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Santa Claus will listen to children's Christmas wishes at his "Workshop" located in the Odd Fellows Hall. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYNE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Here Comes Santa Claus!

Boyne City Celebrates the Holidays this Friday, November 27th

By Jim Atkins

Get ready for some big holiday fun, and be on your best behavior, because Santa Claus is coming to downtown Boyne City this Friday, November 27th.

And, the jolly old fellow will be honored by a festive holiday parade that begins at 6 pm.

The parade officially

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Soldiers stationed in Iraq hold up a sign that reads, "Will work for packages." PHOTO COURTESY OF OPERATION MILITARY PRIDE.

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

Troops serving overseas who are from Charlevoix county number about 37 men and women, most of whom will not be with family and friends from home during the Christmas season.

"That is the hardest time — during the holidays," Boyne Falls veteran Dean Kleinschrodt said. "The military does something, but it's not the same. It really takes you

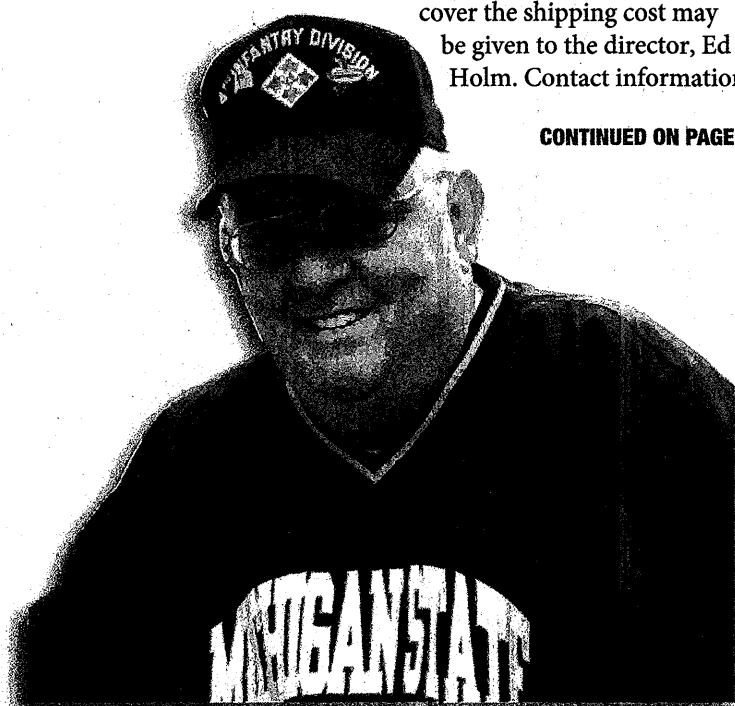
back. Christmas and wedding anniversaries are the hardest."

Receiving a care package from home helps with the ache of loneliness. Some of those in the military receive items from their families and friends, but others have no loved ones to send packages or letters. But area veterans groups make it easy for citizens to warm the hearts of service men and women.

The Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Office located in the county building in Charlevoix, will take unsealed packages and letters and arrange shipping for those citizens who have no specific military address, or those who cannot ship packages themselves. The office has a fund for postage to send items from the community, or a donation to cover the shipping cost may be given to the director, Ed Holm. Contact information

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The deadline for submitting a package is Dec. 6.



Ed Holm gave suggestions for items to send to service men and women, especially during the holiday season. Holm is the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs director. Unsealed packages may be dropped off at the Veterans Affairs office in the county building in Charlevoix and the office will take care of shipping. The office is open Mon., Tues. and Wed. from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Packages should be dropped off by Dec. 5 to arrive by Christmas Day. PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

Contacts for Shipping Packages to Our Troops:

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

Contact: Ed Holm: 231-547-7220 on Mon., Tue & Wed. from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Charlevoix County Building, State & Grant streets, 1st Floor.

BOYNE CITY AMERICAN LEGION

Contact: 231-582-7811 or Dean Kleinschrodt: 231-549-8000
Location: 302 S. Lake St., Boyne City
Unsealed packages may be brought to the post from 3-8 p.m. on Saturdays

CHARLEVOIX AMERICAN LEGION

Contact: 231-547-9203
Location: 106 E. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix

EAST JORDAN AMERICAN LEGION

Contact: 231-536-9217
Location: 305 E. Main St., East Jordan

BOYNE CITY VFW

Contact: 231-582-3447
Location: 1108 Boyne Ave., Boyne City

EAST JORDAN VFW

Contact: 231-536-7580
Location: 4960 M-32, East Jordan

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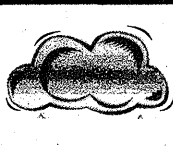
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SW wind 6mph

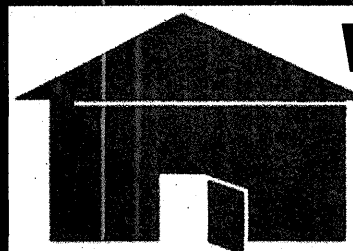


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accompanies this story in a sidebar information box.

"A lot of people don't realize how much it means to the troops when they receive a box from home," Holm said.

Items suggested by veterans to send to the troops overseas are: phone cards that contain prepaid minutes, snacks, beef sticks, jerky, gum, magazines, candy (chocolate may melt), socks, lip balm, moisturizing lotion, crossword puzzles and sketch books with drawing pencils. A website called "Treatsfortroops.com" is worth looking up for ideas. The USO takes donations of \$25 that covers the cost of delivering a package to members of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed around the world. Each package contains a prepaid world-wide phone card, sunscreen, travel size toiletries, a disposable camera and more. For more information check the USO website.

A website known as "anysoldier.com" is useful for those who want to help troops that may not have connections at home. Citizens may send e-mails, letters, cards, and care packages through this website.

Shipping may take three weeks before packages arrive and are in the hands of the military overseas. Many of the veterans groups that prepare and ship items will need the packages by Dec. 6.

The VFW Post in Traverse City takes packages from Charlevoix county and other areas to ship them and has done so for years. Traverse City veteran and past commander of the post, Jack Pickard, organizes the project and goes through each box or package to ensure the items they contain come under the military's regulations. Packages, cards and letters should be unsealed or tied loosely with string when giving them to veterans groups for shipping.

The deadline for submitting a package to Pickard is Dec. 6. (See information sidebar for contact information.)

Pickard said a "Packing Party" is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and volunteers are needed.

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

11:25am Responded to 1000 block of Boyne Av for juvenile tobacco complaint.
 12:39pm Unlocked green Chrysler in the 500 block of N East St.
 1:02pm Male subject at PD ref civil Dispute over property in the 900 block of Robinson St.
 1:09pm Private Property damage accident. Vehicle hit overhang at Drive-thru.
 1:16pm Shoplifting complaint from a business in the 400 block of N Lake St.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:50am Male in to the PD to report that his car was struck by a bicyclist in a parking lot in the 300 Block of E Division St.
 10:48am Female attempted suicide in the 600 block of Grant St. Was transported by EMS.
 9:57pm Report of suspicious female walking on Division St. Was gone upon officer's arrival.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11:02am 911 hang up call in the 500 block of N Lake St. All was OK
 11:04am Male stopped in PD to report being harassed by another male in the 300 block of Silver St.
 11:37am Previous male back at PD to report being harassed again by the same person in the 500 block of Jersey St.
 2:25pm Male reported losing digital

camera downtown last weekend.
 2:27pm Male at PD to report driving complaint that occurred on Front St. Located suspect vehicle on State St and driver was warned for unsafe passing.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

3:31am Report of suspicious males banging on door of apartment on S Lake St. Turned out to be friends.
 9:48am Female in to PD to report fraudulent phone calls she has been receiving from Jamaica
 12:35pm Female calling to report being harassed in the 1200 block of Boyne Av
 1:45pm Female in from E Main St with some suspicious male she received
 7:12pm Juvenile female out of control and tearing up house in the 200 block of State St.
 8:45pm Officer responded to the 300 block of E Division St for a civil matter over a cat carrier.
 9:13pm Unlocked vehicle in the 1100 block of Boyne Av
 11:42pm Officers responded to report of Prowler on Pine Pointe Tr. Located and intoxicated male, who was transported home.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:42am Officer located open door on business in the 1100 block of Boyne Av. All was secure.
 1:59am Female reports almost being run over by a male driving a white van on N Lake St near River St

2:46am Officers found door ajar in the 300 block of S Park St. Everything OK
 3:03am Report of vandalism to white van while parked in the 100 block of River St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:09am Report of 2 males fighting in the 300 block of E Division St. Parties undecided on pressing charges. One minor female given citation for MIP.
 9:23am Report of parking complaint on State St near East St. Owner was contacted and asked to move vehicle.
 5:37pm Citation for speed issued to male at Lake and Groveland Streets.
 6:22pm Civil custody dispute in the 300 block of E Division St. Referred to Friend of Court
 6:43pm Request for civil standby to retrieve property in the 900 block of Robinson St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

11:25am Male from the 400 block of Lewis Av reports larceny from his garage
 12:37pm Female at PD ref civil dispute with estranged husband
 12:50pm Male at PD ref possible credit card fraud
 2:41pm Unlocked vehicle in the Industrial Park
 3:34pm Female from the 700 block of Wenonah reports neighbor antagonizing and abusing her pets.

Business Plan Approved

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in addition, Kirtland's Lange presented a change in the layout of the building, in traffic flows and reported that some of the outside equipment is inside for less noise to others in the area.

Lighting outdoors will shine directly on designated sites and Lange said the property lot line is 95 feet away from the light poles, so no light will spill onto adjacent property.

Landscaping includes a berm on the

south side of the property and a berm at the southwest corner of the property with the planting of trees, Lange said.

The FAA has approved a 48-foot emissions stack, but Kirtland awaits the FAA's approval for its revised placement location.

Lange, Monley and Tupper are considering production of the pellets of up to six tons per hour. Plans are to operate around the clock, five days a week.

Charlevoix Holiday Open House

It's that time of year for holiday entertaining, cookie baking, pie giving, turkey basting, present shopping, gift giving, and celebrating the season! The Charlevoix Merchant Open House is the perfect place for inspiration and acquisition of all your holiday needs. On Saturday, December 5th merchants will be armed with samples, refreshments, special sales and more at participating stores.

It will be a day filled of activity not only in stores but also in the streets! At 12pm Charlevoix's Volunteer Firefighters will bring Santa Claus to East Park by fire truck. Shortly following, children are invited to watch a free full-length holiday movie compliments of Charlevoix State Bank with a donation of a canned good at the Charlevoix Cinema at 1pm. While children enjoy the movie, parents are able to shop without interruption!

After the movie, head over to downtown East Park for a flurry of activities at the 3rd Annual Flurry Fest. From 3 to 6pm enjoy live music, cast your vote for Charlevoix's "Best Hot Chocolate" provided by local restaurants, sample roasted chestnuts, and experience the joy of the season under the tent.

So make a list, check it twice and head to the Charlevoix Merchant Open House! For additional information or a complete list of participating stores and their activities visit www.charlevoix.org or call 231.547.2101.

Raven Hill Holiday Events

Ride a bike & generate electricity! Climb inside a kaleidoscope! Feed the tortoises! Raven Hill Discovery Center will be open from noon to 4 p.m. for family visits during both Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. Hours include Friday, November 27th through Sunday, November 29th, as well as Saturday, December 19th through Sunday, January 3rd, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Visitors can always explore the museum and see the animals. A variety of activities is available by request, including Shibori, an ancient folding and dyeing technique that yields beautiful scarves, Hot Glass Beads, working with a torch to create your own glass beads, marbled paper, leather pouches, aluminum repose, plus several other Arts & Crafts sessions.

Anyone interested in making holiday gifts can call and schedule a time for their choice of classes.

Raven Hill will also celebrate the Winter Solstice on Monday, December 21, 2009 during the regularly scheduled open hours of noon to 4 p.m. Activities having to do with "time" and refreshments will be found in and around the Center, but for those interested in a bigger adventure, visitors can bring snowshoes or cross country skis and visit the Center's very own Ancient World. The entire family will have great fun. The Center's annual Holiday Open House is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, December 28th. Come help us celebrate our 19th holiday season. Finally, a New Year's Eve Overnight from 6 p.m. on December 31, 2009 to 9 a.m. on

January 1, 2010 will entertain the kids and keep them safe, while you celebrate with them or on your own. Registration is limited, so book your spaces soon by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369. Cost is \$100 per person for the overnight and includes an evening meal, snacks, light breakfast & activities. Without a minimum of five, the event will be cancelled, but a maximum of up to ten can register for this exciting and fun experience.

Please plan on treating yourself and your family to an afternoon of fun and exploration at Raven Hill Discovery Center this holiday season. The Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. In addition to the hands-on museum and exotic animals, visitors can dress for the weather and visit the tree house, the

one-room schoolhouse, explore the Time Tunnel, see the geologic history of the earth on the Exploring Beyond Jurassic Park outdoor exhibit, play in the Earth Tones Music Garden and snowshoe or cross country ski around the Taxi Trail and to the Ancient World outdoor exhibits.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. It is located on 157 acres in a rural area of northwestern Lower Michigan next to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve.

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A jazz band plays downtown during last year's Boyne City Holiday Parade. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYNE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Boyne Area Community Christmas Assists Local Families

Since the founding of the Boyne Area Community Christmas Baskets in 1954, initiated by the late Thelma Behling, then school nurse, the baskets have been given to area families in need each year. This year the need is greater than ever and it is expected that as many as 1,000 baskets will be distributed. Any assistance you can give is deeply appreciated by the area families in need.

Non-perishable food, toys, games, books, clothing, blankets and appropriate gifts may be dropped off, unwrapped at the Early Elementary School on Pine St. in Boyne City. Donations will be accepted weekdays December 1 - December 18 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Volunteers will be packing baskets and be available for assistance.

Checks may be made out to Boyne Area Community Christmas, c/o Eleanor West, Treasurer, and mailed to 915 Robinson St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

Basket recipients may pick them up December 18 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Early Elementary School gym. For further information contact Ruth Witski, 231-582-3152, Nancy Hosmer, 231-582-7165 or Ardith Hawley, 231-582-7880.

Here Comes Santa Claus

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rings in the holiday season for the community, and this is at least the 18th year it has been held in Boyne City. The starting point is on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets, where participants are asked to line up at 5:30 pm.

As Santa's welcoming parade begins, the colorful floats will proceed down Lake Street to Water

Street and through the center of town, delighting children as well as the young at heart.

And as the sights, sounds and sweet aromas of the Christmas season fills the air downtown Boyne City this Friday evening, Santa will be available after the parade to greet children at his "Workshop" located in the Odd Fellows Hall (214 Water

Street...next to Ace Hardware).

Shoppers are invited to browse downtown stores for potential gift ideas, find some exceptional bargains, and enjoy refreshments and entertainment provided by local businesses participating in the Boyne City Holiday Open House.

For those wishing to experience an old fashion Christmas tradition,

hay rides will also be offered to Santa's guests' downtown during the Holiday Open House event.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be a part of a true community holiday celebration in downtown Boyne City this Friday evening. The Santa Parade begins at 6 pm, and the Holiday Open House will run from 7 pm until 9 pm.

For additional information,

contact Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River, 582-2355, the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Charlevoix County Records: November 26, 2009

Marriage Licenses

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:
Randy Allen Rose, 52, East Jordan and Trudy Ansel Bianco, 50, East Jordan.

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

James Arthur Murray, 21, Saline. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$880, in fines and costs, and to 36 days in jail with a credit for 1 day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Amy Sue Lake, 32, East Jordan. Non-sufficient funds check. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$57.78 in restitution.

Eric Michael Smith, 23, Elmira. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$1,150 in fines and costs and to 30 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 29 days.

Nicholas Allen Robedeau, 28, Mancelona. Larceny by conversion. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$198.95 in restitution, and to 12 days in jail.

Gloria Jean Morris, 24, East Jordan. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Erik James Mika, 1/87, Grand Rapids. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Timothy James Plant, 18, Traverse City. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$950 in fines and costs and \$3,542.83 in restitution, and to 365 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 30 days, 311 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 29, East Jordan. No operator's license on person while driving. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Travis Jon Nelson, 19, Boyne City. Minor driving with any blood alcohol content. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and \$188.05 in restitution, and to 10 days of community service work and on probation until 4/1/10.

Brian Kelly Hammond Jr., 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 30 hours of community service work.

Eric Michael Smith, 23, Elmira. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$1,150 in fines and

costs and to 40 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 29 days.

Circuit Court Sentencing:

The following cases recently received sentencing in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court:

Clinton W. Cowles, 30, East Jordan. Found guilty on Oct. 23, of Controlled substance-creation/delivery counterfeit Substance, 2nd or subsequent offense. Fines and costs and serve 150 days in jail.

Gregory Leigh Bruneel, 18, Boyne Falls. Attempted criminal sexual conduct - 3rd degree (Person 13-15). Sentenced to fines and costs and to 240 days in jail.

Joshua Scott Strickland, 29, Petoskey. Breaking and entering into a building with intent stolen property, receiving and concealing motor vehicle, probation violation; Sentenced to 365 days in jail.

Assumed names:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Parkside Grill and Treats, 201 E. Water St., Boyne City,

by David Korthase and Betty Korthase.

Boyne Valley Pantry, 3031 Main St., Boyne Falls, by Marilyn Cousineau and Betty Simon.

D21 Softball, 208 W. Lin-

coln, Charlevoix, by David Scott Kelly.

Chad Ernst, Builder, 4284 Maple Ridge Road, Boyne City by Chad Ernst.

Superior Wall Foam, 10436 Afton Road, Wolver-

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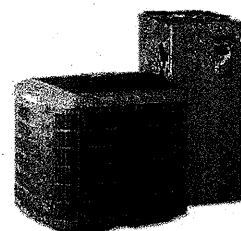
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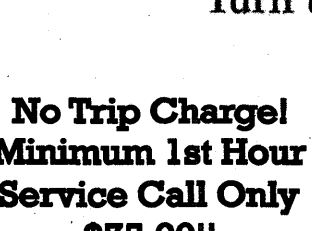
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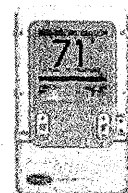
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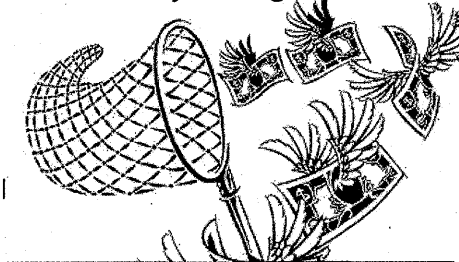
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Indoor Holiday Farmers Market

The second annual Holiday Farmers Market will also be held in the indoor Water Street location at 126 Water St. (formerly Kiss Carpet) on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The Farmers Market is a project of the Boyne City Main Street Program. For more information about the market or becoming a vendor, call Market Manager Jen Lewis, at 420-0996, or the Main Street office at 582-9009.

BOYNE CITY

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

A special Thanksgiving Farmers Market held at 126 Water Street, downtown from 9am-1pm on Nov. 25.

CHARLEVOIX

Communion Service

Thanksgiving Day Communion at Barnard United Methodist Church 9a.m. 15978 Klooster Rd.

BOYNE CITY

City plans 3 road construction information meetings

The City of Boyne City is planning informational meetings for neighbors and others who may be interested in three upcoming 2010 road construction projects. Representatives from the City and its engineering firm C2AE will be present to share information and address questions regarding these projects including preliminary plans, the process, the construction, and scheduling as well as strategies to minimize the impact of construction on residents and businesses. For more information or to comment on this or other projects please contact City of Boyne City Executive Assistant Barb Brooks at 582.0336 or bbrooks@boyncity.com. The meeting dates are:

AIR INDUSTRIAL DRIVE - Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at Great Lakes Energy (2nd Floor). **DIVISION STREET**

from M-75 to Pleasant Avenue - Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium. **NORTH EAST STREET** from State Street to Collings Street - Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the city hall auditorium.

EAST JORDAN

Celebrity Dinner Raises \$441

Special Thank You to the LumberJack Bar and Grill, Banks Township Fire Department and East Jordan Fire Department for helping make the Celebrity Dinner a huge success. The Celebrity Dinner raised \$441.60. Thanks for the continued support.

EAST JORDAN

Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't spend Thanksgiving Day alone. Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Joseph Church on Nichol St. East Jordan starting at 1pm. Sponsored by Christian Service. Call Jean Pardee at 231-544-6988 or Agnes Clark at 231-536-2163 to RSVP.

BOYNE CITY

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving dinner will be held from noon to 2:30pm at the Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake St. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Organizer Jerry Kelts asks that anyone interested in volunteering or donating food contact him at 675-9005. Those who need transportation or a home-delivered meal should also contact Kelts.

BOYNE CITY

Holiday Open Houses and Santa Parade

The Boyne City Holiday Open House & Santa Parade, held the Friday after Thanksgiving, is a tradition in Boyne City and that tradition continues this year. To make it a true community celebration of the season, everyone is invited to participate, from businesses and organizations with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality. The goal is to fill downtown Boyne City's

downtown with all the sounds, sights and smells of the Christmas season. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and the evening's special guest is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his sleigh, joined by some of his elves, and possibly some reindeer from the North Pole.

BOYNE CITY

Book Signing
Local Flavor will host a book signing after Christmas Parade from local author/Santa Claus a.k.a. Jeffrey L Schatzer.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Trees

The Lion's club is selling Christmas trees Nov. 27 Christmas Eve or when trees are gone at the E.J. True Value Hardware - M-F 8am - 5:30pm, Sat. 8am - 5pm, Sun. 10am - 3pm. Shop early for best selection.

CHARLEVOIX

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Charlevoix Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in East Park on Nov. 28. Beginning at 4pm children may visit Santa at his Charlevoix House (222 Bridge Street) and have a free photo taken with him, courtesy of Charlevoix Camera. Children are encouraged to decorate the Community Christmas Tree with waterproof handmade ornaments. Again this year, the staff of Charlevoix Children's House a Montessori School will be on hand to assist children in creating an ornament while waiting to see Santa. Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck will provide Christmas music and everyone is invited to enjoy singing Christmas carols, free hot chocolate and donuts. The Christmas Tree will be lit at 6pm.

ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN, BOYNE FALLS

Special Organizational Meetings for All C-48 "The Breezeway" Residents

The Breezeway task force will hold informational meetings for all who live along C-48 from Atwood to Boyne Falls. Discussions

about promotional plans and assistance for business development along the route will serve to support ideas from and for the residents. Three meetings will be held: November 23rd for Banks Township at the Banks Township Hall (6:30-7:30), November 30th for East Jordan at the East Jordan City Hall (7:00-8:00), and December 1st for Boyne Falls at the Boyne Valley Township Hall (7:00-8:00). If you live along the Breezeway, this is a new and exciting adventure for you.

BOYNE CITY

Snowmobiles on agenda for Avalanche Park meeting

As an extra effort to make sure that everyone in the community who wishes to be heard regarding the Avalanche Park Master Plan, the City of Boyne City will hold the fourth, and probably last, Master Plan Public Input session. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Boyne City Hall. All persons interested in the future development and uses of Avalanche Park are encouraged to attend and share their views at this added meeting. Even if you have attended prior input meetings and shared your thoughts, you are encouraged to come again as new ideas may have evolved since then or may come out of the evening's discussion. Topics scheduled be discussed will include use of any type of motorized vehicles (such as snowmobiles), paved or improved emergency access routes, potential expansion of trails, and anything else that is brought up at the meeting. Persons unable to attend may submit their comments in writing to the Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., or via email to bbrooks@boyncity.com until Dec. 7.

BOYNE CITY

Lights of Love benefit

Lights of Love is a benefit for Hospice of Northwest Michigan sponsored by the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Club. Purchase a tree light or Hearts of Love Ornament to support Hospice. Flyers and request forms are available at Chamber office, local stores, or contacts listed below. The event is Dec. 2, starting with caroling at the Boyne River Inn at 6pm followed at 6:30 by a tree Lighting at Country Now & Then. Dinner follows at the BRI for \$12 per person; reservations are required. Remember or honor a person or group by purchasing a keepsake ornament or tree light. The Lights of Love Tree will be lit through the month of December for all to view. Thank you to Country Now and Then, Bill's Farm Market, NMH, and the BRI for helping to make this event possible. For reservations or information contact: Barb Schultz at 582-2877 or Alison Mellon at 582-6923.

CHARLEVOIX

Flurry Festival

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! On Saturday, December 5th bundle up and come join the flurry of activities in downtown Charlevoix! The annual Merchants Open House will take place all day. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales, and raffles at participat-

ing stores. At 1pm children are invited to Charlevoix Cinema for a free full-length feature sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Please bring a donation of a canned good to benefit the Food Pantry. Then from 3 to 7pm, under the tent in downtown Charlevoix, sample and vote for Charlevoix's Best Hot Chocolate by participating restaurants. Enjoy live music, roasted chestnuts, & community spirit! It will be a fun-filled day that you won't want to miss!

EAST JORDAN

Wake Up East Jordan

December 2, 2009 at Jordan Valley Accounting 112 Lake Street (Next to McDonald's) 8:30-9:30 a.m. Ribbon cutting will be at 9:30 a.m. \$3.00 members, \$5.00 not yet members. Join us to celebrate the opening of their new location.

EAST JORDAN

Dinner with Santa

Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the E.J. Elementary School Cafeteria 4:30 - 7pm.

EAST JORDAN

Meet the Basketball Teams

Meet the Red Devil's Freshman, JV and Varsity Girl's and Boy's Basketball Team at the 9th annual Dinner/Auction Saturday, Dec. 5th at the East Jordan High School. Silent Auction 5:15, Dinner at 6:00. Post Dinner, Meet the team and 50/50. Dinner is Chili, hot-dogs, salad, chips, drink & dessert \$6.00ea./\$20.00 family. Tickets available from players or at the door. Hope to see you there!

BOYNE CITY

Booths available for Dec. 5 European Christmas Market

SOBO, the South Boyne arts district, presents an Old-Fashioned European Christmas Market with art, gifts, food and fun - something for everyone. The German Weihnachtsmarkt-style market will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Water Street Mall, located at the corner of Main and Front Streets. Other SOBO and community businesses will also be participating. Anyone interested in obtaining a booth for the Christmas Market may contact organizers Donna Prevost (suntanna@twin-valley.net) of Sun for the Soul at 582-0410, Cindi Malin (cindifrancos@att.net) of CindiFranco's Coolstuff or Chris Wacholz (hostmom10@gmail.com).

EAST JORDAN

Community Night

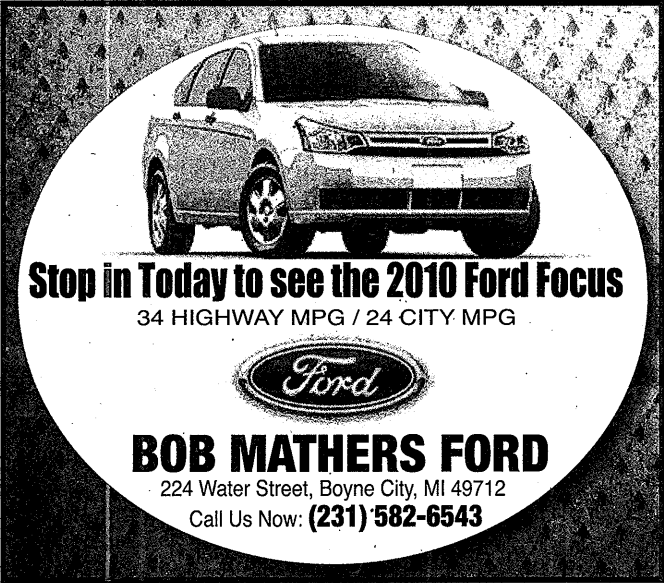
Celebrate the holidays with family & friends throughout the Business community Dec. 3. Business Open Houses, special sales, activities and refreshments. 6pm - Community Tree Lighting & Caroling - with Citizen of the Year (Across from Memorial Park). 6:15pm - Santa Parade on Main Street. 6:30-8:30pm Visit/Photos w/Santa - Handmade Stockings - EJ Lioness & LionsClubs - EJ Civic Center 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Soup Cook-Off - EJ Senior Center - Proceeds benefit Care & Share

CHARLEVOIX

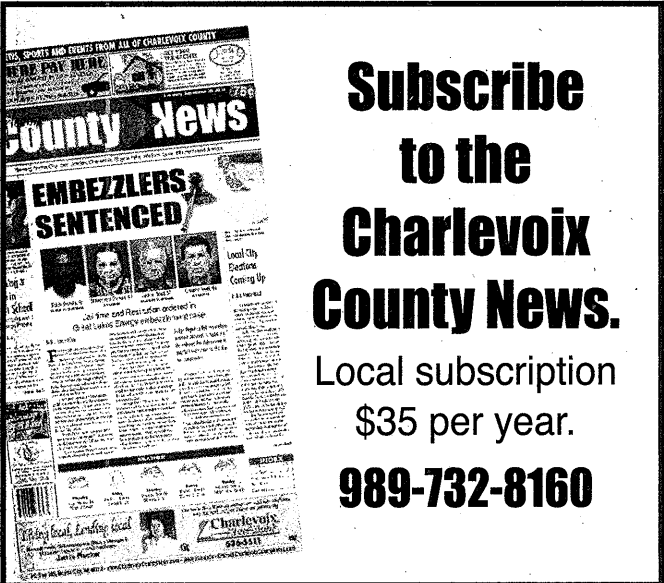
Holly Daze

Friday, Dec. 4 - HOLLY DAZE at Castle Farms.

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Down
1- Vessel; 2- Tempo; 3- Slightly; 4- A wedding cake may have three of these; 5- A poorly-wiped window?; 6- Ring org.; 7- Wall St. debuts; 8- Hermit; 9- Mall-goer, often; 10- Ruins; 11- At full speed; 12- Strike hard; 13- Tree frog; 21- Caustic stuff; 23- Literary work; 25- Clothe; 27- "His and ____"; 28- Slaughter of baseball; 29- Cracked; 30- Jockey Turcotte; 34- FedEx rival; 35- Sailing vessel; 36- Female servant; 37- Sommer of film; 38- Extol; 40- Ceylon, now; 41- 19th letter of the Greek alphabet; 43- Don; 44- Bunk; 45- Detract; 47- Back muscle, briefly; 48- Apportion; 49- Lake in the Sierra Nevada; 50- Go swiftly; 52- Earth; 53- Gap; 55- A big fan of; 56- Pace; 57-

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CharlevoixHolidayPhotos – Jennifer and Julia visit with Santa at the Color Wear “North Pole.” PHOTO COURTESY OF PICTURE THIS

CHARLEVOIX

Santa to Light Charlevoix Christmas Tree

Festivities take place at East Park this Friday evening

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4 PM

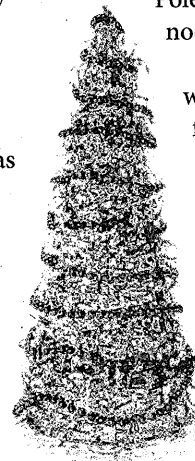
By Jim Akans

Pull the family away from those Thanksgiving leftovers this Friday evening, November 27th, and journey down to East Park to watch Santa, direct from the North Pole, light the annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree.

The festivities will begin at 4 pm, with Santa making a special appearance at his “remote North Pole station” located at Color Wear. At the gathering, children are invited to have their photo taken with “Jolly St. Nick.”

Everyone is also invited to participate in the decorating of the community tree by bringing a home-made ornament to hang. For those interested in creating their own special ornaments,

Charlevoix Children's House and Northwestern Bank will be hosting an ornament making event at the Color Wear “North Pole” during Santa's visit on Friday afternoon.



At 5 pm, the fun moves to East Park where hot cocoa and cookies are being offered by Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant and Friske's Farm Market. While awaiting the grand lighting of the tree, carolers will raise their voices in song, filling the evening air with magical sounds of the season.

Then, at 6 pm sharp, Santa will light the official Community Christmas Tree.

Celebrate the holidays by joining in the spirit of the Community Christmas Tree Lighting this Friday evening in Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

‘Coats for Kids’ donations set for Dec. 5

Those donating at T.C. State Park have free access to park that day

LANSING -- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has teamed up with The Salvation Army's “Coats for Kids” campaign to help Michigan's kids “GO-Get Outdoors” safely this winter.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., anyone delivering a “Coats for Kids” donation to select Michigan state parks or recreation areas will receive free access to the park for the day to enjoy late fall recreation opportunities, such as hiking, biking, walking, geocaching and more. A total of 16 state parks and recreation areas in the Lower Peninsula are participating in the campaign.

In northern Michigan, those wishing to donate can go to the Traverse City State Park, (231) 922-5270, or South Higgins Lake State Park near Roscommon, (989) 821-6374.

The Salvation Army has been supporting those in need since 1865. Nearly 33 million Americans and 9,000 communities nationwide receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services, ranging from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach for the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter for the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. For more than 24 years, the “Coats for Kids” campaign has provided new or gently used coats to families who cannot afford them. With the economic downturn this year, the need has more than doubled.

“We are extremely pleased to join the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the ‘Coats for Kids’ campaign this December,” said Major Ralph Bukiewicz, the Salvation Army's Western Michigan Northern Indiana divisional commander. “This campaign allows each local community to assist their neighbors in need, and provides an opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty and resources available at Michigan state parks and recreation areas.”

Through this partnership, the DNR and The Salvation Army offer the opportunity for families to enjoy a free day in a Michigan state park or recreation area. It also provides a way to give to other children or families in need, and pass on the same opportunity to “GO-Get



Outdoors” and enjoy the winter season.

“There are already so many reasons kids don't interact with nature, such as time spent watching television, playing video games, using the Internet, fear of the unknown, and more,” said Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. “This partnership allows us to remove barriers that too many kids face in Michigan. We saw an opportunity to help, and we hope Michigan's outdoor enthusiasts will join us in this effort to get youth, and their families, outdoors. We also hope this campaign will inspire people to make helping kids and enjoying nature with family an annual holiday tradition.”

Need a little motivation? Think of this: the average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving Day is between 5,000 and 6,000, followed by one of the most expensive and stressful shopping days of the year. Spending a day in the park or in the woods is an excellent way to relieve stress, work off a few extra calories, and enjoy some quality time with family amidst the holiday hustle and bustle and it's free.

Park visitors who make a donation also can enter a drawing for a free weekend at the Traverse City State Park cottage in 2010 -- a three-bedroom, two-bath house with a view of Grand Traverse Bay and easy access to the beach. Reservations are subject to availability.

The only day to make a donation in lieu of a \$6 daily permit is Dec. 5. For a list of other participating state parks and recreation areas, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr, under “Recreation, Camping and Boating.”

For more information on the Coats for Kids campaign, contact the local Salvation Army Corps Community Center in your community, or visit www.salvationarmyusa.org.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Death from H1N1 flu confirmed in Health District

First death related to H1N1 flu in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties

Public health officials were informed late yesterday that an adult male from their four-county Health District died from complications of H1N1 (swine) flu. Following death from influenza, or any communicable disease, the Health Department follows a strict confidentiality policy to protect families' privacy; county of residence, age, etc., and are not released to the public.

"Sadly, we have learned a northwest Michigan resident has succumbed to illness associated with the flu. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family, friends and other loved ones," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"While most cases of flu in Michigan and nationwide have been less severe, this news demonstrates how serious influenza can be," he said.

As of November 17, the last time statistics were updated, Michigan Department of Community Health reported 38 confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza related deaths in the state, with victims ranging in age from 6 months to 73 years of age.

Those that are at the highest risk of suffering severe complications from flu are pregnant women, children less than two years old, and people with chronic health conditions. People who are at high risk of complications and get the flu should call their doctor and discuss the use of an antiviral medication, such as Tamiflu.

"We know that any type of influenza can cause serious illness and death, especially in people with certain underlying health conditions," said Meyerson. "It's important to remind everyone how important it is to take simple

precautions that can reduce your chances of getting and spreading the flu."

These steps include:

Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Cover your cough with a tissue or cough into your inner elbow and not into your hands.

Stay home from work if you are sick and keep your children home from school until 24 hours after their fever has gone away without medicines.

Get an H1N1 flu vaccination if you are in a "vaccine priority group".

H1N1 flu vaccination appointments are now available for free at Health Department offices in

Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, and Gaylord. Call the Health Department at 800-432-4121 during regular business hours to schedule an appointment.

The Health Department is also currently investigating an unrelated death in the four-county service area which may have also been due to complications related to H1N1 flu.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about H1N1 flu vaccinations, call 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month



The Best Time to Quit Smoking is Now

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention, more people die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer. In Michigan, an estimated 8,190 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year with an estimated 5,840 dying of the disease.

"The great news is that many lung cancers can be prevented, and the most important thing you can do to prevent lung cancer is to not start smoking or to quit if you currently smoke," said Erika Van Dam, Family & Community Health Services Supervisor from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, who coordinates the local Tobacco Reduction Coalition.

Michigan ranks 19th in the nation in lung cancer deaths; 32 states have lower rates. According to the CDC, in the U.S. about 90% of lung cancer deaths in men and almost 80% of lung cancer deaths in women are due to smoking. Each year, smoking accounts for an estimated 443,000 premature deaths, including 38,000 deaths among nonsmokers as a result of secondhand smoke. Half of all Americans who continue to smoke will die from smoking-related diseases.

"Fortunately, it is never too late to quit smoking, and quitting smoking today can reduce your risk," said VanDam.

Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer as well. The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In the Health Department's four-county service area, 24 non-smokers die every year from secondhand smoke, Van Dam said. "That's why we work in the community to promote smokefree environments, including smokefree workplaces and apartment buildings," she said.

Research shows that people who stop smoking before age 50 can cut their risk of dying in the next 15 years in half compared with those who continue to smoke. Smokers who quit also reduce their risk of lung cancer. Ten years after quitting, the lung cancer death rate is about half that of a continuing smoker. Some of the health effects of quitting are almost instant, too. For example, heart rate and blood pressure drop just 20 minutes after quitting.

Some tips to quit smoking so you can reduce your risk of cancer are:

Pick the date you are committing to quit and mark it on your calendar.

Tell friends and family about your Quit Day and ask for help and support on your decision to quit.

Throw away all the cigarettes and ashtrays in your home, car, and place of work.

Stock up on oral substitutes - sugarless gum, carrot sticks, and/or hard candy.

Decide on a plan. Will you use gums, patches or other medicines? Will you attend a stop-smoking class? If so, sign up now.

Go to www.michigan.gov/tobacco for help and support.

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) offers a Tobacco Quitline, free telephone counseling, at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). MDCH also offers free brochures, pamphlets and a printable Michigan Smoker's Quit Kit by visiting: www.michigan.gov/tobacco. The Quitline has enrolled 27,384 Michigan residents since Oct. 22, 2003.

With all the resources available to help smokers quit, there has never been a better time to quit smoking. Studies have found that Quitlines can more than double a person's chances of successfully quitting tobacco. Callers to Quitlines can be connected with smoking cessation resources in their communities, social support groups, Internet resources, and medication assistance referrals.

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DAVE Says

(Laying a foundation)

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both in our mid-thirties, and the only debt we have is \$14,000 in credit cards, student loans and a car payment. We've got \$40,000 in our 401(k) plans, plus we have no children. What steps can we take toward becoming good investors?

Kirk

Dear Kirk,

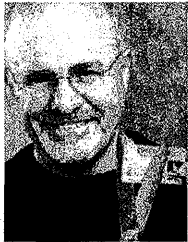
A rock-solid foundation is a must, whether you're building a house or building wealth. Without this, everything will fall apart. The first brick you want to lay in your financial foundation is to become debt-free. The second one is to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in the bank. This is money that you never, ever touch except in the case of a real emergency. It doesn't go toward Christmas, a vacation, or anything else.

When you've got these elements in place, they help form a firm foundation from which you can build wealth. Most people skip these steps and jump right into funding 401(k)s, Roth IRAs and mutual funds. These are all great things, but the problem in doing it that way is that you've started work on the house before you've laid the foundation. This can cause all kinds of problems and setbacks down the road!

Basically, we're talking about the first Baby Steps in my plan. Baby Step 1 is to get your emergency fund started with \$1,000 in the bank. Baby Step 2 is pay off all of your debt, except for your home, using the debt snowball. And Baby Step 3 is to finish growing your emergency fund until you have three to six months of expenses saved.

The debt you have is not the problem, Kirk. It's the symptom of you guys buying a bunch of stuff you couldn't afford. Get on a written budget, and give every dollar a name before the month begins. I want you guys to break the debt cycle by having a permanent game plan. Once you do that, you'll have freed up your largest wealth-building tool—your income!

—Dave



Dave Ramsey

(Does Dave recommend home equity lines?)

Dear Dave,

Can you please explain how a home equity loan works? Do you ever recommend them?

Patti

Dear Patti,

It's simple. A home equity loan is a second mortgage. You're borrowing money against your house. Some people in the banking business call it a HEL, but considering what these things can put you through, I think they left off one "L".

I don't like home equity loans, and I never recommend them. Most of the time the terms are crummy, with higher, variable interest rates, and they usually have annual calls or a balloon payment tacked onto them. I would never recommend putting your home at risk to pay off credit card debt that piled up while you were out buying that fancy restaurant steak you couldn't afford. Talk about financing a depreciating asset!

Right now, lots of people who thought they were being smart or financially sophisticated by taking out home equity loans because the interest rate was lower than the one on their credit cards are really stuck. Their houses have gone down in value and created a real mess. Plus, the banks have been handing these things out like candy, and they're feeling the pinch, too.

Stay away from home equity loans, Patti!

—Dave

*For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

Science Discovers the Secret to Happiness



By DAVE BARAGREY

This week we are celebrating Thanksgiving Day. This is the time of year when we set aside a day to be grateful.

Thanksgiving stirs many people to think about what they are thankful for. Most reflect on the people and things in their lives that make them happy. We should be grateful every day, not just on the fourth Thursday of November.

Our lives do not just seem better when we are happy, they actually become better, according to a 2005 analysis of hundreds of psychological studies. Happy people tend to have longer, more loving marriages... are healthier... live an average of seven to nine years longer than chronically unhappy people... and have more successful careers. According to one study, happy college graduates had annual salaries \$25,000 higher than unhappy graduates 16 years after graduation.

While an endless procession of self-help gurus have claimed to know the path to happiness, psychological studies generally have failed to confirm that proposed happiness strategies actually work.

One notable exception: Research conducted in the past decade appears to indicate that we can become happier by feeling more gratitude.

Bottom Line Secrets interviewed Robert A. Emmons, PhD, professor of psychology, University of California, Davis. A leading scholar of positive psychology, he is author of *Thanks! How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier* (Houghton Mifflin). The interview follows.

What is "gratitude" to a psychologist?

In simple terms, gratitude is our affirmation of a benefit that we have received and our recognition that this benefit has come to us from outside of ourselves.

You say that becoming more grateful will make us happier. How do we know that it isn't the other way around -- happiness creates gratitude?

Our research suggests that increases in happiness do not lead to increases in gratitude, but that increases in gratitude do in fact increase happiness. We designed a study to test this. Participants were divided into two groups, each of which were initially equally happy. Members of one of these groups were

asked to write in a journal the things that they were grateful for, which made them more conscious of and grateful for the good fortune that came their way. At the end of the study, the journal-keeping group was 25% happier than members of the group that did not keep gratitude journals.

Why does feeling gratitude make us happier?

Primarily, I believe, it is because gratitude increases our sense of connection to other people. Having strong relationships is the single best predictor of happiness, and our relationships become stronger when we acknowledge the support we receive from those around us. Acknowledging the support we receive from others provides us with confirmation that we have value in other people's eyes. Gratitude also buffers us from envy, resentment and regret, emotions that inhibit happiness.

Why do people often have trouble being grateful for what they have?

Lots of reasons. Most of us are fortunate to have pretty good lives, so our default reaction might be to take the benefits that come our way for granted. Consumerism and other cultural pressures can foster a sense that we deserve even more than we have. Our desire to see ourselves as self-sufficient makes it difficult to admit that someone else has helped us. And admitting gratitude can create uncomfortable feelings of indebtedness.

Can we consciously choose to become more grateful and thus happier?

Yes, I do believe it is a choice. Chronically unhappy people do not greatly differ from happy people in terms of their life circumstances -- they just approach life with a different set of attitudes. Unhappy people tend to see themselves as victims of their past, and feel entitled or exaggeratedly deserving when good fortune comes their way. Happy people are thankful that good things happen to them -- even though their lives might be no better than those of the unhappy people next door. We cannot always alter the events of our lives, but we can alter our attitudes.

What, specifically, can we do to become more grateful?

Make an effort to speak about your life using words of gratitude even if you do not feel very grateful. Though it seems counterintuitive, we can become more grateful by forcing ourselves to feign gratefulness that we do not initially feel. Speak in terms of gifts and givers, not regrets and setbacks. Refer to

yourself as blessed or fortunate, not deserving or lacking. Say that you live in abundance, not in need. For example, say "I feel so grateful when I can sleep through the night," rather than "Most nights I wake up every few hours."

Keeping a gratitude journal also seems to encourage gratefulness. Every day or every week, write down five or more things for which you are grateful. Be specific -- "I'm grateful for my spouse" is little more than a cliché, but "I'm grateful that my spouse picked up my dry cleaning this afternoon" reminds us that we are grateful to our partner today for a particular reason. Try not to repeat entries -- gratitude journals are most effective when we think of new items each day.

Incidentally, if you are struggling to get to sleep at night, don't count sheep, count your blessings. Grateful people sleep better and longer than ungrateful people, and wake feeling more refreshed.

What is the secret to being grateful in the face of struggle or tragedy?

The secret is not to wait until tragedy strikes. Become more grateful while your life is running smoothly, so that gratitude becomes an ingrained part of your "psychological immune system." That will make it easier to view difficulties as temporary and surmountable setbacks, or even as opportunities in disguise. A grateful person mourns the passing of a close friend, but he/she also feels lucky to have known the friend as long as he did, and is glad that he has so many other friends remaining.

Many prayers are expressions of gratitude. So, do religious people have an advantage when it comes to actually feeling gratitude and being happy?

Yes, to some degree. One of the foundations of virtually every religion is that people should give thanks to God and to each other. Religious texts and religious teachings typically provide models of how to be grateful, such as prayers of gratitude and rituals of giving thanks. Spirituality appears to be particularly helpful for maintaining a grateful outlook in the face of suffering and adversity.

Research suggests that becoming more grateful could make each of us 25% happier and that being happy is the key to a longer, more successful life. Make every day a day of thanksgiving and you may live a happier life.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

SOMETIMES RESPONSIBILITY IS LEARNED THE HARD WAY

QUESTION:

How can I acquaint my twelve-year-old with the need for responsible behavior throughout his life? He is desperately in need of this understanding.

DR. DOBSON:

One important objective during the preadolescent period is to teach the child that actions have inevitable consequences. One of the most serious casualties in a permissive society is the failure to connect those two factors, behavior and consequences. A three-year-old child screams insults at his mother, but Mom stands blinking her eyes in confusion. A first grader defies his teacher, but the school makes allowances for his age and takes no action. A ten-year-old is caught stealing candy in a store but is released to the recognition of her parents. A fifteen-year-old sneaks the keys to the family car, but her father pays the fine when she is arrested. A seventeen-year-old drives his Chevy like a maniac, and his parents pay for the repairs when he

wraps it around a telephone pole. All through childhood, loving parents seem determined to intervene between behavior and consequences, breaking the connection and preventing the valuable learning that could and should have occurred.

Thus, it is possible for a young man or woman to enter adult life not really knowing that life bites -- that every move we make directly affects our future -- and that irresponsible behavior eventually produces sorrow and pain. Such a person secures his first job and arrives late for work three times during the first week. Later, when he is fired in a flurry of hot words, he becomes bitter and frustrated. It was the first time in his life that Mom and Dad couldn't come running to rescue him from the unpleasant consequences. (Unfortunately, many American parents still try to bail out the grown children even when they are in their twenties and live away from home.) What is the result? This overprotection produces emotional cripples who often develop lasting characteristics of dependency and a kind of perpetual adolescence.

How does one connect behavior with consequences? By being willing to let the child experience a reasonable amount of pain or inconvenience when he behaves irresponsibly. When Jack misses the school bus through his own dawdling, let him walk a mile or two and enter school in midmorning (unless safety factors prevent this). If Janie carelessly loses her lunch money, let her skip a meal. Obviously, it is possible to carry this principle too far, being harsh and inflexible with an immature child. But the best approach is to expect boys and girls to carry the responsibility that is appropriate for their age and occasionally to taste the bitter fruit that irresponsibility bears. In so doing, behavior is wedded to consequences, just like in real life.

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Put This On Your Shopping List

Find these, and many more, Great Christmas Gift Ideas Locally

By Jim Arans

Even before Thanksgiving leftovers have had a chance to cool, shoppers will rise in the early morning hours on Friday to hit the stores with a sale-searching vengeance. It's "Black Friday," when by unspoken agreement, retailers entice shoppers into their stores well before dawn with incredible bargains, and those shoppers agree to spend their holiday dollars profusely.



As holiday cash exchanges hands during this traditional Christmas shopping kick-off day, making as many of those purchases from local retailer can have an enormously positive impact on a local economy. Here are a few exciting, unique and local gift suggestions.

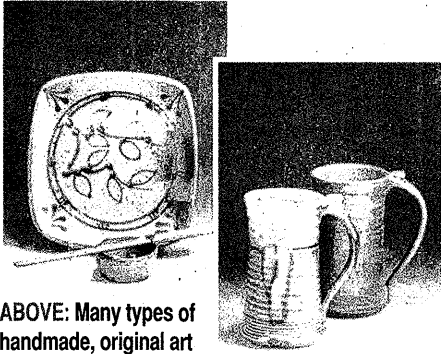
"Scarves and gloves are hot numbers this year and we have a large variety of those items," states Mary Ann of EJ Shoppe in East Jordan (and affiliates Mary's of Boyne City and Halfway to the Top in Charlevoix). "They are also fairly inexpensive gifts. Everyone likes scarves. We also have lots of affordable jewelry, such as bracelets, earrings, which make great "add-on" gifts."

A good book is always a valued gift. Patty Brannon of Book World in Charlevoix states, "John Grisham has new book; Ford County, It's not a typical courtroom story, rather it is a collection of short stories revolving around the setting of his first novel A Time to Kill."

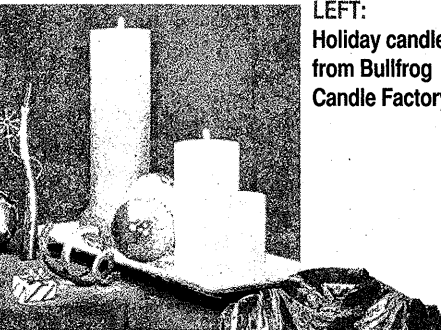
Stephen King also has a new novel called Under the Dome, about a dome that covers a city. Local author, Christina Riggle's Real Life and Liars, is also a great find and is partially set in Charlevoix.

Bullfrog Candle Factory makes a wide variety of candles, right here in Charlevoix, for every décor and occasion - Ann Golski states, "Candlelight can change the mood of any room, like no other tabletop item can. Candles are an affordable luxury and they make the perfect gift."

East Jordan's True Value manager, Dan Miller, notes, "We have



ABOVE: Many types of handmade, original art pieces are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.



LEFT: Holiday candle from Bullfrog Candle Factory



RIGHT: Tie-dye scarves from EJ Shoppe makes a stylish, warm gift.

been focusing on the basics, items such as tools; routers, circular saws or drills, or a black iron outdoor Dutch Oven cookers which can be used year round. Food Saver vacuum sealers are also very practical ideas."

Liz Ahrens of Crooked Tree Arts Center, states, "We have a great selection of original handmade artwork by local artists, including earrings, note cards, and many sizes of paintings, sculpture, pottery and much more. People can pick a beautiful one of a kind piece and at the same time support their local art center and the programs we offer in youth programs in this community throughout the year."

Boots are definitely in vogue, and as Sunburst Marine manager, Pete Awrey, affirms, "Boots are big. We are fully stocked with Keen Boots, Columbia boots and Columbia and Woolrich clothing."

And what would a Christmas morning be without chocolate? Aaron Harbaugh of Kilwin's (located in Boyne City and Petoskey, states, "We have family assortment box, which includes tasty items such as truffles, creams, tuffles, and clusters. We also have fudge, which is always a favorite. We have delicious unique gift sets, including a golf set with a white chocolate ball and clubs of dark chocolate, tool box sets, or even a hairdresser set."

Enjoy Black Friday...and spend locally whenever possible.

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Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Lots of fun. For tickets or to donate an auction item call 231-547-8501

**EAST JORDAN
Citizen of the Year**

Citizen of the Year forms are available at the Chamber office. It's time to nominate individuals for the Citizen of the Year Award that will be announced at the East Jordan Chamber Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction scheduled January 30, 2010 at Castle Farms.

**BOYNE CITY
Olde English Christmas Lunch**

This is a new event this year sponsored by the United Methodist Church at 324 S. Park St. Enjoy a midday meal in the Wesley tradition on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11am to 1pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. For information call the church office at 582-9776.

**CHARLEVOIX
Holiday Craft Show**

Dec. 5 from 9am to 3pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1003 Bridge St. Cookie Walk, Concessions, Raffles. For information please call 231-547-9441

**EAST JORDAN
Christmas Art for Sale**

Local artists are displaying and selling Christmas art Nov 22-Dec 18 at the Jordan River Arts Center - 1pm - 4pm Daily - 301 Main Street.

**BOYNE CITY
Holiday Hobby Craft Show**

The Holiday Hobby Craft

Show will be December 5th at the Boyne City High School from 9am-3pm.

**BOYNE CITY
Senior Center Celebration**

The Boyne Area Senior Center invites the community to help celebrate the fourth anniversary of their building from with a Homemade Meat Loaf Dinner from 11:30 to 1:30 Sunday, Dec. 6. The Cousins Music Group will entertain, and a bake sale and silent auction will be held. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Advance sale tickets are available from 9 to 1, Monday through Friday. The event is cosponsored by The Financial For

**CHARLEVOIX
Cookie Walk**

Stock up on your holiday cookies for your family and friends at the First Congregational Church's annual Cookie Walk Dec. 6. You are sure to find your holiday favorites as well as some new varieties to try among the thousands of beautifully displayed cookies. Priced at \$7/ pound. Doors open at 9:00 am. Come early for the best selection. The church is located at the corner of Park and Bridge Streets in Charlevoix.

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Book proceeds donated to war memorials**

Retired Sheriff George T. Lasater, author of the book "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," is nearing completion of his second book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I." The next publication project is "Charlevoix County's Contribution to the

Korean War." Any citizens with information on family members in either WWI or the Korean War are encouraged to contact George at his home: 231-582-7001. There are a few copies still available of the WWII publication at local bookstores. The proceeds from the sale of the books are being donated to war memorials in Charlevoix County.

**CHARLEVOIX
Fighting Violence With Voices**

Violence against Women is an issue in every community. The Zonta Club of Charlevoix is sponsoring a Panel discussion on this issue, its forms, present actions and needs will be addressed as they relate to our community. Charlevoix Police Chief Doan, Sue Coen RN and Chris Rajewski Director of the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence program of the Women's Resource Center will be on the panel. The event will be very interactive November 25-December 10 is the National time to take Action against Violence against Women Date Dec. 7 in the Charlevoix Public Library Community room 5pm to 7pm. Light refreshments will be served

**BOYNE CITY
Presbyterian Church
Christmas Cookie Walk**

The 17th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 beginning at 9 am at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Park and Pine Streets. Proceeds from this event will help fund the Deacons Fund, which provides financial assistance to those in need within our community.

**BOYNE CITY
Community Christmas Baskets**

Give a gift to needy families in the area. Non-perishable food, toys, games, books, clothing, blankets, etc. may be dropped off at the Early Elementary School from Dec. 1 - Dec. 18 between 10am - 3pm. The need this year is greater than ever and we ask your support of this project to help make a brighter holiday season.

**EAST JORDAN
Mittens, Socks and Hats**

Monday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Dec. 18 you are asked to bring mittens, socks & hats to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank & Huntington Bank and hang them on the Christmas Tree for Care & Share to distribute to area families.

**EAST JORDAN
Food Drive**

Second Annual Food Drive for the Care and Share Food Pantry, East Jordan. Bring in four non perishable items and receive a discount coupon book good at The Quilt Cottage for the next five months. Help us to help others, bring in your donations anytime during store hours.

**EAST JORDAN
Roller Skating**

Enjoy roller skating at the Harvest Barn Church - Noon-3pm - 3-18 year old \$5.00 every Saturday until April 10, 2010

**BOYNE CITY
Wine tasting**

Boyne Country Provisions and Red Mesa Grill are team-

ing up to sponsor Seasonal Wine Tastings on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continuing through winter and spring. The tastings will be held on the "back porch" at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St., and featuring four wines, one beer and an appetizer buffet for \$10. Ed Brehm, the sommelier from Boyne Country Provisions, will conduct the tastings.

**CHARLEVOIX
Wellness Wednesday**

Charlevoix Area Hospital continues to offer walk-in health screenings on the first Wednesday of each month. The Wellness Wednesday hours are: 1am until 1pm and from 1:45pm until 4pm. Health Screens include: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12.00. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will tailor Health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Volunteer Opportunities**

The RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties invites everyone 55 and older to join them in volunteer service. Keep active, share your talents, serve your community and meet new friends. We have many volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information call Sally Pickering,

RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

**EAST JORDAN
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

First Presbyterian Church hosts a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 p.m. Child care provided. United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Choir Cantata 5:30 p.m.

**PETOSKEY
Tickets for Handel's "Messiah"**

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Dec. 15 and Dec. 17 at 7:30pm. Soloists, Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Martha Hart, alto; David Theis, tenor; and Matthew Scollin, bass; will join the GLCO Orchestra and Chorus in performing the Christmas portion of this masterpiece. Tickets are now available on-line at Treatickets.com, or by visiting the GLCO web site, www.glcorchestra.org and clicking on the Treatickets button. Reserved seating is available: Premier seating: \$75, Reserved seating: \$50, by visiting Treatickets or by calling the GLCO at 231-487-0010. General admission tickets: \$15 are available at chambers of commerce and bookstores in Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City, and East Jordan, the GLCO office, Crooked Tree Art Center, on line at Treatickets, and at the door.



PHOTO BY DANIEL JEFFRIES AT TULSA AREA UNITED WAY

United Way Reaches 40% Mark

Extends thank you to donors

Char-Em United Way announced that it has reached the 40% mark toward its 2009 Campaign Goal of \$333,000.

“At this time of Thanksgiving, we want to thank our donors who are reaching deep in their pockets to help us support community services,” says Martha Lancaster United Way Executive Director. “In this second year of the economic downturn, we are especially grateful that so many people and businesses have been so generous to United Way and the community. Our theme of Live United is striking a responsive chord.”

“We are pleased that we are ahead of dollars raised at this time last year. We have increased our goal 8.5% to meet the increased need for services in the community. The Frey Foundation has offered an additional \$20,000 challenge grant if we reach the goal, which is a great incentive,” continued Lancaster.

The United Way campaign raises funds to meet the needs of residents of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Earlier this year, Char-Em United Way invested over \$205,000 in effective health and human service programs reaching local residents. In addition, United Way is involved in many other initiatives – Volunteer Connections, Day of Caring, Stuff the Bus, Project Connect, 2-1-1, Friends Enhancing Emmet Transit and more. Funds raised this fall will be invested in community programs in the coming year.

Much of the funds raised by United Way come from workplace campaigns. Early employee and corporate support for the United Way Campaign has come from Huntington, National City and Fifth Third Banks, Wojan Window and Door, Mitchell Graphics, and Michigan Scientific Corporation. Donations from both the Banking and Government Divisions are up significantly this year. Campaigns are currently underway in many other local workplaces.

“Additional gifts have come from other worksite campaigns and many generous individual and small business donors,” says Lancaster. “New workplace campaigns this year include Emmet County, Fletch’s of Petoskey, and the Friendship Center of Emmet County. We have also gained many new donors to our Leadership Circle of individual and business donors who contribute \$500 or more each year.”

Char-Em United Way is continuing to accept tax-deductible contributions to the 2009-2010 Campaign. Donations can be mailed to P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. Gifts can be made online by going to: www.charemunitedway.org and selecting “Give.” For more information about United Way call 487-1006 or email: info@charemunitedway.org

Why Are Americans Unhappy

By DAVE BARAGREY

I received this message in an e-mail last year around Thanksgiving and saved it to publish this year as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Some of the comments are dated since it was written in 2006 but still I believe you will find it good reading.

Researching this article on the Internet it has been credited to being written by David Letterman, Jay Leno and others, but I believe it was originally written by Craig R. Smith. Smith is an author, commentator and CEO of a trading company called Swiss America. The Newsweek poll Mr. Smith refers to was published in November of 2006 on a website, worldnet-daily.com. I found the commentary thought provoking and insightful. I hope you do also.

A Newsweek poll from alleges that 67 percent of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69 percent of the country is unhappy with the performance of the president. In essence 2/3s of the citizenry just ain't happy and want a change.

So being the knuckle dragger I am, I starting thinking, "What we are so unhappy about?"

Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Is our unhappiness the result of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Could it be that 95.4 percent of these unhappy folks have a job? Maybe it is the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time and see more food in moments than Darfur has seen in the last year?

Maybe it is the ability to drive from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state? Or possibly the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter? I guess having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough. Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all involved. Whether you are rich or poor they treat your wounds and even, if necessary, send a helicopter to take you to the hospital.

Perhaps you are one of the 70 percent of Americans who own a home, you may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of having a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames thus saving you, your family and your belongings. Or if, while at home watching one of your many flat screen TVs, a burglar or prowler intrudes; an officer equipped with a gun and a bullet-proof vest will come to defend you and your family against attack or loss. This all in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90 percent of teenagers own cell phones and computers.

How about the complete religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of everyone in the world? Maybe that is what has 67 percent of you folks unhappy.

Fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled

brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the U.S. yet has a great disdain for its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have and what we hate about the country instead of thanking the good Lord we live here.

I know, I know. What about the president who took us into war and has no plan to get us out? The president who has a measly 31 percent approval rating? Is this the same president who guided the nation in the dark days after 9/11? The president that cut taxes to bring an economy out of recession? Could this be the same guy who has been called every name in the book for succeeding in keeping all the spoiled brats safe from terrorist attacks? The commander in chief of an all-volunteer army that is out there defending you and me?

Make no mistake about it. The troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have volunteered to serve, and in many cases have died for your freedom. There is currently no draft in this country. They didn't have to go. They are able to refuse to go and end up with either a "general" discharge, an "other than honorable" discharge or, worst case scenario, a "dishonorable" discharge after a few days in the brig.

So why then the flat out discontentment in the minds of 69 percent of Americans? Say what you want but I blame it on the media. If it bleeds it leads and they specialize in bad news. Everybody will watch a car crash with blood and guts. How many will watch kids selling lemonade at the corner? The media knows

this and media outlets are for-profit corporations. They offer what sells. Just ask why they are going to allow a murderer like O.J. Simpson to write a book and do a TV special about how he didn't kill his wife but if he did ... insane!

Stop buying the negative venom you are fed everyday by the media. Shut off the TV, burn Newsweek, and use the New York Times for the bottom of your bird cage. Then, start being grateful for all we have as a country. There is exponentially more good than bad.

I close with one of my favorite quotes from B.C. Forbes in 1953:

"What have Americans to be thankful for? More than any other people on the earth, we enjoy complete religious freedom, political freedom, social freedom. Our liberties are sacredly safeguarded by the Constitution of the United States, 'the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.' Yes, we Americans of today have been bequeathed a noble heritage. Let us pray that we may hand it down unsullied to our children and theirs."

I suggest this Thanksgiving we sit back and count our blessings for all we have. If we don't, what we have will be taken away. Then we will have to explain to future generations why we squandered such blessing and abundance. If we are not careful this generation will be known as the "greediest and most ungrateful generation." A far cry from the proud Americans of the "greatest generation" who left us an untarnished legacy.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

PLANS AFFECTING THIS AREA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT CITY HALL 582-6597

OR www.boynecity.com

In an effort to improve communication with the citizens, property owners, and business owners of Boyne City, the City has come up with new announcement signs that will be seen at various times located in various places around town.

What does it mean when you see this "Public Meeting Notice" sign around town? This sign indicates that the City of Boyne City is reviewing or considering plans that may have an effect on the area adjacent to or near the area of the sign, or the community as a whole. These plans may include, but are not limited to; street reconstruction, water, sewer, or storm sewer work, master plans, tree trimming, ordinance amendments or additions, planning or community goal setting, etc.

These signs are just one more avenue Boyne City is using to try to notify community members regarding issues of interest that affect the community. It is the City's intent to get the word out to as many citizens as we can so they have an opportunity to come to meetings, ask questions, and give suggestions early on in a project or planning process, instead of feedback once a project is in its

Boyne City - Improving Communication

final stages or already completed.

If you see a sign and want to know how or if it may affect you, please call the City Hall or visit our website www.boynecity.com (click on the City Government logo). Details of City meetings are posted on their Meetings/Events calendar.

The first signs will be seen in the areas of the following projects:

Road Construction

- An informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction of Air Industrial Park Drive will be held Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at Great Lakes Energy (2nd Floor). The project will consist of; road reconstruction, new curb, gutter, and sidewalks. This project is being funded through the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)
- An informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction of the Division Street, from M-75 to Pleasant Avenue, will be held Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium. The City of Boyne City is organizing the meeting to discuss the scope and timing of the project which is anticipated to start mid-summer of 2010 and be completed by fall. The Division Street reconstruction project includes sewer, water, and storm line replacements and upgrades, street reconstruction, sidewalks, and new curb and gutter. There will be no cost to the homeowner for the City's work on this project.

An informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction of the North East Street, from State Street to Collings Street, will be held Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The City of Boyne City is organizing the meeting to discuss the scope and timing of the project which is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2010. The North East Street infrastructure project includes sewer, water, and storm line replacements and upgrades, street reconstruction, sidewalks, and new curb and gutter. There will be no cost to the homeowner for the City's work on this project. This estimated \$1,268,700 project is being funded by the City and a matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Representatives from the City and its engineering firm C2AE will be present to share information and address questions regarding these projects; including preliminary plans, the process, the construction, and scheduling as well as strategies to minimize the impact of construction on residents and businesses. For more information or to comment on this

or other projects please contact City of Boyne City, Executive Assistant Barb Brooks at 231-582-0336 or bbrooks@boynecity.com.

Avalanche Park Master Plan

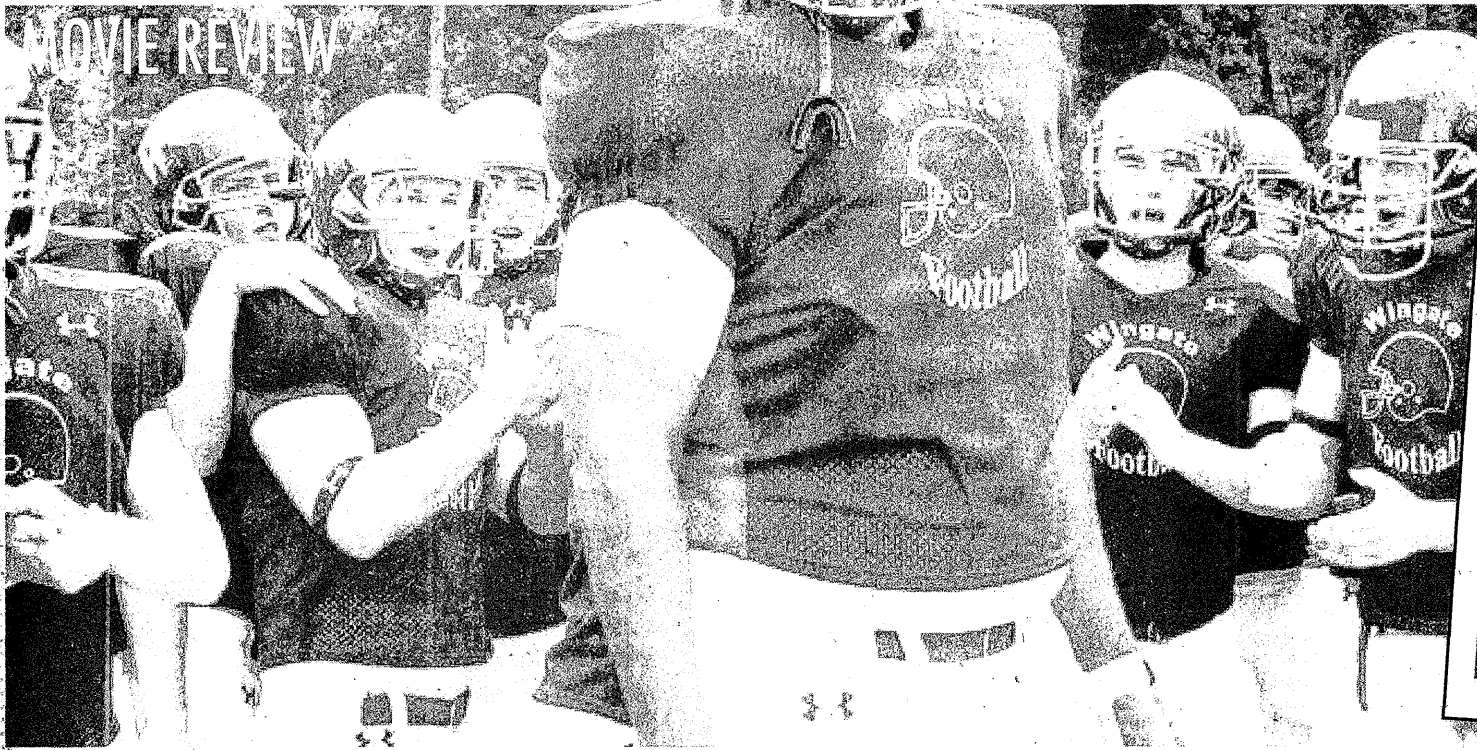
As an extra effort to make sure that everyone in the community who wishes to be heard regarding the Avalanche Master Plan, the City of Boyne City will hold the fourth, and probably last, Master Plan Public Input meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. All persons interested in the future development and uses of Avalanche Park are encouraged to attend and share their views at this added meeting. Even if you have attended prior input meetings and shared your thoughts, you are encouraged to come again as new ideas may have evolved since then or may even come out of the evening's discussion. Topics scheduled be discussed will include use of any type of motorized vehicles (such as snowmobiles), paved or improved emergency access routes, potential expansion of trails, and anything else that is brought up at the meeting. Persons unable to attend may submit their comments in writing to the Boyne City Hall, 9319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or via email to bbrooks@boynecity.com until Monday, December 7, 2009.

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FOOTBALL, FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

The Blind Side - a Remarkable Film for the Holidays

By JIM AKANS

Every so often, a great movie comes along that is also a depiction of an actual, true-life story. Films such as, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Rudy*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *Pursuit of Happiness*, and *Apollo 13*...have become classics because of their ability to not only entertain, but to also inspire.

The Blind Side seems destined to find a place in the hearts of viewers alongside these modern screen classics.

The movie tells the tale of Michael Oher, a homeless high

school age Memphis teen who, through the help of a caring foster parent, is admitted to an upscale Christian school, primarily because of his potential to bolster their sports program. You see, Michael is a very powerfully-built dude, but he is also extremely withdrawn and not particularly impressive in the area of scholastic performance. So he needs help.

A well to do family, the Tuohy's, decide to take Michael under their wings, despite racial differences and lingering social barriers, and they provide him with a place to stay, caring support, and

perhaps most importantly; unconditional love. Soon the young man begins to overcome his troubled background, ultimately reaching some incredible accomplishments.

The title of *The Blind Side* has a few implications. In football, (which is a thread that runs throughout this movie), it refers to the side from which the quarterback can't see what's coming when attempting to throw a pass. It's about vulnerability and the need for protection. It is also a reference to taking a "blind side" to the issue of race, something both the Tuohy's and Michael Oher demonstrate re-

markably well in this tale.

As I mentioned, there is a lot of football intermingled into the movie's 126 minute run time (which may be a bit long), but it plays in small doses that truly augments the story line. For true college sports fans, there are some wonderful cameo appearances by some well-known coaches such as Houston Nutt, Ed Orgeron, Nick Saban, Lou Holtz and more.

Lead roles played by Quinton Aaron as Michael, Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw as feisty Leigh Anne Tuohy and amiable Sean Tuohy are all extremely well-acted

and believable, which is particularly fitting since this is a true story. Kathy Bates also provides some wonderful light-hearted relief as Michael's "type A" tutor.

The film is rated PG-13 for some brief references to sex and drugs, and one scene with some fighting.

This is an authentic tale that is remarkably appropriate for the holiday season. It's amazing to witness just how far a little kindness and fellowship can go in this world.

EXIT COMMENTS:

"Good acting and an inspiring story," Mike & Janel - Gaylord

"Very impressive...great story," Mishara - Alpena

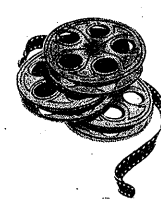
"I'm not a football fan, but this is still a feel good, come away smiling movie," Brie - Grayling

"Very good entertainment with a Christian base to it," Ann - Gaylord

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Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
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A Christmas Carol- PG

Starring: Jim Carrey, Colin Firth
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SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00
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2012- PG13

Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet
FRI-SAT 2:30, 6:45, 9:30
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Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
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The Blind Side - PG13

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Kingston Theatre,

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
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Kingston Theatre, cont.

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The Blind Side - PG13

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Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
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Petoskey Cinema,

A Christmas Carol - PG

Starring: Jim Carrey, Colin Firth
MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
THURS-SUN 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Blind Side - PG13

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
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2012- PG13

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Petoskey Cinema, cont.

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Bellaire Theatre

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
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HUNTING REPORT



The DNR is expecting the 2009 deer harvest to be similar to 2008 or maybe a bit lower.

Deer harvest could be slightly down

Harsh winter of 2008-09 is main reason, though unseasonably mild temperatures this firearm season is not helping

By Mike Dunn

The 2009 firearm deer season started on a slow note in the north country and it appears we are headed for a deer harvest where the numbers will ultimately be equal or below last year.

Different factors are causing the slow harvest, such as the delayed corn harvest this fall and the unseasonably mild weather and lack of snow and little rain, but the chief reason for fewer deer is the harsh winter of 2008-09.

As John Niewoonder, big-

game specialist for the Department of Natural Resources, noted, the number of yearling deer is way down, indicating that many of the younger deer perished during the winter months. The bucks that are being taken this fall are typically older deer but without much body fat. That means the deer are below weight for their age and the racks are not as big because antler development has been hindered.

"We're looking at winter weather conditions as being a big factor up in the northern Lower and the U.P.," said Niewoonder, who is based out of Lansing.

"We've some pretty harsh winters lately and it's obvious that a number of deer have been lost. In some areas, we've had to back off on doe permits to try and get the deer population back up."

It's been a bit more challenging to determine hunter success this year because there are fewer deer check stations available throughout the state. It seems evident, though, that the deer harvest is similar to 2008 and possibly a little smaller, at least to this point of the firearm season.

One possible bit of good news, Niewoonder said, is that muzzleloading season might pro-

duce a decent harvest. The firearm season in Michigan extends until Nov. 30 and muzzleloading season begins in December. Archery season also resumes Dec. 1.

"Muzzeloder season might be decent," Niewoonder said. "There was a lot of corn still standing when firearm season started and that means a lot of deer are still out there that may have been taken if the corn wasn't there. It could mean more bucks hanging around during the latter part of firearm season or more deer available during muzzleloader season."

The best cure for the lack of deer, Niewoonder added, is a few mild winters in a row.

"You can never predict what Mother Nature is going to do but it seems like we're due for some mild winters," he said. "That would help the population a great deal. These things go in cycles. We had some bad winters in the mid '90s, especially in the western part of the U.P., and it takes time to recover from those."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cage fighting card Saturday in Grayling

GRAYLING – Cage fighting is making its much anticipated return to the Ramada Inn of Grayling. A card featuring nine local fighters is scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 28, with the doors opening at 7 p.m. and the fighting scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. The show is promoted by New World Karate and Master Zack Burns, a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) world champion.

The last cage fight in Grayling, the Northern Michigan Combat Challenge, was held six months ago before a packed house and featured many of the same fighters.

These NWK fighters come from area: Eric Madill 7-1; Zack Burns 4-0; Brandon Pratt 2-0; Joey Bancroft 2-0; Roy Middleton 1-0; Travis Webb 1-0; Daniel Stafford 4-2; Troy Wilson 0-0; Ryan Haskin 0-0; and Randy Sanchez 2-0. The fighters were

undefeated in the last six months fighting in St. Ignace, Cadillac, Traverse City and Clare. With team's only loss came Nov. 14 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

MMA Athletes employ a variety of skills in their matches. To be successful in MMA, fighters must train across many platforms.

The techniques utilized in MMA competition fall into two categories: Striking techniques (such as kicks, knees and punches) and grappling techniques (such as clinch holds, pinning holds, submission holds, sweeps, takedowns and throws). Illegal techniques are biting, eye-gouging and small joint manipulation. Victory is normally decided by judges, doctor or a athletes corner man throws in the towel.

This is an all-ages show. Tickets are \$25 general admission. Along with great fights and great entertainment there will be a full bar.

Tickets can be purchased at the Pow-erhouse Gym in Gaylord, the Xpress Copy

Shop in Grayling, or the Ramada Inn.

TC hosts track and field clinics

TRAVERSE CITY – The Traverse City Central gym with the site for track and field clinics on two Sundays, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Nov. 22 clinic will focus on hurdling and the Dec. 13 clinic will focus on the high jump. The clinics are designed for boys and girls in grades 8-12. The cost is \$25 per person.

To pre-register call (231) 941-0183 and leave a name, grade, school and phone number. TCC boys track coach John Lober and his staff are running the clinics.

EJ Sno-Mobilers to host breakfast

EAST JORDAN – The annual East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, from 7 a.m. to noon on Mt. Bliss Road.

Safety Practices When Cooking Wild Game

The Michigan Department of Community Health recommends proper food safety practices when cooking venison, as well as any other meat or poultry. Thoroughly cooking meat is important to reduce the likelihood of any bacterial disease. All meat, including venison, should be cooked until the meat is no longer pink and the juices run clear. If cooked according to the guidelines below, the likelihood of any disease transmission to individuals consuming this meat is extremely small.

Use a meat thermometer to cook meat to proper internal temperatures (minimum 165° for all types of meat from ground or fresh venison, 170° for the breast of game birds and waterfowl, and 180° for the whole bird), which helps ensure harmful bacteria are killed and meat is not overcooked. The color of meat is an unreliable indicator of doneness.

For jerky, steam, boil or roast meat to 165°F using a meat thermometer prior to dehydrating. Dry at 130°-140°F until thoroughly dry. Jerky is properly dried when it cracks on bending but doesn't break.

Reporting scores:

The Charlevoix County News is interested in reporting boys and girls basketball results, wrestling, hockey and skiing results (or any other sporting event) for Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Coaches, please send any information you wish to have in the paper via e-mail to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or by fax at (888) 240-5499. Or call Mike at (989) 370-0605.

LOCAL SPORTS

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ben Myers, Charlevoix

The Rayders' junior goal-scoring machine became the first boys soccer player in school history to be named first-team All-State this week. Bazooka Ben scored 27 goals and helped Charlevoix to post a 20-2 record while winning the league title and the school's first-ever district title.

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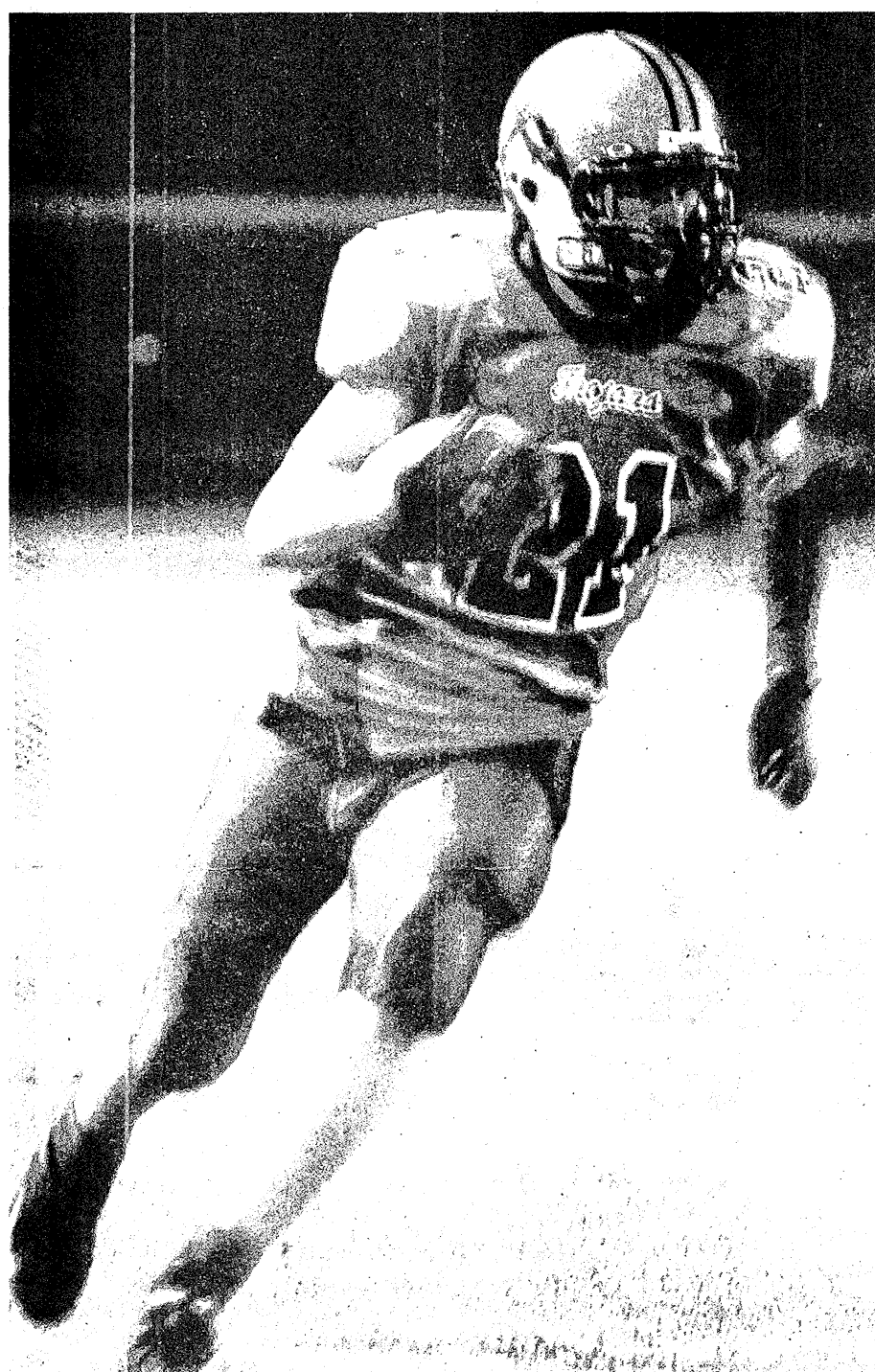
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SKI VALLEY FOOTBALL

Peterson is first-team selection



Ellsworth senior receiver Nate Peterson was selected to the first team offense on the 2009 Ski Valley All-Conference football team. (PHOTO BY JOAN BECKER)

Senior receiver was dangerous weapon for Central Lake-Ellsworth during season

By Mike Dunn

Ellsworth senior receiver Nate Peterson is among the Ski Valley All-Conference 2009 football team members selected from the Central Lake-Ellsworth squad. The 6-foot-2 Peterson, who also played in the secondary on defense for the Trojans and coach Adam Grybauskas, combined flypaper hands with shifty moves, physical toughness and the ability to generate yards after the catch.

Peterson played a key role in the Trojans' resurgence late in the season, rebounding from a 2-3 start to win the final four games and earn a playoff berth.

Peterson wasn't alone on the Ski Valley roster, though. Fellow Ellsworth senior Eddie Veenstra also made honorable mention for his play at defensive end. The long-armed Veenstra was a force to be reckoned with for opposing ball carriers attempting to run off-tackle or get around the edge on his side of the field.

Other Central Lake-Ellsworth players to make the grade were senior offensive lineman Ryan Hiltunen and senior linebacker Matt Kent on the first team; senior running back Adam Folsom, senior offensive lineman Wilson Nemec and junior defensive back Mike King on the second team; and senior receiver/safety Scott Cannon as an at-large pick.

Ski Valley All-Conference 2009 Football Team

First Team Offense

QB -- Nick Lockman, Mancelona
RB -- Justin Flowers, Inland Lakes
RB -- Jake Graham, J-L
RB -- Jan O'Bradovich, Onaway
E -- Nate Peterson, Central Lake
E -- Doug Elliott, Inland Lakes
OL -- Ryan Hiltunen, Central Lake
OL -- Matt Park, Forest Area
OL -- Logan Wilkinson, Onaway
OL -- Michael Churchill, Mancelona
OL -- Phil Keck, St. Mary
K -- Clay Becker, St. Mary

Second Team Offense

QB -- Peter Spyhalski, St. Mary
RB -- Adam Folsom, Central Lake
RB -- Victor Woodhams, Forest Area
RB -- Taylor Borst, Mancelona
E -- Dustin Allen, Mancelona
E -- Phil Spyhalski, St. Mary
OL -- Wilson Nemec, Central Lake
OL -- Austin Morse, Inland Lakes
OL -- Sean Aisthorpe, J-L
OL -- Brandon Antaya, Mancelona
OL -- Pat Keck, St. Mary

First Team Defense

DL -- Keith Koronka, J-L
DL -- Zellie Dow, Bellaire
DL -- Dan Schofield, Inland Lakes
DL -- Matt Churches, St. Mary
LB -- Ben Bush, J-L
LB -- Matt Kent, Central Lake
LB -- Steve Apfel, Bellaire
LB -- Justin Malczyk, St. Mary
DB -- Garrett Gahn, Inland Lakes
DB -- Michael Dalton, Mancelona
DB -- Nick Freeman, Forest Area
ST -- Trevor Hanel, Inland Lakes
P -- Keegan McPhail, Bellaire

Second Team Defense

DL -- Blake Huff, J-L
DL -- James Gerring, Forest Area
DL -- Tom Hall, Forest Area
DL -- Cody Aldrich, Mancelona
LB -- Darren Dobbyn, J-L
LB -- Christian Tollini, Onaway
LB -- Chris Jolette, Pellston
DB -- Joe Yeskey, J-L
DB -- Mike King, Central Lake
DB -- Sam McMurry, Pellston

At-Large Players

AL -- Dallas VanDoren, J-L
AL -- Scott Cannon, Central Lake
AL -- Ben Connelly, Inland Lakes

Honorable Mention

Josh Sheneman, Bellaire
Eddie Veenstra, Central Lake
Packard Fettig, Inland Lakes
Ryan Cass, J-L
Travis Roberts, J-L
Nick Michael, J-L
Nate Musselman, Mancelona
Tyler James, Onaway
Bobby Lupu, Onaway
Cory Grossman, Onaway
Trey Leach, Onaway
Ben Huyck, Pellston
Tyler Armantrout, Pellston
Branden Coffell, Pellston
Joe Payton, St. Mary
Mike Burzynski, St. Mary
Tyler Loshaw, St. Mary
Justin Rutkowski, St. Mary

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ALL-STATE SOCCER

Rayders players receive honors

Coach Block, Bazooka Ben Myers among those earning recognition; BC's Baic is honorable mention

After leading the Charlevoix soccer team to the first district boys' soccer title in school history, coach Josh Block was chosen as a Div. 3 District Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Block guided Charlevoix to a 20-2 record this season, a Lake Michigan Conference championship and the district title, which came in a tense victory over defending champion Traverse City Christian.

Some of the Rayder players who were instrumental in the run were also honored by the MHSSCA.

Junior Ben Myers, a prolific goal scorer during the season, was named first-team All-State. Bazooka Ben blasted a team-high 27 goals, including two goals and an assist in the Rayders' shutout of Elk Rapids in the

district semifinal match. Myers is the first Charlevoix player to receive first-team recognition.

Defenseman John Shea was named to the third team and goalkeeper Nick Brandi was honorable mention. The sandpaper-tough Shea was part of a defense that made life miserable on opposing forwards. Between the efforts of Shea and his fellow defenders and the elastic Brandi in the nets, opponents scored just 13 goals against the Rayders all season. Brandi recorded a school-record 11 shutouts.

Boyne City was also represented in the All-State roster. Forward Brendan Baic, the Ramblers' chief missile launcher during the season and one of the reasons the young team was able to finish with a respectable 7-9-1 record, was an honorable mention pick.

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A “Must See” Home with Lake Charlevoix Access

Gorgeous, East Jordan Three-Bedroom is Priced to Sell

By Jim Akans

Today’s real estate market is brimming with some incredible bargains. This is a prime example of an opportunity that demands immediate buyer attention...before it slips away.

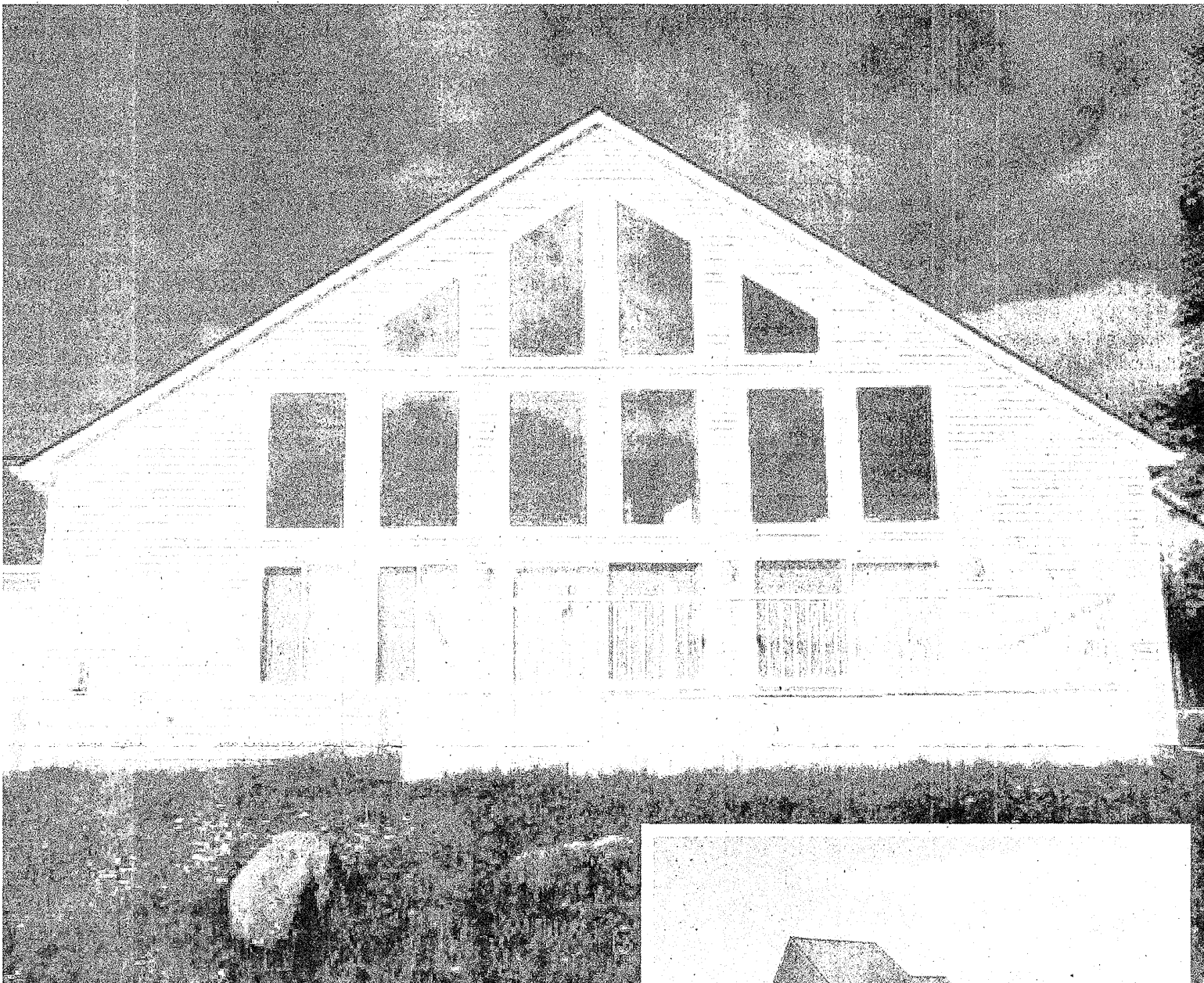
This beautiful, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath charmer, located in East Jordan’s Hillcrest subdivision, offers 1,800 square feet of wonderfully designed living space AND it has shared access to the nearly limitless recreational opportunities of stunningly picturesque Lake Charlevoix. That’s a highly desirable offering by virtually anyone’s standards, and when coupled with this home’s amazing \$135,900 asking price, it’s an exceptional bargain.

A highlight of the home’s interior is the majestic, two-story main living room with a floor to ceiling wall of windows that frames an impressive outdoor view. The living room is anchored by an exquisite gas fireplace, perfect for keeping warm and cozy during cool weather.

The home also has a wonderfully spacious kitchen, complete with center preparation island and plenty of cabinet and countertop storage and work space. Making family meals and entertaining friends in this home is a like a welcome breeze.

For year-round comfort, the home also features energy efficient windows with Low-E glass, a forced air, natural gas fed furnace, central air conditioning and ceiling fans. For convenience and storage, there is a first floor laundry area and an attached two-car garage.

Outdoors, the allure is to relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings on the large open deck located on the rear of the home, or take a short jaunt to the shared Lake Charlevoix access and get ready to immerse yourself in



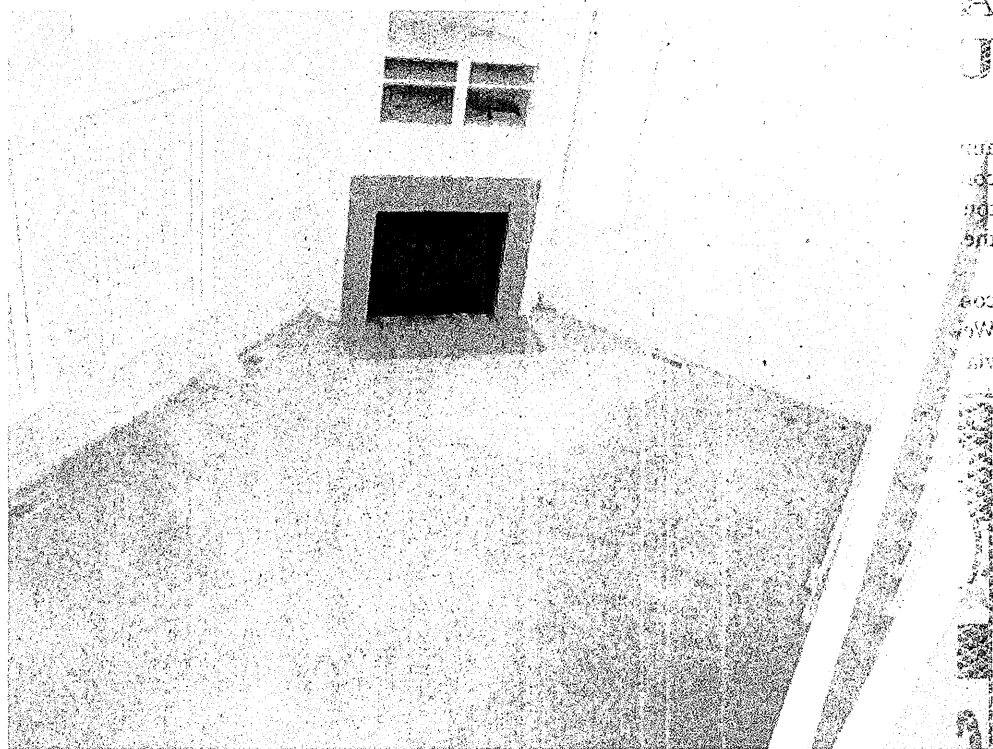
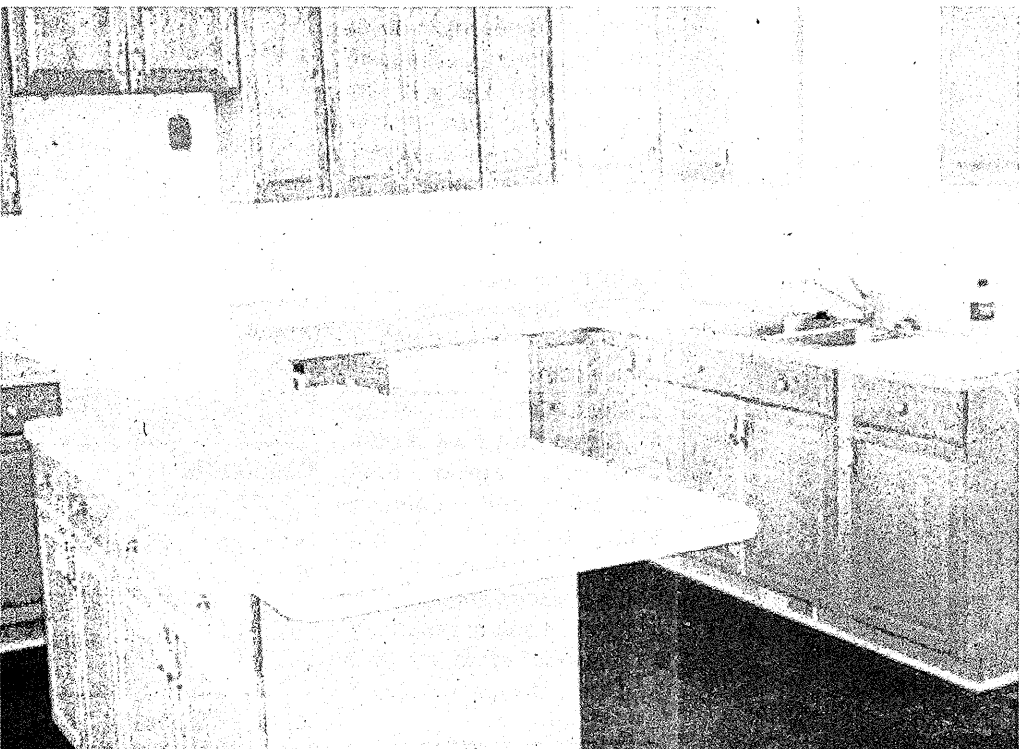
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This is also a Fannie Mae HomePath property, and can potentially be purchased for as little as three-percent down.

For those in the market for a spacious, family home located in a

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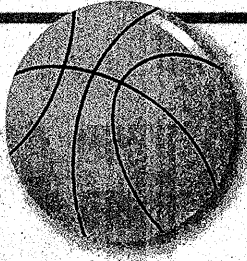
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How did the turkey get its name?

There are different explanations as to how the turkey got its name. Some think that after Columbus arrived and discovered the bird, he believed it to be a type of peacock and so called it "tuka," the name for peacock in the Native American language of Tamil. Others say it is derived from "firkee," the Native American word for turkey. Others believe the name stuck because turkeys make a noise that sounds like "turk, turk" when they are frightened.



There is about 550 million pounds of turkey consumed each Thanksgiving, but was there any turkey consumed on the very first Thanksgiving?

Here are some other interesting facts about Thanksgiving:

The pilgrims of Plymouth Colony invited the Wampanoag Indians to celebrate Thanksgiving with them. Not only were the local Native Americans friendly, their aid was invaluable. They taught the pilgrims to hunt for food and gave them seed to plant crops. They also helped them to build sturdy structures that would withstand the long winters.

There was no milk, cheese, bread, butter or pumpkin pie at the original Thanksgiving Day feast in 1621. Some historians question whether there were any turkeys consumed during the first Thanksgiving since other fare was more readily available at that time.

The pilgrims didn't use forks; they used spoons, knives and their fingers.

Americans feast on approximately 550 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving. That number represents one sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year.

Eight U.S. presidents have been descendants of passengers of the Mayflower, and a number of other famous people including astronauts, poets, politicians, actors and actresses, directors, inventors and others are descendants as well.

President George W. Bush is a descendant of the original Plymouth pilgrims on both his mother and father's side. In the lineage of his mother Barbara (Pierce) Bush, he is descended from Henry Samson. In the lineage of his father George H. Bush, he is descended from both John Howland and Francis Cooke.

Other famous descendants of Mayflower passengers include astronaut Alan Shepard, actress Marilyn Monroe, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, actor Clint Eastwood, Vice President Dan Quayle, singer Bing Crosby and inventor George Eastman.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our country's national bird instead of the bald eagle and was disappointed when the turkey wasn't chosen.

President Abraham Lincoln established the original date for our National Thanksgiving Day celebration in 1863. Congress officially declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1941.

Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

The cranberry was originally called "craneberry," named so because the pale pink blossoms of the plant resembled a crane's head and neck. The name was eventually shortened to cranberry. Wisconsin leads all states in the production of cranberries, with 390 million pounds, followed by Massachusetts (180 million).

The average person consumes 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day.

The ancient Romans also celebrated a fall harvest festival in honor of their goddess of corn, Ceres (where the word cereal comes from). The Romans celebrated a Thanksgiving feast where they offered the first fruits of the harvest and pigs to Ceres. Their Thanksgiving was held on October 4th each autumn.

When it comes to taste, old male turkeys are preferable to younger ones, but the opposite is true for the females. The older the hen, the tougher the bird.

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining.

Wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour over short distances, but domesticated turkeys are not able to fly at all.

A turkey under 16 weeks of age is called a fryer. A five- to seven-month old turkey is called a roaster.

A turkey's field of vision is 270 degrees -- one of the main reasons they're able to elude some hunters.

Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the Western Hemisphere.

The typical American will consume 13.1 pounds of turkey and 4.5 pounds of sweet potatoes in a year.

The ballroom dance known as the Turkey Trot was named for the short, jerky steps a turkey makes.

When you hear a turkey gobble, it is a male (tom) turkey doing his mating call and that only occurs during the turkey's amorous season. Female turkeys don't gobble, they make a clicking noise.

Wild turkeys often spend the night in trees. They fly to their roosts around sunset and return to the ground at dawn. Gobbling starts before sunrise and continues through most of the morning.

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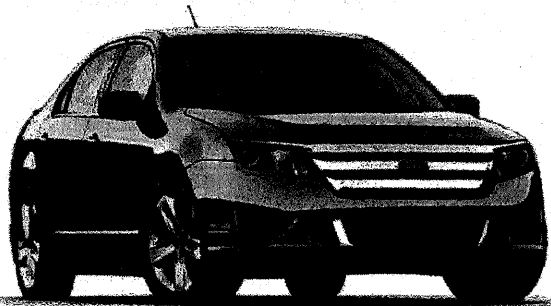
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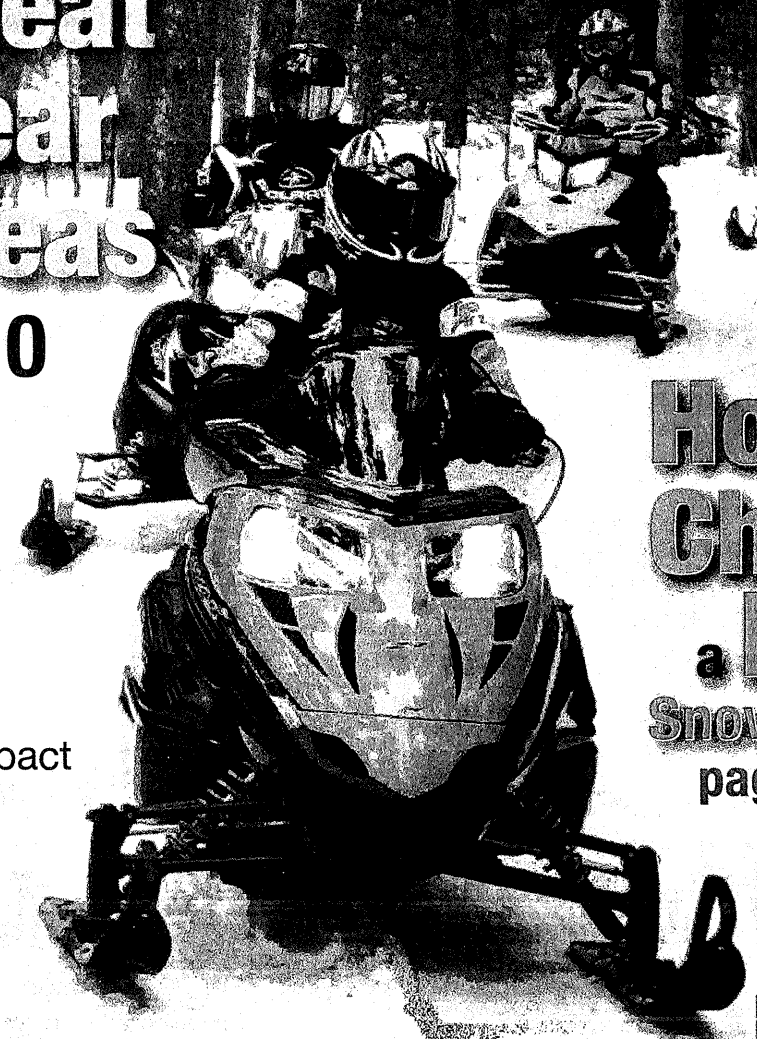
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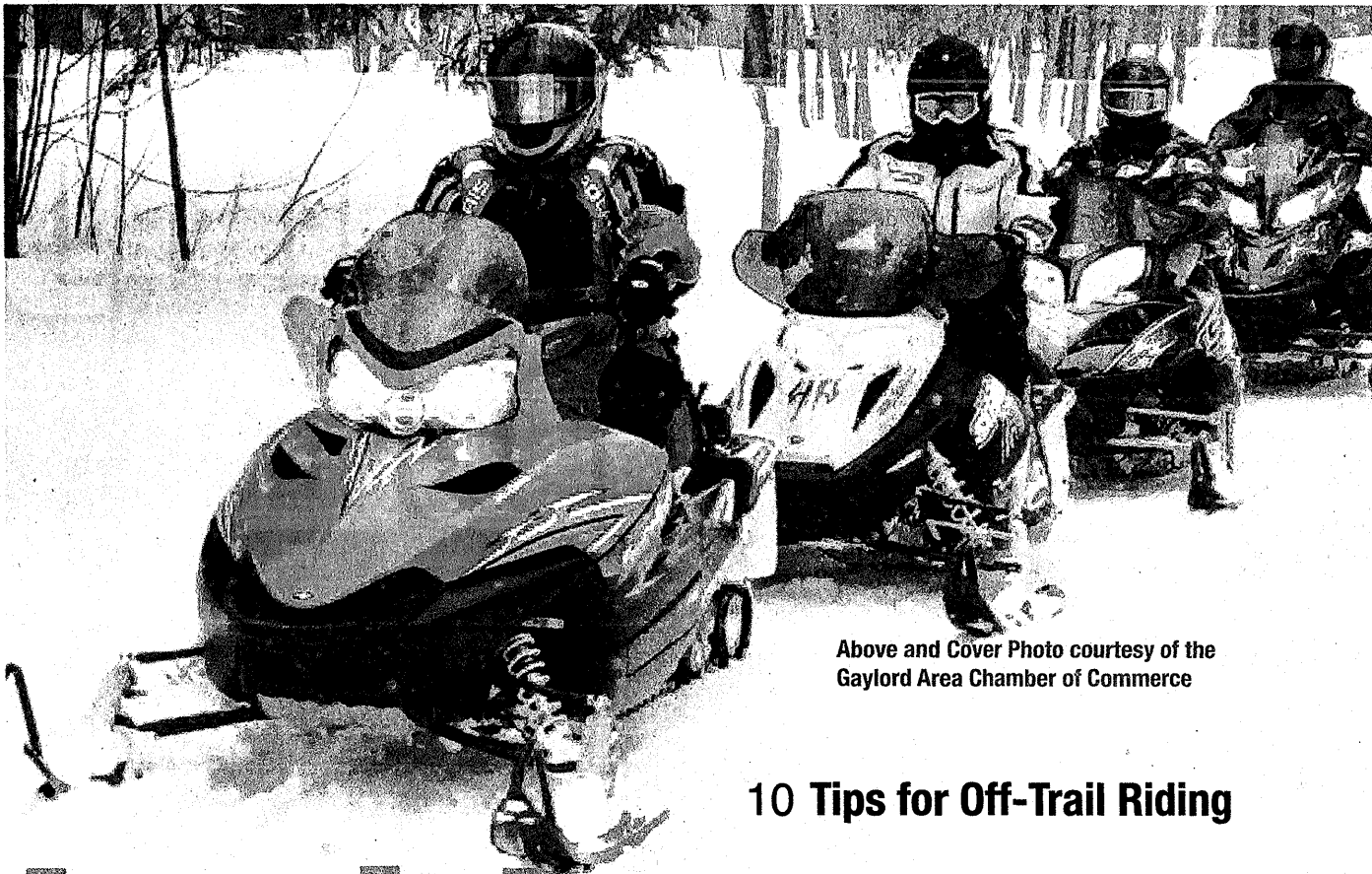
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Snowmobilers in Canada and the United States spend over \$9 billion on their sport each year. This includes expenditures on equipment, clothing, accessories, snowmobiling vacations, etc.

Surveys show that, on average, snowmobilers taking overnight trips (24% of these surveyed) take 3 - 5 trips a year, spending 2 nights per trip away from home.

The sport of snowmobiling is responsible for "spin-off" economic benefits such as:

Jobs for tens of thousands of people; jobs which enable those people to further stimulate the economy through additional expenditures on goods and services; jobs which provide significant income tax revenues to provincial, state and federal

treasuries and dramatically reduce unemployment and welfare payments.

Millions of dollars in tax revenues derived from snowmobile-related businesses (including, but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, dealers resort and hotel facilities, restaurants, service stations, insurance agencies, hardware stores, etc.).

Millions of dollars in winter tourism spending which support local snowbelt economies.

Millions of dollars in local and provincial/state sales and gas tax revenues.

The sport of snowmobiling has rejuvenated the economics of many communities.

Michigan State University, for the Michigan Department of Parks and Recreation, com-

pleted an assessment of snowmobiling impact in the State of Michigan in February 1998.

That survey showed that:

The average snowmobiler in Michigan spent \$4,218 annually on snowmobiling activity, equipment, vacationing in the state of Michigan.

With 290,000 snowmobiles registered in the state the eco-

nomie impact in Michigan generated by snowmobiling is over \$1 Billion.

It is estimated that over 6,455 full time jobs are created by snowmobiling in Michigan.

Economic impact reports across North America show the positive economic significance of the sport of snowmobiling at all levels.

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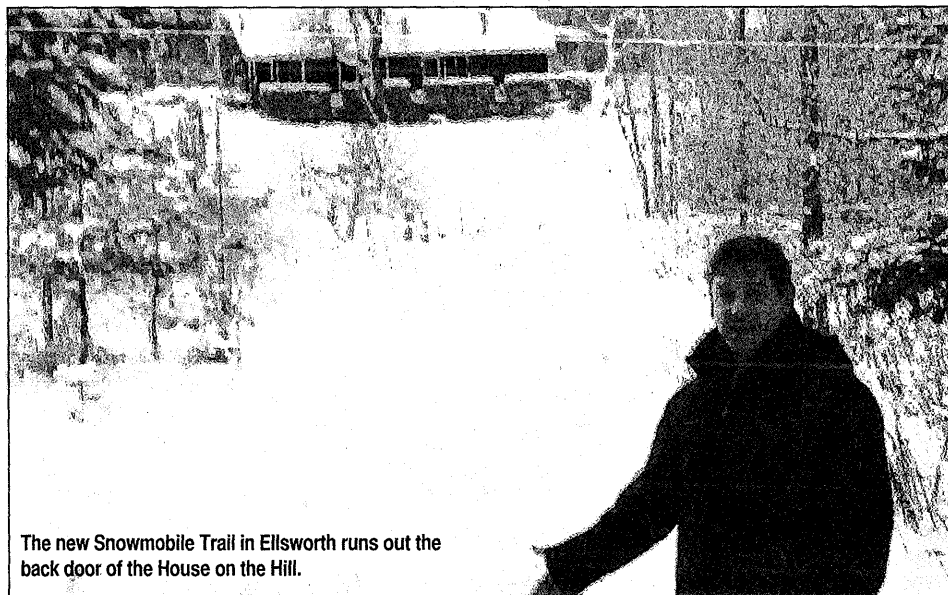
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The new Snowmobile Trail in Ellsworth runs out the back door of the House on the Hill.



ABOVE: Phillip Palajac and Jerry Rasmussen were two of the Ellsworth volunteers that worked on the new Snowmobile Trail.

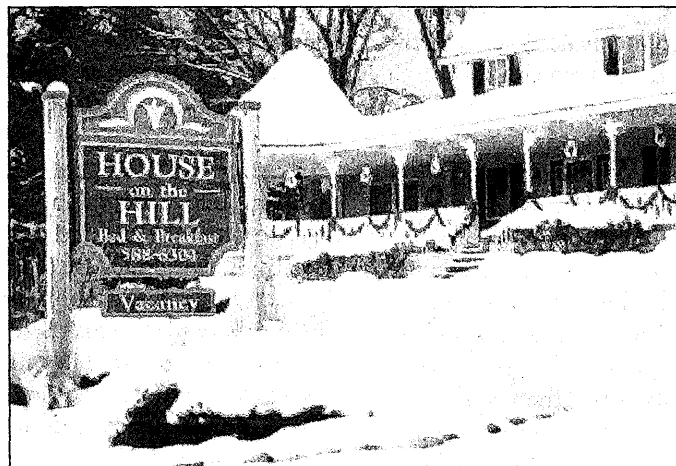
Snowmobile Trail Built by Area Residents

By B. J. Conley

ELLSWORTH — A new snowmobile trail is ready for recreation following the village community pitching in and creating the trail in just three days.

"You can't imagine how many people turned out to build the

The Community of Ellsworth came together to create a new Snowmobile Trail



trail, it was the whole community," said Phil Palajac, who, along with his wife Marci, owns The House on the Hill bed and breakfast.

The approximately two-mile trail, known as "Trail No. 4," starts in Ellsworth and ends on the corner of Detour Road and E. Slough Road. It is part of the East Jordan-Charlevoix trail.

"We just connected the village," Palajac said. The idea to build a trail started with a few people talking about it and support for it grew rapidly. Excavation equipment appeared when needed and with the number of people working on the trail, it didn't take long to finish it, he said.

The Palajacs and resident Fred Taylor gave easements across their properties and Jerry Rasmussen organized equipment and workers.

For more information e-mail Palajac at www.thehouseonthe-hill.com.

miles from home, lasting 2 ½ - 5 days. Snowmobilers spend approximately \$45 each (double occupancy) for lodging, \$55 each, for fuel and oil and \$40 per person on meals each day.

FACT: The most recent economic impact study shows over \$1 billion dollars per year is generated within Michigan from snowmobile use each year. This winter economic engine drives the northern Michigan economy. There are on average over 10,000 new & used snowmobiles sold each year along with related equipment, clothing and accessories. Over 7080 jobs created by the snowmobiling industry.

FACT: Through the efforts of organized clubs and associations, snowmobiling has become the most popular of winter-time family sports, and has instrumental in energizing residents who previously either left the state for a warmer climate or restricted their activities to the indoors and waited for Spring.

FACT: As the large corporate landowners in the Upper Peninsula divest themselves of unproductive lands, snowmobile trails are in great peril. MSA members have formed the Snow Country Trail Conservancy to purchase permanent snowmobile trail easements. MSA's goal is to make permanent, all of the snowmobile trails in MI.

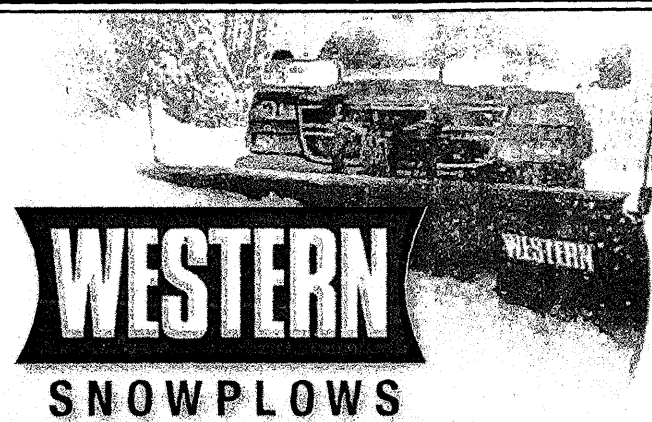
FACT: Michigan's trails are maintained by 68 not for profit snowmobile clubs, business groups, combinations of both, and two county recreation departments. (Alcona and Iosco)

FACT: The Michigan snowmobile trail network is officially open on December 1st through March 31st.

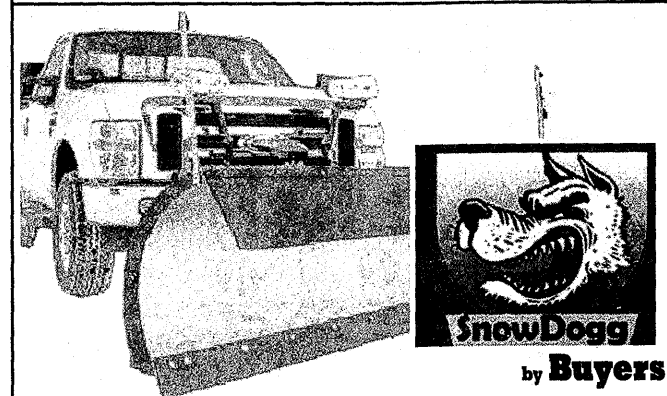
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Map showing the location of Emmet County, Michigan, within the state. The county is shaded in light gray. Major cities and towns are marked with black dots and labeled: Cross Village, Harbor Springs, Wequetons, Harbor Point, Bay View, Bayshore, Petoskey, and Clare. The map also shows the county's boundaries with neighboring counties: Charlevoix to the west, Benzie to the north, and Cheboygan to the east. The county is shaded in a light gray color, and the surrounding areas are in a darker gray. The title "EMMET COUNTY" is prominently displayed in a black box at the top left.

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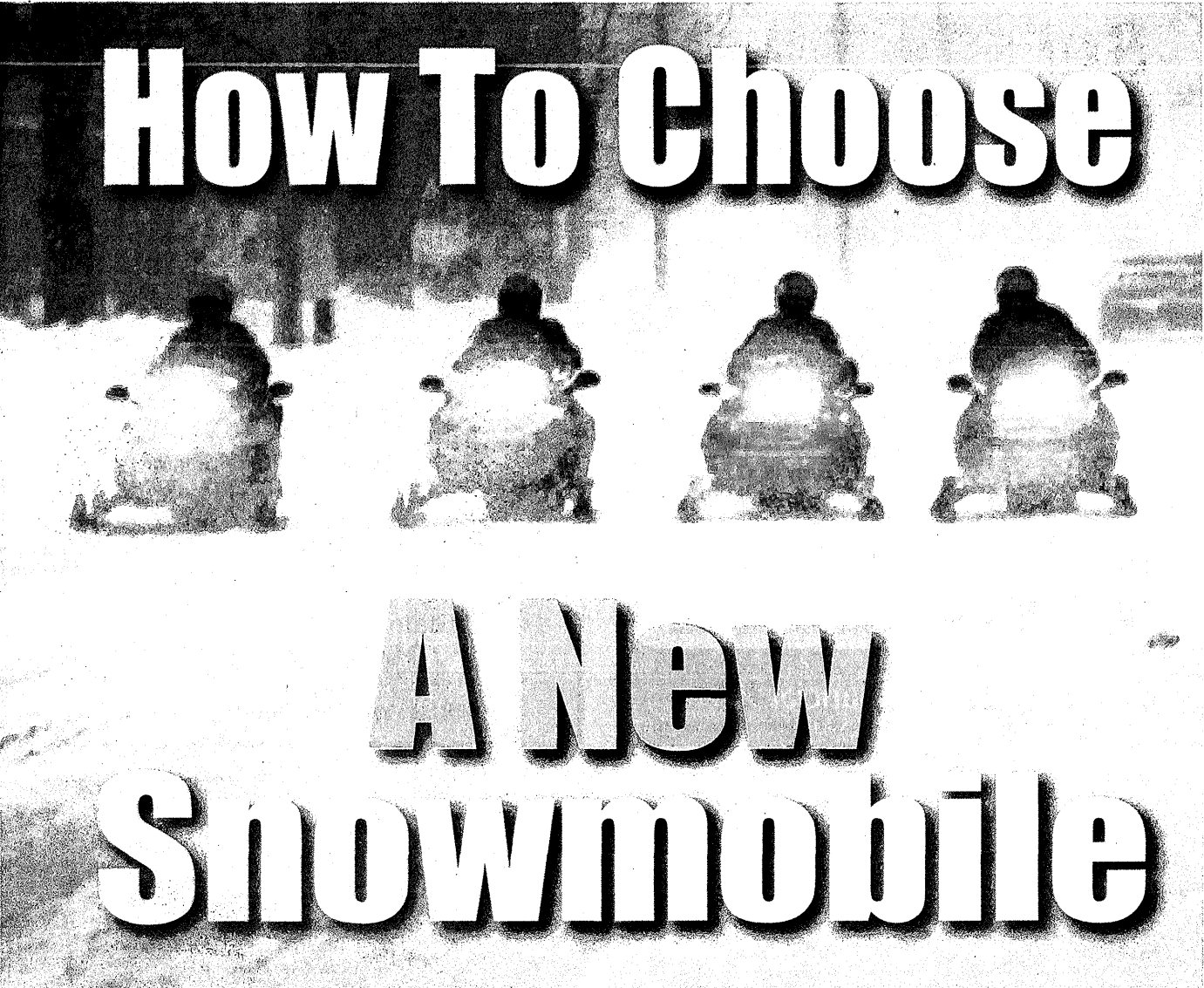


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By Mike Dunn

So you've made the decision to purchase a new snowmobile. Good for you! Whether the snowmobile is for an experienced rider or someone who is just beginning to discover the joys of riding the trails, there are some important factors to take into consideration during the decision-making process.

The experience level, age, and size of the rider are some of the key factors to

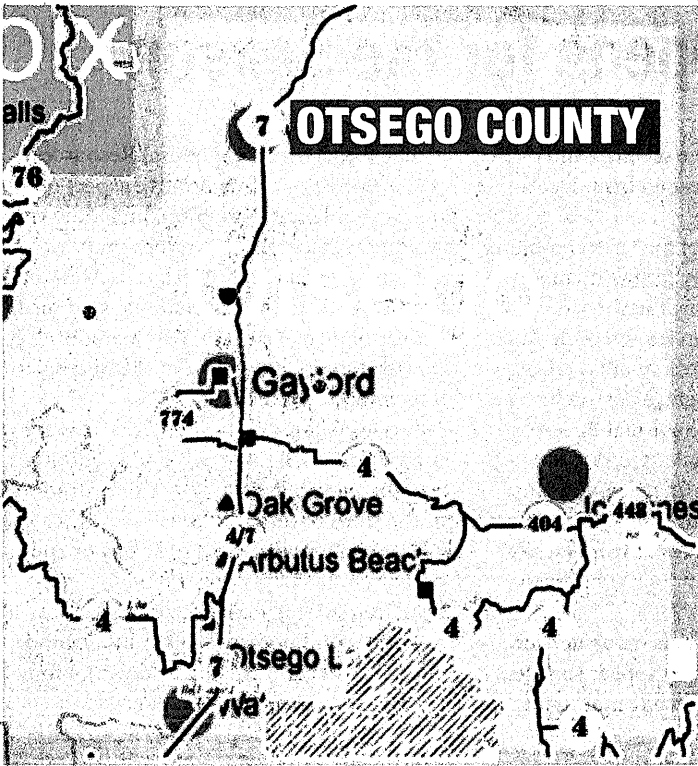
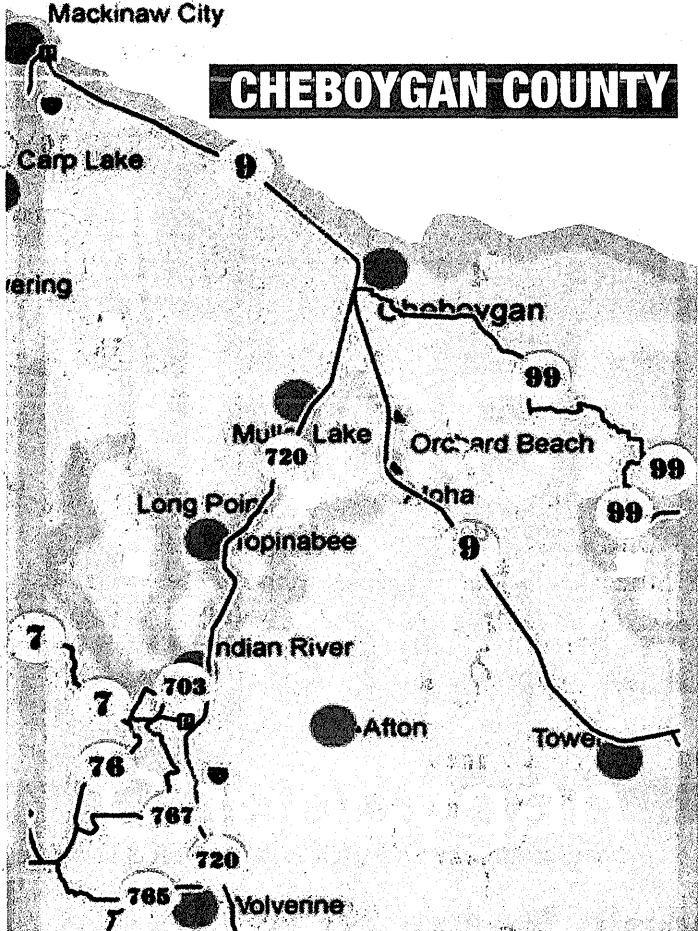
look at. For someone who is less experienced, particularly for young people, a lighter snowmobile may be the way to go. A lighter snowmobile is generally easier to turn and maneuver, especially if it has less weight on the front end. (Keep in mind, though, that there is another side to the equation. You want a lighter machine for its maneuverability, but at the same time, you want enough power in the lighter machine so that the young driver can have the confidence necessary to success-

The experience level, age, and size of the rider are just some of the key factors to look at.

fully ride through challenging parts of the trail.)

The size of the rider should also play a role in the decision. While snowmobiles are designed to do much of the work on the trails, the physical strength

of the rider does matter and must be taken into consideration. Someone who is smaller in stature without as much upper body strength simply won't be able to handle the same kind of machine as someone who is



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Northern Michigan's Network of Snowmobile Trails Opens for the Season

By Jim Akans

Time to dust off that sled, fire it up, and hit the trails!

Michigan has a vast network of snowmobile trails, comprising over 6,100 miles of mostly interconnected "sled roads" that wind through state and national forests, as well as private and public lands. Here in northern Michigan, where an abundance of snow provides excellent riding conditions all winter long, snowmobiling draws thousands of enthusiasts away from the tel-

evision and out into the scenic, winter-wonderland every weekend from December through March.

And while it's a lot of fun, snowmobiling may also be a great way to stay mentally and physically fit during the winter months. The Michigan Snowmobile Association web site has a recent press release which observes the average person burns about 238 calories an hour maneuvering their sled down the trails. Getting outdoors is also a wonderful defense against Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that can result from lack of exposure to natural outdoor light during the winter.

Though Michigan's enormous network of snowmobile trails may appear seamless to the rider, they are actually maintained on a local level.

The Department of Natural Resources will oversee the administrative aspect of the statewide trails program, including trail condition inspections. Trail permits are \$35 this year (up from \$25 last season) and can be obtained (as can trail maps) at most snowmobile dealers, at DNR operation service centers, or on-line at the Michigan Snowmobile Association (www.msasnow.org). The permit fees are used for maintaining trails and grooming equipment, education, and administration of the trails program.

The snowmobile trails officially opened on December 1st, and will remain open until March 31st, depending on weather and trail conditions. So get out there and enjoy a Northern Michigan snowmobiling adventure... and please be safe.

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tions, trails permits and a small portion of gasoline tax. Not only do we pay for all trail maintenance we also pay for our DNR law enforcement and we fund sheriff's and local law enforcement programs over \$1.5 million dollars a year. The total dollars raised and expended in snowmobile program is just over \$12 million annually.

FACT: Nineteen of the 26 deaths last season occurred in the evening hours, typically after dark.

FACT: There are 6,500 miles of groomed trails in Michigan. Trail permits are required for all snowmobilers at \$25 per season. For more information, please contact the Michigan Snowmobile Association at 616-361-2285. Helmets are required for everyone. The unplowed portion of all county roads is open to snowmobiling. In some northern and UP counties they allow you to ride the plowed shoulder. These counties have signs at all county lines informing you if they are open. State roads (denoted with a M) again have the unplowed portion open to riding but the plowed shoulder is always closed. You may drop onto the plowed shoulder only to go around an obstruction. Speed limits are (1) Safe and Reasonable, (2) posted on any road, (3) just fast enough to maintain forward motion when within 100 feet of any building or fisherman. Registration Fee: \$22 for three years

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Snowmobile Maintenance and Safety Tips

By Jim Akans

Safe snowmobiling is about understanding your abilities, capabilities of your machine, the rules of the trail, and taking steps to make sure your sled is properly maintained.

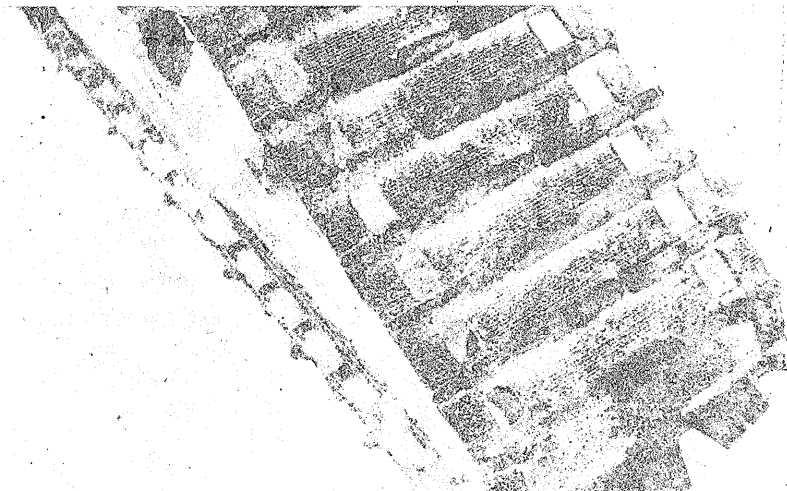
Randy Danforth, owner T & R Yamaha in East Jordan, notes, "First of all, a lot of the new equipment is much more sophisticated than in the past, so riders should consider having a qualified technician look at their sled to have their pre-season maintenance done."

But what if you really want spend the afternoon (and likely into the evening) in a cold garage, skinning a few knuckles, tackling the job yourself? Randy has a few key points.

He notes, "Getting a snowmobile ready for the season partly depends on how it was put it away for the summer. In particular, fuel isn't what it used to be, so when the machine is "summer-sized" all the fuel should be removed to avoid having the carburetors or fuel injectors gum up. Even using a gas stabilizer is only good for about 30 days. So one of the first things to do is remove any old gas and put in fresh gas."

The next step is to reference the service manual for the actual sled to identify lubrication points and other pre-season maintenance tips. Inspect the slides, wear bars and track for signs of wear, check the lights, and don't forget those hand and thumb warmers.

It's always a good idea to install a new set of spark plugs at the beginning of the season. Another important component is the battery. Have it checked and



Make sure to inspect the slides, wear bars and track for signs of wear, check the lights, and don't forget those hand and thumb warmers.

if it is more than a couple of years old, replace it with a new one.

While confidence in the performance of the machine is important, confidence in operating skills and knowledge of trail rules is essential to a safe and secure riding experience.

The Michigan Snowmobile Safety Course guide offers some sound advice for staying safe on the trails. Among those tips;

Always ride with at least one other rider and when snowmobiling in groups, use the "buddy system" - where pre-assigned "buddies" keep a watch on each other during the ride.

Always ride single file and stay on the right side of the trail. Stay on posted trails, trespassing on private land is illegal and potentially dangerous.

Plan your trip in advance, and always tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you expect to return.

Beware of fatigue. Try to take a break at least once an hour.

Observe "trail etiquette." In addition to staying on the right

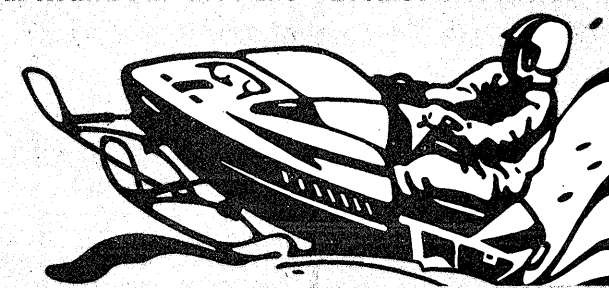
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Tips for Off-Trail Riding

Northern Michigan is a great place to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling. While many snowmobilers use groomed trails in the woods and near ski resorts, many thrill seekers look for off-trail access that offers fresh snow and less traffic. Off-trail snowmobiling can be very enjoyable and exciting, but can be a bit dangerous. Before heading out, you must be prepared.

Here are a few tips before you go off the beaten path.

Tip 1

Research different areas to practice off-trail snowmobiling legally. After the year 2000, many national and state agencies--especially national parks--began cracking down on illegal snowmobiling. Make sure all areas you look at allow for off-the-beaten-path trips.

Tip 2

Prepare your gear beforehand. At minimum, a off-trail snowmobiler will need: long underwear, base layer, snowmobile snowsuit, helmet, snowmobile mittens, snowmobiling boots, an emergency kit (which will have a beacon for rescue, tools for snowmobile repair, water and an emergency blanket), food for two days, water for three days, a GPS unit and a guide book for the area.

Tip 3

Check the weather patterns and determine the type of terrain you'd like to tackle. Some places boast heavy snowfall in the winters and attract fresh powder enthusiasts. Other places, like in northern Canada, have thick, heavy forests that challenge technical riders.

Tip 4

Apply for a permit to ride off-trail. This may not be needed, depending on the area, but it's best to check with either the ranger controlling the area or your local department of natural resources office.

Tip 5

Learn different techniques for off-trail riding. As opposed to trail riding, off-trail riding involves using your problem-solving skills to pull yourself out of ditches or deep snow.

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another hazard, since vision is limited. Most fatal snowmobile accidents happen between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Drowning is another leading cause of snowmobile fatalities.

About two-thirds of fatal snowmobile accidents that involve children are due to injuries to the head and neck, often cause by striking a stationary object. For this reason, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 16 not be allowed to operate snowmobiles, and that all riders (drivers and passengers) be required to wear helmets.

Snowmobile Safety

The most important snowmobile safety practices are:

- **Maintain your snowmobile.** Keep it in top condition.
- **Wear appropriate gear** including helmet and face shield or goggles; layers of clothing (water repellent); warm mitts or gloves; warm boots; windproof outer layer;
- **Stay in control** by knowing and staying within your own abilities and the abilities of the vehicle;
- **Plan your route** and tell someone else, including estimated time of arrival;
- **Travel at a safe speed** and be especially cautious at night. Avoid alcohol and drugs before and when driving;
- **Ride with someone** else do not travel alone;
- **Stay alert.** Be aware of fatigue caused by the vibration and motion of the snowmobile and the sun and wind, all of which affect reaction time;
- **Stay on marked trails;**
- **Make sure to cross streets and roads carefully**, remembering to first stop before continuing at a right angle to the road. Always avoid crossing any bodies of water;
- **Carry a safety kit** containing a first aid kit, flashlight, matches, tool kit, and compass;

When Snowmobile Accidents Happen

Most snowmobile crashes result in personal injury, which is why it is best to travel with someone else who may be able to help in the event of an accident. If you happen to go through the ice on your snowmobile, a specially made snowmobile suit should help you stay afloat for at least a few minutes. Pull up onto the ice and roll away from the hole, standing only when you are well away from the hole. Keep your mitts or gloves on.

Dangers of Snowmobile Racing

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Snowmobiling is a popular sport, with enthusiasts and clubs all around the state. However, with the increased popularity comes ever-increasing danger. With more riders on the trails the risk of an accident increases.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) is actively involved in a worldwide campaign to encourage snowmobile safety and safety training programs. However, laws governing snowmobile operation vary widely among counties in Michigan, and generally, there are fewer restrictions and regulations for operation than for other motor vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles.

Causes of Snowmobile Accidents

Speed is a contributing factor to most fatal snowmobile accidents. Driving too fast often occurs when alcohol is involved. Consuming alcohol will not only impair one's judgment, but can also contribute to hypothermia. Driving at night presents

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snowshoes, and never stop in "blind areas" such as hilltops or on curves.

Always wear protective clothing designed for snowmobiling, gloves and helmet (with face shield or goggles).

Take extra precaution at intersections and when crossing roadways. Look both ways!

Of course, never drink and ride. It impairs ability, judgment, reaction time, and carries substantial legal repercussions for the operator.

Riders between 12 and 16 years of age who operate a snowmobile without the direct supervision of an adult must complete a Michigan certified snowmobile course (which is also required for riders in this age category in order to cross a highway or street, even with adult supervision). For a list of those offering snowmobile safety courses in your area, and additional safety information, contact your local snowmobile dealer or visit www.michigan.gov/dnr and search "snowmobile safety."

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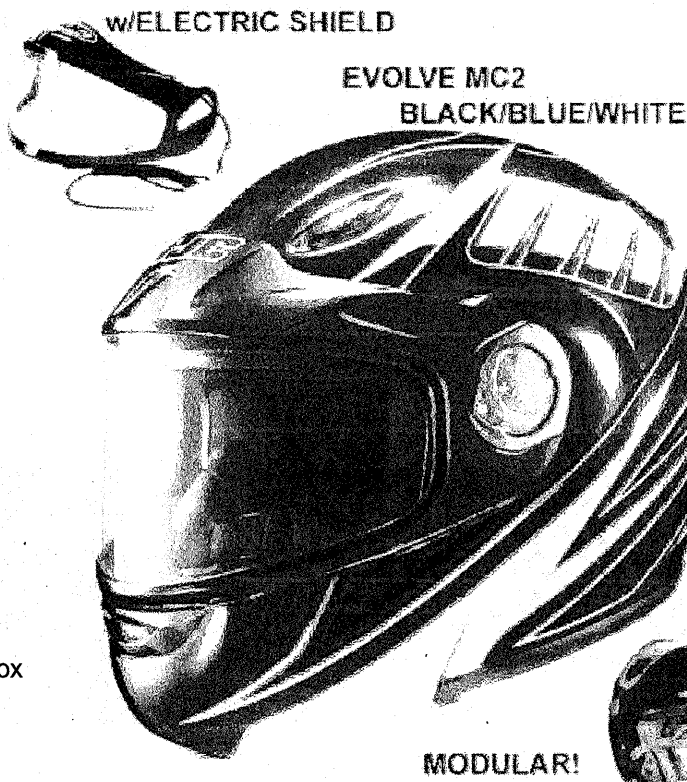
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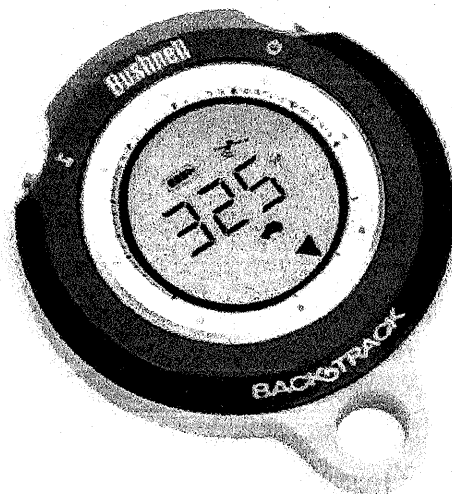
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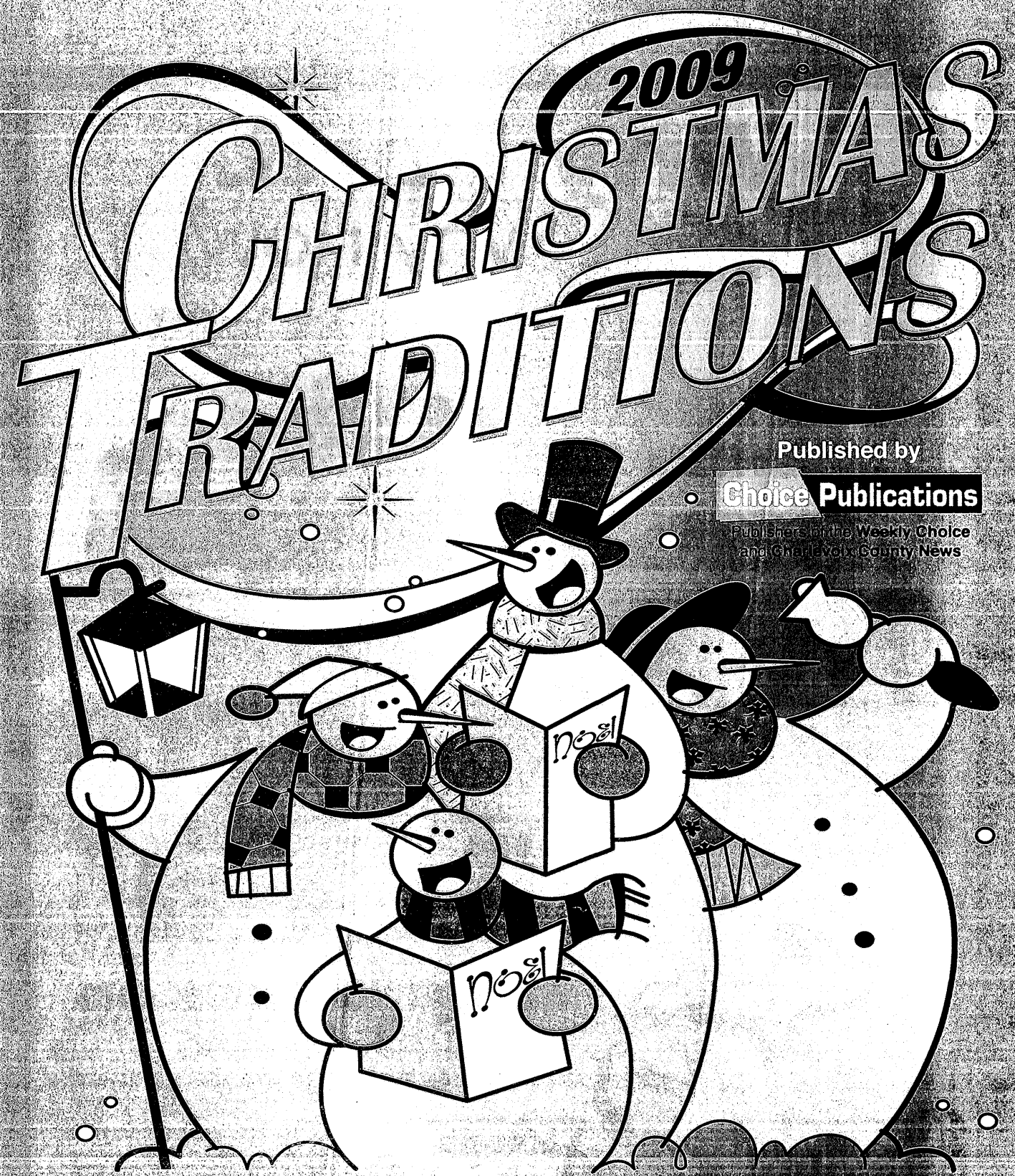


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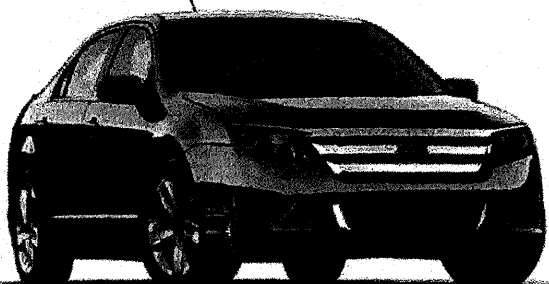
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25 Meaningful Ideas to make the season bright

"Christmas is a time to revel in the gratitude and love we feel for one another, and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Here are 25 meaningful ways to celebrate the season."

1 Go for a family nature walk near your home to collect seasonal items that you can use in your holiday decor. If you live near a forest, the obvious choices are pine boughs and pinecones, but long dried grasses can look just as festive tied with a holiday bow.

2 Make a few handmade holiday cards this year as a family.

3 Make appreciation cards. Replace the annual Christmas letter in your holiday cards with a brief letter of appreciation for the recipient.

4 Create or purchase new ornaments each year for the tree. Create or shop for an ornament that reflects a defining event or sentiment for the year.

5 Santa's Secret Elves: Pick another family, or person who needs extra love this holiday season. Drop off gifts or cookies, cards or candy; just make sure you don't get caught! Running off before the door is answered and trying to drop off your gifts while remaining anonymous is more fun than you'll guess. Whatever you do, it is a sure thing to spread joy to others.

6 Start a Christmas themed puzzle somewhere in your home. A puzzle table, placed in a quiet room is great for holiday visitors. Whenever your guests want to get away from the action, they can retreat to work on the puzzle. This can be a great stress reliever, and it is wonderful for those guests who always have to be busy doing something.

7 Play special music. Ask everyone for their favorite holiday CD. Allow each family member to choose and keep them in the CD changer.

8 Take a photo of your children standing in a particular spot each year (in front of the tree, by the front door) anyplace that will be consistent from year to year. Make a special holiday ornament or scrapbook album that depicts the growth and change of your family each year.

9 Take your family to church for a Candle-light service. Each year we do this, I am always amazed to see how one light can make a difference.

10 Ask each child to write a Dear Santa letter. (Small children can draw pictures). Keep a special record of these letters in an album or treasure box.

11 Create an evening tradition of taking a family walk or drive in your neighborhood to view the holiday lights.

12 Cut snowflakes from wrapping paper, festive holiday advertisements, or holiday cards, and string them together into a festive garland.

13 Adopt a special cause each year and spend some time as a family helping those in need, or raising or donating money for a charity of your choice.

14 What are your favorite holiday memories? Pose the question tonight at the dinner table. Use the answers to plan the celebration. You may be surprised at the special memories that have nothing to do with gifts or elaborate events.

15 For fifteen minutes, write down things in your life that you are grateful for. Ask each of your family members to join you in creating their own lists.

16 Bundle up and head outside. Make snow angels or build a snow fort with your kids. When it is time to warm up, build a cozy fire and roast marshmallows in your living room.

17 The Reason for the Season: My mother had a beautiful porcelain nativity set. It was always a treat to unpack it and place it

gently on our piano. It was a big deal and really brought our families focus to the true meaning of Christmas. Try it in your home, explain each of the figurines, read the Christmas Story along with it and bring Christ into Christmas.

18 Challenge each member of your family to fill a box or bag full of items to give away. Decide as a family where to make a donation.

19 Put brown paper bags filled with sand or bird food out to line your driveway Christmas eve. Light a votive candle in each bag. This was a visual reminder that your home was open to weary travelers around Christmas.

20 Take your family to a performance of The Nutcracker. Purchase a CD or DVD of the Nutcracker to bring the memories home.

21 The holidays can take their toll. Make a holiday tradition of recharging your own batteries. Gather your daughter and your best friend and head to the day spa for a much deserved pedicure or massage.

22 Reach out to those whom you have not seen all year. It takes a little extra effort this busy time of year, but make a goal to send a card or note to someone you think about but do not see much anymore.

23 Keep a "Joy Journal" this holiday season, in which you record the funny things your kids say, joyful times you share, your favorite things to do with your family (and by yourself), and all the things for which you are grateful. Use your Joy Journal as a reminder of the facets of your life (and this holiday season) that are really important.

24 Give small and simple gifts (homemade cookies or a small book) to a few of the people who make your everyday life easier, such as the trash collector and postal carrier.

25 Share your family traditions with friends and ask them to tell you about the family traditions that make their holidays sweeter.

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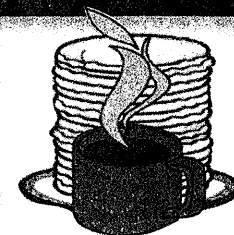


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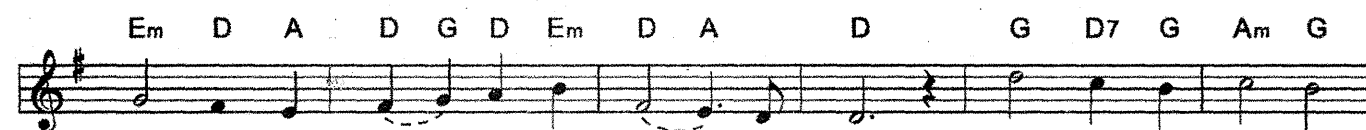
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Latin, John F. Wade
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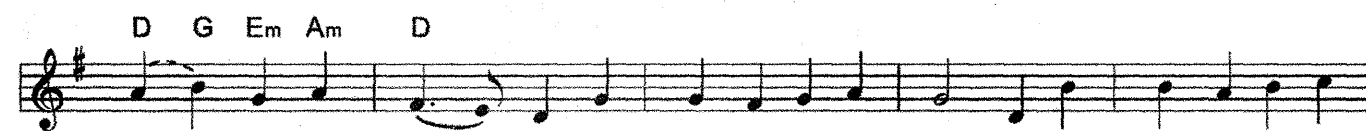
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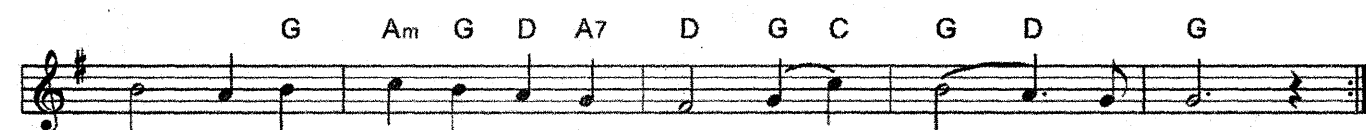
1. O Come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, o
2. God, from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,
5. Child, for us sin-ners poor and in the man-ger,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py mor-ning,



- come ye, o come ye to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-hold him,
lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb. On-ly be-got-ten
sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of hea-ven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all
lea-ving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze. We too will thi-ther
we would em-brace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee,
Je-sus, to thee be all glo-ry giv'n. Word of the Fa-ther,



- born the King of an-gels.
Son of the Fa-ther; O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-
glo-ry in the high-est.
bend our joy-ful foot-steps.
lov-ing us so dear-ly?
now in flesh ap-pear-ing.



- dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!

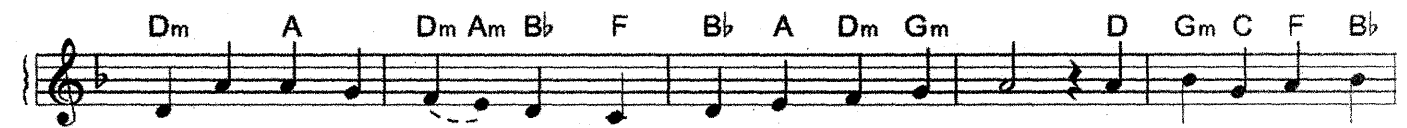
GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

words: traditional English

tune: traditional English



1. God rest ye mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-may, re-
2. From God, our heav'n-ly fa-ther, a bles-sed an-gel came, and
3. "Fear not, then" said the an-gel, "Let noth-ing you af-fright. This
4. Now to the Lord sing prais-ses, all you with-in this place, and



- mem-ber Christ our Sav-iour was born on Christ-mas day to save us all from
un-to cer-tain shep-herds brought ti-dings of the same: how that in Beth-le-
day is born a Sav-iour of a pure vir-gin bright to free all those who
with true love and broth-er-hood each oth-er now em-brace. This ho-ly tide of



- Sa-tan's power when we were gone a-stray. O ti-dings of com-fort and
hem was born the Son of God by name.
trust in Him from Sa-tan's pow'r and might.
Christ-mas doth bring re-deem-ing grace.

John 1:14 (New King James Version)

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
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Gloria, traditional French carol
arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, alt.

Chord progression: F Am C F C F C7 F

1. An - gels we have heard high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

Chord progression: Am Dm7 C7 F C F C7 F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti - dings be, which in - spire your heav - 'nly song.
come a - dore on ben - ded knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Chord progression: Dm Gm7 C Fmaj7 Bb C

Glo - - - - - ri - a - -

Chord progression: F C F Gm F C F C F

in ex - cel - sis De - o. De - - - - o.

SILENT NIGHT

words by Joseph Mohr
trans. John F. Young

tune by Franz Gruber, alt.

Chord progression: Bb F Bb

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

Chord progression: Eb Bb Eb Bb

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia.
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Chord progression: F7 Bb F7 Bb

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - iour is born, Christ the Sav - iour is born!
Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.



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JOY TO THE WORLD

words by Isaac Watts, alt.

tune: *Antioch*, George Frederick Handel
adapt. & arr. by Lowell Mason

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth re-
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav- iour reigns. Let men their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her King. Let ev- 'ry heart pre- pare Him
 songs em- ploy while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 na- tions prove the glo- ries of His right- eous -

room, and heav'n and na- ture sing, and heav'n and na- ture
 plains re- peat the sound- ing joy, re- peat the sound- ing
 ness and won- ders of His love, and won- ders of His

sing, and hea- ven and hea- ven and na- ture sing.
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Festive Holiday Cookies

By Amanda Knoles

Almond Cookies

These crispy crescents look attractive on a party tray or in a gift tin.

- 1 1/4 cup unblanched almonds
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup confectioner's sugar

Crush the almonds with a few tablespoons of flour in a food processor or nut grinder. Sift the remaining flour and salt and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the almonds, vanilla and flour mixture. Stir to mix well. Roll the dough into a ball shape, wrap in wax paper and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. and lightly grease two cookie sheets. Break off golf ball size pieces of dough and roll into small cylinders about one-half inch in diameter. Bend into crescent shapes and place on cookie sheets. Bake until lightly golden for about 20 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack and dust with confectioner's sugar. (Walnuts may be substituted for almonds.) Makes 36.

Chocolate Kiss Cookies

Traditional peanut butter cookies team with candy kisses for a rich and nutty taste.

- 1 (6 ounce) bag milk chocolate candy kisses
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter

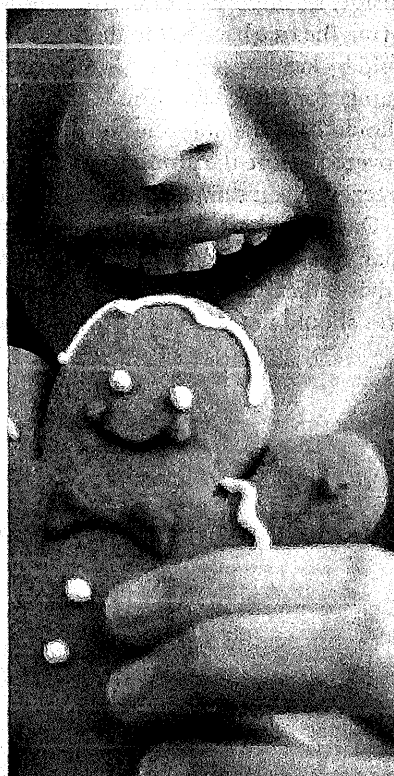
Combine flour, baking soda and salt and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat the egg and vanilla in a small bowl, and then add gradually into the butter mixture. Stir in the peanut butter and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease two cookie sheets. Spoon rounded teaspoons of dough and roll into balls. Place the balls on the cookie sheets and press a chocolate kiss into the center of each cookie. Bake until lightly browned about 12-14 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Makes two dozen.

Holiday Canes

Perfect for a school or church party, these jolly cookies bring smiles to everyone.

- 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon red food coloring
- 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the butter, shortening, egg, sugar, almond and vanilla in one bowl. In a separate bowl mix the flour and salt and add to shortening mixture. Divide the dough into two equal portions. Add red food coloring to one portion. Roll one teaspoon of the red dough and one teaspoon of the white dough into four-inch strips on a lightly floured board. Place the strips side by side and press together, twisting them like a rope. Curve the top of the rope shape down to look like a candy cane handle. Bake for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from the baking sheet and sprinkle with 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy and 1/2 cup of sugar or sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and cinnamon. Makes two dozen.



Gingerbread People

These delicious cookies have a light gingerbread flavor with a hint of orange.

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons dark corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons orange zest

Soften the butter and cream it with the sugar and egg, mixing well. Add the orange zest and dark corn syrup and mix again. Stir in the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, ground cloves and salt. Mix until all ingredients are well combined. Cover and chill in the refrigerator overnight. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets and roll the dough out to 1/4-inch thick. Use gingerbread boy and girl cookie cutters to cut into shapes. Place gingerbread people one inch apart on the baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees F. for 10 to 12 minutes. Do not over bake. Use cake decorations, raisins or icing to make faces, bowties, hats, etc. Makes 3-5 dozen.

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inside, it's important to slowly bring the tree back out to the cold by keeping it in the garage for a few days. You should have the hole dug and covered before the ground freezes so you can plant it."

Dave Gearhart, of North Star Trees, Inc. in Wolverine, advises that even a fresh cut tree should not always be

brought indoors too hastily.

"If you pick a tree when it is very cold, it's a good idea to let it set in the garage for several hours so it thaws." He adds, "It can be easier getting the tree into the house while it is still baled, set it in the stand, and then cut the baling rope. Also, keep the tree away from heat registers and other

heat sources. Wood heat and spaced heaters are especially damaging to a tree because it's a drying heat. A humidifier is a good idea to put moisture back into the air."

Above all, buy a tree from a reputable merchant and don't hesitate to ask questions regarding tree selection and care. Finding "that special

tree" should be an exciting adventure, and as Charlie Brown demonstrates year after year...each Christmas tree has its own special character.

"Regardless of the species," observes Dave Gearhart, "my favorite tree is one that looks good."



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Choosing, and Caring for, that Special Christmas Tree

By Jim Akans

“O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Your branches green delight us.”

So begins one of the Christmas seasons most treasured carols. Yet with so many tree species to choose from, and so many needles to sweep off the floor, how can the fearless Christmas tree hunter and gatherer be sure the enduring holiday symbol that graces their abode will indeed offer delight throughout the yuletide season?

“First of all,” notes Keith Martell of Martell’s Northwoods Tree Farm in Gaylord, “when shopping for a tree, be sure to ask when it was cut. Many of the Christmas trees sold in lots were cut as long ago as October, so they are almost two months old already. So it’s no wonder people get disappointed when needles begin to fall off as soon as they get the tree home. Our trees are definitely fresh cut... we’ve been told by some customers that our trees actually sprout new growth after being placed in the stand!”

Ah, freshness, like when selecting produce, is the first consideration. Yet if unsure about a tree’s freshness, there is a simple trick to help optimize the trees ability to draw

water after it’s been placed in tree stand.

“When you get the tree home, if it’s not fresh-cut,” Keith observes, “saw about one-half inch off base. That reopens the pores so the tree can draw water freely. The tree should use over a gallon of water the first day. And never let a tree run low on water. A fresh cut tree will last for at least a month if kept hydrated.”

What about species?

Among the most popular species are Frasier Fir, Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine, Eastern White Pine and Concolor. Generally speaking, Firs tend to retain their needles best, Spruces have stiffer branches (especially good for heavy, homemade ornaments), Scotch Pine has good needle retention and sturdy branches (though the needles are sharp) and Concolor hold needles well and have a slight, citrus odor, which is refreshingly unique.

“We find the more popular choices tend to be Frasier Fir, Blue Spruce and Concolor,” states Debbie from Marvin’s Gardens in Charlevoix. “The Concolor has longer needles that retain well. Fraser Firs also hold needles well, and the trees are usually a little



Never mind all the decorations, a Christmas tree looks fine with just a little snow on it needles, and a big red bow, as demonstrated here at Martell’s Northwoods Tree Farm. Keith Martell and daughter in law, Kate (Menkes) Martell

skinnier, with a long tall look.”

Debbie adds, “Blue spruce is one of the most popular. People like the color and it has shorter needles that are a little picky. It has a very traditional Christmas tree look. They do tend to drop their needles a little quicker. Scotch pine is the most economical tree. They tend to be dyed by

the tree farm as they naturally get a brown hue to them in the fall as they go into dormancy.”

“Another option is a live tree,” notes Betsy Berry of Twigs & Blooms in Gaylord. “That way you have something left after the season. The limit, however, is about two days in the house or it will go dormant. After being

Christmas Morning Breakfast Recipes

Breakfast Sausage Casserole

- 6 eggs
- 1 lb. medium sausage
- 4 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 6 slices white, wheat or sourdough bread cubed
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt

Cook crumbled sausage in a skillet until well browned. Beat eggs and mix with milk, salt and mustard and set aside. Arrange bread cubes into greased 9 x 13-inch baking dish and top with sausage and cheese. Pour the other ingredients on top. Refrigerate overnight and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves four

Cinnamon Date Breakfast Braid

(for bread machines)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dough | Filling |
| 3/4 cup milk plus 2 tbs. | 1 1/4 cup chopped, pitted dates |
| 3 tbs. water | 1/3 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1 large egg | 1/3 cup brown sugar |
| 2 tbs. butter, cut up | 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 3/4 tsp. salt | 1 tbs. melted butter |
| 1 3/4 cup bread flour | |
| 1 2/3 cup whole wheat flour | |
| 3 tbs. sugar | |
| 2 tsp. bread machine yeast | |

Glaze: Combine 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract and 3 tsp. milk to make a glaze for drizzling.

dd dough ingredients to bread machine pan in order suggested by manufacturer. Select the dough/manual cycle. Stir together dates, walnuts, brown sugar and cinnamon and set aside. When the dough cycle is complete, remove the dough and place on a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough flour to make the dough easier to handle. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes before shaping. Divide dough in half to make two braids.

Roll dough into two 12 x 12-inch squares. With a sharp knife cut squares into six 12 x 4-inch strips. Brush melted butter lengthwise down the center of each strip. Sprinkle filling over butter. Fold long sides of dough over filling and pinch seams and ends to seal.

To form the braids, line up the three filled ropes, seam sides down and place one inch apart on a greased baking sheet. Start in the middle and loosely braid by bringing left rope under center rope and lay it down. Bring right under new center rope and lay it down. Repeat until you reach the end. Press the ends to seal and tuck under. Repeat procedure with second braid. Cover and let rise in a warm, draft-free place until almost double in size (20-30 minutes). Bake at 350 degrees F. for 20 minutes. Cover with foil and bake another 10 minutes. Cool for 2 or 3 minutes and drizzle with glaze. Makes two braids



Mushroom and Broccoli Quiche

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 pound thawed frozen broccoli
- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 1 tbs. butter
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tbs. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbs. finely chopped parsley
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream
- 1 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese

Use a frozen pie shell with quiche filling mixture, or use your favorite pie crust recipe to make a pie crust. Clean the mushrooms, trim off stems and slice thinly. Heat oil and butter in a skillet. Stir in mushrooms, garlic and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until mushrooms release their liquid, then raise heat and cook them until dry. Stir in the parsley, salt and pepper. Beat eggs and cream together and stir in the mushrooms and frozen broccoli. Pour half the mixture in the pie shell and sprinkle with half the grated cheese. Pour the rest of egg mixture in the shell and top with the remaining grated cheese. Bake until firm and golden brown, about 30 minutes. Serve warm with fresh fruit. Serves 8

Charitable Giving

By Curt A. Reppuhn

"It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" according to the lyrics made famous by Andy Williams. To many Americans, this sentiment rings true, as we gather 'round the fire with loved ones to enjoy the holiday festivities. These words are also true to the numerous tax-exempt organizations that rely on the charitable contributions of others for funds to support their mission and programs.

Donations to charitable organizations approximated \$307 billion in 2008 – an impressive figure, but down 5.7 percent over the prior year, resulting in the largest drop in charitable giving in the last fifty years. Within the 49735 zip code, there are 94 tax exempt

organizations with total income of approximately \$66 million and total assets of approximately \$64 million. As the recession continues to grip the nation – charitable giving has declined about 1.3 percent during each of the five of the most recent national recessions – what is the best way to go about choosing which tax-exempt organization to support? I strongly encourage you to give what you can, but to make sure that you are confident in the charities on the receiving end of your generosity. To assist you with this endeavor, I offer the following tips.

Make sure donations are tax deductible. Some organizations use the term "tax-exempt" and "tax-deductible" interchangeably, but they are not the same. Tax-exempt refers to the status of the

charitable organization and does not necessarily mean that contributions to this organization are tax deductible.

Investigate the charities outcomes. Learn about a charity's accomplishments, goals and challenges by reviewing its website and/or talking with staff. They should be able to tell you about the quality and depth of their results as well as their capacity to continue to get these results, not just the number of activities or people served. This is a critical step, after all, the charity's ability to bring about long lasting and meaningful change in the lives of people and communities should be the key reason for your financial investment. The charity's Form 990 (Tax Return for Exempt Organizations) is a public document that should be reviewed to verify the charity's stated accomplishments.

Trust your charity. After you have thoroughly vetted a charity, trust it to spend your gift appropriately. Donors who designate their donations for specific activities hamstring charities and can become a roadblock in the charity's quest to do good work. Charities need unrestricted gifts so that they have the flexibility to respond to

changing demands for their services.

Before you make your monetary gift, please keep in mind some very important tax law provisions that have taken effect in recent years.

To deduct any charitable donation of money, regardless of amount, a taxpayer must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records include canceled checks, bank or credit union statements, and credit card statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the amount paid. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the transaction posting date.

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Luke 2: 1-20

"The Story of Christ's Birth"

The Birth of Jesus

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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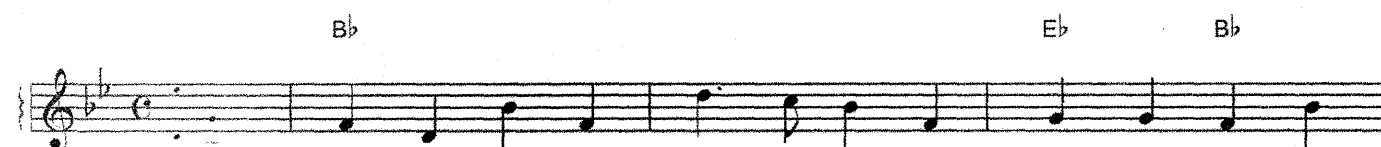
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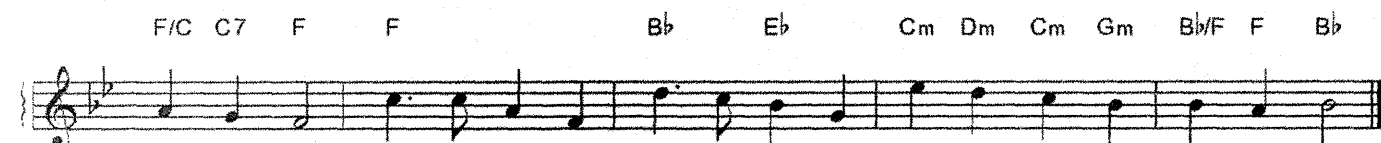
words by James Montgomery

music: Regent Square
Henry Thomas Smart

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watching o'er your flocks
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Brigh - ter vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro - claim Mes -
 by night, God with us is now re - si - ding; Yon - der shines the in -
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His
 hope and fear; Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scen - ding, In His tem - ple



si - ah's birth. Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.
 fant light:
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There are many other non-monetary methods to contribute to your favorite charity. For further information, please go to www.irs.gov or contact your favorite certified public accountant or certified financial planner.

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AWAY IN A MANGER

words: v. 1 & 2 anonymous, 1885
v. 3 attr. to John Thomas McFarland, 1887

tune: *Cradle Song*, William J. Kirkpatrick

F Gm/C F Am



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a
The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a -
Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to

Gm Gm7 C7/E C F Dm G/B G7



bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet
wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He
stay Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I

C C7 F Gm/F F Am



head. The stars in the sky looked down where He
makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the
pray; Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der

Gm Gm7 C7/E C F Dm Gm/Bb C7 F



lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
sky And stay by my cra - dle til morn - ing is nigh.
care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

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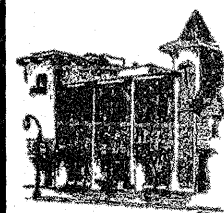
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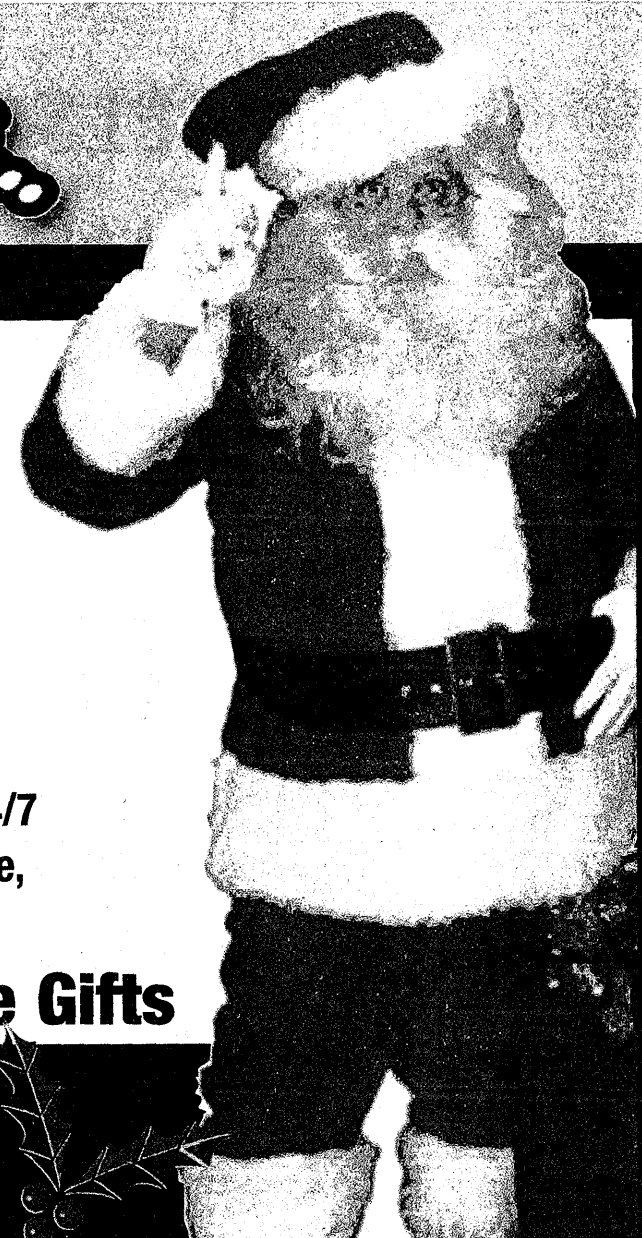
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DECK THE HALLS

words: traditional English

tune: *Nos Galan*, traditional Welsh

Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly, fa la la la la la la la la.
See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, fa la la la la la la la la.
Fast a - way the old year pas - ses,

Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly, fa la la la la la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chor - us, las - ses,

Don we now our gay ap - par - el, fa la la la la la la la la.
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, to - geth - er,

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol, fa la la la la la la la la.
While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, Heed - less of the wind and weath - er,



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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

words by Phillips Brooks

music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie. A -
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove, while
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n. So
4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray. Cast

bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by, yet
mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O
God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of His Heav'n. No
out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We

in thy dark streets shi - neth the ev - er - last - ing light; the
mom - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And
ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell, O

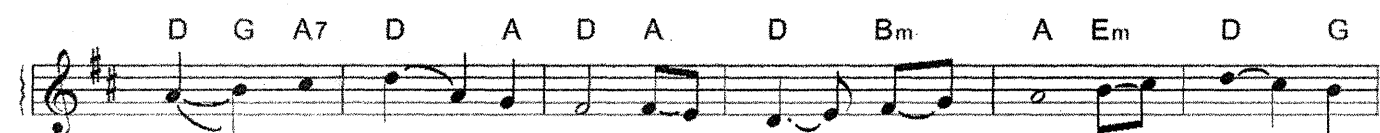
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

THE FIRST NOEL

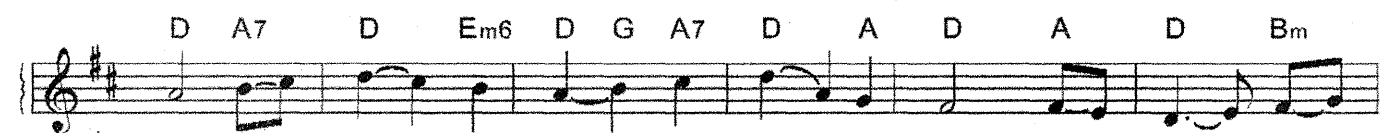
traditional English, 18th cent.

traditional English, 17th cent.
harm. John Stainer, alt.

1. The first No - el the an-gel did say, was to cer-tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - er - ent -



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing their
 east be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far. To seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and
 ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in His pre -



sheep on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep. No - el No -
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 sence their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.



el No - el No el Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

words by Charles Wesley

music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn
adapt. William H. Cummings

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right - eous - ness!



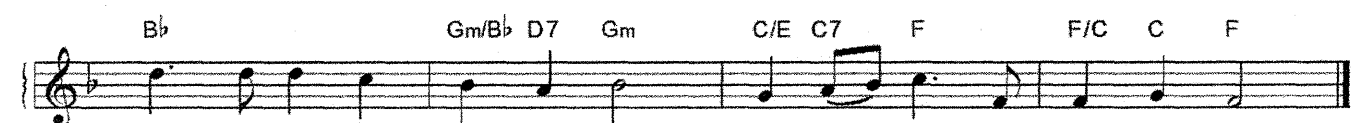
peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



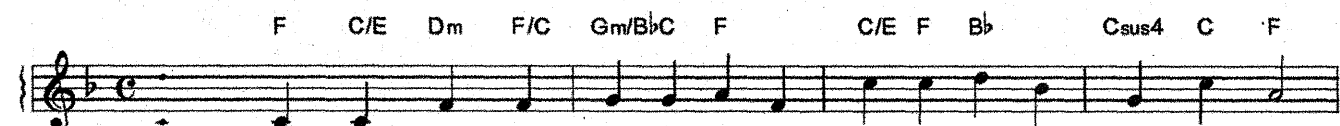
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

words: Charles Wesley, 1744

tune: *Stuttgart*, anonymous
harm. & adapt. William Henry Havergal, alt.

1. Come, Thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Dear de - sire of eve - ry na - tion, Joy of eve - ry long - ing heart.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 By Thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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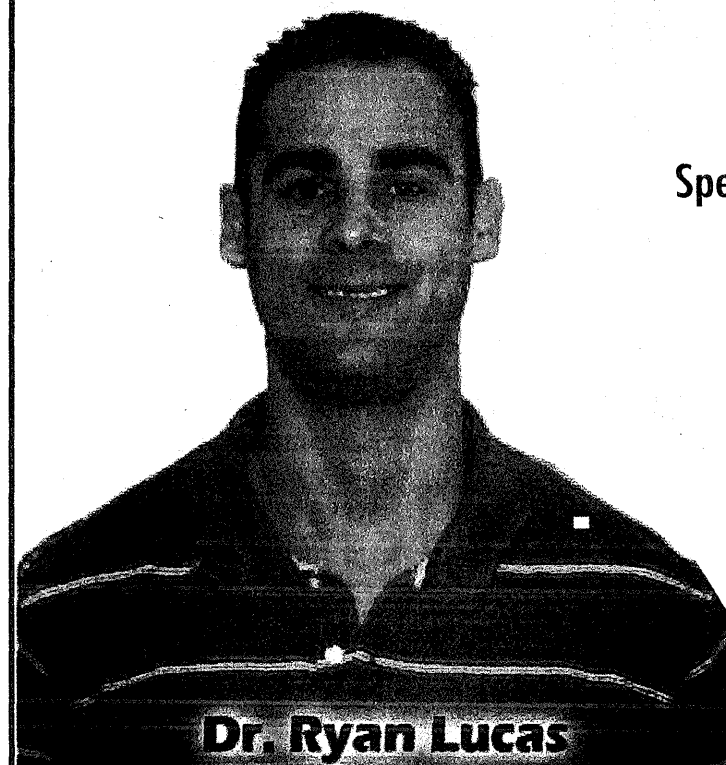
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JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank
And then we got upsoot

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh yeah

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS



Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane!
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer
are pulling on the reins.
Bells are ringing, children singing;
All is merry and bright.
Hang your stockings
and say your prayers,
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane!
He's got a bag that is filled with toys
for the boys and girls again.
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,
What a beautiful sight.
Jump in bed, cover up your head,
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty the snowman
Was a jolly happy soul!
With a touch of pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman
Is a fairy tale, they say.
He was made of snow
but the children know
how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in
that Old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh
And play just the same as you and me.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.
Frosty the snowman knew

The sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run and
We'll have some fun
Now before I melt away."

Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all
Around the square saying,
"Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye saying,
"Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

LET IT SNOW

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've brought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

When we finally kiss goodnight
How I hate going out in the storm
But if you really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying
And my dear we're still goodbye-ing
As long as you love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

