might just ask how you did it. Then, the door is open!

But you can't become preachy every time someone does something dumb. That will only hurt their feelings and cause them to tune you out completely.

—Dave

Reward her good choices

Dear Dave,
Our daughter wasn't very responsible with money until she read your books. Now, she has really started turning her life around. Recently, she learned she needs to have some expensive dental work done. Since she just started trying to manage her money well, she doesn't have enough saved up for the procedure or dental insurance right now. Do you think we should help by loaning her the money?

Dianne
Dear Dianne,
I like what you've told me about your daughter. She doesn't need to worry about dental insurance though. You almost never get back what you put into those policies. It's the kind of stuff a good emergency fund will cover. If she has invested her time and money into what I teach, I'd say she's pretty serious about getting her finances in order. If it were me, I'd make the money for dental work a gift, not a loan, for turning her financial life around. In your description you never mentioned anything about your daughter being lazy or unwilling to work. You talked about a young lady who's just starting to build her life, and you're rewarding smart choices. I think that's a great idea and will have a major positive impact!

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East Jordan Lighted Parade



December 4th organizations from around the area brought parade entries glistening with Christmas lights through Downtown East Jordan to usher in the Christmas season.

Why you should donate to Toys for Tots

By Jessica Boyce

For the past few months, we have been seeing Toys for Tots drop off boxes at many local businesses in our cities and towns. Most of us know that it is a toy donation program organized by the U.S. Marine Corps, but how much do we really know about the nationwide charity?

No child wants to be left out on Christmas and hear about all of their classmates receiving these great new gifts when they didn't get anything. As adults we know that Christmas isn't about the gifts, but as kids this can be hard to understand. Toys for Tots is a top rated charity where you can donate money or new, unwrapped toys to children in need. 97% of money donated goes to providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children while only 3% goes to fundraising expenses.

"The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign was conducted." They want these less fortunate children to still have the opportunity to experience the joys of Christmas and to give them a message of hope.

These toy collection campaigns last from Oc-

tober to mid to late December, and then the distribution of toys begins. The toys that were collected in your community go to children in that very community so you could be helping your next door neighbor or someone you work with when you donate a toy. The success of the program depends on the individuals and business in the communities in which the Toys for Tots program is conducted. This includes over 700 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It is up to individuals to donate, and local businesses act as the drop-off sites for the toys. There are also national drop-off sites of Toys 'R Us and Babies 'R Us.

The spirit of Christmas is all about giving; giving back to those who have made a difference in your lives, and giving to those who are less fortunate. By donating a toy or money to Toys for Tots, you are helping a child in your own community who otherwise wouldn't receive a Christmas gift. You don't have to go out and buy a toy to donate, but you can also make a monetary donation at toysfortots.org. Every little bit helps, and every gift donated means one more smiling child this Christmas season. If you can afford to donate, don't hesitate to do so and help make a difference in the life of a child in your community.

Holly Daze Fundraiser

Scott MacKenzie of Boyne City works the live auction segment of the 22nd annual Holly Daze fundraiser for the Charlevoix Area Hospital, Friday at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Breaking all records, the cumulative efforts of many volunteers and donors raised more than \$140,000 from the 340 participants (a record attendance). Sponsored by the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation, the reservation-only holiday event included, a silent auction, dinner catered by Grey Gables, a live auction, games, giveaways and an extended social hour.

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SUNDAY



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12/9/2013	18	12/8/2014	36.5
12/9/2013	9.7	12/8/2014	23.1
12/9/2013	13.5	12/8/2014	26
12/9/2013	18	12/8/2014	43.1
12/9/2013	46.4	12/8/2014	61.2
12/9/2013	9.8	12/8/2014	8.5
12/9/2013	16.9	12/8/2014	28
12/9/2013	23.7	12/8/2014	43.7

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DEC 15	19°	34°	-7° (2007)	51° (1997)
DEC 16	19°	33°	-4° (1961)	56° (1984)
DEC 17	19°	33°	-11° (1973)	54° (1984)
DEC 18	19°	33°	-1° (1973)	47° (1949)
DEC 19	18°	32°	-13° (2004)	50° (2002)
DEC 20	18°	32°	-20° (1983)	48° (1988)
DEC 21	18°	32°	-14° (1975)	53° (1967)

OBITUARIES

Georgia Baker-Taft, 93

(MARCH 27, 1921 - DEC. 8, 2014)

Georgia Baker-Taft of Bay Shore died December 8th at home.



Georgia was born on March 27, 1921 in Boyne Falls, Michigan, to George and Marion Barber. She grew up in Bay Shore and attended school in Petoskey.

On February 17, 1939, she married James Edward Baker, in Petoskey. They were married for over 30 years and together they raised six children. Sadly, James preceded her in death in 1975. In 1977, Georgia married Harry Taft, who later preceded her in death in 1995.

Georgia enjoyed needlepoint, reading, and participating in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an extremely family oriented person, someone that would always listen and advise with your best interest at heart.

Surviving Georgia are her children; Jim (Donna) Baker of Bay Shore, Mary Ann (Leon) Pearson of Waterford, Sandy (Darrel) Somerville of Bay Shore, Gwen (Raymond) Bascom of Sparta; her siblings, Alma Mattson, Ida Reed, Rena Ocenasek, Afton McKone, Nelson Barber and her beloved 15 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Georgia was preceded in death

by two of her children; Michael Louis Baker and Gayle L. Kanir; a brother, William Barber and a sister, Lena Morris.

A visitation is scheduled at Stone Funeral Home for December 11, from 6-8 p.m. Reverend Dave Behling will officiate the funeral, December 12 at Stone Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m. Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Donations in Georgia's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Josephine Rose Stutzman, 99

(MARCH 13, 1915 - DEC. 2, 2014)

Josephine Rose Stutzman of Charlevoix passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at her home.



She was born March 13, 1915, in Weyerhauser, Wisc. to Joseph and Magdalena (Kopca) Vrantanina.

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 Artcraft 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, Branden, Jarod Tuffelmire; Justin Arlt; Taylor Raphael; Nathan Lopez; E.

J. Shemwell; brother, Donald (Mary) Vrantanina of Beverly Hills; 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) Vrantanina; brother-in-law, Edward Swanson; sister-in-law, Lauretta Swanson; infant brother, William.

The funeral was Friday, December 5 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Robert Bellairs officiated and burial will be 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.

Vickie Ann Jaqua, 62

Vickie Ann Jaqua died Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at her home near East Jordan, Michigan.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Howard Johnson, 87

Howard Johnson, of Boyne City, passed away on Dec. 4, 2014, at the age of 87.

He was a lifelong Michigan resident and married Lila Langtry in 1949.

Howard worked for the same employer, Jack A. Frost, since the age of 14. Starting with the apple orchard, caring for the trees, and arranging for the picking and marketing of the crop.

Eventually, he became involved with the electrical business and did a lot of traveling with lighting for special events, stage shows, outdoor events and pageants in Mobile, Ala. Howard did outdoor lighting for the Opening of Parliament in Ottawa, Canada, in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth II, lighting the way for the Golden Carriage to the Parliament Building. He retired in 1986 and sold the business and farm and moved to Boyne City. He enjoyed his home, golf, hunting and relaxing.

Howard leaves behind his wife and four children, Brian of Phoenix, Ariz., Steven (Pam) of Metamora, Mich., Karen (Tom) of Memphis, Mich., and Sharon (Mike) of St. Clair, Mich.; six grandsons, David (Ryan), Brett, Derek, Carl, Lucas and Ken.

He was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

A celebration of Howard's life will take place in the spring with the times to be announced by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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Christmas Kids

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If you hold your signs up, or down, tis the season for church Christmas programs and children's songs that touch hearts. Like this preschool/kindergarten performance recently at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.



Kindergarteners Andrew Salomone (left) and Adelaide Wiers, both of Charlevoix, hold position on stage as Joseph and Mary at the manger, while the older children sing Christmas carols recently during the holiday program at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.



Mia Johnson and Mimi Wiers, both 3, of Charlevoix, sit quietly like little angels as they wait for their part in the Christmas program recently at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.



Kayla Cosens, 3 of Charlevoix participates as a tiny angel in the Christmas program recently at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.

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What you should know about GMOs

Deb Hagen-Foley

GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, are living organisms that have had their genetic material artificially manipulated through genetic engineering. Genetically modified ingredients have been present in processed foods in American diets since 1996. They may have already altered our DNA.

Commercially created GMOs are designed to withstand herbicides and intended to increase yield and drought tolerance. The yield and drought tolerance promises have not been kept, nor any other consumer benefit for GMOs. A growing body of evidence is showing the environmental and health consequences of GMOs.

In sixty countries, including Japan and Australia, GMOs are restricted or banned. GMOs are present in as much as 80% of processed foods. It is likely you would not know if a food you are eating contains GMOs as GMO labeling

Most GMOs (more than 80%) are engineered for herbicide tolerance. As a result, use of toxic herbicides (like Roundup®) has increased 15 times since the introduction of GMOs.

is not required in most of the United States. The Food and Drug Administration, charged with monitoring our food supply, has allowed the biotech companies who create GMOs to regulate themselves. Polls indicate that as much as 91% of American consumers want GMOs labeled. Soy, cotton, corn, sugar beets and squash are some of the most commonly GMO foods.

Most GMOs (more than 80%) are engineered for herbicide tolerance. As a result, use of toxic herbicides (like Roundup®) has increased 15 times since the introduction of GMOs. GMO crops are also responsible for "super weeds" and "super bugs," requiring more toxic poisons.

In humans, an increase in soy and other allergies and

immune system disturbances are linked to genetically modified products. Animals fed GM products show liver damage, which is reversed when the GM products are discontinued. In other research, animals showed damaged organs, sterility, cell growth consistent with cancer, and death after exposure to GM foods.

Currently, your best option for reducing your exposure to GMOs is to reduce consumption of processed foods not specifically labeled "no GMOs" and to purchase only organic fruits and vegetables, which are non-GMO. Only by refusing to purchase GMO foods might we be able to reverse the expansion of these untested and potentially dangerous products.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

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



FOUR STEPS FOR PLANNING AHEAD YOUR WAY

When Frank Sinatra crooned, "I did it my way," we're sure he wasn't referring to how he handled his health-care plans. But "My Way" does make a great soundtrack to the task of planning ahead for your own health-care needs. If you don't act on its message, you could be part of this sobering statistic: One in four older Americans say that they -- or a family member -- have endured excessive or unwanted medical treatments. That's 25 million Americans who've undergone procedures, received medications and/or had medical tests they would have preferred not to have -- a situation more likely to happen when you haven't made or can't make your wishes known.

It's a tough topic to discuss, and that probably explains why only one in four Americans has an advance directive, the two-part protection plan for living life your way (and that probably explains why so many folks get treatment they don't want). An advance directive includes a living will that lets family, friends and health-care practitioners know what types of medical care you want and don't want in a health crisis. It also contains a health-care power of attorney that designates a relative or friend to carry out your wishes if you can't speak for yourself.

Advance directives aren't just for older people. Every adult needs one. In one 2010 study from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 60 percent of adults age 18 and older said that they want their wishes respected in a health crisis or at the end of life. Yet just 30 percent of them had an advance directive. If you're in that group, what are you waiting for? Maybe you just don't want to think about it, or you feel squeamish about discussing it with loved ones. Perhaps you assume your family or doctor will just know what you want. Or maybe you're not sure how to create a plan that will really protect you from unwanted medical care -- and give you the care that matters to you when you need it most.

These steps can help (go ahead and hum "My Way" as you get started):

Think about it, then talk it over with your partner, loved

ones or a close friend. Start talking about what you want and don't want in a life-threatening health crisis. You can think about options like artificial breathing, artificial feeding, having your heart re-started if it stops or other extraordinary or heroic measures. If you're thinking, "Hey, doc, I may want one thing at 35, but something else when I'm 105," you're onto something. It's a good idea to revisit this conversation and update your living will from time to time, to reflect what's important to you.

Find help online. One good resource that can help steer you through this conversation is the Five Wishes workbook developed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (www.agingwithdignity.org). You can order it or use the online version. It meets legal requirements for advance directives in 42 states and applies to all 50 when it comes to choosing a health-care proxy. You don't need a lawyer, but having one could help make sure you cross all your T's and dot all your I's. And you will need a witness to sign the papers.

Make it official. Advance directive rules vary a bit from state to state. Find out what your state requires at Caring Connections (www.caringinfo.org), a website sponsored by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Their site also offers advice about discussing your plans with your family (including what to do if loved ones disagree with you) and turning those plans into an advance directive.

Hand out copies to the right people. These include your doctor, the person you've appointed as your health-care proxy, family members, close friends and anyone else who may be caring for you. That's doing it your way!

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Whooping Cough: Adults without Tdap vaccine are a threat to vulnerable infants and children

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN – Following the recent outbreak at a school in Grand Traverse County, pertussis – commonly known as whooping cough – is likely to start popping up in other Northern Michigan communities, according to local

health officials. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is currently investigating possible cases of pertussis in Antrim and Otsego Counties.

With so much attention focused on vaccination for infants and children, it's important for adults to remember that they must also be immunized against pertussis with the Tdap vaccine, according to Joshua Meyerson, M.D., Medical Director for the Health Department. Tdap provides immunization against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

"It's essential for all adults to have their Tdap vaccinations, and especially for those who may come into contact with infants and children," Meyerson said. "If you've never had the Tdap vaccine, or if you're unsure, now is the time to contact your physician or the Health Department to get protected. It could save the life of a child or any other vulnerable person who is exposed to you." Adults can receive their Tdap vaccination when they get their an-

nual flu vaccine, which is still available through the Health Department for the 2014-15 season. Call (800) 432-4121 for an appointment.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, infants are at highest risk of severe cases of pertussis that may lead to death, and the source of their illness is often older siblings and adults. Infants and children should receive the pertussis vaccination series (DTaP) in accordance with the U.S. childhood immunization schedule. Visit www.nwhealth.org for more information, or call the Health Department at (800) 432-4121.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

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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 e-mail us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

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 heart-warming 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 Grace Baptist Church, 232

South Townline Rd.

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 Holidazzle 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 Holidazzle Parade as we celebrate the season in Bay Harbor.

CHARLEVOIX

Back Porch music

Saturday, December 13th, 6:30pm, at the Charlevoix Senior Center. The evening will begin with a Potluck Dinner from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Meat, dinnerware and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Following the dinner, musicians are invited to share "in-the-round" (2-3 songs each). Holiday and other songs are welcome. Make your own instrument materials will be available for the young ones. For more information, please call, 231.622.2944

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Village

Enjoy a drive through our Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park, 218 N. Lake St. thru 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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Early Deadline

The Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News will be published two days earlier the week of Christmas and the week of New Years. Normally published every Thursday, these issues will be distributed on Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday December 30. Deadline for each of these issues will be the preceding Friday at 5pm for Display advertising, Classified advertising, News Releases, News and Sports. Deadline is Dec. 19 for the Dec. 22 issue and Dec. 26 for the Dec. 30 issue.

PETOSKEY

Baroque Christmas Concert

Spice up your holidays with a generous measure of Baroque Christmas music. Join the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, conductor Libor Ondras and Choral Master Peter D. Sims for an evening of inspired seasonal music from the 18th-century. They will be joined by vocal soprano, Antonina Chekhovskaya, alto, Martha J. Hart, and alto, Jamie Platte. The concert, entitled Messiah Plus, will be presented Thursday, December 18 and Friday, December 19 at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Tickets are available by calling the orchestra office at 231 487-0010 or by visiting our website at www.glorchestra.org.

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 Eatin 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

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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 kroondyk@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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Charlevoix County Community Foundation Releases 2014 Report to the Community

East Jordan, MI – November 20, 2014 – The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently released its 2014 annual report, celebrating all of the major accomplishments of the foundation in the past year. The report, titled “Here. There. Everywhere.” highlights the work of the foundation throughout all of Charlevoix County.

The foundation, which started in 1992, with a board of individuals representing each of Charlevoix County’s communities, has continued to grow into an multi-million dollar foundation that has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants each year.

“We work diligently to connect people with projects on a countywide basis,” Chip Hansen, foundation president, said. “We’ve seen how generous donors from every area work to support the programs and causes that they love. When

we’re able to connect their generosity with our local nonprofit agencies, the combination has an incredible impact on our communities.”

Collaboration between community groups, businesses, individuals and the foundation this year led to many successful projects, including refurbishing the St. James Lighthouse on Beaver Island, strengthening the Boyne City High School Robotics team program, sponsoring strategic planning initiatives throughout the county, and funding the Charlevoix Lake-to-Lake Multi-Use Trail project. These and other grant programs are detailed in the annual report.

Thanks to the generosity of local donors, the foundation was able to distribute 526 grants and scholarships, totaling \$1.8 million this year. Grants support worthwhile causes in a variety of areas that the foundation fo-

cus on, including the well-being of women and children, health and human services, arts and cultural programming, education, and environmental conservation, among others.

“I am always so pleased with the generosity of our community,” says Hansen, adding, “and this year is no exception.” “Thanks to so many who have given, the foundation distributed more grants and scholarships than we’ve ever distributed before,” he noted. “It’s great to see those dollars doing good work close to home.”

The organization holds assets of nearly \$29.5 million, and topped the \$17 million mark in cumulative grants and scholarships during the year. The foundation also maintained its accreditation with the Council on Foundations (COF) National Standards program, a designation that signifies that the Charlevoix County Community

Foundation meets or exceeds all of the requirements of the COF accreditation process.

To get your copy of the “Here. There. Everywhere.” annual report, contact the foundation office at 231/536-2440 or access it online at www.c3f.org.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a public charity dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of people in Charlevoix County. The organization holds various funds, all established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes; others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County now and for generations to come. For more information, please contact the foundation at (231) 536-2440, www.c3f.org.

EDDIE ESSAY CONTEST

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lynn Wilson, two students attend Boyne City School; Payton Bauman and Leanne Bentley, and Hannah Chapel is enrolled at Concord Academy Boyne.

Amber was the winner of an Eddie Essay Award Certificate for her essay “Don’t Bleed on My Flag,” which was inspired by the military service of her older brother who was in attendance at the ceremony. Amber read her essay before the crowd and then presented a check for \$100 to a representative of the organization Wounded Warriors.

Hannah also won an Eddie Essay Award Certificate for her well written piece on hippotherapy. Hannah researched her topic extensively and focused her essay on how horses are able to help heal persons with disabilities as well as mental disorders. Her check for \$100 was presented to Courtney and JL Sumpter of Northern Michigan Equine Therapy.

The Grand Prizes for the Contest were awarded either a Silver or Gold award. This year, a tie was formed between two Boyne City School students who both won the Silver award for \$250. Student Payton Bauman wrote a moving essay in honor of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute which educated the audience on what the MDI does to help those who have dyslexia. Payton attended the MDI himself, and stated that the donation could “make a difference in someone else’s life, like it has mine.” He then presented the check to a representative of MDI.

The other Silver Award winner, Leanne Bentley wrote a rousing essay entitled “Hope for the Homeless” which focused on the benefits of the Nehemiah House located in Petoskey. Her essay focused on the Biblical story behind the name of Nehemiah House. Her essay explained that the shelter offers “a hope that never ends to hurting people of our community.” At the conclusion of her reading she presented a check to a representative of the shelter.

The final winner of the Grand Prize Gold Award which is for \$500 was Katelynn Wilson. Katelynn wrote an emotional essay about Community Christmas, a cause close to her heart as a volunteer for five years. Her essay “Here Comes Santa Clause” brought the crowd to tears as she described her love for the organization and the joy it brings her to be a part of donating gifts to those less fortunate than she. She presented her check to Ruth Witek of Community Christmas who eagerly thanked Katelynn for her essay.

“This check means a lot to me, but not as much as what these kids are saying...this is what is going to be our future. Hopefully someday one of these kids will take over my job...but with their heart, not their head,” stated Witek upon receiving the donation.

Katelynn expressed her excitement at winning after the ceremony, which included a full breakfast made by the Boyne City Culinary Arts Class.

“I feel great, giving them \$500 is the best feeling ever,” she said.

The ceremony concluded early so that students could get to their morning classes on time. An honorable mention was also given to Gavin Duncan who wrote an essay about Community Mental Health. The contest has awarded close to \$10,000 during its time in existence, and has donated to over 45 local charities. This year two never before charities were involved, Northern Michigan Equine Therapy and MDI, while Wounded Warriors, Nehemiah House, and Community Christmas accepted awards despite being previous winners.

Area residents rallied around the contest by sponsoring at various levels to make giving the donations a reality. They include; Bernadette Beyer of The Centre, LLC, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Friends of Boyne District Library, Huntington Bank, Gayle Harbaugh of Kilwin’s in Boyne City, Mike Webster of Melrose Manufacturing, Ruth Skop of Edward Jones, and Nancy and Ken Visser.

Breakfast for Champions

By Norma Jean Babcock

PETOSKEY: On Tuesday, December 9 the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted the 23rd Annual Breakfast for Champions Award Ceremony to honor businesses, entrepreneurs, and leaders within the Petoskey community.

The awards were held at the Odawa Casino in Petoskey, and were sponsored by PMP Personnel Services. A full buffet breakfast was offered to the 500 plus attendees gathered at the ceremony by Fifth Third Bank. The event began with the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers performing several of their popular carols, before the award giving began in earnest.

The first award given after a brief introduction to the event by Master of Ceremonies Chet Jessick was the Architectural and Renovation Awards which were presented by Kate Scollin. These awards are sponsored by Preston Feather Builders, and are given at three levels; Heritage, Design, and Beautification. The first place award for the Heritage Category went to the Phone Guide for their building renovations. An Honorable Mention was also given in this category to Encore Financial Group. The first place award for Design went to Daniel J. Harris, Attorney, who transformed his offices into a more aesthetically pleasing location for those in the community; and an honorable mention was given to Crooked Vine Vineyard and Winery. The first place award for the Beautification category was given to the City of Petoskey for their efforts toward the Downtown Greenway Trail and a Special Commendation was given in this category to the Petoskey Garden Club for their 80 years of making Petoskey beautiful.

Following the first award was a short film loosely based on the classic movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” in which Chamber member Carlin Smith starred. The video showed an overstressed Smith wish that the Chamber never existed, only to be shown the many things that would disappear without Chamber in Petoskey. The video was put together by Pierpont Productions who have a featured short film most every year for the event.

Next the Community Enthusiast Award was given to Fran Foster of The Phone Guide. The award was presented by Ron Foeller, and was sponsored by the Home



The Chairman’s Award was given to the family of Jack Waldvogel, a member who was a business man, community servant, Rotarian, and emphatic supporter of schools in the area. His wife, Bridget and son Bob accepted the award from Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Bill Marshall.

Depot and Bill’s Farm Market. The Community Enthusiast Award is given to a local citizen who the chamber feels supports the community and passionately advocates the area.

The Athena Award was then presented by Dave Kring and Diane Henzelman. Kring has been sponsoring the Athena Award for 23 years. The award is given to a female member of the community who is a leader and supports the area energetically. This year’s recipient was Liz Ahrens of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Henzelman described her someone who “equips others to not only imagine, but to become.”

David Marvin of Stafford’s Hospitality then presented the Service Excellence Award. The award is given to those who give consistently excellent service to the public. This award was given to Bill and Carol’s Party Store and Deli.

After that the Entrepreneur of the Year award was presented by Shaun Michael Os-

borne. The award was sponsored by Bank of Northern Michigan, and honors those who help the local economy by large business growth. This year the award was given to Dana Andrews, co-owner of Sturgeon River Pottery.

The Ambassador of the Year award was then given which is a traveling trophy that is given to someone who promotes the Chamber of Commerce passionately. The award was presented by Lisa Hoyt and sponsored by PNC Bank. This year’s recipient was Bob Reedy of Northern Michigan Review.

The Chamber Mission Award was broken into two awards this year, and was presented by Carlin Smith. The award is granted to someone who embodies the Chamber Mission, which is to help businesses in the region succeed while protecting the quality of life in the area while enabling growth. The award was given first to the Alanson Improvement Group who volunteers to make Alanson more beautiful and profitable. The second award was given to Becky Goodman for her tireless efforts making the downtown strong.

The final award, the Chamber of Commerce Annual Chairman’s Award, was presented by Bill Marshall. Marshall explained how the award is given to honor a person, business, or project that has made a significant impact in Petoskey. This marks the first year that this award has been given posthumously. The award was given to the family of Jack Waldvogel, a member who was a business man, community servant, Rotarian, and emphatic supporter of schools in the area. His wife, Bridget and son Bob accepted the award with tears.

“We are honored...I wish he was here,” said Bob Waldvogel.

The ceremony ended with closing remarks by Jessick. Jessick encouraged those in attendance to continue making a difference in their community and to remember they effected people and influenced others lives, even if they did not realize it.

Other sponsors of the event included; CHASE, Accident Fund, North Central Michigan College, Mitchell Graphics, Rasmussen, Teller, O’Neil & Christman, The Harbor/Brenn Agencies, 1st Community Bank, McLaren Northern Michigan, and Petoskey News-Review.

Consumers Energy Offers 7 Tips to Help Homeowners Stay Safe and Warm This Heating Season

With furnaces heating up as temperatures drop across the state, Consumers Energy is urging homeowners to combat the cold by keeping their heating systems properly maintained, and practicing simple safety tips that can help ensure continued warmth.

“We want homeowners and their families to stay both safe and warm throughout winter’s cold grasp, and there are some inexpensive and easy steps that can help,” said Mary Palkovich, vice president of energy delivery for Consumers Energy.

Palkovich recommended the following safety tips:

- Furnaces should be inspected once a year using a qualified appliance service/heating and cooling professional.

- Change air filters at least every other month (more often when pets are in the home) during the heating season.

- Weather permitting, perform a visual inspection of the chimney and vent pipes to make sure they are free of obstructions such as leaves and nests.

- Never use gas stoves or charcoal grills to heat homes. These appliances can produce dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide when used improperly.

- Never leave a supplemental heater or fireplace unattended. Keep clothing, papers and other flammable items well away from gas appliances and supplemental heaters.

- When using generators, make sure they are connected by a licensed electrician and

only operated where there is adequate ventilation. Never use a generator in basement, enclosed garage, breezeway or near air intakes.

- Install an audible carbon monoxide alarm that will sound if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present in a home or building.

- Taking these simple and inexpensive steps can help make sure furnaces, boilers, hot water and supplemental heaters operate properly and safely.

- Carbon monoxide is often called the “silent killer” because it is a tasteless, odorless, invisible gas caused by the incomplete combustion of fuels like oil, propane, natural gas, coal, wood, kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel and charcoal. Deadly amounts of carbon

monoxide can be produced by defective or poorly vented appliances that use these fuels such as furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, supplemental heaters as well as generators and running vehicles.

- Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include headaches, nausea, fatigue or dizziness. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, move everyone to fresh air immediately and call 911 to have the home or building tested.

- Consumers Energy, Michigan’s largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.5 million of the state’s 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation awards a \$7,000 Grant to Good Samaritan Pantry

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded a \$7,000 grant to Good Samaritan Pantry of Ellsworth. This grant will purchase heating fuel and pay utility bills to keep Charlevoix County families warm and in their own homes this winter. With the likelihood of another brutal winter, Good Samaritan will have the ability to help more families this year than

in the past thanks to the generosity of the CCCF providing an additional \$2,000.

The Foundation has awarded grants for this purpose to Good Samaritan over the past nine winters to help needy Charlevoix County families. Good Samaritan Pantry is an important human service agency serving southern Charlevoix County as well as Antrim County residents provid-

ing food, clothing, emergency heating fuel, and helping with utility payments for needy families.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life for all who live, work, or vacation in Charlevoix County. CCCF works to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now

and for generations to come, by building permanent charitable endowments from a wide range of donors, addressing needs through grant making, and providing leadership on matters of community concern. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

Good Samaritan's ability to

help neighbors in need is dependent on the generosity of members of the community. If you would like more information about the organization, go to www.thegoodsam.org, or if you are interested in helping with a tax-deductible gift, please contact Good Samaritan Family Services, PO Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729, or by calling 231-588-2208.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the editor:

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the primary and general elections as the Republican candidate for Antrim County Commissioner – District 7 (Chesteronia, Echo, Jordan and Warner Townships).

This commissioner election results have finally been determined by a formal recount, which did find discrepancies after accusations were looked into by the Bureau of Elections, Secretary of State and Board of Censors. Issues were not illegal but ethically and professionally questionable throughout this election process.

The final results were I lost by 13 votes. However, I met a lot of new hard working people while attending township meetings, events, forums, fundraisers, knocking on doors in the district and through social media throughout this campaign. I would like to thank the people who

helped by putting up signs, making phone calls, or letting me put a sign on their property.

I would especially like to thank the people on my campaign committee that were my greatest support. Also I would like to thank the trustees of the four townships who welcomed me at their monthly meetings and the people in the Antrim County Republican Party who supported my efforts when I made the decision to run.

I will continue to focus on the needs and concerns of the four townships in the 7th District and hope to be elected to serve as your County Commissioner in 2016. So please store those yard signs and keep in contact with me via email at: dawn.lavanway@yahoo.com, on my website <http://dawnlavanway.com> or on Facebook.

Gratefully submitted,

**Dawn LaVanway,
East Jordan**

Everything and more at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord

By Jim Akans

With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord.

Founded by Bill and Carol Brown in May of 2008, A-2-Z Resale has grown to encompass just about any resale item shoppers could be looking for, including appliances, furniture, racks and racks of clothing items, tools, home décor items, kitchen items, towels, bedding, curtains, dishes, nick knacks, collectable figurines and spoons, candles, holiday décor items including 1000's of Christmas ornaments, luggage, golf clubs, DVD's and VHS tapes, CD's, vinyl records, puzzles, books, games, toys, baseball cards, and more...even a special area devoted to wedding dresses.

Astonishingly, A-2-Z has over 50 wedding dresses and over 50 prom dress on hand, plus over 4,000 pieces of jewelry, lots of buttons, purses, shoes, boots, sandals and 20 racks full of all types of clothing for men, women, children...even maternity and baby clothes. There has never been a more economical and stylish way to update your wardrobe or get decked-out for that upcoming special occasion.

"We have just about everything here but food," observes Bill Brown. "We locate items for our inventory from



A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord. The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, seven days a week all year long with the exception of holidays. With approximately 4,000 square feet of fully stocked resale space, and new inventory arriving daily, customers can shop for just about anything starting with any letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale in Gaylord. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we will have next, it changes every day."

Carol Brown adds, "Many of the items that we offer, especially furniture, move very quickly. We would love to thank everyone who has stopped in and for being our customers for six years now. We would also enjoy seeing our friends from Onaway, Millersburg and Harrisville areas stop in and see us."

One thing is certain, on any given day there are plenty of items representing every letter in the alphabet at A-2-Z Resale. Convenient parking in front of the store makes it easy for shoppers to stop in on a regular basis to check out the latest inventory.

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Jolly Gingerbread

Saturday Nov 29 the Boyne District Library hosted 2 sessions for kids to make Ginger Bread Houses. Thank you to the Dale Hardy foundation and Boyne City Family Fare for the ingredients. Some of the Ginger Bread Houses are on display in the libraries children's room.



Boyne Falls Public School Honor Roll

First Trimester
2014-2015

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| 6th Grade All As:
Blake Brunmeier,
Zoe Harmon, Aubrie
Sparks | 11th Grade High
Honors (3.7+): Josh
Lange |
| 6th Grade Honor
Roll: Kayden O'Neil,
Keegan Whisker | 11th Grade Honor
Roll (3.0-3.69): Megan
Byrne, Alicia Gasco,
Marcus Matelski,
Kelsey Richardson,
Shea Ross, Kurstin
Wilson |
| 7th Grade Honor
Roll: Ryleigh
Richardson | 12th Grade High
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Kaylee Herman, Hai-
ley Matelski |
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Roll: Krystal
Grubaugh,
Josephine Smith | 12th Grade Honor
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dan Berreth, Kyle
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DeNise, Hannah
Milks, Raegan
Pedigo, Andrew
Stevens, Hunter
Williams |
| 9th Grade High
Honors (3.7+): Jor-
dan Herman | |
| 10th Grade Honor
Roll (3.0-3.69):
Melissa Grubaugh,
Neal Perron, Leszek
Wasylewski, Kate-
lynn Wilson | |

East Jordan Community Night Soup Cook-Off

Hundreds of people were in downtown East Jordan for a night of family, friends and community as they lit the community Christmas tree, sang carols and greeted Santa and Mrs. Claus who

heard all the kids Christmas wishes and passed out stockings. The Annual Soup Cook-off took place at the Community Center where proceeds were given to East Jordan's Care & Share Food

Pantry. Admission was \$2.00 and hundreds of people enjoyed soups from 6 different area restaurants.



Christine Kenney from The Zone Sports Lounge served meaty, chicken pea soup.



Darlene Schmidt from the Front Porch Café handed out fresh and flaky biscuits to go with the bean soup.



Gretchen Bender, Director of East Jordan Public Schools Food Service dished out a delicious tomato based vegetable soup.



Jan Rasmussen from the Front Porch Café cooked up a hearty bean soup.



Jason Cady from Murray's served a mildly spiced and meaty Chili.



Chef Scott Lyons from Porter Creek Fish House prepared a delicious Mushroom soup

Boyne City Public School

Student of the Week



Jacob Coates

Grade: 10
Parent(s): Kim and Roger Coates
Future Plans: "Participating in the Early College 5-year program, so after high school I will go to NCMC for a year to get my associates"
School Activities: Tennis, Band, Drama, Robotics
Hobbies and Interests: "I like reading and skiing."
Additional Comments: "I like cats"
Staff Comments:
 "Jacob was in my Freshman English class last year and he really impressed me with his ability to think critically and with his ability to express his thoughts, both verbally and in written work."
 - John Hertel
 "I am excited that Jacob has committed to the Early College Program through NCMC. He is a creative, intuitive young man who has a bright future ahead of him!" - Michele Deming, - Dual Enrollment Teacher
 "Jacob Coates is an outstanding student! He has really stepped up as a leader by example in band. Jacob's a pleasure to have in class and I'm looking forward to great things from him in the future!" - Brandon Ivie
 "It is fun to have Jacob in English class — he is a student who can balance a serious academic aptitude with an interesting sense of humor!" - Jeanne Heath

Boyne Falls Elementary

Student of the Week



Ethan Fair

Grade: Kindergarten
Parent(s): Rachel Gibson and Justin Fitzpatrick and Walter Fair
What do you want to be when you grow up?: Fireman
School Activities: Ethan enjoys doing Rocket Math and Friday Fun in the Kindergarten classroom
Hobbies and Interests: Playing games, Pokemon, playing outside with mom and friends.
Favorite Book: Books about Power Rangers
Staff Comments:
 "Ethan is a kind and friendly child and is always willing to help his classmates. Ethan is a hard worker and always tries his best. I am happy to have Ethan as a student in my classroom and I am proud of all his hard work!" - Ms. Weigandt

Camp Daggett presents 2015 officers

The Camp Daggett Board of Trustees is proud to present the organization's new slate of officers for 2015. They are as follows: Kiwanis Club of Petoskey, Bob Esford - vice president; Rotary Club of East Jordan, Jerry Hepner - treasurer; Camp Daggett Community Representative, Susan Capaldi - secretary; and Boyne Valley Lions Club, Justin Weisler - president. Camp Daggett will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2015. Camp continues to provide meaningful and memorable experiences through its programming for all ages on a year-round basis. For more information on Camp Daggett, or to make a donation, visit www.campdaggett.org.



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Boyer City Commission

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Discussion continued for nearly an hour with minor language changes included in the motion to accept the ordinance. The motion passed 4/1 with Gaylord voting against. "We wanted to give our Police department the tools to be able to manage ninety percent of the complaints and I think this does it," said Mayor Ron Grunch.

The Commissioners were apprised of the progress of the recently revived sanitary sewer agreement proposed by Sommerset Pointe. The plan to extend the city sewers down Lakeshore Drive out to Sommerset Pointe was first proposed in 2007 but was put on hold when the economy took a dive in 2008. The revised agreement still has many details to polish but verbal approval of the project from the City Commission was being requested from both the project developers as well as city staff before any more time was spent. The Commission unanimously voiced

support of the project giving City Manager Michael Cain the go ahead to work out the details of the agreement that is cited to begin next spring.

A contract to purchase a 2016 Elgin Crosswind Sweeper from Bell Equipment of Lake Orion for \$195,111 including the trade in allowance for the city's 1998 mechanical sweeper was approved. The city puts 1,000 hours a year on the sweeper. "It's taken a beating," said Andy Kovoliski, Streets and Parks Superintendent. The new sweeper should arrive in early May, just in time for spring cleanup.

City offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday December 25 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

City offices will be closed Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday January 1 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13 at 7p.m.

Firearm deer harvest down from 2013

GAYLORD – The 2014 firearm deer season wrapped up Nov. 30, and challenging conditions and lower deer numbers in some areas likely have led to fewer deer being taken this year. Each year the Department of Natural Resources generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes. Those estimates are later replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2014 firearm deer season harvest appears to have decreased in all regions this year, but particularly in the Upper Peninsula. Experiences can differ widely within regions. DNR biologists estimate that, compared to 2013, the harvest was down approximately 30 to 40 percent across the Upper Peninsula, decreased perhaps as much as 10 percent in the northern Lower Peninsula, and was down about 5 percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Deer populations in the Upper Peninsula are down after two severe past winters. The DNR significantly reduced antlerless quotas prior to this season and has invested in habitat improvement and research assessing the role of predators, habitat and weather conditions in driving U.P.

deer abundance. The 2014 deer season forecast indicated hunters should expect to see fewer deer in the region, and some locations also saw more than 40 inches of snow accumulation before the firearm season opened, making hunting access challenging and driving deer to migrate out of such areas earlier than normal.

"The number of deer brought to our check stations declined as much as 60 percent in some locations, though hunter success was somewhat better in areas with higher deer densities," noted Upper Peninsula Regional Supervisor Terry Minzey. "Winter severity has moderated since then, but we'll continue to monitor conditions and regional deer populations through the months to come."

Deer harvest did not decline so dramatically in the Lower Peninsula. "The tough winter last year did not impact deer populations below the bridge as it did in the Upper Peninsula," noted Ashley Autenrieth, Wildlife Division deer biologist for the northern regions. "But reduced antler size this season indicated deer condition was affected."

Concentrations of standing corn that provide secure cover for deer contributed to adverse hunting conditions in some locations. Brent Rudolph, Wildlife Division research

specialist, also shared that "department research in one southern Michigan study area indicates deer numbers are still only slowly rebounding following an extensive outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease several summers ago." The research project is being conducted in collaboration with Michigan State University, with assistance from many hunter volunteers, and also has received financial support from Safari Club International.

Rudolph also stressed the importance of cooperation with Michigan's hunter harvest survey, what he called "a vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and another important way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

Hunters who do not receive a survey in the mail but who wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the "Complete a Deer Harvest Survey Online" link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2014 deer hunting activities.

For more information about hunting opportunities or deer management in Michigan, go online to www.michigan.gov/hunting or www.michigan.gov/deer.

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By The Staff

EAST JORDAN— East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11. Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure improvements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 88% capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge in December as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (aluminum 24'7" recycling center and the \$1,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fackler, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and Ellsworth Superintendent Matt Stevens addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

See State of the Community—11A

District Champs!

BOYNE CITY 47 NEGAUNEE 0

Boyer City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CANDI SHAMKAER)

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Wilenski at (231) 982-3152 or (231) 732-2787. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 982-7246.

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Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah December 18th and 19th

By Jim Akans

A seasonal tradition for many years, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) will once again present Handel's "Messiah" at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Handel's "Messiah" is the best known and most beloved oratorio ever written, combining recitative, aria, and dramatic choruses in a resounding affirmation of God's love. "Messiah" was written in 24 days, and was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742, as a benefit concert for the Society for Relieving Prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and the Mercer's Hospital.



A seasonal tradition for many years, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) will once again present Handel's "Messiah" at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th starting at 7:00 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

Handel made slight modifications in the work for almost every performance, tailoring the arias to his soloists and varying the

number of voices in the choir. "Messiah" stands as an artwork that transcends period and cultural boundaries, and speaks in the

most profound way to human spiritual aspirations. During the Advent and Christmas seasons the first section and selected portions of the remainder are usually performed.

GLCO will be conducted by Libor Ondras and led by chorus master Peter Sims. Soloists for the performance will include soprano Antonina Chekhovskaya and alto's Martha J. Hart and Jamie Platte

General admission tickets are \$20 - and reserve seats are available for \$35 for Silver Reserved Section, \$50 for Gold Reserved Section, and \$75 for Platinum Reserved Section. Tickets may be purchased at the East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City and Petoskey area Chamber of Commerce offices, at the GLCO office (call 231-487-0010 for details), or visit www.glcorchestra.org

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Sentence reduced for Scotton in Criminal Sexual Conduct charge

Matthew John Scotton, 56, of Charlevoix was re-sentenced to 135 months to 40 years in prison for Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree. Scotton was convicted by a jury on February 25, 2014 and was originally sentenced to 180 months to 40 years in prison.

He filed a motion for resentencing which was granted on November 13, 2014. In his motion, Scotton claimed that the Court had erred in the scoring of his sentencing guidelines in numerous ways.

Judge Richard M. Pajtas held

that in his earlier ruling he had erred on two of the factors, offense variable 2 related to the use of a knife and offense variable 13 related to an ongoing pattern of criminal activity. Pajtas found that although in the same trial, Scotton was also convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon upon his victim, that it was not a part of the sexual assault and therefore could not be scored as such.

With respect to the ongoing criminal activity, Pajtas ruled that the conduct was scored under the incorrect guideline fac-

tor and should have been under offense variable 11 related to criminal sexual penetration.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof argued that if the use of the knife was not considered under offense variable 2, it should be scored under offense variable 19 as it showed an attempt by Scotton to interfere with the administration of justice.

The victim testified at trial that after Scotton sexually assaulted her, he threw her into a room, turned off the lights and held a knife to her throat saying if you

leave this apartment or call the police there will be consequences.

Pajtas ruled that there was conflicting testimony regarding the use of the knife and therefore, he could not conclude it was used to interfere with the administration of justice.

As a result of the guideline rulings, the offense variables for Scotton went from 60 to 55 which lowered his minimum guideline range from 108 to 180 months to 81 to 135 months. At both sentences, Pajtas sentenced Scotton to the high end of the

guidelines.

At the re-sentencing Pajtas rejected a request by Telgenhof for an upward departure from the guidelines based upon Scotton's use of the knife and the fact that it was unscored in the guidelines.

Scotton received credit for 291 days already served in prison. He was represented by attorney Matthew Posner of Suttons Bay. The prosecution trial attorney was Special Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kayla Nixon.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

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

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

November 24-30

"CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WEEKLY STATISTICS

December 1- December 7 2014

911 Hang Up Call	3
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Abuse	0
Alarm	5
Animal Complaint	13
Annoyance	0
Assault	1
Assist Citizen	2
Assist Motorist	2
Assist Other Agency	6
Attempt to Locate	3
Attempted Suicide	0
Bank Alarm	0
Boating Accident	0
Boating Violation	0
Breaking & Entering	0
Car/Deer Accident	35
Citations Issued	7
Civil Complaint	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Death	0
Disorderly Person	0
Disturbance	0
DNR Complaint	3
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	1
Fireworks Complaint	0
Found Property	1
Fraud	4
Health & Safety	2
Hit & Run	0
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile	3
Larceny	4
Lockout	3
Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	0
Mental Subject	0
Minor In Possession	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	0
Missing Person	0
Noise Complaint	2
Operating Under the Influence	0
Paper Service	24
Parking Violation	0
Personal Injury Accident	0
Personal Protection Order	2
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	37
Property Damage Accident	3
Prowler	0
Road Hazard	3
Stalking	0
Suspicious Situation	7
Threat	1
Traffic Stop	29
Trespassing	0
Unknown Accident	0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	0
Vehicle in the Ditch	0
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	0

One person injured when car strikes tree.

MULTIPLE INJURIES IN TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON TOWNLINE RD.

On December 8, 2014 at approximately 3:55 p.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury accident at the intersection of US-31 North and Townline Road in Hayes Township.

The driver of the Kia Sorrento, Steven Kenny age 60 of Charlevoix, was crossing US-31 North from Townline Road and didn't notice the oncoming vehicle and was struck by Kaleigh Edwards, age 18 of Charlevoix. Kenny was taken to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for a broken leg. Passengers in Kenny's car, Skyler Kenny age 15 and Jaden Kenny age 10 both of Charlevoix, were also taken to

McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the accident.

Edwards was taken to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for minor neck pain. Her passenger, Joelle Edwards age 5 of Charlevoix, was transported to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital to see if she sustained any injuries as Joelle complained of minor stomach pain. Joelle was checked out by Charlevoix EMS prior to her being transported by her father.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted

on scene by Petoskey Department of Public Safety, Charlevoix EMS, Allied EMS, Charlevoix Township Fire Department, and Resort Bear Creek Fire Department.

TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON BC-EJ ROAD.

On December 8, 2014 at approximately 8:02 p.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury accident that occurred on Boyne City East Jordan Road, West of Bieshlag Road in Wilson Township.

41 year old Brent Alan Jones, of East Jordan, was traveling Eastbound on Boyne City East Jordan Road in his 2001 Dodge Durango when he lost control on the snowy roadway and ran off the left side of the road getting stuck in a ditch. Passerby, Theodore Schlueter of Levering, had stopped to help and was attempting to drive the Durango out of the ditch when 33 year old Amy Sue Newson, of Boyne Falls, was traveling Westbound on Boyne City East Jordan Road down a hill when she lost control of her Toyota Avalon,

sliding off the road to the right and sideswiped the stuck Durango.

Newson's 6 year old daughter, Makayla Lorraine Matelski, was seated in the front passenger seat and complained of pain in her neck and chest. Matelski was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by the East Jordan Ambulance.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the East Jordan Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and East Jordan Fire/EMS.

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What happens after Medicare Open Enrollment ends?

For Medicare beneficiaries who have enrolled in a new Part D prescription drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan for 2015, there may be options available to change plans once the December 7th deadline has passed.

For example, if beneficiaries received a letter at the end of 2014 advising them that they are no longer eligible for Extra Help, they can switch their Part D plans between January 1st and March 31st of 2015. This allows additional time for these individuals to review the plan offerings and make sure they are enrolled in the correct drug plan.

Another special situation that allows Medicare beneficiaries to switch plans after the close of open enrollment concerns those who are currently signed up for a Medicare Advantage Plan. These individuals can drop their Advantage plan between January 1st and February 14th. They are permitted to enroll in a stand-alone

Part D plan prescription drug plan, but must submit their enrollment request for the new Part D plan no later than February 14th. The new plan will take effect on March 1st. Beneficiaries in this situation will return to original Medicare Part A and Part B and can apply for a supplemental coverage through one of the many different Medigap plans as a means to help pay for the co-pays and deductible expenses.

Some plans may stop participating with Medicare. In this case the plan is required to notify their subscribers before the start of open enrollment that they will not offer coverage for 2015. Beneficiaries who did not select a replacement plan during the normal open enrollment period, have another chance to select a plan as long as the enrollment in the new plan occurs no later than February 28th. This rule applies to both Medicare Advantage Plans that have drug coverage and

stand-alone Part D plans.

Beneficiaries who are eligible for all levels of Extra Help can change their plans anytime during the year. This is one of the many benefits enjoyed by those who qualify for the Extra Help program.

There are a number of other "special enrollment periods" for people to sign up for

Medicare plans if one or more of the following common examples apply:

- Move out of your current plans coverage area
- Loss of credible coverage from an employer
- Eligible for Medicaid
- Are a resident of a nursing home

Medicare beneficiaries can obtain help to switch plans by contacting the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174 or call 800-Medicare.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
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Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 11 Wii Bowling 11am Knitting & Crochet	Friday, December 12 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 11am Backwoods Maestros Raffle	Monday, December 15 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo - Gift Certificate Prize	Tuesday, December 16 11am Ray & Tom Music Brown-Bag Bingo - Free Lunch Prize	Wed., December 17 Lunch w/Boyne Students 5pm DEC NIGHT OUT!! *Music by Lopers & Coles Bring Potluck Dish to Enter *Pie Sale & Santa Visit!	Thursday, December 18 Wii Bowling 11am Knitting & Crochet
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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 11 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Roger Hartson 1pm Pinochle	Friday, December 12 9:30am Craft Class 1pm Rummy	Monday, December 15 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study	Tuesday, December 16 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy	Wed., December 17 CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Kelly Shively & Norm Hausler Music 12:45pm Bingo	Thursday, December 18 11am Chair Yoga Class 1pm Pinochle
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 11 Foot Clinic KARAOKE DAY! 10am Advisory Bd Mtg	Friday, December 12 11am Tag-A-Longs Bingo/Raffle	Monday, December 15 Foot Clinic & BP 8am-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, December 16 10:30am Line Dancing 12:30pm Bingo	Wed., December 17 CHRISTMAS PARTY! GAME DAY!	Thursday, December 18 KARAOKE DAY!
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, December 11 CHICKEN ENCHILADA	Friday, December 12 SALISBURY STEAK	Monday, December 15 CRUNCHY CHICKEN	Tuesday, December 16 BEEF CHILI	Wed., December 17 COOK'S CHOICE	Thursday, December 18 COD ALMONDINE
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