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hams, desserts and other items that you contribute to the program certainly make a difference. You are to be commended for your efforts in reaching out to help others. Thank you kindly for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We truly appreciate your support. - **Elder Arthur D. Rhan, pastor, and Mrs. Judith Rhan, coordinator**

• **To everyone who purchased Pennfield Lions Club's giant coloring books this holiday season.** Money raised from this project goes directly to the Northeast Food Pantry. A very special thanks to **The Pancake House, Captain Luey's** and the **Pennfield Shell** for allowing our Lions Club to raise funds and give back to our community. - **Mike Cole, treasurer, Pennfield Lions**

• **2,030 roses to the students, families and staff of Battle Creek Public Schools** who donated socks to the Battle Creek Education Association 20th Annual Sock Drive! In addition to the socks, teachers donated \$1,037 to the Charitable Union for the purchase of new underwear for those in need. A big Bearcat hug to all involved. - **Jenny Kluter, sock drive chair, Battle Creek Education Association**

• **To our family, friends, neighbors and church family.** Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our "50th" wedding anniversary celebration Dec. 9 so memorable for us! We pray God will richly bless each one of you. - **Larry and Jane Olmstead**

• **To the team at DaVita Battle Creek Dialysis** for their dedication in giving their patients quality, fun care every day. On their own, they found time to cook a complete Thanksgiving dinner for patients and conducted a toy drive to ensure a great Christmas for 35 local children in need this year. I'm proud to work with you all. Thanks for all you do. - **Barb Fitzpatrick, Marshall**

• **To Captain Luey's** for hosting a Salvation Army Angel Tree again this holiday season. I would also like to give dozens of roses and thanks to Captain Luey's patrons for the incredible amount of participation this year. There were over 80 gifts collected and donated from their

B.C. blessed with good medical care

I am glad that the majority of our community is excited about the merger between Battle Creek Health System and Bronson Hospital. But I thought it was important to remind everyone that we have had outstanding doctors, nurses and medical facilities right here in Battle Creek for many years!

One of the best examples is Dr. Brian Krauss, OB/GYN. I have been a patient of Dr. Krauss for a few years now and feel that when I tell him that God has told me it is time to have a procedure, he completely understands! I told him recently before he performed surgery on me that I knew he was going to do an outstanding job. Of course, I was not disappointed.

Then there is Dr. John Koziarski, a surgeon here in Battle Creek. Years ago when my mother was terminally ill, he was there for her and our entire family. I found his compassion, skills and sincerity not only comforting, but extremely unique in this day and age. He held my mother's hand when she needed it most. I will never forget his kindness and extreme medical knowledge.

There is also Dr. Daniella Renkiewicz who is forever patient, thorough and never seems too busy to listen to a patient's concerns.

During a recent stay at Battle Creek Health System, I have to say I don't have a single complaint. The nursing staff was always there when I needed them. They seemed not only highly skilled in their profession, but seemed

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so thoughtful in all of the care they gave.

The people of Calhoun County are truly blessed to have these professional and unique medical staff and facilities in our area. I personally am very grateful that they are here.

Joanne Seymour
East Leroy

Dems now party of hard-core leftists

Most people do not know or care much about politics. Liberalism or conservatism means nothing. Work, home, family, security, the future of all these, is a gut reac-