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Lights of Love Set to Shine Once Again

The Boyne Eta Nu Charities 36th Annual "Lights of Love" tree lighting and dedication will take place Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. on the Dilworth Hotel porch in Boyne City. As we move into this special time of the year, this event offers an opportunity for community members to honor and remember loved ones no longer with us. Opening the holiday season with multicolored lights and personalized heart ornaments, the special lighting ceremony includes prayer dedication, caroling and light refreshments. It is a beautifully poignant way to ease into the holiday season while also supporting hospice needs in our community. Each light and heart are dedicated by friends and family who have lost someone special and want to commemorate that loss and honor the spirit of the person and the season.

This year's event will benefit Hospice of Michigan (HOM). Caring for patients and families for more than 40 years, HOM is the leader in providing a continuum of services to both adults and children with serious medical conditions. An independent, statewide, not-for-profit hospice program, HOM is driven by the mission, 'Every Person Every Time' meeting patients and families where they are and surrounding them with decades of dedicated expertise. These 'Lights of Love' donations are specifically designated for patients and families located in Charlevoix, Emmet, and Antrim counties to help meet their end-of-life needs and enrich their final days, be that with needed supplies or even to bring a loved one home to say goodbye.

You can help decorate this tree by purchasing a green, blue, red, or gold light ranging from \$5 to \$30. For a \$40 contribution, a personalized heart ornament inscribed with the loved one's name is created and will hang on the tree during the month of December. In the past thirty-four years, Boyne Eta Nu Charities raised over \$122,000 for local hospice organizations. Donations can be made through the end of December and are tax deductible.

The organization invites others to champion this cause with funding support. Checks should be made out to Boyne Eta Nu Charities/Lights of Love and can be mailed to: P.O. Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712.



A New Twist for 3rd Annual Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's

With two successful years behind the Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's, this year's third annual event is adding a Holiday Business After Hours to the venue! The evening has also moved to the Thursday following Thanksgiving, November 30th, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the magnificent Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix located at 204 Water Street in East Jordan.

Twenty-four (24) decorated trees and five (5) gift baskets will be available on a silent auction. Lucky bidders will not only take home a beautiful tree or basket, they will have the opportunity to write their check out to their favorite local 501-C3 Chamber Member.

The Chamber's Annual Holiday Business After Hours sponsored by EJ will be taking place in conjunction with the Jubilee event. Guests are asked to make a donation at the door. All proceeds will be split between the East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry and the Good Samaritan.

The Business After Hours is an excellent networking opportunity for Chamber Members and their guests. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available at the event. Everyone is invited to attend the event.

Kick off the holidays in East Jordan at the Jubilee of Trees for 501 C3's and the Holiday Business After Hours.

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record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Nov 30	35	23	61	1998	5	1976
Dec 1	35	22	58	1962	-6	1979
Dec 2	34	22	62	1951	-14	1976
Dec 3	34	22	65	1951	-13	2002
Dec 4	34	21	64	1951	0	1976
Dec 5	33	21	62	2001	-2	1964
Dec 6	33	21	48	2001	-13	1964

PETS OF THE WEEK



MAX

Well hello, they call me Max. I found myself here at the shelter with my brother and sister. I'm the smallest and shyest of the bunch. New people really freak me out and it can take some time to gain my trust. I've really grown to love the staff here and they have gotten to see my true personality. I just love squeaky toys and I'm very eager to learn new things! Other dogs really help me to come out of my shell so a home with another dog would be awesome.



SNOOKI

Snooki here, thanks for stopping by, I can't wait to tell you all about myself. I've been here for a year and a half now and boy am I ready to meet my new family! I am sassy and sweet, and you never know quite what you'll get with me. But hey, surprises are fun right?! I have been known to cause some trouble here with the other cats (mainly the other females), so for everyone's sake, I should probably be an only cat. My favorite thing to do here is climb really high, and I love to chat. I know we could have some great convos if you just give me a chance!



WELCOME, HEATHER

Heather Peck was sworn in as the City's Clerical Assistant by City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Puroll on Tuesday. Heather is a Boyne City resident of 17 years and has volunteered with multiple non-profits in the community.

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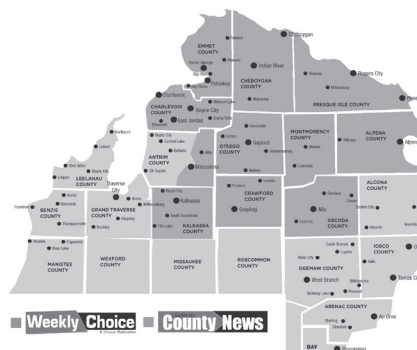
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LEADERSHIP

Our Emotional Intelligence Is So Very Important

BY JOHN KEYSER



Our leadership (and our lives) are founded by the quality of our relationships, how we are received and perceived by others, and so I am writing about emotional intelligence.

A number of well-admired business schools are testing the emotional intelligence (EI) skills of its candidates for a Master in Business Administration (MBA). This is for two reasons. First, our EI is a prime indicator of our success in business and in leadership, as well as our overall happiness. It is even more important than our intelligence quotient (IQ) and our subject knowledge.

This is about people wanting to be with us, to work with us, to follow us.

We want the ability to very successfully manage our emotions, to sense the feelings of others, and to effectively establish and maintain relationships. These are critically important skills.

Yes, surely our emotional intelligence is so very important!

Businesses, governments, municipalities, churches, nonprofits and other organizations are all about relationships. If people sense that we truly care about them, their success and well-being, trust us, and feel that we are genuine, then they want to be on our team.

Our EI is about our empathy and our ability to read others, which are so

important in maintaining good relationships.

And it seems the opposite is true, i.e., people can spot it from a mile away if we are self-absorbed, insincere, or undependable.

We could test to access our emotional intelligence, to help us gain a baseline of our skills and encourage us to improve in areas that would help us become even more effective as leaders and teammates.

There are various EI assessments, some simple and quick, some more in depth. They are worthwhile and could very well help our effectiveness in our business and our leadership.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

COMMUNITY LEADER

ROB SHOOKS

SUPPORT LOCAL!

BY JOHN KEYSER

Sara Ward, President of our Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and very much of a community leader herself, recommended that I meet and write about Rob Shooks, co-owner along with his brother, Greg, of Shooks Farms and Celler 1914 in Central Lake. Thank you, Sara, for your recommendation. I really enjoyed my conversation with Rob, which happily took more time than we thought as we met in their area which is set up for tasting their wines and hard cider drinks, and people kept stopping by to enjoy the drinks and comfort and beauty of the area.

Great story about Shooks Farms. It was founded in 1914 about their great grandfather, so Rob and Greg are fourth generation owners. I applaud and love learning this. I was with a wonderful company when we celebrated our 100th anniversary in Chicago. I was excited, asked the Chamber of Commerce for the names of other 100-year-old companies and was shocked and saddened to learn how few there were, and this was in Chicago, one of our countries largest cities. (Sadly, the company I was with was itself sold about ten years later)

Shook Farms was a



The Rob Shooks family

cattle and grow crop farm on roughly 1,100 acres in beautiful Central Lake, and I do mean breathtakingly beautiful. However, it is becoming very difficult to survive as a fruit and vegetable farm due to foreign imports at much reduced prices and being very weather dependent. Many farms have branched out with an additional service or services, for example, Providence Farms with their very popular café and farm tours, others with roadside stands, if they happen to be on a well-traveled highway.

Rob and Greg, realiz-

ing an uncertain future for them and their families, made a leadership decision, to convert the farm to grow grapes and become a destination as a winery and lovely place to visit and even stay.

Before continuing, here's some background about Rob. He and Greg went to Central Lake High School. Rob then went on to Hope College, where he played basketball, and met his wife to be, Mishelle, who was on the track team. After graduated, he became the strength and conditioning coach for the

Oakland Athletics major league baseball team, and then across the country for the same position with the North Carolina State Athletic Department.

Rob and Mishelle knew their heart was in Up North Michigan and helping small businesses and they move to the family farm here. They have twin boys, Jordan and Drew, who are avid, and I mean avid, baseball players and fans. Mishelle worked for a number of years for our Community Foundation, had had an opportunity to join Harvest Hosts, working remotely to spend more time with their sons.

Rob continues his coaching, now 3 rd and 4 th grade basketball in East Jordan while Greg is heavily involved with Michigan's Farm Bureau, which helps our farmers in significant ways.

An important message that Rob wants out to our community is to Support Local, to be aware that so much of the fruit and vegetables we purchase at stores are really from overseas.

I enjoyed Rob's humility, thinking that he really does not deserve to be recognized as a community leader (though he surely does!) and that he is looking forward to doing a lot more going forward. He cares deeply about our community.

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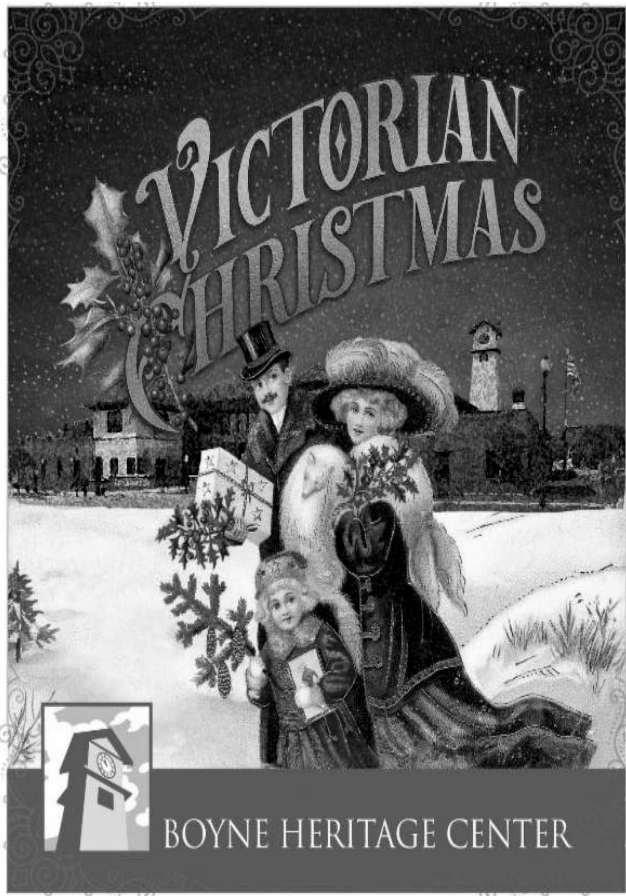
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Heritage Center Plans Festive Open House Fundraiser, Dec. 9th

The Boyne Heritage Center's first-ever Victorian Christmas Open House and Fundraiser is planned for 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 8th at the museum in City Hall. "A whole lot of fun is planned, as well as a great way to learn more about Boyne City and local history," according to Heritage Center Director of Collections Patrick McCleary. "Please make a point of stopping in to say hello and show your interest and support the success of our Heritage Center."

The Heritage Center's Interim Display has been designed, staged and is ready for viewing - complete with an information guide to assist visitors with

LAFRANCE ORNAMENT

The Heritage Center Open House will also be featuring their First Annual Limited Edition Christmas Ornament. Designed by ChemArt, the same company that designs the White House Annual Christmas ornaments, the 3-D design features an exact replica of Boyne City's 1917 American LaFrance Fire Engine. More than 100 of the 250 limited edition ornaments have already been sold, so we suggest that those interested act fast and get theirs reserved. You can purchase them at the Open House or on the Heritage Center website.

identification and additional information on many of the artifacts on display. Some artifacts still remain "unknown" to us.

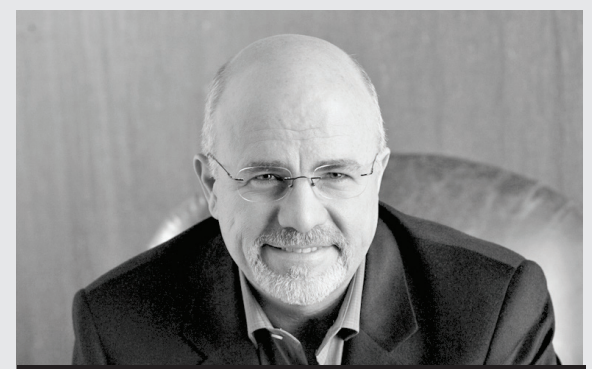
Perhaps you can ID something that might other-

wise remain a mystery?

McCleary said there will be a variety of items from personal collections on temporary display that evening as well - "items that date back 110 years or more

that you might otherwise never have the opportunity to view. We are pulling out all the stops! With door prizes galore, snacks and beverages... not to mention the Farmer's Market Sip & Shop being held just across the green, why not make an entire evening of it? Help make history, view history, mix and mingle."

Historic endeavors of any kind are a remarkable thing for a community to offer its citizenry. Let's show everyone that our citizens and our neighboring friends and families have a true love of history and want to see it preserved! We are asking for a \$3 admission donation to support the Heritage Center.



DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Be Gentle, He's Moving in the Right Direction

Dear Dave,

We're following your Baby Steps plan, and we've paid off all our credit cards. But when I talked to my husband the other day about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts, he said he would rather keep the accounts open, and the cards locked away in a drawer for use as an emergency fund. He says this will help us have an emergency fund in place quicker than saving for one. I think there's more behind his reasoning, though. He grew up in a very poor family, and I wonder if he's not afraid of somehow ending up in that kind of situation again. What can I do to convince him to follow your advice?

-Ramona

minor inconvenience. And, you'd be able to cover it easily without going back into debt.

Instead of actively trying to convince him of something, a better route might be to sit down together and talk through the whole thing. Explain to him you think you know why he feels the way he does, and that it's understandable. Then, ask him if there's a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would help him stop worrying. Discuss it, agree on an amount and then agree to cut the cards up and close the accounts when you reach that figure. Remind him, too, you'd still have your debit cards in hand in the event of an emergency.

Above all, Ramona, make sure you work together. Be patient and understanding. If he has recognized the wisdom of getting rid of debt and taking control of your finances, he's moving in the right direction!

- Dave

Dear Ramona,

I think you're a very perceptive lady. You said your husband grew up in poverty, right? So, what I'm hearing is the cards represent almost a security blanket for him—a financial security blanket. I get that, but here's the thing. If you had a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses sitting in the bank, I'm talking about hard cold cash, you'd have the security of knowing that the expense of a new air conditioning unit or transmission for the car would only be a

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Boyne City Charlevoix Trail Funding

Charlevoix County has approved a construction bid for the next phase of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail which would extend the trail from Boyne City through the village of Hor-

ton Bay. The cost for this portion was \$1.5 million, and the county was more than \$700,000 short in funding.

A budget reflecting that was to be approved at

Tuesday's special commissioners' meeting. That is until the planning director said she had had a phone call with good news.

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ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

The Fantastic Four of Happiness: Your Brain's Natural Mood Boosters

Dear Readers,

I recently learned something new about the power of our brain chemistry that I thought I'd share with all of you. Specifically, how everyday activities like exercise, spending time outdoors, and practicing gratitude naturally activate our brain's chemicals – endorphins, serotonin, dopamine, and oxytocin.



Laura Jasurda

Endorphins, often known as natural painkillers, are released during exercise. Ever heard of the 'runner's high'? That's endorphins at work! They help to alleviate stress and pain, bringing about a sense of euphoria.

Serotonin, the mood stabilizer, is boosted when we're exposed to natural sunlight and engage in regular physical activity. It's no wonder that a walk outside can lift our spirits on a gloomy day.

Dopamine, our 'feel-good' hormone, is triggered by accomplishments and pleasurable experiences. This can be as simple as ticking off tasks on our to-do list or indulging in a hobby we love.

Lastly, Oxytocin, known as the love hormone, is released through physical touch and close relationships. It fosters bonding and increases trust and loyalty.

This newfound understanding has not just been enlightening but empow-

ering. It encourages me to regularly engage in activities that release these beneficial chemicals naturally.

So, dear readers, as we navigate our daily lives, let's remember the power lies within us – literally within our brains – to uplift, balance, and enrich our well-being. How will you activate your brain's natural pharmacy today?

Until next time, may your days be filled with natural highs and heartfelt happiness.

Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she's also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community bonds. Laura's mission is to empower you to unlock your full potential and lead your best life, both individually and as an integral part of your community.

Operation Christmas Child: Big Joy in a Small Box

BY ALISON NEIHARDT

We have all heard the phrase, "good things come in small packages." How true is this statement?

This last month was the collection week for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. For those of you not familiar with this project that has been around for thirty years, they collect shoe-boxes of small items for children around the world.

These small boxes of joy are then distributed to countries all over the world as a way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each box represents an opportunity to share the Gospel to children and families who live in very poor living conditions in third world countries, or countries that are at war.

So, you may be asking what goes in these "boxes of joy?" Well, anything a child would like or need. Things like small toys, clothes, school supplies, and so on. These things may seem small and insignificant to us here in the United States but to a child in a third world country they are boxes of joy.

The church in which I attend in Kalkaska, Michigan was a drop off location for the Kalkaska area. This job meant we collected over 770 shoe-boxes for the Kalkaska area. This total includes five local churches and many participating local businesses. Then shoe-boxes were loaded up into the big cartons and taken to Traverse City where they were loaded into a semi-truck to be then transported to a distribution center in Illinois.

This is the third year we as a church have participated in this very worthwhile project, without any sign of stopping! It is a lot of work, but the work is so worth the end result. That end result, a child getting a gift

from someone who lovingly packed a box for them from halfway around the world as a tangible way to share the love of Jesus with them.

The reason I chose this project as a project leader you may ask. There are so many worthwhile projects where I spend my time and resources. When I was in Bible college, I had the opportunity to go on several mission trips to the Dominican Republic. It was on one of those trips where I was on the other end of handing out shoe-boxes to children that were packed by a church who had visited the Dominican Republic a couple of weeks prior to my team's arrival.

We were in a small village near the Haiti border that was right in the middle of sugar cane fields. The local pastor and his wife picked children from the church who lived in this very poor village and invited them to the church for a special program. My team members and myself helped with a children's program where we sang songs, did a puppet show and shared a Bible story with these children. My teammates and I got to watch firsthand as these children very carefully opened their boxes of joy! Oh, the joy on their faces was very evident as the children very carefully looked at each item in their small boxes of treasures. Many of these children probably have not gotten a gift like this in their lives.

This memory is still one of my favorite mission trip memories many years later. It made the biggest impact on my life. When I think of this memory it still brings tears to my eyes!

We take so much for granted here in the United States. Many kids here get so many things for Christmas they often can't remember what gifts they



were given. A small dollar store toy is played with for a few minutes and set aside and not played with much, if at all again. Where in another country where children don't have anything to really play with, these toys and gifts are treasured!

The reason I share this story is twofold. First, next November when you see red and green shoe-boxes in your area, pick one up, fill it and return it! It will change the life of a child for eternity.

The second reason I share this story is this, with Christmas approaching teach your children the value of giving, not just getting without anything expected in return. Also, teach your children the value of what they are given. Teach them to be content with what they have and appreciate what things they do have. They are much more blessed than they realize and so are we adults.

I wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

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EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY AFTER HOURS

Holiday Business after Hours & Jubilee of Trees for 501 C3's. Thursday, November 30th at the Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Christmas Tree & Basket Auction, Food, Networking. Entry by donation to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry & Good Samaritan Food Pantry

EAST JORDAN KAREN WALKER STUDIO PORTRAIT DAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Is it time you updated your business portrait? Want a professional portrait for high school graduation or something nice for Christmas? Now is your chance! Karen Walker will be setting up her studio at a nearby location on Thursday, November 30th to fill all your portrait needs. There is no session fee, packages start at \$300, and individual prints start at just \$40. Call Karen at 231-536-3663 or email kwalkerphoto@gmail.com for more information or to reserve your time slot. Sessions are by appointment only.

EAST JORDAN ARTS COUNCIL GIFT MARKET IS OPEN

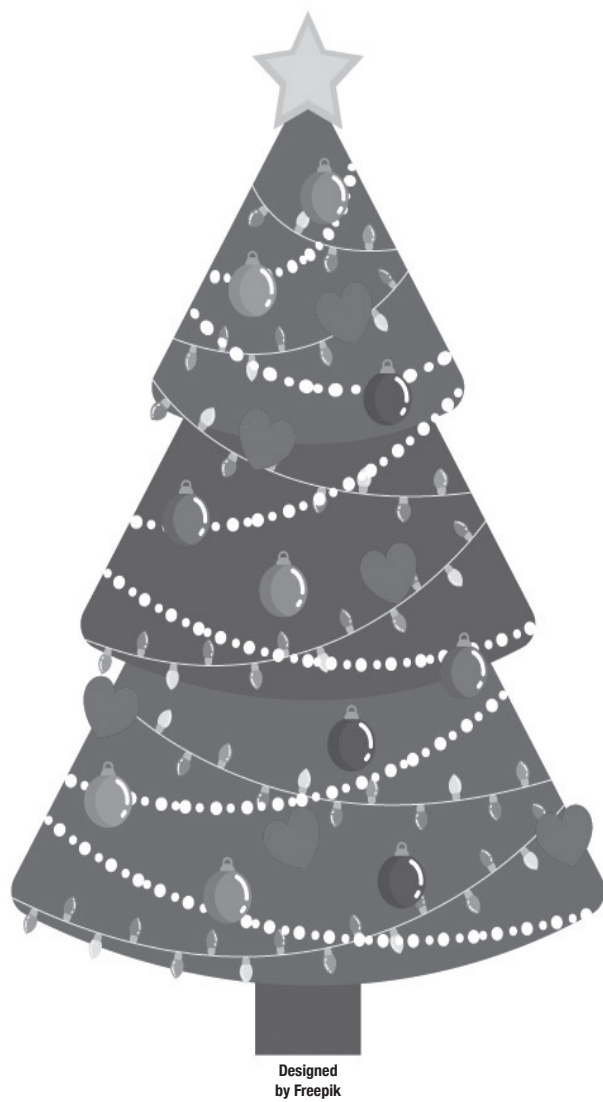
Join us for the JRAC Gift Market. Open 1 - 4:00 PM. There will be fun and practical gifts for giving all made by local artists. Your purchase helps local artists as well as JRAC. We will have many items including paintings, collages, jewelry, scarves, baskets, cards and Christmas decorations. We will be open for extended hours on Friday, December 1 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. There will be cookies and an ornament decorating activity for children on the lower level that evening. Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main St.

EAST JORDAN ATTENTION CAROLERS

If you love singing Christmas carols, please join us as we bring a little old-school caroling to the Holiday Community Night and Lighted Parade Friday, Dec. 1. Who are we? Just a collection of locals from a variety of churches and organizations who are sharing good cheer. Song sheets will be provided. Please bring a battery-operated candle and dress for wintry weather. To join us, please meet at Gar Park at 6:00 PM. We will then line up in the parade, which starts at 6:30 PM. After reaching the main intersection by Charlevoix State Bank and The Foundry, we will gather around a firepit in the street and welcome others to join us for carols during the block party. As part of the evening's festivities, there's a soup cookoff, a raffle with a \$500 prize, and more. Individuals, families, employee and church groups—all are welcome. If you have questions, please call Janenne at 231-357-1869.

EAST JORDAN LIGHT UP EAST JORDAN

December 1, Christmas Parade 6:30 PM. Visit with Santa and his Reindeer, raffle drawing, Soup Cook-off, ornament making. Sponsored by Helping Hearts of East Jordan.



CHARLEVOIX OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA CONTEST

Holiday merchant open house and hot cocoa contest December 2 All Day- Merchant Open House 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Hot Cocoa Trail 1:00 PM- Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank- Bring 1 non-perishable item for admission

Join the Jordan Valley Community Band for an afternoon of Holiday music, Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 PM in the Community Auditorium at the East Jordan Middle/High School. Free admission, donations greatly appreciated. Social gathering following the concert.

EAST JORDAN SWIM-A-THON

East Jordan community pool endowment fundraiser December 9, 10:00 AM - Noon. Help support our community pool. Interested in participating or making a pledge? Email lvy at lWells@ejps.org.

ELLSWORTH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at Banks Township Hall. Bring your family and enjoy a free breakfast including gifts for the children. Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves will be present. There will be a photographer and photos with Santa, too. Food donations for the Good Samaritan Pantry will be collected. Sponsored by the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, December 13, 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Wear your best ugly sweater- winner gets a prize

MICHIGAN COAT DRIVE

The Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is collecting new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, hats and mittens for adults and children. All donations will remain local. Now thru Dec. 15 at MSP posts and Weigh Station facilities.

CHARLEVOIX SYMPHONIC WINDS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Immerse yourself into the enchanting melodies of the Northern Symphonic Winds at their Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 17, 4:00 PM, at Charlevoix High School's Connie Ford Auditorium on Marion Center Rd. They will be showcasing the region's top wind instrumentalists from all over Northern Michigan. It's a must-attend event. Admission is free, with heartfelt donations welcomed at the door. Don't miss the chance to meet and chat with the talented group members at the post-concert reception.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES

The East Jordan Lions will be selling trees at the Jordan Inn, located at 228 Main St, November 24 - December 23rd. Due to lack of space, they have changed their location for this. We thank Gilroy's and the Miller family from True Value for allowing us to sell Christmas trees there for many years.

EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

Come join in the fun Thursday nights 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. The Jordan Valley Community Band welcomes everyone in the community to join us. We meet at the East Jordan High School Band room with the door being open at 6:15 PM for set up and warm up. We understand many musicians will have to drive straight from work or catch a quick dinner after work. If you cannot make it exactly at 6:30 PM we understand. Come for the part of rehearsal that fits into your schedule. Musicians in our band are mainly adult and high school band members. However we have had some outstanding 7th and 8th grade musicians play with us. If you are in 7th or 8th grade, our director would like to meet with you to hear you play, to see if you would be able to play our level of music. If you are not quite ready, but would love to be involved with our community band, we have many different hats that need to be worn and your help with any of these areas would be greatly appreciated. Contact our director Becky Palmiter at 231-675-0543 or our Board President Terri Warnos at 231 536-0417.

EAST JORDAN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 24th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. 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 contact Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application

EAST JORDAN VOLUNTEER AT THE DEPOT TEEN CENTER

We need you to help pour into the lives of our community's Teens with us. Whether you serve a shift a week, a couple of shifts per month, or even volunteer as a meal provider, your service is needed and very much appreciated. For more information or to schedule a time to stop in to experience what it would be like, please contact The Depot's Outreach Director, Scott Gillespie at 989-444-1695.

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BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The market now meets at the Veterans Park Pavilion every Saturday, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Fresh produce, local artists and live music

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL FALL HOURS

Raven Hill Discovery Center is currently open noon to 4:00 PM Saturdays; 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Sundays and other times, including holidays, by appointment. Give a call if you are interested in visiting. 231-536-3369.

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8:00 AM-9:00 AM and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6:00 PM. EJDepot.org. 231-222-2224. DepotJVTeen-Center@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10:00 AM the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church



Boyne Falls Public School STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Thomas Peterson IV

Grade: Boyne Falls Preschool

Parent's Name(s): Tom & Michelle Peterson

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

Thomas is undecided, but many of his play experiences at school include acting out construction and handyman work.

Favorite Book: Busy Noisy Construction: Building a Big Surprise

Hobbies and Interests: Thomas enjoys playing "handyman" at school and is often found under the sink with tools in our dramatic play area. He enjoys playing with his friends and talking with the teachers about his family's recent home renovations.

Staff Comments: Thomas is fun to be around, and we feel fortunate to have him in our classroom. He is a rule follower and likes to hold his friends accountable for following our daily routines. One of our favorite qualities about him is his compassion and kindness to his peers. Thomas joined us with a solid academic foundation, and we look forward to an exciting year of continued learning and growth with him.

Submitted by: Mr. Mitchell (Klooster), Ms. Elssa (Martinez), Ms. Kendell (Giddings)



ECS Middle/High School

LANCER OF THE WEEK



Cole Abney

Ellsworth Community School strives to instill values that will guide students through their academic and personal learning experiences. At the Middle/High School, Lancers are Engaged, Accountable, and Dependable (LEAD) in a great way! This week's LEAD Exemplar is Cole Abney!

In School, Cole participates in Cross Country and Track & Field. Each of these events requires different skills and strengths, but they all share the common goal of pushing him to his personal limits (he met some great goals in Cross Country this fall)! His favorite subject is English: "I like learning about verbs and sentence structure."

After High School, he plans on training to be an electrician. When he's not in school, Cole enjoys being outside, especially if it involves fishing or hunting. He says, "enjoying the outdoors is a reminder that there's more to life than just books and screens." Cole says he is inspired by his dad, "because he works so much and does it with a positive attitude."

Our Lancer of the Week is a well-rounded individual who embodies the qualities of hard work, dedication, and a love for the outdoors — Great job Cole!

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Nov 04 (Sat)	AT SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN	Dowagiac, MI Roadrunner Classic	57-61 - L
Nov 10 (Fri)	VS CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic	62-101 - L
Nov 11 (Sat) 5:00 PM	VS MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic	84-123 - L
Nov 15 (Wed) 7:30 PM	VS LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY -JV		CANCELLED
Nov 20 (Mon) 5:30 PM	VS ALMA JV		105-89 - W
Nov 25 (Sat) 8:00 PM	AT GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE		92-69 - W
Nov 26 (Sun) 12:00 PM	VS MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE-VERMILION		88-82 - W
Dec 01 (Fri) 7:30 PM	VS KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI	
Dec 02 (Sat) 3:00 PM	VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI	
Dec 16 (Sat) 3:00 PM	AT KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Battle Creek, MI	
Dec 18 (Mon) 7:30 PM	VS KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI	
Dec 30 (Sat) 3:00 PM	AT ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Port Huron, MI	
Jan 13 (Sat) 3:00 PM	VS MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE *	Youth Basketball City Parks & Rec	
Jan 17 (Wed) 7:30 PM	VS BAY COLLEGE *	Rotary Night	
Jan 20 (Sat) 3:00 PM	AT DELTA COLLEGE *	University Center, MI	
Jan 24 (Wed) 7:30 PM	VS KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE *	Petoskey, MI	
Jan 27 (Sat) 3:00 PM	AT MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *	Muskegon, MI	
Jan 31 (Wed) 7:30 PM	AT ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *	Alpena, MI	
Feb 03 (Sat) 3:00 PM	VS GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE *	Petoskey, MI	
Feb 07 (Wed) 7:30 PM	AT BAY COLLEGE *	Escanaba, MI	
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Feb 27 (Tue) 7:30 PM	VS MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *	Sophomore Night	

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE WOMENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov 03 (Fri)	VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	@ Southwestern Michigan Dowagiac, MI	32-59 - L
Nov 04 (Sat)	AT SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN	Dowagiac, MI Roadrunner Classic	20-72 - L
Nov 10 (Fri)	VS CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic	32-57 - L
Nov 11 (Sat) 5:00 PM	VS ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic	57-59 - L
Nov 15 (Wed) 5:30 PM	VS LAKE SUPERIOR ST. JV		CANCELLED
Nov 25 (Sat) 6:00 PM	AT GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE		57-51 - W
Nov 26 (Sun) 10:00 AM	VS MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE-VERMILION	@ Gogebic Community College	
Dec 01 (Fri) 5:30 PM	VS KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Ironwood, MI	
Dec 02 (Sat) 1:00 PM	VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI	
Dec 09 (Sat) 3:00 PM	VS MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Petoskey, MI	
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BASKETBALL

Timberwolves Take Down Scots for First Win of the Season

BY DAVID POWELL
NCMC SPORTS
INFORMATION INTERN

PETOSKEY – North Central Michigan College (1-4,0-0) hosted Alma College JV (0-2,0-0) on Monday (Nov. 20) grabbing their first win of the season in a dominant showing. The Timberwolves outscored the Scots 105-89.

Playing in their fifth game of the season, the Timberwolves were able to get going early offensively going on a 7-0 run, powered by five quick points by Tayshaun Jones (Mount Clemens, MI/Walled Lake Western). The Scots battled their way back taking their first lead of the night at 35-34. The Timberwolves quickly regained their lead with a 9-2 run to go into halftime up 12 points on the Scots. Jackson Wiegierink (Holland, MI/West Ottawa) was one of the driving forces in the first half, shooting a perfect 6-6 from the field.

The Timberwolves kept a double-digit lead in the second half, eventually building their largest lead of 23 points with 6:37 left to play. The Timberwolves bench put up 44 points and



Andrew Johnson



Jackson Wiegierink



Josh Adim



TyeMier Moore

as a team shot 47.1% on the night.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Jackson Wiegierink scored a team high 20 points, shooting 79% from the floor.

TyeMier Moore (Mount Clemens, MI/L'Anse Creuse) added 16 points off

the bench while Andrew Johnson (Chicago, IL/Joliet West) chipped in 14 points and 8 assists.

Josh Adim (Joliet, IL/Joliet Central) checked in with 10 points and three steals.

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2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year



Jayden Weber.

Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year



Coach Marc Sroufe

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area. While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What If" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted. The Raylors put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan. See ALL-AREA BASKETBALL - Page 1B

City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

BY KAREN WALKER
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating. City Manager Mark Heydrauff and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make

some changes to the proposed ordinance as initially presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th. The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensuring travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has

both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents. Excepted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19. The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing

to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 60 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairgrounds

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Emmet County, Northern Michigan Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan, the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety will be offering appointment based, drive-through testing at the Emmet County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, April 1. Testing will be scheduled from noon - 4pm Monday through Friday for patients 12 and older. This testing facility is for individuals who have seen their primary care provider, have been determined to meet the criteria for testing, and have a lab slip. The drive-through testing facility will utilize a recently approved FDA testing method with nasal swab. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-835-6363. Additionally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-398-5959 email publichealthinfo@nwhhealth.org.

East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under delegated "self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting. The Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken significant measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within our facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus. All staff of the Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you have questions regarding the Coronavirus, visit our website at www.ejfh.org for up to date information along with additional services.

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Never give up; never quit.

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

It's been written and talked about... follow up every shot; blood tracking wounded deer; how to, when to, etc... but do people really follow through? Some thinking "I must have missed. The weather turned on me" "I'll never find it in this thick cover" "I don't have time to look any more." This article is an attempt to help everyone believe in never giving up on a wounded deer or other game animal. The following examples demonstrate the importance that should be placed upon making sure you don't quit on any poor shot placement or perceived "miss." The following three "cases" are examples of what can be achieved by following through and not giving up.

Case No. 1:

"I can't believe I screwed up."

This is a quote from my brother. I had heard the shot from his .308 and was waiting for the call to help drag his deer. I finished out a few more hours of sitting before walking over to his ground blind. I asked what happened: "I missed". I asked for details... where was the deer standing, did he follow up the shot, which direction the deer had run, and so on. He assured me he had looked and it was a clean miss.

He had to travel back to Grand Rapids so we said our good byes. I decided to sit in his pop up blind until dark before I headed home. As I sat looking at the opening where he said the deer had stood, I wondered how he had missed a standing 40 yard shot... and that's when a nice 8 point buck stepped into the same opening. I raised my 30-30 Marlin quickly... and "pow", made what I thought was a perfect shot. The buck kicked and whirled into the pines with one jump. I waited a bit and then walked over to the spot. Blood... and bone... and hair; this deer would not go far. There was a light snow falling so I began tracking right away. I followed the blood trail only about 35-40 yards into the thick pines and there he was... my buck!

Darkness was falling fast so I wanted to tag and gut the buck quickly. "Hmmm, that's odd... he's got a light dusting of snow on him already" I thought to myself as I got out my knife. "He's stiff as a board!" I noted picking up his hind legs. This was not my buck... it had to be my brother's! That deer had not gone 40 yards into the thick brush where he piled up into a tree trunk. So what happened to my buck? I back tracked, and found that my deer had run on the same trail as my brother's buck... but after that, I could find no blood, hair, or other sign. As light rain and snow continued, I did the usual of marking the last spot of blood and made bigger and bigger circles from there since I had lost sight of the buck almost instantly after the shot. Darkness came quickly and I was losing hope. I could not believe that I had missed. I decided to get my brother's buck gutted and then gave him a call. "I've got good news and bad news... you did hit the deer and I found it, a nice 7 pointer... bad news is I can't find the

buck I shot at." He was very happy about his deer and said he would return from Grand Rapids first thing in the morning to help.

Arriving bright and early, we tagged his buck and dragged it to my truck. We then looked for my deer, searching the area of thick brush until noon. Not a speck of blood or evidence of a "hit" other than at the point of bullet impact (either his deer or mine). We walked back to the truck and sat on the tailgate.

I said "One more time... let's go back to the starting point and follow up deer trails... you on one, me on another." After I walked about 100 yards on a narrow deer run way, I stopped... there it was... a small spot of blood on a tag alder... and then another... then lots of blood. I called my brother and waited for him to join me. We followed up, literally crawling through some areas so thick you could not walk upright. My brother waited while I crawled through a thicket, and there, hidden next to a pine tree was my buck. Dead as can be from a double lung shot. He had run in the opposite direction and had gone at least 150 yards. High-fives, fist bumps, hugs and "wahoos" all around. I looked at my brother and said "Never GIVE UP!"

The nice 8-point buck deserved no less.

Case No. 2:

Feelin' Minnesota... opening day neck-shot buck.

Recently, I was fortunate enough to travel to Minnesota for an opening day deer hunt as part of that state's "Governor's Opening Day Deer Hunt." Local landowners and hunters host guests from around the state as well as media to promote deer hunting heritage. I was hosted by a local farmer and hunter who showed me to my blind after we had scouted the day prior to the opener. It was a nice elevated blind, located on a steep oak ridge overlooking prime deer habitat. As early light broke, a light drizzle began to fall with high winds increasing steadily. My anticipation fell a bit due to the conditions, but that soon changed when a deer snuck in from the east.

Checking it with my binoculars... I saw it was a small spike. I watched him for a while and then noticed another deer approach from the opposite direction, headed right for the small buck. I saw it was a big bodied, racked buck. I shouldered my borrowed .308 Winchester, tracking the buck in my scope as he challenged the smaller buck. The spike turned and walked off while the bigger buck walked back where it had come from. Looking ahead of the deer's direction, I saw one small opening... about 175 yards from my stand. As the buck stepped into the opening, it hesitated... I took the shot with confidence but as I did, the buck moved slightly and then after crouched low, bolting up a hill into an old clear cut section of the oak hills... an area full of poplar as thick as corn rows. Had I missed?

Waiting a short time, I walked to the area where the deer was standing and looked for any sign of a hit.



Recovering a trophy buck can result by following up on every shot taken.

No blood. I circled around... hair! Lots of it... "That's not good" I thought. I then noticed where my bullet had struck the ground behind the deer. I also found where the buck had skidded through the leaves at it ran up the hill into the thick poplar. No sign of blood. I marked the area with orange tape and followed the general direction of where I had last seen the deer. I circled through the thick brush looking for sign. I then moved out in larger and larger semi-circles, up the hill and onto an ORV trail. I repeated this several times. After a half hour, I had found nothing. I decided to make one more attempt before contacting my host. I wound up coming to a stop on the same ORV trail. Taking out my cell phone, I was looking down to check reception and at my feet was blood... quite a bit. Even though it was still lightly raining on the red/brown oak leaves... the blood was obvious. The blood trail went downhill following the ORV trail. I followed for about 50 yards and the blood trail veered off to the left into the hardwoods.

The blood was so thick it could have been poured from a bucket. Looking straight out into the mature oaks (that side of the ORV trail was not clear cut) I could see the brown and white hump of a deer. I walked up to a nice plump 6 point buck... but where was the hit that allowed him to run so far (at least 250 yards) through thick brush? Neck shot... I had missed high and left as he had moved just when I fired. His neck was not broken (obviously) but a major blood vessel had been severed. Why it had taken so long to begin bleeding, I don't know but I suspect my shot had nicked the artery and as he ran, the vessel broke open and he bled out. Not a drop of blood had been found for at least 200 yard, only hair.

I looked at my watch and it had been 2 1/2 hours of searching. My host was very pleased indeed that this Michigan boy had not given up.

Case No. 3:

"I just missed a nice 7 or 8 point"

My hunting buddy Mark Milostan had radioed that message to me early in the morning of our hunt. I had heard his shot from my blind and had waited for his call. "Are you sure?" was my response. "Yup, pretty sure... I spent a good half hour looking and found no blood or hair" was his



Never giving up can result in a full buck pole.

reply. "Do you want me to help you look?" I asked. He replied that I should wait until around noon so we wouldn't mess up the morning hunt. Joining him later, he showed me where the buck had entered the clearing, where it had stood, and where it ran after he shot. He said there was no indication of a hit. I know Mark is a good shot and the buck had been standing broad side about 75 yards from his blind. I was sure he must have hit it. While he made small circles around the area where the buck had stood, I began to follow deer trails into the thick cedar and spruce.

After following one or two deer trails, I found a smaller trail off a main run way. It was a bright sunny day with no snow. Tracks were hard to follow in the thicket but I made my way up one ridge and down another, and then up one more. I scanned the swampy area below me... there it was, a wide 7-point buck. I radioed Mark... "You just might want to come over here... I think there's some work to be done."

He was too over joyed for words. We had his buck and it was a beauty. We didn't give up.

Take Away:

All three of these examples have one thing in common of course... never give up. My friends and family think I have some kind of "compass in my nose" or that I'm like a hound dog. I was the same way growing up... finding the downed rooster pheasant in the corn field, or the wounded mallard in heavy cat tails, or the gobbler that a friend swore he missed. I don't really have a compass in my nose. I just refuse to give up.

It comes from experience as well as from my dad's advice. He told me that "Every animal deserves all your effort to retrieve it... no matter what... squirrel or 12 point buck... it's all the same. If you take a life, you owe it more than a short look around. Don't give up."

I don't and I hope you won't either.

Good luck and keep looking.

Locating Wounded Deer: Use of Leashed Tracking Dogs

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

"I can't believe I lost that buck, with a good shot and strong blood trail... I just don't get it" was the depressing thought swirling around my mind.

If you are a deer hunter, the loss of a deer may either happen to you or someone you know during your hunting life. An underutilized method to increase your odds of recovery may include the use of a tracking dog.

The first time I observed a "blood tracking" dog was while volunteering as a wounded deer tracker for limited mobility hunters participating in a NWTW Wheelin' Sportsmen Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge deer hunt. Held during the first three days of the rifle season, the hunt allowed hunters to have a chance at bagging a buck or doe with the assistance of staff and volunteers. One of the volunteers brought along his dog, "Gus". Several volunteers and hunters were watching Gus, the "different looking" dog, wander around the meeting site greeting people as they arrived.

"What kind of dog is that?" people would ask. Gus was a standard wirehaired Dachshund. To the untrained eye, this handsome hound did not appear to be a "wiener dog", which is what most people think of when they hear "Dachshund" (and don't say "dash hound"), in either size or appearance.

After a group of us "master tracker" volunteers could not locate a participant's wounded deer, Gus came in and found the deer, with absolutely no visible blood, in less than 30 minutes. This was a serious "wow" moment for me. The owner told me he bought the dog in New York State. I kept the memory of that experience tucked away. Fast forward 10 years, after sharing the experience with my brother-in-law and loaning him the book: Tracking Dogs for finding Wounded Deer by John Jeanneney, he purchased one. He had great success with his dog which convinced me, especially after I "lost" (as in couldn't find) a wounded buck during my 2016 deer season. Thus my journey began to acquire my own tracking hound.

Background

The aforementioned book was written by the man that may be considered the "father" of on-leash tracking dogs in the U.S., John Jeanneney of Berne, New York. First of its kind and in its 2nd edition (2016), his book provides everything needed to start using tracking dogs to recover wounded deer.

Richard P. Smith considers this book a "ground breaking volume..." and also says: "This book should be required reading by all state and provincial commissions and administrators who are also responsible for setting regulations regarding the recovery of whitetails with dogs."

If interested in finding out more, the group United Blood Trackers (united-bloodtrackers.org) provides a good starting point. They are "...dedicated to promoting resource conservation through the use of trained tracking dogs in the ethical recovery of big game." The term "blood tracking" is most often used, even though it can be misleading in that usually when called into action, the dog will be on a track where there is little or no blood present. With experience and training, dogs can track individual wounded animals by other scents (such as interdental gland). Also,

although primarily used to recover whitetail, tracking dogs are used for many big game animals such as bear, moose, elk and hogs.

The puppy

Seeing our pup for the first time in his pen with 5 other puppies, we fell in love with "Jager"... pronounced "Yager", (the "a" has an umlaut in German), which translates to: "Hunter". It was chosen due to his lineage being direct from Germany (the breed itself was developed there to hunt badgers and foxes... Dachshund translates into English as: badger hound). Tommy, the sire Dachshund for Jager is a proven deer tracker and came directly from Germany.

John and Jolanta spent time showing us how to use a liver and blood "drag" line to train our young puppy on tracking a scent line. At only 9 weeks old, Jager readily followed a one hour-old line which included three 90 degree turns. My wife and I were simply "wowed" by the demonstration. Jager is a born tracker and is now a very happy member of our family now.

Training and use of tracking dogs

There are many breeds of dogs that can be used for tracking deer. These include the scent hounds such as dachshunds, beagles, bloodhounds, coonhound; Pointers/ Retrievers like labs, golden retrievers, Chesapeake's; Curs/Border collies ("Cow dogs and Cur dogs"); Old breeds like terriers, jack Russell, and German shepherds. All have their own advantages and disadvantages of course.

The dachshund has shown to be a formidable and versatile breed for tracking wounded deer and other big game. With their innate hunting sense, training of a newly purchased dachshund puppy can lead to an excellent chance of developing a usable tracking hound. By reinforcing natural instincts, basic obedience training, and motivating and encouraging a young pup, as well as "on lead" (deer tracking in Michigan must be done on leash or lead) training is expected.

The owner/handler must work in tandem as a team with the tracking dog. Communication with the hunter is important to determine perceived shot location or "wound" will add to the successful conclusion of any track. Young dogs can be started on a "drag line" of liver and blood and even the preferred German technique of using "Fahrtenshuhe" (Tracking Shoes) which uses an actual deer leg attached to a boot or shoe. The leg from an individual deer must always be used as dogs recognize individual deer through the interdental gland found between the hoofs of the deer. A 30 foot lead that does not easily catch on brush can be used (different types of line/rope are used). Typical rewards at the end of a drag line include "nibbles" on the liver, or a deer hide/skin or leg.

Learning more

As previously mentioned, the group United Blood Trackers.org (questions@unitedbloodtrackers.org) is also a good place to inquire and gain further information, including "Find-a-Tracker" listing and regulations for each state that allows the use of tracking dogs. This season and in the future, whether using a bow, rifle, crossbow or black powder... make every attempt to make a good lethal shot.

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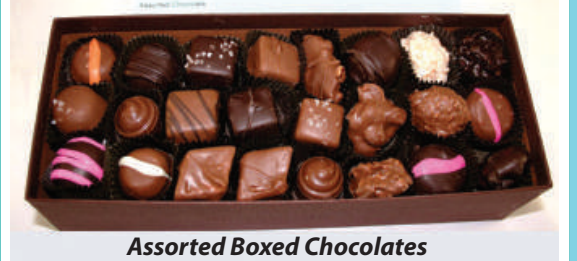
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