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Boyne City kids wrapped in warmth

The snow is falling in northern Michigan and so are the temperatures, but thanks to Eta Nu's Dress for Chill program, 187 Boyne City elementary students and Head Start and Early Learners children will be warm as they venture outside this winter.

This annual community project, now in its fourteenth year, is organized and executed by many volunteers from Eta Nu. Members shop, organize, store and ultimately "dress" the children with all new jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Charlotte Battjes, chair for the project, stated that

this is the largest number of children the group has ever outfitted. Even though this year's group of students is set for the winter, volunteers are already starting to shop for those who will need new clothing next year. Often the women are able to take advantage of sales and year-end clearances to reduce some of the costs of clothing so many children.

Dress for Chill is truly a community-wide project. Funds for this huge undertaking come solely from donations from local organizations, businesses and individuals. We recognize and thank the following

- for their very generous donations:
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 - Boyne Arts Collective
 - Boyne Valley Lions Club
 - FOE Aerie 1583
 - FOE Aerie Ladies Auxiliary
 - Gold Charitable Fund
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 - Lynda's Real Estate
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Pat O'Brien and Associates
 - Rotary Club of Boyne City
 - Schmidt Community Fund
 - St. Matthews Church
 - Stowe Family Fund
 - through the Charlevoix Community Foundation



The Women's Club We also thank the people in our community who donated individually to the project and supported our fundraising booth at the annual Harvest Festival. Eta Nu is proud to be able to help our children in need. Dress for Chill is our biggest

undertaking and we could not accomplish this important project without the help of the staff at Boyne City Elementary School and Early Learners program, the generous donations from our local organizations and indi-

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People Who Make a Difference

Cheltzi Wilson, East Jordan City Clerk

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - In every organization there are many moving and interchanging parts but the parts that remain constant are invaluable. Cheltzi Wilson, the East Jordan City Clerk is one of those parts. She could be referred to as the bones of the city's administrative team, part of the framework since 2003.

She was hired in at the City as the Clerk/Treasurer's Assistant. She quickly enrolled in MSU to get certified as a Deputy Clerk and she was hired for that position in 2004 while completing a three year program in only two. Four years later in October of 2008 she was appointed City Clerk. Throughout the years, she has continued to stay current with ongoing education, receiving her Master Municipal Clerk Designation in 2007, Certified Municipal Clerk in 2009, and Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk Designation in 2020, while handling one of the most chaotic election years ever. She has served under 4 city managers and many different city commissions. "I've had the experience of working with a lot of great people past and present that have brought a lot of knowledge and experience to the city and have helped me along the way to be the best I can be at my job for the citizens of my community," she said.



Cheltzi Wilson - East Jordan City Clerk

In 2020, most municipalities held 4 elections ending the year with one of the country's most controversial national election. "Especially with the election chaos in 2020, Cheltzi has proven to run efficient and professional elections for the city," said City Manager Tom Cannon.

Clerks as a rule are the super heroes of most organizations, accomplishing daunting tasks and making it look easy. But according to those who work with her, Wilson goes beyond even typical Mar-

vels. "She is really an employee that wears several administrative hats," said City Manager Tom Cannon. She assists with zoning administration, administers the city's human resources, is the chief election official, oversees the utility billing process, manages the city cemetery, serves as official custodian for the safekeeping and management of all city records and papers, including all actions of the City Commission, all ordinances, and oaths, bonds and resignations of offi-

cial, is the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Coordinator, assists with airport administration, prepares and drafts city ordinances and policies, and handles all of the insurances and renewals. Some of these responsibilities are shared with other city employees. "These jobs keep my office very busy and it seems these are always changing and laws are being amended, but I enjoy the job and serving the people of East Jordan," she said.

Wilson has been married to her husband Denzil for 17 years. They have 2 children. Avari is a junior at EJHS and Brady who's in 7th grade. They are U of M fans and enjoy attending EJPS games. "East Jordan is on the cusp of some amazing development and projects, some which have been happening in our most recent years. I've been proud to be able to be part of that and be part of an amazing work team and community, who all see one goal in mind which is moving East Jordan forward while preserving our historic values. I hope to be able to continue working here until I can retire and continue helping the city move towards its future development goals with city leadership and co-administration," she said.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2021



Jill Drury, Executive Director of Charlevoix County Transit, shows off the 2021 Outstanding Rural System of the Year Award presented to the county from the Community Transportation Association of America who commended the CCT for "paving the way in accessible services."

Grants approved for Beaver Island Lighthouse and Whiting Park

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix County - Two grant resolutions were approved and committee appointments were made at the Charlevoix County Commission December 8 Meeting.

Charlevoix County and Networks Northwest jointly own and oversee the Beaver Island Lighthouse property. On behalf of the Lighthouse, Networks Northwest has applied for an Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant. The Commission approved a resolution of support for the grant. The grant will fund rehabilitation projects estimated to cost \$482,753.34. Charlevoix County would provide thirty percent or \$144,826.00 toward the project over the course of three years. The county already has \$50,000 per year budgeted to maintain the lighthouse so there will be no strain on the budget.

Commissioners approved a resolution accepting a second Waterways Grant Agreement funded by the DNR for 50% of the cost of construction of the Whiting

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Have a wonderful winter weekend!

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THURSDAY



HIGH: 53
LOW: 27

FRIDAY



HIGH: 30
LOW: 26

SATURDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 24

SUNDAY



HIGH: 29
LOW: 27

snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY	2021-22	AMT"	CITY
12/14/20	.2	ATLANTA	12/13/21	.2	ATLANTA
12/14/20	.1	BOYNE FALLS	12/13/21	.7	BOYNE FALLS
12/14/20	.3	CHARLEVOIX	12/13/21	.14	CHARLEVOIX
12/14/20	.6	CHEBOYGAN	12/13/21	.13	CHEBOYGAN
12/14/20	.2	EAST JORDAN	12/13/21	.29	EAST JORDAN
12/14/20	.25	GAYLORD	12/13/21	.65	GAYLORD
12/14/20	.23	KALKASKA	12/13/21	.63	KALKASKA
12/14/20	.11	MIO	12/13/21	.19	MIO
12/14/20	.2	ONAWAY	12/13/21	.24	ONAWAY
12/14/20	.11	PETOSKEY	12/13/21	.25	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 10	.21°	...35°	.....-2° (1977)	..51° (1971)
DEC 11	.21°	...35°	.....-2° (1995)	..55° (1971)
DEC 12	.20°	...34°	....-13° (1989)	..56° (1949)
DEC 13	.20°	...34°	....-13° (1995)	..50° (1991)
DEC 14	.20°	...34°	.....-8° (1954)	..59° (1975)
DEC 15	.19°	...34°	....-7° (2007)	..51° (1997)
DEC 16	.19°	...33°	....-4° (1961)	..56° (1984)
DEC 17	.19°	...33°	....-11° (1973)	..54° (1984)
DEC 18	.19°	...33°	....-1° (1973)	..47° (1949)
DEC 19	.18°	...32°	....-13° (2004)	..50° (2002)

OBITUARIES

Debra Ann (Lemieur) Matelski, 64

(MARCH 10, 1957 - DEC. 13, 2021)

Surrounded by her family, Debra Ann Matelski was called Home on December 13, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



On March 10, 1957, Debra was born to Ralph and Helen (Dashner) Lemieur, in Petoskey. It's here that Debi was raised and graduated from high school in 1976. On October 21st, 1978 Debra married the love of her life, Randall Matelski of Boyne Falls and together they welcomed four sons; Nicholas, Chad, Michael and Matthew. Debra devoted her life to her boys and will be fondly remembered for hosting spaghetti dinners for her son's teams.

Debi was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her pleasant and welcoming demeanor was the first thing one would notice upon meeting her; second only to her smile. Debra had an extraordinary ability to find beauty in life's simplest moments; from hanging laundry on the line, to spending time with her sisters, to putting around the house, and tanning on the back deck.

Debra is survived by her husband Randall; her children Nicholas (Jessica), Chad (Leah), Michael (Emily) and Matthew; her grandchildren Anna, Lucas, Caitlyn, Maci, John, Dennis, Nellie, Baran, Marissa, Maryon and Kasen. Her siblings, Diana Powers, Dennis (Shelly) Lemieur, Millie Henning, Helen Kevoian, Nicholas (Deborah) Lemieur, Gary (Mary Jill) Lemieur and sisters-in-law Barbara and Bonnie Lemieur. As well as her loving extended Matelski family.

Debra is preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws Edward and Marjorie Matelski; brothers Ralph and Joseph Lemieur, brothers-in-law William Powers, Keith Henning, and George Matelski. Grandson Mason Matelski, niece Jacqueline Lemieur and nephews Cody Reynolds and Ricky Matelski.

Family and friends of Debra are respectfully invited to attend her funeral mass and celebration of life gathering which will be held May 7th, 2022 with more information to follow.

Lois E. (Moore) Kircher, 86

(DEC. 10, 1935 - DEC. 12, 2021)

Lois Eileen Kircher, affectionately known as "Granny," "Lo-ie" and, as her husband Everett would say, "Mother," passed peacefully on December 12, 2021 with devoted family members by her side following the celebration of her 86th birthday.



She was preceded in death by her husband Everett Kircher, her parents Louise and Ralph W. Moore and her brother Stephen.

Lois was born in Illinois of British and Italian heritage, and spent her early years in Glencoe before moving to Birmingham, Michigan where she attended Birmingham schools. She earned her baccalaureate degree in edu-

cation from Northwestern University and her Master's degree from the University of Michigan. Not only was Lois an educated lady of the time, she was a career educator of young people in Wilmette, then returned to Birmingham where she continued teaching math in Bloomfield Hills.

A true lover of nature and animals both big and small, Lois was an accomplished young equestrian at the former Outland Riding Stables in Bloomfield Hills. Growing up, her family summered at their cottage in Harbor Springs. As her love for skiing grew, she would frequently travel north in the winter months to Boyne Mountain. It was here she met the love of her life, Everett Kircher, in December of 1962. They married on September 14, 1963.

Over the years Lois became the matriarch of both the Kircher Family and the Boyne Resort Family. Together Lois and Everett furthered the company mirroring the manner in which she raised her own family. Lois was shy but strong, quiet but direct, reserved yet convicted, patient yet driven. Although she was never publicly outspoken, many knew her as the grounding force and a moral compass for Everett—a strong businessman and father of four—as well for the Boyne Resort Family.

Lois had a passion for spending time outdoors including trail riding on horseback after a family dinner, fly fishing, hunting, mushrooming, walking her dog, playing golf with friends, skiing, watching her grandchildren jump on the trampoline and just being on the water. She loved spending time with her lifelong lady friends, playing bridge and planning her next 'girls' ski trip' to Big Sky Montana. She loved hosting the family's annual deer camp in Northern Michigan and spending winters at her home in Naples, Florida. She enjoyed watching The Detroit Tigers and never missed a University of Michigan football or basketball game.

Lois was deeply committed to giving back to her community by supporting many charitable organizations, while also volunteering her time mentoring children. She never missed a week volunteering for the Boyne Falls School ski program and was the Boyne City High School golf coach in the 80's. She was proud in her later years to be the founder of The Lois and Everett Kircher Family Foundation supporting McLaren of Northern Michigan, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Northwestern University, Northwest University, Challenge Mountain, The Humane Society and others.

Lois was a woman of devout faith, a devoted member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey. Lois aged with incredible grace and will happily be remembered for her sparkling blue eyes, iconic silver hair and warm and welcoming smile.

She is survived by her children John (Kim) Kircher, Amy (Greg) Wright, Steve (Molly) Kircher, Kathryn Kircher and her loving grandchildren Andrew (Stephanie) Kircher, Tyler (Cheyanne) Prange, Loren Kircher, Evelyn Kircher, Everett Kircher, Douglas "Reti" Krug, Piper Krug, Stein Kircher, and Finn Kircher.

Visitation will be held at Stone Funeral Home located at 2098 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey Michigan on Monday, December 20th from 5:00-7:00pm.

A Celebration of Lois's Life will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey, Michigan on Tuesday, December 21st at 1:00pm.

Following the Service private interment will be held for family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of The Lois and Everett Kircher Family Foundation to Challenge Mountain – an adaptive skiing program, PO Box 764, Boyne City, MI 49712 or www.challengemtn.org

Michael Daniel Potter, 55

(DEC. 19, 1965 - DEC. 12, 2021)

Michael Daniel Potter of Boyne City died unexpectedly Sunday, December 12th at his home.

Michael was born on December 19, 1965 in Petoskey the son of Ed Inman and Rachel (Potter) Inman. He grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School.

He is survived by his mother Rachel Inman; brothers and sisters Jim, John Mary, Susan and Sylvia; nephew Zac and nieces Jasmine and Courtney.

Michael enjoyed driving around in his 1964 Chevy truck and doing Demolition Derby. He also enjoyed collecting old stuff, doing side work for many friends in and around Boyne City. Michael truly loved the simple life.

Samuel M Chipman, 82

(OCT. 1, 1939 - DEC. 11, 2021)

Samuel M. Chipman went to shake up things in heaven on Saturday December 11, 2021. Doctors, at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, said his heart just gave up. What a huge heart that was.

Sam left behind his wife Pamela, daughter Brenda (Chris), stepdaughters Jacqueline (Andy), Jill, Jeanette (Bart) and Janice (Nick). Grandsons Andy, Mitchell, & Jon Chipman, David & Steven Miller, Gavin Aldrich, Mason Grabowski & Briar Barrett. Granddaughters, Elizabeth Aldrich, Siler & Iris Millies & Ella Grabowski. Brothers, Cecil & Allie (Bud) Chipman. Sister-in-law Mary Jo Chipman. Six great grandchildren Jocelyn, Alex, Max & Aleya Miller, Wes and Ayden Miller. He also left behind his heartfelt son Dan Lewis.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Hoyt, his parents Allie R & Beatrice Chipman. Both of his sons, Sam & Matt Chipman. Brothers John, Bill & Phillip Chipman.

After graduating from Boyne City High School Sam joined the Air Force and while he and his wife were stationed in Salina, Kansas, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter Brenda Gail (her full name was used when she was in trouble of course). It is interesting to note that, although Sam served in the Air Force, he hated to fly. Pam got him to fly to Alaska and that was once and done for Sam in the wild blue yonder.

Sam and family returned to Boyne City and Sam

worked at various jobs carving out a secure future for his wife, daughter and now 2 sons. Sam settled on a career in plumbing & heating joining his father's company Chipman Plumbing & Heating. He was always so fond of the middle of the night heating calls. (NOT!)

After retiring, Sam & Pam spend several years traveling the country exploring the beautiful sights of the 49 States. He could have made it to 50, but alas, he would NOT fly to Hawaii!

Sam had one first love and he always carried a picture of her in his wallet. It was his 1930 Ford Model A. He lovingly restored it after finding it on Beaver Island. Pam & Evelyn both knew where they stood when it came to that car. For forty plus years, Sam and his Model A were part of the Boyne City Fourth of July Parade.

Sam was a role model for a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, brother, son and human. He will be greatly missed by all those hearts he touched in his 82 years here on earth.

The family will host a celebration of life for Sam on Saturday, June 18, 2022, 1pm at the Pavilion in Veterans Park, Boyne City.

Tan Chi Nguyen, 78

(JAN. 20, 1943 - DEC. 9, 2021)

Tan Chi Nguyen of Petoskey and formerly of Boyne City, passed away in his sleep on December 9, 2021 in Binh Phuoc, Vietnam. Tan was born January 20, 1943, the son of the late Diec Nguyen and Mien Pham.

Tan was born and raised in Binh Phuoc, Vietnam. He loved family gatherings, helping to clean Boyne City, taking long walks, spending time with his grandchildren and enjoying a fine cigar from time-to-time. In 1972 Tan married Luat Pham who blessed him with 49 years. Tan and Luat reunited with their daughter in the United States in 2000 in Iowa. Tan worked for Capital City Foods until 2013 and then moved to Boyne City where he enjoyed retirement.

Tan is survived by his wife Luat, his daughter Ly and husband, Matthew (of Petoskey), son, Tuong (Tony) Nguyen and wife, Tina (of Boyne City), son Tuong Tu Nguyen and wife Thuy, daughter Lai Nguyen and husband Son, son, Hoi Nguyen. His grandchildren Diep, Dat, Hau, Kendall, Eli, Lam, Lenth, Thanh, Tam and one great grandchild Ethan.

Tan was laid to rest on Saturday, December 11 in Binh Phuoc, Vietnam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any Dementia or Alzheimer's research organization in the name of Tan Nguyen.

Charlotte Dawn (Sabin) Mapes, 92

(SEPT. 11, 1929 - DEC. 8, 2021)

Charlotte Dawn Mapes of Boyne City passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 8, 2021 with loved ones by her side.

She was born in Dimondale in 1929 to



Ira and Mabel Sabin, and moved to Boyne City in her youth. Charlotte married Gerald Mapes in 1947 and together they raised 3 sons, Garry, Clifford and Jeffrey.

Charlotte was employed as an inspector for Courters in Boyne. She also worked in real estate and later became a broker, opening Dawn Realty. Upon retirement, she and Jerry spent their winters traveling south in their motorhome to Florida beaches.

Charlotte was very involved with the Seventh Day Adventist Church and made it her mission to spread God's word. She loved to spoil her grandchildren with s'mores around a campfire. She also loved to garden and swim. Charlotte swam across Lake Charlevoix with her granddaughter at age 70.

Charlotte is survived by her sons, Garry (Cheryl), Clifford (Kathy) and Jeffrey (Lori) Mapes. Her grandchildren Trevor, Wade (Heidi), Nathan (Brittani), Amber Mapes, Nicole (Chad) Stewart, Abby (Rob) Grabowski, Ethen Mapes and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Hugh Sabin and sister, Mary Denslow.

Charlotte spent the last six years under the loving care of the Grandvue staff. Over those years, many of the staff members have become like family to her. We greatly appreciate the love and compassionate care that she received.

Friends and family who wish to make a charitable donation in her memory, may do so to either Grandvue Medical Care Facility or the Grandvue Auxiliary.

Private family services have been held.

John Douglas Burkhard, 73

(DEC. 28, 1947 - DEC. 8, 2021)

John Douglas Burkhard of Boyne Falls passed away on December 8, 2021 at his home.

Son of Richard and Olga (Newingham) Burkhard, John was born on December 28, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in Wayne, Michigan and attended school at Wayne Memorial High School, Detroit Bible College and Wayne State University.

On December 1, 1969, he married Linda Stafford in Howell, Michigan. They recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

John was a Specialist Five in the United States Army.

John retired from Town and Country Cedar Homes where he was a master wood carver and home builder. Prior to that he worked at Matelski Lumber Company as a lumberjack and Detroit Legal News as a graphic artist.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed creative writing, wood carving, and gardening.

John is survived by his wife Linda Burkhard; their three children: Kristy (Burkhard) Beyer of Houghton Lake, Lori (Burkhard) Crane of Loon Lake, Washington, and Adam Burkhard of Petoskey; and his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in John's memory are asked by family to consider your local VFW organizations.

A scattering service for the family will be held in the spring of 2022.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Lyle Harper, 95

(DEC. 10, 1925 - DEC. 7, 2021)

Lyle Harper of Boyne City passed away on December 7, 2021 in Boyne City, Michigan.

Dave Warren Reidel, 69

(FEB. 19, 1952 - DEC. 6, 2021)

David Warren Reidel, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully the evening of Monday, December 6, 2021 with his wife and son by his side.

He was born in Petoskey on February 19, 1952 to Robert and Shirley Jean (Eaton) Reidel, the oldest of three children. He grew up on the family dairy farm in Boyne City.

Dave met the love of his life, Wendy Mathers, and they were married on September 15, 1984 in Boyne City. Together they raised their three children, Kayla, Ashley and Robby on a piece of the family farm. Dave and Wendy were married for 37 years. Dave's sisters lovingly refer to Wendy as "St. Wendy." He may have had a loud bark, but he was all heart.

Dave drove heavy equipment for most of his work life, first for Smith Excavating and then Tri-County Excavating. The winter months were spent keeping a close eye on the weather and keeping his clients' drives clear. If you found yourself unsure of road conditions, you could always call Dave for a weather update.

Dave enjoyed many outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. Many weekends were spent at the family cabin in Houghton Lake, where Dave and Wendy logged many miles on their ATVs and riding around looking for deer with their kids and grandkids. Above all, Dave was a family man. He found joy with his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends.

He was a lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City, where he served in several capacities. He was a strong believer and his family rests in the assurance that he is with his Lord and Savior.

Dave is survived by his wife, Wendy, daughter Kayla (Scott) Bandstra, son Robert Reidel, and daughter Ashley (Jordan) Stedman, his grandchildren Colton and Adley Bandstra and Astrid Stedman. He is also survived by his mother, Shirley Jean Reidel, sisters Debbie (Jay) Higgins and Patti (Maurie) Tomkins, in-laws Cheri (Dave) Garvin, Trish (Dave) Wilhelm and Bob (Heidi) Mathers, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Reidel on June 15, 1978. Paternal grandparents, Charles and Rosa Reidel, and maternal grandparents, Don and Vina Eaton, along with many aunts and uncles.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 10th at Christ Lutheran Church in

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION DECEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING



New Police Chief George Lasater took his oath of office at the December 7 City Commission meeting.

New Police Chief sworn in

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - New Police Chief George Lasater took his oath of office and a meeting cancellation policy was approved at the December 7 East Jordan City Commission meeting.

Melissa and Luke Lasater were present to see their husband & father (respectively) sworn in. Melissa noted that Lasater had been working in East Jordan when they met over 20 years ago. Lasater has 30 years' experience in law enforcement. Most of his career to date has been with the city of Charlevoix. He is replacing Terry McDonnell who moved to a different position in September. The Commission warmly welcomed Lasater.

A meeting cancellation

policy was established. A meeting can be cancelled if 2 or more administrative staff are unable to attend, if it falls adjacent to a holiday, if there is a lack of a quorum or agenda items. It can also be rescheduled for things like weather events by a joint decision between the Mayor and City Manager. The policy was approved.

Establishing a designated sledding area for the kids was discussed. A plan for such a hill is in the preliminary planning stages with the development of the old transfer station property. For now there is a safe hill at the Community Park.

The next meeting is set for December 21, 6:30 at City Hall.



Shopping Carts - We're now up to 3 shopping carts and David very thoughtfully picks out the toys

The Elf on Main Street

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - Unbeknown to most, the city of East Jordan has a resident who is so Christmas minded that he could earn the title of ELF, an official Santa's helper.

David Schweer moved to East Jordan shortly after he graduated high school. It took only a year before he became an iconic figure in the community as the guy who shovels downtown. "You can thank my Mom for that," he says. She came home one day from the Jordan Valley Pharmacy and suggested he ask if they needed their sidewalks shoveled. From there David has created a niche for himself and now resides in one of the apartments above the downtown businesses that he keeps cleared and safe during the snowy months of the year.

But for David winter not only brings early morning snow removal, it brings the prospect of spreading joy. About the time the snow begins to fly, the Toys for Tots boxes appear and David is ready. "He is the first person to put the toys in, just about every year, because he's been the recipient of that program," said East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce President Mary Faculak. He carefully chooses a gift for one boy and one girl as well as a pair of mittens for one boy



On snowing mornings you may find David shoveling sidewalks downtown early in the morning

and one girl and has rarely been beat to the box.

Six years ago he was invited by Faculak to go shopping with funds provided by a Secret Santa. "We are very blessed and fortunate to have a Secret Santa that is allowing us to have this experience and the children of our community to have a better Christmas," said Faculak. After observing his enthusiasm, Secret Santa asked if Faculak would include David




David is the first person to put the toys in, just about every year, because he's been the recipient of that program

in shopping for the toys for the children of the East Jordan community. David agreed and the duo have since, with Secret Santa's help, chosen hundreds of toys for East Jordan children. "I'm basically there as the driver, we're now up to 3 shopping carts and David very thoughtfully picks out the toys," said Faculak. "I try to cover each age group," says David. "I always try to get the sporting goods, Barbie's are still popular, so I try and get a few of those and Legos are still up there. I try and stay away from the themed ones so the kids can use their own imaginations. I look for crafts and science toys. Then, I try and get some kind of a noise maker like a keyboard," David explained. "I'm hoping I get the more popular toys and a good selection to choose


from, I think we did really good this year."

David has a sentimental view of the Christmas holiday. "It means spending time with the family and close friends and trying not to drive each other nuts," he said. He also doesn't consider himself much of a shopper but he looks forward to the annual trek with Faculak. "I like seeing what new stuff they've come up with since I was a kid. When I was growing up remote controlled cars were connected to wires," he said. He agreed that being an elf brings joy and happiness and creates memories. "It really is what the Christmas spirit is all about," said Faculak.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Hayden Byrd

Student Name: Hayden Byrd
Grade: 6th
Parent's Name(s): Randi Scott and Kenneth Byrd

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Hayden would like to be a Video Game Creator when he grows up.

Favorite Book: His favorite books are the series "Goosebumps".

Hobbies and Interests: When Hayden is not at school he likes to play the video game Fortnite and ride his bike.

School Activities: Hayden's favorite school activities are gym and playing basketball.

Staff Comments: Hayden is a very kind, polite young man. He takes the Logger Agreement to heart by being a good friend to his peers and showing genuine concern for their feelings. Hayden works really hard to do his very best academically. He pushes himself to be better a student and an athlete. I have enjoyed having Hayden in my class over the years. He always greets me when he enters the classroom and asks how I am doing today. I am so very proud of who Hayden is as a student and a person and who he will come to be!

Submitted by: Mrs. Deanna Milks

Schools closed due to possible gun threat

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix County-Charlevoix and Boyne City Schools were closed Wednesday, December 8 "out of an abundance of caution" when a gun was reported stolen after a party where students from both districts attended. The gun was located around 7p.m Wednesday.

The gun, lockbox and key was reported stolen in the early hours of Wednesday morning. All possible suspects were high school aged boys. According to Sheriff Chuck Vondra there was "No threat to anyone." Vondra alerted the superintendents of both school districts who chose to close school until the gun was found understanding that there is potential for a copycat of the November 30 Oxford High

School shooting in Oakland County.

Deputies were present at all other school districts in the county on Wednesday as well. One student that attended the party was from Newaygo County. Newaygo County schools were on lockdown Wednesday.

The house had been searched by the family prior to reporting the missing gun as well as deputies when the complaint was made. It was later found by those who reported it missing.

All students who attended the party were investigated and Vondra stated that 99% of the parents were cooperative and helpful. "We're very fortunate that it was located and no one was harmed, it's important that when something like this happens we are informed immediately,"

he said.

On December 7th a verbal, quasi threat to a teacher at Charlevoix Schools resulted in a two hour investigation that deemed "the person had no means or ability to carry it out," said Vondra.

In the first weeks of December there have been a surge of student threats across the state, many of them coming from social media. In Southwest Michigan 15 terrorists threats were made between December 1-9 and 19 students were charged, 2 as young as 9 years old, according to the Oakland Free Press. Investigations are ongoing concerning the missed warning signs in Oxford. "In this day and age we have to take this seriously," said Vondra.

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EAST JORDAN GOSPEL MUSIC

The Open Door, a Christian Coffee House has music the first and third Saturday of each month. The Open Door is located at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road 12/18 – Drenth Sisters

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

On Sunday December 19, at 3:00pm everyone is invited to the Community Service of Hope and Healing, at First Presbyterian Church (401 Park Street) for those who are grieving during the holidays, who have suffered loss through the pandemic, or some other difficult time. We will offer prayer and reflection on God's healing presence in difficult times.

EAST JORDAN LAST DASH SHOPPING EVENT

East Jordan is having a Last Dash Shopping Event Sunday December 19 from 12-6 pm. Please check the Chamber website for participating businesses

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Of-

fice Line) to schedule an appointment.

EAST JORDAN HIKE

Wagbo Farm and Education Center is excited to announce a family-friendly trail series to get community members outdoors and enjoy the winter months. Supported by a generous gift from Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F), the new Stroll & Sip series offers interactive trail activities while hiking, skiing or snowshoeing the various 1-2 mile loops through the fields and forests of the 212-acre property. Upcoming hikes will be the first Sunday of each month, through May, from 1 PM to 5PM.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Lions Tree Sale at True Value

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS LIGHTED VILLAGE

The East Jordan Lion's Club will once again be hosting the Christmas Lighted Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park. Everyone is welcome to build a display so gather your co-workers, friends, family, club or organization members and have some fun. The village is scheduled to open early this year so get your registration form in to the Lion's Club as soon as possible to secure your spot.

CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2022 Calendar is hot off the press today! This calendar, which is locally printed, features wonderful photographs from 12 separate club members. Visit www.Charlevoixphotographyclub.org to place an order, or visit the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. The selling price is \$25.

CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE MARKET

Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host its annual Charlevoix Circle Market from November 19 to December 30 featuring local handmade items, original art, and locally produced specialty treats. Charlevoix Circle of Arts exhibit gallery turns into a festive handmade shop-

ping experience for all with handmade gifts for everyone on your list, yourself included! Items from dozens of local crafters, makers, artists, jewelers and more will be for sale through December 30.

BOYNE CITY FREE GIFT WRAPPING STATION

During the month of December the Boyne District Library will have a station set-up in our small meeting room for you to wrap your gifts. All paper, tape, bows, tags, table surface, and yule provided by the library. Also accepting any material donations if you have extra

BOYNE CITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, the Episcopal Church of the Nativity service will be at 6:00pm, with carol singing and Holy Communion. The church is located at 209 E. Main Street.

CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Drive Hosted by Charlevoix Elks, December 27, 11-6 pm. Join the Charlevoix Elks Club #2856 for a community blood drive. Your donation could save up to three lives this holiday season. Appointments are preferred and walk-ins are welcome. Call 1-866-Mi-Blood. All donors will receive a \$10 certificate as a thank you gift.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEW YEARS EVE BUS

Charlevoix County Transit is offering New Years Eve bus service from 6pm until 2am. Pre-schedule to get the best time slot. 231-582-6900. Holiday Closures: Closed for the Christmas Holiday on Friday December 24 and for the New Year's Holiday, Friday, December 31st (for regular, daytime service). Open 6pm - 2am for New Years Eve service.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILING

State-designated trails are open Dec. 1 through March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with your trail permit dollars. Be sure to bookmark Mi.gov/Snowmobiling so you can keep up with trail closures, find trail etiquette refreshers, view

maps and print trail segment maps. Special thanks to the volunteer snowmobile clubs and groups who assist with trail signage and grooming on state-designated snowmobile trails throughout the season. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with trail permit dollars.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will have our Senior Snow Removal Programs available again this year! Packets can be picked up curbside at all of our Senior Center Locations or at the COA offices.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our Annual Gala on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Boyne Mountain Resort.

TRAVERSE CITY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

NORTHERN MICHIGAN POLICY CONFERENCE

January 14, Noon-4PM, Hagerty Center, Traverse City. Hear from our legislators, key policy leaders, State departments and more as we shape advocacy efforts for a prosperous northern Michigan region.

CHARLEVOIX ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Charlevoix Public Schools is planning our Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony this spring! Forms are due on February 28, 2022. Criteria: The nominee must be a graduate of Charlevoix High School and have achieved one or more of the following: *An advanced degree such as PhD., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., O.D., J.D. *Significant life achievement, honor, or award *Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

EAST JORDAN THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN CENTER

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center are in their new location. The Teen Center is now located in the lower level of the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 207 Nicholls Street, East Jordan

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL DINNER

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, Meeting, Awards, Auction at Castle Farms on Saturday, January 29th, 2022.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

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CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

EAST JORDAN

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc.). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties). To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-7334.

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People Fund surpasses \$4 million mark in grants awarded to local groups

With its most recent round of grant awards, the Great Lakes Energy People Fund has surpassed the \$4 million mark in grants awarded to local organizations since the program's inception in 1999. The People Fund's three regional boards recently awarded 47 grants totaling more than \$126,000 in the second grant cycle for 2021.

The grants were awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Eclipsing the \$4 million milestone in grants awarded through the People Fund program is a testament to the generosity of our members,"

Great Lakes Energy President/CEO Bill Scott said. "It is also great example of how small contributions on the part of many people can add up to making a big difference in our communities."

Members of the electric cooperative who wish to participate are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"The People Fund program makes it very easy for our members to contribute small amounts that add up in a meaningful way," Scott said. "Working together for the benefit of the community is what being part of a cooperative is all about."

Cooperative members also have the opportunity to in-

crease their contributions to the People Fund through People Fund PLUS. The PLUS program allows members to choose an amount, in addition to the monthly bill round-up, to contribute to the program.

North Area:
The north region board awarded the following 13 grants totaling \$35,576.22 in the second grant cycle of 2021. Great Lakes Energy's northern People Fund region includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Otsego, and Oscoda. Information on grants awarded to organizations in GLE's central

and south regions are listed at gtlakes.com/people-fund/.

- Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: \$1,104.49 for a laptop and monitor.
- Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Cheboygan: \$5,000 for tools for making repairs and building ramps.

- Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for an audio/visual system for the Crooked Tree Arts Center Gallery.
- Gaylord Community Orchestra, Gaylord: \$900.45 for stand lights for orchestra players.
- Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: \$1,011 to promote the ecological research and conservation program at Grass River Natural Area.

- Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for the window restoration at the 1886 Harbor Springs History Museum.
- Kalkaska High School, Kalkaska: \$2,000 for a refrigerator and supplies for Karen's Kids Center.
- Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey: \$6,500 for furnace replacement for the Habitat building.

- Otsego County EMS/Rescue/Hazmat, Gaylord: \$3,000 for a public safety signal booster.
- Peaine Township, Beaver Island: \$2,500 for Font Lake Park pickleball & bocce ball courts.
- Petoskey Public Schools,

- Petoskey: \$2,000 for a maker space and equipment for Col-laboratorium.
- Training Wheels Child-care Center, Inc., East Jordan: \$1,060.28 for a laptop computer.
- Village of Kalkaska, Kalkaska: \$500 for law enforcement range targets.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is now accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for the first 2022 grant cycle. The deadline for letters of intent is April 1 with grant applications due by April 15, 2022. Visit gtlakes.com/people-fund/ for more information on the program or to apply.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting the following case information:

- On Friday, Dec. 10, 48 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (9), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (24), and Otsego (9), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Emmet County.
- On Wednesday, Dec. 11, 56 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (9), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (23), and Otsego (12).
- On Thursday, Dec. 12, 9 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (2), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (0), and Otsego (0).
- On Monday, Dec. 13, 83 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (18), Charlevoix (24), Emmet (20), and Otsego (21), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Charlevoix

County. As of 4 p.m. December 13, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (3,026), Charlevoix (3,248), Emmet (4,295), and Otsego (4,151).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,570), Charlevoix (2,676), Emmet (3,551), and Otsego (3,449).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (45), Charlevoix (47), Emmet (56), and Otsego (73).

On December 13, the State of Michigan reported 1,396,467 cases and 25,240 deaths.

Pfizer booster shot now available for anyone 16+

Following CDC approval, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is urging anyone 16 and older to get the Pfizer booster vaccine 6 months after receiving their two primary COVID-19 vaccines. Currently, Pfizer is the only authorized vaccine for under age 18. A parent/guardian must accompany a minor to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

"Getting vaccinated is how we can continue to protect ourselves further from

COVID-19 spread and work our way out of this pandemic," said Dr. Josh Meyer-son, Medical Director with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "This is great news that the Pfizer vaccine booster is available for anyone 16 and older. I urge anyone 5 and up to get vaccinated, and those 16 and up to receive their booster as soon as they're eligible - at least 6 months after completing their primary series."

The COVID-19 Pfizer

booster dose may be given with other vaccines, including the flu vaccine, at the same time.

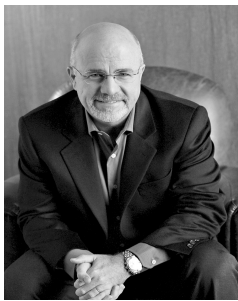
As previously recommended, those with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This additional dose is intended to improve the re-

sponse of people who are immunocompromised to their initial vaccine series.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations - including booster shots - are widely available at pharmacies, health care providers and health department clinics. To schedule a flu vaccine, call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 800-432-4121.

DAVE Says

(Cutting costs during the holiday season)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

We're doing our best to stick to our cash Christmas budget this year. Are there any traps to avoid, and do you have other advice on ways we can cut costs during the holiday season?

René

Dear René,

If you're getting out of debt, the phrase "extra money" probably isn't even in your vocabulary. Regardless, stores will do everything they can to convince you to toss a couple of extra items into your cart when Christmas rolls around. Their festive marketing is everywhere, and most of it tries to get you to spend extra on things you don't need or can't afford.

It might be Christmas, but that doesn't mean you need to buy a bunch of high-end electronic gadgets for everyone. Any way you slice it, electronics add up to be way more than most people want to spend. Try focusing on more personal—and less expensive—gifts that will be truly meaningful to the ones receiving them.

Set a reasonable budget, determine what's fair for each person and stick to it. Be sure you're following realistic gift guidelines before you go out shopping. If you have kids, don't let their Christmas lists dictate how much you spend. Your budget should do that. Look out for sneaky buys that drain your wallet, too. Some people spend as much on stocking stuffers as they do regular gifts under the tree.

Whether you're shopping online or out and about, remember that extended war-

rants are not a good deal. Neither are store credit cards and the accompanying "discounts." It seems everywhere from big-box retail stores to mom and pop operations have their own store credit card these days. Sure, they'll be happy to offer you 10 to 20 percent off a \$7 purchase of socks if you'll just open an account. But there's a good chance you'll still be paying off this year's Christmas next December.

If gift wrapping at the store is complementary, go for it. If not, just do it yourself. Sure, it takes a little time and effort, but you'll save a ton of money buying a few rolls of wrapping paper at the local dollar store. Don't wait until December 20th to order your Christmas presents, either. Plan ahead — like right now — so you don't have to worry about expensive overnight shipping rates.

Finally, I know many folks want to send Christmas cards to everyone they know every year. Some people go completely over-the-top, with their family (including the dog and cat) dressed to the nines and a photo taken by a professional photographer. Come on! You can cut costs by sending cards to just your closest friends and family. It's okay to be a little selective here, and the cards don't have to be expensive. I hope this helps, René!

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Charlie Brown and the true meaning of Christmas

MIKE DUNN



I saw an article recently listing the top Christmas songs of all time. Among the entries were "Jingle Bell Rock"; "The Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole; "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"; "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"; "Blue Christmas" by Elvis; "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby; and even "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Now, there's nothing wrong with any of those choices individually but I find it interesting that there was only one song out of the 20 listed that even remotely had anything to do with the actual meaning of Christmas ("The Little Drummer Boy").

I'm not down on Santa or sleigh bells or Rudolph or even poor Grandma who got run over by a reindeer (though I must admit I do kinda feel bad for Grandma). What concerns me is how much the significance of Jesus coming into the world has been overshadowed by everything else that has become associated with the holiday.

Christ has been taken out

of Christmas, by and large. The choice of the most popular Christmas songs is one small indication of that. Christmas cards are another indicator. When I went looking for cards at one of the big box stores I was struck by just how few actually portrayed something to do with the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. There must have been 30-plus boxes of cards available for purchase and I found only a handful that featured the stable or the wise men following the star or anything else involving the biblical account of Jesus' birth.

There has been a gradual-but-undeniable moving away from the sacred origins of Christmas in our culture to the point where a "happy holiday" is an end unto itself without any kind of acknowledgment of Jesus coming into the world.

Just as there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary on the night of Jesus' birth more than 2,000 years ago, it seems there isn't room for Jesus in our crowded culture anymore.

This issue was addressed with clarity and insight by Charles M. Schulz, the creator of the comic strip Peanuts, way back in 1965.

Schulz collaborated with Director Bill Menendez to bring to the TV screen a half-hour cartoon special about the over-commercialization of the season.

Schulz and Menendez had to fight tooth-and-nail with CBS network executives to keep the show intact as we know it and love it, especially the portion of the show where Linus quotes from the Gospel of Luke about "Christ the Lord" being born in Bethlehem. Fortunately, Schulz and Menendez won the battle and the show, which CBS bigwigs reckoned would be a total flop, became an instant Christmas classic.

The message of the cartoon still resonates today, and perhaps is even more applicable in our time as it was when it was first broadcast nearly six decades ago.

Schulz brilliantly portrayed the ever-conflicted Charlie Brown as someone who realizes something is wrong with the way Christmas has been overtaken by the trappings of the holiday. We all know the story. Charlie Brown, seeking to bring "the proper mood" to the play he is directing, finds a "real" Christmas tree in a lot brimming with aluminum trees of various sizes and colors. The tree is small and unappealing amidst all the other more colorful and glitzy artificial trees but

Charlie Brown sees the value in the little tree that others don't see, at least not at first.

Charlie Brown's tree, of course, is a metaphor that illustrates how the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem is so often overshadowed by the focus on the gift wrappings instead of the True Gift: God's Son coming into the world to open a door to a relationship with the Father in heaven that would be possible no other way.

People might say they don't need Jesus to enjoy Christmas or the spirit of Christmas and it's certainly true that for many, Santa is sufficient. But even so I believe with all my heart something very precious has been lost. Just as in the innkeeper didn't realize Who he was shutting the door to, so it is today.

Regardless, the eternal words of Luke's gospel still ring out to those with ears to hear: For unto you this day in the City of David a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord.

Would that we could all see along with Charlie Brown the inexpressible value of the "real" message of Christmas. There's been no greater message ever delivered to man.

In addition to being a writer for the Weekly Choice, Rev. Mike Dunn is also an ordained Free Methodist minister and pastor

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, November 29, 2021
0410 Assist MSP in Boyne Falls.
1035 Burn permit issued on Grant St
1318 Report of attempted grandchild scam
1412 Arrested subject for assault on Moll Dr
1924 Suspicious situation on Earl St.
2048 Suspicious activity in the 200 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, November 30, 2021
1025 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
1517 Vehicle unlock on S Lake St
1656 Residence on Jersey St reports construction in the area had been shaking entire

house.
2043 Stalking complaint in the 1000 block of First St
2039 Vehicle unlock on Wenonah St

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
1516 Vehicle unlock on S Lake St
1522 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1935 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of Water St
2054 Assist Sheriff Dept. on US 131.
2223 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Padgett Rd and Springvale Rd.

Thursday, December 2, 2021
1708 Juvenile complaint

in the 200 block of N Lake St. MIP vape ticket issued.
2359 OUI arrest at M75 S and Dietz

Friday, December 3, 2021
0908 Animal complaint from Hemlock St.
1047 Civil standby at salvage yard.
1409 Assist Sheriff Dept. on M-75 S.
1455 Vehicle unlock in the Industrial Park.
1642 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of S Lake St
2320 Hit & Run crash on W Main St

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2021
0632 Missing person from

Lagoon Dr. Was located.
1056 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Anderson Rd.
2020 Car deer crash on State St and Rotary Park Dr.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021
0020 Arrested subject for Disorderly Conduct on W Main St.
1204 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1433 Second report about the school shooting reports from Friday.
1638 911 hung up in the 100 block of W. Division St.
2115 Child custody dispute from the 500 block of N Lake St
2252 Arrested subject for

News

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Governor Whitmer Announces Auto Insurers to Issue \$400 per Vehicle Refund Checks No Later Than May 9, 2022

State launches webpage to answer questions, provide guidance to consumers

LANSING, Mich. -- At the direction of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) has issued a bulletin to Michigan's insurers and launched a consumer FAQ page to inform insurers and consumers of the timeline and other requirements for Michigan's upcoming \$400 per vehicle auto insurance refunds. Last week, Governor Whitmer announced that all drivers would receive the

\$400 refunds as a result of the surplus in the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) fund.

"Michigan used to have the highest auto insurance rates in the nation, but we worked together to put Michiganders first, significantly lowering the cost of insurance and putting \$400 per vehicle back in driver's pockets while continuing to provide access to the most generous benefits in the nation," said Governor Whitmer. "I am pleased with how quickly the plan was developed and appreciate the clear guidance provided both to insurers and consumers. The bulletin and website lay out the timeline and requirements so that insurers understand that they must process the refunds as quickly as possible, and Michiganders know when and how they will get the surplus money they are owed."

"The Governor directed DIFS to take an active role in ensuring that refunds would be issued expeditiously to Michiganders who have paid into the fund for decades," said Director Fox. "The DIFS bulletin ensures that consumers are protected and imposes a May 9, 2022 deadline for issuing refunds to all eligible drivers. Our goal is to make sure that this money makes it to the pockets of Michiganders as quickly and securely as possible."

The MCCA refunds were made possible by the cost saving and fraud prevention provisions of the historic, bipartisan auto insurance re-

form signed into law by Governor Whitmer in 2019. The refund plan issued by the MCCA will result in \$400 refunds sent to policyholders for every vehicle that was insured as of 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2021. Surplus funds will be transferred by the MCCA to insurers by March 9, and the new DIFS bulletin directs insurers to issue refunds via check or ACH deposit to consumers as expeditiously as possible, but in no event no later than May 9, 2022.

In addition to issuing industry guidance, DIFS has also launched a consumer FAQ page at Michigan.gov/MCCArefund. The webpage contains important information and answers common questions about the

refund timeline, eligibility requirements, and tells consumers what they can do if they have questions or concerns about their refunds.

Additional information about the auto insurance reform law, including the amnesty period that allows uninsured drivers to get penalty-free auto insurance if they apply for coverage before January 1, 2022, can be found at Michigan.gov/AutoInsurance. Frequently asked questions, tips for shopping for insurance, and an insurance locator to help find licensed agents are also available.

Consumers with questions or concerns about auto insurance can contact DIFS by calling Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 833-

ASK-DIFS (833-275-3437) or by emailing autoinsurance@michigan.gov.

The mission of the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services is to ensure access to safe and secure insurance and financial services fundamental for the opportunity, security, and success of Michigan residents, while fostering economic growth and sustainability in both industries. In addition, the Department provides consumer protection, outreach, and financial literacy and education services to Michigan residents.

OBITUARIES

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Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Christ Lutheran Church.

Lacie Rane (Knebl) Castle, 32

(AUG. 9, 1989 - NOV. 5, 2021)

Lacie Rane Castle of East Jordan died November 5, 2021.

She was born on August 8, 1989, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Tony and Beth (Moore) Knebl. She grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 2008.

Lacie married Anthony Castle on July 12, 2014, in East Jordan. She made their home in East Jordan. She worked as a personal trainer for "FBL" (Fitness by Lacie).

She enjoyed soccer, basketball and track & field. In general, Lacie enjoyed anything related to fitness.

Lacie is survived by her husband, Anthony B. Castle of East Jordan; two sons, Riddick Castle and Rogue Castle, both of East Jordan; her parents, Tony and Beth Knebl of East Jordan; grandmother, Nina Young of East Jordan; three sisters, Danielle (Josh) Ford of East Jordan, Toni Knebl of East Jordan and Cammie Knebl of East Jordan; her mother-in-law, Joanne (David) Vermillion of East Jordan; her father-in-law, Curt (Nona) Manning of Machine, MI; and to many friends to count.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 1pm to 4pm at the Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Patrick Arthur Fortune, 64

(DEC. 1, 1957 - DEC. 11, 2021)

Patrick Arthur Fortune of East Jordan and formerly of Boyne City, died on Saturday, December 11, 2021, in Petoskey.

He was born on December 1, 1957, in Petoskey, the son of Norman and Gloria (Coon) Fortune. Patrick had worked at the East Jordan Iron Works for some time and later, worked delivering appliances. He enjoyed tinkering.

He is survived by two sons, Corey (Jennifer) Fortune of East Jordan and Gary (Alondra) Fortune of Allendale; three granddaughters, Hannah Fortune of East Jordan, Autumn Fortune of Allendale and Amelia Fortune of Allendale and; one grandson, Nathan Fortune of East Jordan; four sisters, Norma Waiseman of Boyne City, Yvonne "Bonnie" Leski of Mancelona, Gail (Mark) Bellmore of Wolverine and Susie (Brian)

Meads of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Casey and Michael Fortune.

A private service will be held next year. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Jacob C. DeKorne, 85

(OCT. 14, 1936 - DEC. 9, 2021)

Jacob C. DeKorne of Ellsworth died Thursday, December 9, 2021 at his son's home in Pleasant Valley. He was born October 14, 1936 in Grand Rapids, the son of James and Rachel (Wielhouwer) DeKorne.

Jacob was a member of the Netherlands Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. He was also a member of the Sioux Honey Association for 57 years. Jacob was a beekeeper by trade, producing and selling honey most of his life which his legacy is now in its 5th generation. He enjoyed woodworking, spending time with his family and could fix anything.

On November 11, 1955 he married Phyllis Fryling who preceded him in death in 2014. Also preceding him in death were his parents, his siblings Marie, Jim, and Annie, and his great granddaughter Kenzi.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Jacob Jr. (Kathie) DeKorne of Coopersville, Susan (Randy) Neuman of Hudsonville, Timothy (Mary) DeKorne of Mesick, Mark (Mandy) DeKorne of Pleasant Valley, Daniel (Julie) DeKorne of Kent City, 18 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, siblings Bud (Judy) DeKorne, Ruth Densel, Jean Stevens, and Robert (Betty) DeKorne and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 17, at 11 a.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Rev. H. Hofman officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday, December 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township. Memorial contributions can be given to the Netherlands Reformed Church Bolivia Mission Fund, PO BOX 2804, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

Arrangements are in the care of the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

William R. Carey, 91

(FEB. 8, 1930 - DEC. 9, 2021)

William (Bill) Rae Carey of Charlevoix passed Thursday, December 9 with his bride and best friend of almost 48 years at his side. Bill was born a Charlevoix Rayder on February 8, 1930 to Leo and Mar-

ion (Emrey) Carey.

A 1947 graduate of Charlevoix High School, Bill was a standout on the Rayders' vaunted football and basketball teams of the day. The 1947 football squad completed their third consecutive season without a defeat, outscoring their opponents 689-24 during the unmatched stretch. Bill's 1947-48 basketball team followed an undefeated 1946-47 regular season with another unblemished campaign, advancing to the state tournament semifinals in East Lansing, before dropping a 34-36 contest.

Following high school, Bill matriculated at Michigan State College (now Michigan State University), where his athletic talents were again put to good use. A three-year letter winner in football (freshman were not eligible for varsity play at the time) and a one-year letterman in basketball, Bill saw most of his success on the gridiron. He spent time at quarterback and end for the Spartans, accumulating three scores during his career, and contributing to the success of the undefeated 1951 national championship squad, as named by the Helms Athletic Foundation. Bill's college career concluded with a selection to the 1951 Blue-Gray Football Classic college all-star game in Montgomery, Alabama. A complete athlete, he led that year's Classic in tackles from the outside linebacker position, having never played the position prior to the game. The San Francisco 49ers selected him with the 214th pick in the 1952 NFL Draft. A career in professional football was not to be, however, as he was already committed to the U.S. Army through its Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. He served in Korea during the later stages of the Korean War and was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in 1955.

Bill was modest to a fault and he would not wish to share the above account of his early life. He would, however, wholeheartedly endorse what follows. Bill married Judith Lynn Harris on January 12, 1974 in Charlevoix. Both Judy and their love and devotion to one another survive. Also surviving and celebrating him are his three children William (April) Carey, Jr. of Manilla, Philippines, Beth (Lee) Bost of Caledonia, MI and Keith (Heather) Carey of Charlevoix; grandchildren Katie (Greg), Liz (James), Josh, Margaret (Zubair), Camden, Hannie, Bherliann, Brixcent, and Taryn; great grandchildren Roland and Wesley; and many loved nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his daughter Margaret, his parents Leo and Marion, sister Marjory and brothers Charles, Keith, Donald, Thomas and Robert.

Bill was of a time when men didn't share their feelings and warmth was believed to be weakness. He spent the first 60 years of his life embodying the gritty, straight-talking breadwinner his generation expected of his husbands and fathers.

Bill loved his family fiercely, though expressing so was sometimes difficult until his latter decades when he took great care to ensure those close to him knew how much he loved them. Possessing an unmatched wit to his very last moment, Bill particularly delighted in teasing his grandchildren with deadpan claims, his only giveaway being the trademark twinkle in his eye. He celebrated the successes of his children and grandchildren and offered sincere advice and calming words when they experienced difficulties. Bill discovered his passion and his purpose not on an athletic surface or in an office, but later in life in his time with his family.

Bill Carey will be remembered as an imperfect man, fully aware and accepting of his flaws. An amazing, imperfect man missed more than these or any words can fully express.

The family will welcome friends Thursday, December 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The family also requests face coverings be worn in consideration of those with compromised health likely to be in attendance. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Anthony Michanowicz, 70

(FEB. 27, 1951 - DEC. 8, 2021)

Robert Anthony Michanowicz, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Charlevoix Area Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born February 27, 1951 in Wyandotte, the son of Polish and Irish parents, Arthur and Margaret (McDonald) Michanowicz.

Rob attended early Catholic school at Mount Carmel elementary. Graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1969, Robert was very musical. He was very accomplished on the piano and performed in several large rock bands passing his love of music on to his children and all who were graced by his presence.

He moved up north to Ellsworth, and continued his music career at the Bellaire Lanes. Rob then naturally became a successful Real Estate agent in his younger years. He then gained a love of farming while working closely with Tom Murray and family. He loved working the land, including taking on the challenge of farming the largest Ostrich Farm in Michigan. His love for the outdoors included his own tradition of collecting and boiling his own maple syrup and gifting it to friends.

Robert liked camping and

tinkering with his many projects, but his favorite past time was participating in the Old Engine Show in Buckley. Every year it included a week long family extravaganza filled with camping, laughing and viewing the many exhibits of the engines and tractors. His love for family (especially his grandkids) eclipsed all other interests except for an occasional wet burrito at the Dockside and sharing stories with friends.

Rob retired from the United States Postal Services after 35 years of dedicated service and befriending many Torch Lake and Bellaire residents. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan for 30 years. His compassionate and generous heart impacted everyone he encountered, and he tried to leave everyone a little happier than when he met them.

On August 1, 1980 in Bellaire he married the love of his life, Joanne Elaine Murray who survives. Also surviving are his five beloved children Tina (William) Phillips of Mancelona, Steven (Tiffany) Michanowicz of East Jordan, Teresa (Ryan) Cichewicz of Coopersville, Mathew (Nicole) Michanowicz of Wyoming, Alex (Lyndie) Michanowicz of Central Lake, 16 grandchildren; Christopher, Michael, Stephanie, Katelyn, Mariah, Dylan, Zachary, Ryan, Jaissa, Rozalyne, Natalie, Noah, Emily, Vivian, Benjamin, Georgia, and one on the way, 3 great grandchildren Bentley, Harley, Naomi, plus one on the way, sisters Susan Middleton, Mary (Frank) Cichowski, brothers Richard (Kim) Michanowicz, Michael (Karla) Michanowicz, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Nathan Daniel Michanowicz, his parents, and beloved brother John.

Mass of a Christian Burial was held Monday, December 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Interment in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township. Memorial contributions can be given to the Northwest Michigan Engine & Thresher Club c/o Carl Van Wylen, Buckley Old Engine Club, 5423 E. 128th Street, Sand Lake, MI 49343.

The family would like to thank the many family and friends who have reached out in support during this time. Robert's Memory will forever be imprinted in our hearts.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Marcia Emery, 60

(NOV. 20, 1961 - DEC. 8, 2021)

Marcia Ann Emery of Traverse City passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. She was born on November

20, 1961 in Charlevoix, the daughter of James McCann Sr. and Elizabeth Wabanimkee.

After high school, Marcia earned her certification as an executive secretary. Over the years, Marcia did clerical work for several different companies. She also babysat for many families throughout the years all while taking care of her own children.

Marcia enjoyed perusing yard sales and antique shop aisles, and shopping. More recently in life, Marcia enjoyed visiting casinos. The highlight of her life was her children and grandchildren; she soaked up every minute she could spend with them.

On February 7, 1982, in Chicago, Marcia married Corvin Emery, who survives. Also surviving are her four children, Nicolette Emery of Traverse City, Michael Emery of MI, Jessica Emery of Traverse City, and Robert (Alicia) Emery of Traverse City; two stepsons, Corvin Emery Jr. of WI and Anthony Emery of WI; her mother, Elizabeth (Harvey) Yates of Williamsburg; eight grandchildren, Isabel Witteveen, Jason Witteveen Jr., Andrew Witteveen, Landen Emery, Gabriel Shananaquet, Payton Emery, Andrea Emery, and Ryan Ciolk; her Aunt Julie (Mark) Tanner of Alanson; and her Uncle David Wabinimkee of Peshabestown.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Kewadin Indian Mission Church Hall in Kewadin.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Allan Lee Mattoon, 58

(APRIL 1, 1963 - DEC. 7, 2021)

Allan Lee Mattoon of Charlevoix died on December 7, 2021.

He was born in Pontiac Michigan on April 1, 1963. Son of Paula Perttu and Frank Mattoon. He was an adventurous man who enjoyed fishing, NASCAR racing, football, and the outdoors.

Allan is survived by his 3 daughters - April Mattoon, Samantha Mattoon, and Heather Dennis (Mattoon), Grandchildren - Sophia Birchmeier, Neanna Ford, Kagan Ford, Nevaeh Ford and Jeremiah Ford. Siblings: Debbie (Terry) Archer, Frank Mattoon, Don (Natalie) Mattoon, Denise (Jim) Bonter, Julie Ann Kramer (Burns). And Many Friends. No service will be held at this time.

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Caleb Stuck

Charlevoix Rayders Basketball

Charlevoix pulled off a two point win as time expired in an exciting game over Gaylord last week. Caleb Stuck led the Rayders with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Aaron Bess of Boyne City, defends the drive against St. Ignace. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Ramblers open season with 2 wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

ST. IGNACE

The Boyne City Boys Basketball team opened their season with a matchup against two teams from the Upper Peninsula. The first would be against St. Ignace on Tuesday, December 7 at home.

The Ramblers would be ready to start the season, as they would handle the improved Saints team with a 68-50 victory. The Ramblers would have five in double figures, as Alex Calcaterra led the way with 16 points. Mason Wilcox had 14 points, Scotty Haley and Gavin Hewitt added 11 points. Then Jack Neer would score another 10 points to round out the leading scorers.

The win would have the Ramblers start the season out 1-0 and look towards playing Sault Ste. Marie on Friday, December 10 for their first road game.

SAULT STE. MARIE

The Ramblers would have their way throughout the matchup as the Blue Devils would be able to close the lead from 20 down to 12



Rambler junior, Jack Neer (2) gets to the paint and lays up a floater as the Saint's try to defend. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

points multiple times. However, every time the lead got to 12, the Ramblers would respond and push it back up to 20. The big start in the first half led to the Ramblers

being able to win by a final score of 51-38. The Ramblers would once again be led by Calcaterra with 23 points and Neer would add 13 points. The

Ramblers will travel to play East Jordan on Thursday, December 16. They will wrap up play before the holiday break with Cheboygan at home on Tuesday, December 21.



Junior Mason Wilcox secured a rebound early on for the Ramblers in a battle with St. Ignace. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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WRESTLING

Ramblers start wrestling season off with individual victories

BY: DOM SANTINA

While the basketball teams have started on the hardwood. The wrestling teams have also started their seasons as well. The Boyne City wrestling team started their season at the Manton Tri-Dual with Manton and Lake City.

As a team the Ramblers would finish 1-1 on the day, dropping a close match 42-36 to Manton. Then turning around and winning in convincing fashion against Lake City 42-18.

The Ramblers would have Aron Markovics, Tim Bowman, Jordan McBee, Lydia Krauss, Jacob Bush and Bobby Hoth all go 2-0 on the day. Then they would have Curtis Yang go 1-1 in his matches and Wailand Smith would finish out the roster going 0-2 in his matches.

"A solid start to the season for our short-handed Ramblers," said Head Coach Justin Perkins.

The Ramblers would then head to Howell High School for the Herm Wilkinson Invitational on Saturday, December 11.

HERM WILKINSON INVITATIONAL

The invitational would pose some good challenges for the Ramblers including some ranked matchups. The Ramblers would finish 13 out of 28 teams, while being very light on competitors. The Ramblers would only have 7 competitors at the invite, compared to most other teams having at least 15.

In the 125 lb. class, Tim Bowman took home the tournament championship, with a couple pins, including one in the finals.

At 130 lbs, McBee would take a 6th place finish overall. In 189 lbs, Bush just missed out on placing after having two losses on the day and 1 pin.

In the girls division, Lydia Krauss finished 2-0 on the day and in first place on the day. She got a win by a pin and another by a major decision.

For the junior varsity division, Markovics would go 2-0 on the day with 2 pins. Curtis yang and Collin Schoolcraft would each go 0-3.



Tim Bowman accepts his first place award for winning his weight division at the Herm Wilkinson Invite



Jordan McBee is honored for his sixth place finish in the 130 lb. weight division

Rayders take third at Manton Wrestling Invitational

BY: DOM SANTINA

Mancelona Tri-Meet
On Wednesday, December 8 the Charlevoix wrestling team kicked off their season with a tri-meet in Mancelona against the Ironmen and the Onaway Cardinals. The Rayders would go 1-1 overall, picking up a win against Onaway 54-6. Then losing to Mancelona 43-30.

As individuals, the Rayders would have five wrestlers go 2-0, as Jimmy Descamps (112 lbs), Jamie Parrish (125 lbs), Brady Jess (171 lbs), Landon Swanson (189 lbs) and Adam Streeter (215 lbs) were undefeated.

They would have four more wrestlers split their matches on the day going 1-1; Ellery Smith (145 lbs), Logan Wilks (152 lbs), Justin Whisler (160 lbs) and Conner Ortiz.

Then Jimmy Descamps (112 lbs) would go 0-2 overall. Ben Matter (189 lbs) and Trevor Streeter (171 lbs) won exhibition matches.

The team then traveled to Manton on Saturday, December 11 for the Manton Invitational.



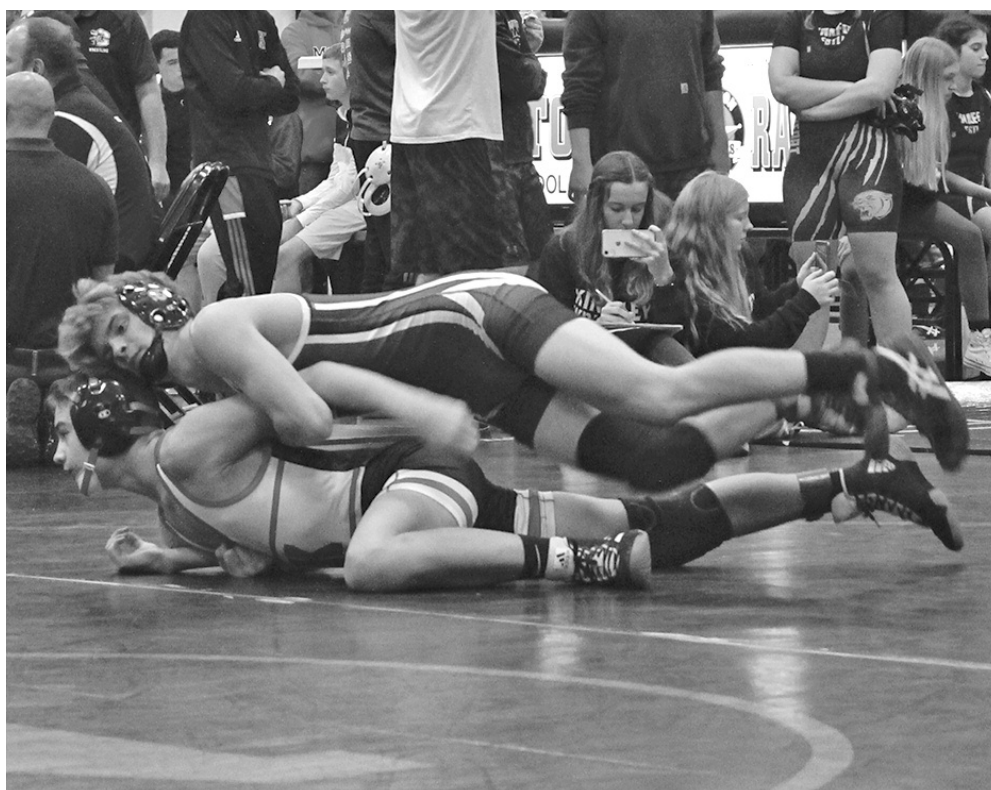
Charlevoix took a team third place finish at Manton Invitational

fourth place in the 171 pound division.

Jimmy Descamps wrestling in the 112 pound division would go 1-2 on the day. Justin Whisler would go 1-4 in his 160 pound division. Adam Streeter in the 215 pound division would only go 1-4 overall. Then to round out the competition, Conner Ortiz went 1-3 in his matches on the day.

There would be three wrestlers to wrestle in exhibition matches. Which, Rick Wise went 0-3 in his matches in the 152 pound division. Trevor Streeter would go 4-0 in his matches for the 171 lb. division. The last one would be Ben Matter going 2-1 in the 189 pound division.

The team will be back in action on Wednesday, December 15 when they host a quad meet against Rogers City, Frankfort and Manton.



Sam Fry works to turn Kingsley's Tyler Underbrink.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	1-0	2-0
Petoskey	1-1	1-1
Alpena	0-0	1-0
Gaylord	0-2	0-2
TC Central	0-0	0-1
TC West	0-0	0-1

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Charlevoix	1-0	1-0
Boyer City	0-0	2-0
East Jordan	0-0	2-0
Grayling	0-0	2-0
Harbor Springs	0-0	3-0
Elk Rapids	0-1	0-1
Kalkaska	0-2	0-2
St Francis	0-0	0-0

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Cheboygan	1-0	1-0
Rudyard	1-0	1-0
Newberry	0-0	0-0
Sault	0-1	0-2
St Ignace	0-0	0-1

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Bellaire	0-0	1-1
Central Lake	0-0	0-0
Forest Area	0-0	0-0
Gaylord St Mary	0-0	0-1
Inland Lakes	0-0	0-1
Joburg-Lewiston	0-0	0-1
Mancelona	0-0	0-2
Onaway	0-0	0-0
Pellston	0-0	0-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	1-0	1-0
Oscoda	1-0	1-2
Alcona	0-0	1-0
Atlanta	0-0	1-1
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	1-1
Posen	0-0	1-1
Fairview	0-1	0-2
Hale	0-0	0-1
Mio	0-0	0-1
Rogers City	0-2	0-2
W-P	0-0	0-1

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Ellsworth	0-0	1-0
Mackinaw City	0-0	1-0
Harbor Lt Chr	0-0	1-1
Alanson	0-0	0-0
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-0	0-0
North Mich Chr	0-1	0-2
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-0
Wolverine	0-0	0-0

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Gaylord	2-0	3-0
Petoskey	1-0	3-1
Alpena	1-1	2-1
TC West	1-1	2-1
TC Central	0-0	3-1
Cadillac	0-1	1-2

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Harbor Springs	1-0	5-0
St Francis	1-0	3-1
Elk Rapids	2-1	2-1
Charlevoix	1-2	1-3
Grayling	0-1	2-1
East Jordan	0-1	1-3
Boyer City	0-1	0-3
Kalkaska	0-3	0-3

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	2-0	2-0
Cheboygan	1-0	2-2
St Ignace	0-0	2-0
Sault	0-1	2-2
Newberry	0-1	0-3

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	1-0	2-0
Joburg-Lewiston	2-0	3-1
Onaway	2-0	2-1
Central Lake	1-0	2-1
Bellaire	0-0	2-0
Pellston	0-2	1-2
Forest Area	0-1	0-1
Inland Lakes	0-1	0-2
Mancelona	0-2	0-4

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-LITTLE DIPPER

Posen	10-0	13-1
Hillman	7-2	10-7
Fairview	6-4	7-5
Hale	4-5	7-7
Atlanta	1-9	2-11
Au Gres-Sims	1-9	2-15

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	1-0	2-0
Vanderbilt	1-0	1-0
Harbor Lt Chr	1-0	1-2
Alanson	0-0	0-1
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-0	0-0
North Mich Chr	0-1	0-2
Ellsworth	0-2	0-3
Wolverine	0-0	0-0

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	1-0	1-0
Atlanta	0-0	1-0
Fairview	0-0	1-0
Posen	0-0	2-0
Hale	0-0	1-1
Alcona	0-0	1-2
Hillman	0-0	1-2
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	0-1
Mio	0-0	0-0
Rogers City	0-0	0-2
W-P	0-0	0-1

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
TC Central	1-0	4-1
Petoskey	2-1	6-2
TC West	1-1	5-1
Alpena	0-0	4-4
Cadillac	0-2	3-3
Gaylord	0-0	3-4-1

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rough third quarters plague Ramblers



Ava Maginity (4) of Boyne City, pressures the perimeter against the Saints high powered offense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

BY: DOM SANTINA

ST. IGNACE

After a very rough game to open the season against Cheboygan, the Ramblers would look to rebound against St. Ignace on Tuesday, December 7 for their first home game.

The Saints would hold a very slim lead early, as they would lead after the first quarter 6-5. The Saints would narrowly grow their lead in the second quarter over the Ramblers. As the teams headed to halftime, the Saints held a 15-9 lead.

The halftime adjustments

for the Saints would be massive. They would come out and outscore the Ramblers 25-2 to take a 40-11 lead into the fourth quarter. The scoring would be equalized again in the fourth quarter as the Saints would outscore the Ramblers again 13-8. The Saints would end up winning by the final of 53-19.

The Ramblers were led by Grace Dawson with 11 points. They opened up their conference schedule on Friday, December 10 in Charlevoix.

CHARLEVOIX

The Ramblers have had a rough start to the season and would look to try and get the

season going in the right direction. They would be able to hang with the Rayders through the first quarter, as the score was tied 6-6.

As the teams would head to halftime, the Ramblers would have the lead by one with a 7 point quarter, 13-12. The third quarter would be another rough one for the Ramblers. The Rayders would come out of halftime with a 16-0 run to reclaim the lead and put some distance between them and the Ramblers. The Rayders would be outscored in the fourth quarter, but only by 4 points. The Rayders would hang on for a 33-22 win over conference Rival Boyne City.



Boyne City junior, Morgan Deming elevates to block a shot vs St. Ignace in the first half. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Head Coach Adam Stefanski took the rivalry loss hard. "For the second consecutive game, I have failed to make the proper adjustments at halftime and lead my team with intensity coming out of the break. The third quarter and our inability to generate offense was the difference in the game," said Stefanski.

The Ramblers would be led by Morgan Deming with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Ava Maginity added 9 points and 4 steals. The Ramblers fell to 0-3 on the season and now 0-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Ramblers will host East Jordan on Friday, December 17 to finish up before the holiday break.



Rambler senior, Grace Dawson takes away the passing lane on this St. Ignace possession. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

GYMNASTICS



Gymnasts bring home 80 medals

Lake Side Elite's competition team took the floor at their first meet held at Gymnastics on the Grand this weekend. 24 gymnasts brought home an incredible 80 medals, 13 trophies, and 3 team banners. We could not be more proud of these young ladies and look forward to seeing what the season holds. Lake Side Elite is a gymnastics training center located in Boyne City.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Red Devils start season with pair of wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

MANCELONA

East Jordan would welcome Mancelona to town to start their Boys Basketball season on Tuesday, December 7.

The Red Devils would face a physical matchup against the Ironman. They would find their shot early and take a 21-13 lead after the first quarter. While they never really got comfortable against the Ironman, they still fought hard. The Ironman would close in during the second quarter to cut the lead to just four heading to halftime, 31-27.

In the third quarter, the game would be very back in forth and would find the Red Devils narrowly edging the Ironman to pull to a five point 42-37 lead. The Red Devils would be able to fight and hang on for a 58-48 victory to start the sea-

son.

The Red Devils would be led by Preston Malpass with 20 points, 10 of those coming off of dunks. Ethan Antaya would contribute 14 points and JJ Weber would add in another 11 points.

"I was proud of the defense as they did a great job of taking Mancelona out of what they wanted to do. As a coach you love to see 18 assists on 22 made shots as it means we shared the ball really well and hit the open man for good shots. (JJ) Weber did a great job of communicating and leading the defense from the bottom. Hayden Peck, Granger Kitson did a great job of harassing ball handlers and got better and stronger as the night went on. A solid start to the season," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik.

The Red Devils would take their 1-0 record on the road to play Gaylord St. Mary's on Thursday, December.

GAYLORD ST. MARY'S

The Red Devils would jump out to a slim three point lead at the end of the first quarter, 11-8. The second quarter would be a chance for them to go on a run, outsourcing the Snowbirds 22-10 and being able to hold a 33-18 lead going into the halftime break.

In the third quarter, the Red Devils would have their most productive quarter of the game, putting up 24 points and stretching their lead to 25, 57-32. The Snowbirds would close in just a little bit but not nearly enough. As the Red Devils would take a 67-46 victory.

The Red Devils would be led by Mason Malpass with 14 points. Carter Sherman would add in 12 points, along with Preston Malpass. Then Weber would round it out with 11 points.

"A bit of a slow start in the first quarter as we struggled to find a rhythm on either

end of the floor. Our defense provided a good spark for us in the second quarter and got us out in transition which got us a couple of layups and open 3 point looks. In the third quarter, we gave up a couple of easy buckets and then really clamped down on defense and forced them away from what they wanted to do. The team played with great energy and effort all game and a lot of guys got good minutes and played well. (Granger) Kitson was a monster on defense with multiple deflections and steals while really pressuring their guards and making them work a lot harder and not letting them get their offense set," Said Coach Dzwik.

The Red Devils are now 2-0 on the season. The Red Devils will travel to play Cheboygan on Tuesday, December 14. Then they will play Boyne City on Thursday, December 16 at home for their final game before break.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lancers open season with win over Eagles

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Lancers Boys Basketball team found themselves down early against Bellaire to open the season on Thursday, December 9 at home.

The Lancers found themselves down 18-9 after the first quarter. They would mount a response in the second quarter against the Eagles. As they would outscore the Eagles 19-11. That would find the Lancers down just one at halftime, 29-28.

In the second half and in the third quarter the Lancers made their run, out-scoring the Eagles 19-6. Which gave them a commanding 47-35. That is all they would need as they

would narrowly outscore the Eagles in the fourth quarter and take a 70:52 victory.

The Lancers would have four players in double digits for scoring. The team was led by Keelan Pletcher with 25 points. Brayden Steenwyk added 19 points and Jamal Cebulski contributed 12 points. The fourth member of 10 points or more was Patrick Purrol with 10.

The Lancers will travel to play Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian on Tuesday, December 14. Then they will host Harbor Light Christian on Tuesday, December 21 before the holiday break.

Rayders beat Blue Devils on tip-in as time expires

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Boys Basketball team started their season out against Gaylord at home on Tuesday, December 7.

Tied in a 39-39 game at home in the season opener against Gaylord, Jack Gaffney grabbed an offensive rebound with the final seconds ticking off the clock and got a tip-in that fell as the final buzzer rang and gave the Rayders a 41-39 victory on opening night.

The Rayders jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter. They would continue to add to their lead, as they would stretch it to double digits at halftime, 25-15. The Blue Devils rallied to close the game back into

a 5 point game at the end of the third quarter 33-28. The game would continue to close as the Blue Devils fought back, however, the Rayders would hold on for a 41-39 victory.

The Rayders were led by Caleb Stuck with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Evan Solomon would add another 14 points. The Rayders moved to 1-0 in the early season. They will host Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, December 14 for their first conference matchup. They then will play Elk Rapids at home on Thursday, December 16. Then they will take on Royal Oak Shrine Catholic at home on Monday, December 20.

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AREA ATHLETES, COACHES NAMED AP DIVISION 1-2 ALL-STATE

The Michigan Associated Press has released its 2021 Division 1-2 high school football all-state teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bryce Underwood, Belleville, Fr.

FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

Quarterbacks
Bryce Underwood, Belleville, Fr.
Brady Drogosh, Warren De La Salle Collegiate, Jr.
CJ Carr, Saline, So.
Running Backs
Brayden McKenna, Lapeer, Sr.
Cephus Harris III, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Sr.
Cole Cabana, Dexter, Jr.
Elijah Jackson-Anderson, Grand Blanc, Sr.
Dillon Tatum, West Bloomfield, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Antonio Gates Jr. Dearborn Fordson, Sr.
Jeremiah Caldwell, Belleville, Sr.
Semaj Morgan, West Bloomfield, Jr.
Quinn Fracassi, South Lyon, Sr.
Linemen
Jalen Thompson, Detroit Cass Tech, Jr.
Michael Williams, West Bloomfield, Sr.
James Livingston, Dexter, Sr.
Ashton Lepo, Grand Haven, Sr.
Alex DeGriek, Rochester Adams, Sr.
Cross Watson, Portage Central, Sr.
Deone Walker, Detroit Cass Tech, Sr.
Brandon Davis-Swain, West Bloomfield, So.

Linebackers
Josh Burnham, Traverse City Central, Sr.
Jordan Kwiatkowski, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Sr.
Aidan Vaughan, Walled Lake Western, Sr.
Cross Dobbs, Grand Blanc, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Will Johnson, Grosse Pointe South, Sr.
Carson Bourdo, Traverse City Central, Sr.
James Robinson, Belleville, So.
Jaden Mangham, Birmingham Groves, Sr.
Tyrell Henry, Roseville, Sr.
CJ Carr, Saline, So.
Specialist
Jaris McIntosh, Battle Creek Lakeview, Sr.
Kicker
Adam Samaha, Ann Arbor Huron, Jr.
Punter
Evan Sundermann, East Lansing, Sr.
Coach
Antaiwn Mack, Ann Arbor Huron

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)
Quarterbacks
Zak Ahern, Rockford, Sr.
Running Backs
Darius Taylor, Walled Lake Western, Jr.; Jordan Ramsey, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Sr.; Joe Wiedyk, Bay City Western, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Braeden Fuson, Dexter, Sr.; Noah Dohert, Dearborn, Jr.; Roman Laurio, Saline, Jr.
Linemen
Bruce Williams, Ann Arbor Huron, Jr.; Cole Dellinger, Clarkston, Jr.; Danny Rosa, Traverse City West, Sr.; Amir

Herring, West Bloomfield, Jr.; Giuseppe Gottfried, Saline, Sr.; Jeffrey Roskopp, Warren De La Salle Collegiate, Sr.; JaShawn Greene, Belleville, Sr.; Masai Reddick, Detroit Cass Tech, Sr.; Malachi Davis, Holt, Sr.; Armon Parker, Dearborn Fordson, Sr.
Linebackers
Aaron Alexander, Belleville, Sr.; Will Beesley, Warren De La Salle Collegiate, Sr.; Jamil Thomas, Ann Arbor Huron, Jr.
Defensive Backs
Sam Clay, Hartland, Jr.; De-shaun Lee, Belleville, Sr.; Bi-agio Madonna, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Sr.; Koen Entringer, Walled Lake Western, Sr.; Micah Davis, Dexter, Jr.
Specialists
Jacob Bonnett, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Sr.; Devin Porter, Portage Central, Sr.; Caleb Dean, Jenison, Sr.
Kicker
Nathan Dibert, Hartland, Sr.
Punters
Dylan Hertzberg, Grand Blanc, Sr.; Michael Bucci, Warren De La Salle Collegiate, Sr.
Coaches
Chris Willertz, Bay City Western; Clint Alexander, Grand Blanc; Jermain Crowell, Belleville.

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks
Cal Bavineau, Dexter; Anthony Pinnace, Ann Arbor Huron; Ryan Schuster, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley; Alex Osman, Dearborn Fordson; Logan O. Hare, Bay City Western; Mark Konecny,

Muskegon Mona Shores; Braylen Himmelein, Davison; Parker Picot, Rochester Adams; Kalieb Osborne, Waterford Mott; Drew Viotto, Walled Lake Western; Taj Williams, Livonia Churchill; Tate Farquhar, White Lake Lakeland; Regez Nance, West Bloomfield, Isaiah Marshall, Southfield Arts & Technology.
Running Backs
Jordan Collier, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Ashton Jenson, Ypsilanti; Devin Henry, Brownstown Woodhaven; Asher Gregory, East Lansing; Cade Pilczuk, Grandville; Tristan Hinkley, Swartz Creek; Jaden Coulter, Flint Carman-Ainsworth; Ethan Clark, Clarkston; Boston Clegg, Livonia Churchill; Stavros Panos, Birmingham Groves; Tommy Donovan, South Lyon.
Wide Receivers
Cornell Perry, Brownstown Woodhaven; Adam Rammouni, Dearborn; Mohammed Sayed, Dearborn Fordson; Kellen Reed, Holt; Mason Woods, East Lansing; Orlando Trader, Jackson; Tyler Vroman, Rockford; Connor Milton, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Aaron Rice, North Farmington; Will Gaston, Traverse City West; Bailey Brooks, Livonia Churchill; Dennis Crawford, Belleville; Jameel Gardner, Detroit Cass Tech; Jalen Johnson, Belleville; Owen Semp, Detroit Catholic Central; Ashton Tong, Waterford Mott; Dayvon Young, Southfield Arts & Technology.
Linemen
Joe Raupp, Saline; Riley Smalarz, Macomb Dakota; Mason Muragin, Warren De La Salle Collegiate; Andrew Berryhill, Battle Creek Lake-

view; Ka. Marii Landers, Dearborn Fordson; Jackson Pruitt, Detroit Cass Tech; Jeremiah Warren, Belleville; Andrew DeVries, Caledonia; Jackson Buckler, Grandville; Jack Lamancusa, Rockford; Caleb Paarlberg, Caledonia; Will Richardson, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Cody Veltman, Byron Center; Colin Coffey, Midland; Dustyn Morrell, Lapeer; Isaac Norton, Davison; Kaden Koloma, Fenton; Jacob Booth, Dillon Gacki, White Lake Lakeland; Sean Field, Detroit Catholic Central; CJ Alfred, Waterford Mott; Brett Weaver, Traverse City Central; Keegan Opper, Traverse City Central; Kady Warner, Traverse City Central; Khamari Anderson, Detroit Cass Tech; Ja. Kabe Watkins, Belleville; Camden Weaver, Belleville; Aidan Wardell, Midland Dow; Dayne Arnett, Grand Haven; DJ Caviness, Muskegon Mona Shores; Joey Thede, Lake Orion; Tommy Phimster, Novi.
Linebackers
Tate Myre, Oxford; Melik Williams, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Tyler Stolsky, Portage Central; Charles George, Detroit Renaissance; Tyler Weaver, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Trever Walter, Byron Center; Conner Choje, Bay City Western; Dawson Studebaker, Midland Dow; Brayden Courser, Detroit Catholic Central; Connor Schupbach, Troy; Michael Schermerhorn, Traverse City West; Jeremiah Beasley, Belleville; Luke Mandsager, Caledonia; Matt Hoekstra, Hudsonville; Colin Kraatz, Saginaw Heritage; Wyatt Lesnew, Milford; Niko Krall, Novi; Kyle Johnson, West Bloomfield; Daniel Keiser, Wa-

terford Mott; Henry Pennington, Berkley.
Defensive Backs
Torrence Greene, Ann Arbor Huron; Carson DeSeranno, Monroe; Zack Ernat, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley; Mychal Yharbrough, Belleville; Jordon Clerkley, Holt; Brady Beit, Byron Center; Donovan Miller, Fenton; Andrew Siepierski, Bloomfield Hills; Glenie Cross, Oak Park; Josh Brown, Livonia Churchill; Nathan Dunlap, Walled Lake Northern; Zarek Zelinski, Waterford Kettering.
Specialists
Cinclear Lewis, Kalamazoo Central; Carter Kohtz, Midland Dow.
Kicker
Deegan Garcia, Temperance Bedford; Everest Noyes, Traverse City Central; Carson Jankens; Midland Dow; Massimo Sgambati, North Farmington; Hunter Robertson, Berkley.
Punter
Zach Penzoza, Troy
Coaches
Garfrey Smith, Milford; Tony Patritto, Rochester Adams; Eric Schugars, Traverse City Central; Jeff Hen-son, South Lyon.

ATHLETES, COACHES NAMED AP DIVISION 3-4 ALL-STATE

The Michigan Associated Press has released its 2021 Division 3-4 high school football all-state teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Dante Moore, Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr.

FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

Quarterbacks
Dante Moore, Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr.
Tyler Holtz, DeWitt, Sr.
Running Backs
Trent Hill, Chelsea, Sr.
Christian Stokes, Harper Woods, Sr.
Julian McCray, Battle Creek Harper Creek, Sr.
Max Humphrey, Mt. Pleasant, Jr.
Wide Receivers
Tommy McIntosh, DeWitt, Sr.
Tay. Ashawn Trent, Harper Woods, Sr.
Lucas Hanifan, Chelsea, Sr.
Andon Grigg, Holland, Sr.
Lynn Wyche-El, Detroit Martin Luther King, Sr.
Linemen
Davonte Miles, River Rouge, Sr.
Jonathan Slack, Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr.
Russell Sullivan, Chelsea, Sr.
Connor Williamson, Mason, Sr.
Kenny Merrieweather, Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr.

Matt Lyons, Crosswell-Lexington, Sr.
Ryan Shinabery, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Sr.
Alex Schlemm, Marquette, Sr.
Brady Ploucha, Dearborn Divine Child, Sr.
Linebackers
Tag Bonnema, Zeeland East, Sr.
William Gaskell, Milan, So.
Nick Flegler, DeWitt, Sr.
Blake Bailiff, Detroit Martin Luther King, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Myles Walton, Muskegon, Sr.
Terrance Brown, Detroit Martin Luther King, Sr.
Alex Duley, Freeland, Sr.
Jameel Croft Jr., Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr.
Specialist
Cole McElvany, Milan, Sr.
Kicker
Paige Westra, Zeeland East, Sr.
Punter
Nick Collins, East Grand Rapids, Jr.
Coach
Josh Lucas, Chelsea

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)
Quarterback
Lucas Dunn, Chelsea, Sr.
Running Backs
Drew Chandler, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Sr.; AJ Martel, Mason, So.; Cody Britt,

Gibraltar Carlson, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Nick Marsh, River Rouge, So.; Owen Beauchamp, Marquette, Sr.
Linemen
Derek Rood, Cadillac, Jr.; Nate Polston, Haslett, Sr.; Marco Fields, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, Sr.; DeCorion Temple, Orchard Lake St. Mary. AOs, Sr.; Evan Noga, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sr.; Terrence Maize, Detroit Martin Luther King, Sr.; Trevor Dennis, DeWitt, Sr.; Cameron Heiss, Cedar Springs, Sr.; Brendan Schanick, Flint Kearsley, Sr.
Linebackers
Kirk Wilson, Crosswell-Lexington, Sr.; Graham Doman, Detroit Country Day, Jr.; Grant Anderson, Vicksburg, Jr.; Kory Davis, Mt. Pleasant, Sr.; Collin Johnston, Cadillac, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Desmond Mullen, Marquette, Sr.; Johnny Dreer, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sr.; Luke Ammori, Detroit Country Day, Sr.; Jace DeMann, Grand Rapids South Christian, Sr.
Specialist
Brandon Mann, Detroit Country Day, Sr.
Kicker
Hunter Shaw, Chelsea, Sr.
Coach
Craig Tibbe, Hudsonville Unity Christian

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks
Austin Ridl, Marquette; Jake Townsend, Crosswell-Lexington; Nate Tucker, Marshall; Luke Davis, Battle Creek Pennfield; Nolan Wheeler, Parma Western; Isaiah Grybauskas, Jackson Northwest; Cameron Chandler, Hudsonville Unity Christian; Jake DeHaan, Grand Rapids South Christian; Zach Hop, Holland; Bryson Huckleby, Freeland; Brandon Green, Linden; Will Damaska, North Branch; Reid Shumaker, Lake Fenton; Gavin Reames, Fruitport.
Running Backs
Cullen Sylvester, Paw Paw; Cameron Torres, Coldwater; Ashton Laguire, Charlotte; Cole DiPiazza, Allendale; Bryson Kuzdzal, Ada Forest Hills Eastern; Alec Pruet, Whitehall; Lucas Storm, Lake Fenton; Dylan Dickens, Ortonville Brandon; Nico Hernandez, Madison Heights Lamphere; Nolan Ray, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice; Jakob Price, Muskegon; Gabe Winowich, Detroit Country Day.
Wide Receivers
Saige Slanec, Crosswell-Lexington; Caleb Wardlow, Pinckney; Braden Hill, Charlotte; Jabari Campbell, Wyoming Kelloggsville; Ryan Serba,

Coopersville; Jalen Charity, Grand Rapids Northview; Gavin Malenfant, Flint Kearsley; Jalen Holley, River Rouge; Joseph Williams, Detroit Martin Luther King; Chansey Willis Jr., Detroit Martin Luther King; Cody Nash, Fruitport; Jeremiah Dault, Muskegon.
Linemen
Dennis Strey Jr., Paw Paw; Bo Skidmore, Vicksburg; Terrell Hollingsworth, Detroit Martin Luther King; Bryce Debi, DeWitt; Charlie Lovell, Pinckney; Dominic Honsinger, Parma Western; Gabe Wertz, Charlotte; Adam Waszak, St. Johns; Brandon Grant, Ionia; Bobby Clendenon, Zeeland West; Skye VanderKuyll, Zeeland West; Blake Scheer, Cedar Springs; Ahmon Parks, Grand Rapids Christian; Grant O. Brien, Goodrich; Max Muenzer, Lake Fenton; Gino Tribuzio, Ortonville Brandon; Eric Grenadier, Detroit Country Day; Andrew Agbay, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice; Blake Swiger, Cadillac; Dylan Senda, Dearborn Divine Child; Josh Rau, Lowell; Keon Price, Wyoming Godwin Heights; JB Couch, Alma; Hunter Throop, Spring Lake; Ty Irby, Muskegon; DeShawn Robinson, Auburn Hills Avondale.
Linebackers
Connor Quake, Three Rivers; Ethan Ettinger, Mason;

Kaleb Parrish, Mason; Alex Ream, Cedar Springs; Joseph Maier, Bay City John Glenn; Bryce Eliuk, Linden; Tristian Gist, Madison Heights Lamphere; BJ Wright, Muskegon; Jackson Minelli, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice.
Defensive Backs
Aiden Brunin, Cedar Springs; Carson Gray, Chelsea; Landon Bethka, Alma; DeMari Foster, Muskegon.
Specialists
Jacob Thompson, Sturgis; Dontal Wright, Lansing Sexton; Lonnie Smith, Haslett; Cebe Hunderman, Zeeland East; Dylan Turoski, Sparta; Jacob Kundering, Freeland; Caden Kolanowski, Goodrich; Cole Lacanaria, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice.
Kicker
Nate Brinks, Grand Rapids South Christian; Luke Silvernale, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.
Coaches
Gary Houghton, Mason; Brad Thomas, Haslett; Jason McIntyre, Mt. Pleasant.

ATHLETES, COACHES NAMED AP DIVISION 5-6 ALL-STATE

The Michigan Associated Press has released its 2021 Division 5-6 high school football all-state teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nolan Ziegler, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.

FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

Quarterbacks
John Passinault, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.
Joey Baker, Lansing Catholic, Sr.
Running Backs
Owen Sampson, Ida, Sr.
Tim Kloska, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Jr.
David Millikin, Grayling, Sr.
Cole Lindow, Frankenmuth, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Alex Watters, Lansing Catholic, Sr.
Nolan Ziegler, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.
Curtis Knapp, Jonesville, Sr.
Zach Person, Kingsford, Sr.
Linemen
Hunter Potier, Gladstone, Sr.
Alex VanSumeren, Essexville

Garber, Sr.
Nathan VanTimmeren, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Jr.
Brandon Felts, Clinton, Jr.
Bo Poljan, Lansing Catholic, Sr.
Ashton Benkert, Frankenmuth, Sr.
Lenny Bjorn, Calumet, Sr.
Camren May, Detroit Southeastern, Sr.
Linebackers
Mason Knippens, Lansing Catholic, Sr.
Maddox Woods, Shepherd, Jr.
Terrence Hayes, Detroit Southeastern, Jr.
Brett Peterson, Kingsley, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Ethan Patrick, Portland, Sr.
Kaydin Hiland, Michigan Center, Sr.
Seth Jackson, Reed City, Jr.
Charles Tigert, Marine City, Sr.
Specialists
AJ Warner, Clare, Sr.
DJ Voltz, Carrollton, Sr.
Kicker
Diego Przeslakowski, Kingsford, Sr.
Coach
Jim Baker, Lansing Catholic

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)
Quarterbacks
Cowan Keller, Jonesville, Jr.
Running Backs
Aidan Bellisle, Menominee, Sr.
Zach Tetler, Marine City, Jr.
Bobby Hoth, Boyne City, Sr.
Dryden Nelson, Calumet, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Jeremy Pilch, Stockbridge, Sr.
Tre. Von Redding, Warren Michigan Collegiate, Sr.
Linemen
LaVonte Sims-Brown, Mt. Morris, Sr.
Kyle Kloska, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.
Garrett Domack, Jonesville, Sr.
Reis Phillips, Portland, Sr.
Heston Wiggs, Constantine, Sr.
Evan Sampson, Durand, Jr.
Drew Priddy, Olivet, Jr.
Kady LaChappelle, Millington, Sr.
Brandon DeVries, Kalamazoo United, Sr.
Nate Rivard, Midland Bullock Creek, Jr.
Logan Heath, Michigan Center, Sr.
Boyd Chambers, Midland Bullock Creek, Sr.

Caden VanSickle, Manistee, Jr.
Linebackers
Jack Klafeta, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.
Zach Painter, Williamston, Sr.
Alan Bjorn, Calumet, So.
Jacob Bush, Boyne City, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Kaden McDonald, Gladwin, Jr.
Cole Jankowski, Frankenmuth, Sr.
Laszlo Arpin, Flint Powers Catholic, Sr.
Tendaji Alexander, Clawson, Sr.
Specialists
Phil Nelson, Negaunee, Jr.
Kaden Jewett, Boyne City, Sr.
Kicker
Alex Cordone, Clawson, Sr.
Coaches
Marc Jarstfer, Gladwin
Doug Samuels, Comstock Park
Marty Malcolm, Standish-Sterling

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks
Carson Irwin, Dundee; Clay Fowler, Olivet; Nick Wheeler, Gladwin; Carter Campau, Midland Bullock Creek; Jude Moeggenborg, Shepherd.

Running Backs
DeSean Matthews, Detroit Southeastern; Corey Vanderputte, Muskegon Oakridge; Dylan Everett, Montague; Sam Goethals, Kingsley; True Beeman, Kingsley; Tyler DeWitt, Comstock Park; Laine Thibault, Standish-Sterling; Logan Kokotovich, Gladwin; Peyton Brooks, Midland Bullock Creek.
Wide Receivers
Dylan Cragg, Grayling; Karon Allen, Detroit Southeastern; Ronin Russell-Dixon, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Dawson John, Clare; Logan Anthony, Essexville Garber; Parker Grzegoreczyk, Midland Bullock Creek.
Linemen
Logan Horn, Hillsdale; Sparty Skillern, Grayling; Drew Morris, Portland; Michael Humphries, Napoleon; Brady Redmer, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Chase Raymond, Standish-Sterling; Jason PUNCHES, Clare; Hayden McDonald, Montague; Ethan Jozsa, Muskegon Oakridge; Delano Townsend, Flint Hamady; Dylan McDonald, Du-

rand; Beau Harriger, Glen Lake; Kaden Patterson, Kingsley; Connor Carmody, Clare; Lincoln McKinnon, Gladwin.
Linebackers
Bennett VandenBerg, Constantine; Owen Griffith, Constantine; Joey McHugh, Boyne City; Jack Cook, Grand Rapids Catholic Central.
Defensive Backs
Joey Mahaney, Williamston; Drew Kaecmeister, Saginaw Swan Valley; Luke Matusik, Millington; Cos Davis, Birch Run.
Specialists
Brady Jacobs, Grant; Jaden Herrick, Corunna.
Kickers
Andrew Kooi, Montague; Blaise Millar, Essexville Garber.
Punters
Jack Neer, Boyne City; Denny Belmonte, North Muskegon.
Coaches
Scott Shankel, Reed City; Todd Kolster, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Phil Martin, Frankenmuth.

Sports

DIVISION 7-8 ALL-STATE FOOTBALL

Division 7-8 All-State Football

The Michigan Associated Press has released its 2021 Division 7-8 high school football all-state teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nick Kopin, Hudson, Sr.

FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

Quarterbacks
Austin Fowler, Holton, Sr.
Charlie Peterson, Traverse City St. Francis, Sr.
Cole Giesige, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Patrick Sterrett, Charlevoix, Jr.
Carlos White, Detroit Central, So.
Bret Hosmer, Holton, Sr.
Wyatt Nausadis, Traverse City St. Francis, Jr.
Linemen
Noah Bauman, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Sr.
Evan Stephayn, Lawton, Sr.
Cameron Kimball, Hudson, Sr.
Corey Schafer, Pewamo-Westphalia, Sr.
Judah Daniels, Detroit Central, Sr.
Levi Harber, Montrose, Sr.
Jacob Grozenski, Traverse City St. Francis, Sr.
Gavin Dawson, Ishpeming Westwood, Sr.
Linebackers

Payton Rogers, Hudson, Sr.
Landon Nurenberg, Pewamo-Westphalia, Sr.
Nicholas Trumble, Addison, Sr.
David Whitehead, Leslie, Sr.
Joey Donahue, Traverse City St. Francis, Jr.
Defensive Backs
Davin Ruffin, Madison Heights Madison, Sr.
Angelo Costanza, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Jr.
Jacob Hamilton, Reading, Jr.
Isaac Brady, Whitmore Lake, Jr.
Specialist
Jackson Zeiter, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Jr.
Kicker
Brett Mueller, Ubly, So.
Punter
Troy Wertman, Pewamo-Westphalia, Jr.
Coach
Dan Rogers, Hudson

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)
Quarterbacks
Luke Saunders, Breckenridge, Sr.
Caleb Stuck, Charlevoix, Sr.
Shea Ruddy, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Jr.
David Williams, Detroit Central, Sr.
Running Backs
Cade Block, Beal City, Sr.

Brian Morgan, Houghton Lake, Sr.
John Alexander, Sand Creek, Sr.
Benny Diaz, Saugatuck, Sr.
Adam Mills, Frankfort, Sr.
Wide Receivers
Paul Wright, Carson City-Crystal, Sr.
Jace Horman, Breckenridge, Sr.
Dylan Wehner, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker, Sr.
Jason Hardy, Detroit Loyola, Sr.
Linemen
Christian Park, Lake City, Sr.
Mack Bontekoe, McBain, Jr.
Anthony Zechmeister, Hemlock, Jr.
Tucker Hubbard, Frankfort, Sr.
Chase Mitchell, Lawton, Sr.
Silas Merchant, Detroit Collegiate Prep, Sr.
Ethan Gillig, Ubly, Sr.
Michael Stevenson, Montrose, Jr.
Jaden Johnson, Muskegon Catholic Central, Sr.
Kobe Farrow, Addison, Sr.
Linebackers
Wade Wilson, Beal City, Sr.
Colin Morrow, Jackson Lumen Christi, Sr.
Joey Campbell, Reading, Jr.
Drew Stephayn, Lawton, Sr.
Defensive Backs
Nathan Hermann, Petersburg Summerfield, Sr.
Damarquiss Palmreuter, Reese, Sr.
Bryce Stanley, Carson City-

Crystal, Sr.
Specialists
Charles Niehaus, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic, Sr.
Nathan Francis, Whitmore Lake, Sr.
Jaylin Townsend, Flint Beecher, Jr.
Coach
Jeremy Miller, Pewamo-Westphalia

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks
Preston Wallace, Evart;
Bronson Bupp, Ithaca; Chase Pung, Fowler; Mason Smith, Carson City-Crystal; Evan Peruski, Ubly; Jakari Edwards, Muskegon Heights Academy; Kaleb Bellaflores, Burton Bendle; Conor Benson, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic; Dylan Gough, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Tanner Terbush, Reese; Evan Wakefield, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary.
Running Backs
Martin Tovar, Sandusky; Jack Davidson, White Pigeon; MarShawn Brown, Detroit Collegiate Prep; Calvin Turner, Detroit Central; Luke Woodke, Harbor Beach; In this week, A&S Northern Michigan takes us to the Farmland 5K in Traverse City. Ignatius Jackson. St. Louis; Rafael Woods, New Lothrop; Cole Jondro, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central; Braylon Ballard,

Unionville-Sebawaing; Connor Schrank, Coleman; Cramer Laurenz, Breckenridge.
Wide Receivers
Grant Roberson, Marlette; Ethan Hull, Ithaca; Hayden Peck, East Jordan; Chad Pratt, Ithaca; Adam Kidder, Madison Heights Bishop Foley.
Linemen
Spencer Harvala, Ishpeming Westwood; Jake Clafin, Charlevoix; Ayden Fulton, Johannesburg-Lewiston; Chunky Willis, Jackson Lumen Christi; Cayden Schreckengust, Saugatuck; Connor Herford, Cass City; In this week, A&S Northern Michigan From Above, Mark Goethel takes us to the Farmland 5K in Traverse City. Dylan Cartwright, Holton; Isiah Pasik, New Lothrop; Devin Rummels, Flint Beecher; Diego Ramirez, Clarkston Everest Collegiate; Grant Gutierrez, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Benjamin Newby, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; Luke Braun, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker; Matt Oswald, Beal City.
Linebackers
Dylan Carper, White Pigeon; Zander Johncheck, East Jordan; Kendrick Britt, Detroit Loyola; Cole Stone, Carson City-Crystal; Kaleb Peska, Ithaca; Robert Knapik, Hemlock; Jake MacPhee, Bad Axe; Ben Dousuah, St. Louis; Sam Kartes, Muskegon

Catholic Central; Colton Blankstrom, Montague; Grayson Orr, New Lothrop; James Braswell, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Gabe Olivier, Traverse City St. Francis; Aidan Mackowiak, Ubly; Levi Foco, Reese; Michael Baysah, St. Louis; Mitch Hall, Beaverton.
Defensive Backs
Travis Fuller, Marlette; Josh Nichols, Detroit Loyola; James Nedwick, Clarkston Everest Collegiate.
Specialists
Brandon Thompson, Petersburg Summerfield; Garrett Iobe, Union City; Tyler Swanwick, Centreville; Logan Colli-son-Russell, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker; James Cummings II, Flint Beecher; Joseph Thibodeau, Clarkston Everest Collegiate
Kicker
Brice Kempf, Traverse City St. Francis.
Coaches
Scott Syrjala, Ishpeming Westwood; Greg Kitson, East Jordan; Brad Gross, Beal City; Tim Swore, Carson City-Crystal; Eric Sweeney, Ubly; Brian Barnes, Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAME SCHEDULE, SCORES

Friday, Dec. 17

BAHAMAS BOWL

Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
12 p.m. ET | ESPN
Thomas Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas

CURE BOWL

Northern Illinois vs. Coastal Carolina
6 p.m. | ESPN2
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

Saturday, Dec. 18

BOCA RATON BOWL

Appalachian State vs. Western Kentucky
11 a.m. | ESPN
FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida

CELEBRATION BOWL

Jackson State vs. South Carolina State
12 p.m. | ABC
Mercedes-Benz in Atlanta, Georgia

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Fresno State vs. UTEP
2:15 p.m. | ESPN
Dreamstyle Stadium in Albuquerque, New Mexico

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

No. 13 BYU vs. UAB
3:30 p.m. | ABC
Independence Stadium in Shreveport, Louisiana

LENDINGTREE BOWL

Eastern Michigan vs. Liberty
5:45 p.m. | ESPN
Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Alabama

LA BOWL

Oregon State vs. Utah State
7:30 p.m. | ABC
SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

No. 23 Louisiana vs. Marshall
9:15 p.m. | ESPN
Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana

Monday, Dec. 20

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

Tulsa vs. Old Dominion
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Brooks Stadium in Conway, South Carolina

Tuesday, Dec. 21

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Kent State vs. Wyoming
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho

FRISCO BOWL

No. 24 San Diego State vs. UTSA
7:30 p.m. | ESPN
Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

Armed Forces Bowl
Missouri vs. Army
8 p.m. | ESPN
Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Frisco Football Classic
Miami (Ohio) vs. North Texas
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas

GASPARILLA BOWL

Florida vs. UCF
7 p.m. | ESPN
Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida

Friday, Dec. 24

HAWAI'I BOWL

Memphis vs. Hawai'i
8 p.m. | ESPN
Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex in Honolulu, Hawai'i

Saturday, Dec. 25

CAMELLIA BOWL

Ball State vs. Georgia State
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama

Monday, Dec. 27

QUICK LANE BOWL

Western Michigan vs. Nevada
11 a.m. | ESPN
Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan

MILITARY BOWL

East Carolina vs. Boston College
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Birmingham Bowl
No. 20 Houston vs. Auburn
12 p.m. | ESPN
Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Alabama

FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Air Force vs. Louisville
3:15 p.m. | ESPN
Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas, Texas

LIBERTY BOWL

Texas Tech vs. Mississippi State
6:45 p.m. | ESPN
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, Tennessee

HOLIDAY BOWL

No. 18 North Carolina State vs. UCLA
8 p.m. | FOX
Petco Park in San Diego, California

GUARANTEED RATE BOWL

Minnesota vs. West Virginia
10:15 p.m. | ESPN
Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, Dec. 29

FENWAY BOWL

Virginia vs. SMU
11 a.m. | ESPN
Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts

PINSTRIP BOWL

Virginia Tech vs. Maryland
2:15 p.m. | ESPN
Yankee Stadium in New York, New York

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

No. 19 Clemson vs. Iowa State
5:45 p.m. | ESPN
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

ALAMO BOWL

No. 14 Oregon vs. No. 16 Oklahoma
9:15 p.m. | ESPN
Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Duke's Mayo Bowl
North Carolina vs. South Carolina
11:30 a.m. | ESPN
Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Tennessee vs. Purdue
3 p.m. | ESPN
Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee

PEACH BOWL

No. 10 Michigan State vs. No. 12 Pittsburgh
7 p.m. | ESPN
Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Wisconsin vs. Arizona State
10:30 p.m. | ESPN
Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada

Friday, Dec. 31

GATOR BOWL

No. 17 Wake Forest vs. No. 25 Texas A&M
11 a.m. | ESPN
TIAA Bank Stadium in Jacksonville, Florida

SUN BOWL

Washington State vs. Miami (FL)
12 p.m. | CBS
Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas

ARIZONA BOWL

Central Michigan vs. Boise State
2 p.m. | Barstool Sports
Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Arizona

COTTON BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Cincinnati
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas

ORANGE BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)

No. 2 Michigan

vs. No. 3 Georgia

7:30 p.m. | ESPN
Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida

Saturday, Jan. 1

OUTBACK BOWL

No. 21 Arkansas vs. Penn State
12 p.m. | ESPN2
Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida

CITRUS BOWL

No. 15 Iowa vs. No. 22 Kentucky
1 p.m. | ABC
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

FIESTA BOWL

No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 9 Oklahoma State
1 p.m. | ESPN
State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona

ROSE BOWL

No. 6 Ohio State vs. No. 11 Utah
5 p.m. | ESPN
Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California

SUGAR BOWL

No. 7 Baylor vs. No. 8 Ole Miss
8:45 p.m. | ESPN
Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

TEXAS BOWL

Kansas State vs. LSU
9 p.m. | ESPN
NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas

MONDAY, JAN. 10

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

8 p.m. | ESPN
Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana

Here's a complete list of scores from the College Football Playoff since its first season in 2014:

College Football Playoff: Scores
2014 season
Rose Bowl: No. 2 Oregon 59, No. 3 Florida State 20
Sugar Bowl: No. 4 Ohio State 42, No. 1 Alabama 35
CFP National Championship Game: No. 4 Ohio State 42, No. 2 Oregon 20
2015 season
Orange Bowl: No. 1 Clemson 37, No. 4 Oklahoma 17
Cotton Bowl: No. 2 Alabama 38, No. 3 Michigan State 0
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Alabama 45, No. 1 Clemson

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2016 season
Fiesta Bowl: No. 2 Clemson 31, No. 3 Ohio State 0
Peach Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 24, No. 4 Washington 7
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Clemson 35, No. 1 Alabama 31
2017 season
Rose Bowl: No. 3 Georgia 54, No. 2 Oklahoma 48 (2OT)
Sugar Bowl: No. 4 Alabama 24, No. 1 Clemson 6
CFP National Championship Game: No. 4 Alabama 26, No. 3 Georgia 23 (OT)
2018 season
Orange Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 45, No. 4 Oklahoma 34
Cotton Bowl: No. 2 Clemson 30, No. 3 Notre Dame 3
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Clemson 44, No. 1 Alabama 16
2019 season
Peach Bowl: No. 1 LSU 63, No. 4 Oklahoma 28
Fiesta Bowl: No. 3 Clemson 29, No. 2 Ohio State 23
CFP National Championship Game: No. 1 LSU 42, No. 3 Clemson 25
2020 season
Rose Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 31, No. 4 Notre Dame 14
Sugar Bowl: No. 3 Ohio State 49, No. 2 Clemson 28
CFP National Championship Game: No. 1 Alabama 52, No. 3 Ohio State 24
The 2019 season marked the first time the No. 1 team in the final CFP rankings has won the title. The No. 1 has now won two in a row, however, with Alabama routing Ohio State in the 2020 season.

The No. 2 team has been the most successful this far, as that team has won three times: Alabama (2015 season), Clemson (2016 season) and Clemson (2018 season).

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Why do we hang stockings by the fireplace?

Some Christmas traditions date back many centuries

BY MIKE DUNN

The great Christmas tradition, the hanging Christmas stockings by the fireplace, actually began with the original Saint Nicholas, a Fourth Century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (present day Turkey). A lot of people don't realize there actually was a man who became known Saint Nicholas and upon whom the generous character of Santa Claus and the tradition of giving gifts is based. (And, of course, for Christians around the world the giving of gifts reflects the manner in which the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, came into the world and gave Himself as redeemer for the sins of mankind.)

As one would expect, the original Saint Nicholas was a benevolent man noted for his charity and good will and he was particularly kind to children, often giving away treats and small gifts.

According to legend, there was a widower in Myra who had three daughters for whom he could not provide a dowry. The story goes that Saint Nicholas threw three bags of gold into the fireplace chimney one Christmas Eve and the gold landed into the stockings drying by the fire. Thus began the tradition of



putting presents into Christmas stockings.

Another longstanding tradition, one we're all especially familiar with here in northern Michigan even if our surname is not Helsel or Murray, is Christmas trees.

This tradition has been around a while. They are known to have been popular in Germany as far back as the sixteenth century. The tree's association with Christmas seems to have evolved from the late Middle Ages when Germans and Scandinavians placed evergreens inside their homes to show their hope in the forthcoming spring.

The tradition of Christmas trees in the U.S. can likely be traced to the German immigrants who came to Pennsylvania. Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the U.S. since 1850.

Here are some interesting facts, gleaned from several sources, about Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas carols and other holiday stuff:

If you love Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," you'll find this interesting. Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character, three other alliterative names

were considered by the author: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, Americans buy 37.1 million real Christmas trees each year; 25 percent of them are from the nation's 5,000 choose-and-cut farms.

America's official national Christmas tree is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree," is over 300 feet high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925.

The first commercial Christmas card sold was designed by London artist John Calcott Horsley in December of 1842. He was hired by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman, to design a card that showed people feeding and clothing the poor with another picture of a Christmas party. The first Christmas card said, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." Of the original 1,000 cards he printed for Sir Henry Cole, only one exists today.

An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year and see 28 eight cards return

in their place.

Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing - toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

Some famous people who were born on Christmas day: Sir Isaac Newton (1642); Humphrey Bogart (1899); Rod Serling (1924); Little Richard (1932); Ken Stabler (1945); Jimmy Buffet (1946); Larry Csonka (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949); Ricky Henderson (1958).

Ironically, it's nearly certain Jesus himself was not born on Dec. 25. That date for the celebration of the birth of the Savior was chosen by the Emperor Constantine around the year 335 A.D. because on that same day the pagan festival Saturnalia revolving around the Winter Solstice and the start of a new year was held. Jesus was likely born in the spring, sometime between March 21 and May 20 by our calendar.

During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States.

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

The tradition of Christmas lights dates back to when Christians were persecuted for saying Mass. A simple candle in the window meant that Mass would be celebrated there that night.

GRANTS

FROM PG. 1

Park Boat Launch project, not to exceed \$98,100. The grant is paid after invoices are received so the county will need pay the initial construction costs.

Appointments were made to the county's various committees. Jim Rudolph was reappointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Cathy Kessler and Sharon Misiak were appointed to the Commission on Aging board, Lenore Senter was reappointed to the Fair Board, Mark Heydlauff was reappointed to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance board, Caroline Kobylczak was appointed to the Parks Committee, Robert Tidmore was reappointed to the Planning Commission, and Phil Kessler and John Haggard were both reappointed to

the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals.

Executive Director of Charlevoix County Transit, Jill Drury announced that CCT had received the 2021 Outstanding Rural System of the Year Award from the Community Transportation Association of America. She presented the plaque to the commissioners. The award honors agencies that provide a high level of service while showing inventive ways of doing business. During the award presentation, Charlevoix County Transit was commended for stepping up and becoming the sole source of transportation for home delivery and disaster meals at the onset of the pandemic.

The next Charlevoix County Commission meeting is scheduled for December 22 at 6 p.m.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 8, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on December 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #21-136, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #21-137, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Board acted on various committee appointments.

Motion approved Resolution #21-138, Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

Motion approved Resolution #21-139, Friend of the Court Referee Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #21-140, Remonumentation Grant Application for 2022.

Motion approved Resolution #21-141, Beaver Island Congregate Meals Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #21-142, Whiting Park Waterways Grant Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #21-143, Project Authorization FY 2022 Section 5311 Operating Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.

Motion approved Resolution #21-144, Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation.

Motion approved Resolution #21-145, Smith & Wesson Simunitions Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #21-146, Advisacare Office Building Lease.

Motion approved Resolution #21-147, Resolution of Support for the Beaver Head Light & Signal Station Restoration Grant Application.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:48 a.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

EVELINE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

**JANUARY 5, 2022
7:00 P.M.
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.2, TABLE OF LAND USES BY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE EVELINETOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD UNDER THE HEADING **PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES/UTILITIES** AMBULANCE SUBSTATIONS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE FARM FOREST ZONING DISTRICT.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED PRIOR TO JANUARY 5, 2022 TO

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Offered by: JOHNSON
Supported by: REID JR.

ORDINANCE # 144-F

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF EAST JORDAN**

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 46-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from PO (Professional Office District) to R-3 (Multiple Family District). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

15-053-752-002-00	715 Vance Street
15-053-752-004-00	720 Water Street
15-053-752-005-00	710 Water Street
15-053-751-007-00	832 Water Street
15-053-751-008-10	824 Water Street
15-053-751-012-00	800 Water Street

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: JOHNSON, SHERMAN, PENZIEN, REID JR, TIMMONS, HOFWEBER, AND NEWINGTON
Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE

Introduced: NOVEMBER 16, 2021
Adopted: DECEMBER 7, 2021
Published: DECEMBER 16, 2021
Effective: DECEMBER 23, 2021

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC
City Clerk

MOTION OFFERED BY: REID JR
SECOND BY: JOHNSON

**ORDINANCE #144 A
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE
FOR THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN**

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDAINS:

The Zoning Code for the City of East Jordan is hereby amended as follows:

Original:

Chapter 46 Zoning, Article III District Regulations, Division 12 WF Waterfront District Sec. 46-542. - Permitted accessory uses.
Permitted accessory uses are as follows:

- (1) Normal accessory uses to all permitted principal uses.
- (2) Normal accessory uses to all permitted principal special uses

Add and Amend:

Sec. 46-542. - Permitted accessory uses.
Permitted accessory uses are as follows:

- (1) Normal accessory uses to all permitted principal uses.
- (2) Normal accessory uses to all permitted principal special uses
- (3) **Each legally created lakefront lot shall be entitled to one (1) seasonal dock. A minimum of two (200) hundred feet of frontage is required for a second dock.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: TIMMONS, HOFWEBER, NEWINGTON, JOHNSON, PENZIEN AND REID JR
NAYS: SHERMAN
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ADOPTED: DECEMBER 7, 2021
PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 16, 2021
EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 23, 2021

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



BEAUTIFUL TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY HOME IN EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

Custom crafted and beautifully designed, this outstanding home in East Jordan has been in the same family for over a century.

This four bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,752 square feet of gorgeously appointed space. The detail and craftsmanship are superb. Highlights include wood flooring, wood burning fireplace, magnificent trim work, lovely kitchen with peninsula snack bar and more. Among the many updates are the roof, furnace, electrical, vinyl siding, kitchen and

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Rearrange and organize. Remove as many articles as possible from the kitchen and bathroom countertops to the cupboards below-they'll still be within handy reach in the newly created space. Organize closets. Clear off your night stands and bureaus.

Size up the arrangement of your furniture-any room for improvement there?

Examine the walls and windows. Do they need re-painting or new window coverings?

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