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At a glance

Have fun and benefit someone

A benefit featuring lots of fun activities, including a Christmas karaoke, a sing-along and more will help Compassionate Hearts, a local non-profit group that assists those in need. Water Street Café hosts the benefit set for 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Café.

Holiday schedules

Boyerne City Public Schools will begin Christmas break on Friday, Dec. 21. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

East Jordan Public Schools will have a full day of school on Friday, Dec. 21, and begin Christmas break on Monday, Dec. 24. Classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Boyerne Falls Public Schools will also have a full day of school on Friday, Dec. 21, beginning Christmas break on Monday, Dec. 24, and resuming classes on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Boyerne City holiday hours

Boyerne City city offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. City offices will also be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

East Jordan holiday hours

East Jordan city offices will be closed at noon on Friday, Dec. 21. City offices will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2008, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Realtors food drive

The local Association of Realtors member offices in Boyerne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan are collecting non-perishable items for the community food pantries.

Please donate items at any of the real estate offices in Charlevoix, Boyerne City and East Jordan during regular business hours.

Questions may be directed to Karen Harrison, 231-237-6394, or Anne Kantola, 231-547-4444.

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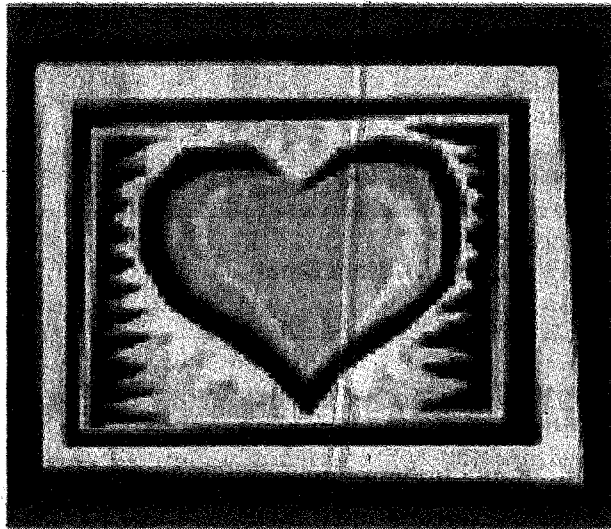
BOYERNE CITY — Join friends and families for refreshments, a sing-along, a Christmas karaoke contest, face painting, contests and prizes from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, at Water Street Café downtown.

The event, hosted by Water Street Café, is a benefit for Compassionate Hearts, a local group that helps people in the community with emergency needs. It is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization that assists in many different ways. A furnace breakdown repair, shoes and boots for kids, air conditioning units for se-

niors, and some medical emergency help are examples of the way the organization aids the community.

Compassionate Hearts was founded in 2005 by a woman whose past experience gave her an understanding of hardships. Now 33 years into a happy marriage, she had been in an abusive marriage until she divorced. She had no money and six children to care for, said the founder who asked to remain anonymous.

One day during those years, she received a tele-



phone call from her children's school offering help. Boots, hats, mittens and other items arrived and

it touched her heart forever. Years later, a young student was carrying some things for her when she noticed his torn shoes. It was at that moment that she determined she would help others.

Donations from area businesses and individuals who contribute receive a personal letter that tells them in detail how the donations are used, the founder said.

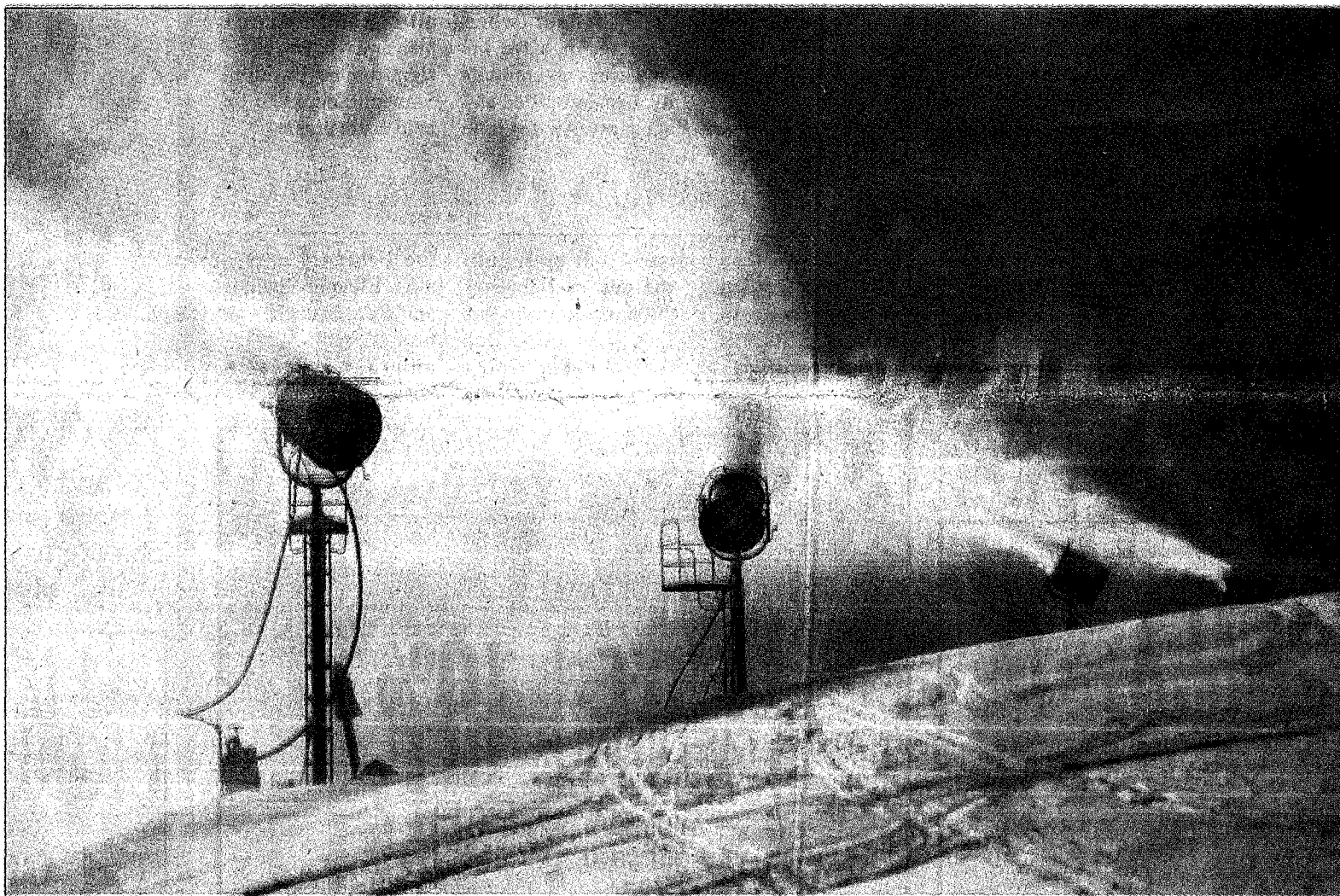
"I believe with all my heart that when people give donations, I want them to know where exactly the money is spent. Part of the reason we're growing is because of the personal

touch." Compassionate Hearts helps people who do not receive other assistance and operates by the motto: "I can help you up, but I can't carry you."

Much of its information about those in need comes from churches, schools and organizations such as the Good Samaritan and the Salvation Army. Area doctors, pharmacies and others sometimes cut their fees for emergencies.

Contributions to Compassionate Hearts may be sent to: P.O. Box 413, Boyerne City, MI 49712.

Snow power



Boyerne Mountain snowmakers have poured out the white stuff almost nonstop, 24 hours a day for the past five weeks. Temperatures below freezing with few exceptions have brought about the best early season conditions in recent memory. Sunday afternoon on a beautiful sunny day, the guns on Boyerne's "Superbowl" produce an awesome display. Boyerne is just a few short days away from 100% open runs.

Land ownership before commission

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

BOYERNE CITY — The issue of a portion of land at the waterfront in an ownership dispute between the city and the One Water Street developers was before city commissioners again at a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

An agreement between the city and the developers that was signed on Dec. 18, 2006, expires on Dec. 31, and commissioners had to decide whether or not to extend the agreement.

But, the agreement has been a source of controversy because of its terms and some of its language. The document quit-claims the triangle portion of the land from One Water Street Development Company, LLC to the City of Boyerne City contingent upon the city's approval of the developers' plan and issuance of a conditional use permit and of a zoning permit.

Some citizens question how One Water Street can quit-claim land that they say the developers do not own in the first place.

"Water Street runs all the way to water's edge," said resident Sue Hobbs. "All that has to be done is a title search and One Water Street will know they don't own it. There are photos of Water Street going to the water. I don't know how they could claim it. It is already ours, they can't give it back to us. I think that this agreement should not be extended, and should not have been agreed to in the first place. This is basically a bribe."

Area resident, Vasco Zucchiatti questioned the contingencies contained in the agreement.

"It is ironic and arrogant on the part of the developer to get so many benefits from the city and then propose to quit-claim deed property they don't own," he said. "That's a lot of demands that they seem to be making in the agreement. With all of this

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No satisfaction yet for Boyerne City Road

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

BOYERNE CITY — A roomful of citizens gathered at a Charlevoix County Road Commission meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 hoping to hear some solutions for improving the Boyerne City-Charlevoix Road.

But the meeting at City Hall in Boyerne City held little hope of action on that 17-mile stretch of county road before the year 2012.

Road commissioners Doug Way, Wayne Saunders and Keith Ogden were mostly silent during the meeting, while manager Pat Harmon explained the financial status of the county's road commission and fielded questions from the audience.

Many of the citizens that attended the meeting were part of a growing populace frustrated with the Boyerne City-Charlevoix Road. The disrepair of the road makes for dangerous driving con-

ditions, some said, including county sheriff George T. Lasater.

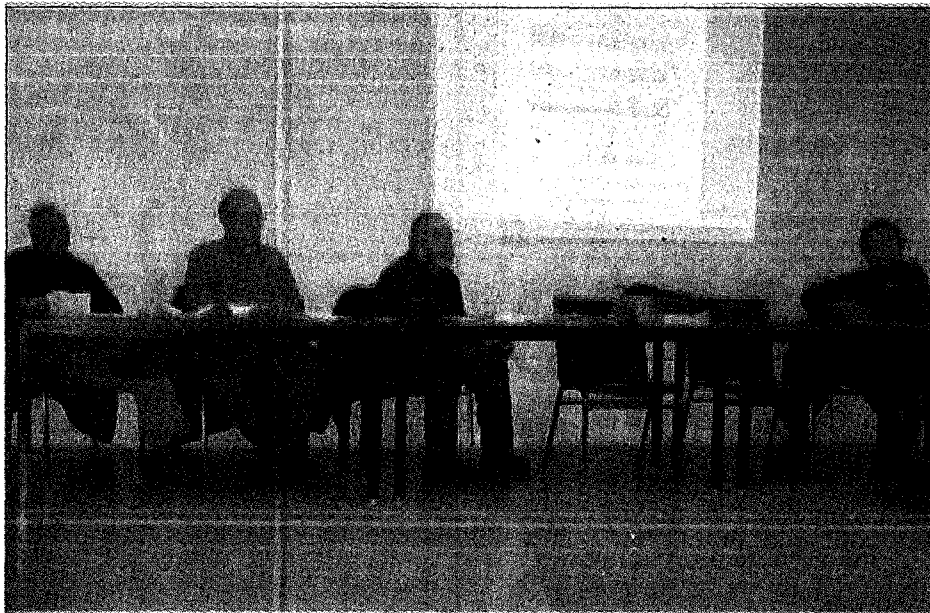
A member of the audience questioned why money was spent on areas not as bad as the Boyerne City-Charlevoix Road, but Harmon said the townships funded those areas.

Harmon said the years 2008-2009 would be used by the road commission for building up revenue. The only project scheduled is in Boyerne City and city manager Michael Cain said the city is prepared to postpone that project if it will help repair the county road earlier.

A millage request was discussed, but county commissioner Shirlene Tripp, who attended the meeting, voiced her reservations.

"It's tough for people to vote for it when they're taxed enough," said Tripp.

Some doubt that a millage would raise enough funds because it would tax property owners, but trucks, which make up a high per-



Road commissioners (from left) Doug Way and Wayne Saunders listened as manager, Pat Harmon, explained the financial state of affairs of the road commission at a meeting on Dec. 12 at Boyerne City City Hall. At right is road commissioner Keith Ogden.

centage of traffic on the Boyerne City-Charlevoix Road, would not pay the millage, nor would visitors to the area.

Harmon said he didn't know of any state grants available, but that the road commission was in contact

with the Indian tribes for possible grants. It was brought up that public safety grants were sometimes available.

Bay Township resident Jerry Matelski, who organized residents to attend the meeting and voice their

concerns, said after the meeting that he was hopeful something could be done with the Boyerne City-Charlevoix Road earlier than 2012. He is meeting with state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer this week to discuss the issue.

Family physician comes to Charlevoix

Our area has gained a new family practice specialist. Mark Smith, MD, has opened a practice at 14730 Park Avenue, on the Charlevoix Area Hospital campus, where he will see patients every Wednesday. Dr. Smith also staffs the hospital's emergency department several days a week.

A Michigan native, Dr. Smith studied at Aquinas College, earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and served his residency at Grand Rapids Family Medicine. He is certified by

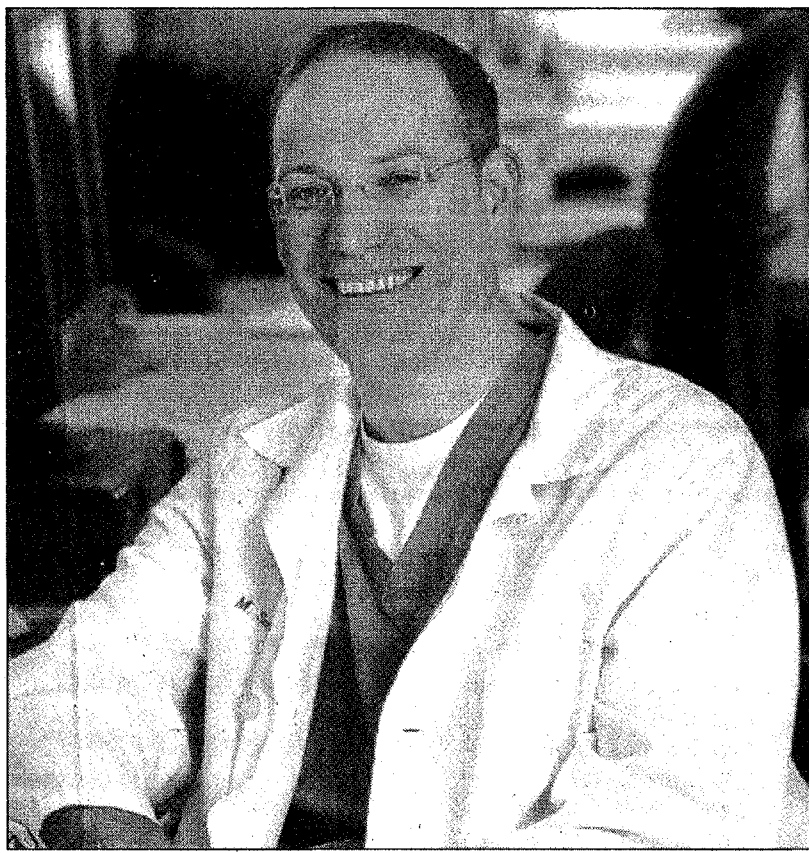
the American Academy of Family Physicians. Area residents may remember Dr. Smith from the East Jordan Family Health Center, where he was on staff in 2003. Prior to coming to Charlevoix with his family, he practiced for four years in Manistee.

Dr. Smith is married to Mary Ivy, MD, an OB/Gyn specialist who recently joined Charlevoix Women's Health Care. The couple, along with their two young children, is making their home in Charlevoix. "This was such a wonderful opportunity," says Dr. Smith, adding,

"Both of us love this area and we're happy to be back."

For the time being, Dr. Smith will be in his office only on Wednesday, although he looks forward to building a practice and expanding office hours as time and space become available. With a focus on comprehensive, preventive health care, his practice will include people of all ages - from kids to geriatric patients.

Those who would like to make an appointment with Dr. Smith may do so by calling his office any day of the week, at 231-547-6510.



Dr. Mark Smith

Courtesy photo

Snowmobile reminders

The Boyne City Police Department wants to remind snowmobilers of the laws regarding snowmobiles in Boyne City.

Snowmobiles are not permitted on the following downtown streets in Boyne City: Water Street between East and Lake Streets, and Lake Street between Water and Main Streets.

Snowmobiles are permitted to ride on other streets under the following guidelines:

Riders must stop at every intersection, even if there is no stop sign

at the intersection. Riders must obey all traffic laws, and are not permitted anywhere other than the right edge of the roadway. Right edge of the roadway means the main traveled portion of the roadway, and not the area adjacent to the traveled portion of the roadway.

Snowmobiles are not allowed upon any sidewalk or in any cemetery or municipal park.

Riders must obtain owner's permission before riding on private property.

Surplus funds surface in DNR budget Department should apologize for requesting license fee hike

After months of angling to hike hunting and fishing license fees to cover Department of Natural Resources budget shortcomings, the department's announcement this week of a \$10 million surplus is outrageous, state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer said.

The DNR had proposed doubling the

cost of a firearm or archery deer license fees from \$15 to \$30 for Michigan residents over the next four years and from \$138 to \$300 for out-of-state hunters.

"Ensuring the protection and management of Michigan's natural resources must be a top priority for our state, but making it into

a "three-card-monte" game for sportsmen and taxpayers is just wrong," said Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin. "The announcement of a \$10 million surplus should be great news, until you learn that the windfall was discovered last July while campgrounds were being closed down and

everyone was being told without a license fee increase the DNR would be next."

The funding excess in the wildlife fund was because of a good return on some investments. DNR officials have stated the extra money was being looked at as "rainy day savings."

"There's no such

thing as rainy day money when taxes are being increased. The department needs to look outside - it's pouring," Elsenheimer said. "A department that provides misinformation about the state of their budget when pushing for a fee increase has no credibility. I am as baffled as I am angry. All this time

they've been pointing the finger at sportsmen when they should have been pointing at themselves."

"After this boondoggle, DNR Director Rebecca Humphries needs to apologize to all Michigan sportsmen and women, or resign from her position. Someone needs to be held accountable.

Land

Continued from 1A background, I wish the city would have taken this to court."

Commissioner Ron Grunch defended the developers and the agreement.

"The purpose for the agreement in the

first place was to avoid litigation expense," he said. "We've worked two solid years on this and I still think it is a good project."

Mayor Eleanor Stackus spoke in support of the agreement and its

extension for a six-month time period. "From everything I know, we're supposed to move forward. There is going to be a developer whether it's Jerry Rutter (a One Water Street developer) or someone

else. We don't own the water. We don't own the property," said Mayor Stackus.

A vote was passed to extend the agree-

ment, but only until the end of February 2008. Commissioners Chuck Vondra, Dan Adkison and Mike Cummings voted for

the February extension. Eleanor Stackus and Ron Grunch who had sought a six-month extension voted no.

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Happy Holidays

The year ends with blowing snow and Christmas lights, and we reflect on the preceding months with a sigh of relief, but also of gratitude. We have had a wonderfully busy year, and it is with humble thanks that we recognize we could not have done it without you, our clients, community and friends. Your support is priceless. Your faithfulness and friendship are inspiring.

At Christmas and always, we are profoundly grateful. May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**Wishing you peace
this Christmas**

Peace

It's a nice word isn't it? When spoken, the word sounds like its definition and saying the word makes one feel peaceful. Try it.

This Christmas season finds people around the world in strife. Some are living where a war is being fought. Others are not at peace in their minds or their hearts.

We need to redouble our efforts for peace, not only through our government and social organizations, but also within each one of us. Peace will begin through each individual who feels peace in their heart and passes it on to others.

On Dec. 12 in Turku, Finland, an appeal for world peace was presented. Leaders of four denominations participated. In their appeal, they recognized the importance of solidarity both on an individual level and in the interaction among different nations.

The website for the city of Turku related how families, schools, workplaces and congregations should be developed into places that offer a caring and safe environment. Such commitment strengthens and develops mental health in a way that will never be found in data networks and in the virtual reality, but only where people are close to one another, it was stated on the site.

Finland, as long as we're on the subject, has a rather interesting tradition known as the "Declaration of Christmas Peace." From a time during the Middle Ages, the declaration has been read at noon on Christmas Eve from a parchment roll on the Old Great Square of Turku.

The Declaration of Christmas Peace reads in part: "A general Christmas peace is hereby declared and all persons are directed to observe this holiday with due reverence and otherwise quietly and peacefully to conduct themselves, for whosoever breaks this peace by any unlawful or improper conduct shall be liable to whatever penalty is prescribed by law and decree for each offence or misdemeanor.

"Finally," the declaration states, "all citizens are wished a joyous Christmas holiday."

That couldn't be much more clear.

Our Christmas wish is for all of you to have a peaceful, safe, and wonderful Christmas and if things begin spinning too fast, stop and say it -

Peace.

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- Endorsements of political candidates; or
- Letters attacking a private individual or business.

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If you have questions on the letter policy, contact the editor at 231-582-6761 or via e-mail at citizen@voyager.net



A thank you note

As families gather together for the holiday season, I am reminded of those to whom I owe a debt of gratitude.

My family is sparse and scattered around the country. Regardless of their foibles, and of mine, they are locked in my heart like convicted criminals and they will never escape. We rarely get together en masse anymore, unless a revered uncle turns 90 or someone's son or daughter gets married. It's regrettable, but as life becomes more complicated and we grapple with jobs, responsibilities and hectic schedules, the miles between us become almost insurmountable.

When I left home, I didn't so much cut the apron strings as shred them to ribbons. I couldn't wait to forge my own life, separate and distinct from my conventional childhood. I would never

have survived the inevitable and timeworn pitfalls that accompany the passage into adulthood without my friends.

The familiarity, comfort and day-to-day unconditional support that is usually assigned to family has become the onus of my friends. This is the family that we choose. These are the people that don't have to love us, but they do anyway. They allow us to be who we truly are, even when it's not a pretty picture. They will laugh at our jokes, commiserate about our problems and let us cuss without fuss. They will give equal weight to a bad hair day or a faltering marriage. And they get the obscure reference to the Bukowski

MORE OR LESS



By
Christine
Gwidt

character in the movie "Barfly" when you raise your glass and toast: "Here's to all my frieeeeeeeeends!"

Friends will see you through the best and the

worst of it. They are the hand-picked ensemble cast that populate the story of our lives. With each seemingly small gesture or in sharing our dreams and disappointments, we earn a place in each other's hearts and minds. We become invaluable. We become family.

I hope that they know how much they mean to me. I think that they do. These are the relationships that seem to take the least effort, simply because they are so serendipitous. We fall into

them by good fortune and we maintain them because it is a joy to do so. We don't judge each other for perceived lapses or misdemeanors. We don't hold each other to a pre-conceived criteria. And it is precisely for this reason that our friends are paramount. We allow each other the luxury of failure without loss of esteem.

I once overheard a good friend say to my then-boyfriend, who was recounting a list of my sins to illustrate some forgotten point: "I don't care if she murdered someone. Anything she does is alright with me."

Now this is extreme. But far be it from me to oppose that sort of loyalty. She was planting the flag of her allegiance. The boyfriend is ancient history, but my friend is just a phone call away.

Here's to all my frieeeeeeeeends.

YOUR VOICE

Take advantage of senior centers' services

To the editor:

In 2006 my wife, Helen, and I moved from Central Lake to the East Jordan Housing Commission Apartments (Lakeview Manor) under the Director, Ginny Carey. We were having trouble understanding the new prescription drug Part - D Plan. We were totally confused about my wife's medication. I asked Ginny for help and she referred me to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, under the Director, Susan Bergmann. I called her and she gave me an appointment. I met Mrs. Bergmann, explained our situation and she in turn introduced me to Marge Krchak, the office manager. Marge was

able to correct Helen's problem. Those two ladies, Mrs. Bergmann and Mrs. Krchak came to our rescue for which we are so thankful. Along with other valued advice, they are doing us seniors a great service. We also find the Charlevoix County Senior Centers are very good to us seniors. The good food, entertainment and services; our wonder is why more seniors don't take advantage of these centers and what there is to be had.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

— Sherm and Helen Thomas
East Jordan

Not plowing on weekends could cost a life

To the Editor,

Regarding the Road Commission's decision to not plow secondary roads on weekends. I work as a Paramedic for the City of East Jordan and personally I think this is a lousy idea. More than that, it's a very poor management decision made by the road commission. I'm appalled to think that they would put the citizens of Charlevoix County and their property at risk like this. By not plowing the roads on weekends emergency responders such as Fire and EMS will be delayed and may even be unable to reach some residents in an emergency. Also with people trying to drive on unplowed roads many of these citizens will become the emergency. That

may be in the form of a vehicle accident or simply being stranded in sub-zero weather. Regardless if it's medical emergency, a vehicle accident or a structure fire, response times will be longer. In medical emergencies where minutes matter these delays may very well cost someone their life. The citizens of Charlevoix County pay too much in property taxes to have to go all winter with secondary roads unplowed on weekends. Most people live on these secondary roads. I think the citizens need to stand up and say no, we won't put up with this. These roads will be plowed.

— Neil R Booze EMT-P
East Jordan

Litzenburger Place seniors thankful

To the editor:

This past summer a plea went out to the public for donations to help purchase portable air conditioning units. The Boyne City Eagles Club was the first to respond with a special donation for our three most medically needy residents. Soon many other donations were coming in from individuals whose heartfelt compassion will forever be remembered. At a point when we thought that things could not get any brighter, a man from Birmingham stepped forward and presented us with a check for ten more units. The count was now down to four units and every apartment could be equipped with the cool air we so desperately needed during the hot summer months. We had earlier

approached the COA for some possible assistance. They then appointed a sub-committee to check out all the facts and a few weeks later they approved the request. Last week our County Commissioners finalized this with a favorable vote for the funding of the last four units. This recent action now provides air conditioners for every apartment. What a great place we live in that not only our friends and neighbors, but total strangers will step up and help the seniors and disabled without blinking an eye. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. You will forever be in our prayers.

— Residents of Litzenburger Place
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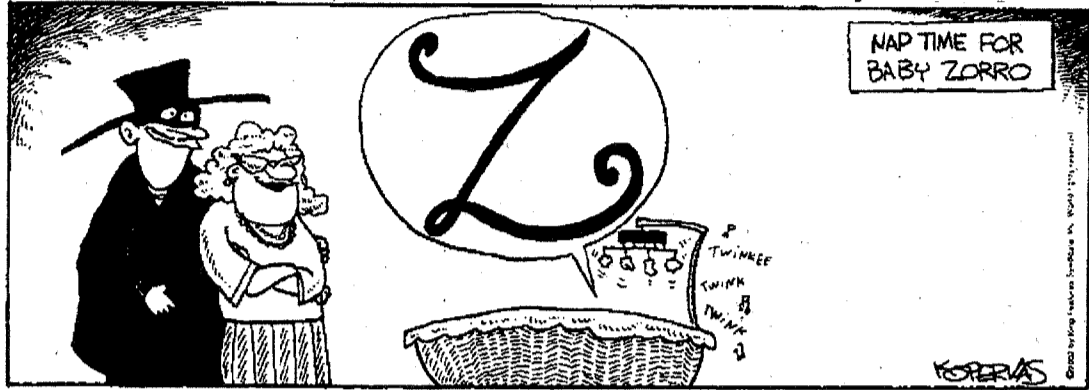
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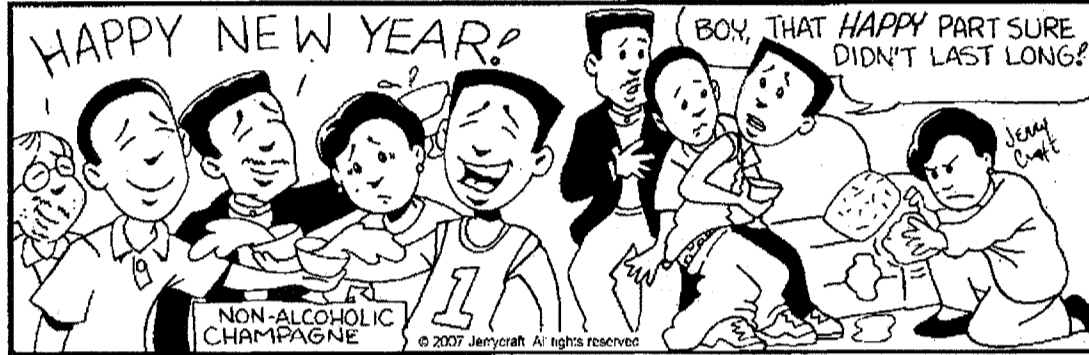
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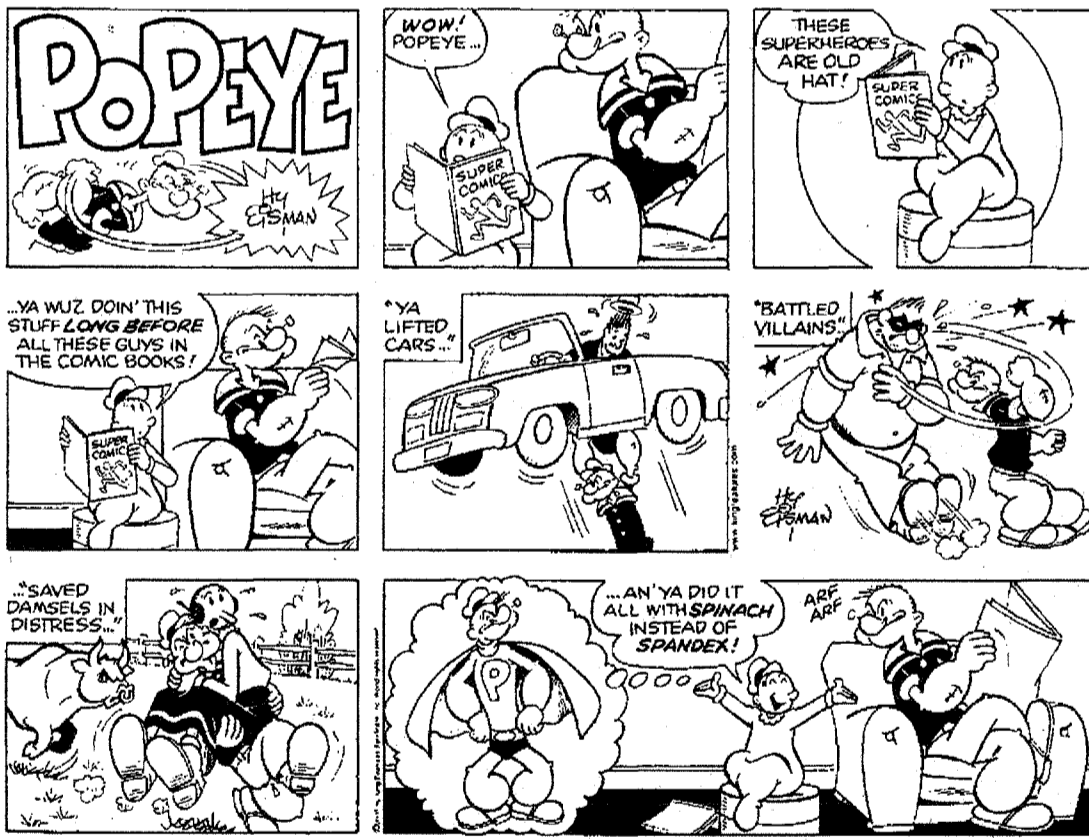
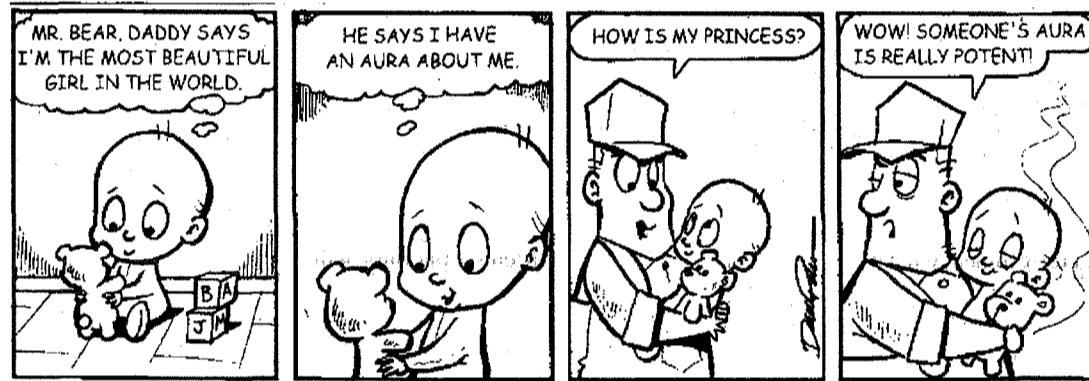
Out on a Limb



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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

If you've ever suffered from thermostat wars at your office, you might be interested in the following fact: Those who research such things conducted a study in 2004 on office temperatures. The results showed that workers were less productive and made more mistakes when office temperatures dropped from 77 F to 68 F.

• Anyone who has read her works will not be surprised to learn that it was 19th-century novelist Jane Austen, one of the most widely read

and best-loved writers in British literature, who made the following observation: "There certainly are not so many men of large fortune in the world as there are pretty women to deserve them."

• You might be surprised to learn that the word "mortgage" shares the same Latin root meaning as the terms "rigor mortis" and "mortician." "Mortgage" literally means "death pledge."

• Records indicate that in 1925, movie stuntmen (and yes, they were all men in those days) earned \$7 to \$8 per day for basic stunts. They got extra pay for certain activities, though; jumping from an airplane to a train was worth \$150, for instance. Any stuntman who parachuted out of an exploding plane would get \$500,

and it was worth \$1,500 to crash a plane into a house or a tree. Considering the state of technology and safety standards of the day, it's no wonder that between 1925 and 1930, 55 people were killed while performing movie stunts, and another 10,000 were injured.

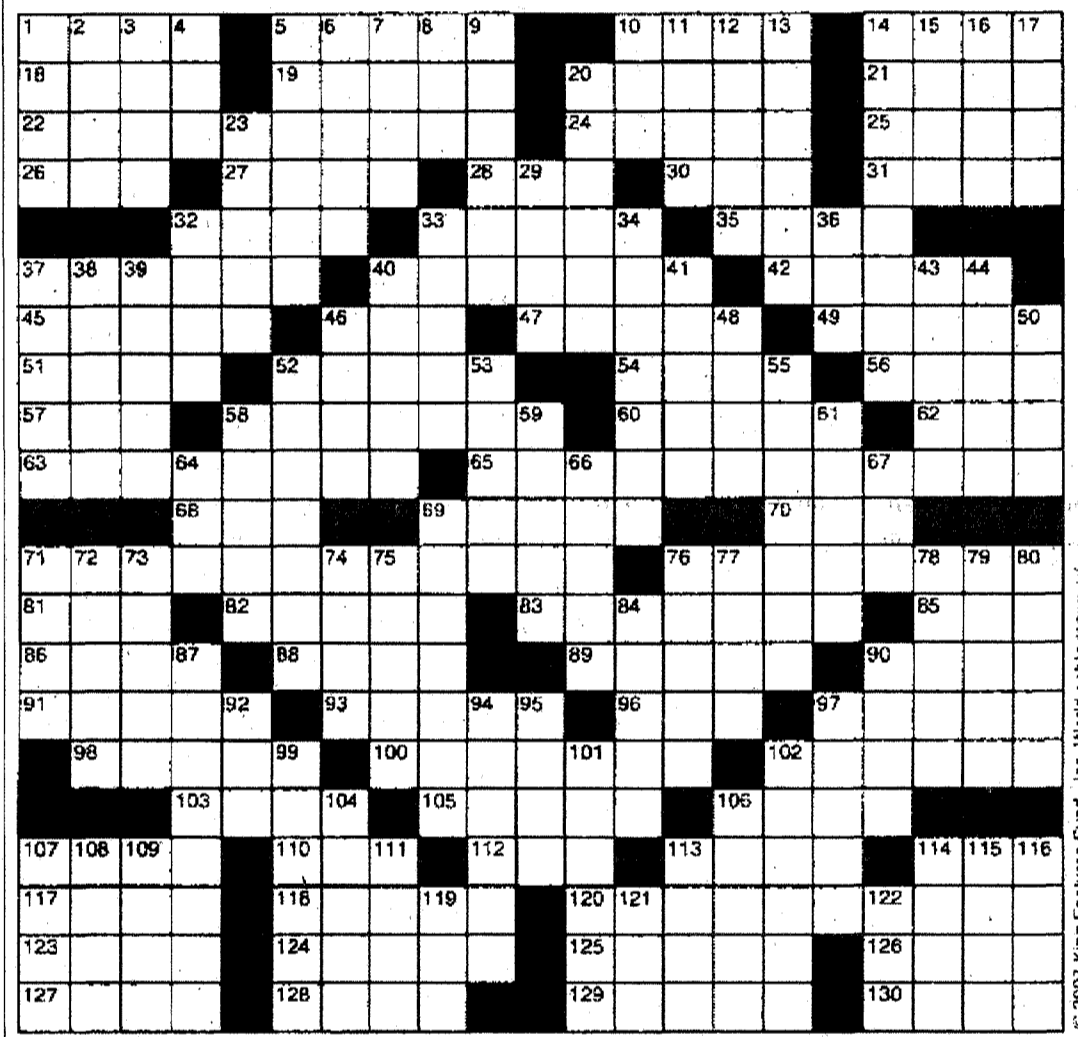
• Every year the town of Brevard in North Carolina celebrates its unusual local fauna with an entire festival dedicated to white squirrels. Yes, squirrels.

Thought for the Day: "An ostentatious man will rather relate a blunder or an absurdity he has committed, than be debarred from talking of his own dear person." — Joseph Addison

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Super Crossword IN REVERSE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Israel's Barak
 - 5 "Fie!"
 - 10 Traffic sound
 - 14 Beer ingredient
 - 18 It's nothing
 - 19 "From the Terrace" author
 - 20 Fusillade
 - 21 Not quite closed
 - 22 KINGLY BREW
 - 24 Start
 - 25 Actor
 - 26 Parrot
 - 27 Charity
 - 28 Party animal?
 - 30 Fornicary denizen
 - 31 Final
 - 32 Loose
 - 33 Like opposites
 - 35 Pitch
 - 37 Dump on
 - 40 Can opener
 - 42 Harp part
 - 45 Crop up
 - 46 Part of EEC
 - 47 Golden —
 - 49 Merchandise
 - 51 Navel store?
 - 52 Disseminate
 - 54 Flat hats
 - 56 Relocate
 - 57 Rock's —
 - 58 Ubiquitous songbird
 - 60 Faultless
 - 62 Clarke or Quastel
 - 63 HURT
 - 65 "GIDDYUP!" OR "HOOCHIE MAMA!"
 - 68 Fumble
 - 69 Net type
 - 70 "Jurassic Park" stuff
 - 71 ROMAN FELL FROM GRACE
 - 76 ENTHUSIASTIC SINGER
 - 81 Japanese statesman
 - 82 Category
 - 83 Gets back
 - 85 Relative of un-
 - 86 Sporting saddles
 - 88 Autumn implement
 - 89 Distribute the donuts
 - 90 Word with camp or tree
 - 91 Artist Rousseau
 - 93 Intrinsically
 - 96 Mauna —
 - 97 "Greetings!"
 - 98 Find out
 - 100 Did business
 - 102 He had a lot of Gau!
 - 103 Angler's dangle
 - 105 Fear
 - 106 "You — Hurry Love" ("66 hit)
 - 107 Society
 - 110 Sweater letter
 - 112 Gumshoe
 - 113 Toil
 - 114 August one
 - 117 "Damn Yankees" siren
 - 118 Electronic device
 - 120 SWEATERS ARE OFFENSIVE
 - 123 "Kismet" character
 - 124 — fell swoop
 - 125 Government creation
 - 126 Where to find a zebu
 - 127 Man the bar
 - 128 Dweeb
 - 129 Producer Coen
 - 130 Chatterley or Windermere
 - 2 Dickens villain
 - 3 Prod
 - 4 '50 film noir classic
 - 5 It's on the bee's knees
 - 6 "It's a —" (70 song)
 - 7 Witches
 - 8 Live and breathe
 - 9 Pop Art pioneer
 - 10 Outlaw
 - 11 Lohengrin's love
 - 12 Happening
 - 13 KETTLE COVER
 - 14 PRO-DUCED CHEESE
 - 15 Trojan War hero
 - 16 Turner or Wood
 - 17 Soho streetcar
 - 20 Beethoven creation
 - 23 Sweatshirt size
 - 29 Pansian pronoun
 - 32 '78 Stallone flick
 - 33 More theoretical novel
 - 34 Doctorow novel
 - 36 Fresh
 - 37 Shopping sites
 - 38 Historian Durant
 - 39 Hunt or Hamilton
 - 40 Acts catty?
 - 41 Blender part
 - 43 Fragrance
 - 44 Actor Burton
 - 46 And more of the same
 - 48 Part of ER
 - 50 Go after
 - 52 Less plentiful
 - 53 Roused
 - 55 Food fish
 - 58 Bli of parsley
 - 59 More ironic
 - 61 — a hand (aids)
 - 64 Grunter's grounds
 - 66 Llana turf
 - 67 Deranged
 - 68 Looked like Hook?
 - 71 Word with side or satellite
 - 72 Lucy's lady
 - 73 Peter of Herman's
 - 74 Cinch
 - 75 Vexed
 - 76 Hitter Hank
 - 77 "— Las Vegas" ('64 film)
 - 78 Baal and
 - 79 Stringed instrument
 - 80 Philanthropist Brooke
 - 84 Very cold
 - 87 BORING POET
 - 90 Exemplar of redness
 - 92 Private pension
 - 94 French philosopher
 - 95 Gen. Robt. —
 - 87 "Big" star
 - 89 SWIPE BROOCH
 - 101 Undertake
 - 102 "The Silent Spring" author
 - 104 Macbeth, for one
 - 106 Terra —
 - 107 Thicken
 - 108 Capital of Togo
 - 109 — Bator
 - 111 Borodin's "Prince —"
 - 113 Using
 - 114 Hartman or Kudrow
 - 115 Geraint's lady
 - 116 Adequate
 - 119 Purpose
 - 121 "— again!"
 - 122 Chess champion Mikhail



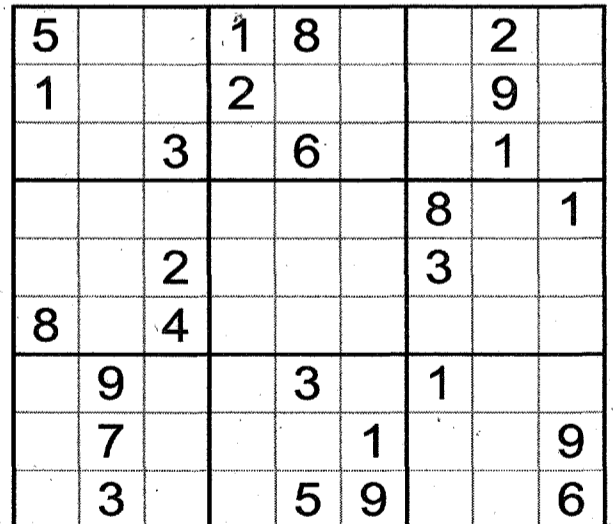
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9, but only once in each. No number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

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Sudoku Answers

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Go Figure! answers

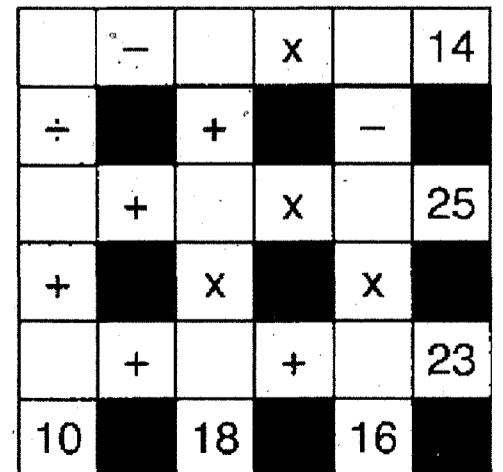
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Super Crossword Answers

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ERRORS	SINS	DNA	—
DENS	SSTIN	NED	VHODIVA
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HENAT	PERSE	LOA	HELLO
BATTLED	READ	CANT	—
CLUB	PHI	TEC	WORK
LEO	PAGER	KNITS	STINK
LOLA	INONE	LOTTO	ASIA
OMAR	TEND	NERD	ETHAN
LADY	—	—	—

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Boyne Falls goes Nutcracker Church events



The Boyne Falls Public School produced its own rendition of the beloved classic "The Nutcracker Suite." Grades participating in the tale were kindergarten through 8th, either acting or singing. Choreography was directed by Rianne Coale, Kayla Hausler, and Caila Coale. The entirety of the production was directed by Mrs. Hinkley, Elementary Arts, Movement, and Music teacher.

"The kids worked very hard and were very proud of themselves by how it turned out and the support and recognition that their parents showed them," Mrs. Hinkley stated, after the play and the stress that comes with making a production run smoothly was over. (l - r) Janelle Roberts, Haley Towne and Charlene Bearss, holding the Nutcracker.

Michigan opens up enrollment for health insurance program for very low-income individuals

Dec. 1 marks the first day of the open enrollment for low-income people in Michigan to apply for the "Adult Medical Program," a state health insurance program that provides outpatient coverage to adults with little or no income who can't get Medicaid. Also known as "County Health Plan A" in some parts of the state, the Adult Medical Program has been closed to new enrollments for much of the past two years. The program will reopen temporarily on Dec. 1. At this time, the Michigan Department of Community Health has not indicated when it will close enrollment for the program, but it is expected to be brief. Therefore, applicants should apply as soon as possible after Dec. 1. If you have previously applied for medical assistance or Medicaid before Dec. 1, you must file a new application or update your pending application. Applicants need only submit an application at DHS and provide proof of income and assets.

Residents who are trying to understand what governmental health insurance program is best for them or a family member, or who have questions about the application process, can contact their local Department of Human Services office for more information.

Key facts on the adult medical program:

How to apply - File an application for public assistance at the Department of Human Services starting Dec. 1. Applicants should check the box for "medical assistance". Anyone with an appli-

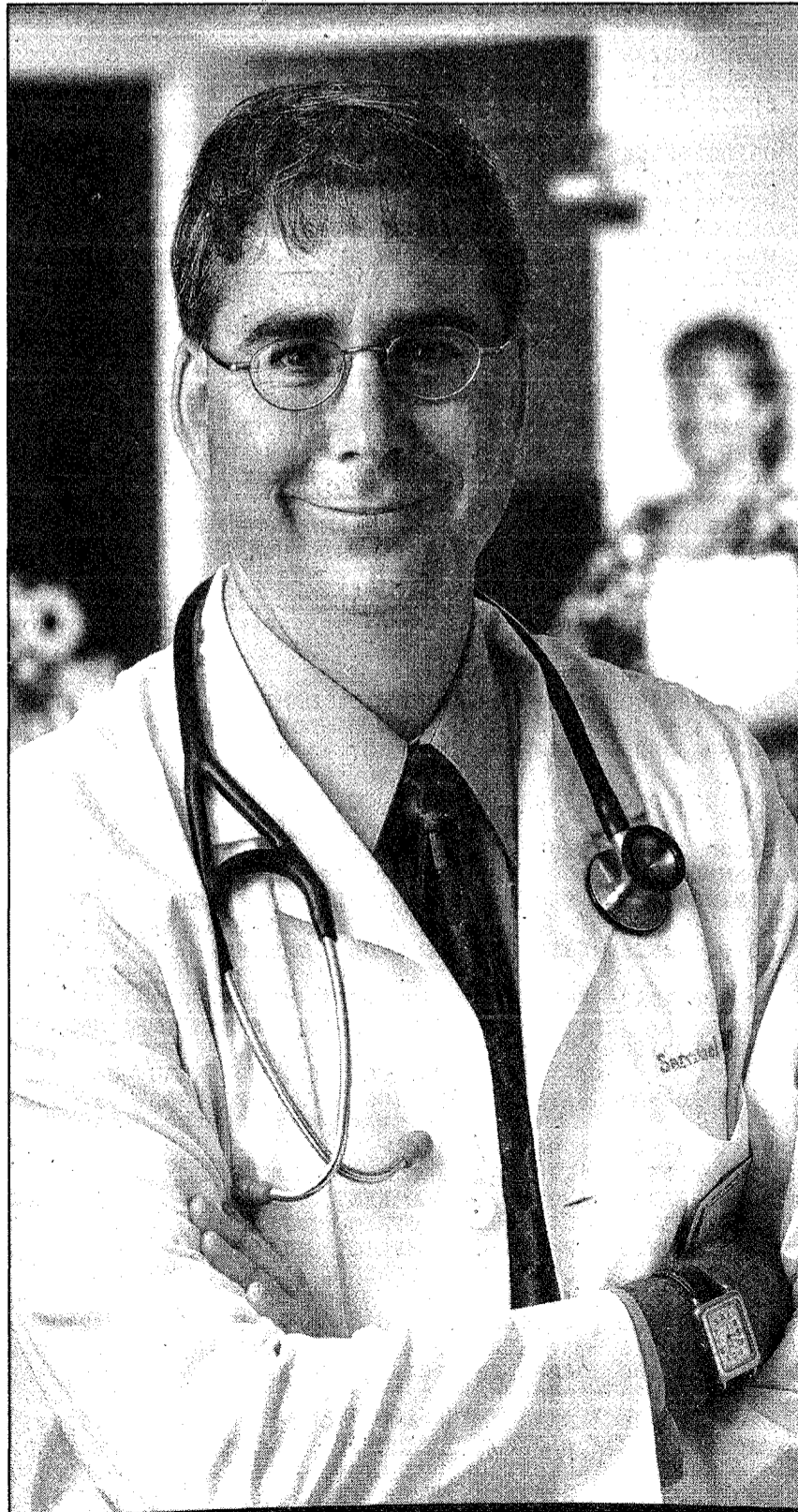
cation that was filed before Dec. 1 must re-apply after Dec. 1 to be considered for Adult Medical Program coverage.

A copy of the application form can be downloaded online from www.mich.gov/dhs and going to the "doing business with DHS" link along the left.

The Adult Medical Program provides health coverage to uninsured individuals who are unable to qualify for Medicaid and who have income below 35% of the federal poverty level (\$284 a month for an individual, \$413 a month for a couple) and cash assets (bank accounts, securities,

cash) totaling less than \$3,000. Earned income may be somewhat higher.

Contact your local DHS office with questions regarding eligibility and services provided. If you are denied, seek legal advice. Call 1-800-968-0738 to find the free legal aid or legal services office nearest to you.



Samuel F. Minor, MD, Family Medicine

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 23, Sunday School classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. At the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Tim will bring the message "Will You Be Part Of the Drama?" and the choir will be singing. After the service there will be a time of fellowship.

The annual Christmas Eve service will be held Monday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to join this special family service with refreshments and fellowship time to follow.

Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Church of the Nativity

Reverend Peggy Natterman will be celebrant for the Dec. 22, Fourth Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. Eucharist at Church of the Nativity. Coffee hour will follow in the church undercroft.

Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24. Sunday, Dec. 30, the 10 a.m. service will include a special "Lessons and Carols" component in addition to the Eucharist service.

Nativity will again provide a Tuesday evening movie night for the month of January, beginning with the recently released "Snow Dogs," which will be shown at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 in the church undercroft. The public is invited to attend and light refreshment will be

provided.

Please call the church answering machine 231-582-5045 to obtain more information about any of the church events. Please leave your name, telephone number and information you seek. A member of the church will return your phone call. Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main Street, Boyne City.

Lakeshore Community Church

Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne City. It is a charismatic congregation and a 'Resurrection Life' Affiliate.

Services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children's church is available for ages 2 through 12. For more information, you can call Pastor Dave Crumbaugh at 231-582-5294.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church and is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who does not have insurance, or is underinsured is welcome to utilize this service. Dr. Richard Mansfield and Kathy Helsley, along with many volunteers from the community, continue to help make this possible. The clinic is run strictly on donations. If you are interested in donating to the Free Clinic, send your donation to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI, 49712, or call 231-5826828 Tuesday through Friday.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan worships at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. A time of refreshment and friendship is held at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 207 Williams Street in East Jordan, 231-536-2941.

Church of the Nazarene

The Boyne City Church of the Nazarene will open a drop-in ministry center before and after school for children grades 1-6. The center is planned to open Jan. 2, 2008. Children may register for before or after school, or both. Space is limited to 15 students in each program. The drop in ministry center is a safe and supervised place for children while parents work. For more information call the office, 231-582-9611, from 10 a.m. to noon, or the pastor, 231-582-2635, or visit our website at www.boynecitynaz.org and click on the drop-in center tab on the homepage. We would also like to invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for children ages 4-12.

The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

Walloon Lake Community Church

Men's-Fraternity will

meet at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Sunday, Dec. 23, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Worship will be led by the Praise Band 2. KidConnection will run from 9 a.m. to noon with a break from 10:15 to 10:45. Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 to noon. Christmas buckets are due on Dec. 23 or 24.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24.

Wednesday, Dec. 26, the food pantry will be open from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. There will be no family meal for class until Jan. 2.

For more information, please contact the church office at 231-535-2288 or visit the website at www.walloonchurch.com. Sermons are available online.

Boyne City, Boyne Falls United Methodist Church

Services in Boyne Falls are at 9:15 a.m. at 3057 Mill Street. Children's programming is held during the service. In Boyne City, worship is at 11 a.m. at 324 S. Park St., with Sunday School during the service.

The Boyne Falls Church is holding F.R.O.G. Club on Tuesdays, twice a month, after school, from 3:15 until 4:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates: Dec. 18.

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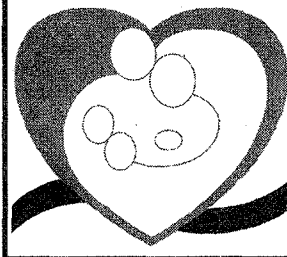
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NEIGHBORS

Theresa Jarema Hecker returned home from visiting Lisa Waldner Alexander on Sunday evening and had a wintry welcome. She visited Lisa at Camp Pendleton in San Clemente, Calif. While visiting Lisa at the United States Marine Corps base she attended a Marine Birthday Ball where Lt. Col Kelly Alexander was honored by bringing home his battalion, the 1st LAR Troops. The event was attended by over 1,200 young Marines that were welcomed back home. While attending the ceremony Theresa had the opportunity to meet her daughter's pen pal who just returned from serving in Iraq. Lt. Col Alexander was an impressive speaker and held a captive audience. The formal event was a memorable moment to share with a lifelong friend from Boyne. Theresa wishes all her B.C.H.S. Girlfriends could have been there with her.

Other travels included visiting with Mitch Moore, formerly of Boyne City. Mitch was so kind as to be the tour guide of Laguna Beach and surrounding areas, Catalina Island and then he took Theresa to the Mission at San Juan Capistrano and its huge Christmas celebration on Saturday.

Thank God she made it home with all the delayed flights. While waiting in the airport Theresa ran into Lea Howie from Boyne City at Detroit Metro. Lea was trying to get back home via Traverse City and it was a pleasure to see a familiar face while waiting in the airport. The weather in California was beautiful - yet after viewing all the fire damage and mudslides, Theresa is happy to be back in Northern Michigan and dreaming of a white Christmas. A great big thank you to the

Alexander family - Lisa, Kelly and Mac - for hosting her in California.

Scott Miller graduated cum laude Saturday, Dec. 8, from the University of South Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree. He plans to continue his college education working towards his masters and ultimately his doctorate in sports therapy medicine. Scott is the son of Bob and Renee Miller of Maybee Mich., also the grandson of Joann Miller of East Jordan and the nephew of Bob and Elaine Denton of Boyne Falls and John and Rebecca Miller of Boyne City.

The BCHS class of 1958 held their monthly lunch at Water Street Cafe on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Those enjoying a great lunch and lots of visiting and catching up were Larry Judkins, Bedella Brennan, Morrie and Sue Hobbs, Ed and Sally Pasque, Vern Erickson, Carl and Sue Charon and Nelda Stanley.

The winner of the Eastern Star meat raffle was Shirley Bowers of East Jordan. She is a graduate of BCHS (I won't say what year) and she was both surprised and delighted.

Evangeline Chapter #95 certainly thank all who purchased tickets for this event,

Residents of Deer Meadows thoroughly enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange on Thursday evening. Darlene Totten kept the party pretty lively with a musical chair-type opening of gifts around the table.



By
Nancy Northup

The group also had bountiful gifts to be donated to the Toys For Tots in our community. Also, word had it that Santa had been at Deer Meadows on Wednesday afternoon.

Nine Grandvue Auxiliary members participated on Thursday in helping with the Christmas party for the residents, their families and friends. Each table was decorated with a red tablecloth and a holiday centerpiece. The Boyne City High School Hospitality Class, under the direction of Dennis Crissman, catered and served the elaborate finger-food refreshments, served in each of Grandvue's three dining rooms. A concert of Christmas music and group carol singing added to the afternoon's festivities.

It was a great Christmas Party at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Friday, with 95 attending. Don Judd, Andy Miller, and Louie Califf were the entertainment, along with Santa Claus who came to visit. A number of people brought goodies to share with everyone, and all the 95 people and staff enjoyed a wonderful dinner and celebrating Christmas. Terri Powers would like to thank the local business that donated prizes for the party and to the special "angel" that purchased lunch for all of the seniors.

"The Darndest Things Happen" corner begins today... so read on. "In 1955, after starting my first job, I put on lay-away and paid \$5 a week for a beautiful hope chest. Three years later I was married and times were hard. One

day when I returned from the store my husband told me he had sold my hope chest, as it was the only thing in the house that "we really didn't need." I was heartbroken, my beautiful hope chest gone forever. Times were not getting any better so we finally left Boyne City in 1963 and moved to the Detroit area.

Then in 1994 my daughter, friend, Mary, and I went to an estate auction in Oak Park. When up came a beautiful hope chest; it looked just like mine. They started the bid at \$100. No one bid. Finally after about 10 minutes, the auctioneer said, "Isn't anyone interested in this chest?" "My friend Sally is," said Mary. The auctioneer said "Then your friend can have it for one dollar."

After opening the chest and looking inside, I could see it was mine. There was my plaque saying "Sally Shaler, 1955, Boyne City Mich." I had finally gotten my hope chest back, 250 miles away and 36 years later.

Life is good. Does anyone out there have a short The Darndest Things Happen story to share? If so, call or e-mail Nancy

May you all be blessed with the true spirit, as you celebrate a Merry Christmas.

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or send e-mail to neighbors@gtlakes.com before the Friday noon deadline.

"Help Everyone Eat" program

TRAVERSE CITY — Magnum Hospitality announces the kick off of the Help Everyone Eat program. This program is a commitment to the communities that Magnum Hospitality serves. The company, being in the business of feeding people, believes that to the extent there are families and individuals in our communities who are unable to provide adequate food for themselves, there is an obligation on the part of those who have the means to take steps to

provide for them. The Help Everyone Eat program is a year-round program. The first Thursday of each month, Magnum Hospitality will donate 15% of the gross sales from Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen in Elk Rapids and The Red Mesa Grill in both Traverse City and Boyne City to designated food pantries serving those areas. They will kick off the program this month by donating 15% of the gross sales for every Thursday in December. Funds generated at

The Red Mesa Grill in Traverse City will be donated to The Father Fred Foundation. Pearl's donations will go to the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard. The Red Mesa Grill in Boyne City will contribute to Boyne Area Pantries through The Manna Food Project. Magnum Hospitality's goal, working with the specific charities and through community support, is to generate over \$30,000 annually for use by these Northern Michigan food pantries.

Parenting class offered

A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk," starts Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Boyne City Middle School.

Parents will learn proven skills such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, cope with their child's negative feelings, express anger without hurting, engage their child's willing cooperation and help their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and

create a family atmosphere of love and respect. The six-session workshop is sponsored by Boyne City Middle School, Boyne City Middle School PTO and the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend, ACSW. The cost of the workshop is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, for Boyne City School District families. The fee for out of district participants is \$80 per person or \$85 per couple. All materials are included. The dates of the sessions are Wednesday, Jan. 16, 23, 30, 2008, and Feb.

6, 13 and 20, 2008, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Certificates of Completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Advance registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have benefited from the How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop. To register call Boyne City Middle School principal Mindy Porter at 231-439-8200, or for more information, visit our website at www.wrcnm.org.

Eveline Township seeks public input on recreation

Eveline Township Planning Commission is seeking public input at a public hearing, which will be held as part of their regularly scheduled meeting, to accept input regarding recreation needs in the Township, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Eveline Township Hall, 08525 Ferry Rd. Please

plan to attend. Copies of the draft Recreation Plan can be reviewed at the Township website: www.charlevoixcounty.org/eveline.asp, the Charlevoix Public Library, Jordan Valley District Library and the Boyne District Library and hard copies of the will also be

available for review at the meeting. Written comments may be sent to: Eveline Township Planning Commission, c/o Eric Beishlag, 1265 Sequanota Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727. Questions regarding the Recreation Plan should be directed to Eric Beishlag at 231-547-2666.

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Making a list....

Santa made his appearance on Dec. 8 at the annual Breakfast with Santa at The Water Street Café in Boyne City. Connor Lannen, pictured with Santa, worked for countless hours making sure his list was complete for his visit with Santa Claus.



The community was entertained by East Jordan Elementary School students on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the elementary school. Christmas holiday songs were part of the programs offered by East Jordan Public Schools for the holidays.

Soup's on



Jan Grotho (left) and Gary Roberts (right) enjoy a laugh together during the soup cook-off at the East Jordan holiday festivities on Thursday, Dec. 6. Six businesses participated by making a soup that visitors could sample and vote on. The first-place winner was Darlene's restaurant, second-place went to the Jordan Inn and Friske's Orchards took third-place. Other businesses were Murray's Bar & Grill, The Zone and Top Ten Shoppe.

Good Samaritan receives \$5,000 grant

Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$5,000 to Good Samaritan Pantry and Resale Shop of Ellsworth for the purpose of providing heating fuel for needy Charlevoix County families this winter.

The \$5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to Good Samaritan will help keep 36 Charlevoix County families warm and in their homes by providing emergency heating fuel. The Foundation awarded \$5,000 grants the last two years to Good Samaritan for the same purpose.

The Good Sam Pantry is an important social service agency in southern Charlevoix County, providing food, clothing and emergency heating fuel to needy families.

Good Samaritan's ability to help is only limited by its financial



Maureen Radke, Program Officer for the Foundation (center) presents the check for \$5,000 to Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry (l), as Jerry Troyer, Good Samaritan Board Chair, witnesses the event.

resources and is dependent on the generosity of members of the community. Anyone interested in helping with a tax-deductible gift, please make your check out to Good Samaritan Family Services, and send to Good Samaritan Family Services, PO Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

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