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'Tis the season for the Holiday Merchant Open House

An amazing array of Holiday festivities at the Holiday Merchant Open House will take place on Saturday, December 1, in downtown Charlevoix. Experience a full day of activities for all ages to enjoy.

MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

All Day- Area Businesses 'Tis' the season for the holiday festivities to begin! On Saturday, December 1st, mer-

chants will be armed with entertainment, samples, snacks, refreshments, special sales, giveaways and more during the Holiday Merchant Open House in downtown Charlevoix. Make sure you go into the season well prepared by taking advantage of this special event; it's the perfect place for inspiration and acquisition of all your holiday needs. Whether you're shopping for that must have gift or those little, but necessary stocking stuffers, you can find it all in downtown



Holiday Merchant Open House

COURTESY IMAGE

Charlevoix this holiday season.

MARY POPPINS, CHRISTOPHER ROBIN AND ZOOPTOPIA

2:00pm - Charlevoix Cin-

ema III

New this year, Charlevoix Cinema III will offer you a choice of 3 full length movies beginning at 2:00pm. Children and adults can choose between Mary Poppins, Christopher Robin and Zootopia. For entry, please bring a canned good to benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. While children enjoy the movie, parents have the opportunity to relax, sample and shop at the Open House

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FREE MOVIES:

East Jordan Annual Community Night is Thursday, December 6

East Jordan's Annual Community Night Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 from 5 to 7pm downtown on Main Street. During the evening enjoy a Soup Cook-Off, Bake Sale, a Snowman Photo Booth, Lighted Parade and the lighting of the Community Tree, a chance for the kids to meet with Santa, a Raffle Drawing and much more.

Community Night Schedule of Events

- 5-7pm; Soup Cook-Off at the Community Center. All proceeds to Care & Share food pantry
- 5-7pm; EJ Co-op Nursery Bake Sale at the Community Center
- 5-7pm; A "Snowman Photo Booth" at the Community Center
- 5-7pm; "Make and Take" Craft activity for the kids at the Jordan River Arts Council
- 5-7pm; Downtown Business Open House
- 5:30pm; Lighted Parade down Main Street. Line up at the old Fire Hall at 5pm).
- 5:45pm; The Lighting of the Community Tree plus Caroling. Taking place across from Memorial Park
- 5:45-7pm; A chance for visit with Santa Claus (including cookies!) at the City Hall Chambers (201 Main Street).
- 7pm; Lighting of the Lions Club Christmas Village at Tourist Park

Be sure to pick up a game board for the Rotary "Find Santa" Scavenger Hunt. Game boards can be picked up at participating East Jordan Businesses and you have until December 6 to take your game board to at least 10 of the participating businesses, and find the hiding "Santa". Once you spot Santa, request the store employee to stamp,



East Jordan's Annual Community Night Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 from 5 to 7pm downtown on Main Street. COURTESY PHOTOGRAPHY

punch or sign your card. Return game card, with at least 10 stamps to the Community Center on December 6, between 5 – 6:45pm. Drawing for a \$50 Chamber Checks will take place at 7pm at the Community Center. You do not need to be present to win.

The East Jordan Freedom Festival's annual Christmas Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at the East Jordan Area Chamber Office, as well as from any Freedom Festival Board Member. Tickets will also be on sale the night of the drawing, which takes place at 7pm at the Community Center. You do not need to be present to win.

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Administrative Policy changes at East Jordan Commission Meeting

BY JIM AKANS

The East Jordan City Commissioners approved administrative policy changes at the meeting held on Tuesday evening, November 20. The revisions reflect the recent passage of Michigan Ballot Proposal 1, which legalizes recreational use of marijuana in Michigan.

The approved changes address the Drug Free Workplace section, expanding "legal drugs" to include marijuana in addition to prescribed and over-the-counter medications. The section will prohibit city employees from possessing, consuming or being impaired by marijuana at work. It was also stipulated at the meeting that these changes will not apply to the DPW crew, as drug testing for them is under Federal Law, which does not recognize marijuana as a legal drug.

Charlevoix County Sheriff, Chuck Vondra, and East Jordan Police Chief, Terry McDonnell, also spoke at the meeting regarding the recent passage of Proposal 1, expressing their belief the city should "opt out" of allowing marijuana dispensaries in town. Chief McDonnell stated that other communities with dispensaries experienced an increase in retail fraud crime, property robbery crime and put a strain on city services. Sheriff Chuck Vondra noted that not opting out also implies there is an access problem for people looking to obtain marijuana.

He stated opting out is the best plan for the city, "Whether someone agrees or disagrees with the new law, I do not believe there is an access problem in this area or the state." Vondra stated the Commission should wait and see how it affects other places first before they act on this and learn from their experiences at

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weather forecast

THURSDAY



HIGH: 35
LOW: 28

FRIDAY



HIGH: 38
LOW: 29

SATURDAY



HIGH: 39
LOW: 36

SUNDAY



HIGH: 35
LOW: 28

snowfall

11/27/17.....1.7	11/26/18.....4	ATLANTA
11/27/17.....8	11/26/18.....12.5	BOYNE FALLS
11/27/17.....3.2	11/26/18.....4.8	CHARLEVOIX
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11/27/17.....5.5	11/26/18.....12	LEWISTON
11/27/17.....1.8	11/26/18.....7.3	MIO
11/27/17.....6.6	11/26/18.....15.9	ONAWAY
11/27/17.....13.2	11/26/18.....19.3	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
NOV 29	.24°	...39°	.....5°	(1976)	.62°	(1998)
NOV 30	.24°	...39°	.....4°	(1958)	.65°	(1998)
DEC 1	...24°	...38°	.....3°	(1979)	.64°	(1970)
DEC 2	...23°	...38°	.....9°	(1976)	.61°	(1982)
DEC 3	...23°	...37°	.....1°	(1976)	.64°	(1982)
DEC 4	...23°	...37°	.....2°	(1966)	.60°	(1951)
DEC 5	...23°	...37°	.....10°	(1964)	.62°	(2001)
DEC 6	...22°	...36°	.....14°	(1964)	.64°	(2001)
DEC 7	...22°	...36°	.....4°	(1954)	.51°	(1988)
DEC 8	...22°	...36°	.....2°	(1977)	.53°	(1990)

OBITUARIES

Robert William Maine, 91

(JUNE 12, 1927 - NOV. 19, 2018)



Robert (Bob) passed away Monday, November 19, 2018 in Charlevoix, MI.

He was born June 12, 1927 in Mason, MI to Orla and Irah Maine. Bob was in the Army and completed his service in 1946. After the Army he worked for a John Deere dealership in Mason which began his love of the distinct green tractors.

Bob's next line of work was in construction which included building some homes in the town of his birth and he even has a street there bearing his last name. Bob went on to work

for MSU until his retirement doing maintenance for what at the time was known as married housing.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ruth and his dear friend Cheryl Pittman. He is survived by his brother James W. Maine (Jean) of Traverse City MI, niece Debra (Mark) Borst of Mears MI and niece Vicki Prueter of Mesa, AZ.

Special thank you to the staff at the Georgia House in Charlevoix who took good care of Bob the last few years.

Graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November

27, 2018 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason, MI.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth MI.

William J. Clark, 93

(FEB. 22, 1925 - NOV. 23, 2018)

William J. Clark of Boyne City passed away at home on November 23, 2018.

Graveside service with military honors will be held in the near future at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Service times will be

updated in the near future.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guest-book at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

James W. Muraszewski, 60

(AUG. 2, 1958 - NOV. 25, 2018)

James W. Muraszewski of East Jordan passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

No plans for a service

have been arranged yet.

Corina A. Russell, 53

(OCT. 26, 1965 - NOV. 20, 2018)

Corina A. Russell of Charlevoix passed away on Friday, November 20, 2018 at home.

The family has chosen to remember her privately.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gay-lordfuneralhome.com

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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung cancer accounts for more deaths in both men and women than any other form of cancer in the United States. As part of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging residents to learn more about ways to reduce their risk.

In 2018, there will be an estimated 8,780 new cases of lung cancer and 5,860 deaths from the disease in Michigan. Native American and African American males have higher case and mortality rates. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of most lung cancer deaths in

both men and women, followed by radon exposure.

"The best way to prevent lung cancer is to not smoke," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "However, it's not easy to quit tobacco, so it's essential to seek help by scheduling a time to talk to your health care provider."

If you plan to quit smoking, MDHHS recommends:

- Visiting the Michigan Tobacco Quitline website for information.

- Calling the Michigan Tobacco QuitLine at 800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free help.

- Visiting the American Lung Association's website.

- Reviewing the Michigan Cancer Consortium's resources for quitting tobacco.

People who are 55-80 years of age and current or former heavy smokers should also talk with their doctors about lung cancer screening tests. Finding lung cancer earlier through low-dose CT scans have been proven to provide better outcomes for patients and reduce associated deaths. The lung cancer screening test is covered by many insurance plans.

Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S., and radon-related cancers

are responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths annually. Radon is a radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled or tasted. It is a natural substance that can be found in the dirt and rocks beneath a house and can enter homes as these materials break down.

MDHHS recommends residents test their homes for radon. Radon test kits are available at many county and city health departments. Visit the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality website to learn how to get a test kit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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FRACKING MICHIGAN

To the Editor,
Long time coming, long time here, gas drilling goes back to at least 1962 in the Jordan Valley area of Antrim County, the Czech Bohemian settlement land grant surrounding M-32 and all points branching out. The sandy loam soil is a natural for gas and oil drilling worldwide as it seems, something about the sand that contains those old dinosaur bones and sundry ingredients that allowed for the pockets of gas and oil to coagulate, sit there for perhaps millions of years, distill into pools of liquid or gas for tapping when once the need and means were invented. By need means heat and combustion for home and vehicles. It seemed like a natural convenience. Suddenly there were cars and trucks, homes and factories, and then there came gas and oil. What luck!

Most of this started in the Middle East when oil was discovered subsequent to the developing of machinery and products that were oil based. Gas as a sideline at first ultimately distanced oil as the primary fuel. Homes and businesses in the Jordan area and elsewhere heated and ran machines on oil although natural gas had already been implemented for residential and industrial use throughout the state of Michigan and wherever else

it was preferable and available. Oil in bulk liquid form took on the task of delivery by truck for filling tanks placed strategically on properties for heating and machinery. Propane gas and petroleum advanced almost simultaneously to fulfill the advancing need of vehicles and heating, factory functions, heating and running the Industrial Revolution beyond the steam engine era soon overtaken by the more navigable car and truck system. All this took place mostly within the scope of the late 19th century through this early 21st century, barely more than a hundred years. That's pretty fast development. But that's America. Speed R us. After Athenian and Roman decrease the world took a thousand-year slumber, awakening only in the Renaissance, yawning through the Enlightenment, emerging in sailing ships once again to spawn the cotton gin, coal-fired freight trains and in sorcerer speed hand-held computers and internet communications. But gas and oil remain essential for powering most everything.

Oil found use in a multitude of products for home and business, without which synthetics would need developing at far more cost and inconvenience than drilling and harvesting natural resources. As to solar and wind technology, the re-

search is continuing with much conversion from fossil fuel already accomplished, in use. The book "The End of Country" tells the tale of the fracking miasma in Pennsylvania near New York State. That's the one where fire was coming out of showerheads and explosions occurred in homes due to gas being routed into homes and communities, fouling well water, a real scare for a while. The book ends, though, on a positive note, that the local people did benefit from fracking in many ways albeit the "end of country" life as they had known it. Country living was incorporated into city life with all its trucks and roads and equipment and energy collection and distribution. Many locals made a lot of money whereas many did not but the overall benefit was undeniable, town and country upgrades with all the new money influx, school funding, college opportunities, money in all its evils being catalyst to progress whereas hitherto stagnation prevailed. The end of country. Gas and oil won.

In the Jordan Valley and contiguous locales the incursion continues, starts and stops, some new leases, other lands leased but balked for various reasons. Lawyers wheel and deal and gas and oil companies continue to seek and find, plunge and retreat, but

the quest continues unabated, only hesitating now and then here and there to accommodate public pressure, politics, cost-benefit, all those considerations of business amidst community. And we know the lengths to which big business goes to have its way. And we know the benefits derived from its successes. And we all drive SUVs, 4x4s, big trucks for transporting everything else. And airplanes still soar across the skies, rockets into outer space. What began in the late 1900s wants no inhibitions to continuance and fast forward future.

Meanwhile we remain conflicted as to the ethics of fracking and fossil fuel itself. Sure, if someone came up with the risk-free cheaper way, devoid of pollution, powering everything from lawn mowers to diesel trucks and planes, no problem, go for it. But where's the beef? We ain't seen nothin' yet. Well, not quite true, there are solar heated and lit buildings and electric cars. Wind power is picking up steam so to speak. One thing sure: if some guy writes a check for multiple tens of thousands of dollars for simple signature to drill, we are gonna sign.

Mitchell Jon MacKay,
East Jordan

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News

POLICY FROM PG. 1A

minimum.

Administrator Cannon stated the Planning Commission did vote to make a recommendation to the City Commission to opt out until further information could be gathered and everyone could get a better understanding of this issue.

Other business at the November 20 meeting included;

- Commission support of appointing Commissioner Tom Reid as a Representative to the Jordan Valley EMS Board.

- Approved change to Section F of the Personnel Handbook regarding employee HSA Program contributions.

- Acknowledged receipt of Jordan Valley EMS Authority fiscal year audit Ending March 31

- Approved the EJ Lions Club request to sell firewood for 2019 and EJ Holiday Comm Night request for December 6

- A Public Hearing was held regarding a Commercial Facilities Exemption for Water Street Ventures in the Commercial Redevelopment District 1. A discussion will be on next meeting agenda.

Grant awards were also discussed, including;

- Charlevoix County Community Foundation \$30,000 grant toward master plan for 2019

- Murphy Field; \$5,000 grant for bleacher replacement

- Batting Cages grant; \$10,000

- Sunset Hill Cemetery \$4,000 grant for veterans bronze markers (working with American Legion)

The Commission cancelled their first meeting in January as the date falls on New Years Day.

The next Commission Meeting is December 4 at 7pm

The next DDA Meeting will be on December 17 at 5:30pm

OPEN HOUSE FROM PG. 1A

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HOT COCOA CONTEST

Noon - 5:00pm - Downtown Businesses

Don't miss the 2018 Hot Cocoa Contest. Area restaurants invite you to sample and vote on your favorite hot cocoa. Cocoa stations will be set up at participating downtown stores and restaurants. Just look for the "Cocoa Trail" posters in the storefront windows to sample and vote for your favorite Hot Chocolate creation. Remember, you can vote for any cocoa recipe at any of the Cocoa Station locations!

Make a list, check it twice and head to the Charlevoix Merchant Open House for all your holiday shopping needs!

For more information on this event, please call 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

Royal disappointment for visitors at light show

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

CHARLEVOIX - A trip to see what they believed would be a Christmas light display fit for a king turned into a royal disappointment for dozens of visitors at Charlevoix's Castle Farms last week.

About 100 people bought tickets to drive-through Castle Farms' new Christmas light display when it opened Thanksgiving night, but many of them complained or asked for refunds when the lights and decorations turned out to be far less dazzling and festive than expected.

The lackluster display was somewhat of a misunderstanding, and tickets that can be refunded either have been or soon will be, explained Ron Pierson, owner of Christmas Décor of Northwest Michigan. Pierson's business staged and sponsored the display independent of Castle Farms.



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Pierson said it was the first year for the display—a dream that's taken some 15 years to plan for and flip the switch. But it was a project intended to evolve over three years, he explained, starting small with some 25,000 lights this year and

growing more each year to eventually fulfill a jaw-dropping "Grand Vision" that the company has mapped.

Trouble was, Pierson said, that he and his staff this first year failed to consider how few lights 25,000 can appear from the standpoint of the expanse of Cas-

tle Farms' 45-acre property.

"To a small business owner or a homeowner, 25,000 lights can be impressive," Pierson said, "When you put that on 45 acres, though, it isn't."

So as not to disappoint any more people this season, Pierson said his com-

pany has decided to pull the plug on the holiday light display this year and hopes that Castle Farms will let his business try again in 2019.

He said he apologized for letting down so many people last week for the less than luminous holiday drive-through display that was intended to bring families together and inspire holiday cheer. Once people understood the reason why it missed the mark, though, Pierson said some community members have already come forward to offer help to get it up and shining brightly next year.

Those who purchased tickets online for last week's opening night will get or have already received refunds, but refunds won't be possible for those who bought tickets at the gate so those costs will be donated to charity.



'Tis the season for strings as the students of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program offer a bounty of holiday concerts. Shown here; the Dorothy Gerber Strings Students perform with The Cummings Quartet. COURTESY PHOTO

Dorothy Gerber Strings Program Holiday Concerts

'Tis the season for strings as the students of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program offer a bounty of holiday concerts. The season began with two recitals featuring private lesson students. Thirty-two students, from ages 4 through 17, performed solos for an enthusiastic audience at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church on November 16 and 17.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is the location of the next Dorothy Gerber Strings Program concert on December 1 at 4pm. This collage concert will feature ensembles of students from a variety of schools within the Char-Em region. Beginning and intermediate students from Gerber classes in Charlevoix, East Jordan

and Ellsworth will combine to start the program, followed by the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra. The Cummings Quartet, the professional ensemble of the Gerber Program, will once again perform with and for the students.

The Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra will offer an encore performance for the residents of American House-Charlevoix on December 3 at 7pm. The program will include classical selections, including two featured soloists, as well as holiday favorites.

Performances by school-based Gerber Strings classes will be sprinkled throughout the region in the weeks that follow:

- Beaver Island - Students will perform at the Com-

- mission on Aging Dinner on December 16 (11am) and again at the Beaver Island Community School holiday program on December 20 (7pm)

- Boyne City - The beginner and Intermediate classes will be joined by the new Boyne City Junior Orchestra to perform at the Boyne City Middle School on December 18 at 5:30pm.

- Charlevoix - Students will offer an informal performance at the Charlevoix Elementary School on December 20 at 5pm.

- East Jordan - The beginner and Intermediate classes will perform at the East Jordan Elementary school on December 19 at 5pm.

- Elk Rapids - Lakeland Elementary School is the

- newest addition to the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program and will be joined by The Cummings String Quartet for their first performance on December 10 at 5pm.

- Ellsworth - Students will offer an informal performance at the Ellsworth High School building on December 17 at 5:30pm.

- Harbor Springs - Students at Harbor Light Christian School will perform on the school's holiday event on December 13 at 6pm.

- Pellston - The beginner class will participate in the Pellston school's holiday programs at 1:30 and 6pm on December 5

- Petoskey - The Petoskey beginner class will be joined by The Cummings

- String Quartet for a performance at the Petoskey Middle School at 5:30pm on December 20

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is directed by Dr. David Reimer and is administered by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Made possible by the support of The Cummings Fund, the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program offers string music education throughout the Charlevoix-Emmett-Antrim region. To learn more about the program, visit www.gerber-strings.org or visit the program on Facebook. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554, www.charlevoixcircle.org



The parade will be followed by the lighting of the Community Tree at the corner of Spring and Hammond Streets. COURTESY PHOTO

COMMUNITY NIGHT

FROM PG. 1A

After the downtown festivities, be sure to take a drive thru the East Jordan Lions

Club Lighted Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park. The Christmas Village will be lit from December 6 thru January 6. Drive thru the park to view one of a kind holiday scenes created by local businesses, churches, organizations and

individuals.

Celebrate an Up North holiday tradition – Community Night in East Jordan, December 6th. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or www.ejchamber.org

Charlevoix County Community Foundation awards grants

Across Charlevoix County, the Community Foundation's grant-making will provide for what matters most now while taking care to also move our communities forward for the future. This fall, our hospitals and hospice received grants to offer high quality care for residents. Children facing serious illness, trauma, or physical disabilities will benefit from services and support. Two homes in Boyne City that were funded by the Community Foundation at groundbreaking also received funding to be completed. Collaboration and grant dollars will offer a new fitness center to Beaver Islanders. Charlevoix expects to see an increase in recycling thanks to the convenience of Big Belly Waste Disposal units. Fans visit-

ing East Jordan's Murphy Field will appreciate new bleachers to enjoy a game. The next stage of the Boyne City to Boyne Falls Non-Motorized Trail received a big boost, as did planning for a trail to be constructed from Charlevoix to Traverse City.

"The Community Foundation provided funding for initiatives and projects from urgent needs to the arts and in every community across the County," notes Community Foundation President Chip Hansen.

The Community Foundation responded to these requests and more with \$288,000 this fall because of donors who wish to make a difference in Charlevoix County. When individuals, couples, families, and businesses give back to this

place they love, the Community Foundation can connect their support with deserving organizations.

"To some extent, we rely on our nonprofit partners, local schools, and cities to help us understand current needs in each of their areas of expertise," shares John Doskoch, grant-making committee member and Community Foundation trustee. "The impact of this cycle's funding will be felt throughout the County thanks to those partnerships."

Visit c3f.org for a complete list of grants made through the fall cycle.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Friday, March 1, 2019. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants at 231-536-2440.

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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.

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE & OPEN HOUSE

December 1, 10am-2pm, Boyne District Library. Visit the Friends of the library book sale! Santa visits 10am-11:30am. Kids craft, Teen craft, and more. Free event.

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 deli-

cious 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.

ATWOOD

CHRISTMAS IN ATWOOD

December 1, 10am-3pm. Work 'n Play Shop, Royal Farms and Friske Orchards. Each business will be offering activities for the kids. Santa will be visiting at the Work 'n Play Shoppe from 10am-1pm. Sponsored by Atwood Hardware, CDS, DTS, Heeres Excavating and Mikes Auto.

CHARLEVOIX

TRAIN WONDERLAND

December 1 and 2, 10am-3pm, Castle Farms. Kids of all ages will love having unlimited access to the extravaganza of model and interactive train displays, including the ever-popular Polar Express and riding trains for children. Holiday interactive games, craft, snacks, and hot cocoa are included. Tram rides around the Castle are included (weather permitting). Admission is \$5 per person ages 3 and up. Additional food and drink available for purchase on-site.

BOYNE CITY

HANDWRITING SECRETS REVEALED

December 2, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Sign Here: What Handwriting Reveals About You—and Others," features a filmed interview with master graphologist Kathi McKnight. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. Use the Pine St. entrance.

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.

BOYNE CITY

GREAT LAKES BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL STUDENT DISCOVERY DAY

December 5, doors open at 5pm, Van Dam Custom Boats, 970 E. Division Street. Come and enjoy a sneak peek behind the scenes with Steve Van Dam and learn how you can enroll in GLBBS 12-month Comprehensive Career Boat Building Program. Limited to 25 people. RSVP online

at glbbs.edu

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.

CHARLEVOIX

26TH ANNUAL HOLLY DAZE

December 7, 5:30-10:30pm, Castle Farms. The 26th Annual Holly Daze, benefiting Charlevoix Hospital's Innovation and Patient Needs Funds, will take place on December 7 at Castle Farms. This evening will be filled with cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions, and more - you won't want to miss this event. Tickets are \$125 per person. Info; (231) 935-7631.

CHARLEVOIX

COOKIE WALK

December 8, 9-11pm, First Congregational Church, 101 State Street. A dazzling array of hundreds of homemade Christmas cookies available for sale for \$7 pound. In addition there are beautiful handmade quilted items such as dolls, doll blankets, assorted gifts and handmade felted mittens for purchase. Proceeds benefit the church and its outreach programs.

BOYNE CITY

"MY SON IS GAY" FILM

December 9, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. This Lifetree event features filmed interviews with a couple who faced various challenges from family, friends, and church after their college-aged son announced his gay lifestyle. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

ELLSWORTH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 11, 6pm, ECS High School Gym

ELLSWORTH

WOODEN SHOE FESTIVAL

December 12, 6pm, Banks Township Hall. Community Tree Lighting, Caroling, Pizza-Beverages-Dessert, Twister Joe, Music by Pine Lake Winds.

ELLSWORTH

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

December 12, 6pm, ECS High School Gym

BOYNE CITY

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 13, 5:30-7:30pm, North Harbor Christie's International Real Estate, 104 S. Lake Street. There is no charge for admission, complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided, as well as door prizes, and the Chamber will host a 50/50 raffle that will benefit the charity of the host's choice.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

SHARPS & NEEDLES DROP-OFF

December 15, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Family Medicine, 1404 Bridge Street. Come and drop off your sharps and needles for free. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. Ask about a free needle disposal kit. Free event, info at (800) 248-6777.

PETOSKEY

CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER"

December 15, 3 and 7pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Celebrate the holiday season with the dancers of Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of Ballet. With original choreography, this dynamic and beautiful show has become a Northern Michigan tradition. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CTAC Dance Scholarship Fund. www.crookedtree.org. Tickets; \$25 Adult and \$5 Student, call GLCFA box office at (231) 439-2610 or email; tickets@greatlakescfa.org.

BOYNE CITY

FAMILY TIME FEATURED

December 16, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Come Together: The Healing Power of Friends and Family," features a German film about the heartwarming—albeit unorthodox—efforts of a grandfather to bring his family together during the holidays. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

PETOSKEY MADRIGAL SINGER PERFORM

December 19, 7pm, East Jordan High/Middle School. The Petoskey Madrigal Singers will perform a Christmas Concert at the East Jordan Community Auditorium at the East Jordan High/Middle School. Admission is free, donations are greatly appreciated. The concert is presented by the Music in the Park Concert Series

PETOSKEY

HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERTS

December 20, 7pm, St. Francis Xavier Church (513 Howard Street) and December 21, 7pm, Great Lakes Center for the Arts (800 Bay Harbor Drive). The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Chorus perform Handel's Messiah. Featuring Laura Osgood Brown (Soprano), Christine Amon (Mezzo Soprano), Richard Fracker (Tenor) and Jason Coffey (Baritone). Reserve seating; \$50 or \$35, General Admission; \$25. Ages 18 and under are free. For tickets visit glcorchestra.org or call (231) 487-0010.

EAST JORDAN

RAVEN HILL WINTER SOLSTICE

December 21, noon-4pm. Indoors, the focus will be on ancient calendars and timepieces with special family activities planned. Guided trips out to Stonehenge in Raven Hill's Ancient World are available on request. Anyone interested in a guided snowshoe or cross-country ski adventure, should call ahead to book a time for a family or group outing. Indoors or out, the entire family will have great fun.

BOYNE CITY

TIPS FOR AVOIDING CHARITY SCAMS REVEALED

December 23, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "How to Sniff Out a Scam: Practical Tips for Giving Wisely," features a recorded interview with a woman who rallied her community to raise money for a friend who lied about needing cash for cancer treatment. Lifetree participants will get tools that will help them tell which charitable appeals are legitimate and feel comfortable giving to worthy causes. Admission to the 60-minute event is

free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

A CHILDREN'S WINTER SPECTACULAR

December 27, 4-6pm, East Jordan United Methodist Church. Enjoy a visit and special performance by the well known Snow Queen and Ice Princess. Get creative at the hot cocoa bar and decorate your own sugar cookies. Plus, take the fun home with you with a take-home Olaf Craft. Tickets are \$15 per child and each child includes one adult. Extra adults are \$5. After this exciting event ends, take a drive through our first ever lighted Christmas display! (included with your ticket)

EAST JORDAN

RAVEN HILL HOLIDAY GATHERING

December 28. Come play, buy your annual membership or make an annual donation and help us celebrate our 27th holiday season with special treats.

BOYNE CITY

THE PAIN OF LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE ADDRESSED

December 30, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Living a Lie: The Perils of a Double Life," features the filmed story of Carol Grever, a woman who discovered after 30 years that her husband had been living a double life. Participants will gain practical insights into coping with the pain of discovering double lives as they follow Grever's journey toward forgiveness, growth, and hope. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN

NEW YEAR'S EVE OVERNIGHT

December 31, starting at 6pm to 9am January 1. Raven Hill Discovery Center staff will entertain the kids and keep them safe, while you celebrate here with them or on your own. Registration is limited and cost is \$100 per person, so book soon by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369. Register by December 24, 2018 for this fun-filled December 31st overnight. For more information on any Raven Hill activities, phone 231-536-3369 or email info@miravenhill.org

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9 am - Noon. The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is 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.



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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 forgetting 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. Hand-washing 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 AskKaren.gov during the hotline’s hours of operation.



Boyer Falls Public Schools **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



Victoria Byard

Grade: Boyer Falls Preschool – GSRP Classroom
Parent’s Name(s): Jennifer & Ed Florenski, Clinton Byard

What do you want to be when you grow up?: *Tori would like to be a princess when she grows up.*

Favorite Book: *Sophia the First*

Hobbies and interests: *Tori enjoys reading books, playing with puzzles, coloring and writing. She also really likes to play outside.*

School Activities: *While at school, Tori likes to play in the gym. Her favorite area in our classroom is dramatic play with the baby dolls.*

Staff Comments: *Tori has been a wonderful addition to Boyer Falls Preschool. She is always safe, always kind, and always doing the right thing. When something isn’t right, she always speaks up and finds a teacher. We are lucky to have such a sweet, caring and kind student in our school family.*

Submitted By: *Mr. Mitchell (Klooster), Ms. Emily (Matelski) & Ms. Carly (Statler)*



Pictured L to R : Lynne Salmonson, Madeline Beck, Betty Rowe, Judy Seibert, Maryanne Borths, Jill Washburn, Gail Seidel, Jan Gibbs and Linda DeGrow. COURTESY PHOTO

Christmas and Bake Sale at Charlevoix United Methodist Church

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church is hosting an “All You Can Eat” Soup & Christmas Sale & Bake Sale Saturday December 1 from

9:30am to 2pm. 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. Church located at 104 State St..

Homes sought for 320 children during Adoption Month

More than 320 children who are in foster care in Michigan need loving, permanent homes as the state marks Adoption Month. Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed November to be Adoption Month in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) – in partnership with adoption agencies and the courts – works to find and create forever families through adoption. In fiscal year 2018, 1,931 children were

adopted from the Michigan foster care system, according to MDHHS.

“It is important for all children to have a loving home that they can call their own,” said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon. “While our priority is to safely reunify children in foster care with their parents, we rely on adoptive parents when it’s determined that a child cannot safely return to his or her home.”

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 a family. Children in the foster care system become eligible for adoption following termination of parental rights due to abuse or neglect. There were 13,710 children in the foster care system as of Sept. 30, 2018, but the goal for most children is safe reunification with their families.

New families are becoming “official” at Adoption Day

ceremonies around the state this month, including Nov. 26 at the Michigan Supreme Court Hall of Justice in Lansing.

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

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No PFAS found in East Jordan city water

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

EAST JORDAN - The city of East Jordan has joined other municipalities in Charlevoix County testing for none or very low traces of PFAS-or polyfluoroalkyls- in its public water drinking supply.

Driven by concern about PFAS in the public's drinking water, the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team set about collecting water samples from municipalities and schools in every county in the state during the past year.

City officials in East Jordan recently revealed test results showing no evidence of PFAS in its drinking water sources, joining nearby Boyne City, where the drinking water also showed no evidence of PFAS. The city of Charlevoix's well system showed a negligible trace of PFAS in its sources, however, the results fell well within accepted levels set by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and does not pose a health threat.

A statement posted on the city's Facebook page

reads:

"The City of East Jordan is pleased to report that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has tested its water system and no PFAS have been detected. This data combined with the results from East Jordan's annual water quality report are reassuring indicators of the safety and quality of the water provided to our residents."

More information regarding the State of Michigan's response to PFAS can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/>

Firefighters save six dogs in East Jordan house fire

BY MICHELLE MEDJESKY

EAST JORDAN - Fire fighters here are true heroes for an East Jordan woman whose six dogs they saved during a house fire last week.

East Jordan Fire Chief Glen Thorman said crews were called to a fire reported at the home of Trina Bos at 730 Lincoln Street in East Jordan around 9 a.m. Monday, November 19.

Bos was safely outside her home when he arrived on the scene, Thorman said, but her six dogs were still inside the house.

Bos told the chief she had only left for about 20 minutes and saw thick smoke coming out of her

house when she returned. The smoke was so heavy Bos said she could not battle it to get inside to rescue her dogs.

Once the fire crew arrived, two firefighters went inside to fight the flames with a hose and two others went to look for Bos's dogs and found her smaller breed dogs in a bathroom and her pit bulls in a bedroom. He said all animals appeared fine after the incident.

Thorman said the fire had started in the kitchen but that the cause has yet to be determined. He noted that if it had burned just minutes longer, Bos's dogs likely would not have been found alive.



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It is possible that some of your friends and neighbors are visiting our food pantry.

During the long winter season, our resources become overwhelmed with more people needing assistance in order to stay warm and fed.

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