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Shop Small Saturday in East Jordan November 30

BY KAREN WALKER

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will kick off the annual Shop Small Saturday this weekend with a free mini breakfast sponsored by Family Fare and Save-A-Lot food stores.

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, Nov. 30th, the first fifty shoppers to visit the Chamber office will receive a goodie bag filled with coupons, candy, promotional items, and sample products from local businesses. Many East Jordan businesses will

discounts, sale prices, and door prizes to help make the most of your holiday shop-

In conjunction with the sales event, a home-based business vendor expo will be held in the Community Cen-

have early hours with special ter on Main Street starting at 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. where you can shop for your favorite products from nearly a dozen different sellers such as Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Paparazzi and more. Farther up Main Street, the Jordan River Art

Center's gift market will welcome early bird shoppers 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and again during their regular hours of 1-4:00 p.m. At the Banks Township Hall located in downtown Ellsworth, there will be a craft bazaar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For a complete list of participating businesses, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.

Always the last Saturday in November, Shop Small Saturday was created in 2010 by American Express, in partnership with the non-profit National Trust for Historic Preservation. The event encourages holiday shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the annual holiday shopping tradition that helps bring communities together to support their favorite small businesses.





There's plenty of holiday fun in store for the whole family on Friday, November 29, in Boyne City at the Holiday Open House and the Santa Parade. Photo courtesy of Boyne City Main Street.

BOYNE CITY

Santa Parade, downtown open house, tree lighting November 29

The Boyne City Holiday Open House and Santa Parade is a true community celebration of the season. The festivities will be taking place on November 29, 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 will line up on East Main Street between East and Park Streets start-

food stores

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ing at 5:30pm. The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown. After the parade, children can visit with Santa at a new location this year: the Sunset Park Log Cabin.

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.

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



The final parade entry will be Santa and his helpers who will stop in East Park to brighten the night by lighting the Community Christmas Tree for the first time this holiday season. Photo courtesy of the **Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce**

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting November 29

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 29.

Throughout the day, Charlevoix Merchants will be offering fantastic Black Friday Deals that you won't want to miss. While area restaurants will offer great food and drink specials. Black Friday also kicks off the Gift Local shopping initiative where you can shop Charlevoix for a chance to win up to \$500 in Downtown Dollars. For contest details visit www.charlevoixmain-

street.org. From 3 to 5pm, children

of all ages are invited to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts to partake in some good old fashioned holiday craft ac-

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tivities. Charlevoix State Bank will also be offering free photos with Santa. Stop in and have your child's picture taken with Santa. Santa and his jolly elves will be at the bank to help you capture that special holiday moment. Kids will enjoy delicious treats, compliments of Charlevoix State Bank and Picture This while they wait for their turn to see Santa.

From 4 to 6pm, Enjoy complimentary cookies and cocoa next to the Community Christmas Tree in East Park from 4 to 6pm. A big thank you to Subway for providing the cookies, and to Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant for providing the hot cocoa.

At 5:30pm, the 9th Annual Charlevoix Holiday

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See **Charlevoix Holiday**— Page 7A

Man Sentenced on Animal **Cruelty Matter**

On November 22. in the 33rd Circuit Court, Travis Jon Nelson,

29, Boyne City, was sentenced to pay \$1,874 in restitution and to serve 100 hours of community service at the Charlevoix County Humane Society following his conviction on animal cruelty

charges. On October 3, 2019, Nelson pleaded guilty to a felony charge of attempted torturing of an animal.

Nelson admitted that he had used a small hair tie band with metal wraps to attempt to castrate a house cat belonging to his girlfriend's mother. Nelson said that he had seen this procedure, called "banding", used on farm animals and thought that it would save money on neutering.

The band was left on the cat for approximately two weeks.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, a witness said that the banding had made the cat act angry and appear to be in pain. The procedure caused the banded area to turn red and purple. Eventually, on another family member took the cat to an animal clinic who in turn notified Charlevoix County Animal Control who investigated the incident.

Since February 25, 2019, the cat has been in the care of the humane society. The restitution was ordered to compensate the humane society for the care and treatment of the

Judge Roy C. Hayes III said that though it appeared that Nelson did not mean to harm the cat, his actions showed a lack of common sense and caused injury. Hayes told Nelson that he would first have to undergo an interview at the humane society to be cleared for community service but that the court's expectation was that the community service would be performed there.

Submitted by Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Allen Telgenhof

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THURSDAY



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FRIDAY

HIGH: 35

LOW: 28

SATURDAY

HIGH: 35

LOW: 27



SUNDAY

HIGH: 32 LOW: 22

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Kyle Stanley, 52

(MARCH 7, 1967 - NOV. 23, 2019)

Kyle Stanley passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 23, 2019.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Mark Steven Kondrat, 65

(MARCH 8, 1954 - NOV. 20, 2019)

Mark Steven Kondrat, a life-long resident of Boyne Falls passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, surrounded by loved ones at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital.

Mark was a life-long resident of Boyne Falls where lived on the Kondrat family farm. He was a graduate of Boyne Falls High School and a proud supporter of the school and their athletics.

Boyne Falls has lost a valued member of the community. He was active member of the local community and St Augustine's church.

Mark worked most of his life at Boyne Falls Log Homes and then Town and Country Cedar homes.

On September 13, 1975 Mark married Claudia Spurgeon. Mark is survived by his wife Claudia, daughters Andrea (Tom) and Kellie, sons Toby (Jordy) and Ben, sisters Christine Thomas (Mark) and Missy Gapinski (Mike), brother Rudy Kondrat, and several nieces and nephews. Mark's pride and joy were his grandchildren; Paisley, Brandon, Cameron, Griffin, and

His parents Bernard and Clara Kondrat preceded Mark in death.

Mark enjoyed time hunting, fishing, and telling the stories of these adventures. He also enjoyed time at his cabin on Drummond Island and spending time with family and friends. Mark had great wit along with an incredible sense of humor. He touched many lives with his tremendous loving soul.

A funeral mass was celebrated Saturday, November 23, 2019 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City. Burial followed mass at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls. Family and friends wishing to share a thought or a memory of Mark are encouraged to do so at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St Augustine alter guild or Boyne Falls sports boosters.

James Kenneth Dickerson, 85

(MAY 13, 1934 - NOV. 23, 2019)

James Kenneth Dickerson of Boyne City and formerly of Davison. Goodrich and Flint, has finally got his wish to be with his heavenly



Jim was born on May 13, 1934, in Caro, Michigan, the son of Leland and Grace (Sherman) Dickerson. He grew up in the thumb area of Michigan and on June 22, 1963, in Flint, he married Arthella M. Erfourth

He worked for General Motors for more than 30 years. He worked mostly at the Chevrolet Truck Assembly in Flint. He retired in 1989. In 1994, Jim and Arthella moved to Boyne City.

Jim leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Arthella M. Dickerson as well as many nieces and nephews, a sister-in-law, Mayjo Erfourth and her family; and someone who is very close to his heart, his "adopted daughter", Tami Fischer and her family, Scott Balzer, Amie Carter, Ryan Balzer as well as all her grandchildren.

He had a great love for his animals. He leaves behind his horse, Squire, of many years and many miles; and his beloved dogs, Muffin, who just recently left him after 16 years and Scooter, who is now left at home and is at a loss without Jim.

Jim belonged to the Michigan Trail Riders for a number of years.

The family sincerely "Thanks" the Hiland Cottage Hospice House for their wonderful care.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at 12:00 Noon at the

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First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. until service

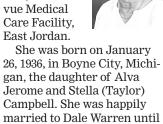
In lieu of flowers, donations to Jim's church, the First Presbyterian Church, Boyne City, would be greatly appreciated.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Nancy E. (Campbell) Warren, 83

(JAN.26, 1936 - NOV. 20, 2019)

Nancy E. Warren of Echo Township **Antrim County** died Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.



March 9, 2006 She is survived by two children, Teresa (James) Yell of Petoskey and Kenneth (Cindy Skop) Warren of East Jordan; brother, Frank (Alice) Campbell of East Jordan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

he preceded her in death on

She was also preceded in death by her parents

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams of the Lighthouse Missionary Church will officiate. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. until service time.

Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan, MI.

Warren H. "Pete" Frank, Jr.

SEPTEMBER 20. 1935 ~ NOVEMBER 20, 2019 (AGE 84)

Warren H. "Pete" Frank, Jr., 84, of East Jordan, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, November 20. 2019, at Munson Medical Center

in Traverse City. He was born on September 20, 1935, in Royal Oak, Michigan, the son of Warren H., Sr. and Dora (Gates) Frank. In 1939, his family moved to East Jordan. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1953. He participated and excelled in baseball, football basketball and track. In the year Warren

State Quarter Finals. On January 4, 1954, Warren enlisted in the United State Air Force and trained in electronics. He remained an active basketball player and was a member of the Far East All-Star Basketball Team.

graduated, he led the Red

Devils in basketball to the

On November 26, 1956, he married the love of his life, Gwendolyn Donaldson.

In 1956, he was invited to try out for the U.S. Olympic Team. He was also the MVP of Lackland Air Force Base Basketball Team from 1956 to

In the U.S. Air Force, War-

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ren received a total of eight medals including the Joints Service Commendation Medal. He retired in January of 1974.

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He officiated in football. baseball, softball, volleyball and basketball. He retired from officiating in 1988. Warren was a member International Associations of Approved Basketball Officials from 1969 to 1974, President of the North Bay Football Officials Association, and President of the North Bay Basketball Officials Association.

Warren was also president of the East Jordan Lions Club in 1981 to 1982. Zone Chairman of District 13 of Lions Club in 1983, President of the Six Mile Lake Association in 1986 and Commander of the Central Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6985 in 1991 to 1992. He was proud to have been the first commander to win the White Hat in 50 years of the Post. He was also proud to have helped organize and supervise the building of three Veterans monuments in Dunsmore Cemetery, Morehouse Cemetery and at the V.F.W. Hall in Central Lake. Warren organized the Senior Golf League at the Mallard Golf Course near East Jordan and ran the league for eight years from 1999 to 2007.

He is survived by two daughters, Roxann (Rick) Roberts of East Jordan and Mona (David) Stanski of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren, Aaron Stanski, Ryan Stanski, Katrina Dyer, Justin Roberts and Jessica Chaperon; eleven great grandchildren; one sister, Jackie Inman of North Carolina: and one sister-in-law, Susie Frank of Manton, He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the East Jordan Community Church. Pastor Jason Richey officiated with military honors following at Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County.

In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org)

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Esther Mae Jolliffe, 83

(MAY 3, 1936 - NOV. 24, 2019)

Esther Mae Jolliffe of Ellsworth passed away No vember 24, 2019 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Esther was born May 3, 1936 in Ellsworth, MI to Henry Heeres and Gertrude (Vandenberg) Heeres.

She was a member of the Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth, as well as a volunteer at the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth for several years. Esther enjoyed shopping, baking cookies, traveling, camping, and talking on the phone. In 1997 Esther traveled to China to help her niece adopt her daughter Taylor. Family was the first and most important thing to Esther.

Preceding Esther in death were her parents, brothers Harold Heeres and Bob Heeres, and sisters Eleanor Holecheck and Louise Potter. On February 26, 1955 in

Ellsworth, Esther married Richard L. Jolliffe who survives. Also surviving Esther are four children, Susan (Dave) Maas of Jamestown, MI, Kevin Jolliffe of Jenison, MI, Rhonda Jolliffe of Akron, OH, good friend Amy Keller, and Laura (Al) Elhart of East Jordan, MI. As well as brother Marvin (Charlotte) Heeres of Ellsworth, MI, sister Jan Hartman of Kalamazoo, MI, seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will take place Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth, MI at 1:00 p.m., with visitation going from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service Thursday. Interment will follow at Norwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Esther's name may be made to the Good Samaritan, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729 or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Eileen Anona Edwards, 90

(NOV. 11, 1929 - NOV. 21, 2019) Eileen Anona Edwards of

Charlevoix passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the American House in Charlevoix. She was born on November 11,

1922 in Newaygo, MI, the daughter of Hugh and Chloe (McKinlay) Anderson. Eileen married Richard Edwards on November 28, 1942 In Kentucky. Together, they owned and operated the Edwards IGA grocery store

in Charlevoix, which is now a Goodwill. Eileen enjoyed reading, playing bingo, going on walks, travelling, spending time with her family, and socializing with her friends. Eileen is survived by her

son, Larry Edwards of Jenison Beach, FL; her nephew, Jim (Diana) Anderson of St. Joseph, MI; her niece, Barb Anderson of Munith, MI; three grandchildren, Justin Edwards, Branden Kanoff, and Krista Kanoff: and one great grandchild, Ava Berlage.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard Edwards; her daughter, Meri Lyn Bennett; her brother, Ellsworth Anderson; and her parents.

A memorial service will be scheduled in the late spring or early summer of 2020. Details will be announced as they are available. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to the Charlevoix County Animal Shelter or Hospice of Michi-Arrangements are in the

care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

LaRue Kenney, 93

(NOV. 20, 1926 - NOV. 21, 2019) LaRue Kenney of

Charlevoix passed away November 21, 2019 at American House Charlevoix. LaRue was born November

20, 1926 in Allegan, Michigan

to Herman Leverenz and Edna (Hansen) Leverenz. In 1958 LaRue moved with her family to Charlevoix to run the Kit-Carson Lumber Company for many years.

A known cardshark, LaRue excelled at Euchre, Canasta, Pinochle, Bridge and others. She was an active woman, enjoying golf, skiing, bowling, and boating. As well as taking her family to dinner at the Dam Site Inn. She wintered in Arizona for over 30 years before coming back to Charlevoix full time. LaRue received her Bachelor's degree in retail from Western Michigan University. On June 26, 1948, in South

Haven, Michigan, she married Glenn Kenney who preceded her in death. Also preceding LaRue in death are her parents, Herman and Edna Leverenz. She is survived by three children, Dick (Pat) Kenney of Fountain Hills, AZ, Cheryl (Sam) Buitendorp of Boyne City, MI, and Kim (Bob) Kierczynski of Traverse City, MI. As well as eight grandchildren, Sarah Kenney, Cara Kenney, Rebekah (Rahman) Moes, David Buitendorp, Seth (Kahlei) Buitendorp, Trevor (Stephanie) Kierczynski, Troy (Kadra) Kierczynski, and Kali (fiancé Presley Holmes) Kierczynski. She had seven great-grandchildren.

There are no services planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American House, 615 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Viola E. McVey, 93

(NOV. 10. 1926 - NOV. 19. 2019) Viola Elizabeth McVev

passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, in Charlevoix, Michigan. She was born

November 10, 1926, in Mackinaw City, Michigan to Fredrick and Emma (Duffina) Meden.

Viola enjoyed gardening, reading, listening to country music, volunteering and participating in activities at Freedom School, which is part of the Mackinaw Area Historical Society. She attended Freedom School, 1st-8th grades then graduated from Mackinaw City High School in 1944. Later in life she was certified as an Adult Caretaker from Grand Rapids Junior College. She owned and ran her own adult foster care home for many years prior to retirement.

Viola is survived by four of her five children; Stuart McVey, Lakewood, Colorado, Colorado; Linda Manganaro, Gilbert, Arizona; Denise McVey, St. Joseph, Michigan, and Marcia McVey, Riverside, California; and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her eldest son, Dennis McVey, originally of Rockford, Michi-

A memorial service will be held in the spring when her cremated remains will be buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Mackinaw City next to her husband Stuart. Donations can be made to

the Mackinaw Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 999, Mackinaw City, MI 49701



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News

The American celebration of Thanksgiving



BY JIM AKANS

Thanksgiving is the classic holiday for all Americans. 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 to all is a timeless and priceless

There are about 46 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 WalletHub.

Other morsels of trivia: - Average calories consumed on Thanksgiving; 3,000 - 4,500

- Treadmill time to burn off those calories; 10 hours and 33 minutes



Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." ~Erma Bombeck, Wikimedia Commons photo

- Average cost of a 10 person dinner; \$48.90 (results

- Favorite dishes (in descending order); Turkey, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce.

- Date President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving to be a National Holiday; October 3, 1863.

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 under the .500 mark at 37-40-2. The Lions will play the Chicago Bears at Ford

Field this year starting at 12:30pm, which will be televised on FOX network television. Should be interesting.

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...

"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 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

'Thanksgiving is a very important holiday. Ours was the first country in the world to make a national holiday to give thanks." Linus (Charles Shultz)

"Thanksgiving, when the Indians said, "Well, this has been fun, but we know you have a long voyage back to

England". –Jay Leno "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

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

"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.

U. S. MILITARY **VETERAN** OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the Month for November, 2019, is William Austin Clark. Born Jan 7, 1922 to parents Edward and Minerva Smith Clark. He attended school at Pleasant Valley, Antrim County, and grew up in the area. On July 4th, 1941, he married Marion Barnes Clark. They moved to Davison, Michigan where Bill found work at a gas service station. Bill and Marion welcomed a son born in April of 1942. On 8 December, 1942. Clark enlisted into the United States Army, and after completion of basic and advanced training was then sent with replacement troops overseas during the North African campaign. In an newspaper article from the Charlevoix County Herald dated August 20, 1943 it. was reported that word was received that Clark had been seriously wounded in North Africa. Then in a later newspaper article from September 24, 1943, word was received that Clark had been Killed in Action in the North African area on 13 July, 1943, Clarks remains were interred in a temporary cemetery in Gela, Sicily. In 1948, Clarks remains were brought back to the United States American Graves Registration Division at Chicago, Ill., then transported by rail to Ellsworth Michigan along with a Military escort. There they were met at the train station by

members of the American

Legion Post #227 of East Jor-

dan Michigan, and escorted



William Austin Clark

to the Watson Funeral home in East Jordan to lie in state from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for visitation. Pvt. Clarks remains were then taken to the Dunsmore Cemetery in Antrim County for burial with full Military graveside honors conducted by the American Legion Post #227 members. Clarks widow received his Purple Heart Medal for his sacrifice. On 13 July, 1943, Pvt. William Austin Clark answered the final call and is being honored by his son Ed, and fam-

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15

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Thanksgiving 1863 Presidential Proclamation

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 Deer skin 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.

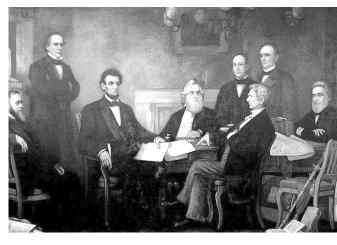
On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November be designated as a national holiday of Thanksgiving. It was a proclamation Lincoln issued at the urging of Sarah J. Hale, editor for a popular magazine at the time, who had campaigned for many 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



ABOVE: 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.

BELOW: While President Lincoln is often remembered for issuing the Emancipation Proclamation in the autumn of 1862, Lincoln also issued (at the urging of magazine editor Sarah J. Hale), the Proclamation declaring Thanksgiving



"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

"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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News Briefs

WALLOON LAKE **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING** November 27, 6-8pm

CHARLEVOIX 9TH ANNUAL MUNSON **CHARLEVOIX HOSPITAL 5K**

TURKEY TROT November 28, 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 24 to guarantee your long-sleeved tshirt – or upgrade to a cozy sweatshirt! Early shirt pickup will be available on Wednesday, November 27 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 **ANNUAL COMMUNITY** THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 28. The 13th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day from noon to 3pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 1003 Bridge Street. The meal is provided at no charge. All are welcome

BOYNE CITY BOYNE KIWANIS TURKEY TROT 5K RACE/1-MILE FUN RUN

November 28, starting at 9am. The race will begin and end at City Hall, 319 N. Lake St. Packet pick-up will be the day before event from 2-6pm at Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen. Tshirts are guaranteed if entry form is received by November 20. For further information email boynecitytrot@gmail.com. Entrants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to Boyne area food pantries. Register online at runsignup.com or pick up a form at the Boyne Area Chamber, Edward Jones, Kilwins of Bovne City, or Lake Charlevoix Coffee.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNEK

November 28, 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.

EAST JORDAN **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST**

November 28, St. Joseph Church. Please join us for a Community Thanksgiving Feast. Games and snacks at 1pm, dinner at 2pm. Come one, come all.

BOYNE CITY LIVE NATIVITY

November 29, 5-7pm, Coldwell Banker Parking Lot, 231 E. Water Street. Featuring live goats, calves, sheep, and camel. Complimentary chili, hot dogs, cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and sample pours from Stiggs Brewery.

CHARLEVOIX **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & PARADE**

November 29, 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. Parade at 5:30p on Bridge Street followed by the Tree Lighting in East Park at 6pm. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101 or www.charlevoix.org for additional information or to get a parade entry form.

CHARLEVOIX

CMA HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

November 29, 11am-6pm. The Charlevoix Montessori Academy located at 115 W. Hurlbut will be having a Holiday Art and Craft Show! The admission is free and they will be having hourly door prizes! We will be featuring a variety of vendors to help you get all your holiday shopping done in once place. They will be featuring Lularoe, Paparazzi, Bellabree, Pure Haven, Manicure Mama Nails, Colorstreet. Doterra, Maeve B's and much more.

BOYNE CITY ANNUAL SANTA PARADE & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

November 29. The parade starts at 6pm and the Holiday Open House continues with refreshments from 5 to 9pm in most downtown stores. NEW THIS YEAR - visits with Santa will take place at the Sunset Park log cabin. The parade and open house are sponsored by Boyne City Main Street; call 231-582-9009 for further information or questions.

EAST JORDAN

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 30, 8-10am. East Jordan Area Chamber will once again be hosting a Small Business Saturday - Shop Small Mini Breakfast. The Chamber will stuff 50 goodie bags for the first 50 shoppers. There will be a vendor event at the East Jordan Community Center from 8am-1pm featuring Paparazzi, Young Living, Pink Zebra, Rada Knives, Perfectly Posh, That One Place Paint and Sip, Lime Life by Alcone, Pampered Chef and Tupperware.

BOYNE CITY FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS DOC WOODWARD'S **GUITAR SUMMIT**

November 30, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 South Lake St. Featuring Doc Woodward and his six-piece band with Ivan Greilick, Big Daddy Fox, Jon Archambault, Randy Marsh and Dale Swords. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call (231) 582-2588 to

ANTRIM COUNTY **ANTRIM SKI ACADEMY EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING SALE**

November 30, 9am-5pm, Grand Ballroom in The Lakeview Hotel at Summit Village at Shanty Creek. This sale will feature new and used ski and snowboard equipment clothing.People with equipment and/or clothing that they wish to sell, may drop these items off at the swap location November 29 from 5pm – 8pm and again from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday. Unsold items and/or payment(s) for sold items may be picked up between 5 and 6pm Saturday evening. Antrim Ski Academy retains 20% of the selling price of all items sold, as a commission for selling the items. Proceeds from this year's swap will benefit the Great North Academy (Elk Rapids/St. Francis/Central Lake/Grand Traverse Academy) High School Ski Team and the Antrim Ski Academy Scholarship program.

BOYNE CITY ENCOUNTERS WITH ANGELS DISCUSSED

December 1, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Angels Among Us: Stories of Miraculous Encounters," features a filmed interview with Kelley West, a woman who credits angels with saving her life during an explosive domestic incident 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.

CHARLEVOIX ST MARY PARISH HOSTS **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

December 1, 5pm. "Lessons and Carols" is a service of Scripture, song and prayer that dates back to the late 19th century. The "Lessons" lead us to reflect upon nine different scriptures that take us from the Book of Genesis and the story of the Fall of Man to the Gospel of Matthew's recording of Jesus's story and his Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is accompanied by a carol and prayer. The service will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Center. For more information, please call the Parish office: 231-547-6652.

EAST JORDAN CHAMBER HOLIDAY AFTER HOURS

December 2, 5:30-7:30pm, Foundry Bar & Grill. Celebrate the start of another wonderful holiday season with great networking, fabulous food and a cash bar. Sponsored by EJ and the East Jordan Area Chamber. Admission is by cash donation to benefit Care & Share and Good Samaritan Food Pantries.

BOYNE CITY LIGHTS OF LOVE TREE LIGHTING REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

December 4, 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 Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist. NMHA is a non-medical hospice service specializing in volunteer and grief support for those facing illness and loss in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. In the past 32 years, Boyne Eta Nu has raised over \$107,000 for Hospice.Light of Love flyers with donation information for lights, hearts or reserving for our post-ceremony dinner at Water Street Cafe are available online at the Boyne Area Chamber and the Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist office at 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix.

BOYNE CITY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION FOR AVALANCHE AND THE OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

December 4, 5:30-7:30pm, Boyne City Hall. The focus of this public meeting is to seek public input on the development of schematic design plans for Avalanche (base of the hill) and the Open Space properties. The City will build upon previous planning and design efforts for each park property. After a short presentation describing this and prior efforts to plan park development, attendees will be invited to participate in a hands-on activity aimed at influencing schematic plans for the park properties.

EAST JORDAN

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

December 5, 5-7pm, downtown. Downtown East Jordan comes alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Santa will make his way down Main Street in the Lighted Parade and he will meet children after the parade. The Community Christmas Tree will be lit by the Citizens of the Year, the Annual Soup Cook-Off will be held to benefit the Care and Share Food Pantry, our businesses will be open with special sales and the restaurants will have special deals. The East Jordan Rotary will have their Find Santa Scavenger Hunt and the E.J. Co-Op Nursery School will have a bake sale at the Community Center.

PETOSKEY

LUNCHEON LECTURE; **CONSPIRACY THEORIES, FAKE NEWS, MEDIA AND POLITICS**

December 6, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Scott LaDeur, Ph.D., North Central professor of political science, examines why so many people believe claims about a faked moon landing, the rigging of voting machines, the "truth" about 9/11, and President Obama's birthplace. He will look at conspiratorial thinking and the power of "fake news" to create new realities for voters.. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

ATW00D **CHRISTMAS IN ATWOOD**

December 7, 10am-3pm. Free kids activities, Santa and more. Santa at Work N Play Shop - 10 AM - 1:00 PM, Free Event - Kids Activities @ Work N Play Shop, Friske Orchards, Atwood Hardware, Royal Farms, Grace Gallery and Northern Treasures.

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY HOBBY CRAFT SHOW

December 7, 9am-3pm, Boyne City High School. The Holiday Hobby Craft Show will again present 150 arts and crafts vendors. 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 41st annual event that raises funds for the Boyne City Booster Foundation. The Booster Foundation's fundraising efforts help support all arts, academics, and athletics for Boyne City Public School students.

BOYNE CITY LIFETREE DISCUSSES WAYS TO INVIGORATE LIFE

December 8, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Stuck in a Rut? Get Unstuck...One Step at a Time,' features a filmed interview with Kenyon Eastin, a man who began a coast-to-coast walk across the country in April 2014. Although he faced multiple hardships from weather and unforeseen complications, Eastin says his walk gave him a life-changing perspective. 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 **HOLIDAY CONCERT**

December 8, 3pm, EJ Public School Auditorium. Presented by the Jordan Valley Community Band. Hallelujah Chorus, Sing-a-Longs, Please

join us as our group of area musicians perform classic sing-a-longs, the moving Hallelujah Chorus, and other beautiful Christmas pieces. This uplifting concert is sure to brighten your day and leave you humming on the way

ELLSWORTH 14TH ANNUAL WOODEN SHOE **FESTIVAL**

December 11, 6-7:30pm, Banks Township Hall. Enjoy our 14th annual evening of fun with friends and neighbors. Ceremonial lighting of the Community Tree, Caroling, Pizza Dinner, Cookies with Grinch, Punch and Hot Chocolate Bar, Pine Lake Winds Concert and Twister Joe.

BOYNE CITY **HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER** HOURS

December 12, 5:\$0-7:30pm. Hosted by Resort Rentals North. It will be held at "Lake View Chalet," 1113 Marshall Road, one of our newest properties. There is no admission charge and appetizers, beer and wine will be provided at no charge. There will be a 50/50 raffle and the grand prize will be a two-night stay at the Lake View Chalet (some restrictions apply). Door prizes consist of holiday arrangements created by Upsy Daisy. Boyne Area Community Christmas will receive the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; KAYAKING LAKE SUPERIOR

December 13, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Author, traveler and grandfather Tom Renkes kayaked solo for a thousand miles along Lake Superior because, he said, "I had overcome storms in my life and wanted this journey as proof of my recovery and reclamation of a life." We will hear his observations and see what it is like to take a long trip in a very small boat along the largest, most rugged and most dramatic of the Great Lakes. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

BOYNE CITY BENEFITS OF FIGHTING FAIR ADDRESSED

December 15, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Conquering Conflict: Healthy Ways to Tackle Disagreements," features a filmed interview with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, whose relationship-building work has been featured on CNN, Good Morning America, Oprah, and the New York Times best-seller list. Admission to the 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

EAST JORDAN **DIABETES SCREENING & WELLNESS TALK**

December 18, 11am-noon, EJ Area Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Free and open to all ages. No appointment necessary. Conducted by the East Jordan Family Health Center and sponsored by the EJ Lions Club.

EAST JORDAN

MADRIGAL SINGERS AND PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL **CHORUS**

December 18, 7-8pm, East Jordan Community Auditorium. Free concert presented by the East Jordan DDA, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Jordan River Arts Council. Donations welcome.

BOYNE CITY LIFETREE DISCUSSES THE **SPIRIT OF SANTA**

December 22, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "The Spirit of Santa: The Legend, the Love, the Lowdown,' features a filmed interview with Mark and Teresa Mc-Graw, a couple who professionally play the roles of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. During the interview, the Mc-Graw's explain that they don the costumes and personalities as a way to bring joy to those around them, particularly kids. 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.

BOYNE CITY PERSONAL TRAGEDIES EXPLORED

December 29, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The Lifetree event, titled "Why, God? When Personal Tragedy Doesn't Make Sense," features an original film depicting the true story of Thomas Vander Woude, who found his son struggling for his life after a backyard accident. Admission to the 60minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

BOYNE CITY ANNUAL CHAMBER

AWARDS GALA January 16, 5:30pm, Boyne

Mountain Civic Center. Presenting sponsor for the gala will be KorthaseFlinn Insurance and Financial Services. In addition to the presentation of awards to community leaders and the installation of chamber board members, the event will feature a buffet dinner, cash bar, bucket raffles and a live auction. Tickets are

Bucket raffles will be held for great prize packages with 10 tickets available for \$25. There will also be a raffle with \$10 tickets for a Yeti Cooler full of spirits and goodies, sponsored by Boyne City Hardware. The Live Auction is sponsored by Boyne Mountain. Ticket info at www.boynechamber.com

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 8am - Noon. The market has moved indoors to the lobby of Boyne City Hall. Packed full of beautiful produce, greens, homemade goodies and so much more. The Market is also working with the support of Blissfest and Grain Train to continue to provide talented local musicians for your listening pleasure as you shop. For more information on the market, visit the Bovne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX **FARMERS MARKET**

October 10- November 26: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St. Thursdays from 3-6pm. The vendors you love will be back for a new season to bring their farm goods to your table. The Charlevoix Farmers Market offers a variety of farmers and specialty vendors.

EAST JORDAN

APPLICATIONS FOR LIGHTED

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted displays for their annual Lighted Christmas Village at the Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by December 5th, and viewing by car or walk through continues through January 5th. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cost to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please con-Sherry Pursel at tact skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY **HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS**

GREEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROPOSALS

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan invites local communities to apply for funds to implement infrastructure, policy, and physical activity enhancements to public greenspaces. The grant, Building Healthy Places (formerly Building Healthy Communities), is part of continued work by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to ensure all residents have an opportunity to live a healthy life. A portion of the grant aims to fund sustainable public greenspace enhancements that will create a lasting impact on the health of the community. Eligible applicants include any local government department, agency, special purpose district, public school district, Indian Tribal organization, or 501(c)(3). Several grants will be awarded, with individual grants limited to \$10,000. Entities with public greenspace sites in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Otsego, or Wexford counties are eligible to apply. Letters of Intent should be submitted by Friday, November 22, 2019 and the submission deadline is Friday, December 13, 2019. An informational call will take place on Monday, November 25, 2019. For additional information including the application and requirements, nwhealth.org/gip.html or call Community Health Coordinator, Kirstyn Horan at 231-347-

EAST JORDAN **OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE**

Features gospel music on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 7pm. East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water.

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 monthold-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, lowcost 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.

Two new ambulances added to Jordan Valley EMS Fleet

The Jordan Valley EMS Authority is proud to announce that they have purchased two new ambulances to serve the sick and injured of East Jordan and the surrounding townships of Banks, Echo, Jordan, South Arm, and Wilson. Both units, already in service, provide mechanisms for better patient care.

"We have seen an increased demand for emergency services as well as patient transfers between facilities," said EMS Director Gerald "Jay" Peck. "When that happens, equipment wears out quickly, but it's even better when we can improve our existing fleet at a reasonable cost."

The first new ambulance is a Ford F450 XLT custom built by Kodiak Emergency Vehicles, referred to as "54 Alpha 1" and is the primary unit for emergency calls.

"Our new primary truck is the first unit out when someone calls for help, and we've made some improvements that we're very proud of," said Peck. "The heat in the patient compartment actually comes from the floor

rather than vents up above, so it's more comfortable for our patients and crew."

Additionally, the new ambulance boasts more space to give the department's 15 Emergency Medical Technicians and five Paramedics room to work, which can be critical when treating a seriously ill or injured patient.

The second new ambulance may look different than the others as it travels, and vou may even see it on your next family vacation downstate. It is a Type II wheeled coach ambulance custom built by Emergency Vehicles Plus, right here in Michigan.

The Authority was able to purchase this ambulance at low cost and outright. Referred to as "Alpha 4," this ambulance is a van-style vehicle made to go easier on fuel and provide a more comfortable ride on long distance trips.

If you're wondering why an East Jordan based ambulance would need to go on a long distance trip, the answer lies in the needs the Authority is able to fulfill.

"We are proud to run our



The Jordan Valley EMS Authority is proud to announce that they have purchased two new ambulances to serve the sick and injured of East Jordan and the surrounding townships of Banks, Echo, Jordan, South Arm, and Wilson. Courtesy photo

Authority, partially, with the help of volunteers from our community," said Peck. "As a result of these volunteers, we are able to transfer patients from Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and McLaren Northern Michigan to farther away facilities when it is needed."

And, indeed, that need often arises. Often, critically ill children are sent to the

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids or Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and occasionally, hospitals face difficulty finding an ambulance service that can make the trip.

"We have been called by hospitals as far away as Sault Ste. Marie and Cadillac to take patient transfers, and because of our increased staff and vehicles

available, we are able to help those patients out as well," said Peck.

While Jordan Valley EMS never takes transfers when they could get in the way of providing emergency services, the ability to do so is a service for the patients in need, the hospitals that serve them, and keeps the tax rates as low as possible by providing the Authority

with supplemental income.

Anyone interested in more information on the Jordan Valley EMS Authority or considering becoming a volunteer can contact EMS Director Gerald "Jay" Peck at (231) 536-7881 or visiting their website at www.jvemsa.org



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Roy Cool

Grade: 11th

Parent's Name(s): Roy and Karen Cool

Future Plans: Work with computers – video or game design.

Favorite Book: Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen

School Activities: Basketball and Baseball

Staff Comments: I have had the pleasure of having Roy as my student for four years now. Through these four years, Roy has grown to be a respectable and responsible young man. He is always willing and ready to help and speaks up for himself and others. Roy acts as a wonderful rolemodel while working as my T.A. in the 6th grade science class. He is a pleasure to have in

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SEPARATION OF POW-

To the Editor,

This seems to be the issue, the crux of the matter politically. In a Democratic Republic, which is the form of US Government established by The US Constitution, a matrix superseding any and all possibility of Monarchy from which the fledgling Colonies/States were separating via Revolutionary War and consolidation as a new country of united although separate colonialist settlements. England from which we separated was tapped for method of formation of Legislative bodies for deliberative functions of governing with a President or Executive as equal power among a divided three, e.g. Legislative,

Executive, and Judiciary. We know that. US States and Counties, cities, towns and townships followed this general rule in chusing governing bodies with Executive, Legislative, and Judicial officials elected by public vote, the only variance to this delineation having been the Constitutional stipulation of an Electoral body to do the final tally of each State's collective public vote in a winner-take-all format but solely for President, constantly under fire lately and plausibly heading for extinction via Amendment.

This trickledown plan somehow extended to even small towns, first with duly elected Mayors and Council members or Commissioners at some point in late 20th century having been tweaked via Charters here and there to non-elected Mayor in lieu of choice from among elected "sitting" Commissioners of one of their members to designation of Mayor, which effectively negated the balance of power of representatives formerly elected by the People. In essence this can be seen as a step backward to emulate the Electoral College in small town politics, a giant step back of some 230 years. The small-town City of East Jordan, Michigan is one such example in the early-mid 1990s of this reversal which has created imbalance of powers. Not that there's any inherent evil in such political wrangling, the annually chosen Mayor manages to hold court effectively and meetings are amiable, just not as edgy as they might be were a separately elected Mayor to hold the gavel. Not that we need an edgy town Council, just that elected Mayors tend to have agendas other than status quo business-as-usual bureaucracy that proved catalyst to new candidates campaigning for office to challenge the, uh, quid pro quo, status included.

Small towns of course do not mirror the federal government but only in microcosmic miniscule as if under a microscope. The national triad of governmental oversight now undergoes an attempted throwback of this

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR balance to that of Totalitarian power with oligarchic satellites not unlike the Russian system, a despotic tyrannical Monarchy in essence, that which the United States Constitution broke from in Revolution and Constitution. But in leaving or allowing for that one concession to authoritarianism the trickledown posit was allowed its declaration of monarchic display by dint of proclaiming via Charter a preclusion to elected officialdom, viz. a "selected" Mayor instead of an elected one. Since this is Constitutional in writ by implication, hence the questioning of this propriety of an Electoral College replica for small towns, mirroring the federal disestablishment of the Constitutional phrase so defining of this insertion in potential negation by Amendment, the same inference may be taken up by City Commissions, indeed voted upon by the public at election times. An unelected Mayor factor, regardless the popularity contest, is a questionable circumstance in a Democratic Republic, one which by its very nature causes suspicion of favoritism via nepotism, cronyism and worse. This is apparent in the current federal administration. Any appearance of this in local

> exploitative opportunism. We have no reason whatsoever to suspect that Cambridge Analytica of Russia,

> government may be taken as

recently renamed Data Propria with 2020 in mind has been tapped by East Jordan City Commissioners to gain influence over political opponents via Face Book. Perish the thought, but the inference is suggestive of subterfuge by virtue of the backroom negotiations presumably gone into the choice of Mayor, like who bought the last round and such crucial considerations of community import. In fact, there's no reason to think that anyone in East Jordan even speaks Russian, though some Russian brands of vodka are sold locally. Just saying. These are all wonderful people, faithful, solid saltof-the-earth American townsfolk. There is no way these people would undermine City Government. It's just those optics, as they say. Conflict of interest, you know. Doesn't look good. Besides, what's better than a good ol' feisty electioneering campaigner on a soapbox, a bottle of snake oil in hand?

Certainly there's no inference of such tyranny forthcoming from the East Jordan City Commission, just that even the vague suggestion of impropriety ought to serve warning against further incursion upon potential of public distrust. To avoid further scrutiny a Constitutional Convention with City Charter return to former state is recommended.

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 0031 Assist Motorist on

M75 N 1505 Property damage crash at Brockway and Boyne Ave. Citation issued for Fail to Yield.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 Citation issued for Speed at S. Lake St. and Cedar St.

Threats complaint 1357 in the 1000 block of Boyne Αv

1533 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Crozier Rd. Car deer crash at N. Park St. and Groveland St.

Rd 2100 Removed dead buck from E Main and Boise

Assist EMS on Clute

2025

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 Request for welfare check in the 300 block of

North St Report of subjects 0950 extorting money and food from vulnerable adult in the 800 block of S Park St. Trespass Warning's

issued on Wilson St. Assist DHHS in the 300 block of E Division St 1801 Located subject doing donuts in a parking lot on Beardsley St.

Fraud report from Lewis Ave. 1933 Found wallet in the

1300 block of Boyne Av. Car deer crash on 1946 Boyne Ave in front of the school.

2050 Car deer crash on State St. at Cozy Nook Ln. 2150 Assist EMS in the 400 block of N Park St.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 Property damage crash in the 900 block of

Front St 1031 Alarm on Charlevoix

Vehicle unlock in 1748 the 100 block of S Park St. Assist Citizen in the 300 block of E Division St

Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 Subject at PD re-0837

garding harassing messages. Civil complaint from 1250 the 800 block of West St 1342 **Property Damage** Crash at Park and Ray Report of stolen credit card from S Park St. Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 300 block of E Division St. 2305 Subject in to pick up found wallet.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 0147 Report of a dog in the road at State and Call chasing cars.

Suspicious situation in the 100 block of E Michi-

gan. 1908 Assist to DNR on W Division St

2008 911 hang up from Lake Park Dr. 2021 Assist Sheriff Dept.

in Boyne Falls

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 Vehicle unlock on W

Water St. Assist Fire Dept. in 1116

the 500 block of S Park St. 1705 Motorist assist at Boyne Ave. and Division St. Assist MSP and 1652 Sheriff Dept. on Crozier Rd. 1735 Reported PPO violation on Haven Ct

1747 CSC reported in the 800 block of State St. 2121 Arrested subject on

Probation Violation in the 300 block of E Division.

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NCMC named top five nursing program in Michigan

North Central Michigan College's nursing program has been named a top five RN program in the state, according to a ranking released by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The top five ranking measures North Central's nursing program against all other programs in Michigan, including those at four-year universities.

The program ranking is based on the percentage of North Central graduates who passed the NCLEX-RN® examinations administered between April and September 2019. NCLEX-RN® is the test that qualifies graduates to practice as registered nurses. North Central's first-time pass rate was 97 percent, and 100 percent overall.

"Our nursing graduates' success on the NCLEX exam is a testament to the quality of education provided at North Central Michigan College," said Dr. David Roland Finley, North Central's president. "We offer exceptional, accessible, relevant higher education for learners of all ages, and this is true across the board. We are especially proud of the 2019 nursing program graduates and all that they have achieved.'

Nurses in the Class of 2019 were assisted by a generous donation from the Borra Family Foundation, which helped launch North Central's NCLEX Success Program. The program covered the cost of a live NCLEX training session and provided financial support for students to take the exam and secure their nursing licenses if they followed a prescribed path to complete the NCLEX shortly



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after graduation.

"This is a major milestone for our nursing program and a sign of great accomplishment for our nursing students," said Chelsea Platte, executive director of the NCMC Foundation. "We appreciate the support of the Borra Family Foundation in launching this innovative initiative, as well as the many donors whose gifts continue to strengthen our nursing pro-

North Central's nursing program is an accelerated, twoyear program with a competitive application process. A regional nursing shortage, coupled with popular demand, prompted the college to expand its nursing cohort from 46 to 64 students effective with the Fall 2019 semester, the first increase since 2006.

"North Central's registered nursing program is led by a cadre of talented faculty who have dedicated their careers to preparing nurses who are some of the best in the state of Michigan," said Jamie Pagels, DNP, dean of Nursing, Allied Health and Science. "Our nursing program exists within a community of educators, students, alumni, donors and clinical agencies who have one purpose: to elevate nursing education to the highest standard possible.'

Dr. Pete Olson, vice president of Academic Affairs and Student Success, describes the achievement as a testament to a campus-wide pursuit of academic excellence.

"While we recognize that these scores are the result of a team effort on the part of the faculty, clinical instructors, administrators, and most importantly the students themselves, the whole North Central campus can benefit as we continue to attract students dedicated to excellence, no matter which program they choose," Olson



East Jordan Lion's Club raffle winner announced

On November 4 the East Jordan Lions Club held a drawing for their annual Rifle Raffle fundraiser. Pictured is Bob Noll of the East Jordan Lions Club presenting a Jay's gift certificate for a Browning 30.06 to the lucky winner Art Cosier. The Lions Club thanks everyone who supported the fund raiser by purchasing tickets and, also, EJ True Value Hardware, EJ Family Fare, and Jay's Sporting Goods of Gaylord. Funds raised from the raffle will go to support the Lions Club's initiatives of sight, hearing, and diabetes. Courtesy

Nominations sought for 2020 Governor's Service Awards

The Michigan Community Service Commission is pleased to announce that nominations are being sought for the 2020 Governor's Service Awards. The Governor's Service Awards are given annually by the governor to individuals, organizations and businesses to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism. This event is hosted by the Michigan Community Service Commission.

The online application for the 2020 Governor's Service Awards is available at www.michigan.gov/governorsserviceawards. Nominations must be submitted by Jan. 17, 2020. Date and location of the event will be announced at a later date.

'We want to recognize Michigan volunteers who make their community a better place," Michigan Community Service Commission executive director Ginna Holmes said. "Hearing the stories of Michiganders generosity and giving spirit is inspiring for all."

Awards will be presented in 10 categories which reflect the diverse nature of volunteers throughout the state. The categories are:

- Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award: honors an individual who has shown a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteerism.

- Lifetime Humanitarian Award: honors individuals or families that have demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding civic and charitable responsibility to a community or organization.

- Senior Volunteer of the Year Award: honors individuals age 65 and older who have taken action to make their community a better place to live through service.

- Volunteer of the Year Award: honors an individual who strives to improve the lives of neighbors, friends, community or congregation through volunteerism.

- Youth Volunteer of the Year Award: honors individuals who are age 25 or younger who have already begun making a significant difference in their community through service.

- Mentor of the Year Award: honors an individual who provides youth with the confidence and assets to be successful.

- Outstanding Volunteer Organization Award: honors service clubs, nonprofit, faithbased, veteran, disaster preparedness and other organizations that make a demonstrated difference in their community.

- Education Service Leader Award: honors schools, colleges, universities and other organizations that support youth making a difference in their communities.

- Outstanding National Service Program Award: honors organizations that provide a high-quality national service program that yields a significant impact in a Michigan community.

- Corporate Community Leader Award: honors corporations and businesses that excel in community involvement and demonstrate excellent corporate citizenship by giving back to their community in a variety of ways.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Michigan Community Service Commission at 517-335-4295 or gsa@michigan.gov.

Great Lakes Energy powers classroom technology

Great Lakes Energy recently helped 22 classrooms implement technologybased programs in their schools. A total of \$29,932 in grants were awarded in November to schools that educate children of Great Lakes Energy (GLE) members. The grants help implement innovative projects up to a maximum of \$2,000 per school district. Projects submitted typically fall beyond the scope of school budgets.

A record total of 91 applications arrived this year. They were evaluated according to published standards by a panel of volunteer employee judges from various departments at GLE. School names and

districts were hidden during the evaluation process to allow for judging based on project merit and quality of the application submitted.

Grants awarded for the 2019-2020 school year bring the total to just over \$187,392 for 127 projects since GLE launched its classroom grant program in 2012.

A Montague High School teacher whose project was selected for a grant advised, "I have been doing my best to stay afloat this year in terms of managing fundraising for my classroom, and at times the pressure has weighed on me. I am so thankful for organizations like yours that can help make the dreams I

have for my classroom come In the northern Lower

Michigan area, these schools received classroom grants for the 2019-2020 school year:

Boyne City Middle School, \$825 for Lego Robotics Kits

Boyne Falls Public School, \$1,733.82 for ELMO document cameras and microscope adapters

Concord Academy -Boyne, Boyne City, \$200 for green screen equipment

Ellsworth Community School, \$1,785.64 for technology to teach engineering de-

Gaylord High School, \$2,000 for Anatomy in Clay Models

Grayling High School, \$1,979.70 for Raspberry Pi and Sensor Kits Inland Lakes Secondary

School, \$1,799.99 for laser engraving technology Johannesburg-Lewiston

Elementary & Middle Schools, \$2,000 for Dash Robot and Bee Bots John R. Rodger Elemen-

tary School, Bellaire, \$964 for FOSS Next Generation materials

Kalkaska High School, \$900 for Pascal "Sparks"

Online applications for the 2020-2021 school year open in September 2020. To learn more, visit gtlakes.com.

Michigan celebrates Adoption Month

As the state celebrates Adoption Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to kick off two new projects to find adoptive homes more quickly for children in foster care who can't safely return home.

One initiative, which begins in November, assigns 21 child welfare staff from MDHHS called permanency resource monitors to remove barriers to finalizing pending adoptions that have been on hold more than six months. Barriers such as concerns about the child's behavior and incomplete documents can delay adoptions even when a family has been identified.

The second initiative is being planned for mid-2020.

MDHHS is working with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's Wendy's Wonderful Kids program, which pays for recruiters to help find loving adoptive homes for children in foster care. Research has shown the Wendy's Wonderful Kids model to be more effective at serving children who have been in foster care the longest – including teenagers, sibling groups and children with special needs.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to have a loving, permanent home," said JooYeun Chang, executive director of the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. "MDHHS is committed to finding families for all children who are legally free for adoption and doing this in a timely fashion. Our staff and partners will continue to work together to better accomplish these goals that are so important for our children and families.'

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has declared November to be Adoption Month in Michigan, Courts statewide, in partnership with MDHHS, hold special Adoption Month ceremonies this month at which children officially become permanent members of their new forever families. Included is a Nov. 26 event at the Michigan Supreme Court Hall of Justice in Lansing. A list of Adoption Day events and profiles of adoptive families can be found on the Michigan Adoption Resource exchange Adoption Day webpage.

Anyone interested in adopting from foster care can contact the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange at 800-589-6273, or see biographies and photos of children available for adoption at www.mare.org.

In fiscal year 2019, 2,038 children were adopted from the Michigan foster care system, according to preliminary data that will be updated in January. There are about 13,100 children in the foster care system, but the goal for most is reunification with their families.

For more information about adoption in Michiwww.michigan.gov/adop-

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Char-Em ISD Speech and Language Pathologist appointed to national association

Kelli Knight, a Speech and Language Pathologist for Char-Em ISD, has been selected to serve on a national committee of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). Knight is a specialist in teaching students kindergarten through age 26 to communicate using alternative communication tools and technology in an area known as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

She was selected by ASHA in summer 2019 to begin serving on a committee that will work to establish board certification criteria for those specialists nationally who, like Knight, connect children and young adults with communication resources and technol-



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ogv.

Knight's students have not developed verbal communication or struggle with communication, for a variety of reasons such as neurological damage, developmental delay, autism or other underlying causes. "A lot of my

students are emerging communicators, and they need to learn ways to communicate their basic needs," she explained.

"I am very passionate about the work I do here with augmentative and alternative communication users in our Char-Em ISD districts," noted Knight, who has worked for the ISD since 2012 and in the field since 2008.

That enthusiasm for her

work and her growing level of expertise in the field gained the attention of the national ASHA organization and led to her appointment to the specialized committee, which includes about 25 members from around the country.

In her daily work, Knight pairs the students and young

adults in her caseload with tools that aid their ability to communicate simple and more complex needs. She said some tools students use include PODD books, iPads with apps such as, TouchChat, Proloquo2GO, Words for Life, and even infrared technology to track eye movement for helping communicators. She works throughout Char-Em ISD districts in special education

Over the past decade-plus, she has grown a personal network of professionals around the nation who share practices and resources with one another. That network will be particularly useful as she serves on the Test Question Development Committee for Augmentative and Alterna-

program classrooms.

tive Communication, a specialty recognition committee of ASHA. ASHA is the credentialing entity for speech and language pathologists, and ultimately the work of Knight's committee will be to develop credentialing standards for practitioners like herself who seek Board Certification in Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

"We will be developing specific tracks for clinical practice, academic master clinicians and examination questions in intermediate and advanced practices for board certification in AAC," she said. "This is going to lead to mentorship opportunities and ultimately, our students will benefit. Having this level of connection in

Char-Em ISD through my role will help expand what we can provide students and their families."

Once her committee develops the criteria for board certification testing, in about 2 or 3 years she estimates, she plans to turn around and take it herself and achieve the Board Certified Specialist AAC recognition, noting that the hard work is worth the effort when it comes to student success.

"Some of the kids say the funniest things now. They blow me away," Knight said. "You can really see their personality come out, and it's so rewarding. The motto of the ASHA is 'Making effective communication, a basic human right, accessible and achievable for all.' I truly be-

Community Mental Health awarded Grant & CARF Reaccreditation

North Country Community Mental Health has been awarded a mini-grant of \$2,800 from the State of Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and CARF, (formerly known as Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), announced North Country accredition for a period of three years.

The grant funding will support two programs: "Art Speaks: All Art Has a Voice" for people with mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities and the provision of "PhotoVoice" classes for people with mental illness. Both programs aim to inspire, empower, and unlock individual artistic potential of individuals served by North Country Community Mental Health and its providers.

Art Speaks enriches the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing experiences in a broad array of the arts as well as opportunities to create, showcase and sell their art. The first project of Art Speaks using MCACA funding is to create a 2020 calendar featuring artwork by people with disabilities.

PhotoVoice is a special curriculum designed to give voice to people who oftentimes go unheard in society. Originally developed by an instructor at the University of Michigan, a version specifically for people with mental illness developed at Boston University is now being used in Northern Michigan to help people express what it is like to live with a disability and to promote dialogue and knowledge about the issues they face. Posters created by participants in the PhotoVoice classes are shown in public settings to shed light on what it is like to live with a mental illness

mental illness
Those interested in purchasing an Art Speaks calendar or making a donation to Art Speaks, call Julie Moran at 231-533-8619. Persons wishing to know more about North Country Community Mental Health are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org or to access

services call 877-470-7130.

CARF (formerly known as Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) announced North
Country Community Mental Health Authority has been accredited for a period of three years (through 2021) for eight programs. This is the fifth three-year accreditation that the international



CARF (formerly known as Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) announced North Country Community Mental Health Authority has been accredited for a period of three years (through 2021) for eight programs. Courtesy photo



PhotoVoice posters created by members of the New Horizons Clubhouse in Rapid City are on display at the Alden sion of the use of technology District Library through the rest of this year. Courtesy photo throughout the organization.

accrediting commission has awarded to North Country Community Mental Health. The first survey was in 2007.

"North Country staff do high quality, difficult work every day and it is rewarding to have their efforts validated in this way," said Christine Gebhard, North Country CEO. "This accomplishment reflects our focus on clients, our consistency in operations as one organization serving six counties, our

relationships with our valued community partners, and our strong staff foundation."

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rig-

orous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an onsite visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

Gebhard indicated the accrediting body was on site for several days in October and did a comprehensive review of service programs, policies and procedures, and operations, including con-

ducting interviews with staff, board members, community partners and persons served by North Country.

According to the formal CARF report, this accreditation is a confirmation of the organization's vision, mission, business ethics, values, and operations to providing quality services and to quality improvement. "The organization's staff members are engaging, proactive, and committed to providing quality services to clients."

In addition to its "committed, respectful and caring staff," several strengths were noted, including the almost perfect score the Recipient Rights Office received in its recent state audit, the innovative and cost effective **Emergency Services Pro**gram and its use of teleconferencing technology, its rapid upgrade and expanthroughout the organization, its excellent community partnerships and extremely positive image and reputation in the community.

The organization's development and implementation of the LEAN Process Improvement System for human services delivery was cited as exemplary and having an impressive impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of services.

Lights of Love honors loved ones, benefits Hospice

The Boyne Eta Nu Charities annual "Lights of Love" tree lighting remembrance ceremony will take place Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30pm on the 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 Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist. NMHA is a non-medical hospice service specializing in volunteer and grief support for those facing illness and loss in Antrim. Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. In the past 32 years, Boyne Eta Nu has raised over \$107,000 for Hos-

You can help decorate our Lights of Love tree by purchasing a green, blue, red or gold light ranging from \$5 to \$30. For a \$40 contribution, you will receive a personalized "heart of love" with the name of your loved one that will hang on the tree during the month of December. All monies collected will go to the Hospice Assist program. We will accept donations through December and distribute the personalized hearts after the New Year.

Light of Love flyers with

donation information for lights, hearts or reserving for our post-ceremony dinner at Water Street Cafe are available online, at the Boyne Area Chamber and the Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist office at 220 West Garfield, 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 and accepted through the end of this year. Please make checks payable to Boyne Eta Nu Charities.

For additional information visit Boyne Eta Nu Charities on Facebook or contact Pati Scott at patiski13@gmail.com or call 231-758-2496

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY

FROM PG. 1A

Parade Parade, sponsored by 4Front Credit Union, will make its way down Bridge Street. The parade will take place on Bridge Street between Hurlbut and Clinton Street downtown. Enjoy music, lighted floats and more. The final parade entry will be Santa and his helpers who will stop in East Park to brighten the night by lighting the Community Christmas Tree for the first time this holiday season. The tree will be lit at approximately

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get a parade entry form.

Char-Em ISD Schools add Behavioral Health Providers

With \$294,000 of new funding from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District schools have partnered with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to secure additional school-based mental health providers at districts including Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, and Ellsworth. Char-Em is also partnering with Alcona Health Center to expand mental health services in the Public Schools of Petoskey by utilizing these funds.

The funding is part of the 31n School Mental Health and Support Services grant opportunity to increase school mental health and support services. Earlier this year, the health department expanded its school-based mental health services into Alanson, East Jordan, and Central Lake through similar funding through the Michigan Department of Health

and Human Services.

Mental health services
continue to be a priority in
funding, especially within
schools. According to CharEm ISD Superintendent Jeff

Crouse, "Our local school districts have identified mental health issues as a top priority to help our students be at their best in the classroom and in their lives outside of school."

"Expanding these services into additional schools increases access to care for all families, regardless of circumstances," said Natalie Kasiborski, Director of Community Health Services at the health department.
"Placing qualified, mastersprepared mental health providers within the schools ensures that all children and

adolescents have the opportunity to receive the care they need to be healthy, and ultimately, to be able to learn."

The partnership pairs the educational resources and expertise of the ISD with the implementation expertise of the health department, which operates eight schoolbased wellness centers across Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"We were thrilled to be awarded this mental health grant from MDE and even more thrilled to find an incredible partner like the local health department to deliver the services directly to children in need, right in our schools," said Crouse. He noted that services are expected to be in place and available at the start of the new year.

For additional information about the Behavioral Health Expansion through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, call Erin Luckhardt at (231) 347-5628 or visit nwhealth.org or the ISD's Communications Coordinator Beth Anne Piehl at (231) 547-9947.



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Great Lakes Energy Truestream fiber network update

Great Lakes Energy has announced Phase I construction plans for its fiber network starting this spring in parts of its Boyne service area, which primarily covers rural areas in Charlevoix and Antrim counties. The construction, which will progress in three phases, will expand availability of highspeed Truestream fiber internet and voice services to members who are underserved with internet connec-

The fiber network delivers speeds up to 1 Gig (symmetrical for upload and download), massive bandwidth, unlimited voice services, no data caps, and no contracts, allowing for residents to work from home, have access to online education in addition to streaming, gaming and much more. The service will also be available to businesses.

The Boyne service district was selected due to having



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the highest amount of interest from registered members on jointruestream.com. In 2020, the Great Lakes Energy Board of Directors may consider expansion into other phases of the Boyne service district as well as studying to determine expansion into a third district. Expansion will

depend in part on demand through registrations on the Truestream site, jointruestream.com

Along with the decision to expand into the Boyne service area, Great Lakes Energy's Petoskey service area will move out of the pilot phase as network constructions continue. Nearly 1,400 Great Lakes Energy members in the Petoskey service area are currently enjoying Truestream's services, some experiencing a high-speed internet connection at home for the first time.

Construction of the fiber network is labor intensive process and will continue in phases through 2020 and beyond. Free installation is currently available for Great Lakes Energy members who register interest. Free installation for southern Emmet county will soon expire and those in that area are strongly encouraged to return their service paperwork as soon as possible to take advantage of this offer.

Please visit jointruestream.com register your interest and to see the project status by area.





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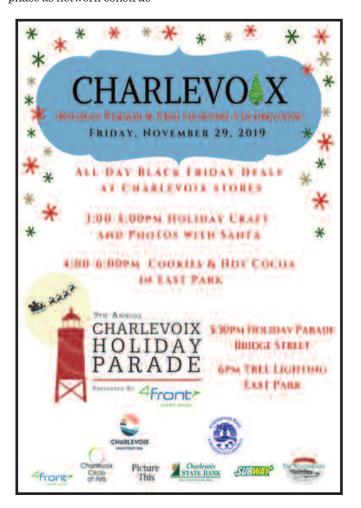
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104k miles, 4wd, Crew cab, All-Star edition, Heated seats, OnStar, Rear view camera, Remote start.



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CARFAX one owner, Boss plow, 5,761 miles, 6.0L v8, Snow plow pkg., Sus-

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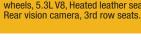








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