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Holiday FESTIVITIES

BOYNE CITY Santa Parade, downtown open house, tree lighting November 23

The Boyne City Holiday Open House and Santa Parade is a true community celebration of the season. The festivities will be taking place on Nov. 23, the Friday after Thanksgiving, from 5 to 9pm.

The open house begins at 5pm with refreshments at businesses throughout the downtown, and the parade starts at 6pm. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree in Old City Park at 5pm. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. Santa will arrive on his horse-drawn sleigh in the parade, joined by some of his elves and reindeer from the North Pole.

Those participating in the parade must send in a parade registration form (due by November 20) and line up on East Main Street between East and Park Streets starting at 5:30pm. Line up for the pa-

rade will take place on East Main Street between East and Park Streets starting at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown. After the parade, children can visit with Santa at the Gazebo in Old City Park.

Returning this year will be a live Nativity scene at Coldwell Banker Real Estate, 231 Water St., from 5 to 7:30pm. Kids can feed and pet Gunther the Camel and other animals. Hot chocolate, chili, hot dogs, coffee, cookies and sample pours from Stiggs Brewery will be provided. This is also the kickoff of

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The festivities will be kicking off with a tree lighting in Old City Park at 5pm. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYNE CITY MAIN STREET.

CHARLEVOIX Annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting November 23

Come celebrate a time of family, friends and fun during the annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration taking place in downtown Charlevoix on Friday, November 23.

Throughout the day, Charlevoix stores and restaurants will be offering fantastic Black Friday Deals. Get a jump on your holiday shopping while taking advantage of some of the lowest prices of the year. Black Friday will kick off the Live Life Local shopping contest brought to you by Charlevoix Main Street. Spend \$50 in downtown stores (receipts may be combined) from November 23 to December 24 for a chance to win \$500, \$300, or \$100 in Charlevoix Chamber Checks. For contest details visit www.charlevoixmainstreet.org.

From 3 to 5pm, children of all ages are invited to



Come celebrate a time of family, friends and fun during the annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration taking place in downtown Charlevoix on Friday, November 23. COURTESY PHOTO

the Charlevoix Circle of Arts to partake in some good old fashioned holiday craft activities. Chemical Bank and the Circle of Arts have joined forces to help you create holiday keepsakes that will be treasured for years to come. A cookie decorating station with sprinkles and toppings galore will be set for delicious cookie decorating fun. Ornament, holiday cards and other craft stations will be ready to help your little ones make their own artistic holiday memories to take home to decorate hearth and home or share as holiday gifts.

From 3 to 5pm, Charlevoix State Bank will

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FILE PHOTO/MICHELLE MEDJESKY

Boyne Mountain opens

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

BOYNE FALLS - While what looks to be the early onset of winter may bring tears to the eyes of some, it has brought great rejoicing to area ski resorts which have been merrily making snow and grooming trails to ready for the opening of the 2018-2019 season.

Staff at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls was able to start making snow in early November because snow was already falling and temperatures were so cold, allowing the mountain to open several runs to skiers and snowboarders for the November 16 weekend, said Boyne Mountain spokesman Dan Turcott.

"It was by far the best conditions for an opening day I've seen," Turcott said, noting he and his 15-year-old son, Jed, rode first chair up the mountain on opening day.

He said the runs at the mountain will re-open for the upcoming holiday weekend on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, and remain open 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. through Sunday, November 25.

"We had five runs open last weekend and it's reasonable to expect we will have more than that open over Thanksgiving weekend," Turcott said.

He added there was also a temporary terrain park for snowboarders constructed at the end of the Hemlock slope last weekend, which he expects will likely surface again in the same vicinity this coming weekend as well.

"It's a great time to come for some early season turnout and have some fun and then you'll have more room for turkey," he said.

The mountain will close at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 25 and is officially opening daily for the 2018-2019 season on Friday, November 30.

Turcott said night skiing should begin around the start of the Christmas holidays.

Adult lift tickets are \$39 and youth tickets are \$29, with discounted tickets available.

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record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
NOV 21	.27°	...42°	...14°	(1964)	.63°	(1953)
NOV 22	.27°	...42°	...9°	(1971)	.58°	(1963)
NOV 23	.26°	...41°	...6°	(1989)	.62°	(2003)
NOV 24	.26°	...41°	...2°	(1950)	.62°	(2003)
NOV 25	.26°	...41°	...8°	(1950)	.60°	(2006)
NOV 26	.25°	...40°	...9°	(1974)	.63°	(1984)
NOV 27	.25°	...40°	...5°	(1951)	.66°	(1990)
NOV 28	.25°	...39°	...8°	(1976)	.61°	(1990)
NOV 29	.24°	...39°	...5°	(1976)	.62°	(1998)
NOV 30	.24°	...39°	...4°	(1958)	.65°	(1998)

OBITUARIES

Stephen Wade Neal, 61

(DEC. 10, 1956 - NOV. 17, 2018)



On Saturday, November 17, 2018, Steve Neal sprinted with joy through the gates of heaven. He was surrounded by his loving and devoted family.

Steve was born on December 10, 1956, in Indianapolis to Wade and Janet Neal. He spent his summers at his family cabin on Lake Charlevoix, learning to sail the Great Lakes on the family sailboat, the Janalin. Steve graduated from Park Tudor School in Indianapolis and later went to the University of Arizona where he earned his Bachelor's degree (Go ZONA!).

After college, Steve moved to California for work and developed a love for mountain biking. Steve continued sailing on the Pacific Ocean, but still went back to Eveline Orchards on Lake Charlevoix every summer to visit family and friends. Steve settled into a career in health care information systems while working at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis for many years. He moved to Petoskey in 1999 to be closer to family and in northern Michigan, his home away from home. He was the Technology Director for Petoskey Public Schools for 16 years, and then retired to stay at home with his young children. He was an amazing leader in the workplace, and was always open and willing to hear ideas that differed from his. Steve invested in people, and made them feel important and heard.

Steve had the uncanny ability to connect with people of all ages from all walks of life, and he used his life experiences to counsel and serve others. He did ministry at the county jail, served on the Emmet County Planning Commission, the YMCA of Northern Michigan Board, Broadband boards related to Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and was a founding

member of TOMMBA (Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association).

When Steve met his wife Meagan, each found a love in one another they hadn't known existed. Steve was a devoted and loving husband, making it his quest to serve Meagan and their children each and every day. He lived for his family, and he was an example to all of them as to how to be gracious, forgiving, loving, faithful, hardworking, playful, and joyful. Steve was so very proud of his wife and children. He showed them how to sacrificially love and serve God and others, something they will strive to do in their own lives. Steve served as a coach for his children's sports teams and continued the family sailing legacy with his boat, the Anielia. He had a love for all things outdoors, and could often be seen road or mountain biking around beautiful northern Michigan.

Steve became a Christian in his 20's and was so filled with the Holy Spirit that he wanted to share it with whomever he could. Steve taught Sunday school for nearly 20 years, and in recent years he and Meagan have hosted a weekly Bible Study for local teens at their home. It was his goal to teach teens about God so that they would really "own" their faith. The teens were so very important to Steve, and he loved investing his time mentoring them and counseling them as they navigate these developmental years.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Meagan, children Tyler (Jenni), Stephanie Averill (Derek), Jordan (Natalie), Cullen, Owen and Julia; siblings Susan, Linda Cichocky (Bob), George (Susie), Michael Kort (Laura), Lauren Kort, Emily Kort; father and mother-in-law John and Julia Kort; granddaughter Hannah; nieces Mary Adamson (Josh), Annie Smith (Greg), Rachel Neal and Beatrix Kort; Uncle Steve Stephenson (Linda), and many cousins.

Services for Steve include visitation at 3:00 PM followed by a Celebration of Life at 5:00 PM Sunday, November 25, 2018, at Genesis Church in Petoskey (1124 Northmen Drive, Petoskey, Michigan).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Genesis Church, 1124 Northmen Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770; TOMMBA, P.O. Box 112, Boyne City, MI 49712 or Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box

3000, Boone, NC 28607

Bernard "Bernie" Bajko, 80

(MAY 5, 1938 - NOV. 12, 2018)



Bernard "Bernie" Bajko of Boyne City passed away Monday, November 12, 2018 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI with his family at his side.

Bernie was born on May 5, 1938 to Edward Adolph and Eleanor (Misiewicz) Bajko in Grand Rapids, MI.

Bernie grew up and attended school in Grand Rapids. In his early teens he went to work for his Uncle Erv Finkler doing poured walls using homemade forms when poured walls was in its infancy.

At 17 he enlisted in the United States Marines. It was there he discovered he was a born natural with a rifle. He was so good that they made him a rifle instructor at Paris Island, S.C. and was awarded a sharp shooter medal.

Returning home after serving in the marines, it was there where, on a blind date he met his future wife, the love of his life Mary Ann Wolf. They were married on October 29, 1960 and she survives. They have three children.

Factory work was not for Bernie, and after working at a few various jobs, Bernie decided to strike out on his own with his lifelong friend Ted Triviss in Grand Rapids. Back then it was Bernard P. Bajko, Cement Contractor. They were doing small projects such as driveways, sidewalks, residential flatwork and footings for wall contractors. He had a license from the City of Grand Rapids to do city sidewalk.

In 1967 Bernie decided to take a leap forward, purchased a set of concrete wall panels and bought a boom truck. Back in the 60's having a boom truck to set panels into a hole was hi-tech.

In 1968 with the help of a friend in the redi-mix industry, Bernie formed a Michigan Corporation, Bayko Concrete Service, Inc.

Work took Bernie north when a few residential contractors he worked for in Grand Rapids asked if he would travel. In 1968, he moved his family to Rodney (Big Rapids), Michigan. It was there that he met his longtime friend Keith Schuberger. They were inseparable.

Bernie was doing a lot of work in Traverse City, Boyne City, Gaylord areas in the early 1970's and after living out of a suitcase for 2 years, he decided to move his family north to Boyne City, building a new home there.

Still continuing to run the company, in the 1980's Bernie was doing a lot of high wall construction and hoping someone would provide concrete pumping services. At the time, we believe the closest concrete boom pump was in Grand Rapids. In 1988 he purchased a used concrete boom pump. We believe the first boom pump to Northern Michigan. As small and outdated the pump was still a working pump today.

Still having ties to Rodney and his good friend Keith, in 1976 he purchased an 80 acre parcel there. In that same year he purchased a cabin in Horton Bay that was going to

be removed for development, disassembled it and took it to Rodney as a hunting cabin. The family still enjoys the hunting camp today. Rodney is sacred ground.

In 1991 he was diagnosed with liver disease. He was placed on the organ donor list and on October 15, 1991 received a new liver at University of Michigan Hospital. The transplant was so successful that he was released 11 days later and drove home from Ann Arbor. After the transplant, he would promote organ donation wherever he could. He always stayed busy doing something. He could never sit still.

At the time of his passing, he was one of the longest surviving liver recipients at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Bernie was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6314 for 42 years.

Bernie was very proud of his Polish Heritage and always enjoyed going to the Boyne Falls Polish Festival.

In his past time, Bernie enjoyed hunting, playing cards, traveling, and going to Rodney.

Bernie is survived by his wife of 58 years Mary Ann, sons, Mike (Diane) of Boyne City, Tom of Indian River, and Dan from Gaylord, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Ronald Thomas, his dear friends Ted Triviss, Walt Folkerstma and Keith Schuberger.

The family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Munson Medical Center, Dr. Kirt Sanford, Dr. Debra Oach (Christmas 1990), all the staff members at the University of Michigan transplant center (October 1991), and most recently Grandvue Medical Center and McLaren Petoskey for the wonderful care of Bernie and for giving us 27 years with him we would never have had.

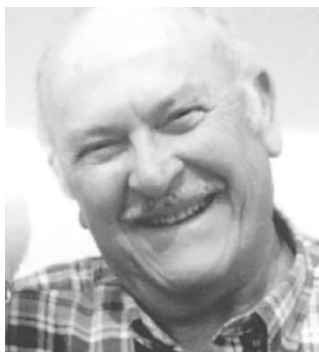
In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or Gift of Life.

Please be an Organ Donor, Save a Life. In honor of Bernie No Ties. Mass was celebrated Saturday, November 17th at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City.

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

James Jay Burley, 89

(AUG. 15, 1929 - NOV. 16, 2018)



James Jay Burley of East Jordan passed away on November 16th, 2018 at his riverside home from complications of colon cancer. Burley, or JB to his many friends, was born on August 15th in Dearborn, Michigan to parents James Madison Burley and Edith Irene (Davis) Burley. He was the youngest of four children, with sisters Betty (deceased), Dora (deceased), and Elinor who survives.

In 1940 he and his family moved to the Suttons Bay area where his father, taking a respite from his plumbing trade, owned and operated a farm until 1943 when they once again moved, this time to Alanson. JB attended

school at Alanson High School where he participated in several sports and graduated as his class's valedictorian in 1947.

Immediately following high school JB entered the U.S. Coast Guard where he served until his retirement in 1973 as a Lieutenant Commander. During his time in the Coast Guard he held numerous jobs while serving at locations around the world. His many assignments included Cape May, New Jersey, aboard a 255 foot cutter in the North Atlantic out of Boston, aboard the Destroyer Escort "Ramsden" during the Korean War, Newport News, Virginia, Anchorage, Dutch Harbor and Ketchikan Alaska, San Francisco, Chicago, and closer to home at both St. Ignace and Traverse City.

While in Boston in 1947, JB met and married his first wife, Dorothy and they had two daughters, Cathy and Jeanie. His first marriage ended in divorce but several years later in 1959, while serving in Traverse City, he married Ginny (Davis) Bender (deceased) and became father to step sons Joe (deceased), Jimmy, and Jerry (deceased).

Following his Coast Guard retirement JB and Ginny purchased and operated the then Sleders Tavern in Traverse City and later the Cherryland Restaurant which afterwards became the first Flapjack. Their Flapjack Restaurants subsequently expanded to locations in Gaylord, Petoskey, and Lansing.

Thanks to growing up as his father's plumbing and assistant and Coast Guard roles as warrant carpenter and in maintenance repair, JB was the consummate handyman. Always at the expense of his own "to do" list JB was available to assist with anyone's remodeling or repair project, with the only compensation he would ever accept was that of a 3 p.m. beer break. He was the most giving friend anyone could possibly ask for.

In addition to children mentioned above JB is survived by his grandson, Marc Bender and wife Stephanie Bender, and his great granddaughter, Baylee; grandchildren, Joe, Melissa, Wendy, and Gretchen; plus numerous other great grandchildren.

A funeral service commemorating, James Burley's remarkable life will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity at 11:00 a.m. on December 1, 2018. A light lunch will follow in the church's undercroft. Memorial contributions can be made to Boyne Episcopal Church of the Nativity.

Ray Henry Sloop, 92

(NOV. 4, 1925 - OCT. 29, 2018)

Ray Henry Sloop of East Jordan passed away on Monday, October 29, 2018, at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

Ray was born on November 4, 1925, in East Jordan to the late Harry and Elizabeth (Gilkerson) Sloop. In 1942, he enlisted in the US Marines and was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division. During WWII, he was involved in the retaking of Saipan, first expeditionary force to Nagasaki, and occupation of Japan.

Upon his return home, Ray took a variety of jobs, including milk delivery for the East Jordan creamery and traveling to Utah to build roads. He married E. Joanne Deming, September 4th, 1948. In the early 1950's, he took a job sailing the Great Lakes as an "oiler" on the cement ships. In the late 1950's, he started with the Charlevoix County Road Commission where he worked until he retired.

Ray enjoyed auctions and

garage sales and loved refinishing old furniture and fixing up items for resale.

Ray was a member of the VFW in East Jordan and Boyne City.

Ray is survived by son Steve (Teri) Sloop of East Jordan, daughters; Shirley Mayhew of East Jordan, Sandra (Michael) Simmons of Lansing, Sheila (Steve) Franke of Traverse City, brothers Ralph Sloop of Muskegon, and Richard Sloop of Arkansas. In laws; Bob Nichols, Cal (Helen) Deming and Florence Kominski of Boyne City and Pete Kerr of East Jordan. Grandchildren; Casey (Sandra) Mayhew, Cliff (Jamie) Mayhew, Corrie (Jason) South, Steven (Kelly) Sloop, Curtis (Brittany) Simmons, Caitlin (Brandon) Small, Rebecca Franke and Joel Franke. Great Grandchildren; Stephen and Griffin Sloop, Thomas and Charlee Mayhew, Shelby and Savannah South, and Hayden and Isabell Small.

He was preceded in death by his wife E. Joanne Sloop; brothers, Robert, Roy and Roger and sister; Ruth Nichols.

A memorial service and luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 24th at 1:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, 305 Main St., East Jordan, Michigan. Memorial donations in his name can be given to the American Legion East Jordan Michigan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan. Memories can be posted at <http://www.penzienfh.com>.

Martin Charles Weisler, Sr., 81

(MARCH 4, 1937 - NOV. 12, 2018)



Martin Charles Weisler, Sr. died Monday, November 12, 2018, at his home in East Jordan surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 4, 1937, in Kearney Township, Antrim County, the son of Charles Martin and Henrietta (Russell) Weisler.

He married Beverly A. Hibbler in East Jordan on December 14, 1957. He worked forty-five years for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as E.J. USA, Inc. He retired in July of 2000, as a downtime production clerk at the foundry.

Martin attended the United Methodist Church in Norwood and East Jordan. He was also a member of the Barnard Grange.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed cutting wood, deer hunting, bird watching and avid observer of nature in general.

Martin is survived by his wife, Beverly A. Weisler of East Jordan; two sons, Martin C. Weisler, Jr. and his wife, Debra, of Boyne City and Randal Weisler of East Jordan; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Shawn, Justin and Austin; two great grandchildren, Avery and Brayden Littleman; one brother, Raymond Weisler and his wife, Marion, of Ellsworth; and two sisters, Rosalie Elliott of Weidman and Shirley Magsig of Gaylord.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

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Thanksgiving:

America's favorite holiday

BY JIM AKANS

Thanksgiving is the classic American holiday. It is a day of food, family, football and restored faith in the thankful capacity of mankind. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving is a red, white and blue celebration ensconced in visions of Pilgrims in black and white sharing the harvest and good will with Native Americans so many moons ago. It is a reminder that extending the spirit of camaraderie and good will is a timeless and priceless act.

Of course, Lions football and the annual Macy's Thanksgiving parade are must see turkey-day television events, as well as great excuses to eat snacks before sitting down to a huge feast. The Macy's parade, known for elaborate floats, balloons and celebrity appearances, began in 1924, the same year "America's Thanksgiving Parade" first marched down the streets in Detroit.

The annual Detroit Lions Thanksgiving football game tradition started ten years later, in 1934, with a 19 to 16 loss against the Chicago Bears, and with the exception of a hiatus between 1939 and 1944, the game has been played every year since, with an overall record hovering around the .500 mark at 36-39-2. After a loss to the Minnesota Vikings last year, this year the Lions will play the neighboring Chicago Bears at Ford Field starting at 12:30pm, which will be tele-



Food, football, family and friends...enjoy the delicious celebration of Thanksgiving. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS PHOTO

vised on CBS. Let's hope the results are not the same as that first Thanksgiving Day game in 1934.

About 45 million turkeys don't look forward to the approach of Thanksgiving at all. That's how many birds Americans will be carving up for the annual feast according to the WalltHub. Favorite dishes, in descending order, are; turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and cranberry

sauce. They report that the average American will consume about 4,500 calories during the Thanksgiving feast...yikes! Not surprisingly, they found that fifty-eight percent of people dread the idea of talking politics at their Thanksgiving meal.

Most of all, Thanksgiving is a time for sharing our blessings and...giving thanks. It is a special day set aside for recognizing the good in ourselves and in

those around us, celebrated by the simple act of sharing a laugh, a remembrance, a kind word, and a delicious, hearty meal.

Thanksgiving has inspired some memorable thoughts and observations over the years, such as...

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." – Oprah Winfrey

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." – Theodore Roosevelt

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often." Johnny Carson

thanks, to joy, to gratitude!" – Henry Ward Beecher

"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage." –Erma Bombeck

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year – and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God." – Ray Stannard Baker

"Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American." –O. Henry

"Thanksgiving is a very important holiday. Ours was the first country in the world to make a national holiday to give thanks." – Linus

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness." –Dalai Lama

"Thanksgiving is America's national chow-down feast, the one occasion each year when gluttony becomes a patriotic duty." – Michael Dresser

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." – Charles Dickens

Share your blessings and enjoy your celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving 1863 Presidential Proclamation



While often romanticized, such as in this "The First Thanksgiving" 1621 oil on canvas by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris, images of a first Thanksgiving much like this are firmly etched in the minds of most Americans. PUBLIC DOMAIN PHOTO.

BY JIM AKANS

Growing up in America, the tale of the first Thanksgiving feast bringing together newly arrived Europeans immigrants and Native Americans in the early 1600's was well ingrained upon my young mind. The images of Deerskin wardrobes joining in a feast with those dressed in conservative dark clothing and tall hats seemed to epitomize the spirit of cooperation, graciousness and gratitude that remains at the root of the American character to this day.

What isn't widely known is a legendary political figure, also associated with a tall black hat, is responsible for establishing the beginnings of Thanksgiving as a national holiday over 200 years after that first remarkable gathering.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the last

Thursday in November be designated as a national holiday of Thanksgiving. It was a proclamation Lincoln issued at the urging of Sarah J. Hale, editor for a popular magazine at the time, who had campaigned for many years to create a national observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Following are the closing words from President Lincoln's official proclamation. And while Mr. Lincoln is referring to the Civil War that raged at that time, many of his carefully chosen words could apply to the sacrifices, courage and divisiveness we experience in our country today:

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those

who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

"And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

– Abraham Lincoln

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WALLOON LAKE

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

November 21, 6-8pm. Visit the Village for an evening of holiday cheer as the holiday lights are turned on for the first time this winter season. This year's lighting ceremony includes a large Christmas tree, donated by the Wally and Margy Kidd Family of Kidd & Leavy Real Estate, which will be in front of the Redwood Building (across from Barrel Back). The evening's events include fun activities for the entire family including the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, decorating sugar cookies and ornaments, hot cider, hot chocolate, coffee and homemade cookie. Santa and the elves also plan on making an appearance, for all the kids to share with Santa what they are hoping for this holiday season. A new addition this year includes a Holiday Market, around the Village of Walloon.

CHARLEVOIX

8TH ANNUAL MUNSON CHARLEVOIX HOSPITAL 5K TURKEY TROT

November 22, 8:30am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital's main campus, 14700 Lake Shore Drive. This event is for both runners and walkers with strollers and leashed, friendly pets also welcome. Wear your turkey hat, turkey costume, or dress like a pilgrim — costumes are encouraged! Donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries are also encouraged. Register between now and Sunday, November 18th to guarantee your long-sleeved t-shirt — or upgrade to a cozy sweatshirt! Early shirt pick-up will be available on Wednesday, November 21st from 5-7pm at the Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Late registration and shirt pick-up begins at 7:30am Thanksgiving morning in the hospital's lower level. Limited extra shirts are available with late registrations on a first served basis.

CHARLEVOIX

12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22, Noon-3pm, Community Reformed Church, corner of US 31 and Meech Street. The meal is provided at no charge. All are welcome!

BOYNE CITY

8TH ANNUAL KIWANIS CLUB TURKEY TROT 5K AND 1-MILE FUN RUN

November 22, 9am, Veterans Park. Packet pick-up will be the day before event from 2-6pm at Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen; enjoy \$2 off a pint! T-shirts are guaranteed if entry form is received by November 15. For further information email boyncitytrot@gmail.com or contact Ruth Skop at 231-881-0945 or Gayle Harbaugh at 231-675-5725. Entrants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to Boyne area food pantries. Register online or pick up a form at the Boyne Area Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Boyne City, or North Perk Coffee.

BOYNE CITY

COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22, noon to 2pm, Eagles Hall, 106 River Street. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables and desserts. Please consider bringing a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item; proceeds will be divided among local food pantries.

BOYNE FALLS

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22, 1-4pm, Whi-Ski Inn. The meal will be by donation of your choice or by bringing in non-perishable food items. All proceeds will benefit the Boyne Valley Food Pantry.

BOYNE CITY

SANTA PARADE AND OPEN HOUSE

November 23, 5-9pm. Includes Tree Lighting and live Nativity Scene. The open house begins at 5 p.m. with refreshments at businesses throughout the downtown, and the parade starts at 6 p.m. Boyne Area Girl Scouts will light the Community Christmas Tree in Old City Park at 5 p.m. Following the tree lighting the Girl Scouts will lead holiday revelers in caroling. Santa will arrive on his horse-drawn sleigh in the parade, joined by some of his elves and reindeer from the North Pole. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown. After the parade, children can visit with Santa at the Gazebo in Old City Park.

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & PARADE

November 23, 3-6pm. Downtown. Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration in downtown Charlevoix. Includes Black Friday sales, Holiday Craft Activity, Free Photos with Santa, Cookies and Hot Chocolate in East Park. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org for additional information or to get a parade entry form.

BOYNE CITY

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 24. The Boyne Area Chamber and the Boyne City Main Street Program are encouraging residents to shop local this holiday season and to participate in Small Business Saturday.

EAST JORDAN

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

November 24. Join us in East Jordan for Small Business Saturday. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Mini Kick-Off Breakfast from 8-10am. 1st 50 Shoppers will receive "Goodie Bags"

BOYNE CITY

OVERCOMING CHILDHOOD PAIN EXPLORED

November 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Overcoming Childhood Pain: Facing Unresolved Family Issues," features a filmed interview with Delisa Mayer, a woman

whose family took part in an ill-fated university study during her childhood. The outcome of that study—which introduced a newborn chimpanzee into the family and asked them to raise it as a human child—shaped Mayer's childhood and led to her parents' divorce. During the program participants will discover key steps to help recover from the scars of past experiences. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

November 26, 5:30-7:30pm, Blue Smoke Restaurant. Entrance by donation - All donations to be divided between Care and Share Food Pantry and Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

BOYNE CITY

GIVING TUESDAY

November 27. Giving Tuesday is quickly becoming the largest day of charitable giving for nonprofit organizations. In fact, Giving Tuesday 2017 successfully raised more than \$300 million for nonprofits across the world. The campaign, which relies heavily on digital outreach, received more than one million total social media mentions and approximately 21.7 billion social media impressions. Visit www.boynechamber.com for a list of nonprofits to consider for donations.

EAST JORDAN

BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION

November 27, Great Lakes Center For The Arts, Doors open at 5:30pm. The top three winners of Antrim Pitch Night, GreenLight East Jordan, Invest Cheboygan, and Emmet Entrepreneur Challenge Business Model Competitions will compete for additional startup funds of \$15,000! The public is welcome to witness this fun, finale competition to be held November 27, 2018 at Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while you network and check out this beautiful arts facility! You won't want to miss this fun night. Register at Evenbrite.com

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE; JEROME RAND – AROUND THE WORLD SAILOR

November 27, 11:30am-1:30pm, NCMC Library Conference Center. Mr. Rand will be reprising his successful summer presentation about his 271-day non-stop sail around the world aboard the Westsail 32, "Mighty Sparrow." Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. Reservations are required. Please call 231-348-6600 or email will-call@ncmich.edu to reserve a seat.

EAST JORDAN

DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR DONI VAUGHN

November 28, 4:30-7:30pm, East Jordan Middle School. Doni Vaughn has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease which has brought on paralysis in her limbs. Doni was a 3rd grade teacher at East Jordan Elementary school. She has 3 awesome kids who are active in the EJ community and schools. The event will include a bake sale, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, kids raffle and a card raffle. The goal is to raise \$12,000 to pay Doni's mortgage and insurance for one year so that she can afford medications, trial medications, medical equipment, a van with a lift and traveling to and from appointments.

EAST JORDAN

SHARPS (NEEDLE) DROP-OFF

November 28, 9am-2pm, McLaren Mill Street Campus, 952 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard, impermeable plastic container. For info call (800) 248-6777. Event is a joint

venture between McLaren Northern Michigan and Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

BOYNE CITY

HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

December 1, 9am-3pm, Boyne City High School. 150 arts and crafts vendors. Event benefits the school Booster Foundation. Admission is \$2 for adults and no charge for students. Hourly drawings will be held for \$20 Boyne Chamber Checks giveaways. Refreshments are also available for this 40th annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation.

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA CONTEST

December 1, downtown. Merchants will be armed with entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, giveaways and more during the Holiday Merchant Open House in downtown Charlevoix. New this year, Charlevoix Cinema III will offer you a choice of 3 full length movies beginning at 2pm. Hot Cocoa Contest from noon to 5pm. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores and restaurants. For more information on this event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org

CHARLEVOIX

HOMEMADE SOUP, CHRISTMAS & BAKE SALE

December 1, 9:30am-2pm, Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State Street. Come on in and warm up with many delicious variety of Homemade Soups for just \$7. Also featured is a great assortment of "gently used" Christmas decor at bargain prices and yummy baked goods. Proceeds go to local outreach projects. Same day as Charlevoix Merchant Open House.

BOYNE CITY

CALM & BRIGHT

December 1, 9-11:30am, First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street. Hear the Christmas Story through the eyes of the prophets, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men...even the stars. Pancake and sausage breakfast, take home a star craft, star bingo with prizes. Children participate in a drama presentation of the Nativity. Live God's story as you talk and learn together with people at your table. Take home a devotional. Open to everyone but adult must accompany children. Activities suitable for all ages. To reserve your spot, call (231) 582-7983 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will attend.

BOYNE CITY

JUDY KUHEANA BENEFIT BREAKFAST

December 1, 8-10:30am, Red Mesa Grill. Includes a Latin-American Breakfast Buffet, silent auction table with great prizes generously donated by local merchants will be held that morning as well. All proceeds from both the breakfast and silent auction will benefit Boyne area food pantries through the Manna Food Project.

BOYNE CITY

LIGHTS OF LOVE TREE LIGHTING REMEMBRANCE

December 5, 6:30pm, Dilworth Hotel Porch. This special event offers an opportunity for community members to honor and remember loved ones during the holiday season and raise money for the Hospice of Northwest Michigan to support patient care in our community. In the past 31 years, Boyne Eta Nu has raised over \$104,000 for Hospice. Light of Love flyers with donation information for lights, hearts or reserving for our post ceremony dinner are available at the Boyne Area Chamber and the Hospice of Northwest in Charlevoix.

Those wishing to make direct contributions may do so via mail to Pati Scott, 4408 E. Fontenoy, Boyne City, MI 49712. Donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to Boyne Eta Nu Charities.

EAST JORDAN

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

December 6, 5-7pm. From 5-7pm enjoy a soup cook-off. An EJ Co-op Nursery School Bake Sale, Snowman Photo Booth at the Community Center, a Make and Take Crafts activity at the EJ Arts Council and open houses at downtown businesses. There will be a lighted parade at 5:30, a Community Tree Lighting at 5:45, and Santa Visit & Cookies at the City Hall from 5:45-7pm. The EJ Freedom Festival Christmas Raffle Drawing and the Rotary Club's "Find Santa Scavenger Hunt" will take place at the Community Center starting at 7pm.

BOYNE CITY

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 13, 5:30-7:30pm, Christie's International Real Estate, 104 S. Lake Street. There is no charge for admission or refreshments.

EAST JORDAN

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

December 15. Join the East Jordan American Legion and East Jordan Community Resident, Jeff Argetsinger as they honor all veterans on December 15, 2018 for the annual Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be laid at the Knop Cemetery at 10am and at Sunset Cemetery at 12pm.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, 319 Lake Street. Market hours are Saturday's, 9 am – Noon through mid April. The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market will be located in the main lobby and training room of the City Facilities Building, which is located across the street from the summer market location in Veterans Park. Twenty vendors are confirmed for the indoor market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boyncity.com

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and

Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

Free Coffee, Doughnuts & Lunch for Veterans

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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Local Health Departments provide tips for safe holiday food preparation

Local Health Departments across Northern Michigan are teaming up with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide tips and resources for safe food preparation during the Thanksgiving holiday. With the number of things that can go wrong in the home kitchen, steering clear of food safety blunders can be challenging. A few simple steps can ensure your family and guests get a delicious homecooked meal, and not holiday food poisoning.

"Thanksgiving dinner is one of the largest meals we prepare each year," said Mr. Brandon Morrill, Food Program Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Cutting corners can put your family and guests at risk for foodborne illness, by forget-

ting a few basic food safety principles, such as washing your hands after handling the raw turkey and using a food thermometer to be sure its cooked to 165 degrees."

Food poisoning is a serious public health threat. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that millions of people suffer from foodborne illness each year, resulting in roughly 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths. Recent USDA research found that in 3 Americans may have someone at high risk for foodborne illness in their home.

"Most foodborne illnesses can be avoided if you follow a few simple guidelines" says Mr. Morrill. "These can keep your family and guests safe this holiday season."

20 seconds of hand washing

The CDC recommends washing your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. Handwashing is especially important when handling raw meats. Unfortunately, in a recent USDA study, participants failed to wash their hands sufficiently a shocking 97 percent of the time. Without proper handwashing, a well-intentioned home cook could quickly spread bacteria around the kitchen.

Do not forget to wash your hands before and after seasoning your bird too. Almost half the study participants contaminated their spice containers when seasoning poultry. If you've held raw turkey, make sure to wash your hands completely before seasoning, and if you rub around those spices on the bird by hand, make sure to wash your

hands completely afterwards.

Say no to 'bird baths' Do not rinse or wash your turkey. Doing so can spread bacteria around the kitchen, contaminating countertops, towels and other food. Washing poultry doesn't remove bacteria from the bird. Only cooking the turkey to the correct internal temperature will ensure all bacteria are killed.

Take an accurate temperature inside, cook the stuffing outside the turkey

Don't rely on those pop-up thermometers to determine if your turkey is safe! Take the bird's temperature with a food thermometer in three areas — the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing and the innermost part of the thigh — and make sure all three locations reach 165°F. If one

of those locations does not register at 165°F, then continue cooking until all three locations reach the correct internal temperature. In recent USDA research, 88 percent of participants did not cook their poultry to the safe internal cooking temperature of 165°F.

When stuffing is cooked inside the turkey's cavity, it must be checked with a food thermometer and reach 165°F as well. The density of stuffing can mean that while the turkey's breast, wing and thigh have registered 165°F, the stuffing temperature can lag behind. Undercooked stuffing is a common cause of holiday food poisoning. Turkeys are tricky enough, so it's easier to keep things simple and cook the stuffing outside the bird.

Use the two-hour rule to avoid foodborne illness

Everyone loves to graze during Thanksgiving, but when perishable food sits at room temperature, it is sitting in a temperature range where bacteria love to multiply. This range, between 40-140°F, is known as the 'danger zone.' If foods have been left out at room temperature for more than two hours they should be discarded.

Call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline

If you have questions, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) to talk to a food safety expert from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, in English and Spanish. If you need help on Thanksgiving Day, the Meat and Poultry Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time. You can also chat live at

Drinking water safe in Boyne City and Charlevoix

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Results from testing done on drinking water samples in two of the largest communities in Charlevoix County show no trace of PFAS contaminants in Boyne City and only negligible amounts in the city of Charlevoix's municipal wells.

According to recently released data from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, samples of water from Boyne City's water system taken this past August showed no PFAS contaminants.

The data showed just a small amount in the city of Charlevoix's well system, but

the results fall well within DEQ guidelines and do not pose a health threat.

Three samples taken from Charlevoix showed a raw water sample contained two parts per trillion of perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate-two targeted types of PFAS-and four parts per trillion of combined PFAS, according to the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website.

MPART is the agency that's been collecting water samples from municipal and school water supplies in every county throughout the state this year.

One of two treated samples in Charlevoix showed four parts per trillion of perfluoro-

octanoic acid (PFA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOA) and six parts per trillion of combined PFAS.

The second sample resulted in three parts per trillion of PFOA and PFOS and six parts per trillion of combined PFAS.

The state of Michigan follows strict guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency, which advises a "lifetime health advisory level" for PFOA and PFOS at 70 points per trillion.

Other agencies recommend following guidelines as low as 11 parts per trillion for PFOA and seven parts per trillion for PFOS, however, Charlevoix's test results still rank beneath all recommendations and existing guide-

lines.

Boyne City's water sample results showed no PFAS, which was welcome news to city officials there:

"The City of Boyne City is pleased to report that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has tested its water system and no PFAS have been detected. This information combined with the results from the Boyne City's annual water quality report...are encouraging indicators of the safety and quality of the water provided to its customers," stated city manager of Boyne City in a media release issued last week.

Test results are available on Boyne City's website www.cityofboyneecity.com



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Alexa Byard

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Jennifer Florenski and Clinton Byard

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Doctor

Favorite Book: Doc McStuffins

Hobbies and Interests: Alli enjoys playing doctor at home with her dolls and stuffed animals.

Staff Comments: I enjoy Alli in enrichments. She is a talented artist. Alli is positive, hardworking, and does her very best. She is a joy to have in class.

Submitted By: Mrs. Hoogerhyde

Charlevoix County Transit receives Propane Council Award

Charlevoix County Transit was among four transit fleets received the eighth-annual Top User of Propane Autogas Award from the Propane Education & Research Council during the BusCon Expo in Indianapolis. The award celebrates fleets creating healthier environments for riders and communities by using clean, cost-effective, and domestically-produced propane autogas. The awards were presented during breakfast on Wednesday, October 3, at the Indiana Convention Center.

"These fleets truly represent the top users of propane autogas in transportation in their consideration for the environment as well as the students, patients, residents and communities they service by choosing a clean, cost-effective fuel," said Michael Taylor, director of autogas business development for PERC. "Propane autogas can offer many advantages, including the lowest cost-of-ownership, reduced emissions, and reliable performance, to help both private and public fleets provide better service to taxpayers and clients."

Charlevoix County Transit (CCT) provides countywide demand-response service for the community and its large tourist network, providing 100,000 rides annually. Since

adopting its first propane autogas vehicle in 2016, 10 of CCT's 15 cutaway shuttle buses have now converted to propane autogas engines.

With service along the Lake Michigan coast, CCT decided to upgrade to propane autogas to reduce emissions and protect the fragile environment for its community and tourist populations. In addition to lower emissions, CCT reports no runability issues and is also seeing a cost savings of more than \$4,000 per month. With plans to add three more propane autogas shuttles to the fleet in 2019, CCT is in the process of upgrading its refueling infrastructure to better handle the demand and is encouraging other Michigan transit agencies to tour its facility and test drive one of its vehicles.

Other recipients were Spartanburg Regional Healthcare in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Carteret County Area Transportation System in Morehead City, North Carolina, and Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Charlevoix County Transit was among four transit fleets received the eighth-annual Top User of Propane Autogas Award from the Propane Education & Research Council during the BusCon Expo in Indianapolis. COURTESY PHOTO



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Postscript

MIKE DUNN

Of gratitude and the ways of Providence

I wasn't very thankful when the day started but something happened – something I can only attribute to the mysteries of Providence – that changed my perspective. Not only did it make me thankful to God but it gave me insights into the depths of His concerns for us here in this broken world.



It was the spring of 1981. I was still a young Christian at that point, living in south Jersey and working as a corrections officer for the Cape May County Sheriff's Department. On this particular morning, I had an infected tooth joint and was in a lot of pain. It was a carryover from a few days before when I had a molar pulled. The dentist, a young guy who had recently started his own practice in North

Cape May, had some difficulty and needed to apply some torque to finally remove all the roots.

I'm not one to get squeamish and frankly it didn't bother me too much. I was just glad to have the molar out of there. It was extracted finally and I didn't think anything else about it ... until the evening of the following day. I had gone swimming at an indoor community pool on that Saturday and perhaps that's what caused the infection. I'll never know.

For whatever the reason, the tooth joint became infected and it was very painful. The dentist had given me a prescription for Tylenol 3 but I hadn't filled it because I didn't realize I would need it.

I had a rough night and prayed the kinds of prayers you pray in those situations, asking God for His

help in the midst of these unpleasant circumstances. I got up Sunday morning and attended church, as usual, at the North Cape May Assembly of God. I was still in a lot of pain and planned to stop by a pharmacy after the service to see if I could get the prescription filled.

I probably asked the church to pray for me that morning. I don't recall. I did stop at the pharmacy later but was told I would need to wait until Monday to have the prescription filled.

Then something strange happened.

I returned to the car in the parking lot and prepared to drive back to where I was living at the time. Before I left, I felt an inclination to go to the super market next to the pharmacy and purchase a gallon of milk.

At first I ignored it. I wasn't in the mood to go into a

store and there was still a little bit of milk left at the house.

The feeling would not go away, however. It was so insistent, in fact, that I shut the car off and went into the store.

I looked for the aisle where the milk was sold and went there quickly, wanting to get this simple task completed. As I was reaching for the milk, though, I heard a voice nearby calling my name. I turned around and, much to my shock, the dentist was standing right behind me!

He remembered me from the office visit and asked how I was doing. He told me he had been thinking about me in the aftermath of the molar extraction and wondering if I was OK.

I told him I was in pain and thought the tooth joint was infected. Even though it was a Sunday, he said to go

straight to his office.

He followed me there, opened the office just for me that Sunday afternoon, and worked on me for about a half hour. Whatever he did – as I recall, he placed some kind of compact in the tooth joint – worked amazingly well because the pain went away and did not return.

It was an incredible relief. But the most remarkable part of this incident was still to come.

"Doc," I told him afterward, "the really odd thing about this is today was the first time I was ever in that super market."

I'll always remember the look the dentist gave me when I said that.

"You know," he replied, "that's the first time I was ever in that store, too."

God is good. He is faithful and He cares.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

35TH ANNUAL CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CROP WALK

Thank you to over 60 walkers and helpers who participated in the walk that was held on Saturday, September 29.

This year it was a 5k walk in each of the three communities. It was a beautiful fall day and everyone enjoyed the walk. Charlevoix County raised more than \$20,237.00 for hunger relief agencies at home and around the globe.

Over \$5059.25 will come back to the community to be split with seven local food pantries.

Thank you to Elm Pointe, East Jordan Tourist Park, St. Mary's Church and United Methodist Church in Boyne City.

The 36th Charlevoix Crop Walk will be held again next fall. If your church or organization would like to join next year please contact Marge Teske @ 536-3128



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THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners

Surprise: Turkey isn't responsible for drowsiness

Not many people are aware that the Thanksgiving holiday in America actually gave birth to the commercialization of TV dinners. In 1953, the Swanson Company had so much extra turkey – 260 tons worth! – that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes ... and the first TV dinner was born.

The consumption of turkey has been blamed for the annual "Thanksgiving nap" that mysteriously overtakes folks on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday in November. But, scientists pour water on that assertion. Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes folks drowsy after the Thanksgiving meal.

Turkey is as much a part of Thanksgiving, of course, as football and drum sticks. But it was not likely that the pilgrims enjoyed turkey at the first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. That doesn't mean there wasn't some scrumptious food, however. Lobster, for example, was probably part of that first feast along with chicken, rabbit, venison, cod, bass, squashes, beans, barley, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese. It is not certain, however, if turkey was on the menu! Some historians say yes, since wild turkey did inhabit the area, and others say no.

We do know that the first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days and was organized by Governor William Bradford to thank God for His bountiful provisions. The exact date is not known, though it took place sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, most likely in early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by President Lincoln to correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

Everyone ate with spoons, knives and their fingers at the first feast, since there were no forks available. The Wampanoag Indians had taught the pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited in appreciation of their friendliness. Chief Massasoit and the 90 men with him did not come to the banquet empty-handed; they killed five deer and added that to the feast.

While it's uncertain if turkey was part of the first Thanksgiving celebration, the popular fowl has become standard fare for the annual holiday celebration. In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving. The average size of the bird is 15 pounds with about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

Here are some other interesting Thanksgiving facts:

* President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. In the 1940s, Congress passed a law setting the fourth Thursday of the month as the official Thanksgiving date.

* Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The live "pardons" the turkey.

* Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef. The most popular ways to serve leftover turkey is in a sandwich, in stew, chili or soup,



The turkey has become standard fare for Thanksgiving celebrations in the U.S. But was the fowl on the menu for the first Thanksgiving in 1621?

in a casserole or as a burger. Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16-18 pounds of turkey.

* A 16-week old turkey is called a fryer. A five-to-seven month old turkey is called a young roaster.

* The Guinness Book of Records reports that the greatest dressed weight recorded for a turkey is 39.09 kg (86 lbs), at the annual "heaviest turkey" competition held in London, England on Dec. 12, 1989.

* Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, where peacocks are found in considerable number. And he believed turkeys were a type of peacock (they're actually a type of pheasant). So he named them "tuka," which is "peacock" in the Tamil language of India.

* The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.

* A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

* Each year, the president of the U.S pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947.

* Wild turkeys, while technically the same species as domesticated turkeys, have a very different taste from farm-raised turkeys. Almost all of the meat is "dark" (even the breasts) with a more intense turkey flavor.

-- Compiled by Mike Dunn

• No forks at the first Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.

• Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners! In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born!

• Presidential pardon of a turkey: President Obama pardoned a 45-pound turkey named Courage, who has flown to Disneyland and served as Grand Marshal of the park's Thanksgiving Day parade!

• Why is Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November? President Abe Lincoln said Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday in November, but in 1939 President Roosevelt moved it up a week hoping it would help the shopping season during the Depression era. It never caught on and it was changed back two years later.

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Turkey isn't responsible for drowsiness or the dreaded "food coma."

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DOES YOUR INSURANCE POLICY COVER ROOF DAMAGE

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home insurance policy, there are many factors that determine if your damage will be covered, and if so, how much you will be reimbursed.

Some policies take the age of your roof into account at the time it is damaged. For example, if your roof is under 10 years old, you may be covered for the full cost of repairing or replacing the damaged section of your roof at the time of the claim. If your roof is over 10 years old, you may only be reimbursed for the depreciated value of the damaged roof. The depreciated value takes the aging and wearing of your roof into account, meaning its value has decreased prior to any damage occurring. Depending on where you live, some policies will only offer roof damage coverage up to the depreciated value, regardless of the age of your roof. Other policies will cover the full cost of repairing or replacing the damaged section of your roof at the time of the claim, regardless of the age of your roof. In most cases, your insurance company will send an inspector

to your home to investigate and verify your claim. If the damage is determined to be from aging, wear and tear, or poor condition of your roof, it will typically be considered normal maintenance, and will not be covered under your policy.

In some instances, water damage due to flooding or surface water, might have to be covered under an additional policy. Mold caused by continued water damage or leaking, for example, also may not be covered by your insurance policy. Preventing leaks and inspecting your property are crucial responsibilities of the homeowner and could help avoid unnecessary damage. If you are experiencing leaking due to a damaged roof, promptly remove any furniture or other belongings that could sustain water damage.

Replacing a roof or other exterior property can be a time consuming and expensive process. That's why it's important to take certain steps to prevent damage from occurring.

Get your roof inspected by a trained professional who can identify areas that may need immediate repair. Replace broken and worn shingles. Consider using impact-resistant shingles, which may be more expen-

sive at first, but are designed to resist damage from hail, saving you money in the long run. Remove any dead trees from around your property that could potentially fall onto your home.

To ease the experience of the claims process and to help you receive proper settlement for your loss, take a set of "before" photos of your roof and exterior property. Update the photos whenever you have maintenance or repairs done. After damage occurs, take a set of "after" photos. Document and record the damage as well as any estimates, invoices and bills you receive. Having all of this information on file will help ensure a smooth and hassle-free claims process.

Overall, it's important to remember that all insurance companies cover roof and exterior property damage differently. Even the same company can vary coverage drastically by state or the age of your roof or property. Policies also differ in coverage limits, deductibles and certain exclusions. The only way to be certain of what your policy covers, is to speak with your insurance provider about the details.

Real Estate Feature Property



Very affordable starter home in East Jordan

BY JIM AKANS

An excellent opportunity to own your very first home or a vacation getaway, the listing price for this two-story in East Jordan has recently been reduced.

This three-bedroom home has approximately 866 square feet of living space. The layout includes an open living and dining area that is great for family living and enter-

taining. The bedrooms are good sized, with the master and second bedroom on the upper level and a third bedroom and main bath on the first level.

The home features a metal roof and easy to maintain vinyl siding. There is a handy shed on the property to accommodate extra storage needs. The home is close to schools, downtown East Jordan and Lake Charlevoix. Snowmobile trails and boat ramps are also

nearby.

This very affordable home is located at 203 Elm Street in East Jordan and it has recently been reduced to just \$44,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Nierman, Associate Brokers at EXP Realty – 100 Main Street, Suite D, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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For a parade registration for and additional information visit www.boynecity-mainstreet.com or call Boyne City Main Street at 231-582-9009.

BoyneSantaParade-Photo1; There's plenty of holiday fun in store for the

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Welcome, Family Physician
April North, M.D.



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Since the Air Force, her practice locations have included Olympia, WA and most recently Jackson, WY. She returned home to Michigan in 2017 to settle closer to family and expand her non profit animal sanctuary. When she is not busy seeing patients you will find her tending to the 80+ residents of her rescue, enjoying the outdoors of northern Michigan, or enjoying a good game of Yahtzee.

Her interests in medicine include full spectrum primary care, urgent care, and promoting wellness and good lifestyle choices.

Dr North is accepting new patients of all ages, call (231)536-2206 to schedule an appointment.



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