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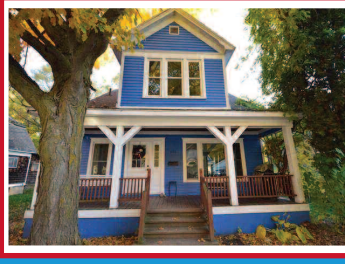
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GIFT LOCAL DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

You could win up to \$500 for Shopping Local in Charlevoix

The Gift Local Holiday Shopping Contest has begun!

CHARLEVOIX, Mich. — While out shopping for the holidays, you could win some extra money as a reward for keeping your hard-earned dollars in our local economy by choosing to shop small in downtown Charlevoix. Now through December 24th, for every \$50 spent on qualifying purchases, you could earn an entry into a drawing for three prizes - \$500, \$300, or \$100 in Downtown Dollar Gift Cards.

It's easy! To enter, spend \$50 in qualifying purchases between November 25th and December 24th in 2022 at your favorite downtown

businesses (receipts may be combined). Then, turn in receipts through December 24th to one of five contest entry locations: Elements Gallery, Ga Ga for Kids, J. Bird Provisions, The Clothing Company, and The Lake House.

Online purchases at participating downtown Charlevoix businesses also count toward an entry! If you feel safer shopping this way, or are shopping small from a distance, you can submit your email receipts by forwarding them to charlevoixmainstreet@gmail

SEE GIFT LOCAL - 2A

Messiah Concert by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents its popular annual performance of Handel's masterpiece "Messiah" at 7 p.m. on both Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16 at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus and guest soloists, led by Director André Strydom, will join the orchestra led by GLCO Conductor and Music Director Libor Ondras.

The performance opens with Camille Saint-Saëns' "Oratorio de Noel," and concludes with the first and second sections of Handel's famous "Messiah" oratorio, ending with the celebratory Hallelujah Chorus.

Each event will feature a post-concert reception with light refreshments and cash bar.

Great Lakes Chamber



MESSIAH
7:00 PM
Thursday, December 15
Friday, December 16
Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Orchestra is a non-profit organization headquartered in downtown Petoskey. Tickets from \$35 - \$65 are available at www.glcorchestra.org.

The concert is free for veterans, active service members and students 18 and under by calling 231-487-0010.



Bristol Skop Peace Poster winner

The East Jordan Lions Club congratulated and awarded \$50 to the Middle School Peace Poster Winner, Bristol Skop.

Her poster almost won the Lions District award and lost by one vote. The theme of the contest was Lead With Compassion.

Pictured are her parents, Nathan and Lindsey Skop, King Lion Bill Chase, Bristol Skop, school art instructor Mike Schroeder, and peace poster coordinator Linda Poole.

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Boyne Eta Nu Charities "Lights of Love" to Benefit Hospice of Michigan

The Boyne Eta Nu Charities thirty-fifth annual "Lights of Love" tree lighting and dedication will take place Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. on the Dilworth Hotel porch in Boyne City. This special event offers an opportunity for community members to honor and remember loved ones during the holiday season.

This year's event will benefit Hospice of Michigan.

Please help decorate our "Lights of Love" tree by purchasing a green \$5; blue \$10; red \$20 or gold light \$30. For a \$40 contribution, you will receive a personalized heart ornament inscribed with your loved one's name that will hang on the tree during the month of December. In the past thirty-four years, Boyne Eta Nu has raised over \$118,000 for area Hospice programs. Lights and hearts tax-deductible donations can be made through the end of December 2022. The personalized hearts ornaments will be distributed after the New Year.

Those wishing to make a direct contribution may do so via mail to Pati Scott, 4408 E. Fontenoy, Boyne City, MI 49712. Please make checks payable to Boyne Eta Nu Charities. For additional information visit us on Face Book at Boyne Eta Nu Charities or contact Pati Scott at patiski13@gmail.com or call or text 231-758-2496



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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE



The Veteran of the month for December 2022 is Douglas Randall Simpson, born September 2, 1950 in Detroit Michigan to parents Graydon Douglas and Shirley Anne Wright Simpson. Doug attended Northville Schools, graduating in the class of 1969. On August 8, 1971, Doug enlisted in the United States Navy. After Basic Seamanship Training, and advanced schooling in Electrical Repair, he was assigned to the USS Constellation CVA-64, with sea duty off the coast of Vietnam. After boarding the ship, he was assigned to the Power

Shop's Heavy Power Gang, who maintained Ventilation Systems, Deck Winches, Anchor Windlass Motors and other 440 Volt Equipment. During his service aboard the USS Constellation, Doug received numerous Performance Commendations stating: "EM3 Simpson is an extremely hard working and conscientious Electrician, who can always be depended upon to get the job done. He is loyal, dependable, enthusiastic and energetic in the performance of his duties." On August 1, 1973, having 1 year 4 months and 14 days overseas duty aboard the



USS Constellation, at Naval Station, San Diego, California, Doug was given an Honorable Discharge and released from active duty receiving these medals: The National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam

Campaign Medal. Doug returned home to Northville, Michigan, joined the US Naval Reserves and soon moved to Midland, Michigan, where he worked at the Midland Area Hospital as an Electrician. There he met and later married Kimberly Rae Rowe on May 3, 1975. In 1979 they moved to Charlevoix, Michigan and opened Simpson Electric, Inc. where they made many long-time friends. Doug had a passion for sailing. He and Kim would spend many days sailing their numerous sailboats to favorite places like Beaver Island and the North Channel in Canada. He participated in many Chicago to Mackinaw and Port Huron to Mackinaw races, and was active in the Charlevoix Yacht Club for many years, serving as its Commodore in 1992. On July 4, 2022, Douglas Randall Simpson answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Kim and family.

GIFT LOCAL

FROM PG. 1A

New this year: you can purchase the all-new digital Downtown Dollars gift cards as gifts to earn entries as well! Food purchased at restaurants and grocery stores do not qualify, but gift cards to these businesses do. 4,000 entries are available, and the winners will be announced and contacted via phone/email on January 9th, 2023. Qualified purchases include \$50 spent in-store or online at downtown retailers on product or gift cards; \$50 spent in-store or online at downtown restaurants on gift cards only; \$50 spent on gift cards or product at personal service busi-

nesses; \$50 spent on gift cards from grocery stores; \$50 spent on Downtown Dollars Digital Gift Cards. More information about Gift Local along with a list of participating businesses to support can be found by visiting downtowncharlevoix.com.

ABOUT CHARLEVOIX DDA

The mission of the Charlevoix DDA is to strengthen the year-round economic vitality of our vibrant historic business district through community efforts, events, and public/private partnerships while fostering a sense of community pride and ownership. For more information about Downtown Charlevoix, visit www.downtowncharlevoix.com. Join the conversation on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS

John Cool – An Exemplary Community Leader

By John Keyser

I had been encouraged to meet with John Cool, as he is truly devoted to thanking the area and people who had been so welcoming and helpful to him as he entered the workforce and community after college.

John grew up in Petoskey, attended schools there and then North Central Michigan College (and hearing John's story continues my admiration for the treasure that North Central is to Charlevoix and Emmet Counties). After graduation, he realized he needed a job which offered him health insurance. He loved mathematics so he joined a bank in Petoskey, which was later purchased by a large publicly owned bank. After some time, he realized he missed being part of a smaller community bank. He placed a call to Mike Hinkle, President of Charlevoix State Bank, a community owned bank, and explained his situation.

Charlevoix State Bank had been wanting to open a branch in Boyne City and once Mike got to know John, he offered him the opportunity to do so – a one-person bank branch office. John was thrilled, and has done an outstanding job. In fact, within three years it was a full-service bank in a key location on the corner of Lake and Water Streets in Boyne City.

John was very appreciative for how he was warmly and helpfully welcomed by the business community and people of Boyne City



JOHN COOL

and that absolutely continues to fuel his devotion to serving the people and community.

John is amazed at the unity which exists in the community. As a great example, Team Boyne consists of leaders in the

community with varying responsibilities, beliefs, perspectives, who come together every month to constructively discuss with open-minds what is best for Boyne City and how to make that happen.

Volunteering is in John's

DNA. Just a few examples are his being past President of the Boyne Valley Lion's Club, past President of Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Economic Vitality Committee for Boyne City Main Street, and Treasurer of Great Lakes Energy People's Fund. These and other volunteer activities that John is active with help improve the lives of the people of Boyne City and also, very importantly, attract businesses to the Boyne area by helping make it easier to locate here, recruit help and attract customers. There is a lot of emphasis on the city's "Main Street". There are great places to shop, to eat and to enjoy entertainment, and the goals are to always improve these attractions to Boyne City.

John's wife, Savannah, is with the Char-Em Intermediate School District and their daughter, Keely, will begin kindergarten next September. By the way, if you notice John's photo, he has red hair, and Keely in Gaelic means beautiful, an Irish Lassie!

I asked about challenges. With Charlevoix State Bank, as a smaller, locally owned bank, it is keeping up with the very latest technology, which the jumbo banks can continually afford. This said, Charlevoix State Bank knows and cares for its customers, personally and professionally. I, personally, could not be happier with the bank.

And while on the subject of Charlevoix State Bank, John is especially appreciative and has much admiration for Mike Hinkle, its

President. Mike has encouraged John to volunteer his time to help nonprofits and the Boyne City and Charlevoix County communities, and prefers sponsoring worthy organizations and events than simply spending the bank's money to purchase advertising.

Again, John's focus beyond good customer service, are helping to attract new businesses to Boyne City, helping people follow their dreams, and recognizing the outstanding recreational resources and opportunities in the area.

Two additional take-aways for me from our conversation are that John lives by the advice of his father, who is a farmer:

To practice leadership by questioning and to encourage people who come to him with ideas and or problems, and then to ask what they think we should do and why.

And that John follows the advice of Mike Hinkle to encourage and be open to new ideas and advice.

Great principles!
Very fun for me to get to know John Cool!

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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 CANDLELIGHT TEA

Tuesday, December 6th, for the Joppa House annual Christmas Candlelight Tea at the St. Mary's Catholic School Gymnasium from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. You will be seated at beautifully decorated tables, served tea and goodies. Enjoy a silent auction, door prizes, raffles, and more. Cost is \$20/ticket, available at the door, via table sponsor, or in advance by sending us an email at: joppahouseministries@gmail.com

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.

WALLOON LAKE Two Free Christmas Movie Nights at Talcott December 9 & 10, 7 PM.

It's Christmastime in Northern Michigan and what better way to celebrate than with your favorite holiday movie on the big screen at the Talcott on December 9 and 10. The community is welcome to enjoy a free showing of 'The Polar Express' at the Talcott, in downtown Walloon Lake Village, at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 9. Want to make it a double feature? The Talcott will also be featuring 'Elf' at 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 10. Weekend movie showings are free and open to the public for admittance. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets, or pillows for seating. Reserved seating will be available for Hotel Walloon guests staying for the Christmas in

Walloon Weekend experience. Snacks and a cash bar will be available for purchase.

GAYLORD

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join the Gaylord Community Orchestra and Gaylord Community Choir as they celebrate the holiday season, with "A Christmas Concert". The concert of Christmas favorites will include something for everyone. It will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 7pm, at the Gornick Auditorium at the Gaylord High School. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$15 for adults, free for students.

GAYLORD

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

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-ride.org. 231-675-5047

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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

BOYNE CITY

OFF THE CLOCK

Please join us for our next Off The Clock event. December 15th, 5:30 to 7:pm at One Water St. Attractions to include: Beer & Wine, Appetizers made by the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class, Café Santé Finger Foods, Argonne Shrimp. Hosted by Boyne City Massage & Wellness, Edward Jones and Boyne Arts Center.

BAY HARBOR

JOHN LLOYD YOUNG: HEART OF CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 22, 7:30PM. In the tradition and style of Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé, Bing Crosby, and Nat King Cole, Tony and Grammy winner John Lloyd Young will inspire a sense of wonder as he finishes every syllable with wistful, emotionally direct renderings of traditional holiday favorites.

EAST JORDAN

CHRISTMAS TREES

East Jordan Lions will have Christmas trees for sale at Gill Roy's Hardware at 201 Mill St. Sale is now through December 24th. Week days 3-5 pm, Saturday 11-4pm. Sundays noon-3pm

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 livingwordfm.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

Raven Hill open on weekends

Raven Hill Discovery Center is currently open noon to 4pm Saturdays, 2pm to 4pm Sundays and other times by appointment. Raven Hill provides children and families alike a place for scientific exploration that is incredibly valuable for developing minds. Whether sparking an interest in science or providing a day of fun while exploring the exhibits, Raven Hill is a priceless asset to the Northern Michigan community.

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.

BOYNE CITY

FREE FLU SHOTS

Boyer City EMS has a large stock of flu shots and would like to share them with the public. They are now available free of charge at the EMS garage next to City Hall. To make an appointment please call EMS 231-582-9535, text 231-350-2589 or email EMS@boynecity.com. If you are homebound, we will come to your home to give you your flu shot.

EAST JORDAN

FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots are available at Jordan Valley EMS Authority, 555 Maple St. Call for appointment Mon - Friday, 8am - 4pm. 231-536-7881

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Back to Normal or a New Normal?

Sam Bailey
Strategic Initiatives
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2022 was supposed to be the year when things got back to normal with many business sectors returning to their pre-COVID operations. But was that the case? It depends how you define normal. In Northern Lower Michigan, businesses were open with little to no COVID restrictions, and the economy saw its traditional summer tourism season which decreased unemployment and pulled individuals into the work force. The regional labor force partially bounced back from 2021 lows, but it is still markedly lower than pre-pandemic levels and will likely remain so.

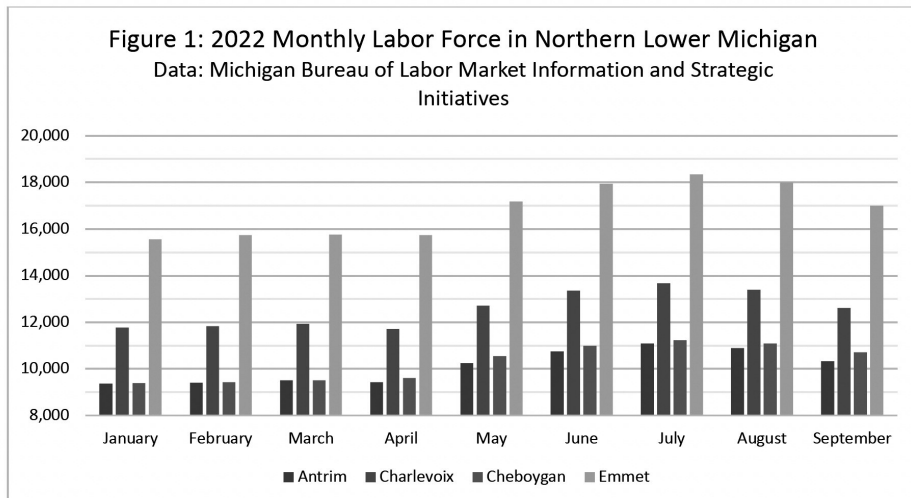
Residents of Northern Lower Michigan are familiar with the swell of economic activity that happens every summer, and this year was no different. The summer season pulled thousands of workers into the labor force and drove down the monthly unemployment rate. Table 1 reveals that seasonal unemployment fluctuations in 2022 are on par with previous years.

Prior to the pandemic, Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties typically fluctuated between eight and five percent unemployment while Cheboygan fluctuates between five and fifteen percent unemployment. It is important to note that many economists argue that between three and six percent unemployment to be full employment and not particularly concerning. This is because there are always some workers who may be temporarily unemployed, as they move from one job to the other or for other reasons. While this cycle is familiar to many residents, it is a key metric to advocate for a twelve-month economy in the region. To improve quality of life and create economic opportunities for locals, more must be done to stabilize the annual fluctuations in unemployment.

In 2022, the combined labor force of Antrim,

	Antrim County	Charlevoix County	Cheboygan County	Emmet County	NLEA Service Area	Michigan
January	7.7	6.2	12.9	7.7	8.4	4.1
February	7.9	6.3	13.5	7.9	8.6	4.2
March	6.6	5.2	11.1	6.5	7.2	4.2
April	6.6	5.2	10.3	6.4	7.0	4.3
May	5.5	4.4	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.3
June	5.8	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.3
July	5.3	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.4
August	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.7
September	4.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.9

*Data is from the Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.



Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties grew from 46,085 workers in January to 54,319 workers at its peak in July. Figure 1 reveals that much of that growth was concentrated in Emmet County which added 2,773 workers between January and July.

In that same time frame, Antrim County added 1,723; Charlevoix County added 1,905; and Cheboygan added 1,833. This growth is routine as high school and college students, local seasonal workers, and transient seasonal workers enter the labor force to meet increased demand.

While the seasonal cycles of 2022 seem to be back to normal, the total number of workers was not. Figure 2 shows the total monthly labor force of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties from 2018 to 2022. It reveals a markedly smaller workforce during and after the pandemic than in years prior.

Between 2014 and 2019, the regional labor force would routinely rise from approximately 50,000 in January to over 56,000 in

July. The light blue line representing 2021 shows an approximately 6.5% reduction in the workforce following the pandemic. While the orange line representing 2022 shows the labor force grew from 2021, it is still below pre-pandemic levels. At its peak in July, the 2022 workforce was still 2,413 workers smaller than in 2018. It is unlikely that the labor force will return to its pre-pandemic levels due to a combination of factors. The pandemic caused many people close to retirement age to retire early due to health concerns and a booming stock market. The region has an aging population which means an increasing number of people are exiting the workforce and there are fewer young people to fill seasonal roles and eventually fully enter the workforce. The local housing market poses a barrier to out-of-area workers looking to move here. Challenges accessing and affording childcare have led to many parents electing to exit the labor force or work part-time to care for their children. This combination of factors points toward a

“new normal” like the region experienced this summer, with establishments competing for limited workers, reducing business hours, and struggling when students return to school. A new normal poses a threat to the continued success of local businesses in all sectors, and by extension the overall health of local communities.

Northern Lower Michigan needs to begin an earnest discussion around talent attraction and retention to address current and continued labor challenges. To kickstart this conversation, the 2023 Northern Lakes and Economic Symposium will focus on talent attraction and retention. Symposium attendees will hear from state officials and experts with a deep understanding of how to attract and retain talent. Through keynote speakers and breakout sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to examine talent challenges through global, community, industry cluster, and business lenses.

LEADERSHIP KINDNESS IS ESSENTIAL IN OUR LEADERSHIP

By John Keyser



JOHN KEYSER

Unexpected kindness is powerful, and highly effective leadership and kindness go together perfectly. The most successful leaders treat their team members with kindness. They realize that kindness is motivating!

Motivated team members lead to a winning team spirit, which leads to people having pride in their work and their team, which lead to outstanding results and superior customer service.

In several recent conversations about kindness, people pointed out that what we say and do must be genuine. Yes, definitely. When I say kindness, I do not mean simply making platitudes.

Kindness includes being positive and encouraging. It also includes helping people feel good about themselves. This is a great description of leadership: how we help make someone feel, how we inspire a can-do attitude, how we help others gain confidence.

People want their managers to be honest and make the time to help them learn and succeed. They realize this often means being forthright and leveling with them about areas of professional development. Yet,

managers are often hesitant to give constructive feedback to help their people learn and grow.

It is important to realize that giving constructive feedback, mentoring and coaching our team members are acts of kindness. Everyone wants to do well and be successful. Their learning, growth and success is our responsibility as leaders just as much as it is our team members' own responsibility.

We can give constructive feedback in a kind manner, letting our people know we genuinely care about them.

Ideally, we have these conversations in person, genuine two-way conversations, listening attentively and assuring mutual understanding and agreement.

I recently had a conversation with an outstanding natural leader who is all about the team. She made an important point: It is important for us as leaders to take the time to reach out to our people when good things happen, not just when something goes wrong.

Let's be intentional about “kindness” in our work and interactions and to notice the difference we make.

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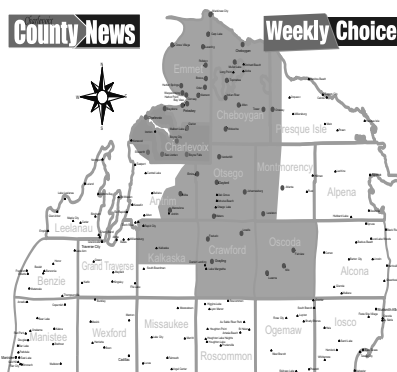
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Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Robert Putnam

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Chris and Emily Putnam

Future Plans: Robert would like to be a person who studies sharks.

Favorite Book: Any books about sharks

Hobbies and Interests He likes to learn about sharks, do projects with mom and dad, work in the garden, take care of his chickens, and play with his brother and sister.

School Activities: Robert likes to play outside, and do math. Robert also spent a lot of time this summer working with his mom in the school hoop house. He did a great job weeding, watering, taking care of our plants, and harvesting our fresh vegetables.

Staff Comments: Robert has made so much growth from pre-school to kindergarten this year. He has adjusted to the routines of the kindergarten classroom and consistently puts forth his best effort. Robert is working really hard with his reading, writing, and math skills and continues to show great growth. He comes to school each day ready to learn, and have fun with his friends. I am so proud of all his hard work and I'm excited to watch his growth for the remainder of this school year.

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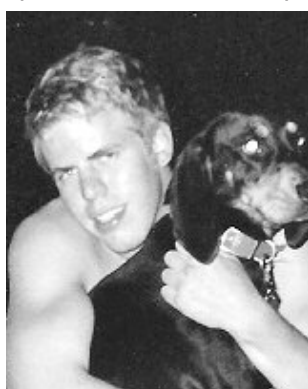
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OBITUARIES

Ross Alward, 44

(JULY 31, 1978 — NOV. 6, 2022)



Ross William Alward of Charlevoix, passed away November 6, 2022. Ross was a 1996 Ellsworth high school graduate, and longtime area resident.

many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family. A private service was held. Arrangements have been handled by the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Robert "Bob" Sumner, 78

(JULY 27, 1944 — NOV. 28, 2022)

Robert James Sumner of East Jordan passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on July 27, 1944, in Boyne City.

ner of Orlando, FL; two sisters, Roxanne Bascom of Manton and Darlene Braun of Austin, TX; sisters-in-law Pat Sumner of Petoskey and Judy Sumner of Charlevoix; his daughter, Cindy Sumner of East Jordan; two grandchildren, Sam (Nicole) Snowden and Greg (Heather) Snowden; and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Leroy Sumner and Thomas Sumner; a sister, Gaylee Anderson; and nephew Edward Sumner. A funeral service will take place in the Spring of 2023.

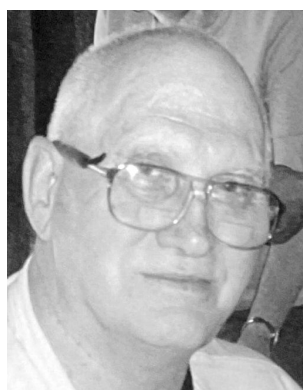
Junior is survived by four children, Laura (Joe) Mangine of Youngstown, Ohio, Gordon (Nicola) Wright of Huntsville, Alabama, Kristina (Brad Rowe) Wright - Rowe of Youngstown, Ohio and Heather (Jay) Ciolek of Bridgeport; twelve grandchildren, Andrew Wright, Ashley Wright, Brad Rowe, Jr., Austin Rowe, Arleigha Bowser, Samele Moananu, Jr., Jeffrey Moananu, Austin Hall, Ann Morton, Dalton Ciolek, Colton Ciolek and Antonio Mangine; three great grandchildren, Brinkley Morton, Aizlyn Morton and Emelia Wright; one brother, Danial (Jean) Wright of East Jordan; two sisters, Yvonne (Daniel) Evans of Burton and Brenda (Doug) Derr of Lapeer.

still has cattle today. He loved raising his horses and training them for trail riding as well. He also enjoyed going to auctions of any kind in the area. Above all else, he loved his family. Bill is survived by his two children, Billie Jean Habel of Ellsworth and Willie (Nicole) Habel of Charlevoix; two grandchildren, William IV and Emily; two brothers, Jim (Tosca) Habel of Charlevoix and Allen Habel of Bay Shore; and a sister, Sandy Santure (Mike Wilson) of Charlevoix.

class of 1953. On an academic scholarship, she continued her education at Eastern Michigan University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Education. She began a teaching career shortly after graduation, teaching Spanish in the Livonia Public Schools. While working, June earned her Master of Education from University of Michigan. She taught at Stevenson High School and Holmes Junior High School for many years before retiring in the late 1980's.

Junior Gordon Wright, 87

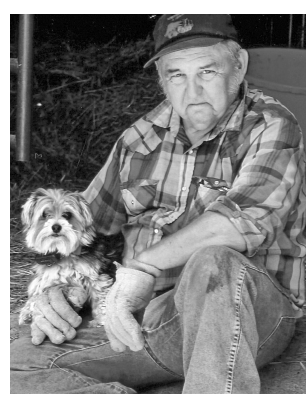
(JUNE 5, 1935 - NOV. 20, 2022)



Junior Gordon Wright died Sunday, November 20, 2022, at his home in East Jordan. He was born on June 5, 1935, in Davison, Michigan, the son of Claude and Vera (Barnes) Wright.

William "Bill" Habel, 72

(FEB. 9, 1950 — NOV. 20, 2022)



William Frank Habel Jr. of Charlevoix passed away on November 20, 2022 at his home. He was born on February 9, 1950, in Charlevoix, the son of William Sr. and Leona (Warner) Habel.

June C. Freydl, 87

(JUNE 25, 1935 - NOV. 22, 2022)



June C. Freydl of Northville and East Jordan, passed away on November 22, 2022. She was born on June 25, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Curt and Fern (Hutton) Roberts.

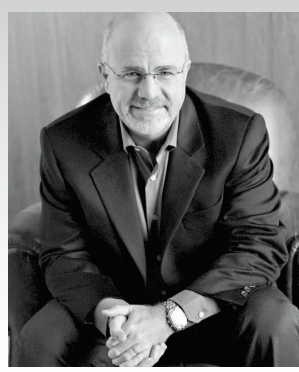
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Driven outdoors by the 2020 global pandemic, trail users from all over flooded into the region, lodging, camping, and dining locally while exploring area trails on bike and foot. But, the pandemic boom was only the start, according to the Trails Council. What many thought would be a short-term tourism surge became a sustained onslaught.

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Northern Michigan trails are indeed a mainstay of the seasonal economy, pandemic surge notwithstanding, according to local business owners and tourism specialists.

"Bicycles, whether trail, road or mountain bikes, have easily become the most popular form of recreation for guests at our three lodging properties in Emmet County," said Reg Smith, chairman of Stafford's Hospitality. "This is one of the forms of recreation in which couples of all ages and families can participate at various levels of skill and fitness."

"Keep in mind that these are not 'budget' travelers," Smith continued. "They stay in our top end rooms and they spend dollars in Petoskey and other cities..."

Michigan outdoor recreation in general is, of course, extremely lucrative, generating about \$26.6 billion in annual consumer spending, according to the Michigan Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry.

With a full slate of all-season offerings - ski hills, fall color, shopping, trail systems, water recreation, golf, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, and more - Northern Michigan has a stiff backbone for a rural economy.

"Outdoor recreation makers, facilitators, retailers, and service providers are major players in the local economy," the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) reported on its website, northernlakes.net. "It is important to foster, grow,



and retain the outdoor recreation industry in Northern Michigan to promote economic development and provide jobs."

Reporting current statistics from Dun & Bradstreet Hoovers, NLEA said the outdoor recreation industry in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties generates an estimated \$153,790,877 in revenue annually and employs over 2,705 people.

"Protecting and improving regional outdoor assets is an opportunity to improve local quality of life and generate economic returns," NLEA concluded.

Local trail supporters agree 100 percent. People like Christian Janssens of Petoskey, owner and founder of Latitude 45 Bicycles and Fitness, would like to see the Little Traverse Wheelway's celebrated bluffs segment, a portion of which collapsed a few years ago, repaired.

"The Little Traverse Wheelway was pivotal in my decision to expand my company to Petoskey and paramount to the growth and success Latitude 45 has achieved over the past 20 years," said Janssens. "Getting arguably the most beautiful section of the Wheelway back online will be critical to our long term sustainability plan, and we strongly encourage all government bodies to understand the importance of the trail to our regional economy."

A former Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau official, Diane Dakins, said the visitors bureau office is routinely inundated with inquiries about the Wheelway, which, aside from the collapsed portion, stretches 23.5 miles connecting Harbor Springs with Charlevoix.

"Nearly 10,000 people have indicated directly to the visitor's bureau that they have an interest in biking in the Petoskey area - and certainly many of those have ridden or want to ride the Little Traverse Wheelway," Dakins said. "I have personally spoken to many guests who plan their trips around riding while they visit. And unfortunately, I've spoken to many who enjoy other trails in the area, but are shortening their trips to the region because of the washout on the Wheelway."

In the affluent Bay Harbor enclave near Petoskey, the effects of the broken trail are evident, according to Denny Brya, general manager of the Bay Harbor Company.

Prior to the Wheelway collapse, bike and foot traffic flowed freely from Petoskey to Bay Harbor and vice versa, yielding customers for both areas' businesses. That changed dramatically when the thoroughfare failed. Though cyclists can still reach Bay Harbor on a less safe and unofficial detour: the U.S. 31 road shoulder with its higher-speed car and truck traffic an arm's length away.

"It has definitely had an effect," Brya said, referring to the trail breakdown. "(The collapse) has definitely slowed the tourism traffic in Bay Harbor. Hav-

ing that connection is a wonderful benefit to the overall community. We had a lot of people coming to Bay Harbor from Petoskey. And our residents enjoy being able to ride their bikes to Petoskey without having to get in a car."

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Bay Harbor Company General Manager Denny Brya said residents and business owners in his community miss the Little Traverse Wheelway connection with downtown Petoskey. "Our residents enjoy being able to ride their bikes to Petoskey, without having to get in a car," he said.

ation for guests at our three lodging properties in Emmet County," said Reg Smith, chairman of Stafford's Hospitality. "This is one of the forms of recreation in which couples of all ages and families can participate at various levels of skill and fitness."

"Keep in mind that these are not 'budget' travelers," Smith continued. "They stay in our top end rooms and they spend dollars in Petoskey and other cities..."

Michigan outdoor recreation in general is, of course, extremely lucrative, generating about \$26.6 billion in annual consumer spending, according to the Michigan Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry.

With a full slate of all-season offerings - ski hills, fall color, shopping, trail systems, water recreation, golf, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, and more - Northern Michigan has a stiff backbone for a rural economy.

"Outdoor recreation makers, facilitators, retailers, and service providers are major players in the local economy," the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) reported on its website, northernlakes.net. "It is important to foster, grow, and retain the outdoor recreation industry in Northern Michigan to promote economic development and provide jobs."

Reporting current statistics from Dun & Bradstreet Hoovers, NLEA said the outdoor recreation industry in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties generates an estimated \$153,790,877 in revenue annually and employs over 2,705 people.

"Protecting and improving regional outdoor assets is an opportunity to improve local quality of life and generate economic returns," NLEA concluded.

Local trail supporters agree 100 percent. People like Christian Janssens of Petoskey, owner and founder of Latitude 45 Bicycles and Fitness, would like to see the Little Traverse Wheelway's celebrated bluffs segment, a portion of which collapsed a few years ago, repaired.

"The Little Traverse Wheelway was pivotal in my decision to expand my

company to Petoskey and paramount to the growth and success Latitude 45 has achieved over the past 20 years," said Janssens. "Getting arguably the most beautiful section of the Wheelway back online will be critical to our long term sustainability plan, and we strongly encourage all government bodies to understand the importance of the trail to our regional economy."

A former Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau official, Diane Dakins, said the visitors bureau office is routinely inundated with inquiries about the Wheelway, which, aside from the collapsed portion, stretches 23.5 miles connecting Harbor Springs with Charlevoix.

"Nearly 10,000 people have indicated directly to the visitor's bureau that they have an interest in biking in the Petoskey area - and certainly many of those have ridden or want to ride the Little Traverse Wheelway," Dakins said. "I have personally spoken to many guests who plan their trips around riding while they visit. And unfortunately, I've spoken to many who enjoy other trails in the area, but are shortening their trips to the region because of the washout on the Wheelway."

In the affluent Bay Harbor enclave near Petoskey, the effects of the broken trail are evident, according to Denny Brya, general manager of the Bay Harbor Company.

Prior to the Wheelway collapse, bike and foot traffic flowed freely from Petoskey to Bay Harbor and vice versa, yielding customers for both areas' businesses. That changed dramatically when the thoroughfare failed. Though cyclists can still reach Bay Harbor on a less safe and unofficial detour: the U.S. 31 road shoulder with its higher-speed car and truck traffic an arm's length away.

"It has definitely had an effect," Brya said, referring to the trail breakdown. "(The collapse) has definitely slowed the tourism traffic in Bay Harbor. Hav-

ing that connection is a wonderful benefit to the overall community. We had a lot of people coming to

Bay Harbor from Petoskey. And our residents enjoy being able to ride their bikes to Petoskey without having to get in a car."

He said the Wheelway repair is a popular topic among Bay Harbor residents and merchants, many of whom hope to see a fix in the near future.

"People ask me often about it - what the plans are and what's happening," Brya said. "They're not too thrilled about the (unofficial) detour route on the U.S. 31 shoulder. But, they would love to see the Wheelway reconstructed in its original location, if that's feasible."

"Having the Wheelway open, so people can ride and walk to Bay Harbor, is definitely a benefit," he continued. "The bike and foot traffic is great, especially the bikes. It's a huge resource for our community." But, of course, not everyone feels that way. Trail development - whether new trail or rail-trail, often sparks pushback from property owners and other stakeholders.

According to Andrea LaFontaine, executive director of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MTGA), common complaints about trail development often revolve around liability, trespassing, and safety. Cost of maintenance is another rebuttal, with people wondering, "How can we maintain the trails if we can't fix the roads?"

TOMTC Executive Director Brent Bolin was quick to answer that question. "It's a fallacy to pit trails against other community priorities such as roads, public safety, schools, housing, etc. First off," he said, "these community amenities don't actually compete because the state and federal dollars that are critical to all these projects come from different sources."

"In other words," Bolin continued, "you can't pay for trails with school money, and vice versa. Second, and perhaps most important, is that a thriving community needs all of these investments and not recognizing that is a failure of vision. We can do more than one thing, and make thriving communities where people can live, work, and play."

This enhancement of a community's public spaces based on resident's ideas and assets is known as placemaking - a specialty of Michelle Archie, a consultant with the San Francisco-based Harbinger Consultancy. In July, Archie hosted a webinar that featured some interesting statistics and anecdotes about different American trail communities.

"Research and plain old observation suggest that trails can affect business location decisions, business expansion, and new business formation," Archie explained. "This can be seen especially in communities that have decided to leverage their trail proximity - or create it for themselves."

The Wheelway's washout section notwithstanding, Petoskey has aimed to do just that - create it for themselves. And it seems to be working - not just here, but across the state. Michigan's rich natural, cultural and recreational opportunities - trails included - are proving to be potent economic drivers.

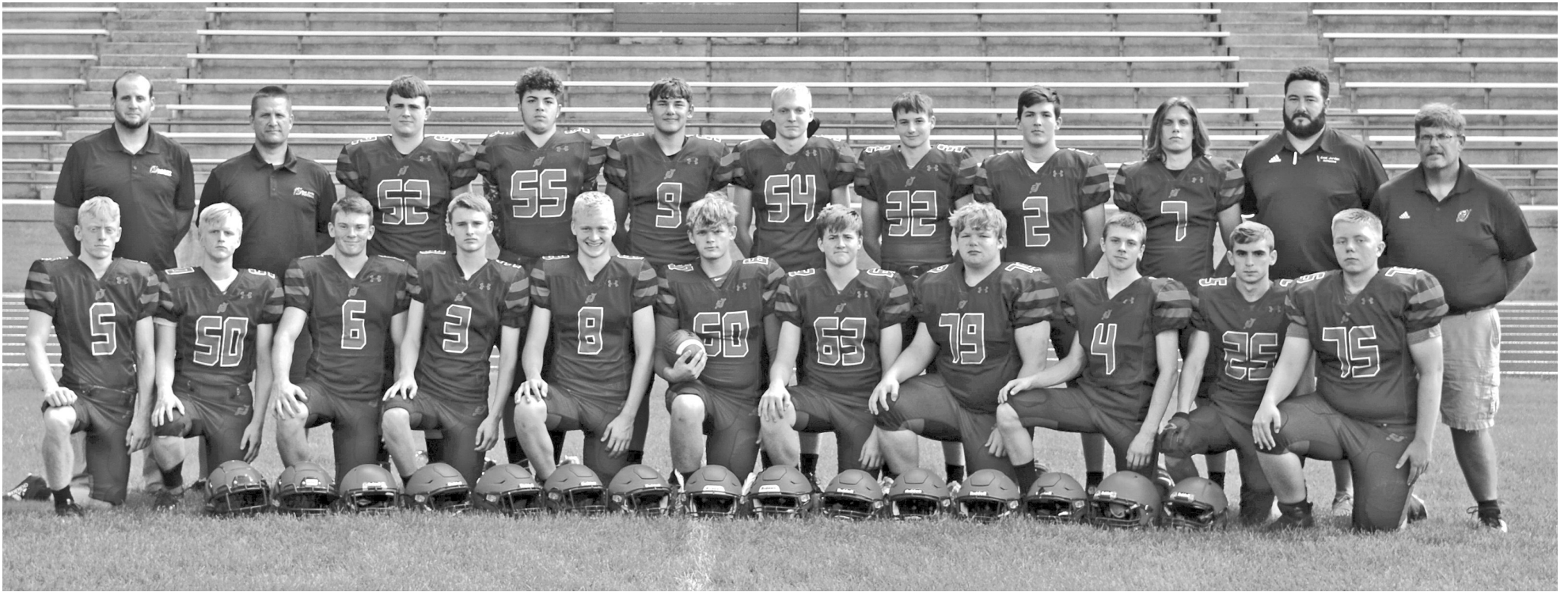
A recently released study of 2021 economic trends by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis revealed that outdoor recreation in Michigan contributed \$10.8 billion to the economy, supported 109,000 jobs, and yielded \$5 billion in wages.

"That's a path we want to stay on," Bolin concluded.

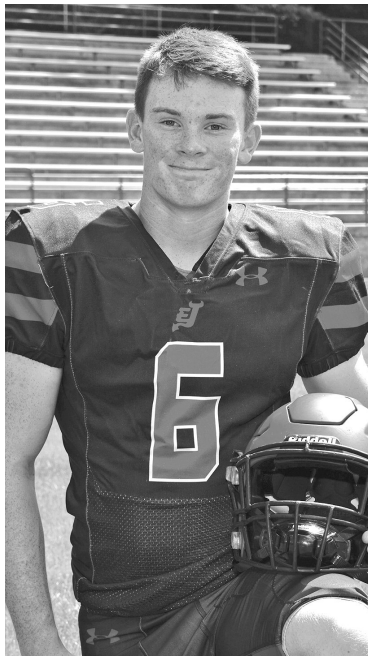
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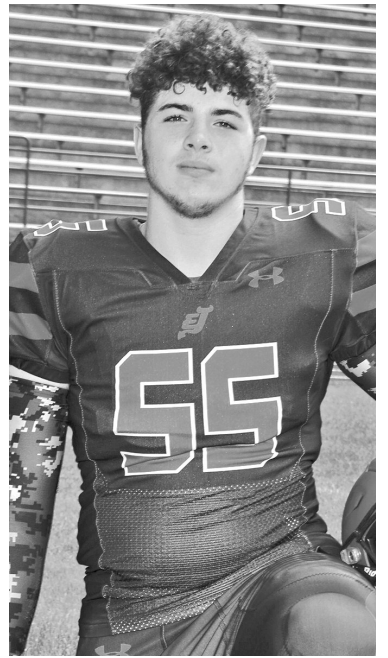
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Red Devils defeat state ranked Frankfort in 1st round of playoffs

By Mark Elliott

After a week of typical northern Michigan weather, the Red Devils rolled into Frankfort on a crisp Friday evening with thoughts of revenge, and a different outcome from the seasons earlier meeting between the two teams.

Injuries to experienced key players during the regular season contest provided just enough room for Frankfort to squeak out a 20-14 win.

With those players back in the game, Coach Grybauskas was optimistic about the teams chances. "We tried to keep things as normal as possible throughout the week, knowing our opponent allowed us to prepare like it was the regular season. We practiced a bit harder than normal and it showed all night long."

The first half of play, the Red Devils played almost entirely in their own defen-

sive territory, showing stalwart determination in not allowing a single score on the board.

At halftime Coach Grybauskas reported feeling really good about the defensive battles they fought. "Winning the special teams battles was also a key first half factor"

The second half saw the Red Devils see more offensive territory and mid-field play. But that crisp air made the ball just a bit slick, creating turnovers, and penalties for both sides.

Big plays by the defense continued throughout the second half while the offense just couldn't gain much ground. On the last play of regulation East Jor-

dan standout kicker Jonathan Ringstrom attempted a 37 yard field goal to win the game, but came up just short on the attempt, sending the game into overtime.

After the procedures were explained to the coaches and teams, the coin toss was won by the Red Devils and they deferred.

Placing the ball on the 10 yard line, each team had 4 tries to put whatever points they could on the board. Coach Grybauskas leaned on his defense one more time, and they didn't disappoint. Dawson Carey made the most amazing touchdown saving tackle to hold Frankfort off the scoreboard.

East Jordan's attempts at the end zone did not start off well. A 5 yard penalty on the first play had the offense backed to 1st and 15 to start. Braylon Grybauskas on the Jets sweep got the Red Devils down to the 6 yard line, Logan Shooks pounded out 4 yards on the next carry setting up Dawson Carey for the 2 yard touchdown plunge. 6-0 East Jordan wins!

After the game Coach Grybauskas was so very happy for the kids and the community. "This is something everyone from East Jordan will remember for a long time to come."

Offensively for the evening Logan Shooks had 19 rushes for 59 yards one

catch for 9 yards and Dawson Carey had 12 rushes for 11 yards and the touchdown in overtime for 2 more.

Defensively on the night Logan Shooks had 16 tackles, 1/2 of a sack and a forced fumble to his credit.

Wyatt Gotts had 11 tackles and a sack to add to the totals.

Dawson Carey had 6 tackles, 3 in overtime alone including the game saver, to compliment his half sack and 2 pass deflections on defense.

Ben Reid recorded 8 tackles on the evening and a fumble recovery to add to his numbers on the season.

Angel Delgado with 6 tackles and a sack round out the leaders on defense

for the Red Devils. Coach Grybauskas reported that not one game he has been involved with in the last 23 years has gone scoreless through 4 quarters.

After digging through Mhsaa football records dating back to 1896, the exact number of scoreless through regulation playoff games is not known, but thought to be less than 10, based on games with a single score for the winning team and a zero for the loser, overtime only, tabulated through 2022.

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TEEGAN BAKER SENIOR DB CADILLAC

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TUCKER STROHAVER SENIOR OL GRAYLING

ALEX CALCATERRA SENIOR TE BOYNE CITY

FLETCHER QUINLAN JUNIOR WR/TE GRAYLING

JOEY MCHUGH JUNIOR RB BOYNE CITY

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CONNOR RAJKOVICH SENIOR DL BOYNE CITY

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PATRICK STERRETT SENIOR ATH CHARLEVOIX

Division 8

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BRAYLON GRYBAUSKAS JUNIOR WR/TE EAST JORDAN

AYDAN FULTON JUNIOR DL JOHANNESBURG-LEWISON

BEN REID SENIOR DL EAST JORDAN

THOMAS FOX JUNIOR DB JOHANNESBURG-LEWISON

CONNOR BOYER SENIOR DB EAST JORDAN

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8-PLAYERS

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JAKE WILEY JUNIOR WR INDIAN RIVER - INLAND LAKES

SAM MAYER SENIOR DB INDIAN RIVER - INLAND LAKES

Division 2

LONDON GALEA SOPHOMORE WR/TE ATLANTA

FOOTBALL

2022 MHSFCA REGION COACHES OF THE YEAR

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has honored more than 75 coaches from across the state as 2022 Regional Coaches of the Year. The selections were

made by member coaches from Michigan in voting held at the conclusion of the regular season. Choices were made in all regions of the eight 11-player division, two regions of the two 8-

player divisions and a third 8-player division that includes coaches from schools who are ineligible for the post-season due to their current enrollment. The Regional coaches of

the year announcement is the first of the post-season awards released by the MHSFCA. In the coming days, All-Region, All-State and Academic All-State teams will be announced.

For updates, watch www.mhsfca.com. The MHSFCA and its 3,000 members have been promoting football in Michigan since 1972.

DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
1	Brian Lemons	Brighton	1
	Derek Pennington	Caledonia	1
	Jake Weingartz	Davison	2
	Anthony Pattrito	Rochester Adams	2
	Justin Pintar	Clarkston	2
	Alex Grignon	Dearborn	3
	Jim Sparks	Novi	3
Greg Baur	Macomb Dakota	4	
Chris Frasier	Troy	4	
DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
2	Loren Granger	Battle Creek Central	1
	Tim Rogers	Forest Hills Central	1
	Phil Jacobs	Dexter	2
	Justin Thelen	Saginaw Heritage	2
	Jacob Topp	South Lyon East	2
	Chris Kelbert	Livonia Franklin	3
	Jim Dewald	Birmingham Seaholm	3
Brandon Gennette	Warren Cousino	4	
Dan Rohn	Warren De LaSalle	4	
DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
3	DJ Szymoniak	Gaylord	1
	Jason McIntyre	Mt. Pleasant	1
	John Shilito	Zeeland West	2
	Andrew Pratlley	St. Joseph	2
	Gary Houghton	Mason	2
	Reggie Glon	Trenton	3
	Kory Cirosch	Walled Lake Western	4
Joe Drouin	Gross Pointe North	4	
DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
4	Tony Sigmon	Whitehall	1
	Nate Smith	Fruitport	1
	Kevin Bartz	Edwardsburg	2
	James Murphy	Hastings	2
	Tom Alward	Goodrich	3
	Jeremy Ferman	North Branch	3
	Derek McLaughlin	Riverview	4
Greg Dolson	Tecumseh	4	
DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
5	Marc Jarstfer	Gladwin	1
	Monty Price	Belding	1
	John Novara	Portland	2
	Steve Kersten	Williamston	2
	Jake Coquillard	Essexville Garber	3
	Gary Lee	Flint Hamady	3
	Brandon Reaume	Flat Rock	4
Pat Fox	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	4	
DIVISION	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION
6	Paul Jacobson	Negaunee	1
	Dave Suttle Jr	Boyer City	1
	Craig Ness	Gladstone	1
	Marty Malcom	Standish Sterling	2
	Jason Germain	Millington	2
	Shawn Griffith	Constantine	3
	Mark Frey	Buchanan	3
John Webb	Durand	3	
Casey Randolph	Clinton	4	

DIVISION 1 MHSFCA 2022 FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE	GRADE	POS	SCHOOL
Jack Storey	Senior	O-Line	Brighton
Cole Dellinger	Senior	O-Line	Clarkston
Jacob Kropchak	Junior	O-Line	Stoney Creek
Jaylen Washington	Junior	O-Line	Cass Tech
Amir Herring	Senior	O-Line	West Bloomfield
Bo Wheeler	Senior	O-Line	Dakota
Alex McLean	Senior	WR	Rockford
Deonte Phippen	Senior	WR	West Bloomfield
Eli Vanderveen	Senior	WR	Hudsonville
Khamari Anderson	Senior	WR/TE	Cass Tech
Ethan Clark	Senior	RB	Clarkston
Jaylen Flowers	Senior	RB	Davison
Noah Dobert	Senior	RB	Dearborn
Mason McKenzie	Senior	QB	Caledonia
CJ Carr	Senior	QB	Saline

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE	GRADE	POS	SCHOOL
Jalen Thompson	Senior	D-LINE	Cass Tech
Brandon Davis Swain	Junior	D-LINE	West Bloomfield
Teddy Williams	Senior	D-LINE	Grand Ledge
Victor Earl	Junior	D-LINE	Romeo
Jamel McKinney	Senior	D-LINE	Clarkston
Brayden Courser	Senior	LB	Detroit Catholic Central
Carter Herriman	Junior	LB	Davison
Stellan Bowman	Junior	LB	East Kentwood
Tyler Harper	Senior	LB	Dakota
Nathan Blaszczyk	Senior	LB	Woodhaven
Desman Stephens Jr.	Junior	DB	Clarkston
Zyers Ruff	Senior	DB	Ann Arbor Huron
Jamir Benjamin	Junior	DB	West Bloomfield
Damon Powers	Junior	DB	John Glenn
Darius Whiteside II	Senior	DB	Troy High

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS	GRADE	POS	SCHOOL
Shamar Heard	Junior	Athlete	Chippew Valley
Adam Samaha	Senior	Specialist	Ann Arbor Huron

SOCCER

ALL-STATE BOYS SOCCER TEAM

2022-23 BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 2 SECOND TEAM

JONKER, JACKSON, PETOSKEY, KEEPER, 12

WEBSTER, SAWYER, PETOSKEY, DEFENDER, 12

2022-23 BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 2 HONORABLE MENTION

SQUIRES, MICHAEL, PETOSKEY, MIDFIELD, 12

2022-23 BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 3 SECOND TEAM

BARDEGUEZ-BARRERA, AMAYO, BOYNE CITY, MIDFIELD, 11

2022-23 BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 3 HONORABLE MENTION

SWIKOSKI, COOPER, KALKASKA, FORWARD, 12

HARRINGTON, MITCH, GRAYLING, MIDFIELD, 11

2022-23 BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 4 HONORABLE MENTION

SPATE, MATT, BOYNE CITY, DEFENDER, 12

COLLINS, BRADY, CHARLEVOIX, KEEPER, 12

LOPEZ, RYAN, CHARLEVOIX, DEFENDER, 12

BUSH, SCOTT, CHARLEVOIX, MIDFIELD, 11

VOLLEYBALL

ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

2022 ALL STATE DIVISION 2 SECOND TEAM

4 CARISSA MUSTA CADILLAC 11 MIDDLE HITTER 6'4"

THIRD TEAM 3 MORGAN DEMING BOYNE CITY 12 MIDDLE HITTER 6'0"

HONORABLE MENTION 4 JOSLYN SEELEY CADILLAC 12 OUTSIDE HITTER 5'11"

2022 ALL STATE DIVISION 3 HONORABLE MENTION 3 ANNA HAF CHARLEVOIX 12 LIB 5'5"

3 CLAIRE SCHOLTEN CHARLEVOIX 12 S 5'9"

2022 ALL STATE DIVISION 4 SECOND TEAM 3 MADISON SMITH MACKINAW CITY 12 MH 6'1"

3 NATALIE WANDRIE INLAND LAKE 12 OH 5'10"

3 RYANN CLANCY INLAND LAKES 12 LIB 5'7"

3 GRACE WATSON ONAWAY 10 S 5'9"

3 MEGAN BRICKER PELLSTON 12 DS 5'4"

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL

KOLBY ANDREWS ALPENA 3 I

MALLORY SLATE BOYNE CITY 3 II

KRIS JEWELL CHEBOYGAN 3 II

AUDRA MUSSELMAN-RANDALL CHARLEVOIX 3 III

KRISTINE PEPPIN JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON 3 III

NICOLE MOORE INLAND LAKES 3 IV

BROOKE VIEAU MACKINAW CITY 3 IV

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EMILY WILBERT T.C. CENTRAL 4 I

EMILY BAUMANN T.C. WEST 4 I

TIM ZIGILA GRAYLING 4 II

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By Jim Akans

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This four bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,584 square feet of impeccably designed and appointed living space on the main two levels plus a full basement. Highlights include gorgeous

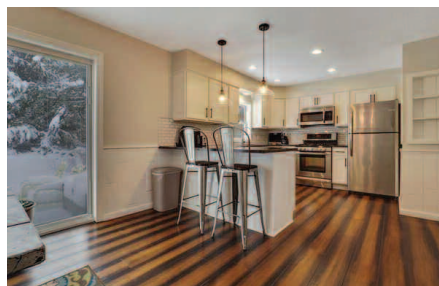
bamboo flooring, spacious kitchen with convenient snack bar and adjoining dining room, large main living room, generously sized bedrooms and an elegant main floor master. The full, block basement includes a laundry and mechanical room and lots of space for storage.

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to sit back and enjoy the excellent views. An attached one-car garage keeps your vehicle safe and out of the weather. Downtown East Jordan, with a wide array of shopping, dining and entertainment options, parks, Lake Charlevoix and more just a short distance away. What a fantastic home and location.

This beautiful, remodeled two story home is located at

111 Hulbert Street in East Jordan and it is listed at \$275,000. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-675-0157 or email at jennifer.burr@cb-greatlakes.com.



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A SHORT GUIDE TO REAL ESTATE LINGO AND ACRONYMS

Part 1 of 2

Real estate ads are usually full of acronyms and terms that are unfamiliar to first-time buyers. Here's a cheat sheet to let you in on the lingo.

4B/2B -- four bedrooms and two bathrooms. "Bedroom" usually means a sleeping area with a window and a closet, but the definition varies in different places. A "full bathroom" is a room with a toilet, a sink and a bathtub. A "three-quarter bathroom" has a toilet, a sink and a shower. A "half bathroom" or powder room has only a toilet and a sink.

assum. fin. -- assumable financing
closing costs -- the entire package of miscellaneous expenses paid by the buyer and the seller when the real estate deal closes. These costs include the brokerage commission, mortgage-related fees, escrow or attorney's settlement charges, transfer taxes, recording fees, title insurance and so on. Closing costs are generally paid through escrow.

CMA -- comparative market analysis or competitive market analysis. A CMA is a report that shows prices of homes that are comparable to a subject home and that were recently sold, are currently on the market or were on the market, but not sold

within the listing period.

contingency -- a provision of an agreement that keeps the agreement from being fully legally binding until a certain condition is met. One example is a buyer's contractual right to obtain a professional home inspection before purchasing the home.

dk -- deck expansion pot'l -- expansion potential mean that there's extra space on the lot or the possibility of adding a room or even an upper level, subject to local zoning restrictions.

fab pentrm -- fabulous pentroom, a room on top (but under the roof) that has great views

FDR -- formal dining room

fixture -- anything of value that is permanently attached to or a part of real property. (Real estate is legally called "real property," while movables are called "personal property.")

Examples of fixtures include installed wall-to-wall carpeting, light fixtures, window coverings, landscaping and so on. Fixtures are a frequent subject of buyer and seller disputes. When in doubt, get it in writing.

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grmet kit -- gourmet kitchen

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