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Viral illnesses on the rise - stay healthy this holiday season

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is spreading quickly, along with other viral illnesses like Flu and COVID-19, in our four-county region. RSV is a respiratory viral illness that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms including runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever, and wheezing. These symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties. Most RSV infections go away on their own in a week or two, but



can be serious, especially for infants and older adults who are more likely to develop severe RSV infection and may need to be hospitalized. There is no vaccine

yet to prevent RSV infection.

RSV can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes; you get virus droplets from a cough or

sneeze in your eyes, nose, or mouth, you have direct contact with the virus, like kissing the face of a child with RSV, or touching a surface that has the virus on it, like a doorknob, and then touching your face before washing your hands. RSV can survive for many hours on hard surfaces such as tables and crib rails. It typically lives on soft surfaces such as tissues and hands for shorter amounts of time.

People infected with RSV are usually contagious for 3 to 8 days and may become contagious a day or two before they start showing

signs of illness. However, some infants, and people with weakened immune systems, can continue to spread the virus even after they stop showing symptoms, for as long as 4 weeks.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities healthy and protect ourselves and our loved ones:

1. As a general rule, children and adults should stay home when ill. We recommend that people sick with any respiratory illness remain at home until they have been fever-free for at

SEE ILLNESS- 2A

2nd Annual Jubilee of Trees

The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix was filled with the holiday spirit as the 2nd Annual Jubilee of Trees kicked off the season on Saturday, November 26th. Twenty-three beautifully decorated trees and five generous holiday themed gift baskets were available for event attendees to place their highest bids on. Trees and baskets were donated by the following individuals, businesses and organizations: Inner Structure Interior Design, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Girl Scout Troop #4455, Girl Scout Troop #4378, The Landing Restaurant, The Jordan Valley Depot Teen Center, Gretchen Peck, Debbie Peck, Denise Micallef, Cellar 1914, Munson Healthcare Jordan Valley Rehab Center, Wendy Warren, Wagbo Farm and Education Center, Charlevoix County Democratic Party, Jordan River Arts Council, Jessica Mania, Billie's Floral and Boutique, Nicholas & Jeremy Bingham Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jennifer Burr Group, The Insurance Shop, Girl Scout Troop #4853, Howard Hanna Realtors, A13 Cre-



The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce presented donations from the 2nd Annual Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's to 7 local non-profit groups totaling \$3,670.00

ative & MI Day Beauty, East Jordan Lion's Club and Tropic Bros Productions.

A huge thank you and much appreciation to all those individuals who bid on the trees and gift baskets. The event raised \$3,670.00 for seven (7) local 501-C3's in its second year. They included: Friends of the Jordan River, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kiersten's Ride, Jordan River Arts Council, Bingham Scholarship, Training

Wheels Childcare Center, The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center.

Special thank you's to facility sponsor The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix - Rick and Rebecca Gotts and Manager Anora O'Connor, Jordan Valley Community Band for providing the festive holiday music, Cellar 1914 and the Miss and Mr. Firecracker pageant for refreshments, Event Sponsors - Douglas Fir Sponsors - Howard Hanna Realtors, South

Arm Retreats, Balsam Fir Sponsor Barbara and Fred Malpass.

Planning for the 3rd annual event is already underway! Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's and Mingle & Jingle events are proudly sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. To get on the sponsor list for next year contact the Chamber Office at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org.

Double Your Dollars Program

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency announces a new grant program for individuals and households whose income qualifies. Double Your Dollars is a match savings program where a grant is awarded for saving a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$500. Applicants must have a savings goal whether it is money for a growing family, birthday, holidays, car repair, new car purchase, home repair, or anything that is needed to help financially. To apply, please call 231-947-3780, email fmsintake@nmcaa.net, or visit nmcaa.net/MatchSavings.asp

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Annual Messiah Concert Dec. 15 & 16

Northern Michigan holidays are rich with fellowship and tradition. An annual highlight is the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's (GLCO) two-night presentation of Handel's "Messiah." This year, the Messiah concerts will take place Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. both nights, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus, led by Director André Strydom, along with guest soloists Karen Hughes Beacom, Karen Albert, Brysien Beer and Jason Coffey, will join the orchestra led by GLCO Conductor and Music Director Libor Ondras.

According to GLCO Founder Robert Patten-gale, the concerts combine two famous holiday oratorios, which are large-scale musical works for orchestra and voices, usually a narrative on a religious theme. Unlike operas, oratorios don't contain scenery, costumes, or action.

SEE MESSIAH CONCERT- 2A

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SNOWFALL

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Paul Dennis (Denny) Carson, 72

(JUNE 4, 1950 - DEC. 3, 2022)

Paul Dennis (Denny) Carson of Boyne Falls passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, December 3rd. Denny was born June 4, 1950 to Quinton and Betty (Mapes) Carson of Boyne City, Michigan On February 21, 1970, Denny married Sherry Dawn Zakrzewski of Boyne Falls, Michigan and they had one son, Sean Christopher Carson. Denny, a proud veteran of the United States Army, faithfully served his country in Viet Nam from February 1971 to February 1973. Denny was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a gifted photographer who will always be remembered by the beautiful pictures he shared with family and friends. Denny was preceded in death by his father, Quinton Carson, mother, Betty Speigl, beloved wife Sherry, brother, Kirk Carson, and sister-in-law Debbie. Denny is survived by his son, Sean, daughter-in-law Denise, grandson, Daniel Carson, brothers, David Carson, Thomas (Jackie) Carson, sisters, Linda (Mark) Goethals, Sandra (Ken) Padget, Sharon (David) Willson, Katherine (Timothy) Drenth along with several nieces and

nephews. A graveside service will be held 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Boyne Valley Township Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the United Methodist Church of Boyne City.

Patricia K Kushner, 95

(OCT. 21, 1927 - DEC. 1, 2022)

Patricia K. Kushner, 95 of Charlevoix, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on December 1, 2022, following a lengthy illness. Patricia was born on October 21, 1927 in Saginaw, the daughter of Olie and Alice (Truman) Christensen and was raised in Saginaw. Following high school, Patricia went to work at Bell Telephone Company for many years. On October 20, 1956, Patricia married Anthony "Tony" Kushner and the two made their home in Saginaw. Patricia changed careers and became a homemaker and mother of 5 children, Matt, Jim, John, Janet, and Paul, a job she truly loved. She loved to read, paint and do word puzzles. Patricia was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parrish in Petoskey and was a devoted Catholic, attending church and Mass regularly. She is survived by her husband, Tony; 4 children, Matt (Marne) Kushner, Jim

OBITUARIES

(Mary) Kushner, Janet (George) Ferguson, Paul (Angie) Kushner; grandchildren, Nathan and Tyler Bublitz, Austin and Anthony Kushner, Scott Kushner, and Katie, Jessie, John and Cole Kushner; and by a sister, Dorie. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Kushner, and by her siblings, Don and Betty. The family wishes to thank Jacqui Wetzel, who provided tireless compassionate care, love and support and the wonderful people of Munson Hospice and Sue Cook of 1 Senior Home Care. There was a funeral Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on December 6th. Patricia will be laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Those wishing to honor Patricia's life are asked to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter, Northern Michigan Office at: 921 W Eleventh St #1W, Traverse City, MI 49684

Methodist Church. He loved living the in the country on his 40 acres. He was a Ham Radio Operator with the call of NZ8F. He had a great sense of humor and loved making odd or weird sounds for a reaction from children, the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Rest in Peace Harry. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church with a luncheon to follow.

A memorial service will be held in the Spring of 2023 at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. Details will be announced as they are made available. His sacred fire will be going out on Tuesday morning, December 6. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

November 6, 1945 in Bad Axe, MI, the son of Howard and Beatrice (Severn) Herriman. Howie graduated from Charlevoix High School, and shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. After proudly serving his country for four years, he returned to Charlevoix and began working at the cement plant where he retired from after 35 years. Howie was well known for his specially made birdhouses with hand-picked stones from beaches in the area as well as from Grand Marais. He looked forward to the snow each year as that meant he not only got to plow his own driveway, but the rest of the neighborhood as well. He loved eagles and collecting them, driving his classic Pontiac Solstice around town, and spending the day on nickel slots at the casino. He also coached little league baseball in Charlevoix for several years when his son was playing. On April 10, 2010, Howie married Darlene (Wixson) Herriman, who survives. Also surviving is his son, Tommy (Terri) Herriman of Charlevoix; three step-children, Dan (Elaine) Broman of Alanson, Julie Broman (Tom Butcher) of North Carolina, and Tim (Kendra) Broman of Boyne City; four step-brothers, Ron (Elaine) Grunch of Boyne City, Rick (Nancy) Grunch of Charlevoix, Roger (Ethel) Grunch of Tennessee, and Russell (Jeannie) Grunch of Atlanta, GA; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews; and two special dogs, Max and Murphy. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Sharon Herriman whom he wed on June 7, 1969; two brothers, Nate Herriman and Duane Herriman; and two step-brothers, Robert Grunch and Roy Grunch. Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, at the Charlevoix Community Church of God. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

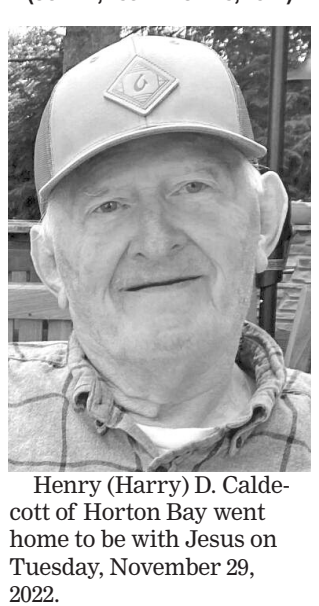
Michael Mitchell, 79

(JUNE 1, 1943 — DEC. 2, 2022)

Michael Allen Mitchell of Charlevoix passed away on Friday, December 2, 2022, at his home. He was born on June 1, 1943 in Charlevoix, MI, the son of Lucious King and Ida Mitchell. Mike was raised in Charlevoix until he was ten years old, and then moved to Grand Rapids to be with his mother. When he was 19, he returned home to Charlevoix and he has called it home ever since. He was an extremely hard-working man who wore many hats over the years; he was a stone mason, a tree cutter, a fisherman, and he also worked at East Jordan Ironworks and Harbor Industries. He was a member at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church, and was always available to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. Mike also played a key role with in gaining fishing rights for Native Americans in Michigan, as well as with TMAG to fight for the rights of tribal members. Mike loved his family, especially when he was able to spend time outside with his family and friends. He enjoyed mushroom hunting, having picnics, taking them to the beach, and even simply taking a leisurely drive with his elderly family members. In his younger years, he also enjoyed playing pool and fishing for whatever was biting. More recently, he enjoyed flying kites and putting puzzles together. On November 7, 1987, he married the love of his life, Irene (Cornstalk) Mitchell, who survives. Also surviving are his five children, Glenn McSawby of Charlevoix, Gary McSawby of Petoskey, Sandra McSawby of Charlevoix, Lois (Greg) Peplow of Charlevoix, and Clinton Matthew (Pauline) Boulton of Petoskey; and 39 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Harriet; and his brother, Curtis.

Harry D. Caldecott, 90

(OCT. 14, 1932 - NOV. 29, 2022)



Henry (Harry) D. Caldecott of Horton Bay went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. He was born on October 14, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to Bertram and Eldora Caldecott. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Julia; his four children Cheryl (Charles) Robinson of Horton Bay, Brenda (Andy) Hornak of New Berlin, Wisconsin, Paul of Boyne City and Kyle (Kim) of Traverse City; Eight Grandchildren Hannah, Cameron, Dylan, Simon, Violet, Celeste, Olivia and Hannah and four Great Grandchildren Benjamin, Doris, Madelyn & Bruce. Harry loved coming up North for the summer and eventually move to Horton Bay after a stint in the Navy and attending the Electronics Institute of Detroit. He married Julia on July 29, 1966 and lived his remaining 56 years in Horton Bay, where he attended the Horton Bay United

Warren William Phillip Towns, 77

(DEC. 4, 1945 — DEC. 5, 2022)

Warren William Phillip Towns of Boyne City passed away Monday, December 5, 2022 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey. In keeping with his wishes, his family will remember him privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on her guestbook at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/warren-towns

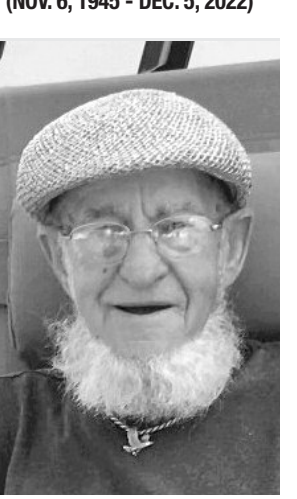
Thelma C. Stephan, 87

(JULY 30, 1935 — DEC. 4, 2022)

Thelma C. Stephan of Charlevoix passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022 at home. The family has chosen to remember her privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on her guestbook at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/thelma-stephan

Howard Herriman, 77

(NOV. 6, 1945 - DEC. 5, 2022)



Howard Allen Herriman of Charlevoix passed away on Monday, December 5, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. He was born on

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COMMUNITY LEADERS

Matt Hamilton – Helping Children Set Their Dreams

By John Keyser

I was encouraged to meet Matt Hamilton, who teaches at the East Jordan Middle High School and also, very importantly, is the creator of the Shoe Club, which I will explain after some background.

Matt was born and raised in Cadillac, went to the schools there, then on to Michigan State for his teaching degree, where he met his wife, Stacey, who is with Char-Em ISD, specializing in early childhood education.

Matt and Stacey love life in Small Town America, specifically in Up North Michigan, and live in East Jordan. Matt has been with the East Jordan Middle High School for 21 years now. He teaches social studies, middle and high school video production and also is responsible for the year book.

It was a tragic situation a number of years ago that led to Matt's starting the Shoe Club. A freshman student who was on a snow mobile and struck and killed by a car. The entire school and community were devastated. Then, a month later her boyfriend, a sophomore, committed suicide.



Matt Hamilton

Everyone was beyond distraught.

The principal of the school had learned of Mike Donahue of Value-Up, a motivational organization which specializes in positive school culture, and invited

him to come speak with the students, faculty and staff. It did help reduce everyone's despair.

Matt was able to spend time with Donahue, was very impressed, and believed his messages would

be a very positive influence for the students going forward, specifically:

- Dream Big
- Set Goals
- Work Hard
- Give Back

Each student has her/his own life story, some with very difficult lives.

Donahue promotes that schools do not have alcohol, drug and behavioral problems, the real problem is low personal values and lacking dreams for their lives, who they can and want to become.

Visit the Shoe Club's site: <https://shoeclub.org>

Matt has each student set a goal(s), not simply to get good grades, rather a goal(s) for their life, their destiny, who they want to be. They bring a shoe, in any condition, to Matt, with the intent that the shoe represents their own story and their dream.

If a youngster knows I care, she / he will feel "I must be worth something", and will want to do well and please me.

Actually, Mike Donahue and Matt Hamilton have written a book together, Value Up: Raising the Value of Human Life. Every 7th grader must read the book, write about what they got from it, and set and write a life goal(s).

Writing down their goal(s) is essential. As Matt explains, if we take the time to write down a goal, we are ten times more likely to achieve it!

When in 8th grade, students each create their own "dream board" for their life and they each must become involved with a community activity, thus learning to give back. This past year, they created a wonderful vegetable garden behind

the school.

Having each student create their dream board enable them to visualize achieving their goal(s), and that even furthers the likelihood of success.

Again, behind each shoe is a story..... and helping them feel cared for, wanting to do well, not judging others, and giving back.

Matt has a poster by his desk:

- Thoughts lead to words
- Words lead to action
- Action leads to habits
- Habits lead to character
- Character leads

to Destiny

Matt's personal wish is to balance his time with Stacey and their two daughters, continuing to volunteer as there is so much need in our communities, and to be as impactful as possible reaching our students and helping and influencing them.

Before we ended our conversation, Matt wanted me to know how grateful he is for his incredibly dedicated and helpful colleagues at the school, for the East Jordan community and virtually everyone's commitment to participate in serving, and that he himself is living his dream and following his passion.

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Charlevoix County Commission on Aging December Updates

Christmas Celebration is on Friday, December 16, 2022 from 11:30a-1p. New Years Celebration is on Friday, December 29, from 11:30a-1p with a count down to noon and Holiday Appetizers. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are Closed on December 23rd & 26th for the Christmas Holiday and on December 20th & January 2nd for the New Years Holiday.

Currently, we are without a site coordinator at our Boyne Center. We will be filling this position with our Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office staff from Charlevoix.

Because these employees also have their own job responsibilities, we will be reducing our open hours in Boyne to 11AM-2PM, Monday through Friday. This is for the month of December and staffing

will determine how we move forward.

Please look for an announcement for January during the last week of December. We will be open for the Veterans Social on December 27, 2022, at 9:30AM.

We have added some fun new programming in all of our Centers this year. Keep an eye out for BINGOCIZE, Cardio Drumming, Technology Trainings, Movies and Travels on our new Smart TV, A&S, and much more!

2022-23 SENIOR RESIDENTIAL SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM IS STILL OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT! VOUCHERS: Each Voucher holds a value of \$40.00. ENROLLMENT: Enrollment begins Monday, October 17, 2022 & ends on Friday, December 30, 2022 or until the budget has been expended.

LEADERSHIP

PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE OUR LEADERSHIP

By John Keyser

This is a rewrite of an article I wrote a few years ago. I received appreciative feedback, and I absolutely agree, the messages are especially valuable, which I can say as they are not mine. Rather, they come from Al Ritter and his daughter, Ashley.



JOHN KEYSER

I had been moved when I read Al Ritter's article and asked him if I may pass the advice along, which he was happy to approve. Al is an accomplished leadership and team coach and consultant and author of the insightful book, *The 100/0 Principle*, which has benefited many with their leadership.

I believe we all could benefit from this article as business is about relationships, as is life, and Al discusses his learning from his daughter, Ashley – that we treat people with respect and dignity, we greet people with a smile and with genuine care, with kindness, decency, and a loving heart, without judgment, and without a personal self-serving agenda.

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY DOWN SYNDROME DAUGHTER SHE MAKES YOU AND ME BETTER PEOPLE

I have learned more from my daughter Ashley than anyone I've ever known. She always operates out of her heart, not her head. She has Down Syndrome, is now 41 years old, and has an IQ of about 40. Ashley is non-judgmental. She treats all people with respect, love, and dignity, whether deserved or not. She relates to everyone she knows and meets with grace and kindness.

The many lessons Ashley has taught me are probably best summarized as she never lets her head get in the way of her heart. In her 41 years, she has taught me a lot more than I've taught her. She teaches me that I should do whatever I can to accept other people, and in doing so, help make the world a better place. Ashley has propelled me into new ways of thinking, speaking and acting. More specifically, she has helped me:

- reduce destructive emotions, like anger and ego
- express gratitude more often
- remain positive, even in difficult circumstances
- be kind to others, even when they don't deserve it
- be a better listener
- smile more often
- be patient in almost all

circumstances

- love God and love my neighbor

SOME TRUE STORIES OF ASHLEY'S PROFOUND, POSITIVE

INFLUENCE ON ME AND OTHERS

On December 30, 1980, Ashley was born. Her positive influence on me began three days later. Before that, about a half-hour after her birth, the delivery doctor announced to me that "Ashley has Down Syndrome". I went from ecstasy to despair in about a half-second, the only time in my life that has happened to me. For the next three days, I was so upset that I couldn't eat, sleep or even make phone calls to family and friends about Ashley's birth.

On my third sleepless night, I was sitting on my bed at about 3 am and remembered something a friend had said to me years before: "Al, if you ever have terrible grief over something, you can hand it over to Jesus – he will take the grief from you." I sat up, asked Jesus to take my grief away, saw an outline of Jesus at the foot of my bed with his hands out, and I handed my grief to his accepting arms.

He immediately disappeared, and I immediately fell asleep for the first time in three days. When I woke up, I was a completely changed person. I have fully accepted Ashley ever since. I also became a churchgoer shortly after that day.

My learning: When things are really difficult, ask Jesus for guidance, even if you're not a Christian at the time.

In 1990, Ashley turned 10 years old, and her heart-driven behavior became obvious. At that time, I was a senior vice president with Citigroup, when I was fired for "being too tough on my people". Ashley's heart-driven behavior helped me see the error of my ways, helped me shift my behavior, and helped me make a career switch to leadership coaching—to help leaders not make similar mistakes to mine. Between Ashley and John Wooden, the former coach of UCLA (whom I met in 1990), I not only survived the firing, but my life was significantly changed for the better. The one word that accurately describes both Ashley and Coach Wooden is "love".

My learning: For the first time in my life, I saw clearly how my ego got in the way of my effectiveness. In my subsequent leadership coaching of senior leaders, I've observed that ego-driven behavior is the number one cause of leaders' failure. The cure is to be emotionally intelligent, that is, to be aware of our ego, then consciously choose to instead operate out of our hearts with kindness and decency—or, as Ashley and Coach Wooden would say, act out of love.

In 1992, when Ashley was 12, she began teaching us how to worship God more effectively. Every Sunday, during the hymns in church, while singing along with everyone else, she raised both arms above her head and looked up during the entire hymn.

My Learning: We are convinced that Ashley looked up and connected with God every time she did this. We began doing this too, as well as others in the congregation. I can't say we saw God, but we certainly worshipped Him more effectively.

In 1993, when Ashley was 13, she literally stopped a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. She and I were sitting in the first row about halfway between home plate and first base. In the third inning, I briefly turned around in my seat to talk to a guy sitting behind us. A few seconds later, when I turned back to watch the game, Ashley was gone. She had jumped the low fence and was running full tilt to first base. I immediately jumped the fence, ran after her and caught up with her just as she was stepping on the first base bag. The umpires immediately called time out, with big smiles on all their faces. I looked around, and all the infielders had big smiles too. I apologized to the first base umpire, then we ran back to our seats. A huge roar went up from the crowd, clapping and cheering by everybody for Ashley.

My Learning: Going on the field during a baseball game is illegal. However, even in that illegal action, Ashley warmed the hearts of everyone at Wrigley Field that day, and I must admit, warmed my heart too. I think it shows that heart-centered behavior can take place just about anywhere, in any circumstance.

In 1998, our family went to Hawaii and swam with four dolphins in a large pool run by one of the hotels. The lifeguards wouldn't allow Ashley to enter the pool, telling me she could "scare" the dolphins. I kindly but firmly said that would not happen, that Ashley would get along well with the dolphins. After further conversation, Ashley was allowed in the pool. The four dolphins immediately swam to her, rubbed up against her, and for about 10 minutes couldn't get enough of Ashley's

friendly touches and smiles. Upon seeing this, the entire crowd in the pool area clapped and cheered for Ashley. They had heard and witnessed the initial resistance to allowing her to enter the pool.

My learning: People rally around somebody who is pure of heart. Kindness and decency matter the most in virtually all circumstances.

In 2010, when Ashley was 30, I authored a best-selling book (over 400,000 copies sold), titled "The 100/0 Principle", sub-title "The Secret of Great Relationships". The book is about the positive power of you and I taking 100% responsibility for our relationships, expecting zero in return. The idea for the book was largely created by observing Ashley's care and love for others. The book is dedicated to her.

My Learning: What Ashley has to teach us is truly important to many.

CONCLUSION

When we're driven by our hearts more than our heads, great things begin to happen. Ashley is my model for this. She, and others like her, can be your model too. Ashley's purpose is to see every moment as an opportunity to love others. She keeps her heart open to others. She has no ego and no judgment. Although her IQ is only 40, she is a role model for all of us, a true angel in disguise. She treats all others with respect and dignity. She makes the world a better place. Using Ashley and others like her as our guide, you and I can also make the world a better place.



Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Mijraix Fitzgerald

Grade: 3rd Grade

Parent's Name(s): Eric and Renee Fitzgerald

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Mijraix wants to be an animator on YouTube when she grows up.

Favorite Book: She loves reading the Dogman series.

Hobbies and Interests: Mijraix loves to draw! She also enjoys running and playing games with friends. At school, she loves math, science, and writing.

Staff Comments: Mijraix is a joy to have in 3rd grade! She works hard and is always willing to share in class. She has an interest in science and works well in a team to complete experiments and projects. Mijraix is a great friend to everyone! We are so lucky to have her as a part of our Logger Family.

Submitted By: Beth Meier

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Wreaths Across America Comes to Eveline Township Cemetery

For the 7th year, Chief Shawano Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and local residents will honor Eveline Township veterans buried at Eveline Township Cemetery. On December 17th at noon, over 3,400 cemeteries across the Nation and beyond will lay wreaths on the graves of veterans from all military conflicts through the years, with Eveline Township Cemetery joining in 2017.

This started back in 1992 when Morrill Worchester, owner of Worchester Wreath Company in Maine had an overage of wreaths. Fulfilling his boyhood dream, he decided to place wreaths on veterans' graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Soon, others started doing the same at other National Cemeteries. In 2005, when a photo taken at Arlington went viral many wanted to do the same at



local cemeteries. In 2007, Wreaths Across America, a 501c, came into existence. Presently, there are over 3,400 cemeteries participating.

Preparations are underway for this year's National Wreaths Across America Day. Chief Shawano is the official sponsor of this event, and as such receives 3 wreaths with every 2 ordered. The chapter Regent will open with introductions, the Pledge of Allegiance, a short greeting and



prayer. Then all in attendance will join in honoring our local veterans by placing a wreath. Many local residents have been participating since we started, and

are great supporters of the event. We look forward to seeing everyone again this year, plus any newcomers who come.

Eveline Township Cemetery, 5051 Ridge Rd., East Jordan, MI – December 17th, noon.

Wreaths can be ordered at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MI0125, or by scanning our QR code here.

You can also call Chris at 231-582-9337 to sponsor a wreath or with any questions.



Pat O'Brien and Associates present a generous check to Eta Nu members for their Dress for Chill project.



Kiwaniis president Lisa Laland presents a donation for Dress for Chill to Marnie Parrott from Eta Nu



Kathy Anderson, president of Rotary Club of Boyne City, presents a check to support Dress for Chill to Eta Nu's Marnie Parrott.

Boyne City Kids Dressed for Winter Snow

Even though our early snow has disappeared, we know more is on the way. Thanks to Eta Nu Charities' Dress for Chill project, children at Boyne City Elementary School, Head Start and Early Learners programs will be ready and waiting when the snow flies again. Eta Nu members provided all-new jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens to 203 children in need this year. This huge

undertaking takes many volunteers, hours and hours of organization and preparation, and a lot of funding. Outfitting the children in their new winter clothes is obviously the most heartwarming part of the project. However, although that is completed, the work is hardly over. Volunteers sort, catalog, pack and store the clothing items for next year. They analyze and project the

size/gender needs for the future. And they start shopping. Committee members shop for clothing all winter long, taking advantage of end-of-season sales when possible. Dress for Chill has been an on-going project for 14 years and it seems each year the number of children in need climbs. As a volunteer shopper noted, "We are so thankful for the support we receive, but it seems we are always in

need of more. And we are seeing the real-time effects of inflation in the costs of the clothing we are purchasing." Support for Dress for Chill comes solely from donations from area businesses, organizations and individuals. The members of Eta Nu are so grateful for the support they receive from the community. We appreciate those groups who have already donated (see accompanying photos)

and we hope others will join in supporting our shoppers as they begin their quest for winter gear to supply next year's Dress for Chill program. Eta Nu is a 501c3 charitable organization and donations to the Dress for Chill Project are tax deductible. Checks may be sent to Eta Nu Charities, P.O. Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712.

ILLNESS

FROM PG. 1A

least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines and other symptoms are improving.

2. Teach your family how to lower their risk of getting and spreading respiratory viruses by:

- Washing their hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds. That is as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Make sure to clean under the fingernails also.
- If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes work well against RSV (or most respiratory viruses) if they contain at least 60% alcohol. Throw wipes in the trash after use.
- Coughing or sneezing into their upper shirt sleeve or elbow—not onto their hands!
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. That's how germs enter the body.
- Avoid close contact with others, such as kissing, shaking hands, and sharing cups and eating utensils
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile devices
- Receive influenza vaccine to decrease the risk of contracting influenza and its potentially serious complications

3. Seek medical care immediately if your child experiences any of the following symptoms:

- Illness lasting longer than a week
- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids or not urinating
- Not waking up or not interacting with others as they normally do
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse coughing
- Fever with a rash

MESSIAH CONCERT

FROM PG. 1A

The concert 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.

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DAVE Says (A Travel Agent for Guilt Trips)

Dear Dave,

My dad and his wife asked my husband and I for \$55,000. They want the money so they can pay off their debt. We're debt-free and have a net worth of between \$2 to 3 million, but we're also retired. We don't keep that much in the bank, so we'd have to draw from our retirement accounts—which is something we don't want to do. They've already approached other family members about this too. His wife is owed money at some point from a family settlement, but they don't want to wait that long. My dad said we should do this if we want them to get ahead and have anything left in their later years. My dad is 80, and his wife is in her late 70s. My husband and I are both in our 50s. Please tell me how to handle this.

and the situation were different, we might have something to talk about. With your net worth, you're not going to miss \$55,000 out of \$2 to 3 million. In a good relationship, I'd help my mom or dad like that in a heartbeat—just to help them out because they're older. But this situation already is what it is. Something tells me this isn't the first time he's behaved in a manipulative way. And if you say yes to this, then I've got a feeling it isn't the first time you've caved into him. I'm worried you won't be able to live with yourself if you do this, and that it may cause a big rift between you and your husband.

It's wrong of your dad to treat you this way and put you in this situation. If you want to tell him your money's tied up, which it is, or you just don't like the way it feels, that's fine. But my advice is to try to step back from the emotions and come to the realization in your own head that no is a complete answer.

You don't have an ethical or moral obligation to give manipulative people money just because they're related to you.

Karla

Dear Karla,

In their later years? I'm not trying to be mean, but they're already in their later years.

I'm really sorry you're in this situation. Even though you're in your 50s, he's still your dad, and I know this hurts your heart. It's probably even tougher to accept the fact that he's being manipulative. I mean, seriously. What dad calls up his daughter with the idea he's entitled to \$55,000 of her money and starts acting like a travel agent for guilt trips in the process? That's just wrong.

Look, if the relationship

— Dave

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

Where's Your Place of Peace?

By Alison Neihardt

In a world full of chaos and negativity where do you find your peace? Do you find it in your home? In your work? In your family? Do you find peace when you go on vacation? There are all kinds of places where we think we find peace. The place I find my peace is with God and in His Son Jesus.

Jesus is who we celebrate this time of year. We celebrate His birth and Jesus coming to earth as a small baby. In scripture Jesus is described as the Prince of Peace. Jesus came to earth for one reason, to seek and save the lost from their sins. All of our sins, yours, mine, everyone's sins. We live in a sinful world where there doesn't seem to be peace, ever!

Life has not been easy for any of us, especially over the last couple of years. For many of us our lives have been downright dumped up-

side down! We have endured a pandemic, sickness, unemployment, financial insecurity, loss of loved ones, the list goes on for miles and miles!

During these crazy unpredictable times where have you found your peace? For me personally, I find my peace in God. I know He is in control, and I am so glad He is! He knows the big picture. He has reason for all of the things that have happened in my life and in the lives of people around me.

God has and always will take care of me and other followers of Jesus. I am not saying my life isn't without struggles and problems, but God is there with me, no matter what. I try my best to focus on God. Some days are easier than others.

Some people try to hide or run from their problems in some very unhealthy ways. They use substances as a means of escape. They bury themselves in work and projects to cope with

life. Some people just try to pretend they don't have problems. None of these things will bring you peace in the long run. The problems are still there. They will, in many cases be there and worse than what they were to begin with.

You may be wondering how or where to find this "peace" I am talking about? You can begin by talking to God. He is always there for you, even when you are at your lowest. Also, I would encourage you to get to church. If you have been absent from church find one for you and your family to attend where you feel welcome and loved. Reach out to your church attending friends to find out where they go and go with them.

When we put our faith in God and trust Him, we find peace no matter what is happening around us. When we trust and put our faith in that God is in control and we are not, we can find rest in that place, this is the place of peace

we need in our lives. This is the place of peace where God wants us to be.

The world with still have its problems and its chaos. This is just a fact of life. What changes is how we look at the world and when we realize who is ultimate control. It isn't us, the government, authorities around us, or anyone else. The one in control is God. He is the one who provides the peace we need in our lives. All you have to do is reach out to Him. He is always there, 24/7, 365 days a year.

This Christmas season I would like to encourage you to find peace in Jesus. Whether you have known Jesus as your Savior your whole life or are just getting to know Him, I would like you to check out who Jesus is by inviting you to a local church this Christmas, to find the true source of everlasting peace in the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

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2022 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Boyne City's Morgan Deming is Player of the Year • Coach of the Year is Audra Randall

BY:DOM SANTINA

The 2022 volleyball season saw great games between our county teams and other games. Of the four teams in the conference, two of them went to District Championships. The area was highlighted by Charlevoix making a run into the Regional Semi-Finals.

Player of the Year:

MORGAN DEMING
SENIOR, BOYNE CITY, #16

A player that has had a major impact on the Ramblers for the last few years. Deming this season had another fantastic season including 606 kills, which puts her in the MHSAA record book for the number of kills in a season. Deming had two major games including 52 kills against Kingsley which is the 3 highest in MHSAA history for a single game. She backed up that game with a 44-kill performance against Cheboygan, which is tied for 6 highest kills in a single game. Deming also earned her 1,000 kills during the season as well. She also helped out in other ways this season. As she had 85 aces and a serving percentage of 85. While also adding in 319 digs and 82 blocks. Deming's dominating senior year was recognized throughout the state as she earned Lake Michigan Conference First Team, MIVCA Region 3 Dream Team and Division 2 Third Team All-State

honors. Deming has multiple college offers that she is working on deciding where she wants to go.

Coach of the Year:

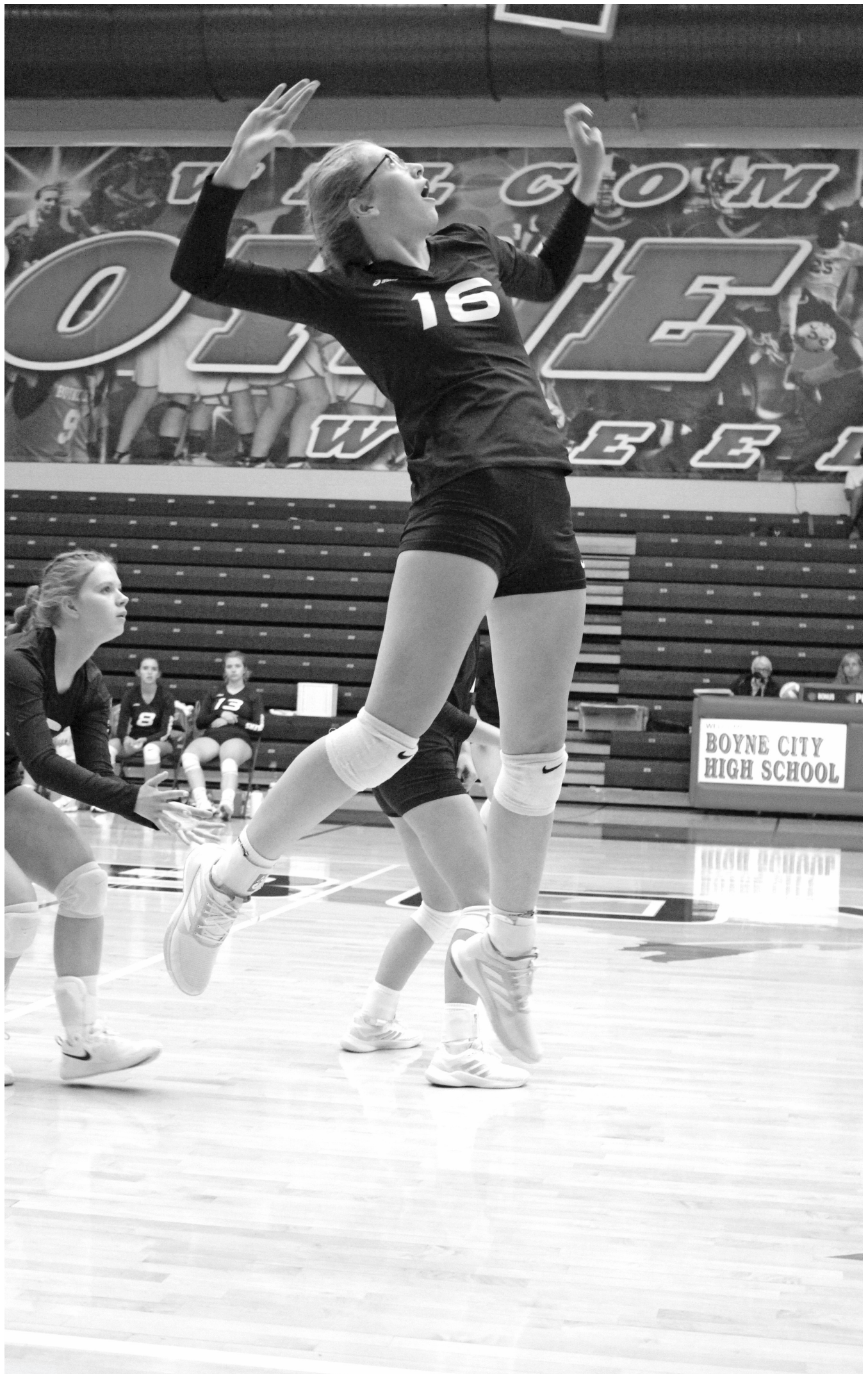
AUDRA RANDALL
CHARLEVOIX

The Rayders started the season strong with good play in opening season tournaments. They piled up some wins early in the season and showed some power in a tough Lake Michigan Conference. The biggest moment of the season was the run they went on at the end of the season. They started the run with a win over Manelona, followed by a win over East Jordan to take them to the District Championship. A tough battle ended up in their favor and securing a District Championship. The Rayders then fought a tough Elk Rapids team for a chance to win a Regional title but fell in a fifth set in the Regional Semi-Finals. A solid year, plus putting a District Championship trophy make Coach Randall our Dream Team Coach of The Year.

Charlevoix

CLAIRE SCHOLTEN
SENIOR, #1

A senior captain on the team this year provided a very reliable option at setter. Her second year on var-



Player of the Year Morgan Deming goes high for the kill.



COACH OF THE YEAR

Audra Randall

Charlevoix

sity provided to be a good one. As she had 1,075 assists for the season and had 106 aces serving. Scholten ended up earning her 2,000 assists this season as well. She also was aggressive at

the net with 205 kills and 20 blocks. Scholten also had 361 digs as well. She has earned Lake Michigan Conference All-Conference, All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention honors.

ANNA HAF
SENIOR, # 3

Another one of the team captains from the Rayders. Haf has spent three seasons

on varsity and primarily in the libero position. She ended up having 638 good serve receptions and 631 digs. She was good from the service line as well as she

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had a serving percentage of 92 and 72 aces. She added in 48 kills. Haf earned Lake Michigan Conference All-Conference, All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention Honors.

ADDISON BOOP

JUNIOR, #

A junior on the team this season and used her second season at the varsity level to her advantage. She ended up having 371 kills and 53 blocks. She served up 91 aces and helped with 107 digs. Boop will be a big piece coming back to help the Rayders next season. She earned Lake Michigan Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention and All-Region honors.

KYLIE RICE

JUNIOR, # 5

Rice was another big piece in the junior class as a second-year varsity player. Rice had 313 digs and 403 serve receptions while being very accurate. Rice added in 138 kills and 32 blocks. She also had a very solid play during the post-season and it helped her earn All-Region honors.

ABBEY WRIGHT

JUNIOR, #

A first-year varsity player that ended up having a big net presence as a junior. She ended up having 385 kills and 19 blocks. She also had 51 aces while serving and 171 digs on the season. Wright's determination helped her make some big steps forward and improve to make a difference on a championship team. She earned All-Region honors.

Boyne City

AVA TARSI

JUNIOR, # 2

As much as Deming made a difference for the Ramblers at the net. Tarsi made it around the court, as she tallied 904 assists. She also had some amazing milestones in her junior year. As she had 68 assists against Kingsley which is 3 highest in MHSAA record book for assists in a single game. She then had 65 assists against Cheboygan which tied her for 4 all-time for assists in a single game. She also passed 2,000 career assists and now is 691 assists shy of 3000. Tarsi also lead the team with 88 aces and a serving percentage of 92. She also had 112 kills and 222 digs. Tarsi will be a big piece returning for 2023. She earned Lake Michigan Conference First Team All-Conference and All-Region honors.

BRAYLYN RINCON

SENIOR, # 14

A senior that provided some solid play from the libero position. Rincon had an 84 percent serve reception percentage with a total of 516 serves received. She was 87 percent from the service line and added in 35 aces. Rincon also had 377 digs. Rincon ended up earning All-Region honors as well.

East Jordan

SOPHIE SNYDER

SENIOR, # 7

One of the leaders for the Red Devils this year was senior Sophie Snyder. She ended up having 171 kills and 35 blocks. She added in 29 aces and a serving percentage of 93.9. While also adding in 13 assists and 121 digs.

LINDSEY CROSS

SENIOR, # 12

Another senior leader for the Red Devils this season with 116 kills this season. Cross ended up having a serving percentage of 91.5 and 29 aces. She also added in 17 blocks, 29 assists and 158 blocks.



Morgan Deming

Boyne City



Ava Tarsi

Boyne City



Braylyn Rincon

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Ellsworth ready for the hardwood

Bu Bob DeLong

November 21st marked the date for the first full practice allowed by the MHSAA in preparation for games that can start two weeks later, or the week of December 5th.

ELLSWORTH:
Coach (NEW) James Willingham
D4 with 86 students
Play in the Northern Lakes Conference. Finished 12-0 in conference and 19-4 overall.

Playoffs: Won the Districts with a 70-51 win over Gaylord St. Mary. Lost to Lake Leelanau St. Mary in Regional Semi 61-44, (who went on to the semi-final)

Last Year: Ran their league winning streak to 60 wins in a row, (78-3 since 2017).

New This Year: Will play Gaylord St. Mary and Elk Rapids as part of the new 22 game schedule

Also New This Year: New Coach, after going 103-24 overall and consecutive districts, (plus Covid possibly

costing them a third), in five years, very successful Jarod Steenwyk has moved on. Traveling from Traverse City and starting a family would just take too much time from what is needed for coaching a successful team and Steenwyk has decided to "pass the torch".

Outlook: Gone are three starters from last year, (including two all-conference players), and it is tough to replace a successful coach, however, James Willingham, who was an assistant head coach at East Jordan

for the past few years is ready to take the reins. Willingham has jumped in head first and not only did he coach the Ellsworth middle school basketball team this past fall, he will also coach both the JV and Varsity teams this season, (20 boys)! The cupboard is not bare and if the Lancers can develop their talent to complement Kelan Pletcher, (first team all-conference last year), Ellsworth again with compete for the top of the Northern Lakes Conference and a district title.

MIVCA Region 3 All Region Volleyball

Selected by regional Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Assoc. members

ALL-REGION DREAM TEAM:

- Jayden Marlatt, Joburg-Lewiston
- Ryann Clancy, Inland Lakes
- Natalie Wandrie, Inland Lakes
- Madison Smith, Mackinaw City
- Alexis Kozlowski, Gaylord
- Morgan Deming, Boyne City
- Lia Basanese, Cheboygan
- Claire Scholten, Charlevoix

OTHER LOCAL PLAYERS SELECTED TO THE ALL-REGION TEAM:

- Braylyn Rincon, Boyne City
- Ava Tarsi, Boyne City
- Kenzie Burt, Cheboygan
- Mya Collino, Cheboygan
- Cassidy Jewell, Cheboygan
- Makaela Steiner, Cheboygan
- Grace Baragrey, Joburg-Lewiston
- Serena Hogle, Joburg-Lewiston
- Jocelyn Tobias, Joburg-Lewiston
- Abby Radulski, Gaylord
- Sydney Peel, Onaway
- Grace Watson, Onaway
- Megan Bricker, Pellston
- Brynn Jonker, Petoskey
- Caitlyn Matelski, Petoskey
- Katie Parker, Petoskey
- Lucy Tarachas, Petoskey
- Reagan Walsh, Petoskey

MIVCA Region 4 All Region Volleyball

Selected by regional Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Assoc. members

ALL-REGION DREAM TEAM:

- Joslyn Seeley, Cadillac
- Carissa Musta, Cadillac
- Gabriella VerBerkmoes, McBain
- Analiene Fredin, McBain
- Fiona Moord, Leland
- MacKenzie Bisballe, Lake City
- Elyse Heffner, Traverse City Central
- Natalie Bourdo, Traverse City Central

DIVISION 1 & 2:

- Paityn VanPelt, Kingsley
- Jennifer Lefler, Kingsley
- Grace Lewis, Kingsley
- Makenzie Johns, Cadillac
- Kynadi Dole, Grayling
- Phoebe Humphrey, Traverse City Central
- Kate McCrary, Traverse City Central

DIVISION 3

- Alison Bisballe, Lake City
- Kaylee Kennan, Lake City
- Gweyneth VerBerkmoes, McBain
- Avery Nance, TC St. Francis
- Ryleigh Yocom, Elk Rapids
- Linde VanderVlucht, McBain
- Garnett Mullet, St. Francis
- Ava Bechler, Benzie Central
- Quinn YenShaw, TC St. Francis
- Autumn Wallington, Benzie Central

DIVISION 4

- Alexis Luce, Leland
- Kelsey Allen, Leland
- Olive Ryder, Leland
- Payton Miller, Frankfort
- Ava Wendel, TC Christian
- Maddie Bradford, Glen Lake
- Paige Ebels, McBain NMC

MIVCA Region 5 All Region Volleyball

Mio AuSable Junior Raquelle Miller (#4) was named to the MIVCA ALL REGION TEAM for Region 5 this season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Ramblers Open season with win

By: Dom Santina

The Boyne City girls basketball team opened the season against Cheboygan on Tuesday, November 29. The Ramblers jumped out to a 15-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. That lead continued to grow as they approached halftime.

The Ramblers led 27-6 at the halftime break. The Ramblers continued to dominate the game in the second half. As they led at the end of the third quarter, 39-12. The momentum carried till the finish with a 51-15 victory.

The team was led by Morgan Deming with 15 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks. Braylon Rincon hit 3

three point shots to contribute 12 points and Elly Wilcox added 8 points.

"This was a great start to our season and I have been so pleased with the team camaraderie and buying into the team concept, where they are all working hard for each other. It was nice to see us get out in transition tonight and knock down

some open shots. Very proud of our start as we have a tough road ahead of us," said Head Coach Adam Stefanski.

The Ramblers will be back in action on Tuesday, December 6 with a varsity double header against St. Ignace.

Ellsworth drops home opener

Essenburg has great night but Lady Lancers come up short

By Bob DeLong

The Ellsworth Varsity Girls basketball team had a tough order opening week, playing two of the top teams in the Ski Valley Conference. After dropping their first game at Central Lake, the Lancers lost to yet another Antrim County team, the Bellaire Eagles 41-25 on their home court.

The Eagles took an early 13-1 lead after one quarter of play and extended that to a 33-12 advantage at halftime. Give Ellsworth some credit, they played hard and were able to outscore the Eagles 13-8 in the second half, however, the large lead that the Eagles produced in the first half was too much to overcome.

Bella Essenburg had a great night for Ellsworth scoring 12 points, six in each half. Hannah Essenburg and Kerri DeYoung each added four points, Samantha Paalman added three points and Avert Strange added a basket.

The Lancers continue their non-conference play against Ski Valley opponents, (their third straight), on Tuesday of this week when they travel to Pellston and Friday they Travel to Harbor Springs to play Harbor Light Christian to begin Northern Lakes Conference Play.



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Session 3; 2/9,16,23. Cost for session 3 is 30.00
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listing -- an agreement between a real estate broker and a home owner that allows the broker to market and arrange for the sale of the owner's home. The word "listing" is also used to refer to the for-sale home itself. A home being sold by the owner without a real estate agent isn't a "listing."

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lock box -- locked key-holding device affixed to a for-sale home so real estate professionals can gain entry into the home after obtaining permission from the listing agent

lsd pkg. -- leased parking area. May come with additional

cost.

MLS -- Multiple Listing Service. An MLS is an organization that collects, compiles and distributes information about homes listed for sale by its members, who are real estate brokers. Membership isn't open to the general public, although selected MLS data may be sold to real estate listings Web sites. MLSs are local or regional. There is no MLS covering the whole country.

nr bst schls -- near the best schools

pot'l -- potential

pvt -- private

pwdr rm -- half bathroom or powder room

REALTOR® -- a real estate broker or sales associate who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS®. Not all real estate agents are REALTORS®.

title insurance -- an insurance policy that protects a lender's or owner's interest in real property from assorted types of unexpected or fraudulent claims of ownership. It's customary for the buyer to pay for the lender's title insurance policy.

upr -- upper floor

vw, vu, vws, vus -- view(s)

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