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ELECTION RESULTS

STATEWIDE RESULTS

This list only includes contested races.

Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position		
83/83 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Whitmer, Gretchen	2,422,624	54.47%
Republican - Dixon, Tudor M.	1,954,311	43.94%
Libertarian - Buzuma, Mary	38,780	0.87%
US Taxpayers - Brandenburg, Donna	16,262	0.37%
Green - Hogan, Kevin	10,782	0.24%
Natural Law - Simpson, Daryl M.	4,960	0.11%

Secretary of State 4 Year Term (1) Position		
83/83 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Benson, Jocelyn	2,459,865	55.86%
Republican - Karamo, Kristina Elaine	1,846,448	41.93%
Libertarian - Stempfle, Gregory Scott	52,991	1.20%
US Taxpayers - Schwartz, Christine C.	27,927	0.63%
Green - Hutchinson Jr., Larry James	16,620	0.38%

Attorney General 4 Year Term (1) Position		
83/83 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Nessel, Dana	2,321,663	53.15%
Republican - DePerno, Matthew	1,946,031	44.55%
Libertarian - McHugh Jr., Joseph W.	67,732	1.55%
US Taxpayers - Van Sickle, Gerald T.	32,402	0.74%

1st District Rep in Congress 2 Year Term (1) Position		
36/36 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Lorinser, Bob	144,952	37.49%
Republican - Bergman, Jack	231,657	59.91%
Libertarian - Gale, Andrew	4,569	1.18%
Working Class - Hakola, Liz	5,480	1.42%

37th District State Senator 4 Year Term (1) Position		
8/8 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Conley, Barbara	60,845	42.94%
Republican - Damoose, John N.	78,413	55.33%
Libertarian - Dean, Zachary	2,449	1.73%

107th District Rep in State Legislature 2 Year Term (1) Position		
5/5 Counties	Votes	Percent
Democratic - Decker, Jodi	20,610	43.41%
Republican - Friske, Neil W.	26,867	56.59%

Justice of Supreme Court 8 Year Terms (2) Positions		
83/83 Counties	Votes	Percent
Bernstein, Richard	2,116,409	33.94%
Bolden, Kyra Harris	1,366,325	21.91%
Hudson, Paul	830,667	13.32%
Morgan, Kerry Lee	437,556	7.02%
Zahra, Brian	1,484,664	23.81%

4th District Judge of Court of Appeals 6 Year Terms (2) Positions		
56/56 Counties	Votes	Percent
Gadola, Michael F.	606,779	51.86%
Swartzle, Brock A.	563,144	48.14%

LOCAL RESULTS

Charlevoix County Commissioner 1st District	
Robert J. Jess Republican	- 1,661
Craig Malmstrom No Party Affiliation	- 607

Charlevoix County Commissioner 2nd District	
Chris Christensen Republican	- 1,628

Charlevoix County Commissioner 3rd District	
Patrick Harmon Republican	- 1,638

Charlevoix County Commissioner 4th District	
Joshua Chamberlain Republican	- 1,408

Charlevoix County Commissioner 5th District	
Scott Hankins Republican	- 1,584
Nancy Ferguson No Party Affiliation	- 1,109

Charlevoix County Commissioner 6th District	
Annemarie Conway Republican	- 1,530
Cheryl Browe - WRITE IN CANDIDATE	- 229

Mayor for the City of Charlevoix	
Lyle E. Gennett	- 790
Dennis Halverson	- 525

Charlevoix Township Township Supervisor Partial Term Ending 11/20/2024	
Daniel Ulrich Democrat	- 536
Collin O'Brien Republican	- 453

Local School District Board Member Boyne City Public Schools (vote for 2)	
Jilaine M. Towne-Patton	- 2,133
William Arno	- 1,551
Savannah Hrenko	- 2,275

Board Member Charlevoix Public Schools (vote for 3)	
Jennifer Cunningham	- 2,690
Jeffrey S. Humble	- 1,696
Matthew Peterson	- 2,513
Douglas M. Bergmann	- 3,100

Board Member Beaver Island Community Schools (vote for 2)	
Thayer McDonough	- 275
Susan M. Myers	- 191
Kevin Stipp	- 224

Board Member East Jordan Public Schools 4 Year Term (vote for 3)	
Dawn Burks	- 1,591
Daniel Harris	- 1,475
Sarah W. Malpass	- 1,741

MILLAGE Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority	
Yes	- 1,250
No	- 564

East Jordan Proposal for Fire Equipment Millage	
Yes	- 552
No	- 280

Charlevoix Public Schools Operating Millage Proposal	
Yes	- 2,907
No	- 2,106

Christmas Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 26th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cast to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please contact Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application.

Charlevoix Man Sentenced for Taking Photos Up Woman's Skirt

OTSEGO COUNTY, MI. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post was contacted in July 2019 by a woman who was shopping at a store in Gaylord alleging a man took photos up her skirt while she was shopping for shoes.



TIMOTHY BRUCE

The victim came to the MSP Gaylord Post and said a man was standing uncomfortably close to her in a local store while she was shopping for shoes. The man bent over, and she observed he had his phone in his hand while his camera app was open. She immediately confronted the man and asked if he was taking photographs. He denied the allegation and then showed her photos on his phone. The victim video recorded her confrontation with the man. She posted the video of the confrontation on Facebook and asked if anyone recognized him. Someone replied it was Tim Bruce from Charlevoix.

Troopers interviewed then 56-year-old Timothy Mark Bruce at his residence in Charlevoix. Bruce stated he was at the store in Gaylord shopping. Bruce said he remembered the confrontation with a woman but denied taking any photographs. His phone was seized and sent to the MSP Computer Crimes Unit in Traverse City for analysis.

The evidence was returned, and a report sent to the Otsego County Prosecutor for review. A warrant was authorized, and Bruce was arrested for one count Surveilling Unclothed Person, a two-year felony. He was arraigned on December 12, 2019, in the 87-A Court in

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CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

CHARLEVOIX - Join your friends and family at the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration on **Friday, November 25th** from 3:00 to 6:00pm in downtown Charlevoix!

ALL DAY - CHARLEVOIX STORES

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS
Taking place throughout the day, Charlevoix Merchants will be offering fantastic Black Friday Deals that you won't want to miss. While area restaurants will offer great food and drink specials. Black Friday also kicks off the Gift Local shopping initiative where you can shop Charlevoix for a chance to win up to \$500 in Downtown Dollars. Click here for details on Gift Local Downtown Shopping Contest.

3:00-5:00PM - CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS

HOLIDAY CRAFT ACTIVITY
Children of all ages are invited to create a holiday craft at Charlevoix Circle of Arts located at 109 Clinton Street from 3-5pm. Santa's Workshop is brought to you by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

3:00 - 5:00PM - CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA
Stop in and have your child's picture taken with Santa. Santa and his jolly elves will be at the bank to help you capture that special holiday moment. Kids will enjoy delicious treats, compliments of Charlevoix State Bank and Picture This while they wait for their turn to see Santa.

5:00PM- IN THE PARK

HOT COCOA IN THE PARK
Enjoy a nice cup of hot cocoa while you watch the Holiday Parade, compliments of Stafford's Weathervane.

5:30PM - BRIDGE STREET, DOWNTOWN

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE PRESENTED BY 4FRONT CREDIT UNION
The Holiday Parade will start at 5:30pm. The parade will take place on Bridge Street between Hurlbut and Clinton Street downtown. Enjoy music, lighted floats and more. **PARADE APPLICATION**

6:00PM - EAST PARK

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION
The final parade entry will be Santa and his helpers who will stop in East Park to brighten the night by lighting the Community Christmas Tree for the first time this holiday season. The tree will be lit at the conclusion of the parade at approximately 6:00pm.



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CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE mARkeT OPENS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Charlevoix, MI, November 14, 2022— Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host its annual Charlevoix Circle mARkeT from November 18 to December 30, 2022, featuring local handmade items, original art, and locally produced specialty treats. This festive exhibition kicks off with an opening reception from 5-7pm on Friday, November 18th with complimentary food and drinks to enjoy while shopping.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts exhibit gallery turns into a festive handmade shopping experience for all with handmade gifts for everyone on your list, yourself included! Items from over 40 local crafters, makers, artists, jewelers, and more will be for sale through December 30, 2022.

To enrich the holiday mARkeT experience this year, the Circle of Arts will also host a German-style holiday Christkindl Festival on Saturday, December 3, from 12pm to 5pm. This event will have indoor and outdoor activities including bratwurst, sauerkraut and other foods from the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix, hot chocolate, mulled wine, and beer from Stuffed Brewery, live music by the Foghorn Jazz Band, CMHS Performing Arts students, and The Significant Others, plus holiday shopping, children's cookie decorating, face painting, and a visit from Santa.

"Shopping the Circle mARkeT is a great way to support local artists and makers, as well as your local community arts center. Dollars spent go directly to the artists who make the items purchased, and a small commission goes to Charlevoix Circle of Arts to support operational costs of the mARkeT, such as staffing and heat and electricity for the building," explains Sarah Matye, Executive Director.

The public is invited to shop this unique curated collection of handmade local products, made possible by the generous sponsorship support of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. Charlevoix Circle of Arts is open 11am to 4pm Monday through Friday and 11am to 3pm Saturday and is located at 109 Clinton Street, in downtown Charlevoix. For more information about the exhibit or Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit our website, www.charlevoixcircle.org.

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Live Nativity Night!

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Kick off the Christmas season with Boyne City on Friday, November 25. The Santa Parade starts at 5:30.

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tary hot dogs & cookies from Family Fare as well as coffee, hot cocoa, soups, chili and lemonade compli-

ments of Coldwell Banker! All proceeds collected to benefit the Charlevoix County Humane Society!



NM Chorale Holiday Concert this weekend

The Northern Michigan Chorale celebrates their 40th Anniversary with an uplifting Holiday Concert honoring our Veterans, remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald, and singing in the holidays.

It is a special event for the whole family, hearing a large group of joyful voices. Photos of our past 40 years will be shown on the big screen prior to each concert.

Julie Pierpont, from Brutus, who began directing the Chorale in 1997, plans to retire after this fall season. "It's been a



wonderful opportunity to direct such a talented group of dedicated singers for so many years," says Pierpont. "They come each week, spring and fall, from all over the north, dedicated to learning 4 to 6

part choral music to share with the public. We surely have a lot of fun together and always welcome new members."

Accompanying the Northern Michigan Chorale is the very tal-

ented Cynda Coleman from Harbor Springs. Performances will be held both Saturday, November 19 at 7 pm and Sunday, November 20 at 3 pm at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor. Tickets are available from tickets@GreatLakesCFA.org, by calling 231-439-2600, or at the door. Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Students \$12, 10 and under are FREE. For more information, please email sarahs@nm-chorale.org.

2nd Annual East Jordan Mingle and Jingle and Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's

After making its highly successful debut last year, the 2nd Annual Mingle and Jingle and Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's will be returning for another celebration on Saturday, November 26th in East Jordan. Kick off the holiday season with the Lighting of the Community Tree at 4:30 PM with Citizen of the Year Danielle Poindexter officially flipping on the lights a midst residents and visitors singing holiday carols. Beginning at 5:00 PM and running until 7:00 PM the 2nd Annual Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's will showcase 25 decorated trees and 5 gift baskets for a silent auction. Lucky bidders will not only take home a beautiful tree or basket, but will have the opportunity to write their check for their tree to the 501-C3 organization of their choice from a list of local 501C3 Chamber Members. The Jordan Valley Community Band will be performing at the festive event. Cellar 1914 will be offering a complimentary sample of their specialty wines available at their Wine Tasting Room located



at 101 Main Street. Free specialty hot chocolate will be available sponsored by the Little Miss & Mr. Firecracker Pageant. After touring the Jubilee of Trees at the gorgeous Boathouse, get a big start on holiday shopping at participating businesses who will be open throughout the evening with special sales, promotions and refreshments. Saturday, November 26th is Small Business Saturday and it is a great opportunity to support and shop the many small locally owned businesses that support your sports teams, special events that you enjoy and help contribute to our great quality of life we enjoy in our area. For more information on this event, please contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

Volunteers & Mudbrothers Make Challenge Mountain Event a Success

The Challenge Mountain Halloween SPOOK-TACULAR event was a smashing success. "We had overwhelming response," shares Program Director Linda Armstrong. "Everyone had a great time, and we were able to accommodate over 70 participants and 40 caregivers thanks to our amazing volunteers!"

Challenge Mountain is a non-profit organization whose mission is to: Enrich lives and empower individuals living with disabilities through year-round adaptive recreation.

Participants enjoyed four-wheeler rides, thanks to Mudbrothers, to the top of Challenge Mountain ski hill in Walloon Lake. Upon arrival at the top, everyone found a campfire for making s'mores.

Participants enjoyed pumpkin games at the outdoor pavilion. And, inside the lodge, participants created seasonal crafts and refreshments.

Mudbrothers is a social group of people from all over the region who enjoy side-by-side trail riding. The group often ends a ride at the top of Challenge Mountain for a group photo. "One day a few years ago, they contacted me wanting to give back to the community with rides to students living with disabilities," shares Armstrong. "They came out one fall day and gave rides around the entire property. It was a big success!" When asked to come back for the Hal-



loween Spooktacular, the Mudbrothers participated again, "many with great decorations," Armstrong adds.

The event had record numbers of volunteers and participants.

- 20 Challenge Mountain Volunteers!
- 20 Mudbrothers Volunteers!
- 70 Participants!
- 40 Caregivers!

For more information about Challenge Mountain year-round adaptive programs, social activities, Spirit Club, visit challengemountain.org or call 231.535.2141. Click to make a DONATION toward year-round recreational and cultural programs for individuals living with disabilities or call 231.582.1186.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Thanksgiving Celebration is on Friday, November 18 from 11:30a-1p. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are Closed Thanksgiving, November 24 & 25. We have added some fun new programming this year. Keep an eye out for BINGOCIZE, Cardio Drumming, Technology Trainings, Movies and Travels on our new Smart TV's, and much more!

CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS MARKET

Kick off the holiday season with Charlevoix Circle of Arts' annual holiday artists' market. Do all of your holiday shopping this year with over 40 local artists and makers handmade gifts. Join us for the Opening Reception & Community Appreciation Celebration Friday, November 18 from 5-7pm

BOYNE CITY ETA NU WRAPS BC KIDS IN WARMTH WITH DRESS FOR CHILL PROGRAM

Another summer is now history, fall's beautiful but cooler temperatures are upon us, and we know that winter's cold and snow are not far behind. For the past 14 years, the women of Eta Nu Charities have conducted their annual "Dress for Chill" program to purchase and distribute new winter outerwear for children in need in the Boyne City community. Last year, Eta Nu helped 187 area preschool and elementary students stay warm through the freezing winter months by providing them with jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. The need for this program seems to become more acute each year. Due to the pandemic and other economic factors, many families are still struggling. The income required to provide warm winter clothes for growing children often isn't available. That's where Eta Nu comes in. Beginning in September, committee members work together in an all-out effort to raise money to dress these children. The Dress for Chill team works all year to purchase warm weather clothing at the best possible prices, often taking advantage of end-of-season sales. They buy, sort, catalog and store all the purchases and then finally match each child with new outdoor clothing for winter before the snow flies. This major project takes a lot of planning — and a lot of funding. Each year, there has been an increase in the

number of students in need and inflation has added increased costs to the clothing purchases. The funds to support the program are raised solely through donations from community organizations, local businesses and individuals. It is truly a community project and Eta Nu members are grateful for the assistance and support we have received in the past. Helping our local children stay safe and warm during our cold winter season is imperative. Please consider becoming a part of this vitally important program. All donations are tax deductible. Checks may be made out to Eta Nu Charities/Dress for Chill and sent to P.O. Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712.

BOYNE CITY EARLIER THAN THE BIRD

Jump out of bed and get the earliest bird start on holiday shopping with special deals from downtown merchants. Saturday, Nov. 19, 7-11am. Special gift to shoppers in their pajamas.

BAY HARBOR HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Northern Michigan Chorale Holiday Concerts celebrating 40 years of performing. Plan to attend Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm or Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 pm at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Tickets on sale from any member of the Chorale, online at GreatLakesCFA.org or by calling 231-439-2610. For more info, sarahs@NM-Chorale.org

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR COFFEE HOUSE MUSIC

Gospel music at 7pm the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. The Open Door is a Christian Coffee House located inside the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road. Donations only. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Music schedule
Nov. 19 - Judy Slocum & Friends

CHARLEVOIX THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Hosted by Melanie Bishop Farmers Insurance, November 1 - November 22. Please donate non-perishable food items to help fill the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Drop off location 112 Mason St.

BOYNE CITY LET'S TALK TURKEY

With Good Neighbors Food Pantry. The chase is on! Let's round up those Northern Michigan Turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne City Area. A \$20 donation will provide a family with all the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal.
Ways to donate:
1. Drop off your check or cash at Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate in Boyne City now through the month of October.
2. Mail your tax- deductible check to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712
3. Donate online at www.goodneighborsboyne.org
With your help, the Good Neighbors Food Pantry will have enough turkeys for all who shop at the pantry. Good

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CHARLEVOIX ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 24, 12-3 pm. Take Out/ Eat In/ Delivery to Shut Ins. All are welcome. Meal provided at no charge. Charlevoix UMC/Drawbridge 104 State St. For more info or to volunteer contact Michelle 231-622-5312 or michelle.ganke@gmail.com.

BOYNE CITY HOLLY JOLLY BOYNE

Friday, November 25. Downtown open house 5-9pm. Visit with Santa. Live Nativity, 4-8pm. Parade 6pm. Parade entry deadline Nov. 22

BOYNE CITY TURKEY TROT

The Kiwanis Turkey Trot November 24. Start time 9am at Veterans Park pavilion. 5K and 1 mile fun run. Entry forms available at Boyne Chamber, Kilwins, Edward Jones. Info at www.runmichigan.com. Individual entry \$30 pre-registration by Nov. 17. \$35 day of event. Contact E-mail boynecitytrot@gmail.com. Phone Ruth Skop 231-881-0945 or Gayle Harbaugh 231-675-5725.

EAST JORDAN HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING

St. Joseph Catholic church is hosting a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving day, 1pm. Games and snacks 1pm. Dinner 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The dine-in Community Thanksgiving Dinner is back at the Eagles in Boyne City! This open to the community, dining service will be available 12 - 2 pm, on Thursday, November 24th. This is a free dinner for all and we will be accepting monetary and non-perishable goods donations if you so choose. All donations will be given to The Manna Food Project for distribution this holiday season. We will be providing limited delivery to those who are home-bound in the immediate area. Follow us on Facebook at Boyne City Eagles FOE 1583 for more information

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 25
3-5pm- Pictures with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank
3-5pm- Holiday Craft at Charlevoix Circle of Arts
5:30pm -Holiday Parade - We are looking for people to participate in the parade! Businesses, organizations, friends and family are welcome to be apart of the magical parade in Downtown Charlevoix. Decorate your car, truck, tractor, bike, boat, etc and join in the fun! Only one rule: No Santa! We have him covered.
6pm- Santa Lights the Tree

EAST JORDAN MINGLE & JINGLE

November 26. 4:30pm: Community tree lighting & commu-

nity caroling at Spring & Hammond St. 5-7pm: Jubilee of Trees at the Boathouse, 204 Water St. 7pm: The silent auction winners announced at the Boathouse. 5-8pm: Local businesses open houses.

EAST JORDAN JOIN US FOR THE JRAC GIFT MARKET

Open Daily from 1 - 4pm. 301 Main St. There will be fun and practical gifts for giving all made by local artists. Your purchase helps local artists as well as JRAC. We will have many items including paintings, collages, jewelry, scarves, baskets, cards and Christmas decorations. We will be open for extended hours from 1:00 - 8:00 for Shop Small Saturday on November 26. There will an ornament decorating activity for children on the lower level that evening.

EAST JORDAN JUBILEE OF TREES FOR 501 C(3)'S

November 26 at the Boat-house on Lake Charlevoix, 4:30 - 7PM. We are working on some new additions for this year's event. Only 25 Tree Sponsors. New this year - 5 Basket Sponsors. New this year - Monetary Sponsorship Levels available. Special monetary donation to the 501 C(3) that has the most attendees check in at the door. Only 501 C(3)'s that are East Jordan Chamber Members in good standing will be eligible to receive the donations. Please contact the EJ Chamber Office, 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org, if you are interested in being: a Tree Sponsor, Basket Sponsor, Monetary Sponsor

BELLAIRE SKI SWAP

Antrim Ski Academy will be holding their twenty seventh annual equipment and clothing sale, Saturday November 26th. The sale itself will be held from 9am to 3pm, Saturday, in the Grand Ballroom in The Lake-view Hotel at Summit Village at Shanty Creek. This sale will feature new and used ski and snowboard equipment and clothing. People with equipment and/or clothing that they wish to sell, may drop these items off at the swap location Friday, Nov. 26th from 5pm - 8pm and again from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA TRAIL

Saturday, December 3. All Day- Merchant Open House
12pm-5pm- Hot Cocoa Trail - RESTAURANTS! Do you think you have the best hot cocoa recipe!? Sign up to be a part of the trail! Winner will be award the Tuesday, December 6.
1pm- Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III - Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank- Bring 1 non-perishable item for admission benefitting the Charlevoix Rayder Den

EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Monday, Dec. 5, 5:30 - 7pm at the Foundry Bar & Grill. Sponsored by E.J. Monetary Donations being accepted for Care & Share Food Pantry and Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Also, Foundry Bar & Grill is a Toys for Tots drop off location so you are also welcome to bring a new unwrapped toy.

CHARLEVOIX HOLLY DAZE

Join us on Thursday, December 8, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. We are thrilled to welcome you back for our first in-person event in over three years, and we look forward to a memorable evening of celebration. Through the years, funds from this event have supported and strengthened Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital through critical equipment purchases, building upgrades, and investments in technology and innovation. Your generous Gifts of Love continue to ensure quality care remains available and close to home, for generations to come. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 at Holly Daze this year for equipment needs at Charlevoix Hospital.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER

HOURS

Wednesday, December 14, 5-7pm. Wear your best ugly sweater- winner gets a prize

GAYLORD

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Everyone should be empowered to save a life from suicide... Kiersten's Ride wants to empower you. Kiersten's Ride is happy to promote an upcoming Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings (ASIST): December 9th-10th, Gaylord. ASIST is a two-day face-to-face workshop (BOTH full days required). Participants will learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, providing a skilled intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone alive. Social Work CEU credits available. Seating is limited for each class, so register soon and spread the word. Your participation will help create communities safer from suicide... you matter... and you are making a difference! Please contact us if there are any questions. Kiersten's Ride, kierstensride.org. 231-675-5047

GAYLORD CONCERT

88.1 The Living Word FM Presents 2023 Winter Warm Up Concert. An Evening with Greater Vision Saturday, February 11, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Located at Gaylord High School's Gornick Auditorium. Purchase Tickets at living-wordfm.com. Regular Seating: \$20. Preferred Seating: \$25 (includes early entry and choice of seating)

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CHARLEVOIX 2023 CALENDARS

The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2023 calendar is now for sale. It's a collaborative effort by its many members, and printed close by to benefit a local business. The price is still just \$25! This calendar would look great on your wall, or make a unique gift to family or friends! They can be ordered at www.charlevoixphotographyclub.org or purchased at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

BOYNE CITY FREE CLINIC

The Boyne Area Free Clinic is now accepting Medicaid. Open Fridays, 8am - 4pm

EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

The Jordan Valley Community Band is looking for new members, all musicians welcome! We especially would like to have you join us if you play French Horn, Trombone or Clarinet. The Jordan Valley Community Band plays concerts on Thursday evenings in July at 7:30 PM in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. For more information or questions about joining the band, contact Becky at 231-675-0543. The Jordan Valley Community Band will once again be part of the East Jordan Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's. Please join us at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, Saturday, November 26 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM where the band will be performing your favorite Christmas Carols.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

This program provides limited support for Snow Removal though an income qualifying voucher system only for seniors,

60 years of age and older, who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners. Seniors 60 years or older who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners must complete the Snow Removal Self Declaration Form, return it to the Charlevoix County COA along with the latest Income Tax Reporting Form 1040 or 1040A as proof of total household income and proof of residency in the form of a copy of property taxes or rental agreement.

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224. DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AT THE EJ TOURIST PARK

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 26th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cost to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please contact Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application.

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

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COMMUNITY LEADERS

Enriching Lives For Individuals Living With Disabilities Through Adaptive Recreation

By John Keyser

I was encouraged to meet Elizabeth Looze, Executive Director of Challenge Mountain.

First some background about Elizabeth, to be followed with a short description of Challenge Mountain and how they help children with special needs, e.g., whether physical and or mental disabilities.

Elizabeth grew up in Leelanau County just north of Traverse City. She attended public schools, obtained a scholarship to attend Northwestern Michigan College, and after two years went on to the James Madison College at Michigan State University to earn her BA degree in social science.

After college, Elizabeth served as a state-based health care specialist for a US Senator. She was responsible for keeping him informed about health care across the state, maintaining relationships with constituents, and advocated for national health care for the uninsured.

Following her service in the US Senate, she joined Henry Ford Health System. After a time, Elizabeth realized she wanted to live back in Up North Michigan and became a Government Relations Specialist at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She subsequently accepted a position as Executive Director of a rural hospital association based in northern Michigan. She served ten years in this position advocating for rural hospitals, Medicare/Medicaid health care policy, and the uninsured.

In 2013 the position of Executive Director of Challenge Mountain became available; she applied and was accepted. This position engaged Elizabeth's experience leading non-profit or-

ganizations, tapped into her life-long love of skiing and coaching, and fulfilled her passion to serve and advocate for disadvantaged groups. The mission of enriching lives and empowering individuals living with disabilities through year-round adaptive recreation spoke to Elizabeth's heart. In Elizabeth's words, "Do what we love and love what we do."

Elizabeth has been an advocate for disadvantaged groups throughout her 30+ years of service in non-profit organizations and the federal government. For certain, Elizabeth lives and breathes her Challenge Mountain work.

Each year, Challenge Mountain connects children, youth, and adults with special needs to life-enhancing recreational, cultural and social opportunities. Participants gain personal fulfillment through a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of acceptance that translates positively into their everyday lives. Programs are not just about having fun on a boat ride, climbing a ropes course, or skiing down a hill. These experiences create positive individual and group development, while building social and character skills and transforming participants' views of themselves and their abilities. Individuals would not have these opportunities if it were not for Challenge Mountain adaptive programming.

Thanks to the generous support of individual donors, the community, grants from private corporations and foundations and income generated through the Challenge Mountain Resale Store, Challenge Mountain programs are offered at little or no cost to participants and their families.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation has a tremendous resource for



ELIZABETH LOOZE

Challenge Mountain as the organization has grown over the last 10 years. Proceeds from the Boyne Thunder Poker Run directly support the adaptive recreational programs Challenge Mountain provides for individuals living with disabilities.

Elizabeth acknowledges the organization's growth financially and the resulting increase in adaptive programs offered. She is most grateful for the dedicated individuals who volunteer at Challenge Mountain. More than 45+ amazing volunteers donate their time, energy and talent to making the Resale Store a pleasant shopping experience and a growing source of revenue for the organization.

Challenge Mountain's adaptive snow sports, kayaking, boating, adaptive biking and Spirit Day Camp are made possible by more than 75 volunteers providing these opportunities with Program Director, Linda Armstrong's

guidance. It is without a doubt that Challenge Mountain programs are made possible by the compassionate volunteers who donate their time to this cause.

When discussing the Challenge Mountain staff, Elizabeth expresses her gratitude for the opportunity to work with the most dedicated, hard-working and mission-driven colleagues. The Resale Store management and cashiers serve their customers, volunteer co-workers, and community with a positive attitude of gratitude. You can feel it and see it the moment you walk into the store. The small in number but mighty in capacity adaptive programming staff provide year-round activities with compassion and patience.

The volunteer Board of Directors serve the organization with their leadership, life experience and dedication to the mission. The board's guidance and strategic thinking have

been and will continue to be critical to the organization as it charts the future.

When Elizabeth began with Challenge Mountain, a nonprofit, in 2013, each year they struggled to break even and dearly wished they could offer more recreational opportunities to those living with disabilities. Thankfully, since purchasing and renovating the Resale Store in 2015-16, store sales have grown, and the mortgage was paid off in December 2019.

With the income from their resale store, 100% of every charitable donation to Challenge Mountain goes directly to its mission. There is no administrative deduction.

Elizabeth shared just two of a great many stories

which illustrate how Challenge Mountain changes lives for the better. A boy in a wheelchair, had never walked even a single step in his life, was fitted for an adaptive bicycle and now beams with joy as he rides the bike at his school. Another boy who only spoke to family and teachers, has been helped to ride a horse, and when he does, he verbalizes his joy and excitement. Challenge Mountain sees firsthand how the adaptive programs impact children living with disabilities whether it be the healing horses at Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, skiing in the winter, boating and paddling on the water in the summer, riding adaptive bikes, or climbing on a Camp Daggett rope course.

A high priority on Elizabeth's wish list is funding to improve their winter sports experience, e.g., to renovate their lodge which is 60+ years old and to install snow making equipment so they can provide many more days of skiing for those living with disabilities.

If you could speak with Elizabeth, you would immediately realize her passion to help Challenge Mountain continue to grow its recreational offerings. As she says, "If we didn't, no one would be bringing this fun and joy to children, youth, adults and families living with disabilities. My life is truly enriched by this opportunity to serve amazing individuals who accomplish great things as a result of Challenge Mountain adaptive recreation, cultural and social activities."

LEADERSHIP

EMPATHY IS KEY TO OUR LEADERSHIP

By John Keyser



JOHN KEYSER

Purposeful questions with our team members, who really are our clients, are difference makers. Ideally, these conversations are on an on-going basis throughout the year and in a sense are informal "stay interviews" (versus exit interviews when someone resigns).

Through these conversations, we will gain many good ideas about what we are doing well, what people value and appreciate about our business, our purpose and work—and how we can

improve.

One CEO I worked closely with believed strongly the importance of empathy and wanting to be in tune with how people feel about their work.

Most businesses proudly state "our biggest asset is our people". Yet, many do not back that up by investing in their people—developing, mentoring, coaching, and asking them for their opinions and ideas.

The best do!

If we have a very strong sense of empathy. That will cascade through our team and business.

The CEO mentioned above often used these two questions with his team members:

What ideas would you like to offer me and our other managers?

What questions would you like to ask us?

It takes inner-confidence to ask these questions, coupled with a sense of humility that we want to want to improve, to strive for continuous improvement.

Also, we must appreciate the vital importance of attentive listening. We must realize just how important that is, that it is our serving others and is truly our gift to others. We are busy people, yet let's slow down when we have conversations with our co-workers.

Let's try to come around our desk or sit side-by-side at a table, give our full at-

tention to someone.

I've read the book, The Go-Giver, a favorite of mine. It's about the path to success and happiness via serving others, being a giver.

Let's try to sit and talk, even if just for a few minutes, to catch up, ask how things are going, how we can help.

As Daniel Goleman, a psychologist and leading thought leader about emotional intelligence, says, "If you can't have empathy and have effective relationships, then no matter how smart you are, you are not going to get very far."

Empathy helps us be our very best as a leader.

House Democrats tap Rep. Tate to serve as 2023-24 House Speaker

LANSING, MI – On the heels of Michigan Democrats' blue wave of victories Tuesday, the House Democrat Caucus today selected Rep. Joe Tate, D-Detroit, as the next Speaker for the 2023-24 legislative session.

The support of his colleagues is contributed, in part, to his leadership in raising record-level funds to boost key races across Michigan. Those efforts helped incumbents and candidates secure 56 seats in the 110-member chamber.

Tate currently serves as Democrat vice chair of the powerful House Appropria-

tions Committee. During his tenure, he heralded four bills through the Legislature and enactment by Governor Whitmer.

"I am proud to serve alongside my esteemed colleagues as Speaker of the House," said Tate. "Together, we will shape sound policy that positively impacts our state and generates opportunities for all Michiganders to reach their full potential. I am confident that we are destined to do great works in the days before us."

In the next several weeks, Tate will name House com-

mittee chairs as well as key staff appointments. The 102nd Legislative Session begins Jan. 1, 2023.

ABOUT REP. JOE TATE

A Detroit native, Rep. Tate learned the value of service from his parents, a teacher in the Detroit public school system and a Detroit firefighter. Teamwork, commitment and community have shaped his life.

As a teenager, Tate earned a scholarship to play football at Michigan State University, becoming the captain of the team. After joining the National Foot-

ball League, he went on to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps, deploying twice to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

He received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, leading him to earn both a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Michigan. Prior to his legislative election, Rep. Tate helped small businesses grow in his capacity as a program manager for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation.

SENTENCING FROM PG. 1A

Otsego County.

The case was bound over to the 46th Circuit Court in Otsego County.

On June 23, 2022, Bruce plead guilty to Surveilling Uncllothed Person. Bruce was sentenced this week to six months in the Otsego County Jail and will also be added to the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

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SUNDAY



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LOW: 23

MONDAY



HIGH: 34
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TUESDAY



HIGH: 37
LOW: 25

record temps

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18	..4026	...68	..1953	...7	..1959
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20	..3926	...65	..1953	...0
21	..3926	...62	..1953	...2	..1951
22	..3825	...63	..2012	...7	..2018
23	..3825	...58	..2003	...6	..1956
24	..3725	...59	..2017	...4	..1981
25	..3724	...56	..2001	...5	..1985
26	..3724	...61	..1960	...3	..1974

OBITUARIES

June Fall, 90

(JUNE 28, 1932 – NOV. 13, 2022)



June Fall of Montrose, formerly of Boyne City, died Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Medilodge of Montrose. Honoring her wishes, cremation will take place and no services will be held at this time.

June was born June 28, 1932, in Flint, to the late William and Hazel (McGeehee) Edwards. She attended Flushing Community Schools and was a stay-at-home mother for much of her life.

On September 9, 1950, June married the love of her life, Lester Fall, and together they raised three beautiful children. June was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Job's Daughters. She was a hard worker and enjoyed hanging out with the neighborhood club friends.

June is forever loved by her children: Roger (Linda) Fall, Deborah Owens, and Jackie (Dennis) Owens; Grandchildren: Angie

(Matt) Jones, Rana Diem, Rod Owens, Jeff (Erin) Owens, Brian Owens, and Kristy (Jennifer) Owens; Many great-grandchildren; One great-great grandchild; Sister, Vi Klooster; Several nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. June was preceded in death by her parents, William and Hazel; Brothers: Gerald (Vernie) Edwards, Lovell Edwards, Russell Edwards, and Merle Edwards.

Jacob Reese Coates, 23

(MARCH 22, 1999 - NOV. 10, 2022)



Jacob Reese Coates, of Boyne City, passed away peacefully November 10, 2022 at the young age of 23. Jacob lost his battle with cancer but showed us all how to be a strong, positive fighter.

He was born on March 22, 1999 to Roger Dale and Kimberly Ann (Drewanz) Coates. He is survived by his two brothers, Kaden

Tyler Coates(25) and Carter Lee Coates(21). Known as “the Coates boys”, they made many fond memories growing up and remained close as they entered adulthood.

Jacob was a graduate of Boyne City High School in 2017 where he enjoyed the drama stage, the VI program, as well as playing the trombone, tennis and some robotics.

Jacob will be remembered most for his unforgettable smile. He could brighten anyone’s day with his grin even as a young boy. He loved in depth conversations and meeting new people. This may have been why he was so good at being a tour guide fresh out of high school at the Lavender Hill Farm and the Kilwin’s Factory. He later added a barista at Starbucks to his experiences which fueled his love of coffee.

He moved to Allendale to attend Grand Valley State University and majored in English. He inspired to become an educator but quickly became intrigued in linguistics. During his lengthy journey at Mercy St. Mary’s hospital, he discovered a calling to become a speech therapist.

Jacob’s hobbies included video creation, gaming, writing, hosting his friends and the art of food. He was a foodie, from creating it to critiquing it. He loved trying new things. He also enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his bestie Lizzie Yell and their beloved dog Millie.

Jacob was such a joy to be around and will greatly be missed by so many who loved him.

A public visitation will be available Friday November 18, 2022 from 3pm – 5pm at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. He will have a peaceful, private burial at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in his home town.

Thelma Marie Sibinic, 93

(APRIL 27, 1929 — NOV. 11, 2022)



Thelma Marie Sibinic of Charlevoix passed away November 11, 2022 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She was born April 27, 1929 in Charlevoix the daughter of Mark and Elsie (Ward) Saunders.

Thelma was a 1947 graduate of East Jordan High School and attended the Barnard United Methodist Church. She retired from the United States Post Office after many years of dedicated service. She enjoyed socializing and attending events at the senior citizens center in Charlevoix. She also liked making handi-crafts, especially knitting, crocheting, and embroidery.

In 1951 in Angola, IN she married Albert Sibinic who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was her son Frederick Sibinic, her parents, and her sister Evelyn Sudman.

She is survived by her son Dr. Alan Sibinic of Charlevoix and Tucson, AZ, grandson Ian (Alia) Sibinic of Farmington Hills, and great grandchildren Sadie and Owen Sibinic.

Thelma will be interred in Brookside Cemetery next spring. Memorial contributions can be given to the Barnard United Methodist Church or the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix

Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Joseph M Carroll Jr, 56

(JULY 26, 1966 — NOV. 8, 2022)



Joseph M. Carroll Jr., 56 of Charlevoix, passed away Nov. 8, 2022 at Munson Medical Center. He was born July 26, 1966 in Grosse Pointe City, the son of Joseph Sr and Geraldine (Selk) Carroll.

Joe graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and Hillsdale College. He went to work alongside his father for many years in the medical field as a sales agent. He also owned a local insurance agency.

Joe had a great sense of humor, was fun to be around and was kind to all he knew. He made friends wherever he went. He was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He enjoyed fishing, boating and being on the water. He also liked skiing, running, baseball and the great outdoors in general.

He is survived by his mother Geraldine Carroll, his daughter Kylee Carroll, his sisters Colleen Carroll-Noyes, Kelley (Rick LaMarra) Carroll, niece Caera and nephew Keegan Noyes, Kylee’s mother Michelle Hill, aunts and uncles Maureen Edyvean, Bob

Brooks, Jeannette Kling, Arlene (John) Westhaus, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Joseph in 2019, aunts Connie and Mary, uncles Jack, Frank, and Ken.

A private family memorial service will take place and a celebration of life for Joe will be held this summer for all Joe’s family and friends. He will be interred in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Phronsie Dusseau, 81

(AUG. 29, 1941 — NOV. 8, 2022)

Phronsie Lou Dusseau of Charlevoix passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Boulder Park Terrace. She was born on August 29, 1941, in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Frank and Olive (Hodder) Dusseau.

There are no services planned at this time.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com

Barbara Browne, 83

(JULY 27, 1939 — NOV. 10, 2022)

Barbara Browne of East Jordan, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on her guestbook at www.gaylord-funeralhome.com/obituaries/barbara-browne

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DAVE Says

(Remember, everyone makes mistakes)

Dear Dave,

I am on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I am about four months away from being debt-free. My younger brother is a good person, but he is very careless with his finances. He is always asking to borrow money from me. I don't want to be mean or damage our relationship, but what is the best way to respond to a sibling who continually asks for money?

James

Dear James,
Honesty is always a good thing. If I were in your shoes, I'd just tell him the truth. Sit down with him, and have a friendly—but real—conversation where you let him know you're working hard to get out of debt and don't have any

cash to spare. Explain that you've decided being in debt is dumb, you want a better life and that you don't plan to borrow or loan money anymore.

You've got to look at the big picture in situations like this. You're not helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior with them. Sometimes, especially when it comes to family, you have to love someone enough to tell them the truth. And in some cases, that can mean saying no and telling them to grow up and get their act together.

You're not responsible for your brother's reaction to all this, James, but you can control your words and use them in a caring manner. Do this with a kind spirit, and remember we all make mistakes. He may take it well, or not so well. But you're not really helping someone who's immature or irresponsible with



Dave Ramsey

money when you give them cash. At that point, you're an enabler. It's like giving a drunk a drink.

God bless you, James!

— Dave

(Don't Buy Until the First One Sells)

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are looking to move from Washington, D.C., to Greenville, South Carolina, in a couple of months, and then sell our current home in February or March after she gets things wrapped up with her job. We are a little worried, though, because of all the things we're hearing about the housing market crashing. Could you speak to this, please?

Nick

Dear Nick,
Your emotions and things you hear can creep up on

you. I get that. But the fact is, there are still four buyers out there for every house that's up for sale. Now, are the buyers and the market as active and frenzied as they were several months ago? No. But you have to remember, the last couple of years have been crazy-strange times for the housing market.

I've been in the real estate business since 1978, and I've never seen anything like it. Usually, it takes about 90 days to sell a house. You'll get some offers, and none of them will be at full price, but everyone will have time to think about things. That's normal, and it's probably a lot closer to how things will work themselves out for you now in Greenville.

But in any economy, my advice to you would be don't buy another house until yours has sold. If you end up with two house payments and your old house is sitting empty while you're having to pay for the mortgage, taxes, utilities and all the upkeep to make sure it's ready to show, you're going to become what's known as a motivated seller. I don't want you to just give it away, but you'll need to be very careful to make sure the timing on this deal makes sense.

Personally, I wouldn't buy another house until the first one sells.

— Dave



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SAFE in Northern Michigan Named to Blue Ribbon Coalition

SAFE in Northern Michigan is now a Blue Ribbon Coalition, a top credential awarded by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). The credential is part of a program that recognizes high performing coalitions which do an exceptional job in creating a foundation for their work.

To be chosen, SAFE had to achieve measurable success in community-level substance misuse-related work. A two-phase application and screening process was used. This year, only 15 coalitions are being given the honor nationwide.

"The youth invigorate us to support their ideas on how to positively influence young people to avoid using drugs and alcohol," said Nichole Flickema, SAFE in Northern Michigan Project Coordinator and Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) Community Health Coordinator.

"We brainstorm with the youth and then help them create meaningful impacts like putting anti-vaping disposal boxes in their schools and produce public-service announcements on the consequences of under-age



SAFE Adult Leaders: Part of the SAFE Adult Coalition include Susan Pulaski (Health Department of Northwest Michigan), Nichole Flickema (HDNW), Amy Horstman (HDNW), Randall Koch (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians), Sarah Ford (Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation), Corey Hebner (Michigan State Police), and Tyler Swiss (Harbor Springs Police De-

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SAFE Youth: Emma Moser (Mancelona High School), Jürgen Griswold (Ellsworth High School), Avery Huston (RISE-Johannesburg High School), Julia Kirby (Mancelona High School), and Bree Bunker (East Jordan High School) display their colors and commitment.

People Fund awards more than \$119,000 to local groups

In its second round of grants for 2022, Great Lakes Energy's People Fund has awarded more than \$119,000 to 37 local nonprofit organizations across the cooperative's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

Since its inception in 1999, the People Fund has awarded more than \$4.2 million in grants.

"Concern for community" is one of the seven cooperative principles that form the backbone of Great Lakes Energy. The People Fund is a great way for us to partner with our members to accomplish this important goal," Great Lakes Energy President/CEO Shaun Lamp said. "The results of this partnership can be seen in many community programs and projects throughout the communities we serve."

Funding for the program comes from members of the electric cooperative who agree to have their monthly

grants rounded up to the next whole dollar. Members are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

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

Grants are awarded twice each year by volunteer board members representing the cooperative's north, central, and south regions.

Lamp added: "None of this would be possible without the generosity of our members who continue to support the People Fund program. We encourage community nonprofit organizations throughout our service area to apply for the next round of grants in the spring of 2023."

The north region board awarded the following 21 grants totaling \$62,863 in the second grant cycle of 2022. Great Lakes Energy's northern service district 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/.

- Antrim Conservation District- CAKE CISMA, Bellaire: \$5,000 towards the purchase of a vehicle to transport their crew and job trailer.
- Bellaire Public Schools, Bellaire: \$1,200 for fabric for baby blankets made by high school students, which will be donated to the Antrim County Baby Pantry.
- Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: \$1,000 for front-of-house PA equipment.

- Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix: \$5,000 for server and network upgrades.
- Chief Shawano Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, East Jordan: \$3,000 for a monument for unknowns buried in Eveline Township Cemetery.
- Forest Area Community Schools, Fife Lake: \$5,000 to purchase a new speaker system, wiring, cables, outlets, lights, flooring, paint, and construction materials for their stage.
- Friends of the Kalkaska County Library, Kalkaska: \$5,000 for library computers for the public.
- Gaylord Community Productions, Gaylord: \$2,600 to replace microphones and battery packs.
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry, Boyne City: \$3,798 for an additional refrigerator/freezer, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.

- Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: \$1,350 to improve data collection on guests and wildlife for management decisions, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Great Lakes Burn Camp, Jackson: \$3,000 for the Great Lakes Burn Camp Winter Camp 2023 in Cheboygan.
- Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$2,000 for Shackleton's Incredible Journey program set, costume, and videographer expenses.
- Lake Charlevoix Mariners, Charlevoix: \$1,000 to purchase a heavy-duty boat lift, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Lake Side Elite Gymnastics, Boyne City: \$3,000 for new equipment in their building expansion.
- Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey: \$3,000 for office furniture.
- Otsego County United Way, Gaylord: \$2,500 for

- emergency heating assistance funding.
- The Baseball-Softball Fields of Boyne Inc., Boyne City: \$5,000 for fencing at The Waterfront Field of Dreams Little League Park.
- The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center, East Jordan: \$4,000 for their health and wellness enclosed trailer.
- The Nehemiah Project, Petoskey: \$1,400 for a stackable washer and dryer.
- The Salvation Army, Petoskey: \$3,000 for office furniture in the new community center.
- Vienna Township Fire Department, Johannesburg: \$2,015 for ice rescue safety equipment.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is now accepting applications from local nonprofit organizations for the first 2023 grant cycle. The deadline for letters of intent is April 1, with grant applications due by April 15, 2023. Visit gtlakes.com/people-fund/ for more information.

REAL ESTATE CORNER

BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT PROPERTY ON BLACK LAKE

By Jim Akans

This week's feature listing is an excellent opportunity to own a beautiful nearly half acre property, with approximately 60 feet of frontage on Black Lake.

The property includes two vintage log cabins that are in need of renovation. They both have fabulous lake views. The cabins will also need a well and septic source of their own upon the split.

The approximately half-acre property is the star of the show. The Black Lake frontage is just a few steps away from the cabins. The lake offers excellent fishing, boating and swimming. The location is also near snowmobile trails, state land and is a short drive to Onaway and Cheboygan.

This beautiful Black Lake property is located at 432



North Black River Road, north of Onaway and it is listed at \$164,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody,

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Real estate owners have many reasons to move. Some of the time it's out of necessity, other times it's simply to move into a more desirable home. In the current economy, and with mortgage interest rates as low as they are, the best long term financial decision is probably to rent a house out rather than sell it at a steep discount.

With today's mortgage interest rates as low as they are, rental rates generally exceed mortgage payments, especially if you've owned your home for a little while and have some equity. By renting out your hard to sell house, not only can you continue to build equity as your house gets paid down, but you might also be able to generate extra cash flow when rents exceed payments.

Plus, as the years pass by, your property value, and your rental income will increase with inflation. Your fixed mortgage will stay the same, and eventually, it will be paid off. By owning

rental real estate the renter pays the expenses for a long term asset.

Home loans for primary residences are better than rates for properties purchased specifically for investment. By living in a home, and then converting it into a rental property, mortgage terms are more favorable.

One obstacle many potential landlords face is that they can't qualify for two mortgages. Even though the rental revenue exceeds the mortgage payments, lenders require substantial reserves (usually six months worth of payments) for rental property. They also require that income falls within their Debt to Income guidelines.

Another roadblock many people have with owning a rental property is that they just don't want to be landlords. They don't want to get the phone calls in the middle of the night from tenants who have leaky toilets.



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MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Join HDNW in Collecting Gifts for Children

Boxes placed in four counties for drop-offs

Employees at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) are on a mission. They've determined to "stuff the bus" with toys for children as part of their all-staff meeting, and the public is invited to join the effort.

"The idea began when we donated space at our Gaylord office to Toys for Tots for their holiday toy drive," said Dan Thorell, HDNW Interim Health Officer. "Wanting to help families during this tough economic time—especially when tornado recovery is ongoing in Otsego County—has become a highlight for staff. It's added an element of fun

to our annual meeting plans."

The "bus" is actually HDNW's mobile unit often spotted offering services throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. As part of the all-staff meeting, employees will stuff the bus with unwrapped toys that will make their way into area homes and brighten children's faces and lives on Christmas morning.

"While we know the children will be excited, we also hope the parents will feel a sense of relief when they see the community come together and show love for their children," said Holly



The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's mobile unit will turn into a high-tech sleigh as it collects and transports gifts to Toys for Tots, a Marine Corps Reserve program.

Campbell, HDNW Deputy Health Officer. "We have placed Toys for Tots boxes at our offices to make donations convenient for the

public."

Toys for young children are easier to select. But because it can be difficult to buy for older children, 10

years and up, Northern Michigan Toys for Tots has provided HDNW with a list of preferred gifts for this age group:

- 26-inch bikes (cash donations will be compiled for larger items)
- Personal hygiene kits
- Wallets
- Costume jewelry (not too gawdy)
- Legos and Cocomelon
- Nerf guns
- Mega blocks
- Hairdryers, curling irons, and hair scrunchies
- Lotions and body wash

How can the public join in? As of Friday, Nov. 11, unwrapped gifts may be dropped into the Toys for

Tots collection boxes at HDNW's Bellaire (209 Portage Dr.), Charlevoix (220 W. Garfield), Harbor Springs/Petoskey (3434 M-119, Ste A, Harbor Springs), and Gaylord (95 Livingston Blvd.) offices. Donations should be made by noon, Wednesday, Nov. 30.

After two years of not gathering, the all-staff meeting is resuming to offer agency-wide updates and training.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

How much fowl do we eat on Thanksgiving?



The turkey has become standard fare for Thanksgiving celebrations in the U.S. and hundreds of millions of pounds of it are consumed each November.

Did you know 'Jingle Bells' was a Thanksgiving song?

This shouldn't be a surprise but Americans consume enormous amounts of turkey each Thanksgiving. How much turkey? Well, according to reliable data, Americans eat 704 millions pounds of turkey every November. In comparison, Americans eat 22 millions pounds of turkey at Christmas and 19 million pounds at Easter.

In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving. The average size of the bird is 15 pounds with about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

Do you know which state raises the most turkeys in the U.S.? If you guessed Minnesota, you're right! There are 450 turkey farms in the state that produce 18 percent of all the turkeys raised and sold in the U.S. each year. Turkeys fare well in cold weather and they thrive in the Minnesota climate. (And they do very well in the Michigan climate too as we all know!)

There is a Turkey Talk Line that offers valuable help to those cooking a turkey. The Butterball hot-

line, in fact, answers 100,000 turkey-related questions across the U.S. and Canada every year from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The Turkey Talk Line answered just 11,000 calls in its first year but it's definitely grown since then.

Here are some other interesting Thanksgiving fun facts:

– The movie *Frozen* had the biggest Thanksgiving weekend opening of any movie. The 2013 family-friendly Disney musical grossed \$93 million domestically.

– "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song. When it was written by James Lloyd Pierpont in 1857, it was titled "One Horse Open Sleigh" and was written about Thanksgiving. When it was reprinted in 1859, however, it was renamed "Jingle Bells" with a Christmas theme and it's been a very popular Christmas song ever since.

– The woman who got Thanksgiving reinstated as a national holiday also wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Mary Hale is known as the "Mother of Thanksgiving" because she was the one who persuaded President Abraham Lincoln to reinstate Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863

(ironically, that first Thanksgiving as a national holiday came just weeks after Lincoln made the famous Gettysburg Address). In addition, Mary was a successful editor and poet and is most famous for writing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" before retiring at the ripe old age of 90!

– The first national Thanksgiving was declared by President George Washington and was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. In his "Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789" Washington defines the day as a pious time to thank God for, amongst other things, protecting Americans and helping them achieve independence.

– The first Thanksgiving lasted in Plymouth, Mass. for three days and was organized by Governor William Bradford to thank God for His bountiful provisions. The exact date is not known, though it took place sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, most likely in early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by President Lincoln to correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

– The first large-scale balloon ever used in the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade was of Felix the Cat in 1927.

Back then, the balloons used to just be let go after the event ended and would just float away. Most of them popped shortly after being released, though. Ironically, it was after a Felix the Cat balloon was punctured by at 72nd Street and crumpled to the ground in 1997 that size regulations were implemented. Today, the balloons must be no larger than 70 feet high, 78 feet long, and 40 feet wide.

– About 50 million people watch the Macy Thanksgiving Parade each year and another 3.5 million people watch it live.

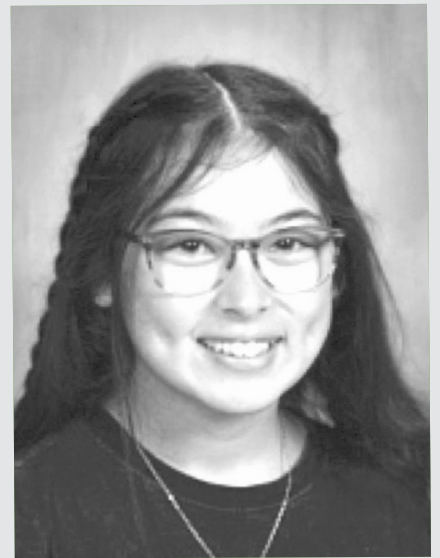
– The tradition of Thanksgiving football can be traced all the way back to the year 1876 when students from Princeton and Yale squared off in a primitive form of football – an "11-on-11 form of rugby" match – the event between the schools became an annual one and eventually morphed into actual football before being relocated to New York. In 1893, 40,000 fans showed up to watch the Thanksgiving game between the Ivy League rivals.

– The most popular Thanksgiving destination for air travelers is Orlando, Florida, followed by Anaheim, California, and New York City. More than 55 million Americans travel more than 50 miles for Thanksgiving, according to AAA findings.

– There was one baby born on the Mayflower during the fateful voyage of the pilgrims across the Atlantic in the fall of 1620. A son was born to Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins and they appropriately named him Oceanus Hopkins. The exact date of his birth is not known but he was born sometime before Nov. 9.



Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Abby Smith

Student Name: Abby Smith

Grade: 12th

Parent's Name(s): Jessica Vallad

Future Plans: Continue her education at NCMC

Favorite Book: *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover

Hobbies and Interests: Painting

School Activities:

Staff Comments: I am fortunate to have Abby in two of my classes this trimester. Abby is a hard worker and completes all of her work. In my classes she is always striving for perfection, staying focused and completing the task at hand. When working in groups she goes over and above what is expected of her to help her group get the best grade possible. Abby is a great representative of Boyne Falls School. Congrats on the award.

Submitted By: Frank Hamilla

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The Thanksgiving issue of the **Charlevoix County News** and the **Weekly Choice** will be distributed a day earlier than normal on **Wednesday, November 23**.

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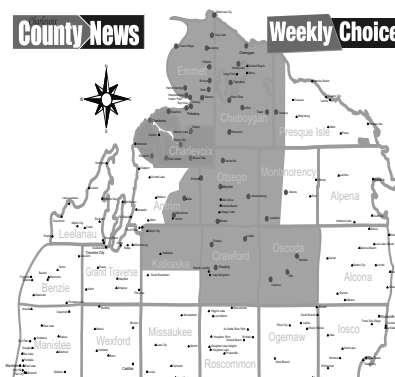
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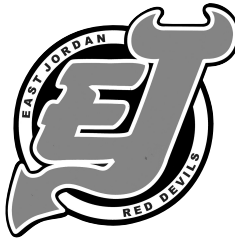
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athlete of the week



Jonathan Ringstrom
Red Devils Football

The Red Devils kicker, Jonathan Ringstrom continued his fantastic kicking extra points streak the up-rights going 4-4 in the final game of the regular season, bringing his totals to 25-25 in point after attempts for the regular season. Field goals of 32 and 36 yards respectively added even more ammunition to his all-state honors resume.

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Claire Scholten

Charlevoix Rayders Volleyball

After winning their third district championship in a row, the Rayders headed into Regional Semi-finals against a tough Elk Rapids team and lost a hard fought battle in five games. Claire Scholten finished the night with 36 assists, 19 digs and 9 kills.



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VOLLEYBALL

Rayders fall to Elks in Regional Semi-Final

By: Dom Santina

After winning their third straight District championship last week. The Charlevoix volleyball team matched up with Elk Rapids on Tuesday, November 8 for the regional semi-finals. The matchup was hosted in East Jordan.

The Rayders got the advantage early as they won the opening set. The Rayders jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the opening set. The momentum carried through for a 25-12 set victory.

In set number two, the Rayders battled to keep the score close as they found themselves down 22-16. The Rayders picked up two more points to cut the lead to 22-18, before a couple of errors allowed the Elks to secure the set win.

In the third set, the Elks jumped out to a sizable lead at 17-9. The Rayders tried to fight back but the lead was too big and the Elks cruised to a 25-15 set victory and took a 2-1 advantage.

The Rayders knew this fourth set had to be won in order to keep their season alive. They scratched out a 9-6 lead early. Then they continued to fight and held the two-point lead until it was 18-16. With just a few more points needed to

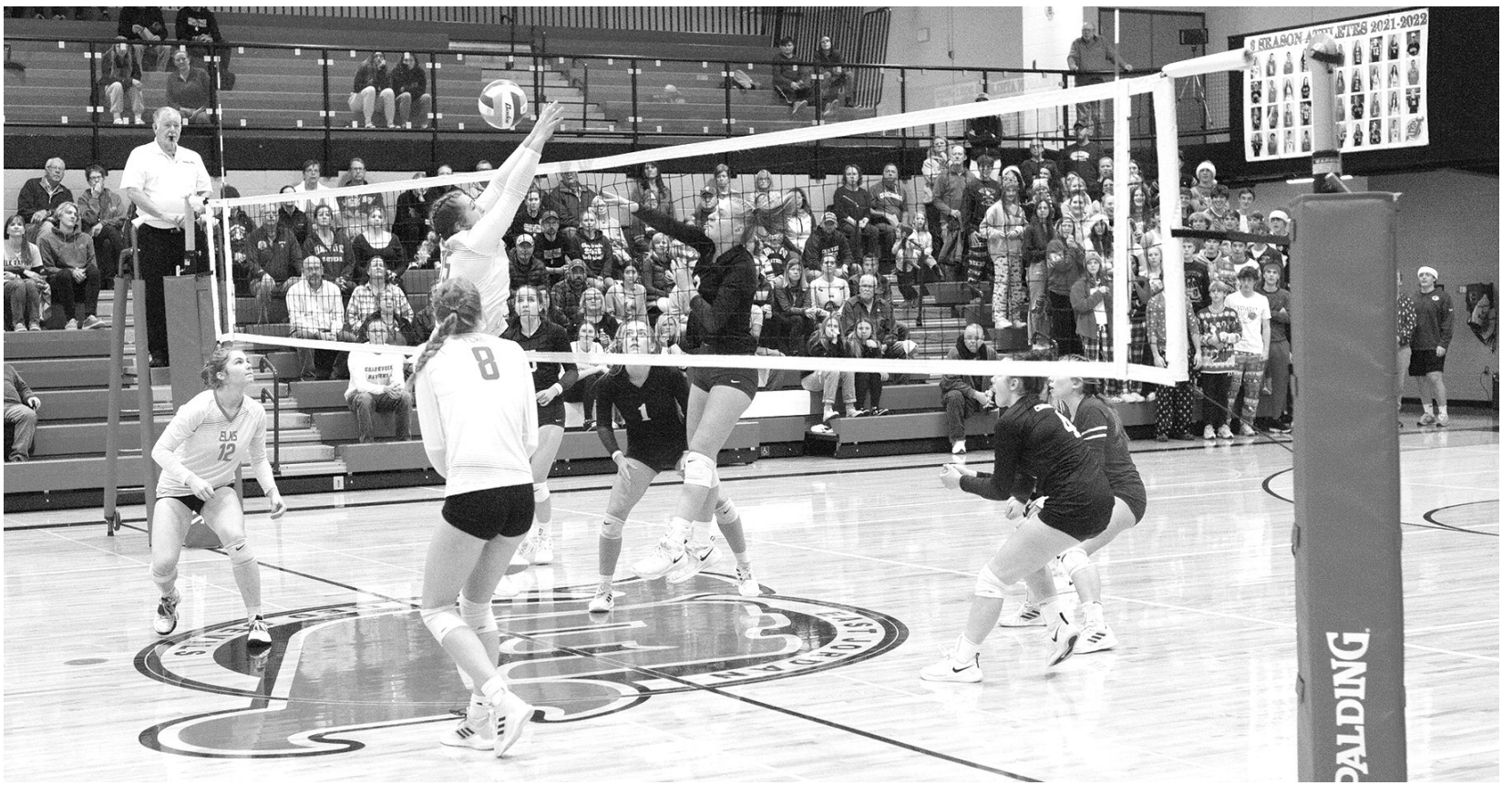


Photo by Scott Richards

force the fifth set, the Rayders went on a run and sealed the set by a score of 25-17.

That forced a fifth and final set to decide who was to go to the Regional finals. The first few points were back and forth until the Elks went on a run lead at the service line. They drew

their lead out to 11-6 and were able to claim the final four points to secure the set victory 15-9. Which also gave the Elks the 3-2 overall victory and ended the Rayders season.

Claire Scholten finished the night with 36 assists, 19 digs and 9 kills. While Anna Haf contributed 27

digs and 30 serve receptions. Both of them will be key losses for the team heading into next year as coach Audra Randall will look to go for the fourth straight District championship and hopefully further.

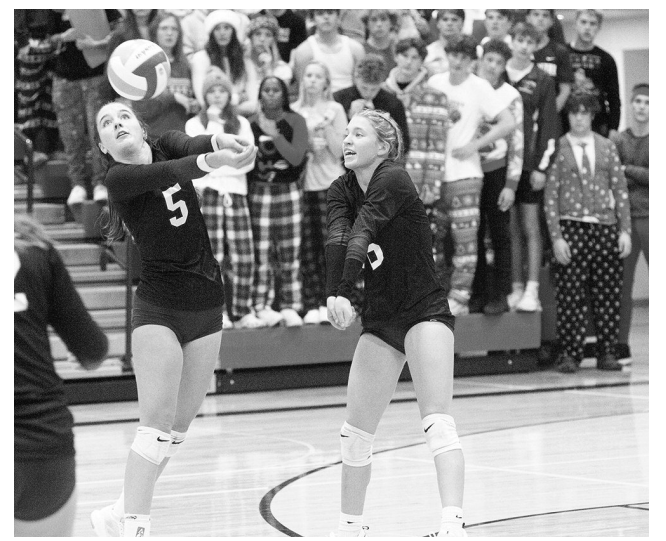


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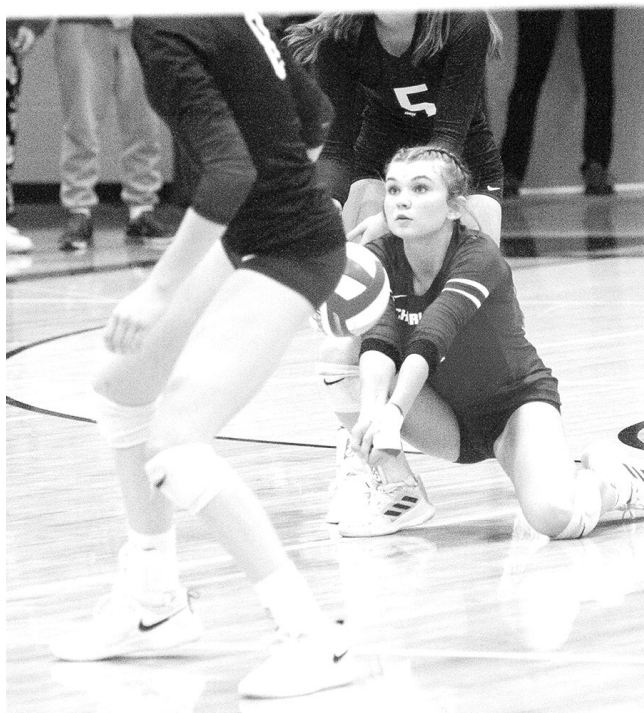


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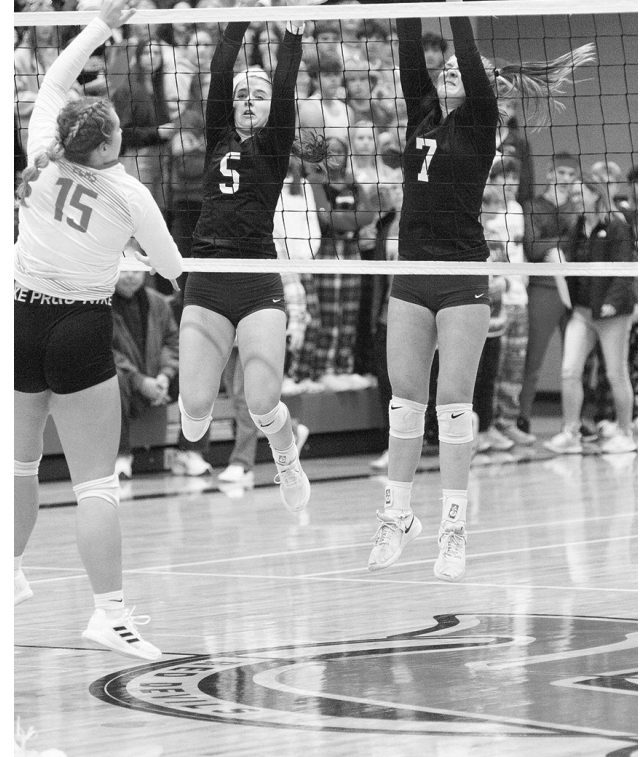


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FOOTBALL

Recap of East Jordan's final 2022 regular season game

By Mark Elliott

My apologies for the delay in reporting, let me take you back to week nine in Mancelona. The final regular season game for the East Jordan Red Devils.

After a 24-14 win against Oscoda at home, the Red Devils rolled into Mancelona with the same situation in place as the week before, win for a hopeful playoff berth, a loss probably ends a post season spot.

When asked about the bus ride down Coach Grybauskas said the team was mostly quiet. "It was quiet on the ride, but the atmosphere in Mancelona had the team ready to go the first step off the bus"

Offensively the team pounded the ball from beginning to end with Logan Shooks leading the way with 12 carries for 125 yards and 3 touchdowns, catching one pass for 24 yards to add to the yard count.

Devon Olstrom had 6 carries for 76 yards and a touchdown along with Dawson Carey who went 16 yards on 3 carries for a touchdown to compliment his 58 yards in catches on the night.

Jonathan Ringstrom continued his quest for world domination through the up-rights going 4-4 on the evening, bringing his totals to 25-25 in point after attempts for the regular season. Field goals of 32 and 36 yards respectively added even more ammunition to his all-state honors resume. A season long tip of the cap to his mates on that line, it takes much more than it ap-



Red Devil players gather to plan their next defensive play

pears to execute that many attempts successfully, well done guys.

Defensively on the evening it was much the same, a spread out balanced dominance that allowed the host team to score on the final play of the game.

Logan Shooks again led the way with 7 solo tackles, with Dawson Carey right behind with 6 tackles. Braylon Grybauskas had a solo tackle to go with an interception on the night, and Wyatt Gotts had 6 tackles with one for a loss. 8 other players had 3 tackles on the evening spreading out what few chances the defense gave Mancelona offensively.

Coach Grybauskas after the game felt confident in the team's chances for a

playoff berth. The team planned a Sunday playoff announcement gathering to watch the assignments live on television.

The team drew state ranked Frankfort, no stranger to the Red Devils, as the two had already met in week 6 on the road, with a 20-14 loss to show for it.

What happened next had never happened in the 23 years Coach Grybauskas has been involved with the program.

Tell you all about it, Next time.

Coach Grybauskas gives one of his players some encouragement before entering the game



HUNTING

Treasure Trove Of Deer Data

By CASEY WARNER

Michigan DNR

Michigan's annual deer hunting seasons – to many, as much a fall tradition as football, apple cider and pumpkin patches – are once again underway.

The Liberty Hunt, for youth hunters and those with disabilities, the early antlerless firearm season and the Independence Hunt, for hunters with disabilities, have already come and gone. We're well into the archery season and, as we headed into firearm season which started this week hundreds of thousands of Michigan hunters will be headed afield to pursue white-tailed deer.

Those who succeed in that pursuit will need to add one more step to their annual deer hunting ritual – reporting their harvest online to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Starting with the fall 2022 deer seasons, all hunters who successfully take a deer are required to report it through the DNR's online harvest reporting system.

This new reporting system is something many hunters have been requesting for several years. During this first fall with mandatory online reporting, conservation officers will focus on educating hunters on the new process, rather than issuing tickets, then begin enforcement next year.

Since the 1950s, the DNR has gathered deer harvest information by mailing surveys to a sample of hunters.

"The new system represents a major change for all

Michigan hunters," DNR deer, elk and moose management specialist Chad Stewart said. "The system will provide us a near real-time estimate of deer harvest as it occurs, something Michigan has never experienced before."

One of the most important reasons for the move to online harvest reporting, according to Stewart, is more data.

"For anyone out there who is a deer data nerd like myself, a treasure chest of information is right around the corner!"

BETTER DEER DATA

The DNR has traditionally gathered most deer harvest information through check stations and mail surveys.

Most biological data, like harvest date and location, animal's sex and age, antler beam diameters and antler points, came directly from harvested animals through face-to-face meetings with hunters at check stations. This biological data was used to monitor the size, composition and health of the deer herd.

The DNR has historically sent mail surveys to randomly selected license buyers after hunting seasons have ended and asked them to report information about their hunting activities and harvest. This information gathered from a sample of hunters was used to estimate the harvest and hunting activities for all hunters.

"Both ways of gathering data, check stations and mail surveys, assume that the information collected is

representative of all the deer that are harvested, but biases, errors and insufficient data limit the usefulness of the biological data and survey estimates," Brian Frawley, DNR wildlife biologist and survey specialist, said. "Most data have been collected from hunters who voluntarily provide the information, and these hunters and their harvest may not represent all hunters and their harvest."

Response rates to the mail surveys have declined from about 75% in the mid-2000s to 33% in 2021 and are expected to decline to about 25% by 2030. Low response rates can lead to an inaccurate, biased estimate of the harvest.

Because declining survey response rates, which are unlikely to reverse, increase the level of uncertainty with deer harvest estimates, the DNR needed to find another approach.

"We feel it's important to have confident harvest estimates to make the best, most informed management decisions for one of our most prized natural resources," Stewart said.

Mail surveys are also expensive and time-consuming. It costs about \$173,000 to print and mail a questionnaire to 60,000 deer hunters. The surveys take several months to compile and analyze, with the first survey mailing going out in December and the final report not finalized until the following summer.

Online mandatory harvest reporting will more efficiently collect better, less-biased data at a finer

scale and produce harvest summaries sooner than they were available before.

"The speed of the information available, and the amount of information we'll now have available, is one of the biggest advantages to this new system," Stewart said. "Our new system, with its corresponding public-facing dashboard, will show hunters every day how harvest is progressing across the season, with up-to-date accounts on total harvest in the state, harvest by county, season harvest and even harvest by day."

Online harvest reporting makes it cheaper and more convenient for hunters, since they can report harvest via smart device, compared to traveling to a check station. It is also available 24/7 rather than restricted to normal working hours.

The Deer Harvest Report Summary dashboard shows, as of this writing, more than 52,000 harvests reported so far this season, and how many of those deer were antlered, antlerless and taken in each of Michigan's 83 counties.

The reported harvest for each of the three completed deer seasons was 6,299 for the Liberty Hunt, 3,469 for the early antlerless firearm season and 411 for the Independence Hunt.

Stewart said that if this year's total deer harvest in those seasons is similar to what it was last year, then the DNR is looking at capturing much of the total harvest with online reporting.

The number of deer harvest reports submitted by Michigan hunters is cur-

rently greater than those submitted in other states with mandatory deer harvest reporting and comparable hunter numbers and seasons, like Missouri and Wisconsin. This comparison suggests that most Michigan hunters are complying with the new rules.

"This would, in my opinion, exceed expectations for our first year," he said.

Currently, there are 14 counties with more than 1,000 deer harvests reported, and the top five counties are Lapeer, St. Clair, Montcalm, Sanilac and Newaygo.

Stewart explained that because of the ability to tie deer harvest to individual licenses, a feature previously unavailable, the new reporting system will give the DNR a better understanding of how many hunters are using one of their combination license tags to take an antlerless deer in the archery season.

"Right now, we know what the estimated antlerless harvest is in the archery season, but don't understand what licenses hunters are necessarily using to make their harvest decisions," he said. "We'll also have a better understanding of reported harvests of button bucks, bucks with shed antlers and bucks with antlers less than 3 inches. Currently, all of those deer are reported as antlerless deer, but we have never been able to fully quantify the values for any of them."

Another function of the online reporting system is the integration of disease surveillance information. Hunters reporting deer harvested in disease priority areas will receive notifications and instructions on submitting their deer for testing, should they choose to volunteer their deer for either chronic wasting dis-

ease or bovine tuberculosis testing.

"The submission process, with hunters receiving a confirmation number from their successful harvest submission, will improve the convenience and flexibility for hunters to submit their deer for testing and allow additional sites, such as 24-7 drop boxes and convenient locations through partnerships with processors and taxidermists, to be used for submission," Stewart added.

Hunters will have up to 72 hours after taking a deer to report their harvest, either online at Michigan.gov/DNRHarvestReport or through the DNR's new mobile app.

All successful hunters will be asked to report the unique kill tag license number that was attached to the deer, the hunter's date of birth, the exact harvest location, the type of deer harvested (fawn, antlered or adult doe), number of antler points (if a buck) and date of kill. Some hunters will be asked additional questions that will help the DNR understand conditions in the field that affect harvest.

So far in the 2022 deer seasons, 81% of hunters reporting deer kills have completed the harvest report in under five minutes.

Hunters can watch short videos on how to report a harvest on the DNR Hunt Fish app and how to report through the eLicense website.

While it has shown to be a quick and easy process, technical assistance is available at a variety of locations around the state or by calling 517-284-9453 during normal business hours.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available on the DNR deer harvest reporting webpage.

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HUNTING

Locating Wounded Deer: Use of Leashed Tracking Dogs

By Jacob VanHouten

"I can't believe I lost that buck, with a good shot and strong blood trail... I just don't get it" was the depressing thought swirling around my mind.

If you are a deer hunter, the loss of a deer may either happen to you or someone you know during your hunting life. An underutilized method to increase your odds of recovery may include the use of a tracking dog.

The first time I observed a "blood tracking" dog was while volunteering as a wounded deer tracker for limited mobility hunters participating in a NWTW Wheelin' Sportsmen Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge deer hunt. Held during the first three days of the rifle season, the hunt allowed hunters to have a chance at bagging a buck or doe with the assistance of staff and volunteers. One of the volunteers brought along his dog, "Gus". Several volunteers and hunters were watching Gus, the "different looking" dog, wander around the meeting site greeting people as they arrived.

"What kind of dog is that?" people would ask. Gus was a standard wire-haired Dachshund. To the untrained eye, this handsome hound did not appear to be a "wiener dog", which is what most people think of when they hear "Dachshund" (and don't say "dash hound"), in either size or appearance.

After a group of us "master tracker" volunteers could not locate a participant's wounded deer, Gus came in and found the deer, with absolutely no visible blood, in less than 30 minutes. This was a serious "wow" moment for me. The owner told me he bought the dog in New York State. I kept the memory of that experience tucked away. Fast forward 10 years, after sharing the experience with my brother-in-law and loaning him the book: Tracking Dogs for



Doe recovery.

finding Wounded Deer by John Jeanneney, he purchased one. He had great success with his dog which convinced me, especially after I "lost" (as in couldn't find) a wounded buck during my 2016 deer season. Thus my journey began to acquire my own tracking hound.

BACKGROUND

The aforementioned book was written by the man that may be considered the "father" of on-leash tracking dogs in the U.S., John Jeanneney of Berne, New York. First of its kind and in its 2nd edition (2016), his book provides everything needed to start using tracking dogs to recover wounded deer. Richard P. Smith considers this book a "ground breaking volume..." and also says: "This book should be required reading by all state and provincial commissions and administrators who are also responsible for setting regulations regarding the recovery of whitetails with dogs".

If interested in finding out more, the group United Blood Trackers (unitedbloodtrackers.org) provides a good starting point. They are "...dedicated to promoting resource conservation through the use of trained tracking dogs in the ethical recovery of big game." The term "blood tracking" is most often used, even though it can be



Dave with his 8 point and jager.

misleading in that usually when called into action, the dog will be on a track where there is little or no blood present. With experience and training, dogs can track individual wounded animals by other scents (such as interdigital gland). Also, although primarily used to recover whitetail, tracking dogs are used for many big game animals such as bear, moose, elk and hogs.

The puppy Seeing our pup for the first time in his pen with 5 other puppies, we fell in love with "Jager"... pronounced "Yager", (the "a" has an umlaut in German), which translates to: "Hunter". It was chosen due to his lineage being direct from Germany (the breed itself was developed there to hunt badgers and foxes... Dachshund translates into English as: badger hound). Tommy, the sire Dachshund for Jager is a proven deer tracker and came directly from Germany.

John and Jolanta spent time showing us how to use a liver and blood "drag" line to train our

young puppy on tracking a scent line. At only 9 weeks old, Jager readily followed a one hour-old line which included three 90 degree turns. My wife and I were simply "wowed" by the demonstration. Jager is a born tracker and is now a very happy member of our family now.

TRAINING AND USE OF TRACKING DOGS

There are many breeds of dogs that can be used for tracking deer. These include the scent hounds such as dachshunds, beagles, bloodhounds, coonhound; Pointers/Retrievers like labs, golden retrievers, Chesapeake's; Curs/Border collies ("Cow dogs and Cur dogs"); Old breeds like terriers, jack Russell, and German shepherds. All have their own advantages and disadvantages of course.

The dachshund has shown to be a formidable and versatile breed for tracking wounded deer and other big game. With their innate hunting sense, training of a newly purchased dachshund puppy



Dave's 8 point recovery.

can lead to an excellent chance of developing a usable tracking hound. By reinforcing natural instincts, basic obedience training, and motivating and encouraging a young pup, as well as "on lead" (deer tracking in MI must be done on leash or lead) training is expected.

The owner/handler must work in tandem as a team with the tracking dog. Communication with the hunter is important to determine perceived shot location or "wound" will add to the successful conclusion of any track. Young dogs can be started on a "drag line" of liver and blood and even the preferred German technique of using "Fahrtenshuhe" (Tracking Shoes) which uses an actual deer leg attached to a boot or shoe. The leg from an individual deer must always be used as dogs recognize individual deer through the interdigital gland found between the hoofs of the deer. A 30 foot lead that does not easily catch on brush can be used (different types of line/rope are used). Typical rewards at the end of a drag line in-

clude "nibbles" on the liver, or a deer hide/skin or leg.

LEARNING MORE

As previously mentioned, the group United Blood Trackers.org (questions@unitedbloodtrackers.org) is also a good place to inquire and gain further information, including "Find-a-Tracker" listing and regulations for each state that allows the use of tracking dogs. This season and in the future, whether using a bow, rifle, crossbow or black powder... make every attempt to make a good lethal shot. However, if not, consider utilizing a tracking dog (either of your own, or from an experienced handler... check state regulations as well) to recover your deer. Good hunting!

Trails that are NOT open to hunting

With gun season opening tomorrow, Little Traverse Conservancy has compiled a list of recommended preserves with trails across their five-county service area that are closed to hunting. To learn more, please visit www.landtrust.org for an interactive website or call 231.347.0991.

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- Woollam Family

DNR patch tradition reaches 50 years

This year marks 50 years of the DNR's deer management cooperators patch, which was first produced in 1972. Historically, hunters who brought their harvested deer into a deer check station received a patch in exchange for the biological data collected by DNR staff.

The DNR is shifting its deer check stations – now simply called "deer stations" – toward more targeted disease surveillance in areas of interest. Staffed sample submission stations will still be open in areas where disease monitoring is taking place, and hunters harvesting a deer in those areas will receive a notification after reporting their deer harvest online. Many hunters consider the deer patch a way to celebrate their hunt or harvest. Those who want a patch to commemorate the deer season can purchase one online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses, or from the DNR Hunt Fish mobile app, for \$8 while supplies last.



The 2022 deer management cooperators patch – available for purchase online for the first time this year – commemorates 50 years of the patch, first produced in 1972. (courtesy of DNR)

"This is an option that has been requested over the years, particularly by hunters who had to travel longer distances to get to a check station," DNR deer, elk and moose management specialist Chad Stewart said.

During the 50 years since the patch was introduced, the size of Michigan's deer population, and deer management, has changed considerably.

"When the patch first came out in the early 1970s, we were harvesting

under 100,000 deer in the state. Fast-forward 20 years, and our harvest nearly eclipsed 600,000. Today, we are around 400,000, and many changes over this time have been made to accommodate the changing deer herd," Stewart said.

As the deer herd has grown and the number of hunters has declined, Michigan's deer population is no longer at risk of collapse. The information that used to be collected at check stations is no longer

essential for monitoring of deer herd growth and harvest, and it has become increasingly important to monitor deer disease at these stations instead.

Because of the work done over the years at check stations, the DNR can estimate age structure of the harvest from all deer reported through its new online system – expected to be several hundred thousand, compared to the 10-20,000 that typically would come in to check stations.

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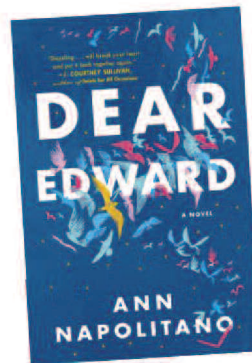
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meets at 12pm on last Monday* of the month
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next meeting is **November 28th** in the BDL Community Room to talk about **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano



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