

IN BRIEF

Masonic Lodge earns award for Million Mile Challenge effort

BUCHANAN — Buchanan Masonic Lodge 68 on Dec. 16 was awarded \$500 from the Grand Lodge of Michigan for its successful participation in the Million Mile Challenge earlier this year.

The lodge was awarded the money because it logged more miles than any other Masonic Lodge in Berrien County, totaling 3,033 miles, during the program, which was conducted from May through September.

The Million Mile Challenge was an effort led by Be Healthy Berrien to get the residents of Berrien County to move 1 million miles collectively in that time frame

LMC nursing graduate receives DAISY Award

BENTON HARBOR — Michael MacKay, BSN, RN, is the recipient of

the DAISY Award for extraordinary nurses at Bronson Battle Creek.

MacKay earned his nursing degree from Lake Michigan College in 2009 and his bachelor's degree from Kaplan University. He is also a hospital corpsman 1st class in the United States Navy Reserve.

MacKay works in Bronson Battle Creek's medical/surgical/oncology unit and was nominated by a patient who said, "Michael's sense of humor made the hospital stay more pleasant."

Each quarter, a nurse is selected by Bronson Battle Creek's Nursing Practice Coordinating Council to receive The DAISY Award.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation, based in Glen Ellen, Calif., was established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Barnes died in 1999 at age 33



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from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, a little-known but not uncommon autoimmune disease.

SMC Angel Tree helps 30 area children

DOWAGIAC — Thirty children from 11 families in the Dowagiac area received presents purchased by Southwestern Michigan College staff members in the college's annual Angel Tree holiday project.

Faculty and staff adopt families who participate in Cass County Department of Human Services programs. The name of each child DHS selects, along with their gender, clothing size and a small toy "wish list" are jotted on a card and hung on the Angel Tree in the campus mailroom.

The Angel Tree effort is coordinated by the president's office.

Staff volunteers delivered presents to each family Dec. 14.