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## East Jordan Girls Youth Group Hosts *My Sister's Closet* – Ladies Clothing Giveaway



From left: Victoria VanHorn (13), Isabella VanHorn (10) both of EJ, Madelyn Fagundo (13) of Central Lake and Hannah Wyman (12) of EJ help load up donations from a local garage sale.

East Jordan, MI: The Bright Lights girls youth group of East Jordan invites you to My Sister's Closet, a morning of refreshments, fellowship and FREE shopping on August 5, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd., East Jordan. Their goal is to provide ladies of all ages with free, modest, gently-used clothing and apparel that works for them.

"During the month of July, we are accepting donations of clothing and apparel for all seasons, from girls size 6 through all women's sizes," shares Bright Lights members Victoria VanHorn (13), Laura Busick (12), and Hannah Wyman (12). Apparel could include pants, shorts, shirts, sweaters, dresses, skirts, shoes, purses, outerwear, pj's, belts or accessories. Donations can be dropped off at East Jordan Community Church on Sundays and at Lighthouse Missionary Church or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in



From left: Laura Busick (12) of Bellaire, Violet Fagundo (7) of Central Lake and Victoria VanHorn (13) of East Jordan packing donations for storage.

East Jordan any day of the week.

Ladies, please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join you on August 5 for this entirely free event! No donations are required to come and shop.

Bright Lights is a non-denominational discipleship ministry for girls ages 10-14, emphasizing Biblical teach-

ing in an environment of positive peer pressure and accountability. East Jordan Bright Lights was established in 2022 and is a local chapter of the international Bright Lights organization, which has seen more than 800 groups from around the world since 1996.

## South Arm Classics Car Show

Congratulations to the East Jordan Lion's Club and Car Show Organizers John Hunter and Devin Butterbrodt on a very successful South Arm Classic Car Show that was held on Saturday, July 8th in East Jordan. Seventy-two vehicles were part of this year's show and brought several hundred people to town to check out the Classic Cars and Trucks on display.

Winners of the Lions Summer Raffle were:

- 1ST PLACE - \$1000 LYNN CARSON
- 2ND PLACE - \$300 BRENDA BINGHAM
- 3RD PLACE - \$200 SHEILA DEMELLE

Special thanks to Devin Butterbrodt, John Hunter, Ron Schroeder, Jamie and James Maher, Dan and Faye Miller for their yearlong efforts to make this a successful event. There were 72 cars. They gave out toy packets to the kids, wrapped baskets and other prizes to the car participants.



## Ellsworth Concerts on the Square

Ellsworth, MI-The Ellsworth Concert on the Square music series hosted by the newly formed Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority has reached its midway point. The six week series has featured an eclectic array of artists including Lou Thumser (Folk), The 2 beats (Classic Rock) and Strings Attached (Heavy Rock). In the upcoming weeks the series will include Bruce Walker & the Originals (Bluegrass), Ryan Cassidy (Indie), and the Longhorn Jazz Band (Jazz). Concerts take place in the beautiful Community Square located on the 4-corners in downtown Ellsworth. Seats are available at the Gold Nugget's patio for anyone wanting to enjoy a meal or drinks during the concerts and goodies are available at the square for a donation. The next three Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair.



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## weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>HIGH: 75</b> <b>LOW: 58</b>	<b>HIGH: 78</b> <b>LOW: 55</b>	<b>HIGH: 79</b> <b>LOW: 58</b>	<b>HIGH: 84</b> <b>LOW: 61</b>	<b>HIGH: 81</b> <b>LOW: 59</b>	<b>HIGH: 83</b> <b>LOW: 63</b>	<b>HIGH: 87</b> <b>LOW: 63</b>

### record temps

Day	.....AVG	HIGH	Avg	LOW	.....	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
JUN 20	.78	.....	.56	.....	.97	.....	.1977	.38	.1958
21	.78	.....	.56	.....	.94	.....	.1977	.35	.1992
22	.78	.....	.56	.....	.92	.....	.1959	.37	.1981
23	.78	.....	.56	.....	.91	.....	.2022	.42	.1981
24	.78	.....	.56	.....	.90	.....	.1987	.39	.1953
25	.78	.....	.56	.....	.90	.....	.1966	.39	.1984
26	.78	.....	.56	.....	.94	.....	.1955	.43	.1975
27	.78	.....	.56	.....	.94	.....	.1955	.38	.1977

**Margaret Martin, 88**  
(JUNE 8, 1935 — JULY 13, 2023)  
CHARLEVOIX



Margaret Julia (Hynes) Martin passed away from cancer on July 13. Margaret was known for her deep faith, active participation in St. Mary's Parish and her daily walks prior to her loss of agility. Her Irish wit and authenticity were admired by close friends and family. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 8, 1935, Margaret was the youngest of five sisters raised by her mother, Anastasia, and her father, Edward, until his passing when Margaret was 11. She recalled taking the bus to the downtown public library as a fond childhood memory. As a young adult, she earned a nursing degree from Mercy Central School of Nursing. She applied her skills in later years in psychiatric and

hospice care. In 1969, Margaret and her husband Richard relocated to Charlevoix where they built a home within view of Lake Charlevoix. She enjoyed skiing and tennis in the early years in northern Michigan, and travel with Richard to tropical destinations and abroad. Margaret was preceded in death by Richard, her mother and father, and her four sisters, Catherine, Jane, Mary Ann and Bernadette. She is survived by her three children, Michael (Ryan), Anastasia (Michael) and Sharon (Kris), as well as four grandchildren, Julia, Jared, Alexandra and Makayla. She is also survived by her sister-in-law and childhood friend, Rosemary, as well as many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to share their appreciation for the hospice care provided by the nurses and medical technicians of AdvisaCare since Margaret's February cancer diagnosis. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, followed by Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Charlevoix. Luncheon at the church follows the service. In lieu of flowers and in her memory, donations may be made to St. Mary's School teachers' fund, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital, or Capuchin Soup

Kitchen of Detroit. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com)

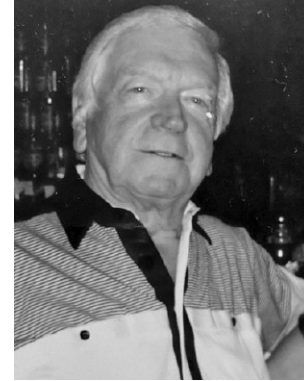
**Skylar Lee Curtis, 27**  
(FEB. 3, 1996 - JULY 10, 2023)  
BOYNE FALLS



Skylar Lee Curtis passed away unexpectedly on July 10, 2023. Skylar is survived by his life partner Brittany Chantel Lewin; his children Aiden Lee Curtis, Jaylynn Chantel Lewin, and Andrew Richard Lewin; his parents Shayler Elizabeth Coultres, William Alden Steven Curtis (Julie Irene Gasco), and Richard Allen Porter; his siblings Allen Ward Porter, William Ray Curtis, Olivia Kay Curtis, and Christina

Haley Sliwinski; his grandmothers Anida Lee Inman and Diana Marie Curtis; his beloved dog Boone; as well as several loving Aunts and Uncles. He is predeceased by his grandfathers, William Charles Curtis, William Fred Curtis, and Ronald Ward Inman. Skylar was born February 3rd, 1996 at Charlevoix Hospital. He became a father in October of 2018 and Aiden quickly became the most important part of his life. He fell in love with Brittany and her children in May of 2022 and they became a beautiful family. Brittany and their three children were his pride and joy. He loved them more than anything in this world. He knew everyone and wanted to be friends with everyone. He loved working on cars and loved his job in lawn care. He loved fishing but only liked fishing if it involved his brother Allen. He will be so deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00pm on Friday, July 21st at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Pastor Pete Aronson will officiate the service. A luncheon immediately following the service will be held at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home

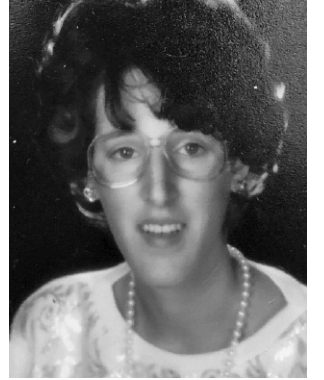
**Douglas Olson, 90**  
(JUNE 16, 1933 — JULY 11, 2023)  
DETROIT & SARASOTA, FL



Douglas Robert Olson of Detroit and Sarasota, FL, passed away on July 11, 2023. He was born on June 16, 1933, the son of Charles and Katherine (Larson) Olson. Doug spent his working days as an employee of General Motors, where he would eventually retire from. Following retirement, Doug moved to Florida and resided there for over thirty years. When he was not working, you could find him on the golf course or at the bowling alley. He was an avid member of the Eagles and enjoyed trips to the casino. Surviving Doug in death are his two daughters, Jane Causey of Allen Park, Candace (Fred) Hoeksema of Ellsworth, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death is his loving wife Betty, his parents, three children, Gary, Daniel, and Carol. Interment will take place

at the Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com)

**Amy Lynn Cutler, 52**  
(MARCH 21, 1971 - JULY 14, 2023)  
CHARLEVOIX AND FORMERLY OF EAST JORDAN



Amy Lynn Cutler of Charlevoix and formerly of East Jordan, died Friday, July 14, 2023, at home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 12:00 Noon at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams of the Lighthouse Missionary Church, East Jordan will officiate. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 10:00 A.M. until service time. A full obituary will follow.

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# Alba Sportsman's Club: STRONG TRADITIONS LIVE ON!

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

When my father bought land between Mancelona and Gaylord in 1967, I had no idea how much it would impact my "growing up". Being from the Grand Rapids area, as well as other "southern" Michigan locals, we have always considered this our home. It just felt like it and still does.

Home and family tend to form strong attachment to an area that holds certain traditions... whether hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, or whatever. There is one place here in northern Michigan that has many memories for me, as well as many others. That place is the Alba Sportsman's Club, and their "every Sunday except if it's Christmas" pancake breakfast.

It's quite a surprise at how many people all over the state of Michigan (and even other states) know about the little town of Alba and their Sportsman's club breakfast. My dad loved telling the story of running into several people with an Alba Sportsman's club hat while in Lakeland Florida. Like old friends who never met, they talked for hours about the place.

### SO, WHAT IS "THE CLUB"?

Well, obviously it's located in Alba (just due west). It was started in 1952. Meetings were held in various places until the current facility was built. A breakfast tradition was started soon after as a way to raise funds to pay utilities and other expenses. It was initially a "plated breakfast", then became all you can eat pancakes, and then all you can eat everything (eggs to order, sausage, toast, etc.)...my favorite time! Then COVID hit and the associated decline in attendance resulted in a back to the plated breakfast which continues to this day (eggs made to order, and "how



Great breakfast for the Lost Weekenders!

many pancakes?" made to order). They could barely scrape by and have been struggling ever since. There have been price increases, but it's worth every penny.

In the good old days, the club ran 4 crews, sometimes more, to offer breakfast every Sunday (except Christmas) year-round. Today, the club is down to one crew that cooks breakfast the 2nd Sunday of the month. However, they are currently forced to shut down during the winter as costs for heating and plow service are too much.

When my parents moved to the property, they attended regularly. One of my traditions is still in play...I hold what we call "The Lost Weekend" at our place. We have anywhere from 10-20 guys come up and we pretend like we're 18 again. We're old enough now that our sons are coming up. It's a "tradition" (as we say: it's not a tradition... we just do it every year!)... and a large part of

it has been ending at Alba Sportsman's Club for the pancake breakfast. We lucked out this year and hit it on the 2nd Sunday in June and got our breakfast! Such a simple thing can make a big impact. Some of these guys only see each other once a year and it's like we never left.

One thing that always fascinated me as a youngster going there with my dad was an old "huge" photograph reproduction of a large buck and doe deer in a winter scene. I had only seen that picture in one other place... our basement. It formerly hung in my grandpa Jake's hunting camp. How cool is that?

### THE CLUBS OFFERINGS

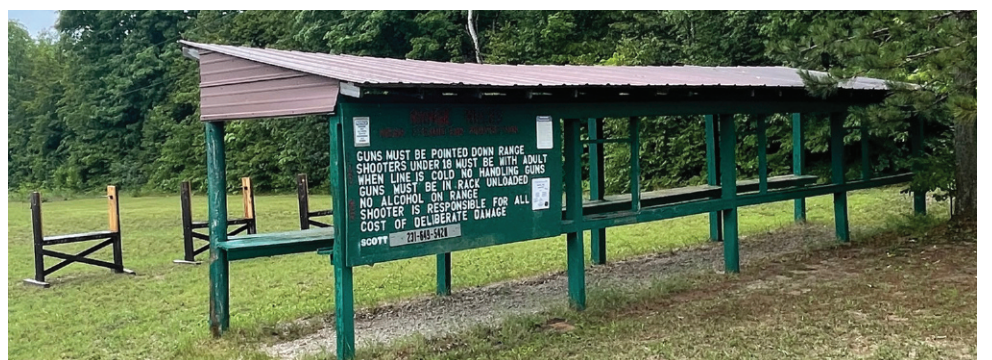
The club has been used for CPL classes, hunter safety courses, wedding receptions, birthday parties, reunions, and even funeral luncheons. Not to mention the snowmobilers that always stopped in for breakfast.



Alba Sportsman's Club, 5225 County Road 620, Alba, MI



Lost Weekend boys in at the club



They currently have pistol bowling pin shoots and trap shoots scheduled for this summer. They are also working to host 2 more CPL classes, one in August and one in September.

A couple of special treats that the club offers is their Spring picnic (free to the entire community) and a fall harvest potluck dinner. They also plan to attend and have a booth at Alba Day (last Saturday in July... this year the 29th). They will have a bake sale as well as "merch" on hand... T-shirts and hats. So, stop by and visit, make a purchase to help maintain the club. This is what it's all about folks. Places like this contribute to the

community. Seems pretty important doesn't it? Can't let them just "go away", we need more like them!

### THE CLUB IS IN REAL NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- People/volunteers to form another cooking crew;
- Help with general maintenance;
- Participate in the planned "shoots";
- MEMBERS! Come, join and bring your new ideas to bring life back to the Club.
- Initial membership is \$40, with annual dues of \$20 each year after. Very reasonable! Donations are always welcome as well!

### INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CONTACT:

Bart Franklin, Secretary at: 616-2600125

You can also message on their Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/Albasporthsmanclub](http://www.facebook.com/Albasporthsmanclub)

Start your own "tradition" and consider attending the next pancake breakfast (2nd Sunday... Aug. 12), stop by the booth at Alba Day (July 29) and even pay your dues to join the club! All are welcome and it's great for the whole family. It's not only having a delicious breakfast, but it just feels right.



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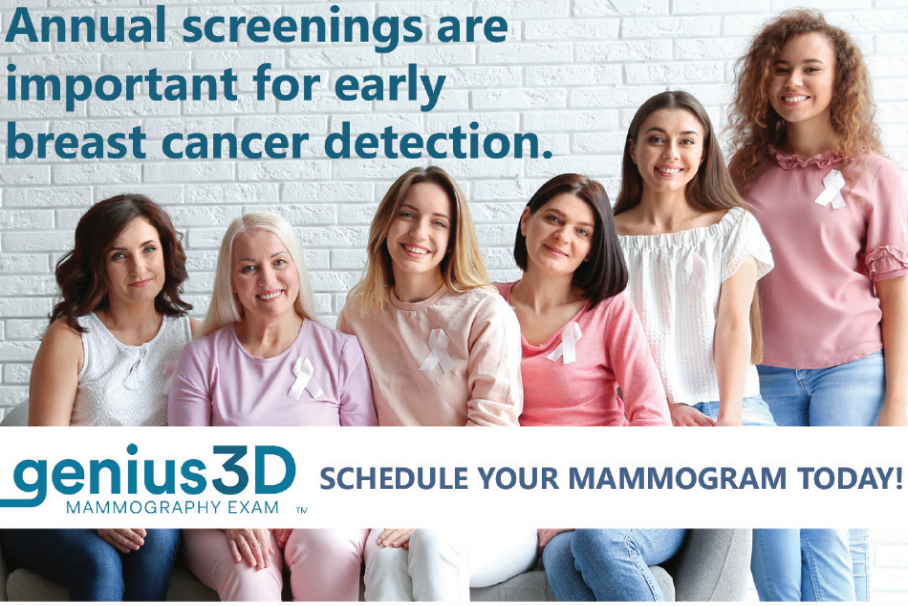


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## REAL ESTATE CORNER

# CLASSIC, TWO-STORY BRICK HOME IN EAST JORDAN



BY JIM AKANS

This classic style, two-story brick home is located in East Jordan close to parks, the lakefront and downtown.

This four bedroom, two bath home offers a spacious layout, with approximately 1,920 square feet of space on

the main two floors plus a full basement. The home has many updates, including flooring, paint and custom concrete countertops. Other features include central air conditioning and a main floor bedroom and bath.

There is a large attached garage with lots of storage for vehicles, outdoor equip-

ment, even a hobby or workshop space. It has fenced yard, great for pets and a place for children to play. Located in the city limits of East Jordan, this home is near beautiful Lake Charlevoix, the Jordan River and much more.

This classic, two-story brick home is located at 500 South Lake Street in East

Jordan and it is listed at just \$319,900 each. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email

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## PERK UP YOUR HOME WITHOUT SPENDING A FORTUNE

You don't have to decorate a home with expensive decorating items, rather decorate with little creative things that reflect your personality and taste. Decorating a home is all about being creative. So put your creative hat on and let your creativity fly, you will love it! These little ideas can certainly ignite the passion in your heart and help kick-start your creative side.

**Paint Brighter** - A little brightness is always needed, when you want to decorate your home! Don't adopt the neutral one paint approach; rather paint little things to the brightest hues to bring that touch of life. So pick up your paint spray and do it with love.

**Family Photos** also do the magic - Instead of buying expensive wall hangings, print some cool family photos and get them ready in simple wooden frames. You can hang them all around the corridor for a royal look.

**Say it with Nature** - Nature is the best thing, when it comes decorating your home frugally. So bring in some shade loving plants and nurture them in beautiful self-painted cases. You can also use pebbles, rocks and shells around them to create a beautiful look indoors.

**Mirrors on the Wall** - So what if your home is a little small, you can create a wide spacious effect by using mirrors. Yes, mirrors are great to make your home look spacious.

So use mirrors all around your home.

**Sweet Little Things** - Vases look charming, with or without flowers, and the best vases that you can place are your antique perfume bottles! Why go to market to spend dollars on vases. Just grab those empty perfume bottles, you've been hiding in drawers for years and use them.

**Pretty Fabrics & Frills** - Frills are the best thing to give your home a soft and romantic effect. So use lots of soft pillows with frills. Buy bed sheets in soft colors and frills to create an effeminate look.

**Creative Handmade crafts** - Believe me, there is nothing more powerfully appealing than handmade crafts. If you have that artist eye, you can create creative hand crafts, if not, use the internet and books to spice you up with ideas. You can use cute little button on cushions. Grab large pieces of checkered or polka dot clothes to create cute handcrafted items.

**Sparkle it up with Candles** - Candles are the best thing to decorate your home. You can reserve a special shelf for candles and fill it up with different colored candles for a tranquil soothing environment.

**Be yourself** - Well, decorating a home is all about you and how you do it! Just don't copy other's ideas, instead get inspiration and also add sparks of your own personal taste to decorate your home frugally.

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## COMMUNITY LEADERS

# AMY KURTZ

## AN ENDLESS VOLUNTEER WITH ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL EGO

BY JOHN KEYSER

Amy Kurtz is one special community leader, and thank you, Anne Golski for recommending her.

A graduate of Charlevoix schools, Amy went on to U. Michigan to earn her degree in communication studies. During her summer breaks, Amy worked as administrative assistant for the Venetian Festival, which is pertinent as now, 20 years later, she has come back to Charlevoix for four months and again is serving in the same capacity for this summer's festival.

Amy has several deep passions, specifically helping care for those suffering from domestic violence, caring for those in need in general, and traveling, e.g., experiencing new places and new people.

Among her many local volunteer activities have been Joppa House, Boulder Park Terrace, America House Senior Living Community, Women's Resource Center, Charlevoix Food Pantry, and other worthy causes.

When she graduated

from college, Amy moved to Hawaii for about six years, helping with those who are abused in their homes and helping women find housing. During this time, she earned her Master's Degree in public administration, and with a specific focus on domestic violence.

Amy then sailed the South Pacific Ocean in a 35-foot sail boat with a friend and subsequently moved to Virginia Beach. She was able to purchase her own sail boat, a 31-footer, on which she has lived for almost nine years. While in Virginia, Amy was a Rotary member and served as President of their chapter, and also served as Grant Manager for the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, which has given her an appreciation for the great value of our Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

As an aside, Amy is a Master Captain of Sailing Vessels, accredited by our U.S. Coast Guard. She has used what she has learned to first sail her boat to Charlevoix for a summer, then later south to the



Caribbean, where she spent the past few years volunteering for causes including the St. Maarten AIDS Foundation, and the Grenada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

These deep interests and desires to help are shared by Amy's family. Her mom, Elaine, spent years with our elementary school serving children with special needs and has always been an active volunteer. Her dad, John, was President of Charlevoix State Bank and continues to this day to be involved in important community work. Her brother, Luther, served as Mayor for eight years, up until this past November and is now active in trying to solve our lack of affordable housing for the workplace, while Amy's sister-in-law, Mary, works tirelessly and quietly

behind a great number of Charlevoix's worthy causes.

Amy believes strongly that the Venetian Festival serves a valuable role as it provides free world class and fun activities for a great many who might otherwise not be able to afford these events. Her work right now with the Festival weeks away is stressful, and with a smile, Amy assures me this is good stress. Her favorite parties are those she has helped organize and is then able to watch and enjoy from the sidelines.

After her work with Venetian completes around the end of August, Amy will spend about another month her with family and friends, then back to Grenada, an island and country in the Caribbean and her sail boat, Ophelia.

While she loves Up North Michigan, she does not love the cold, and she believes the people in Grenada are the friendliest and most welcoming she has ever known.

Thank you, Amy, for being who you are, for your help, and for coming back every summer.



Pictured from left to right: Robyn Rakoniewski and Lindsey Bur

## Mediation Celebration Fundraiser

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, Northern Community Mediation held its fundraiser Mediation Celebration in the Community Center at the fairgrounds in Petoskey, Michigan. There was food to eat: macaroni and cheese with barbecued pulled pork from Rusty Saw North, jambalaya from City Park Grill, chicken wings from Buffalo Wild Wings, sushi from Meijer, pizza from BC Pizza plus ice cream from Snickerdoodlez coupled with adult beverages. The dance floor was packed with people dancing to the music of Easy Picks and Levitator.

The best group costume went to the staff from Dentistry by the Bay, and the winner of the individual best costume was bestowed upon Robyn Rakoniewski. Throughout the evening, the party goers had the opportunity to win bundles of gift cards from stores, restaurants and various establishments throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, which begs the question "Where did the gift cards come from?" Chairperson of the event

Jenny Brower explained, "A mere \$20.00 gift certificate was all it took to gain entrance into Mediation Celebration." She continued, "What is really exciting about this idea is the fact that over \$3,500 in gift cards from over 50 establishments was put into the community so that people could come to the party. And, it is those gift certificates that created the bundles for the raffle prizes."

As Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar stated, "This was a win-win for everyone. Be on the lookout for Mediation Celebration in 2024."

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate the process so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict.

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

## LEADERSHIP

# The Journey of Our Business Lives

BY JOHN KEYSER

A spiritual leader recently used the metaphor of a shepherd walking alongside his sheep and suggested to use that picture in our minds as we walk alongside our sisters and brothers in life.



JOHN KEYSER

Well, with my interest in leadership, I immediately thought that the metaphor of the shepherd is a good picture for us as leaders in our businesses, walking alongside our team members on their journey through their business lives.

The shepherd cares deeply about each sheep in his flock, speaks gently with them, always helping them. I think of the shepherd's staff as her(his) character, the strength that

comes with her humility, integrity, empathy, positive attitude, care for others, emotional intelligence and kindness.

The sheep know their shepherd is selfless in that she cares first about them, the flock. As leaders, we want our team members to realize we care deeply about them, individually and as a team.

Our staff, i.e., our character and our qualities as mentioned above, come from the depth of our inner-being, that we realize that we are here on earth to love and to serve others. This is what matters.

So many people nearing the end of their lives say they wish they had contributed more to the well-being of others and how they helped others feel good about themselves and enjoy the success of which they are capable.

Our serving others, being concerned with their well-being and their suc-

cess could well be our everyday goal, that we accompany and help our team members each and every day.

Embodying this attitude creates a healthy culture and leads to attractive and consistent results.

Let's think about this going forward and hope it helps us put our leadership in perspective, that it is a gift. Let's make this an engrained priority so our people feel fulfilled and engaged and we all enjoy a healthy, collaborative culture in our work.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Boyne City 4th of July Committee, we would like to offer a sincere thank you to the volunteers, donors and sponsors. Also a special thank you to the City of Boyne City, Boyne City Police, Fire and EMS Departments, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and the United States Coast Guard. We think it is safe to say this was another

wonderful and successful 4th of July Festival, even further securing our namesake as the "Best 4th in the North!" None of it would be possible without the continued love and support from our beautiful little community. We are already looking forward to next year!

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

# Thank You!

The Board of Directors of Northern Community Mediation would like to thank everyone who attended its fundraiser Mediation Celebration on June 22.

A special thanks goes to our sponsors, volunteers and everyone else who was generous in giving of their time and financial support.

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# The Little Reading Buddies receives national grant



ABOVE (L-R): Patrick Puroll, Jack Puroll, Jürgen Griswold, Bobbie Paalman, Paysence Bruce and Nora Puroll



ELLSWORTH - "The Little Reading Buddies" was awarded its fourth national grant and recognition for the program's initiatives. The National Youth Leadership Council awarded the program \$1,000. The literacy program was founded by Jürgen Griswold.

Jürgen and his team are proud of the growth and positive outcome that this program has had on young children and on the teen mentors, the program promotes literacy, Inclusiveness and positive mental health for children and teen mentors. The program was established to help combat the social isolation that children and teens were feeling during the pandemic. Now in its third year, the program rapidly grew to provide inclusion and reading mentorship, providing over one hundred and seventy children to receive reading packages and mentorship from eighteen student mentors, this programs outreach has

supported and encouraged children from preschool age to fourth grade to read and enjoy school.

The team appreciates the support they receive from our local libraries and Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

The Little Reading Buddies program has been awarded four national grants, the Hershey's Heartwarming Heroes Grant through the Youth Service of America 2021 and 2022, The Elks Service Scholar Grant 2022, and the National Youth Leadership Council 2023, totaling \$1,700.00. These grants help cover the cost of postage, supplies and books that are shipped to children. The team enjoys the correspondence that they have with the young readers. The program has had a positive influence in the lives of children.



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## CHARLEVOIX LIVE ON THE LAKE

Summer concerts Thursday nights in East Park at the Odmark Performance Pavilion in downtown.

July 27 - Traverse City Dance Project. 7pm

August 1-3 - The Soundgarden Project playing classical music in unexpected places. Various locations & times w/ a final performance on August 3rd at 7pm at the Odmark Performance Pavilion

August 3 - Childrens Activities. 5-7pm

August 3 - Distant Stars. 8pm

August 10 - Charlie Millard Band. 7pm

August 17 - The Real Ingredients. 7pm

Presented by Jim Riehl's Friendly Ford

Series sponsor Manthei Supply

## PETOSKEY MOVIE IN THE PARK AT DARK

Grab your blankets for the Movie in the Park at Dark. Every Friday night through August 18, Downtown Petoskey will host a movie on our huge inflatable movie screen in Pennsylvania Park.

July 21 - Ferris Buellers Day Off

July 28 - Top Gun Maverick Aug. 4 - Sing 2

Aug. 11 - August Rush

Aug. 18 - The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Sponsors: Grandpa Shorter's Gifts, Wolverine Cabinet Co., Great Lakes Orthodontics, Murdick's, Fox and Hound, Musik Haus, Bearcub Outfitters, Northgoods, Meyer Ace Hardware, Petoskey District Library.

## EAST JORDAN FREE KID CRAFT

At EJ Tourist Park Lions Pavilion, Noon - 2pm.

July 25 - Canvas Painting

Aug. 1 - Bird Feeders

Aug. 8 - Sun Catchers

## CHARLEVOIX SUMMERTIME MUSIC AT THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

SummerFolk Concert Series:  
August 14th: Even Archambo

September 11th: Jack & Gary

Jazz At the Library (JATL)  
July 26th: Mike & Michelle Davis

August 2nd: Crispin Campbell

August 9th: Little Big Band

August 16th: Family & Friends

## PETOSKEY SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Blissfest Music Organization and Downtown Petoskey bring you

Sounds of Summer. Enjoy live tunes in Pennsylvania Park Friday nights from July 14th through August 18th! Beginning at 7 pm these free concerts will get you grooving all summer long. Grab yourself take out or a drink from one of our Social District bars and restaurants and bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy the Sounds of Summer concert series.

July 21 - Silver Creek Revival (Indie-Folk & Americana)

July 28 - Bee Taylor (Delta Blues & Gypsy Jazz)

August 4 - Luke Winslow-King (Original Folk Blues)

August 11 - 1000 Watt Prophets (Soulful Americana)

August 18 - Al Bettis (Smooth Indie Soul)

## BEAVER ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

We have a weekend packed with friends, family, activities, camping, and of course... MUSIC! Join us July 20, 21, & 22. Tickets on-line at <https://bimf.net/tickets>. Children 12 and under tickets and camping are FREE with your festival ticket purchase. If you have any questions about your trip, please give us a call at 231-330-9945.

## BOYNE CITY FOOD TRUCK RALLY

July 20, 5pm - 9pm. It's time to rally! In celebration of all things local, the Boyne City Farmers Market hosts the ultimate foodie event - food trucks, local brews, and live music by the Third Degree in Veterans Park. \$10 entry includes one drink ticket and can koozie. 16 food & beverage vendors.

## BAY VIEW BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS

Blood, Sweat & Tears will play Bay View's Hall Auditorium on July 21 at 8pm this summer. Blood Sweat & Tears has

been nominated for 10 Grammy awards and won 3. They performed in 1969 at Woodstock the same day as Jimi Hendrix among other great bands. Bobby Colomby discovered their latest vocalist, Keith Paluso of the 2018 season of "The Voice." Critics say Keith is the best singer since David Clayton-Thomas, the singer most recognize as being part of the band. Hits include "Spinning Wheel," "You Make Me So Very Happy," "God Bless the Child," and many more. Performance at John M. Hall Auditorium, Bay View Association. Tickets: <https://bva.booktix.com/>

## BAY HARBOR ARTS FESTIVAL

Join us for the 23rd Annual Bay Harbor Arts Festival, on July 22 & 23. Held along the waterfront on our Marina Lawns, the Arts Festival will take place both Saturday and Sunday from 10am - 5pm and have a collection of fine, juried artists as well as a selection of green market artisans. Live music Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy a DIY Pottery Travel Studio on Saturday for kids, as well as "Wingin It" Fairy Hair and Lakuna Links Permanent Jewelry on Saturday and Sunday. Just steps to great boutiques and eateries in our Downtown Village. We will have great live music during the Arts Festival

## PETOSKEY CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW

Emmet County Parks and Recreation is hosting a car show at the Emmet County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 23, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Gates open at 9 AM the day of the event for vehicle registration. You can preregister or register same day. A variety of makes and models will fill the Fairgrounds for automobile enthusiasts to appreciate at this Cruise-in Car Show! Admission to the event is free for the general public. Participants will be required to pay a \$15 fee per vehicle entered. Trophies will be awarded with door prizes given out throughout the day. For more information, please call the Programming and Sales coordinator at (231) 348-5479 or email [alavigne@emmetcounty.org](mailto:alavigne@emmetcounty.org).

## BOYNE CITY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Backyard Nature Program Summer Series every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30, through July 26th, join the Charlevoix Conservation District & the Boyne City Library at Old City Park in Boyne City for free nature programs for kids! The programs are geared toward ages 3-7, but families of all ages are welcome. Meet our intern, Miss Julie, at the Gazebo to listen to a nature-based book related to the topic of the day before setting out to discover nature throughout the park. Gentle guidance, along with a few simple tools, will assist the children's efforts with observing and collecting. If time permits, a related art activity will wrap up the activities for the hour. There is no fee or RSVP required to attend this event, but parents or guardians are asked to stay for the duration. For questions or more information about these events or the conservation dis-

trict, please contact district manager, Alison Adams for more details.

## BOYNE CITY FREE CLINIC

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

## EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

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

## WALLOON LAKE FLYWHEELERS TRACTOR, ENGINE, AND CRAFT SHOW

Thursday Jul 27 - Sunday July 30 at the Flywheeler grounds, 00145 US 131 N., Boyne Falls. Entry fee is a donation of \$7. Northern Michigan Antique Flywheeler Club is exploring life in the past lane during their 36th Annual Walloon Lake Flywheelers Tractor, Engine, and Craft Show. Featuring Unstyled Tractors, washing machines, and Economy Small Engines with a parade of power at 2pm daily.

## PETOSKEY SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

July 28, 29. The granddaddy of them all - Shop the 59th annual Downtown Petoskey Sidewalk Sales. Sales are 9am - 6pm Friday, July 28, 9am - 6pm Saturday, July 29

## EAST JORDAN SAND, SEA AND SHELLS

22nd annual flower show, July 29, Noon - 4pm at Jordan River Art Center, 301 N. Mai St. Free admission. You vote for the winners.

## BOYNE CITY HDSA FUN WALK

Help for today, hope for tomorrow in the battle against Huntington's Disease. Join us for a fun walk Saturday, July 29. Registration at 9am, walk begins at 10am at the Boyne City pavilion at Veterans Park. Registration is \$20. Deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is June 20. Reserve your spot at [www.hdsa.org/thwboynecity](http://www.hdsa.org/thwboynecity)

## EAST JORDAN FREE CLOTHING

Free apparel for girls, teens and women on Aug. 5, 10am - 1pm at My Sisters Closet inside Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd. Hosted by girls from the EJ Bright Lights group.

## EAST JORDAN PORTSIDE ART FAIR

The 60th annual Portside Art Fair is August 5 & 6, 10am - 4pm at Elm Pointe Park, 1787 M-66 (1.5 miles north of Eat Jordan). Sponsored by the East Jordan Historical Society. The Portside Arts Fair is a juried art show and is open to all artists and craftspeople who exhibit work of original design and execution. Live entertainment and concessions are available throughout the weekend. A call for artist is currently taking place, so if you are an artist or know someone that would like to be a part of this show please visit [portsideartfair.org](http://portsideartfair.org) or call to Christine Wilhelm 231-675-4841 or email Christine at [christinewilhelm63@gmail.com](mailto:christinewilhelm63@gmail.com)

## EAST JORDAN FREE STROKE SCREENING

August 10, 11am - 3pm at Jordan Valley EMS Authority. 555 Maple St. Stroke is a serious medical condition that ef-

fects millions of people each year, but early detection and treatment of stroke risk factors can make a significant difference in reducing your risk. Risk reduction assessment includes Lipid Panel, A1c, Blood pressure, weight, BMI calculation, activity assessment, 3 lead EKG rhythm, stroke awareness. Contact Meghan Meyer, 231-536-7881.

CHARLEVOIX

Art from the Attic. A fundraiser for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts featuring previously loved art. Saturday, Aug. 12, 11am - 3pm. Mon - Thurs, Aug. 14, 11am - 4pm. Donations to Art from the Attic accepted now thru Aug. 4 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St. Mon. - Fri, 11am - 4pm

## PETOSKEY SUMMER SENDOFF

Celebrating Community through Craft. Raise a glass to another great summer in Downtown Petoskey. In collaboration with Beards Brewery, come celebrate the Summer Sendoff on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. Multiple concerts in the park, Movie in the Park at Dark, the Great Lakes Brass Band, street games, community partner tents, the Charlie Millard Band and more.

## ELLSWORTH CONCERTS

Concerts on the Ellsworth Community Square every Wednesday Night—7 p.m.

## EAST JORDAN MEET UP, EAT UP

Meet up and Eat up at East Jordan Elementary school. Lunch and breakfast are served daily Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is at 8:30 AM till 9 AM and lunch 11 AM to 12 PM. Free for anyone 18 and under.

MACKINAW CITY

Corvette Crossroads Registration for the 34th Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show is Now Open. Saturday, August 26th, hundreds of Corvettes will be on display in downtown Mackinaw City at its NEW location in the parking lot of the Straits State Harbor on South Huron Ave. from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## MACKINAW CITY & ST. IGNACE MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK

The Labor Day bridge walk is Monday, Sept. 4. The bridge walk has been an annual event since 1958, with the exception of 2020. The 2023 walk will be the 65th event. Between 20,000 and 30,000 people have participated in recent years; 26,000 participated in the 2022 event.

## BOYNE CITY STROLL THE STREETS

Music, art, and downtown store deals fill the streets every Friday night through the summer 6-9pm. Sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.

## BOYNE CITY ARCHERY RANGE

The Archery Range on the back side of Avalanche Park is set up with 25 targets ready for public use. The entrance to the Archery Range is off of Pleasant Avenue. Thanks to Barney Hess for setting up the targets as he has done for several years

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CASH RAFFLE

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce serve this function for Charlevoix County, energizing the County and encouraging economic activity throughout the region. One lucky Chamber Champion will win \$10,000 CASH! Additionally, two lucky Chamber Champions will win either \$2,000 or \$1,000 Cash! Drawing will take place on November 3rd at Castle Farms and will be livestreamed on the Chambers' Facebook page. Only 400 tickets are being offered for purchase at \$100.00 each. To purchase a ticket, call Charlevoix Area Chamber at 231-547-

2101, East Jordan Area Chamber at 231-536-7351 or Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222

## EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

The East Jordan Farmers Market is every Thursday. Hours 10am - 2pm at the East Jordan Tourist Park.

## BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday at Veterans Park, 8am - Noon. Fresh produce, live music, local artwork, artisan food, kids corner and more.

## CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers market is now open for the season every Thursday from 8AM - 1PM on Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email [Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com](mailto:Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com)

## EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

## BOYNE CITY AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, Ages 12+ at Boyne District Library. After school drawing, collage, paper crafts, and making stuff while watching anime or other cartoons. Creativity required. Art Club for ages 12+ meets Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm. You can chill and make whatever you want.

## EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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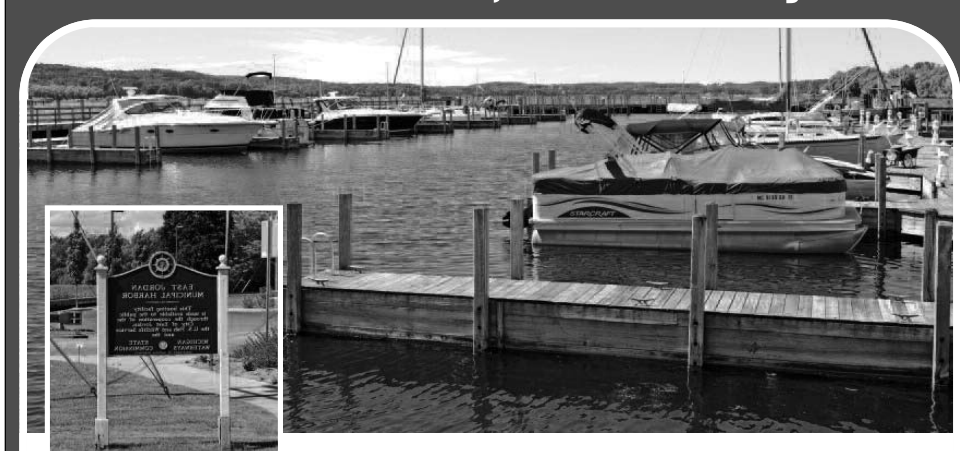


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Memorial Park which is part of the marina has picnic tables, grills and public restrooms. A band shell was constructed in 2005 which has enter-

tainment most weekends throughout the summer.

The Municipal Harbor offers 27 seasonal boat slips, 27 transient boat slips, shopping docks, full-service Midgrade (87 Octane) and Premium non ethanol (91 octane); both have Valvect Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

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## Tip Of The Mitt SCORE Selects Tillie's Tafel As Client of The Year

(Petoskey, MI July 12, 2023) Tip of the Mitt SCORE, the local chapter of SCORE International, has selected Tillie's Tafel as the 2023 Client of the Year. The Client of the Year is selected by the local SCORE mentors from the clients served in the year prior. SCORE offers confidential mentoring services at no charge for current or prospective small business owners.

SCORE Tip of the Mitt has been working with Patti and Jeff Dewes, owners of Tillie's Tafel, since 2021 when the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce recommended SCORE's services. Here is their story:

Patti and Jeff had semi-retired in 2019 and were traveling the country in their RV. They ended up in northern Michigan early spring 2020 when the pandemic hit and decided to stay and ride out the pandemic. So what to do to keep busy?

"I have always truly enjoyed by grandmother's cinnamon roll that she made for all our holidays," states Jeff. "Her recipe has been passed down from generation to generational for more than 100 years. When Grandma died in 1975, my mother took over that tradition. I come from a family of all boys, so when my mother died in 2016, I decided to take over that tradition."

They decided to find a farmer's market in northern Michigan to sell their cinnamon rolls. The market in Petoskey accepted their application, and on the first day they sold 75 rolls in 25 minutes. Realizing their success, they started rent-



L to R – Sharon Schappacher, SCORE Mentor; Paul Krecke, SCORE Mentor; Jeff Dewes, Patti Dewes, owners of Tillie's Tafel; Tracey Dryovage, Chair, Tip of the Mitt SCORE and Mentor; Emily Stuchell, Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Bob Denton, SCORE Mentor.

ing a commercial kitchen and hired an employee to make 218 rolls, which they sold out in two hours. People began asking for rolls for weddings, birthday parties, showers and more and the need for a small storefront became obvious. There was space on Mitchell Street, and Tillie's Tafel, named after Jeff's grandmother, was born. Her name was Matilda, or Tillie, and Tafel is the German word for table.

"In 2021 we sold over 80,000 gourmet cinnamon rolls and in 2022, we sold over 93,000 gourmet cinnamon rolls. Patti, and my daughter Allie, help manage and run the bakery and we are looking forward to future expansion. We enjoy

working with the local schools and nonprofits in fundraising efforts and truly appreciate the residents of northern Michigan and what they have meant to us over the last two years," states Jeff.

"I think the biggest hurdle we faced was not having any food service experience. My wife was an interior designer, and I was an owner of a lumber yard. We were prepared for the challenges of opening a grassroots business, but the challenges of a food service business took us bit by surprise it was a big learning curve! Our biggest challenge was packaging and waste, since we make our rolls daily and do not sell any day-old products, we had to find ways to

calculate proper daily yields and avenues for any rolls left over at the end of the day. Moomers Homemade Ice Cream, out of Traverse City, uses our frozen roll pieces to mix with their cinnamon ice cream to create Tillie's Tafel Gourmet Cinnamon Roll Ice Cream. We also have a local brewery that takes our day-old rolls and uses them to make a cinnamon roll IPA.

"We have faced the same hurdles that a lot of small businesses have faced over the past 2 years with staffing, inflation, and material resourcing. But with the help of SCORE, we are seeing steady growth and are constantly moving toward working more efficiently daily. The Petoskey

Chamber of Commerce introduced us to SCORE and through them we were matched with Paul Krecke who has been instrumental in directing our needs to the appropriate source. Through the experience of the SCORE mentors, we were able to comprise a solid outlook and platform for our business model with the understanding of the seasonal fluctuations in our area.

"We are currently looking into franchising our model and expanding it across the Midwest and hopefully across the nation soon. To achieve that next level, we need to add some automation to both our production and delivery process of our rolls. We have hired an award-winning pastry consultant out of Chicago to help up with this process. We have also just purchased two state of the art bakery vending machines that are designed with our custom graphics and stocked daily with fresh gourmet cinnamon rolls and sugar cookies. We plan on placing these machines in airports, hospitals, large factories, and colleges all around the state. Our end goal is to have 20 machines placed strategically throughout Northern Michigan by the end of 2024. We are also working on a frozen take-and-bake roll that can be distributed across the nation so consumers can purchase and bake in the comfort of their own home. Although we feel these are all great ways to experience a Tillie's roll, there is nothing better than the experience of coming into our bakery in downtown Petoskey, Michigan

and having a fresh gourmet Tillie's roll right out of our oven!," Jeff enthusiastically concludes.

SCORE Tip of the Mitt Chapter Chair, Tracey Dryovage states, "We like to pick a client who has had great success in contributing to their community. Tillie's Tafel started by selling their cinnamon rolls in the local farmer's market during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, they have leased a storefront in Downtown Petoskey, where they have since expanded into a larger space and added Moomers Homemade Ice Cream. Along with the expanded storefront, they still support the local farmers' markets, along with selling and shipping their products on-line. We at SCORE look forward to a long-term relationship with Jeff and Patti and Tillie's Tafel - for the life of the business."

SCORE's business mentors typically are retired or current business owners, executives or managers who volunteer to share their expertise. To learn more about SCORE's Tip of the Mitt chapter, see [tipofthemitt.score.org](http://tipofthemitt.score.org). To request a mentor, see 'find a mentor' at [tipofthemitt.score.org](http://tipofthemitt.score.org) or call the Petoskey Chamber at 231-347-4150.

Visit Tillie's Tafel at 437 E. Mitchell Street, or visit [tilliestafel.com](http://tilliestafel.com) for more details. You can also find them at the Charlevoix, Boyne City and Petoskey farmers markets.

## World Hepatitis Day is July 28

Screening for hepatitis C and vaccinations for hepatitis A and B decreases chance of illness

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) and the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA) are recognizing World Hepatitis Day to help raise awareness about viral hepatitis and the steps people can take to prevent and manage the disease. HDNW offers vaccines for hepatitis A and B and free hepatitis C screening and testing, including rapid antibody hepatitis C testing. "Viral hepatitis is a serious, preventable public health threat that we are

diligently fighting," says Dan Thorell, HDNW Health Officer. "It's important that we continue to offer education, screenings, and vaccinations to people. And it's important that people living with hepatitis know about their condition so they can make informed choices about their healthcare."

There are at least five types of viral hepatitis. The three most common in the United States are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

Hepatitis A is easily transmitted from person to person or contaminated food. It causes an acute infection that usually improves without treatment but can cause severe illness.

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C can be spread through sex

or sharing needles. They can cause a chronic infection, which can lead to liver disease including cancer.

There is a vaccine to prevent hepatitis A and B. There is not one for hepatitis C.

Hepatitis symptoms can include fever, loss of appetite, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark-colored urine, and jaundice, according to HDNW Medical Director Joshua Meyerson. The disease can also cause liver infection and scarring.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), hepatitis is a group of viral infections that lead to a range of health problems, such as liver cirrhosis, liver cancer, and liver failure. More than 1.4 million deaths

per year are caused by hepatitis B and C alone. WHO has set a goal of ending viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. Some of the key steps people can take to prevent hepatitis are getting vaccinated, practicing safe sex, and avoiding sharing needles or other drug paraphernalia.

Michigan's Department of Health & Human Services offers low-cost hepatitis C treatment through their "We Treat Hep C" program.

To schedule a screening or hepatitis vaccination, call HDNW locally at 800-432-4121.

## Gov. Whitmer Signs Bipartisan Legislation Improving Access to Food Assistance, Lowering Costs for Michiganders

Michigan joins 36 other states in improving access and lowering costs for SNAP beneficiaries, ensures families can get the support they need without being forced to sell their car or empty their bank account

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed Senate Bill 35, bipartisan legislation improving access to food assistance and lowering costs for Michiganders by eliminating the asset test for SNAP benefits. Michigan joins 36 other states in eliminating this burdensome requirement on food assistance, ensuring families can get the help they need to put food on the table without being forced to sell their car or empty their savings. It will give families more financial stability and reduce the amount of red tape and paperwork for health department case workers so they can focus on helping people.

"No one should be forced to sell their car or empty their savings account to feed themselves and their children," said Governor Whitmer. "Improving access to food assistance is a commonsense step already taken by 36 other states to lower costs for families and ensure they can get the benefits they need. Before this bill, Michiganders with more than \$15,000 in assets—including the value of their vehicle and savings—would not qualify for food assistance. This forced people who might have been laid off or just need a little breathing room to make impossible choices to qualify for SNAP. Food benefits must be accessible for Michiganders who need them without illogical tradeoffs. I am proud to get this done and grateful for all the organizations, advocates, and legislators—including Senator Irwin—who fought hard to make it happen."

"I'm glad that we will use national eligibility standards rather than spending state taxpayers' money to block residents from the help they need to feed them-

selves and their families," said state Senator Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor). "Our safety net works better if it can catch people before they hit the ground; now families who face financial difficulties won't be required to deplete all their savings and risk losing everything before they can get food assistance."

"The asset test for SNAP went against our values as Michiganders. Now, instead of punishing families who have hit a roadblock, we can make sure they are able to put food on the table as they work to regain financial security. Eliminating the asset test means that kids can be strong for school and play, and parents can focus on the future," said Monique Stanton, President & CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. "In addition to helping the 710,500 Michigan households that receive SNAP—including more than 531,000 children—eliminating the asset test will also help reduce paperwork for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services frontline caseworkers. Plus, the move will help stimulate

local economies by ensuring families have enough money to buy food at their local grocers. We're grateful to Sen. Jeff Irwin and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for making sure Michigan joins the 36 other states that have realized that basic human needs shouldn't be withheld from kids and families."

### SENATE BILL 35

Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bill 35, improving access to SNAP benefits and lowering costs for families.

- According to the Michigan League for Public Policy: this will help over 700,000 Michigan households currently receiving SNAP benefits, including more than 531,000 children who will directly benefit.

- According to Feeding America: one in nine Michiganders, or about 1.18 million people, are facing hunger. Of those, 282,320 are children.

- According to the non-partisan House Fiscal Agency, the bill will likely have no impact on the state's finances.

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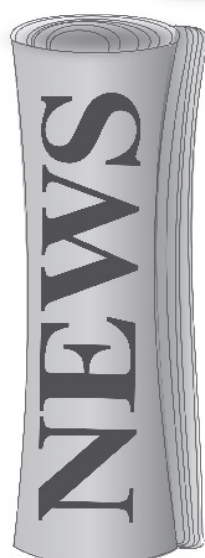
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#### ALL-AREA BASEBALL



*AJ Speigl is player of the Year.  
Scott Nickel is Coach of the Year.*

BY BEN MURPHY

There may only be five teams in the Charlevoix County News coverage area, but there was certainly plenty of baseball talent to go around between the teams. We are pleased to announce our annual Dream Team, giving you one last look at this past season.

For player of the year, that award has to go to AJ Speigl. While there can be cases made for other players, his stats simply speak for themselves. He hit an impressive average of .571 and had an on base percentage of .656. Speigl had 56 hits, 10 of which were doubles, six triples and 37 RBI. He walked 24 times and stole 27 bases. He also won two games as a pitcher and struck out 24 batters in just 18.1 innings of work.

Coach of the year goes to Scott Nickel of Charlevoix. He was able to get a young but extremely talented Rayder squad to win the extremely tough Lake Michigan Conference, with a 12-2 record in league play. Charlevoix went on to win a Division 3 district championship, before falling to Standish-Sterling in a regional title game.

Joining Speigl on the team are junior teammates Bryce Johnson and Troy Nickel, along with sophomore Owen Waha.

Johnson won 10 games as a pitcher and in 50 innings of work. He had a 2.10 ERA and struck out 101 batters. Troy Nickel had a great season as well, hitting .352 and he had a .441 on base percentage. Nickel also had four doubles and drove in 19 runs. Waha shined on the mound too, with a 1.08 ERA and he struck out 77 batters. He was credited with win-



SCOTT NICKEL - COACH OF THE YEAR

ning eight games. Waha also drove in 41 runs and hit for a .412 average.

East Jordan had quite the season as well. They were in the LMC championship race for most of the year, before settling for fourth and won a Division 4 district championship.

The Red Devils had a huge season from sophomore Korbyn Russell. The lefty pitcher and first baseman won six games on the mound and gave up just eight earned runs in 65.2 in-

nings of work while striking out 97 batters. On offense he had a .326 average with 23 RBI and three home runs.

Brenden Aenis, another sophomore more at East Jordan makes the team as well. He hit .356 with 26 RBI and blasted four home runs and stole 11 bases. Their senior teammates Dawson Carey and Ben Reid also make the list. Carey had a .337 average and scored 32 runs, while swiping an impressive 39 bases. Reid played a solid catcher and



AJ SPIEGL - PLAYER OF THE YEAR

still hit for a .314 average with 20 RBI and five doubles. Reid also had a 3-0 record pitching and a 1.80 ERA.

Boyerne City had senior Gavin Hewitt and Kacey Gray make the dream team. Hewitt had a .425 average, nine doubles and two home runs. Junior Kacey Gray had a great season pitching, winning five games on the mound. He had a 2.60 ERA and struck out 57 batters in 45.2 innings of work.

Ellsworth was also able to

win the Northern Lakes Conference with an 11-1 record. They had seniors Kelan Pletcher and Jacob Jenuwine lead the way, and those efforts put them on the Dream Team. Pletcher hit a whopping .672 average and had 38 RBI and scored 36 runs. Jenuwine hit .509 and had 25 RBI and scored 26 runs.

Boyerne Falls senior Ashton Spang rounds out the Dream Team as their lone representative.

**Charlevoix baseball sweeps coach of the year, player of the year honors**

BY BEN MURPHY

Some big things happened with the Charlevoix baseball team this spring. They won a school record 30 games. They won a tough Lake Michigan Conference and they tacked on a Division 3 district championship. It is time to add on more accolades for the Rayders, as head coach Scott Nickel has been named the Charlevoix County News coach of the year and AJ Speigl has been named our player of the year.

"I think the biggest reason for our success was all the work that these kids put in is paying off," Nickel said. "They work all year long and look forward to that day in March when we get to start practice. That is their favorite day. This group has always been that way, from little league until now."

And to win the Lake Michigan Conference with as loaded as Traverse City St Francis, East Jordan and other squads were, that is saying something too.

"That was huge, we missed it by a game last year," Nickel said. "East Jordan was really tough and

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# CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA BASEBALL DREAM TEAM

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR



**AJ Speigl (10) Charlevoix**



**Bryce Johnson (11) Charlevoix**



**Troy Nickel (11) Charlevoix**



**Owen Waha (10) Charlevoix**



**Ashton Spang (12) Boyne Falls**



**Gavin Hewitt (12) Boyne City**



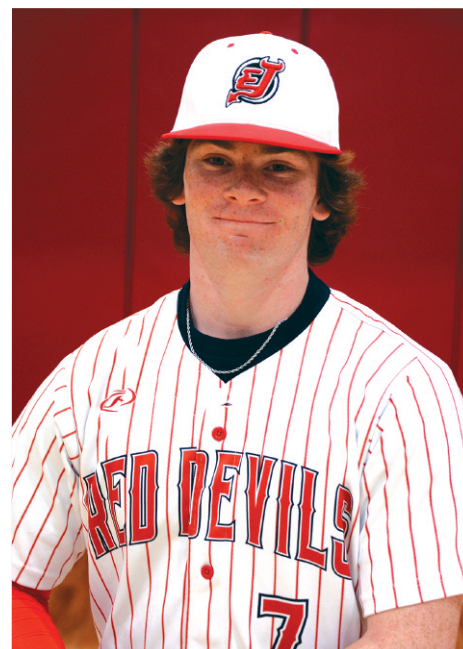
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**Dawson Carey (12) East Jordan**



**Ben Reid (12) East Jordan**



**Kelan Pletcher (12) Ellsworth**



**Jacob Jenuwine (12) Ellsworth**

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**Boyne Falls:** JT Greenier

**Charlevoix:** Patrick Sterrett, Ryan Pearl

**East Jordan:** Ethan Thomas

**Ellsworth:** Owen Cary, Ryder Roberts

## COACHING STAFF

**Charlevoix:** Scott Nickel – Coach of the Year

**East Jordan:** Tom Reid



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that is always a big match-up between us so it was huge to come out on top. We set our sights on that early in the season and worked towards it all year long and it was huge for us for sure."

It is a pretty simple formula for Nickel and the Rayders to find all these wins too. A team first mentality and a loaded pitching staff can go a long ways.

"Just that these kids played all year very unselfish," he said. "They were team first, they were all about whatever is best for the team which wasn't always what was best for them individually. We were pretty deep in pitching too;

even the kids that wouldn't say they were pitchers could pitch, and that is a good thing when you have 11 kids on the team and nine of them can pitch. That helps a lot. They won and lost with class all year and we pride ourselves in being good teammates and having good sportsmanship."

As for Speigl, he certainly made a name for himself in what was a breakout sophomore season.

"He is the hardest worker that I have ever coached," Nickel said. "He is the first one there and the last one to leave," Nickel said. "He wants extra swings or more ground balls after practice. He is super coachable and just puts in a ton of work. He is always thinking about baseball and trying to get

better. Even after the year he had, he is already thinking of what he needs to do to improve for next year."

The idea of him improving isn't exactly what Speigl's opponents want to think about. After all he hit for a .571 average this year with an on base percentage of .656. He had 56 hits, 10 went for doubles, six triples and 37 RBI. He also walked 24 times and 27 bases. While able to play multiple positions, he is primarily a middle infielder, and he also won two games as a pitcher and struck out 24 batters in just 18.1 innings of work.

He also broke the program's single season hit record, which his father and the team's assistant coach Steve Speigl held previously.

"(Steve) was (coaching)

first base when AJ broke his record, and it was a cool moment, one of the coolest moments of the year, even with all the big wins that we had," Nickel said.

With losing just two seniors from this year's team, there is a high probability that Charlevoix is set for some big moments next spring too.

"They are a big two, so they will be missed but I think we will be just as good, if not a little better next year," Nickel said. "I know sometimes that can backfire on you and it can go the complete opposite direction, but I don't see that with this group. Most of them are right in the middle of a summer travel season so they are playing baseball and will be working at it all winter."

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**2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM**

**East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year**

**Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area. While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What if" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted. The Rayders put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan

**City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations**

BY KAREN WALKER  
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating. City Manager Mark Heydauf and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make some changes to the proposed ordinance as initially presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th. The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensures travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents. Exempted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19. The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 61 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

**Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairground**

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**East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test**

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under delegated "self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting. The Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken significant measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within our facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus. All staff of the Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you have questions regarding the Coronavirus, visit our website at www.ejhc.org for up to date information along with additional services

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