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Banks Township and Surrounding Area Community Leaders Planning Together

By Tina Sundelius
 ELLSWORTH - Community leaders from across Banks Township and the surrounding area came together Tuesday, November 10 to update one another on what each is doing, get to know one another, and give encouragement.
 Forty plus representatives of multiple levels of local government, business leaders and other community leadership gathered at the Banks Township's Annual Planning Together Session to introduce themselves, gather information and let everyone know what they are doing.
 The meeting was emceed by Banks Township Supervisor Thomas Mann who opened with a presentation on leadership. "Each

of you represent some group; you give of yourself, you give your time and you do it for others, you are leaders," began Mann.
 East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon opened by sharing the city's work on their Master Plan, plans to get new signage in the city, work on the new wastewater treatment plant that will start next year, and the new building going up on the corners of C-48, Spring and Main Streets. "It's been a busy year," he said.
 Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculak updated the crowd on what the Breezeway Task Force has been up to, Greenlight East Jordan's debut and Paddle Antrim's success. "There's good stuff happening, I could go on forever," she said.
 Tom Earhart with the North-



ern Lakes Economic Association discussed their involvement in Antrim County. "Economic development is a regional mission. What we do in another community is helpful to Ellsworth," he said. He also discussed the organization's broadband initiative
 upcoming loan program and the effect that Central Lake's Rising Tide program could have on the entire area. "We are just pleased to be able to be here to be a partner," he concluded.
 Antrim County Commissioners Peter Garwood and Dave Heeres

filled the crowd in on what was happening at the county level and Ellsworth Village President Hugh Campbell talked about the new water system and community square the village is working on. Representatives from the Lionses, the Front Porch, Good Samaritan Ministries, several local businesses, the school board, the Jordan Valley Ambulance Authority and Torch Lake Township also spoke about obstacles and victories in their areas. "It's just great to get everybody's overviews, said Ric Evans, Great Lakes Energy Board of Directors. Shirley Tornga with the Banks Township Historical Society expressed concern that the society was withering away. "It's coming

See **PLANNING TOGETHER** -8A

SPORTS REPORT
VOLLEYBALL



Julia Doskoch (3) of Charlevoix passes the ball to a teammate during regional semifinal action. (COURTESY PHOTO)

• **Rayders Fall in Regionals 2B**

FOOTBALL



Senior linebacker, Luke Sage (2) reacts after recording a sack. Sage led the Ramblers with 17 tackles in the contest, including three for a loss. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)1

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Celebrate together in the tradition of a Community Thanksgiving Dinner

By Jim Akans
 Joining around the Thanksgiving dinner table is an American tradition that reaches back nearly four centuries. It is a celebration of family, fellowship and food...oh so much delicious food! While the intimacy of a Thanksgiving gathering at home is a joyful event, celebrating the holiday with community, as those early Americans did, can be a memorable and rewarding experience.

BOYNE CITY
 In Boyne City, the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will

be held on November 26 from noon until 2pm at the Eagles Hall, located at 106 North Lake Street. The feast will include roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and desserts. The event is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. Organizers do ask attendees to consider bringing along a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation, which will be distributed to local food pantries. Those who need a ride to the dinner should contact the Eagles in advance at (231) 582-6904.

CHARLEVOIX
 In Charlevoix, the 9th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

will be held on November 26 from noon until 3pm at the St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, located at 1003 Bridge Street. The gathering is open to the public and free of charge and is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

At the core of each of these Thanksgiving celebrations is the embracing the spirit of community celebration by sharing food and fellowship. These wonderful gatherings are open to the public, free of charge...just bring along a hearty appetite and a heartfelt community spirit.



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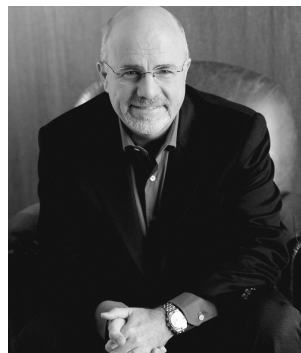
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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

you've got to rework your budget to where you have something designated each month for car maintenance and repair. That way, you won't be dipping into your emergency fund just to cover the basic wear and tear that comes with owning a car. Take the next step today, and adequately fund this area so it doesn't continually come back to bite you in the wallet and sabotage your emergency fund!
—Dave

(Start saving after Step 3)

Dear Dave,

I've been trying to get control of my money, and the other day I was looking at your plan. Where does buying a house fit into the Baby Steps?
Stacy

Dear Stacy,

Let's call it Baby Step 3b. Baby Step 1 is saving up \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Step 2 is

paying off all consumer debt from smallest to largest using the debt snowball. Then, Baby Step 3 is where you top off your emergency fund with three to six months of living expenses.

Once you've done that, it's time to save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent on a house. If you take out a mortgage, make sure it's a 15-year, fixed rate loan, where the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay.

Doing it this way may delay your dream of being a homeowner a little bit. But buying a house when you're broke is the fastest way I know to become a foreclosure statistic!
—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Earlier Than The Bird

November 21, 7-11am, downtown Boyne City. There will be plenty of holiday shopping available from nearly 30 plus Boyne City businesses participating in the 8th annual "Earlier Than The Bird" holiday shopping event. The event is created for those who want to kick off the holiday shopping season with friends, fantastic shopping deals, coffee and pastries, all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available in Boyne City. Stores and restaurants will be offering special deals along with holiday treats. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a souvenir Boyne City coffee mug. Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas. The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program / DDA and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

(Minor car repairs should be in the budget)

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 3 of your plan. When we have standard car repairs, I want to use the emergency fund. She says that kind of thing isn't an emergency, and we should just put it off as long as possible while saving up to fix the problem. Who's right?
Ryan

Dear Ryan,

Sorry, you're both wrong. Cars break. And since no one will invent one that lasts forever and doesn't break down, standard car repairs shouldn't be viewed as an emergency. Maintenance and repair of your vehicles are an ongoing expense. It's just part of owning them. That means you should have a category in your monthly budget for this sort of thing.

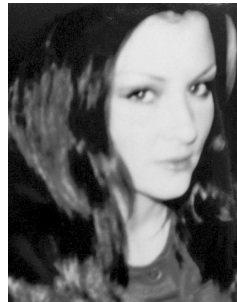
Now, an engine blowing up or the transmission going out would be an emergency. Hopefully, you're not talking about something of this magnitude. But

OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Darling, 68

(JAN. 29, 1947 - NOV. 11, 2015)

Norma Jean Darling of Charlevoix, formerly of Rochester and Utica, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at her home. She was born January 29, 1947, in Hazard, Kentucky, to Mason and Rosie (Jones) Vires.



She moved to southern Michigan as a young woman. Norma worked as an in-home caregiver.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Darling of Waterford, William Darling of Charlevoix, James (Lori) Darling of Troy, Pete Darling of Pontiac; grandchildren, Sabrina, Leeann, April; William, Kiara; Mathew; Josh, Shane, Malissa, Jaclyn, Giana; eleven great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruby Hayward, Debra Resetz, Rebecca Vires; brothers, Wade Vires, and Elijah Vires.

Services were held Saturday, November 14 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix officiated by Pastor Dan Gilmore.

Please sign Norma's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

in Boyne City.

Burial at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI. Donations in honor of Madeline may be directed to the Boyne City Rotary Club.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

William (Bill) Howard Horton, 52

(SEPT. 21, 1963 - NOV. 16, 2015)

William (Bill) Howard Horton passed away at his home in California on Monday, November 16, 2015 of natural causes.

He was born in California on Monday, November 16, 2015 of natural causes. Cremation has taken place in California. He was born at Alpena General Hospital on September 21, 1963, and moved to Charlevoix with his parents, Rosemary and the late Howard Horton, when he was four years old. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1982 and attended North Central Michigan College for a short time.

He moved to Houston where he worked for the Prudential Insurance Company, then to New Jersey and finally to California all with Prudential. He left to work for the R. C. Temme Company and observed his 25th year with them this past summer as their IT manager.

He was extremely smart and talented; he was very proficient in both computers and music and played piano and trumpet. In high school he usually played taps when any veteran was buried. He was an exceptionally good writer and trivia buff. He loved old movies and also loved politics and history.

He is survived by his mother, Rosemary; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Daniel Farrell of Norton Shores; his nieces Laura and Maggie Farrell and nephew, Jack Farrell, all of whom he loved dearly and of whom he was so proud. He is also survived by two aunts and thirty-one first cousins. He was pre-deceased by his father, Howard, and his brother, Michael.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Winchester Funeral Home followed by a prayer service at 3 p.m. officiated



by the Reverend Celia Hastings. Interment of his ashes at St. Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix will take place later.

Memorials may be directed to the Charlevoix High School band program.

Please sign Bill's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

Frank Leo Rhodes, 72

(FEB. 20, 1943 - NOV. 17, 2015)

Frank Leo Rhodes walked with the spirits Tuesday, November 17, 2015, and is now at peace.

He was born February 20, 1943, in Northport, Mich. to Grace Theodore.

Frank served in the United States Army from 1962-1965. He trained at Fort Mead, Maryland, and went on to be stationed at Dextheim, Germany where he was an Armored Personnel Carrier driver.

Frank is survived by his good friend and partner Carol Prevo; stepchildren, Todd (Kris) Prevo of Charlevoix, and Carie (Andy) Livingston of Port Richey, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Levi Schwander, Robert Schwander, Robert Livingston, Dustin Prevo, Rachel Livingston, Lucas Prevo, Trevor Prevo, Walker Schwander, and Lily Prevo; brothers, Robert Whiteloon, and Eugene Cairns; sister, Helen Jimenez; and by his nephew and wife, Ronald and Marci Whiteloon of Charlevoix who were very helpful to "Uncle" during his last few months. His favorite furry friends Bubba and Lilly will miss him.

Frank very much enjoyed being outdoors. Friends would often see him putt-zing through Bells Bay State Park looking for wildlife, or just parked in a campsite taking in the quiet. He was always very proud of each of his grandchildren, and what they were up to from visit to visit.

Visitation will be 6-8pm, Friday November 20, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11am, Saturday, November 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home, the Reverend Sam McClellan officiating. Burial will take place at Greensky Hill Indian Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Please sign Frank's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneralhome.com

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“The Christmas Messiah Plus” tickets available

Tickets are now on sale for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra’s annual holiday offering of Handel’s Messiah. The two performances, to be held at 7 pm, Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18, will take place in the sanctuary of St. Francis Xavier Church in downtown Petoskey, and will include a post-performance reception with refreshments in the church’s lower level.

For this concert, Music Director, Dr. Libor Ondras, has selected The Christmas portion of Handel’s Messiah and will also include; Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen and Fantasia on Greensleeves by George Frederic Handel.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus will again be prepared by Chorus Master Peter Sims. The chorus and orchestra will be joined by 3 soloists: Amy Joy Cross, soprano, Katherine Jannakos, alto, and Thomas Cilluffo, tenor.

Tickets cost \$25 for general admission, and \$35, \$50 and \$75 for your choice of reserved seating. All tickets may be purchased online at glorchestra.org or at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office: 231-487-0010. General admission tickets are available at Chambers of Commerce: Boyne City, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Petoskey. Students and youth who are 18 and under, military personnel and people with disabilities registered with VSA Arts of Michigan are admitted free of charge.

Great Lakes Energy expands renewable energy supply

Great Lakes Energy (GLE) is expanding its supply of renewable energy through the work of its power provider, Wolverine Power Cooperative (Wolverine). Wolverine recently entered into a 20-year power purchase agreement with Exelon Generation for 153 megawatts (MW) of new wind generation in Michigan’s Thumb region. Construction of the new Michigan Wind 3 project is scheduled to start in spring 2016 with commercial operation by December 2016.

“By the end of next year, we expect 30 percent of the electricity Great Lakes Energy members receive will come from clean, renewable energy sources,” says Steve Boeckman, GLE President/CEO. “This will position GLE and Wolverine’s other member electric co-ops as renewable energy leaders in the state.”

Great Lakes Energy receives electricity for its members from Wolverine, a Cadillac-based generation and transmission cooper-

ative. “Wolverine is committed to providing its member co-ops with reliable and affordable power supply”, states Zach Anderson, Wolverine’s Merchant Operations Supervisor. “This opportunity to increase Wolverine’s mix of renewable energy was possible because it is affordable, a real win-win for the members.”

Currently, Wolverine receives approximately 50 MW of wind energy from the Harvest wind farm located between Elkton and

Pigeon. Wolverine will also receive 150 MW of wind energy from the new Deerfield wind energy project currently under construction in Huron County, Michigan. The addition of the Michigan Wind 3 project means Great Lakes Energy and Wolverine’s other member cooperatives expect to have more than 350 MW of wind generation by the end of 2016.

November is Adoption Month in Michigan

Close to 300 children in Michigan’s foster care system are waiting for adoptive families to open their hearts and homes. To raise awareness of the need, Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed November to be Adoption Month in Michigan and Nov. 24 to be Adoption Day. November is also national Adoption Month.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services works with partners in the court system and from private adoption agencies to find loving families

who want to adopt. In fiscal year 2015, more than 1,700 children were adopted from the foster care system in Michigan.

“Finding homes that children in our foster care system can call their own is one of the top priorities for MDHHS,” said Steve Yager, executive director of the department’s Children’s Services Agency. “To reach their fullest potential, children need to have permanent homes. When the state can’t return a foster child to his or her home, it’s imperative that we

find a permanent home through adoption as quickly as possible.”

People can adopt whether they’re single or married. They don’t have to be wealthy or own their own home, but must have adequate financial resources to provide for their family.

Children in the foster care system become eligible for adoption following termination of parental rights due to abuse and neglect. There are 13,000 children in the foster care system, but the goal for most of these children is reunifi-

cation with their families. About 2,100 of the 2,400 children with an adoption goal have identified adoptive families.

Anyone interested in adopting can contact the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange at 800-589-6273 or learn more about the children up for adoption at www.mare.org. For more information about adoption in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/adoption.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THANK YOU

To the Editor:

Thank you to over 80 walkers and helpers who participated in the 32nd Annual CROP Walk which was held on Saturday, September 26. Charlevoix Country raised more than \$23,127.00 for hunger relief agencies at home and around the globe. Over \$5700.00 will come back to be split with six local food pantries.

Thank you to Castle Farms, Elm Pointe, Ironton Congrega-

tional Church, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Michelle Nowka from At Your Service, Good Samaritan, Charlevoix Sherriff Dept. and the Charlevoix Kiwanis for providing lunch at the end of the six-mile walk.

The 33rd Charlevoix Crop Walk will be held Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Marge Teske
Charlevoix County Crop Walk
Treasurer

Jordan River Art Council gift market opens

Please join us for the JRAC Annual Gift Market. It opens Sunday, November 22. There will be affordable fine art works and also fun and practical gifts for giving all made by local artists. Your purchase helps the artist as well as JRAC. The art gifts are displayed in a Holiday setting with a live spruce tree decorated with hand made ornaments. Delicious refreshments will be served.

Items for sale include paintings, ceramics, sculpture, collages, jewelry, scarves and other fiber works, baskets, and many Christmas decorations. Special will be alcohol

ink tiles and wood burned items by Pat Tinney.

The show will run thru December 20, open Tuesday thru Sunday from 1—4 pm. The Center will also be open December 3 for East Jordan Community Night from 5—8 pm having a Christmas art activity for children and parents in the lower level.

The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. For further information call curator Babs Young, 231 645 2220 or 231 536 3385, www.jordanriverarts.com. This is an event not to be missed.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

Student of the Week



Brian Stanis

Grade: 10

Parent’s Name(s): Linda Stanis

Future Plans:

To become a chef

Favorite Book:

The Martian

Hobbies and Interests:

Playing Video Games – Shooting hoops

Staff Comments

“In his second year at Boyne Falls, Brian has progressed immensely. Brian has become a student that really cares about doing his best and gaining skills that will help him become a successful adult. Currently he is excelling in his Career and Technical Education Business Management class. Brian is also interested in the culinary arts and in the future he wants to become a chef.”

- Kurt Nothstine, CTE Business Education teacher

East Jordan Public Schools

Students of the Month



Sydney Campbell

Sydney is an amazing young lady. She is helpful, conscience student, mature and self-motivated. Always dependable and is a positive role model to the students she mentors.

Philip Nemecek

Philip is an absolute delight to have in class. He is always willing to go above and beyond in his efforts. He sets goals for himself and works hard to meet his goals. He is a valuable member of the Shoe Club.

Kilea Williams

Kilea is a very nice student and a role model to her classmates. She shows great teamwork and is fun to be around!

l-r (Sydney Campbell, Kilea Williams and Philip Nemecek).

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DNR seeking 2016 campground hosts

During the warmer summer and fall months, hundreds of volunteers spend time camping for free at Michigan state parks and state forest campgrounds in exchange for their service as campground hosts. The Department of Natural Resources now is accepting 2016 campground host applications, with opportunities available from April through late October.

Campground hosts must be able to answer questions about the park, plan campground activities and perform light maintenance duties. Hosts are responsible for 30 hours of service per week (including weekends and holidays), with a minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks.

"What we really enjoy about hosting is all of the people that we have met over the year," said campground hosts Mary Lou and Bill Brininstool. "Camping is a lot of fun and a nature experience for the whole family to enjoy and get to make memories."

Individuals and/or teams (such as husband and wife) at least 18 years of age are eligible to apply for campground host positions. Hosts must provide their own camping equipment.

Applicants are screened and interviewed by park staff, and selection is based on familiarity with the state park system, camping experience, special skills, availability and knowledge of the area. Selected campground hosts will attend training June 1-2, 2016, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan.



State park campground hosts enjoy free camping while getting the opportunity to engage with guests of all ages in fun activities, such as crafting. (courtesy of DNR)

For more information about the DNR's Campground Host Program (including how to apply and expected duties), visit www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers or contact Miguel Rodriguez at rodriguez2@michigan.gov or 517-284-6127.

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nities, state park events and other outdoor happenings. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr to subscribe now.

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Hunters coming across dened bears are asked to contact the DNR

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is looking for dened bear locations in the northern Lower Peninsula, and is asking those who come across a dened black bear during their hunting, trapping or other outdoor adventures to let the DNR know. Additional black bears, to be fitted with radio collars, are needed for an ongoing bear research project.

"Information gathered from bears assists in managing the black bear population," said Mark Boersen, DNR wildlife biologist at the Roscommon Customer Service Center. "Currently, we have four female bears being monitored from both air and ground using radio-tracking equipment."

After a dened bear is located, DNR biologists will determine if the animal is a good candidate for radio-collaring. Bears that are selected will be sedated by a wildlife biologist and fitted with a radio-tracking collar and ear tags. Hair samples will be taken for DNA analysis, and a small, nonfunctional tooth will be collected to determine the bear's age. Upon completion of the short procedure, biologists will carefully return the bear to its den, where it will spend the remainder of the winter months.

People who encounter bear dens are asked to record the location, with a GPS unit if possible, and contact Mark Boersen at 989-275-5151 or boersenm@michigan.gov to provide specific location information. The DNR reminds everyone that it is illegal to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den.

Learn more about radio telemetry and other wildlife research projects by visiting mi.gov/wildlife and clicking on "Wild Science."

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, collectible 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 garage and estate sales, abandoned storage units, donations and more. We never know what we



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

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 al-



phabet 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.

A-2-Z Resale is located at 1829 Old 27 South (S. Otsego Avenue) in Gaylord.

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November is Epilepsy Awareness Month

By Deb Hagen-Foley

Epilepsy is a condition characterized by a tendency to have seizures. A seizure is the result of a burst of electrical activity in the brain that causes temporary changes in movement, awareness, feelings, behavior, or other bodily functions. Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the United States after migraine, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease.

Around 1 in 100 persons in America have epilepsy, more than the combined frequencies of multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and cerebral palsy. Approximately 4% of us (1 in 26) will develop epilepsy at some point in our lives. In 70% of cases the cause is unknown.

The version of epilepsy frequently portrayed in the media involves a seizure type known as generalized tonic-clonic. You may know it as grand mal. This is the stereotypical fall to the ground followed by uncontrolled muscle jerking. This is not the most common seizure type, but it is the most dramatic.

Other types include absence, complex partial and simple partial. The absence seizure is most common in children and resembles a blank stare, perhaps with rapid blinking or chewing motions. The complex partial variety also starts with a blank stare, followed by other involuntary movement, such as chewing or walking. The simple partial seizure is the only type where the person is aware during the seizure. This type also includes bodily movements, sensory distortions or hallucinations.

Most often, seizures will run their course in less than five minutes. If the person is in a situation where they might harm themselves, clear sharp or dangerous objects out of their way. Do not attempt to restrain them or place anything in their mouth or try to hold their tongue. The idea that people can swallow their tongues in a seizure is a myth! If the seizure last longer than five minutes, call 911.

Generally, the seizure will pass without injury to the individual. The person will regain consciousness and might be briefly disoriented. If the seizure was in public, they might be embarrassed. This discomfort may be worsened if others

witnessed the seizure. Starving or asking questions at this time is highly discouraged! In most situations, the person will resume normal activities within a few minutes and no response from others is required or advised.

It is likely that you know someone or have known someone with epilepsy. It is also possible that someone you know has epilepsy but hasn't told you. More than half of those with epilepsy are able to achieve complete control of seizures through one or a combination of twenty medications currently available for this purpose. Often, a considerable amount of trial and error is required to arrive at the best medication or combination of daily medications to eliminate seizures with limited side effects. Another 20-30% of those with epilepsy are able to reduce the frequency of seizures. The remaining 20-30% get limited benefit from medication and continue to have frequent seizures.

Frequently, living with epilepsy means living with fear: fear of having a seizure publicly, fear of being "found out." An epilepsy diagnosis means living with persistent stigma and misunderstandings. The emotional toll of living with the condition is often worse than the physical limitations. Discrimination in education and employment and social acceptance are the leading non-medical problems associated with epilepsy.

November is once again epilepsy awareness month. Believing the mistreatment and misunderstanding of persons with epilepsy comes from a lack of knowledge. I invite you to become more aware of what it means to live with epilepsy. One source of information is the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan website (www.epilepsymichigan.org).

One in three Americans know someone with epilepsy. If you meet someone with epilepsy or someone you know develops epilepsy, remember that this diagnosis only means a tendency to have seizures; they are otherwise the same person you have known. Be understanding of their situation and let them know that you appreciate their challenges and don't think less of them as a result of their diagnosis. Yes, they really might need to hear it!

Drs. Oz and Roizen



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

EASIEST HAPPINESS RX: USE YOUR STRENGTHS

In the movie "The Martian," astronaut Mark Watney, played by actor Matt Damon, uses perseverance, ingenuity and a wicked sense of humor to survive the red planet's killer conditions. While you might never be stranded 140 million miles from home, using your own top strengths can help you overcome big challenges, thrive and get a major happiness boost, recent research shows.

Everybody's got character strengths that just come naturally. You might have qualities such as creativity, modesty, curiosity, love, generosity, forgiveness and leadership, among many others. Experts in the field of positive psychology say that there are 24 major character strengths! But too often, you might ignore or downplay them. In one recent survey, two out of three people said they didn't know or appreciate their own positive traits.

When you learn to tune in to yours, you'll reap a lot of health benefits:

--One recent study from Switzerland's University of Zurich found that people who focused on using one of their top strengths in new ways decreased blue moods and increased happiness.

--Another University of Zurich study found that deploying strengths like curiosity, a love of learning, creativity, kindness, humor and teamwork helped nurses and others in tension-filled workplaces cope better and feel less bothered by stress.

--A recent study from Israel's University of Haifa found that spouses who recognized and used their own character strengths had more marriage satisfaction than those who didn't.

--Another recent study found that having a workout plan matched to study volunteers' key strengths helped people stick with their plan and enjoy it more.

--A University of Hong Kong study of people who survived traumatic events, such as an assault or a natural disaster, found that those with strengths like conscientiousness and a zest for life were least likely to experience post-traumatic stress. Plus, they were most likely to say that they'd learned something positive from their difficult experience.

How to Spot -- and Use -- Your Strengths

Most of us have several top strengths, not just one. Chances are, you've already got an inkling of what

yours are. You might be the type who organizes family events and dispenses trusted advice (you're a leader), can't wait to read a new non-fiction book or watch the latest documentary (you love learning), feel awe in nature (you love beauty), volunteer at a local charity (you're generous) or are an avid do-it-yourselfer who'd rather fix the sink than call a plumber (you're a creative problem-solver). But just to make sure you're fully aware of yours, interview yourself. Get a handle on your top traits by asking yourself these questions:

1. What am I good at, and what do I really like to do?
2. What comes naturally to me and energizes me when I do it?
3. What strengths do I use at home, at work, with friends, alone?
4. What strength is so important to me that I would feel suffocated if I had to forgo it for a month?

Or, take a quiz. An even easier way to get a handle on your best qualities is to take the strengths survey at the website of the VIA Institute on Character (Google "VIA Character Survey"). Developed under the direction of leaders in the field of positive psychology, the survey shows your top traits and offers advice for making them even stronger.

After you've identified your traits, train them. Like an NBA basketball star or a concert violinist, making the most of your inborn talents requires practice. Make it fun. Hone your sense of humor by learning new jokes; satisfy your curiosity by trying out new (and healthy) foods; visit a new art museum or park to deepen your love of beauty and nature. In a recent British study, people who trained their strengths felt more cheerful and satisfied with their lives. Like fictional astronaut Mark Watney, you'll feel more accomplished, but without having to leave planet Earth.

WART WORRY? HOW TO GET RID OF THEM

In the children's book "The Witch With a Wart," an old hag discovers she has a wart on her nose (of course!). Eager to have it disappear, she brews up a magic potion, but gets the ingredients wrong, tripling her proboscis' problems. If she'd just known about duct tape! (More on that below.)

Warts, caused by a human papilloma virus (different from the strain that causes genital warts or triggers cervical cancer), come in four vari-

eties: The common wart appears mostly around fingers and hands on kids (and goes away by itself); the plantar wart is on the bottom of your feet; the flat wart, which kids get on the face, men on the beard area, women on their legs; and the fast-growing filiform wart that usually appears on the face. Warts can spread from one body part to another or from person to person. So don't pick or scratch a wart or touch someone else's.

At-home remedies: Soak the wart in warm water, then sand it down with an emery board (wear a mask and gloves, then throw away the board, gloves and mask when done). Next, apply an OTC treatment with salicylic acid or, advises the American Academy of Dermatology, cover the wart with duct tape! Change it after 5-6 days and repeat until the wart is gone. And check out the AAD's YouTube channel for the video "Home Treatment for Warts."

Nothing working? See your dermatologist for treatment options that include cryotherapy (freezing), excision, lasers, chemical peels and even immunotherapy.

HOW TO HANDLE ADULT BULLYING

You may think bullying is perpetrated only by nasty kids or mean teenagers. But in 2013 it happened among teammates in the NFL. Miami Dolphins second-year player Jonathan Martin accused veteran Richie Incognito of mercilessly harassing him. A subsequent investigation concurred, and lead lawyer Ted Wells called Martin's treatment "a classic case of bullying, where persons who are in a position of power harass the less powerful."

Workplace bullying is commonplace: North Dakota State University professor Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik, Ph.D., says in her book "Adult Bullying: A Nasty Piece of Work." "Bullying is experienced by 97 percent of nurse managers; 60 percent of retail industry workers; 53 percent of business school students." And the Workplace Bullying Institute says overall, 27 percent of Americans have experienced abusive conduct at work.

Signs of workplace bullying include getting no feedback on your performance; being yelled at or put down in front of others; having your work sabotaged or ignored; being given a heavier workload or shorter deadlines than others. Unfortunately, you probably can't avoid interacting with your abuser (it's usually a boss). And relentless bullying can lead to health issues like PTSD, digestive woes, headaches and depression. So what can you do?

--Document all incidents in detail.
--Go to human resources and lodge a formal complaint. Contact an employment lawyer if you need a complaint letter written.

Remember, requesting a transfer or finding another job is "NOT a defeat!" says Lutgen-Sandvik. The company's loss of YOU is a sign of the company's failure.

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One thousand jobs targeted for veterans

Nearly 1,000 good-paying jobs are ready to be filled by veterans at companies throughout Michigan that recognize and respect their military skills, training and experience. Gov. Rick Snyder joined Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Jeff Barnes today during MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer Awards and Recognition Breakfast, held at Michigan State University. Together, they announced the 2015 Veteran-Friendly Employer

rankings and recognized the state's top companies dedicated to veteran employment.

"I applaud those companies committed to helping our veterans build long-lasting careers," Snyder said. "Veterans are an important source of untapped talent in our state, they bring valuable skills to the workforce and are an integral part of Michigan's continued reinvention."

Through MVAA's Veteran-



Gov. Rick Snyder and MVAA Director Jeff Barnes congratulate gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employers General Motors, Quicken Loans and Whirlpool Corporation on their commitment to hiring and supporting veteran talent in their workforces. From left, Ben Kunst and John Miller, Whirlpool Corporation; Keith Natrass and Mark McKeen, General Motors; Gov. Rick Snyder; Justin Mendoza, Quicken Loans; Director Jeff Barnes and Kristina Leonardi, MVAA; and Rebecca McDonald, Quicken Loans. COURTESY PHOTO

November is National Veterans Caregiver Month

VA knows your focus as a caregiver is taking care of the Veteran you love. It can be an incredibly demanding job, and we want you to know you do not have to do it alone.

Assistance is just a quick phone call away – while you are supporting a Veteran, we are here to support you. Sometimes, the best thing to do is just talk it out. We have the support and information you need.

Our sole purpose is to help you – the wife or husband, mother or father, sister or brother, daughter or son, or loving family member or friend – who cares for a Veteran. Know that you deserve support, too, and you are eligible for assistance. VA's Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274 has licensed caring professionals standing by. They can:

- Tell you about the assistance available from VA.

- Help you access services and benefits.

- Connect you with your local family Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA medical center near you.

- Just listen, if that is what you need right now.

VA's authority for new and expanded benefits to caregivers was passed into law by Congress in 2010. In the law, Congress provided that some caregiver benefits, such as stipends for designated primary family caregivers, would be for those caring for eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious

injury in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Nationally, there have been 22,000 approved Family Caregivers and 29,000 General Caregivers. The Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center has 248 Family Caregivers who have been approved and 486 General Caregivers since the program began. In the past year, we have added 10 Family Caregivers and 76 General Caregivers and we currently serve a total of 37 Family Caregivers and 139 General Caregivers.

The Aleda E. Lutz VA Caregiver Support Program Manager can be reached at (989) 497-2500, extension 11953. We encourage you to call, if you are the caregiver for a Veteran who is disabled. Benefits may also be available to a secondary caregiver as well.

VA has long supported caregivers of Veterans of all eras to include WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War. Veterans who are eligible may receive skilled nursing, home health aides, 30 days of respite each year, and much more. We know from our experience that Veterans are best served when they can live their lives as independently as possible. For seriously injured Veterans, that degree of independence is often reliant on a devoted family caregiver. You may learn more at:

http://www.caregiver.va.gov/suport_landing.asp

Friendly Employer program, veterans can choose from job opportunities in a variety of industries and can more easily identify the state's 37 veteran-friendly employers committed to hiring and supporting veteran talent in their workforces. The program also recognizes organizations for their dedication to recruiting, hiring, training, and maintaining veteran talent.

"Veterans are strong leaders, quick thinkers and motivated employees, and each of MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employers understands the value of including those skills and experience in their workforce," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said. "The goal of the Veteran-Friendly Employer program is to connect veterans with employers who understand the value of their military training and discipline, so that more and more veterans can become a part of Michigan's continued economic recovery."

Thirty-seven organizations earned either bronze-, silver- or gold-level status as determined

by their commitment to connect with and hire veteran talent. The full list is now available on MichiganVeterans.com/certified-vetfriendlyemployers.

For the first time in the program's history, three organizations were certified gold-level Veteran-Friendly employers. General Motors, the first organization to earn the gold-level certification, knows its ongoing efforts to hire and train veterans are just one way the company can say 'thank you' to Michigan's veterans.

"We're honored to receive this recognition, but the true credit goes to the veterans that chose to serve their country," said Ken Barrett, GM chief diversity officer and a former U.S. Navy captain. "As we continue to work with great partners like MVAA and Hiring Our Heroes, we hope to do even more to help and hire these brave men and women."

Quicken Loans and Whirlpool Corporation were also honored as 2015 gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employers.

To be recognized as gold, employers must retain at least 75 percent of veteran hires over the past 12 months, implement internal veteran support networks and create either a hiring rotation or leadership development program within their organization, in addition to meeting all other requirements under the Veteran-Friendly Employer program.

Six organizations were honored as 2015 silver-level employers for meeting or exceeding their veteran hiring goals and implementing internship and on-the-job training programs for veterans, including Cooper Standard, DTE Energy, Michigan Department of Transportation, Prestige Group, Roush Enterprises and Verizon.

Twenty-eight organizations were certified bronze-level veteran-friendly employers for their veteran hiring policies and practices.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2015

- 1458 Suspicious situation reported from the 200 block of E Morgan St
- 1500 Car deer accident on BC Rd near court St
- 1521 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1630 MDOF reported from the 300 block of E Division St
- 1855 Report of subject burning leaves and pine needles in the 200 block of E Morgan. Unfounded.
- 1921 Assist to Cheboygan County in the 600 block of N East.
- 2141 Assisted Sheriff Dept in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 2207 Report of a domestic dispute in the 100 block of E Water St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

- 0421 Report of a suspicious subject in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 0858 Report of lost wallet
- 1049 Parking complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1053 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1058 Abandoned vehicle reported in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 1110 Citizen assist in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 1452 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
- 1558 Assault reported in the 500 block of State St.
- 1849 Driving complaint reported from the 100 block of E Water St
- 1935 Suspicious activity on Pleasant Av near the city limits
- 2034 Subject arrested in the 300 block of Silver St for bond violation, possession of illegal drugs, assaulting health care workers and resisting arrest.
- 2215 Report of possible child abuse.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

- 1305 Assist Sheriff Department with crash on Wildwood Harbor Rd
- 1343 Welfare check in the 600 block of N East St.
- 1428 Driving complaint with confrontation in the vicinity of Cedar and

- Maple
- 1741 Civil situation in the 600 block of N East St
- 2138 Assist Fire Department in the 400 block of E Main St
- 2311 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of E. Main St.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2015

- 0905 911 hang up in the 700 block of Vogel St
- 1200 Found driver's license in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1344 Report of Craig's list scam from the 400 block of Lewis St
- 1610 Report of child sitting under a tree on Brockway for 20 minutes. Gone on arrival.
- 2047 Arrested subject at the PD on a bond revocation.
- 2338 Suspicious vehicle at Rotary Park.
- 2346 Disturbance reported on Court St.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2015

- 0745 Report of subject posting inappropriate pictures of estranged spouse on Facebook
- 0930 Report of money and cell phone being stolen from the 300 block of E Main
- 1213 Citation issued for speed at State and Brown.
- 1416 Report of 2 stray hunting type dogs at the sewer lagoons
- 1450 Exploitation complaint in the 100 block of Trent St.
- 2219 Report of a suspicious explosion from the vicinity of N Lake St and Groveland St
- 2336 Deer versus fence accident on Harris St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

- 0114 Arrested subject for Domestic, Strangulation, and OWI in the 300 block of E Division St
- 0836 Damaged mailbox reported in the 1200 block of Marshall last night
- 1406 Cite and release subject for No insurance and unregistered motor vehicle
- 1645 Lead Halloween parade.
- 1826 Assisted Fire Department with a power pole fire on East and Cedar
- 1913 Alarm in the 100 block of S Lake St
- 2023 Report of a vehicle driving

- reckless on Boyne Ave and Division St.
- 2041 Assisted Sheriff Department with a B&E in progress on M-75 N.
- 2100 Unlock on W. Main St.
- 2147 Report of a vehicle driving reckless on Boyne Ave and Division St.
- 2147 Assault reported in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 2350 Alarm in the 1300 block of Charlevoix St. All Secure.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

- 0236 Citizen Assist in the 300 block of E Division St.
- 0332 Assist to MSP and Otsego Co. with a missing person.
- 0848 Arrested subject for DWLS.
- 1135 Found parking citation on W Main St.
- 1736 Unlock in the 600 block of E Main St.
- 2142 Assist to Traverse City PD in the 300 block of E Division.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

- 0006 Assist EMS in the Industrial Park
- 0624 Citation issued for speed at Boyne City Charlevoix Rd near Court St.
- 0844 Property damage accident on Park near Ray
- 1055 Vehicle lockout at Pine and Park
- 1137 Larceny of ladder reported from the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1149 Found property in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1320 Report of illegal burn on Arthur St near East. Unfounded
- 1410 Alarm in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 1551 Alarm in the 400 block of S Park.
- 1710 Assist to PA's office in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 1755 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 2217 Arrested subject for Domestic violence and Strangulation in the 400 block of W Michigan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

- 1015 Escort house move down Front St to Division and Leroy
- 1058 Arrested subject on Jersey St on warrant from Grand Traverse County
- 1136 Vehicle unlock on Robinson St.
- 1240 Arrested subject for No insur-

- ance, unregistered motor vehicle and violation of license restrictions on Fall Park Rd at the City Limits.
- 1250 Report of gravel trucks speeding on Division near Park St.
- 1310 Subject at Pine and Grant blowing leaves into the road
- 1515 Report of threat made in Charlevoix.
- 1836 Assisted EMS in the 300 block of E Pine.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

- 0955 Report of discarded household items left on curb in the 400 block of Hannah
- 1600 Salvage Vehicle Inspection on Grace Ln
- 1540 Suspicious situation on S Lake St
- 2243 Assist to MSP in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

- 0926 Report of intimidation on Terrace
- 0929 Closed account check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
- 0930 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 1105 Report of loud boom and loss of power in the 200 block of Hannah St
- 1223 Report of lost wallet possibly in the Avalanche area.
- 1324 Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance at East and River.
- 1723 Report of email being hacked in the 700 block of E Main.
- 1818 Report of attempted fraud complaint from Call St
- 2033 Report of shots being fired south of town in the Fall Park area.
- 2120 Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance.
- 2147 Report of a HUGE porcupine in the road on Boyne City Rd around the city limits.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

- 0015 Assist Fire Department with a report of a smoke alarm at the Clark St.
- 0101 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of E Cedar St.
- 0452 Assist Sheriff Dept with a report of a down tree on Lakeshore near Advance.
- 0730 Tree down on Wildwood Harbor near Jefferson.
- 0750 The building in the "Open

- Space" collapsed.
- 1000 Parking complaint on Brockway.
- 1106 Wallet found in the 500 block of N Lake St. Returned to owner.
- 1343 Assist Sheriff Dept with crash on M-75 S
- 1416 Report possible intoxicated subject in the gazebo at Old City Park.
- 1421 Circuit Court order served in the 1300 block of Boyne AV
- 1430 Assorted found credit, debit, and insurance cards, and wallet turned into PD.
- 1525 Noise complaint from the area of S Lake and W Main
- 1533 NSF check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1715 Citation issued for handicap parking violation in the Industrial Park.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

- 1000 Traffic control BC Freedom Run/Walk
- 1430 Parking complaint along south side of football field.
- 1510 Report of stolen I-phone in the 400 block of N Lake St. Located in Antrim County
- 1544 Report of juvenile being harassed by another juvenile on Facebook.
- 1850 Lodged stray dog at shelter for MSP
- 2025 Assist to Cheboygan DPS in the 300 block of W Morgan St.
- 2214 Report of gunshot in area of West St. Sat in area for a while and didn't hear anything

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

- 0055 Unlock in the 200 block of Brown St.
- 0455 Assisted MSP in the Industrial Park.
- 0643 Car Deer accident on Vogel St near Hannah St.
- 0853 Request for welfare check in the 700 block of N Lake St
- 1309 Arrest subject on FOC warrant.
- 1340 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1438 Report of subject creating disturbance in the 300 block of W Morgan St.
- 1826 Subject at PD regarding civil custody dispute.
- 2223 Suspicious situation in the 400 block of Trent St. Camp Ten Rd.

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BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 19, 5:30-7:30pm, 4Front Credit Union. This month's Business After Hours is being hosted by 4Front Credit Union (formerly Bay Winds Credit Union), located at 308 N. Lake Street in Boyne City. Perfect opportunity for business networking and mingling with community members.

BOYNE CITY EARLIER THAN THE BIRD

November 21, 7-11am, downtown Boyne City. There will be plenty of holiday shopping available from nearly 30 plus Boyne City businesses participating in the 8th annual "Earlier Than The Bird" holiday shopping event. The event is created for those who want to kick off the holiday shopping season with friends, fantastic shopping deals, coffee and pastries, all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available in Boyne City. Stores and restaurants will be offering special deals along with holiday treats. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a souvenir Boyne City coffee mug. Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas. The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program / DDA and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

CHARLEVOIX 12TH ANNUAL ADVENT TEA

November 21, 1-3pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street (corner of State and Clinton). In addition to the afternoon tea with sweets and savories, a Country Market will offer home baked items and food specialties. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. A donation of \$15.00 is suggested.

CHARLEVOIX THANKSGIVING FARMERS MARKET

November 24, 9am-1pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Fresh turkey: 989.731.1332. Also supply your holiday with fresh local bread/rolls, bagels, organic veggies, pies, sweets, centerpieces for your table by Coveyou Farms, herbal teas, baked goods, jam/jellies and much more. Call Chris Leese at 231.330.0968 for more information or special order phone numbers.

CHARLEVOIX MDOT BRIDGE WORK PUBLIC MEETING

November 24, 5:30-7:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will have an informational meeting to discuss a project to maintain and upgrade the US-31 bascule bridge in Charlevoix, beginning in late 2016. MDOT staff from the Gaylord Transportation Service Center (TSC) will present plans and schedules for the project, and solicit comments and suggestions on scheduling necessary overnight closures.

BOYNE CITY KIWANIS BOYNE CITY TURKEY TROT

November 26, 9am, Start

Christmas budgeting made easy

Courtesy of EveryDollar.com

Christmas is the best. You get to hang stockings, shop for your favorite people, and potluck like a champ. There's no other time of the year quite like it. That's why it's so easy to get carried away with your seasonal shopping!

In fact, last year's annual Gallup poll found that nearly a quarter of Americans anticipated spending \$1,000 or more on Christmas. That's a decent chunk of change for any budget. While it's perfectly okay to spend extra money around the holidays, you don't want to end up with the unwelcomed gift of credit card debt come Christmas morning.

Here's how you can make your Christmas budget brighter:

1. Figure out how much you can spend on Christmas

Let's go ahead and address the question on everyone's mind: How do you figure out your Christmas budget? Start by figuring out how much you spend on your normal monthly expenses,

like gas, utilities, insurance and groceries. Then take a closer look at your flexible spending budget groups like dining out and entertainment money.

If you typically spend \$300 on restaurants in a month, why not cook a few extra meals at home and divert an extra \$200 toward Christmas savings? Or if your personal money is partying it up at \$150, why not hold off (temporarily) and put an extra \$100 into your Christmas stash? Smart budgeting now can free up more money for what you want later—like Christmas presents!

2. Divide your Christmas budget into categories

Once you've figured out how much you can spend on Christmas, do some dividing. Take your number—let's say \$500—and think over your seasonal expenses. You'll need money for travel (\$50), tree and trimmings (\$50), a few potlucks and parties (\$50), and some extra giving (\$50). Then there's the Big Kahuna: Christmas gifts (\$300).

As long as you plan where you money will go before you spend it, there's no right or wrong way to split up your Christmas budget. Plus, if that Evergreen goes on sale, or you economize on your potluck groceries, that means more money to splurge on your loved ones.

3. Write down who you need to buy gifts for

Now that you know exactly how much you can spend on gifts, decide who gets what. Make a list of everyone you'll buy for this year. And we mean everyone—coworkers, church friends, your parents, your kids, your grandkids. Next to each name (or category, if you're budgeting a treat for the office), write a specific dollar amount.

If you don't have enough money to cover everyone on your list, rethink how much you'll spend on each person. Maybe you can agree to only buy for the kids. Or per-

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and Finish in Veterans Park. Individual Entry - \$20 pre-registration (1-t-shirt), \$25 day of event. Family Entry - \$40 pre-registration (2-t-shirts), \$50 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 20, 2015. Extra t-shirts will be available for purchase @ \$10 each. Packet pick-up day before event from 2-6pm @ Edward Jones in BC. Forms can be picked up at: Boyne City Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, Inspired Living & North Country Cycle Sport. Printable forms: www.boynechamber.com. Online registration: www.superiortiming.com

Information at: www.runmichigan.com. All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area! We would also ask everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event. We will then deliver it to our local food pantry, which is always in need.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 26, Noon-2pm, Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake Street. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Anyone who needs a ride or would like to volunteer or donate food is asked to call the Eagles (in advance) at 231-582-6904. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries.

CHARLEVOIX TURKEY TROT

November 26, 7:30am registration and 8:30 start at Charlevoix Hospital main entrance. 5th Annual Charlevoix Area Hospital Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 26th. The annual 5K run/walk starts and ends at the hospital parking lot (at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix). A route map is posted on their website at cah.org, where convenient online pre-registration is avail-

able.

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 26, noon to 3pm, St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 1003 Bridge Street St. The meal is provided at no charge. All are welcome!

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & SANTA PARADE

November 27, 5-9pm. To make it a true community celebration of the season, everyone is invited to participate - from businesses and organizations with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality. The open houses begin at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6 p.m. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree at the west end of One Water Street, near Sunset Park, at 5 p.m. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. The evening's special guest is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his sleigh, joined by some of his elves, and some reindeer from the North Pole. The parade starts at 6 p.m. and lineup is at 5:30 on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City. After the parade, there will be hay rides sponsored by Re/Max Resort Properties, and Santa will meet with children. For additional information call Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River, 582-2355.

CHARLEVOIX TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION - HOLIDAY PARADE

November 27, 3-6pm downtown Charlevoix. Black Friday sales all day, Circle of Arts Cookie Decorating and Craft Activities from 3-5pm, Free Photos with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank from 3-5pm, Cookies and Cocoa in East Park from 4-6pm, Holiday Parade on Bridge Street at 5:30pm, Tree Lighting in East Park at 6pm.

EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 30, 5-7pm, Jordan River Arts Council. Sponsored by EJ. Food, Drinks, Live Music. Cash donations to Care & Share Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

EAST JORDAN BLOOD DRIVE

December 1, Noon-5:45pm, East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane. Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

BOYNE CITY TREE LIGHTING AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

December 2, 6:30pm, Country Now & Then alcove. The Boyne Eta Nu Charities annual "Lights of Love" project provides an opportunity to remember loved ones while contributing to Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Donations can be made by purchasing a colored light or a personalized heart that will be displayed on the "Lights of Love" tree in downtown Boyne City. After the ceremony, those attending are invited to enjoy a buffet dinner of soups, wraps and salad at the Boyne River Inn. Dinner reservations are required by Nov. 23 and dinner is \$14.50. For more information, contact Pati Scott at 231-758-2496 or patisk13@gmail.com.

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

December 2, 8-11am, Charlevoix Area Hospital Classroom B. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screen includes: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting is required. However, if individuals are fasting, LDL and triglyceride levels can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels are offered for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$5. All participants will receive a blood pressure log, pedometer and all test results at the time of the screening.

Health consultation and educational materials will be adapted to individual results. No appointment is required. For more information, email communityhealth@cah.org or call (231) 547-8906.

CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

December 4, 7:30-8:30am, FirstMerit Bank. Make sure to join us for this great networking opportunity. Enjoy a hot, tasty breakfast, catered by Scovies Gourmet.

Catch up with other Chamber Members and find out what's going on with their business, organization, or club.

BOYNE CITY CERTIFICATION EVENT

December 7, 1pm, Boyne City Hall auditorium. Join Michigan Economic Development

Corporation (MEDC) in acknowledging Boyne City's accomplishment as the fifth community to be certified under the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) program. After a year and a half of working toward RRC certification, Boyne City has succeeded in accomplishing the requirements as laid out in the RRC Best Practices. Join us to recognize the hard work of a city dedicated to having a vision for the future and the fundamental practices in place to get there.

CHARLEVOIX HOLLY DAZE

December 11, Castle Farms. Charlevoix Area Hospital's annual holiday fundraiser. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Hospital's upcoming Surgical Suite and Laboratory Renovation. Kick off the holiday season and get in the spirit of giving. Space is limited; please contact Faye Parrish at 231-547-8501 or go to www.cah.org/hollydaze to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$100 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible.

EAST JORDAN BLOOD DRIVE

December 15, 8:30am-1:15pm. East Jordan High School, 101 Maple Street.

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

EAST JORDAN

The East Jordan Lions Club is still accepting site reservations for their annual lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park, Dec. 3-Jan.4.

Email jeffargetsinger@yahoo.com or call 582-2770 for more information.

CHARLEVOIX IRONTON FERRY SERVICE SUSPENDED

The Charlevoix County Transportation Authority has determined it will be necessary for the Ironton Ferry to remain closed for the remainder of the 2015 season, due to the extensive damage caused by an October 2nd private vehicle fire while aboard the ferry. The Transportation Authority anticipates no fire-related delay in the annual reopening on April 15, 2016 as scheduled.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The Boyne City Winter Farmers Market begins November 7 at the Red Barn on Saturday's from 9am-1pm through April.

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 9am-1pm at Sportsman's Park (Bridge Street). Winter Farmers Market begins November 14 at the Civic Center. Takes place on the second Thursday of the month from 10am-2pm through April. On Facebook at EastJordanFarmer'sMarket

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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

CHARLEVOIX STORY TIME

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

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Turkey Trot fundraisers on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City & Charlevoix

By Jim Akans

A great way to balance caloric intake and expenditure this coming Thanksgiving Day is to participate in a Turkey Trot event. It is a unique opportunity to get some exercise and provide benefit to area non-profit agencies before digging in to America's favorite gathering at the dinner table.

In the Charlevoix area, lace up those running shoes and join the 5th Annual Charlevoix Area Hospital Turkey Trot, which will be held on November 26. The event begins at 8:30am at the Charlevoix Area Hospital parking lot. There will be a minimum \$15 entry fee for adults (\$25 if you want to upgrade the adult shirt to hoodie - while

supplies last) and a \$10 entry fee per child. Register at the Charlevoix Area Hospital ER admitting desk, 14700 Lake Shore Drive or on-line at cah.org.

This is a 5k run/walk event and encourages the community to come out and exercise and have fun with family and friends. Toddlers in strollers participate free, and event organizers are asking participants to bring donation of non-perishable food items that will be distributed to local food pantries.

The Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot takes place on Thanksgiving Day in Boyne City at 9am, beginning and finishing up in Veterans Park. The entry fee is \$20 per participant if they are pre-registered and \$25 day of event. Families can enter for \$40 if pre-registered or \$50 the

day of the event. Those who pre-register will receive a tee-shirt (families receive two) though they are only guaranteed if entry form received by November 20.

Registrations forms are available at Edward Jones, the Boyne City Chamber, Kilwins of Boyne City, Inspired Living and North Country Cycle Sport. The can also be found at www.boynechamber.com and on-line registration is at www.superiortiming.com. Packets for the event can be picked up at Edward Jones on November 25 between 2 and 6 pm.

All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one

community at a time. 100% of the money raised from this event will stay in the Boyne City Area. Event organizers also ask everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event, which will be delivered to local food pantries.

Joining a Turkey Trot event is fun, healthy and helps to support terrific community programs. It may even become a family tradition that makes a great excuse for enjoying that second helping at the Thanksgiving dinner table even more.



Charitable Services Awards finalist announced

The 2015 Finalists for the Hospital Charitable Services Awards have been announced and the School Nurse Program of Charlevoix Area Hospital has once again been named. The program honors hospital-sponsored programs that set new standards for health and wellness in their communities through education, access and delivery. Only 52 programs were selected from nominations submitted from across the entire country. Nominations were based on five criteria: impact, collaboration, leading practice, transferability and inno-

vation.

In 2013-14, the very successful Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse Program was selected as one of only five "Programs of Promise" by the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, and was identified as one of the newer programs that demonstrate a clear vision for addressing community need in innovative ways.

Now, in 2015, the School Nurse Program has been named as a finalist for the prestigious "Programs of Excellence" award. These awards go one step further, recognizing hospital programs of

more than three years which have measurable outcomes, such as the 6% decrease in chronic absenteeism in the nine schools served by the Charlevoix Area Hospital School Nurse Program.

On February 9, 2016 at the national Hospital Charitable Services Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, ten programs will be named Programs of Excellence and awarded \$10,000 in unrestricted grants.

The School Nurse Program has gone far beyond the traditional definition of "community benefit" and "free care" by addressing this

crucial community need and coming up with a creative solution.

Charlevoix Area Hospital has placed four registered nurses in nine local school systems - where previously there were none - at no cost to the schools. Through the dedicated hard work of the school nurses, medical safety in the schools has been greatly increased, chronic absenteeism has been reduced, and students have been given the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyle habits that will last a lifetime.

PLANNING TOGETHER

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to a point where we're not able to do things anymore. We just don't have the finances coming in," she said. Tornga informed those present that the society would not be running the trolley during Pig Roast, publishing the annual calendar or awarding scholarships this year.

Antrim County Sheriff Dan Bean announced that the road and corrections staff were finally at full staff after three years of retirements and injury setbacks but that there was still 2 open positions in dispatch. He also discussed the department's efforts at the sandbar on the 4th of July, and 2 new 911 developments his department is working on, Smart 911 and 911 Connect.

Tom Cannon summed up the purpose of the evening. "Now I can put faces behind the names," he said.

CHRISTMAS BUDGET

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haps you can draw names, instead of buying for multiple families. And then there are always baked goods or home-made crafts! Who doesn't love a gift that comes fresh out of the oven or straight from the heart?

Give yourself the freedom to enjoy

You probably have a lot of great ideas on how to spend your money this season. When you start with a plan, you'll be in control of your Christmas budget long before setting foot into the mall. All you have to do is set up your monthly budget, categorize your Christmas savings, and make your detailed gift list. After that, enjoy your Christmas shopping - because your budget said you could!

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2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500

BLACK FRIDAY
ALL MONTH LONG

FOR QUALIFIED BUYERS
0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS
ON ALL 2015 SILVERADO 1500s*



*Monthly payment is \$13.89 for every \$1,000 financed. Example down payment: 6.4%. Must finance through GM Financial. Some customers will not qualify. Not compatible with lease and some other offers. Take delivery by 11/30/15. See Dave Kring Chevrolet for Details.

10% OF MSRP CASH BACK!
ON 2016 TRAVERSE LT AWD
Summit White, 2nd row captain chairs, rear bench. Stk #9490

\$3,740 CASH BACK*









10% OF MSRP CASH BACK!
2015 IMPALA 1LT
In Rain Forest Green, cloth/leatherette. Stk #9155

\$3,158 CASH BACK*



*Cash offer on 10% of eligible vehicles in dealer stock. Not compatible with special financing, lease and some other offers. 2016 Traverse Based on MSRP \$37,395, 2015 Impala LT: Based on MSRP \$31,580. Take delivery by 11/30/15. See Dave Kring Chevrolet-Cadillac for details.

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|  <p>2004 Chevy Impala Sedan Price just lowered! A full size car with lots of room! Beautiful Galaxy Silver! Great Fuel economy that gets 32mpg highway! Many other features!</p> <p>BE SURE TO STOP AND SEE IT! \$5,950</p> |  <p>2001 Dodge Durango SLT 4x4 Be ready for winter in this very sharp all Black 4x4! Heated black leather, 3 row of seating, running boards, Deep tread tires on nice alloys. More extras!</p> <p>TEST IT OUT TODAY! \$6,950</p> |  <p>2007 Chevy Aveo LS Bright Victory Red 4 door CARFAX 1 owner! Looking for MPG? You found it! Great safety items like Passenger Airbag, Daytime running lights and more!</p> <p>PRICED TO MOVE! \$6,980</p> |  <p>2002 Jeep Liberty Limited 4x4 Flame Red and perfect for safe winter driving! Great safety items like Airbags, driving lights and a wide opening rear swing away tailgate, CD, remote!</p> <p>A GREAT RIDE! \$6,990</p> |
|  <p>2002 Dodge Dakota Sport Quad Cab 4x4 Hot looking Truck in Flame Red, soft tonneau cover, bug guard, bed liner, CD, clean alloys, fog lamps, 4.7 liter V8, remote and much more!</p> <p>DON'T MISS IT! \$7,990</p> |  <p>2007 Chevy Equinox LS AWD Perfect for those snowy roads in Granite Gray, dark gray cloth, OnStar, ABS, 25 mpg highway, 185 hp, 3.4 liter V6, very clean inside and out!</p> <p>HURRY ON THIS ONE! \$8,980</p> |  <p>2008 Jeep Liberty Limited 4x4 Inferno Red and lots of chrome, heated ebony leather, sunroof, 6-disc CD, Bluetooth, Satellite Radio, Tow, Audio controls on wheel & more!</p> <p>WORTH THE DRIVE TO DRIVE IT! \$8,980</p> |  <p>2008 Toyota RAV4 4x4 Sharp Super White SUV! Great for any weather w/ABS, & Traction control! 25 mpg highway Fuel economy! 166 hp, 2.4 liter, 4 cyl.</p> <p>GREAT BUY! \$11,990</p> |

Sales tax, title, and doc fees additional. See Dave Kring Chevrolet-Cadillac for details.

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