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Students Receive \$292,930 in Scholarships from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation

Graduating seniors from Charlevoix County high schools will receive a total of \$292,930 in scholarship funds to help them launch into post-secondary education programs, including vocational training and continuing education programs. This year, a total of 66 scholarships to 43 individual students were awarded. Of those, 46 were single year awards and 20 were multi-year scholarships, which provide financial assistance for students beyond their first year. Scholarship funds were established by local citizens and groups to honor family members, community leaders, educators, and others who value continuing education. Collaborative geographic scholarship



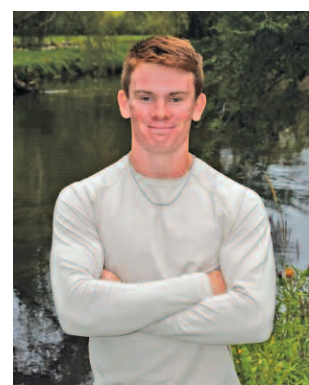
ASHTON SPANG from Boyne Falls was awarded the Joe Schwem Memorial Scholarship.

awards make it possible to provide more significant financial support for students by pooling available dollars from multiple individual funds. Collaborative award winners for 2023 are Jordynn Sudderth of Boyne City, Claire Scholten of Charlevoix,



CLAIRE SCHOLTEN - CHARLEVOIX COLLABORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

and Dawson Carey of East Jordan. Multi-year scholarships provide financial assistance for up to four years, as opposed to just a one-time gift, which helps students focus on their studies and achieve their goals. Multi-year scholarship recipient Elliona Lea-



DAWSON CAREY - EAST JORDAN COLLABORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

man shared, "Receiving this scholarship means the world to me and I'm so incredibly thankful for it! This will help me pay for all 4 years of college and will help me become the first to graduate from college in my family and for that I am forever thank-

ful!" Scholarship opportunities also go beyond four-year degrees to support students with aspirations of vocational training. Ashton Spang from Boyne Falls was awarded the Joe Schwem Memorial Scholarship. Spang, who will study Automotive Technology at the University of Northwestern Ohio this fall shared, "This specific scholarship speaks to me, as Joe was a self-taught master mechanic and I have spent many hours teaching myself how to work on my grandpa's old Jeep. The ability to attend college without taking out any loans is my goal. This award will cover two sets of six-week sessions' tu-

SEE SCHOLARSHIPS - 4A

FALL IS CREEPING UP ON US!



Back to school is here and fall high school and college sports are starting up. It has been a fabulous summer in our region. Our weather, events and activities have been spectacular and the upcoming Fall Season promises to not disappoint us.

The East Jordan Chamber Office is already getting inquiries about dates for Breezeway Fall Color Cruises, Fall Fest and Paddle Antrim. The 15th Annual Breezeway Fall Color Tour Cruises will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, Sat. October 7 and Sat. Oct 14. Enjoy the C-48 Breezeway at your own pace and

choose your own adventure - farm markets, resale shops, dining experiences, Boyne Mt. Sky Bridge or chairlift ride, art galleries, hiking, Jordan Art Walk, etc. There is SOMETHING for everyone! Pick up your goodie bag at Royal Farms in Atwood between 10:00 AM and noon on those three dates and have fun!

East Jordan's popular Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, September 30th at the East Jordan Tourist Park located on the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Music, beer fest, food trucks, hayrides, games, contests for all ages to enjoy. While exploring



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the Breezeway Communities of East Jordan, Atwood and Ellsworth be sure to check out the amazing "scarecrows" and fall displays. This year's theme is "Welcome to the Big

Top" (Circus) for the scarecrows. Special thank you to our contest sponsors - Gary C Roberts, Pat O'Brien Real Estate and East Jordan/Ellsworth Shopping Guide.

Paddle Antrim Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 15 & 16. Join us for the kick-off party in Ellsworth on Thursday, September 14th with food, music and fun. For more information visit www.paddleantrim.com.

The Chamber has additional fall color tour maps available besides The Breezeway. Our maps will take you on a Jordan Valley experience. Pick your route and enjoy fall! We certainly can provide you spectacular views and memorable experiences.

If you are stopping at the Clare Welcome Center this fall through December, be sure to check out our banner and also our display case. Take a photo and send it to us!

As always for more information about the area and events in East Jordan, Ellsworth or Atwood, contact us at 231-536-7351, info@ejchamber.org or visit our website at www.ejchamber.org, jordannartwalk.com, ridethebreezeway.com.

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weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH: 80 LOW: 61	HIGH: 74 LOW: 57	HIGH: 73 LOW: 48	HIGH: 75 LOW: 52	HIGH: 76 LOW: 55	HIGH: 78 LOW: 56	HIGH: 78 LOW: 56

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OBITUARIES

Mildred I. Rebec, Harris, 92

(OCT. 19, 1930 - AUG. 21, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Mildred I. Rebec, Harris has fulfilled her bountiful purpose on this earth and peacefully joined in Heaven with the Lord our God on August 21, 2023.



Mildred (Millie), was born on October 19, 1930 at her home in East Jordan. She was the daughter of Fred and Lillian (Sutton) Moore. Millie graduated from East Jordan High School in 1949. After school she went to work at the Creamery in East Jordan for two years, then on to Flint, MI to be closer to family and work for a while. She later moved back to her beautiful hometown of East Jordan. On February 12, 1955, she married Richard Joseph Rebec of East Jordan. Together they had 5 children. In her earlier years with Richard working, she took great delight and pleasure in being a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout Den mother while raising her family. Unfortunately, Richard passed away from an accidental death in 1967. After his death, Millie went to work full time to provide

for her five young children and their home.

On November 13, 1972, she married Leonard Robert Harris, of East Jordan. Together they had one child. When not working, they enjoyed so many things together such as: bowling, traveling, sight-seeing and family gatherings. Unfortunately, once again, through hardships and adversities Len passed away in 1984 leaving her with a young son at home to raise.

Millie worked many years full time for Morweld Steel in Ellsworth, then went on to Manthei Inc. in Petoskey for 21 years, where she made many lifetime friendships leading up to her retirement in 1995.

She was a devoted member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member of the women's auxiliary, a loyal friend, council and advice-giver to all who graced her company. Her blue eyes, Irish smile, charming personality, quick wit, positive disposition and love for life were the defining characteristics that invited so many into her life. Her genuine care and realistic, unconditional concern for others, formed a comfortable, mutual bond that made it so easy for the many that called her "Mom". One of her remarkable traits she so often practiced was giving for the joy of helping others without ever expecting any-

thing in return.

Millie truly enjoyed family reunions, playing bingo, visiting with family and friends, reading, writing poetry (and won a few contests), attending church, cooking, baking, cheering for her beloved Detroit Tigers, going to the casino, playing cards and watching birds & deer. Another much-loved hobby was playing guitar and singing, which inspired her to record an album with her brother George shortly before his accidental passing. Her positive outlook, faith in God, and spiritual attitude were a great enhancer to friends and family. She loved to bake and send delightful dishes and goodies home with anyone who visited her. Her signature dishes will be passed down through the family chain for many generations to come.

A generous heart always finds something to give; certainly, describes her best. Millie's warm heart, spiritual advice and thoughtful ways have touched the lives of so many and will always be treasured and remembered.

Left to cherish her memory are her 6 children: Roger (Cindy) Rebec of Wyoming, MI; Richard Rebec and (Mary) of Kalamazoo; Rose Karaszewski of Boyne City; JoAnne (Dan) Thomas of East Jordan; Joe (Robyn) Rebec of East Jordan; Robert Harris and (Jason) of Indian River, fifteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred & Lillian Moore, 4 brothers Arnold Moore, Earl Moore, Harry Moore, George Moore and 4 sisters Ellen Hejhal, Muriel Hatley, Mae Evans, Arvilla Kowalske and a Son-in-law Ted Karaszewski.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with a rosary service at 6:00 P.M.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Samuel Lewis, 61

JUNE 22, 1962 — AUGUST 19, 2023
EAST JORDAN

Samuel Jay Lewis of East Jordan passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023 with his family at his side. He was born on June 22, 1962, in Petoskey, MI, the son of Peter and Joan (Hannon) Lewis.



Sam worked as a logger and cut firewood for many years. He also worked for a lawncare business in Central Lake. He enjoyed riding his Harley and spending time with family and friends.

Sam is survived by his mother, three children, several grandchildren, four brothers, three sisters, many nieces and nephews, and his ex-wife.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The family is planning a celebration of Sam's life on Labor Day.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice or Antrim County Commission on Aging.

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

Jack Costolo, 90

(SEPT. 2, 1932 — AUG. 16, 2023)
CHARLEVOIX

Jack Francis Costolo of Norwood died Wednesday, Aug. 16 at Munson Hospital in Charlevoix, where he had been a patient for three days. Jack was born at home in Ferndale, MI, a son of the late Raymond F. and Rose LeFevre Costolo. On November 24, 1962, he married Josette F. Corteggiano of Birmingham, MI. The couple moved to Troy, MI where they resided until moving to Norwood in 2001. An early pioneer in Information Technology, he was employed at General Motors from 1963 until his retirement in 1996.

Jack was a Marine sergeant in the Korean War and a Wayne State University graduate. He was Norwood Historical Society Chairman from 2006-2007. He was a grouse hunter and angler with a strong, broad knowledge of natural sciences. He was your man if you had a question about anything from geology to history to why Easter fell on different dates.

Jack's intelligent, honest, kind manner was obvious to the many that loved him. He was the ideal son, husband, father, and friend.

Surviving besides his widow are a daughter and two sons, Jacqueline Costolo Barnett, Richard Costolo, and David Costolo. Also surviving are four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 29th at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

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

Donald Cole, 96

(MAY 26, 1927 — AUG. 14, 2023)
CHARLEVOIX

Donald Raymond Cole of Beaver Island passed away peacefully at Boulder Park Terrace nursing home in Charlevoix, Michigan on August 14, 2023.

He was born on Beaver Island to Raymond Cole and Grace Gillespie Cole on May 26, 1927, their only child. His childhood was spent between the harbor village of St. James and the settlement of Nomad on the island's south end, where his paternal grandparents

ran a sawmill and rented out cottages for summer visitors. His early life was marked by tragedy when at the age of nine he lost his father in a catastrophic fuel salvaging accident in northern Lake Michigan. Afterward he spent the remainder of his childhood years in Charlevoix, St. James, and again at Nomad, an idyllic refuge that would hold some of the most precious memories of his long life.

In the years immediately following World War II he served in the US Army stationed in Kitzingen, Germany, acting as a courier for military intelligence, part of which included his presence at the historic Nuremberg Trials. Following military service he returned to Beaver Island and worked at a number of jobs before marrying his island sweetheart Lillian Conaghan, a nurse. They spent two years in Detroit before moving back to Beaver Island in the mid-1950's and raising nine children. In the decades that followed he worked for over thirty years on the island as a road engineer for the Charlevoix County Road Commission, as well as operating a family-run commercial fishing business for twenty-five years.

Throughout his life he was active in civic affairs both publicly and behind the scenes. He and the handful of Beaver Island families who remained on the island after WW II collaborated to keep their hometown intact at its lowest point, when the year-round population numbered under two hundred souls and the fate of their community hung in the balance. Their efforts succeeded over time, but he didn't stop his efforts to help others, often quietly assisting those in need one way or another. He found sobriety in his forties, and for decades sponsored and supported many in their search for the same, both on Beaver Island and in Charlevoix.

In the years before and after his retirement he traveled abroad and throughout the US, sometimes wintering in warmer climes where he spent time with friends and relatives. He dabbled in gardening, sailing, and houseboating in the Beaver Island archipelago, but also kept a hand in local matters at civic, business and local government levels. In his own way he was a visionary with an eye toward the betterment and sustainability of his community. Time eventually softened the scars of his youth and the edges of his demeanor, and brought him a peace elusive to him in earlier years.

He was preceded in death by his father Raymond in 1937, his mother Grace in 1998, his wife Lillian in 2002, and his eldest child Hugh in 2021. Surviving are his second wife Sharon, his children Raymond (Lisa), Jim, Laurel (Tim), Garrett (Pam), Tom, Paul (Shirley), Robert, Brian (Rose), and several grandchildren.

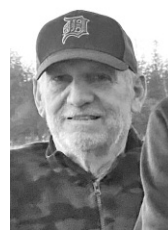
A graveside funeral service will be held on Beaver Island at Holy Cross Cemetery at 2 PM, Saturday, September 2. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects. Donations in his memory can be made to the Beaver Island Association, for the Trails Project.

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

Neal Jack Wilson, 66

(NOV. 23, 1956 - AUG. 20, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Neal Jack Wilson of East Jordan died on Sunday, August 20, 2023, in Petoskey.



He was born on November 23, 1956, the son of Jack and Ethel (Murphy) Wilson. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1975.

Neal worked as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting and fishing. He loved ice fishing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He was also known to attend auctions and garage sales. Every time he met up with his grandchildren, he would always have a bag of knickknacks for them from his collections. Neal loved watching his grandchildren play sports. He was an avid fan of local Little League and University of Michigan sports. Neal was a lifelong resident of East Jordan where he had many lifelong friends and relatives.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Debbie Lynn Wilson of East Jordan; his three sons, Denzil (Cheltzi) Wilson of East Jordan, Chad (Amy) Wilson of Petoskey and Coleman (financed, Emily Puroll) Wilson of Petoskey; eight grandchildren, Avary, Brady, Ella, Maria, Daniel, Gabriel, William and Lyla; two sisters, Jill (Leston "Chip") Brown of Central Lake and Sandra (Robert) Forsman of Traverse City; one brother, Brad (Kim) Wilson of Sparta; one brother-in-law, Tom (Sarah) Towne of Boyne Falls; one sister-in-law, Sandra (Scott) Beal of East Jordan; mother-in-law, Geneva Towne of Boyne Falls; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Julia Wilson and father-in-law, Ralph Towne.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan. Rev. Karen Harriman of the East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Lorraine G. (Kuiper) Janicki, 91

(FEB. 5, 1932 - AUG. 14, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Lorraine G. Janicki died on Monday, August 14, 2023, at her home near East Jordan.



No services are scheduled at this time.

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B3 -- short for beer, blues and barbecue -- is an afternoon of Michigan craft beers, a pig roast, and plenty of live music. Headlining this year's show will be a 10-member tribute to the music of Michigan-native Bob Seger. Calling themselves "Forever Seger: The Silver Bullet Experience", this collection of talented Canadian performers channel their collective energy into replicating the sound of the legendary Silver Bullet Band, while lead singer Kevin Reid not only sounds like Bob Seger, but

bears a striking resemblance and stage presence to the iconic singer.

Also performing that day will be Northern Michigan blues entertainers the Jon Archambault Band, Charlie Millard Band, and the Crosscut Kings. Gates open at 3 pm, live entertainment begins at 4 pm. Various food and beverage options will be available, including a variety of dishes prepared by the Treetops culinary team. Spectators are encouraged to bring their folding chairs and/or blankets to enjoy the performances. No coolers or pets will be permitted.

Complete event details and tickets may be purchased online at b3north.com. Advance general admission is \$35, while entrance may be purchased

at the gate the day of the show for \$40. Children 12 and under will be permitted free when accompanied by an adult. On-site parking is free and a complimentary shuttle will be provided from the parking areas to the event site. The concert area is located at the base of a ski hill, with a gradual slope.

The B3 Festival is organized by Eagle 101.5, and hosted by the Treetops Resort. Treetops is located just east of Gaylord, on Wilkinson Road. The resort will be offering special event room rates with breakfast included. Those details can be found at treetops.com/deals/labor-day-getaway.



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3 day weekend art & craft show in Alden featuring nationally acclaimed and local artists.

ALDEN, MICHIGAN, 08/22/23 - 4th annual Labor Day weekend art and craft show returns in downtown Alden at Depot Park September 2-4, presented by Blue Ribbon events. This is the BIG ONE! Take in the breathtaking views of Torch Lake and the start of fall colors while sipping a cool glass of fresh smashed lemonade or fresh Birria Taco. Nationally acclaimed, award winning artists and local crafters will take over downtown Alden at Depot Park 10am to 5pm Saturday & Sunday and 10am to 3pm Labor Day. Shop unique art, gifts, jewelry and home decor. Support local artists and crafters during this difficult time by buying direct from them. Ask them the process, their inspiration and what drives them!

This year an art raffle will be held to help support Community Light-house Food Pantry. This Food bank NEVER turns anyone away in need. Doesn't matter where you live. All prizes will be on display under the pavilion. Tickets are just \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20. Please help us support them by bringing a non-perishable or canned food item. Can you help us set the record for them by pitching in? Drawing for prizes will be held at 2pm Monday.

Don't forget to stop by the downtown stores as they participate in this

summer end tradition for the annual summer sidewalk sales. Deals galore while they make room for fall, winter and holiday new arrivals. Have you stopped by Grace of Alden? Antiques, vintage, housewares, tin and cast toys, a humungous selection of vintage pyrex and more! She will have 50% off on all items outside and 10% off on all in store merchandise. The Pear Tree features amazing art, jewelry, clothing and lake life decor. They will have 50% off all outside sidewalk items. Stop by and visit all stores to see what treasures you may find while helping them make room for the new.

Featured artist, Janey Payne Short has many new tile and ceramic creations. Her interpretation of life's moments will make you smile. Janey has exhibited for over 30 years in fine art & craft shows. Her main medium is clay combined with other mixed media to create unique one-of-a-kind art pieces. All tiles and frames are hand-painted in underglazes and kiln fired. Janey then embellishes each creation with hand-stamped mosaic tiles that she creates, lakeshore stones, stained glass tiles or natural slate. Each completed tile is framed next with reclaimed barn wood. Her inspiration is the love she has for nature, trees, and woodland animals.

Who doesn't love to pur-

chase jewelry for themselves or gifts? Several jewelers will be on hand with different styles of jewelry. Vintage elements are upcycled into timeless treasure, natural plant materials are turned into stunning eco-art statements. Joyce Nolan will be back again with her sentiment charm creations. Frank will be returning for the 4th year with his ear wires that give the illusion of wearing multiple earrings. Local gal, June from Salty Blue creates breathtaking sea and lake inspired jewelry perfect for layering.

It's a great time to get a jump start on holiday shopping with many artist featuring items for under \$30. Choose marvelous soaps & candles from The Beeswax baron. Another local artist Cheryl Brown will be back with her hand woven baskets and I hear she just might be weaving on location! Get there early as many artists were sold out by Monday last year!

Blue Ribbon Events continues to be popular this summer with unique open-air events spread out for the safety of patrons and artists. Committed to supporting handcrafters, you will find the most unusual new creations to take home for yourself or for gifts. Come for the art and take home a new masterpiece or cherished memory.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

MITCHELL KLOOSTER

- WE CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT YOU AND OUR RELATIONSHIP

BY JOHN KEYSER

Mitchell Klooster grew up in Norwood, just outside Charlevoix, and had a wonderful childhood. His parents worked in education, his dad in Boyne City, where he also coached football, and his mom in Charlevoix, where she served as the school secretary. They were very involved with his activities as he was growing up. Mitchell was active in sports, and he does not remember his parents ever missing a game or any of his other activities. His parents' commitment continues to mean a great deal to him, and now in his role as an educator, he highly encourages parental involvement.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School, Mitchell moved to Jamaica, where he sought a different experience with the underlying purpose of helping others. While there, he helped teach computer skills at a local primary school and created many worthwhile relationships. Upon moving back to Michigan, Mitchell enrolled in North Central Michigan College and then Grand Rapids Community College earning an associate degree in child development. He had the good fortune of two professors sensing his passion and encouraging him to pursue work in early education as a career. He subsequently earned a degree in Early Childhood Education from Lake Superior State University.

Mitchell and his wife Carly, who grew up in Boyne City, briefly lived in Petoskey. Carly was offered a job teaching Kindergarten at Boyne City Elementary, where she still works today, and Mitchell worked for Char-Em ISD as an assistant teacher in their Boyne City preschool classroom. They quickly moved from Petoskey to Boyne City rather than commuting, and they are fortunate they did, as home prices have only continued

to rise.

In time, an opportunity opened for Mitchell to become the Program Director and Teacher at Boyne Falls Preschool, just a year after Cindy Pineda had become Boyne Falls Public Schools superintendent. This role is absolutely right up his alley. He loves the school and connecting with the students and their families, and he continues these relationships as they progress through preschool, K-12, and thereafter. In fact, Mitchell and I were meeting at Lake Charlevoix Coffee Company, and person after person coming in saw him and came by to say hi. I loved seeing this.

Mitchell greatly appreciates his school team, his school district's support of the preschool program, and his relationship with coaches and mentors from Char-Em ISD and other local organizations. Together with his co-teachers, they share ideas to improve the quality of care offered to their students and take advantage of professional development opportunities, e.g., learning to nurture positive relationships with their students and their families. Mitchell and his team members also conduct home visits and parent meetings for their student's families to help parents feel more comfortable talking with the teachers throughout the year. Engaging the children with the community around them is also emphasized at Boyne Falls Preschool, with partnerships and visits from local organizations, musicians, and even yearly groomer rides for the students at Boyne Mountain Resort.

Mitchell was proud to discuss a twice-a-month family ran coffee hour that he played a role in implementing at BFPS. These coffee hours allow parents and caregivers time to take a break, encourage parents to get to know each other, and lean into each other for support. School counselors and other individuals from local organizations some-

times swing by and participate in very worthwhile conversations. Another valuable resource at the school is a washer and dryer in Mitchell's classroom's closet, which are often utilized to support students of all ages in the district and are just one more way the students at BFPS are shown that they are cared for.

In addition to teaching, Mitchell also works part-time for NOS Parts NOW, an e-commerce business that sells vintage motorcycle parts out of Boyne City. In this work, he values the focus on customer service and the challenge of making processes in the business more efficient.

Just some of Mitchell's community activities include serving as a Trustee of the Boyne District Library (he truly values what the library means to the community), he is a participant in the Great Start Collaborative's Parent Coalition, he is a member of his school's Parent Teacher Organization, having previously served as vice-president; and he has a leadership role with the school's Wellness Committee. Mitchell also participates in Char-EM ISD's School Readiness Advisory Committee, where he works with other educators, community members, and ISD staff to dive into what is working locally in early childhood education.

Every morning at Boyne Falls Public School, you can find Superintendent Cindy Pineda and "Mr. Mitchell" standing at the front and back entrances greeting each child with a smile, letting each child know that they are important and cared for.

Mitchell has great humility, is a lifelong learner, and cares very much about others and how he can help them. Our children, families, schools, and all of us are fortunate to have Mitchell as a member of our community.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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tion toward that goal."

The following students received C3F scholarship awards this year: Skylar Barnett, Nicholas Bascom, Trevor Bernthal, Hilary Buell, Samantha Burks, Yannis Burnell, Olga Burton, Dawson Carey, Britanya Clayton, Darlene Cronover, Lindsey Cross, Ellen Dhaseleer, Alexa Guindon, Mailey Hamilton, Ariella Hoeksema, Autumn Houghton, Lauren Hudson, Delaney Huffman, Heather Hypes, Jacob Johnson, Ashlynn Kluth, Katie Kurburski, Elliona Leaman, Natalia Monarrez, Devon Ostrom, Samuel Pletcher, Alexis Reed, Braylyn Rincon, Alexander Rodgers, Claire Scholten, Lexi Seger, Madison Smith, Sophia Snyder, Ashton Spang, Patrick Sterrett, Jordynn Sudderth, Trenton Van Hee, Jazmin VanderMolen, Zosia Wasylewski, Gabriella Watros, Christine Whitaker, Jacob Willis, and Avary Wilson.

All scholarship recipients shared their excitement and gratitude, stating that this support will allow them to focus on their education and

earning a degree instead of their financial burden. Some students said that feeling the community's support and recognition through their scholarship award was particularly meaningful to them as they head out into the world on their own for the first time.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a charitable organization made up of various funds - all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, like scholarships, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come.

For a complete list of the 2023 scholarship recipients, please visit www.c3f.org and click on Scholarships.

For more information about how to support Charlevoix County youth, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

Gov. Whitmer Announces Increased Funding for Parents Fostering Children

New funding supports administration's commitment to helping families at each stage of their life

LANSING, Mich. - Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the new state budget will help the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) improve and increase support for foster parents.

"The bipartisan budget I signed a few weeks ago will put more money in the pockets of foster parents so they can pay the bills and put food on the table while caring for their foster kids," said Governor Whitmer. "Foster families work hard to care for their children and we must have their backs. The budget boosts the resources they receive so we can keep children safe and healthy."

The funding is part of MDHHS' overall effort to address the shortage of foster parents in Michigan and provide additional support for foster youth with higher behavioral health needs.

"Right now, about two-thirds of foster parents quit fostering within one to two years, a fact that places new stress on a system that already badly needs more loving, caring foster parents," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "Through providing more money to foster parents while also giving them a break, we continue to do everything in our power to make Michigan the safest place in America to raise kids and nurture families."

Respite care services can vary depending on the unique needs of the foster

parent and child and are used to provide short-term relief to primary caregivers of children while they are cared for by respite care families. Instead of foster parents needing to use their daily board and care rate per diem to go toward the cost of respite care, this new program will have an annual budget allocation of \$10 million annually to go directly to respite care providers and gives foster families additional support.

"Unfortunately, money and time are, too often, the biggest barriers to loving and caring families welcoming children into their homes. This funding increase and respite care program address both of those issues," said Lara Bouse, executive director of Fostering Forward Michigan, a coalition that represents foster, kinship and adoptive parents in Michigan. "Foster parents are heroic, and right now, we simply don't have enough people willing to change lives with this commitment. We are so grateful to the state legislature and governor for supporting the MDHHS's goals of keeping kids safe and keeping families together."

Foster parent Sarah Bacheller of Livingston County said the additional funding support will help her make sure the boys in her care can have the same experiences as other children - whether it's trips to Detroit, West Michigan or up north, or buying school pictures or yearbooks.

"Any increase helps go toward providing a similar level of normalcy that their peers get on a normal basis," said Bacheller, who has fostered more than 30 boys. "You don't do it for the money. You do it to help these kids out. But any increase helps take the financial burden of all the extras - beyond food and clothing - off of the foster parents. I think if the burden is reduced and eliminated, you might get more people willing to get licensed and open their homes for these amazing kids."

As one of the most requested forms of support from foster families, the department will focus on contracting and building agencies that recruit and fill the need for respite care providers across the state, offering a half-day rate for providing care for 12 hours or less and a full-day rate with an overnight option.

As part of the department's work to address the shortage of foster parents by decreasing stress and increasing support, the budget allocation for daily payments to foster parents was raised for the second consecutive year, this time by 8% bringing the rate for caregivers of youth up to age 12, approximately \$670.00 a month, for youth age 13 and older, \$800.00 a month and for youth living independently (age 18 or older who still receive foster care assistance), \$825.00 a month. This expanded allocation is in addition to the 20% increase in

rates paid to foster parents, independent living providers, relatives, and adoptive parents and guardians in 2022.

Marquette County Probate Court Judge Cheryl L. Hill played a critical role in advocating for MDHHS' request for additional funding to keep Michigan competitive with other states' budget allocations.

"The additional funds in the fiscal year 2024 budget along with increases approved last year help our foster families continue to provide loving homes to our most vulnerable and precious resource - the children of Michigan," Judge Hill said. "We still have a critical need for loving foster homes in Michigan. Being a foster parent is rewarding, but it is hard work. Any support we can provide to these special families who give so much of themselves should be encouraged. The money allocated in the budget is truly an investment in the future success of the children of the State of Michigan."

Both process and policy updates are a part of MDHHS' larger actions to keep kids safe and promote foster parent recruitment and retention. To view the latest on how the department is supporting foster families, visit the MDHHS foster care website or call 855-MICHKIDS to learn more.



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Comedy Comes to Petoskey: We All Need a Little Laughter

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

They say laughter is the best medicine, and at City Park Grill, you can get your fix with Comedy Night on Saturday, August 26. With six comedians and performers, there will be plenty of laughs to go around.

Headlining the show is

Michigan native Carl Sobel. The thebtbc.com shares that “Carl Sobel is a West Michigan comic that uses his sharp wit and loose style to make his mundane life seem interesting.” Featured guests from northern Michigan include: Brian Dryer, Joe Curtis, Scott Witkop, Leah Gray and BJ Smith.

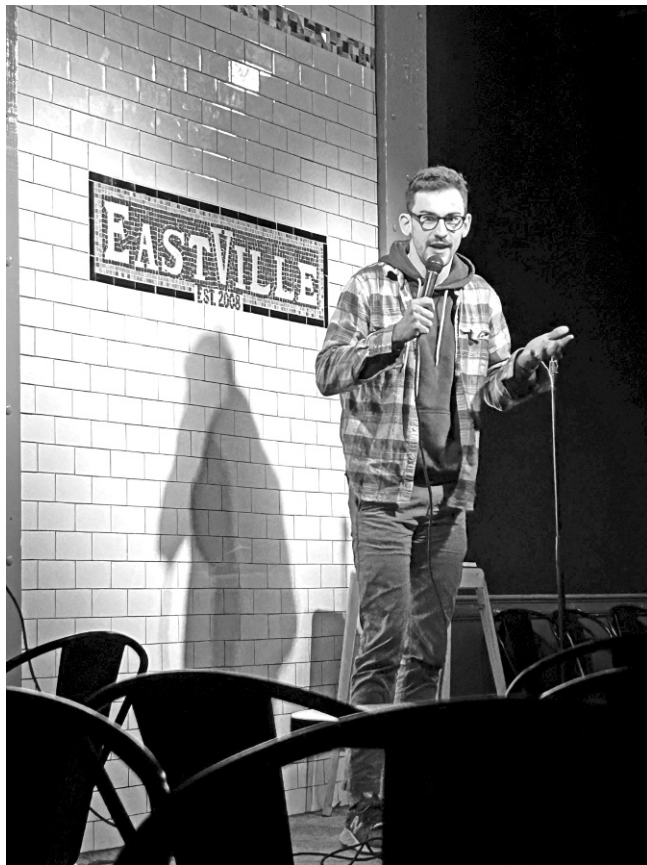
As Daniel Gosciak, City Park Grill General Manager explains, “we all need a bit of laughter during the busy summer season,” which is exactly why hosting Comedy Night seemed to be the perfect idea. It’s no secret that Traverse City and Detroit are hubs for the comedy scene in Michigan, so when the opportunity arose to bring not one, but six performers to the Petoskey restaurant, Gosciak was thrilled.

City Park Grill is a well-respected establishment in the region, and for good reason. They are known for karaoke, trivia nights and live music, but this will be the restaurant’s first comedy night and everyone is looking forward to it. “We typically have to travel to Traverse City, Grand Rapids or Detroit to perform, so we are all excited to have an opportunity to bring some laughter close to home,” said event coordinator Brian Robson.

The menu at City Park Grill is another reason to stop by for a night of laughs. Grab dinner in advance with plenty of options like house-cut steak, local fish, and several vegetarian dishes. The drink menu is also something to note! And, nothing goes better with comedy than a glass of wine or one of City Park’s 16 rotating brews.

Tickets can be purchased ONLINE or at the door for \$10. This is a show you won’t want to miss!

Hosted by Ben Bradshaw, Comedy Night at City Park Grill in Petoskey is 8:30 – 10pm, Saturday, August 26, 2023. City Park Grill is located at 432 E. Lake Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.



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Summer concerts Thursday nights in East Park at the Odmak Performance Pavilion in downtown. 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. Aug. 18 - The Super Mario Bros. Movie

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

CHARLEVOIX SUMMERTIME MUSIC AT THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

SummerFolk Concert Series: September 11th: Jack & Gary Jazz at the Library (JATL) 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. August 18 - Al Bettis (Smooth Indie Soul)

BOYNE FALLS BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting BAH at Springbrook Farms, 089 N. Springbrook Rd. Boyne Falls on Thursday, August 17. 5:30 - 7pm. Appetizers provided by Boyne River Grill.

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.

BOYNE FALLS FUNDRAISER FOR KIERSTEN'S RIDE

Creating communities that are safer from suicide requires teamwork. Please join us for our 11th Annual Fundraiser for Kiersten's Ride on August 19 at Chandler Hill Campground, Boyne Falls. Join our mission and help us continue this life-saving work. You can participate in many ways, so choose which suits you best! You can register (horseback ride, bike trail ride, walk, or ORV ride)... attend in person; donate; or sponsor a participant online. There will also be a lunch, prizes, and a fantastic raffle. NOTE: We'd love you to share this information with others who may be interested. However, please ensure you send the direct link to those you share the trainings with; they need the url so that their registration goes under their email address (and not yours): www.eventbrite.com/e/615709793567

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX POOL HOSTS BBQ ON AUGUST 19

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a BBQ on Saturday, August 19, from 3-5 pm, at the pool. Enjoy a grilled chicken dinner prepared by the Charlevoix Lions Club for \$15 each. Includes a half chicken, chips, coleslaw, drink and chocolate covered cherries donated by Cherry Republic. Onsite seating or take out. Free swim offered from 1-3 pm. Reservations requested by Aug 9: 231-547-0982. Walkins are welcome. www.charlevoixpool.org.

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.

GAYLORD CONCERT

Join us on August 29th at 7pm for the Best of the Collingsworth Family Fall Tour at the E-Free Church, 1649 M-32 East. Tickets are only \$25 for general admission, \$45 for Gold Circle, and \$55 for Artist Circle. Make your plans now, it's going to be epic. Get tickets online at www.itickets.com/events/473256?af=f=BIT.

BOYNE CITY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAR SHOW

The Labor Day Weekend Car Show will be on September 1&2 this year. On Friday, September 1, look for classic cars to be lined up in the 100 and 200 blocks of Water St from 6pm-9pm during Stroll The Streets. There is no registration or fee to display cars on Friday night. Everyone is welcome to bring their cars down, listen to the live music, and enjoy a great night with other car enthusiasts.

CHARLEVOIX CELEBRATING THE WORK OF LOCAL ARTIST AND ARCHITECT HANS WIEMER

In memoriam, please join us in celebrating the work of local artist and architect Hans Wiemer, on display in the Charlevoix Circle of Arts' Norman Brumm Artist Reference Library from August 21 to September 2.

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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HHW EVENT

Sept. 8, 5-8pm, Sept. 9, 9am - 1pm. Charlevoix County Recycling Program will begin accepting phone reservations by calling 231-547-0080 starting Tuesday, September 5th through Friday, September 8th between 8am-3pm. Please only leave one message as we will return calls in the order they are received. You can also schedule an appointment on-line by using the link located on our website. The link will be uploaded approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. Location will be given out when scheduling reservation. For more information, please visit: www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling

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

ELLSWORTH 15TH ANNIVERSARY

The Front Porch Ministries is celebrating their 15th anniversary September 8. They are hosting the Heimsen Gospel Concert in the Village Square at 7pm. Birthday cake and beverage will be served. Bring a chair. Free will offering will be available. In case of rain the concert will be held inside Banks Township Hall.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Charlevoix Conservation district is hosting the annual native plant sale Saturday, Sept. 9 from Noon-3pm. A browse-n-buy event. The plant sale is located at the Charlevoix Conservation District Barn, 303 North St, Boyne City. Pre-

order flats by Sept. 1 online at www.charlevoixcounty.org/conservation_district/native_plant_sale/index.php

CHARLEVOIX LARGE ITEM REFUSE COLLECTION

The city of Charlevoix will be offering large item refuse collection the week of Sept. 11 for residents within the city of Charlevoix. A maximum of 2 cubic yards (approximately the size of a pickup truck bed) per household will be picked up one time during the week. Please have your items placed curbside by 7am on Monday, Sept. 11. Items to be picked up include furniture, appliances (freon must be removed from refrigeration units), boards 4 foot in length secured in bundles, passenger car/truck tires (no rim), limit 2 per household. For more details and a complete list of what is accepted please visit www.charlevoixmi.gov or call 231-547-3276.

EAST JORDAN BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 21 at EJ Historical Museum at City Hall, 5 PM - 6:30 PM

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Wednesday night dinners run every Wednesday through September 27. Dinner is served from 5p-6p. Centers are open from 2p-7p those Wednesday and there is NO lunch served that day.

BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sept. 30 in downtown Boyne City. 9am - 3pm. Expanded farmers market, crafts, retail and non-profit booths and family games and activities.

BOYNE CITY FREE CLINIC

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

EAST JORDAN BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

October 19 at the Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center, 5 PM - 6:30 PM

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 mu-

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CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

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EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY FEATURED EXHIBIT AND EVENTS

Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World:

A National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibit September 5th through October 1st

In 1997, British author J. K. Rowling introduced the world to Harry Potter and a literary phenomenon was born. Although a fantasy story, the Harry Potter book series features magic that is based partially on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy. Incorporating the work of several 15th- and 16th-century thinkers, the series examines ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power.

The library will be hosting the National Library of Medicine's travelling exhibit, Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World September 5th through October 1st. Stop into the library to explore the exhibit and discover Harry Potter's world and its roots in Renaissance magic, science, and medicine. In addition to the exhibit, the library will have many programs, lectures, and activities for all ages throughout the month of September!

Opening Reception for the National Library of Medicine's Exhibit: Renaissance Science, Magic, and

Medicine in Harry Potter's World Tuesday, September 5th at 6pm Lobby and Coeling Center Get the first look at the National Library of Medicine's Exhibit: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World! Gather, chat, enjoy a dessert, and browse the exhibit.

HARRY POTTER PARTY

Saturday, September 9 from 1pm-3pm
Youth Activity Center/Hallway
All aboard the Hogwarts Express! Join us at the library to celebrate all things Harry Potter AND kick off the first week of the National Library of Medicine's exhibit, "Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World"! We'll have plenty of treats, a Hogwarts-themed scavenger hunt, crafts, and more! Be sure to dress up in your favorite Hogwarts-themed outfit for a chance to win magical prizes! This is a drop-in program for all ages, no registration is required.

HEALING THROUGH BEES, HERBS, SPICES, AND TEAS WITH MELISSA MAKOWSKI, DDS AND MICHAEL LUCIDO, PHD

Tuesday, September 12th at 6pm
Community Room
Many medicinal "potions" are referred to throughout the Harry Potter series of books. Local health professionals and business owners, Melissa Makowski, DDS and Michael Lucido, PhD have a special interest in holistic medicine and everyday remedies to improve your health. They have done extensive research on this topic and will

share their findings during this presentation. They will also share some of the key information needed when purchasing the healthiest form of honeys, teas, supplements, spices, and essential oils.

BASILISKS AND BEZOARS: THE REAL HISTORY BEHIND HARRY POTTER WITH MARK WADDELL, PHD,

Tuesday, September 19th at 6pm
Community Room
Imagine a time when magic was real, the desperate or greedy pursued the fabled Philosopher's Stone, and your local apothecary carried bezoars, mandrakes, and ground unicorn horn. If it all sounds like something from Harry Potter, that's because J.K. Rowling borrowed from history to create her magical world. In this talk, we'll explore some of that history and consider why it's still meaningful today. Mark Waddell, formerly a professor at Michigan State University, is a historian of ancient modern science and medicine whose research focuses on the intersections between science, religion, and art. He played a major role in developing the Harry Potter Exhibit which has been enthusiastically received throughout the country!

MOVIE MATINEE: HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE

Saturday, September 23 at 1pm
Community Room
It's time for a Movie Matinee! Come enjoy snacks and a free showing of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone at the library! This

film will be shown in Community Rooms A & B. Rated PG. No registration required.

MODERN SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN MEDICINE WITH KELLY HIRKO, PHD, MPH

Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm
Community Room
Kelly is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. Kelly's research aims to understand the etiology of cancer through the investigation of modifiable lifestyle risk factors, particularly obesity and nutrition, to reduce the overall burden of the disease. Join Kelly as she discusses the modern scientific discovery process in medicine and her research in Northern Michigan.

CLOSING EVENT: A2 MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, September 30 at 11am
Community Room
Kids and families are invited to enjoy a mind-boggling, interactive Magic Show performed by Jeff Wawrzaszek of A2 Magic! Enjoy Jeff's high energy and unforgettable magic tricks, then be sure to check out our magical Harry Potter exhibit during its final weekend at the library! For all ages. No registration required.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, with the generous support of Lynne and Mason Rosenthal present:

Fall 2023 Lifelong Learning September Programs

Register online or call 231-237-7340

All classes: 1:00 pm in our Community Room unless otherwise noted

The Lifelong Learning Program was initiated in 2016 as a means of providing an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of topics and issues of broad interest that impact us all.

This fall we are excited to present new topics with information on global, national, and local issues. We will be continuing the Great Decisions series as prepared by the Foreign Policy Association, keeping us informed and prepared as engaged citizens and family members.

Briefing books for this series will be provided to those who register for the Great Decisions programs, with the expectation that those attending will have read each program's briefing before the presentation. If you would like to attend a Lifelong Learning program remotely, please inform us upon registration and a Zoom meeting ID will be provided to you. Below are the September programs:

CLASS #1: A WALKING TOUR OF THE ELEVEN DOWNTOWN EARL YOUNG MUSHROOM HOUSES.

David Miles, Curator, Museum at Harsha House, Charlevoix Historical Society Thursday, September 14 1:00 PM – Departing from Library Community Rooms (limited to 25 registered attendees) This leisurely tour

will include all of the 'Park Avenue block' houses that Earl Young, Charlevoix's world-renowned master builder in stone, created in 1919-1921, then between 1938 to 1954 during the second phase of his career. It takes approximately 90 minutes, providing plenty of time for photographing and questions. The tour ends with a walk down to Hoffman Park on lower Park Avenue for a stunning view of Young's masterpiece, the Weather-vane Inn.

CLASS #2: GREAT DECISIONS – POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

William Wadland, MD, Facilitator Wednesday, September 20 1:00 PM – Community Room or Zoom
Electoral results in Latin America over the past four years have led many observers of the regional/political scene to discern a left-wing surge in the hemisphere, reminiscent of the so-called "Pink Tide" that swept the area some 20 years ago. But how much do these politicians actually have in common? What implication does their ascendency have for the region?

CLASS #3: GREAT DECISIONS – GLOBAL FAMINE

William Wadland, MD, Facilitator Wednesday, September 27 1:00 pm – Community Room or Zoom
Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? What if any remedies are there?

Michigan small businesses thrive in these counties

In 2021, the IRS received a whopping 5.4 million business applications—an all-time high since the U.S. government began tracking this data in 2004. The year with the second-highest number of new business applications? 2020. Today, small businesses employ nearly half of the nation's workers, according to a Chamber of Commerce report.

It's fair to say that the past few years have been banner years for small businesses, but what about regional differences? The business climate in a small town in Texas is likely not the same as a small town in Connecticut. The Chamber of Commerce report found that the Midwest was the most business-friendly region, thanks to the relatively low cost of living, well-educated workforce, and regulations lowering taxes and easing zoning restrictions for businesses.

Of course, the East and West coasts also have plenty to offer, from California's Silicon Valley and Hollywood studios to New York's financial hub to Massachusetts' prominence in the aerospace, defense, and information technology industries. A few states—including Delaware, Wyoming, and Nevada—even allow you to incorporate your business within their borders without ever setting foot there.

For even more specific data, let's take it a step further by analyzing counties.

Are certain counties more friendly to small businesses than others? To pinpoint the areas where small businesses abound, altLINE used Census Bureau data to find the counties in Michigan with the highest concentration of small businesses in 2021, calculated as small establishments per 1,000 residents. Small establishments are defined as those with fewer than 500 employees. Counties with fewer than 1,000 residents were excluded from the analysis, as well as counties for which the Census Bureau didn't have population estimates.

Another important factor to consider: States where nonresidents are allowed to incorporate businesses will also have a higher ratio of small businesses to residents since not all small businesses are actually operated by people living in that state. Taking a close look at the type of counties that topped the list in each state also reveals some interesting trends. World-class vacation destinations are well represented on the lists of each state, perhaps because tourists are looking to get a sense of how the locals live through small businesses like restaurants, bakeries, bars, and boutiques.

While the top counties in each state do include a few major cities, less populated counties with smaller towns are much more common. Although most of the

nation's small businesses are located in major metropolitan areas, those that are located in rural areas tend to be more stable—possibly due to loyalty from local residents or the absence of competition from large corporations.

Keep reading to discover the counties in Michigan with the highest concentration of small businesses, and see how it compares across 50 states. It just might give you inspiration for your next endeavor.

This story features data reporting by Paxtyn Merten, writing by Analise Mantz, and is part of a series utilizing data automation across 50 states.

#1. EMMET COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 1,524 (44.5 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.8%
- 2021 population: 34,280

#2. MACKINAC COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 449 (41.2 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.8%
- 2021 population: 10,899

#3. GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 3,431 (35.7 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.9%
- 2021 population: 96,013

#4. LEELANAU COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 771 (34.1 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.9%
- 2021 population: 22,630

#5. OTSEGO COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 817 (32.2 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.6%
- 2021 population: 25,351

#6. CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 843 (32.2 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.9%
- 2021 population: 26,215

#7. DICKINSON COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 804 (31.2 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.5%
- 2021 population: 25,795

#8. OAKLAND COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 39,069 (30.7 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.7%
- 2021 population: 1,271,891

#9. LUCE COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 163 (30.5 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 98.8%
- 2021 population: 5,337

#10. IRON COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 347 (30.0 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.4%
- 2021 population: 11,576

#11. CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 742 (28.8 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.9%
- 2021 population: 25,735

#15. ALPENA COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 799 (27.6 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.8%
- 2021 population: 28,916

#16. OGEAWA COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 550 (26.5 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.6%
- 2021 population: 20,783

#25. Antrim County
- Total small business establishments: 578 (24.2 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.5%
- 2021 population: 23,884

#28. PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 309 (23.5 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establish-

ments that are small: 98.7%
- 2021 population: 13,173

#31. CRAWFORD COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 300 (22.6 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.0%
- 2021 population: 13,292

#32. ROSCOMMON COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 534 (22.6 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.6%
- 2021 population: 23,677

#36. MONTMORENCY COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 207 (22.3 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 99.5%
- 2021 population: 9,302

#38. OSCODA COUNTY

- Total small business establishments: 184 (22.1 per 1,000 residents)
- Share of establishments that are small: 98.4%
- 2021 population: 8,328

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Michigan's Only Rattlesnake: The Eastern Massasauga

(Sistrurus catenatus catenatus)

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

"Yes, Michigan has a 'rattler'... that is, a rattlesnake" I answered my inquisitive student taking her first introductory biology course. She had been telling me about an argument with her friend (via text messaging I'm sure) about the existence of "poisonous snakes" in Michigan. What she was questioning me about is a very common issue raised by Michigan residents... "Do we have rattlesnakes?". Quite simply, we do... one.

A member of the viper family (Viperidae), our relatively diminutive (about 18.5 to 30 inches and thick bodied) is gray to light brown with large, light-edged chocolate-brown (often saddle-shaped) blotches on its back. It will have small dark spots along its side. The tail appears blunt (stubby looking!) with a small, segmented rattle at the end. The small rattle will make bee-like buzzing sounds when rapidly vibrated on the tail... only if the snake wants it to! (When it feels threatened).



Michigan Massasauga rattlesnake, our only venomous snake (photo credit Flickr.com)



Don't look now, but this is NOT a rattlesnake. It's a harmless hognose.

Although not listed on the state endangered or threatened species lists, this rattlesnake is not commonly observed by most Michigan residents. The snake is listed as "a species of special concern" in Michigan and it is also protected

under a special Director of Natural Resources Order. Therefore, it is unlawful to kill, harm, or take an eastern massasauga from the wild in Michigan. It has also been designated as a federal candidate species. This means the species

warrants federal listing but has not yet gone through the formal listing process. So don't mess with our only rattlesnake! "Do we have any around here?" was my student's follow-up question. "Why, yes we do" was my answer.

She immediately took on the worried "there's one under every bush" look and actually glanced around the surrounding cover as if expecting a giant rattlesnake to suddenly appear on cue.

Although observations have been recorded in 58 counties within Michigan (all in the Lower Peninsula and one island in northern

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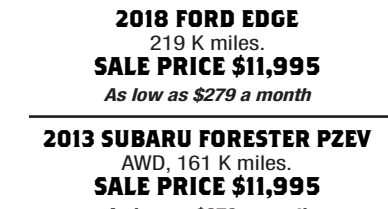
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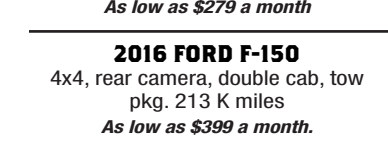
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BLUEGRASS BY THE BAY:

A Regional Collaboration In Celebration Of Bluegrass

EMMET COUNTY – Beginning August 23rd, local arts nonprofits Crooked Tree Arts Center, Blissfest Music Organization, and Great Lakes Center for the Arts, along with Lavender Hill Farm, are banding together to present four bluegrass performances throughout Emmet County branded together as “Bluegrass by the Bay.”

Get ready for an exhilarating week of toe-tapping melodies and soul-stirring performances be some of the best in Bluegrass. Presented at various venues, catch Thunderwüde, Full Cord, Balsam Range, The North Carolines, and the Sam Bush Band the week of August 21st.

“CTAC is thrilled to collaborate with these three arts organizations to bring bluegrass music to the region. Thanks to this partnership and support from the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau and Downtown Petoskey, we are able to present a range of performance experiences at all price points, from our free performance in Downtown Petoskey on Wednesday, August 23 to ticketed performances in the intimate CTAC Theater, rustic Lavender Hill Farm Concert Barn and the elegant Great Lakes Center for the Arts theater.” Megan DeWindt, President



BALSAM RANGE



THE SAM BUSH BAND



FULL CORD



THUNDERWÜDE

Bluegrass by the Bay Schedule:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 | 2:00PM-4:00PM | PENNSYLVANIA PARK | FREE

Wednesday through Saturday, anyone is invited to join in on a jam session at the Pennsylvania Park gazebo between 2:00PM - 4:00PM each day. Musicians of all levels can share and explore the bluegrass repertoire, and audience members can get an acoustic and unplugged look at the grassroots level. Hosted by Blissfest Music Organization and Steel & Wood.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 7:00PM – PENNSYLVANIA PARK | FREE

Born out of a need for Bluegrass in the Chelsea, MI area, **Thunderwüde** became a band in the winter of 2014 and consists of Jason Dennie, Wesley Fritzscheier, and Tommy Reifel. Thunderwüde started out primarily as a traditional bluegrass quartet with guitar, mandolin, fiddle and upright bass. Thunderwüde has since evolved into a tight-knit trio that can bounce between intricate original compositions,

bluegrass standards, and current billboard hits within the flick of a fiddle bow. With decades of collective touring behind them, Thunderwüde’s live show is one that charms human emotions with impeccable songwriting, affectional melodies, and vocal harmonies, while further satisfying the intellect with seasoned instrumental chops and musical improvisation. This outdoor concert is free and open to the public. This concert is supported by the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau and Downtown Petoskey.

Learn More: petoskeyarea.com

“The Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau is proud to support ‘Bluegrass by the Bay’

and the organizations that have come together to create this special event,” shared Jim Powell of the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. “The bureau is committed to supporting the growth of Arts & Cultural events in the region that benefit our residents and our guests.”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 8:00PM – CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER

Michigan-based bluegrass quintet Full Cord has been honored by the Teluride Bluegrass Band Competition and International Bluegrass Music Association, and they’re ready to join in on the “Bluegrass by the Bay” fun. The

group’s members possess a vast repertoire and years of musical experience, giving them a fresh yet seasoned sound full of soul. Eric Langejans (guitar/vocals), Todd Kirchner (bass), Grant Flick (fiddle), Brian Oberlin (mandolin/vocals), and Ricky Mier (banjo/vocals) create a well-rounded band that’s ready to take the next step in its journey as a bluegrass powerhouse.

Presented by Blissfest Music Organization at Crooked Tree Arts Center, Full Cord is a show not to be missed!

To purchase tickets and learn more about this event, visit: www.crookedtree.org/ “Blissfest is all about bringing folk & roots music to northern Michigan. We

are very happy to be a part of this collaboration to highlight bluegrass. This week of performances will feature a collage of bluegrass artists and their take on this classic American genre. Bluegrass is a community genre, so let’s come together and celebrate!” Caroline Barlow, Blissfest Music Organization Artistic Director

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:00PM – LAVENDER HILL FARM

From the mountains of Western North Carolina, Balsam Range is made up of five members: Buddy Melton (fiddle/vocals), Dr. Marc Pruett (banjo), Tim Surrent (bass/dobro/vocals), Caleb Smith

(guitar/vocals), and Alan Bibey (mandolin/vocals). The 2018 International Bluegrass Music Association’s “Entertainer of the Year,” Balsam Range is one of the genre’s most award-winning acts with 13 critically acclaimed albums and multiple Grand Ole Opry performances on their resume. With experience performing from coast-to-coast, Balsam Range is ready to play for a Midwest audience at Lavender Hill Farm with opening set by local band, The North Carolines.

“Lavender Hill Farm is proud not only to bring this level of bluegrass talent to our stage, but we’re honored to participate with other arts organizations to draw attention to other stages in our community as well,” expressed Bill Mansfield, owner of Lavender Hill Farm.

To purchase tickets and learn more about this event, visit: lavenderhillfarm.com/series-lineup/

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 8:00PM – GREAT LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Sam Bush Band will take center stage at the Bay Harbor performing arts center to conclude “Bluegrass by the Bay.” Sam Bush, the American mandolinist from Kentucky and originator of progressive bluegrass music, was inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame as both a member of New Grass Revival and a solo artist. As a 71-year-old, he’s still rocking and rolling in his own unique bluegrass style.

To purchase tickets and learn more about this event, visit greatlakescfa.org.

“GLCFA is thrilled to team up with so many friends and neighbors to bring these experiences to our community. Four distinct artists at four distinct venues, but you can be certain of one thing—four amazing nights of music!” Matthew Kacergis, Great Lakes Center for the Arts Executive Director

Whether you’re new to experiencing the bluegrass genre or have loved it for years, the week of August 21 is the time to be in Northern Michigan to enjoy this collaborative performing arts showcase.

For more information about Bluegrass by the Bay, visit: petoskeyarea.com/events/bluegrass-by-the-bay/

For lodging information while attending Bluegrass by the Bay, visit www.PetoskeyArea.com

LEADERSHIP

QUESTIONS ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

BY JOHN KEYSER

Some time ago, I saw a wonderful, insightful quote. I’m sorry that I can’t remember who said it. I believe it was someone as renowned as Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill or Benjamin Franklin.

“My six best friends have taught me everything I know. My six best friends are named What, Why, When, Who, Where and How”.

This brilliant quote emphasizes the critical importance of purposeful, open-ended questions, important for so many reasons.

For me, to open my

mind, to gain knowledge and wisdom, to show someone I really care and that I respect her, to feed the joy of my curiosity, and, in business, the all-important learning exactly what customers and team members expect, need and want.

If we practice this art of asking lots of good open-ended questions, we will improve in our leadership and help our team members grow and succeed, which is our leadership responsibility.

We will also be better a family member and a better friend!

Conservation District Annual Meeting Open House

Seeking Candidates for Board of Directors

The Charlevoix Conservation District and its Board and Staff would like to welcome Charlevoix County residents to our 75th Annual Meeting Open House event on Thursday, November 9th from 6:00-8:00pm. Tasty sandwiches from Lake Street Market, along with beverages and other treats, will be on the house for guest as they interact with the District Board, staff and conservation partners. Charlevoix County residents will be able to vote for incoming board members, learn about our programs and services, gain conservation tips, and tour the District office and our community room available for rent. Drop your name in a raffle to win several fun prizes, participants do not need to be present to win. Eligible voters are individual residents of legal age who can

demonstrate residency in Charlevoix County via one piece of identification.

There are three open positions on the board this year, two four-year terms and one one-year term. Current Board Members, Zack Shultz and Skylar MacNaughton, plan to file Nominating Petitions to run for two of the open positions. Long-time Board Member, Dennis Howard, will be retiring. Anyone interested in running for a Board position must contact the District office to obtain a Nominating Petition. Nominating Petitions must be signed by at least 5 County residents and submitted to the District no later than September 7th. Eligible candidates must be of legal voting age, and live in Charlevoix County. For more information, please contact District Manager, Alison Adams, or Board Chair, Tim Matchett.

This is a free event with no RSVP required to attend. For more information

please contact District Manager, Alison Adams at 231-582-6193. The District office is located at 303 North Street, Boyne City, MI 49712. More details about

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FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Boyne City football looks for success with youthful roster

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City football team really doesn't have many down years. So, that's why that even though the Ramblers have to replace seven starters from last year's team; a team that went a perfect 9-0 in the regular season, they still feel like they're in a pretty good spot.

"Our goals are pretty clear this year one of the big ones is to try and be better everyday," fifth year head coach Dave Suttle said. "The other ones can only happen if that happens. Beating Charlevoix, winning the conference championship, playing for a district title."

The Ramblers lost a tough one in the first round of the playoffs last year, 28-27 to Manistee. They'll lean on their five seniors for leadership, but Suttle added they may start as many as five sophomores; including quarterback Drew Neer.

"We spent the last week really just working on the nuts and bolts of our offense and defense, knowing what your assignment is and being in the right place at the right time," Suttle said.

On this year's team will be seniors Joey McHugh, Tyler Lockman, PJ Wicker, Eric Mansfield, Nolan Little, Chas Stanek, juniors Ryan Spate, Jaden Alger, Colton Snyder, Leon Xiong,



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Zach Herrick, Tim Payton, Will Minnaar, Wiley Belcher, Brady Snyder, Ryan Chapp, Maddox Fitzpatrick and sophomores Drew Neer, Tristan Ager, Dylan Pellerito, Owen Hewitt, Thomas Ager and

Logan Riley. "I think Charlevoix is the team to beat in the conference this year," Suttle said of the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division. "But, Elk Rapids has really been

building up their program the last few years. We believe that our team stacks up pretty well against them but it'll be a tall order to go over to Charlevoix and beat them for the third straight time. But that's what makes

a good rivalry game nothing should be easy or given."

Boyne City is set to open the season on Friday against Standish-Sterling. The Panthers went 8-2 last year and should be a quality opponent for the Ram-

blers. "We would hope to come out with a win, but most importantly that the kids are growing as football players, doing their assignments, playing fast and competing to the end like we should."

Central Lake – Ellsworth Football Season Preview

BY BOB DELONG

Last season the Central Lake – Ellsworth, (CLE), Trojan varsity football program finished third in the rugged Ski Valley Conference with a nice 7-3 record. One of those losses was to league champion Inland Lakes and the other two losses were to Gaylord St. Mary, (once in the regular season and once in the playoffs), two of the better teams in Northern Michigan. The good news is that the Trojans are loaded with speed and are looking to have their best season since they won the 8-man state championship in 2017. The bad news is that both Inland Lakes and St. Mary also return some of their best players.

The Trojans have one of the most successful co-ops in the MHSAA. The student split this year is almost even with 83 students coming from Central Lake and

77 from Ellsworth. CLE has lost their, "all everything", quarterback Kelan Pletcher and receiver Jacob Jenuwine from last year's squad, but they are returning several very talented players. Speedy seniors Garrison Barrett and Drayten Evans are back after great 2022 campaigns, and both will be tough to catch in open spaces. The talented duo will be supplemented by senior Patrick Puroll and sophomore Grant Miller and other role players.

Head coach Chase Hibbard knows that his team is capable of taking the next step, because they have one most explosive offenses in the Northern Michigan. The Trojans have been involved in several games that are amongst the highest scoring in 8-man MHSAA history vs. St. Mary and Inland Lakes. Unfortunately, CLE is going to have to find a way to stop

the Bulldogs and Snowbirds offenses. The Trojans have been able to score an average of 30 points per game against Gaylord St. Mary and Inland Lakes over the past five years, however they have given up an average of 60 points per game over those same past five years. If the CLE defense can find a way to get a few stops, this could be a very special 2023 season.

It will not take long for the Trojans to get right into the meat of their season. After a road trip to Brethren to begin the season week one, they will host Gaylord St. Mary week two and they then there is a road trip to Inland Lakes week three. If CLE can find a way to win two of their first three games of the season, the rest of this year's schedule is very manageable which could lead to a very special 2023 for the Trojans.

8/25 @ Brethren 7:00 pm –

(The Bobcats had a record of 4-5 last season) The Trojans won the 2022 matchup 40-34, the only game the two teams have played.

9/1 HOME Gaylord St. Mary 7:00 pm – (The Snowbirds had a record of 8-3 last season) St. Mary leads the all-time series 27-22. The Snowbirds won both games last year, (48-36 in the regular season and 47-6 in the playoffs) The Trojans last beat St. Mary in 2015 by a 22-14 score

9/8 @ Inland Lakes 7:00 pm – (The Bulldogs had a record of 6-4 last season) Inland Lakes beat the Trojans 26-8 last season and now lead the all-time series by a narrow 26-25-2. Central Lake-Ellsworth's last win was in the 2016 season 26-22 when both teams played 11-man football. The Bulldogs were 5-0 in league play last year.

9/15 HOME Pellston 7:00 pm – (The Hornets had a record of 4-5 last season)

The Trojans beat Pellston 44-28 last year, expanding their dominance over Pellston to 34-5-2 all-time. The last Hornet win in the series was in 2021 when Pellston won a shootout 44-40.

9/22 HOME Bellaire 7:00 pm - (The Eagles had a record of 2-7 in 2021, they did not play in 2022) The Trojans lead the all-time series 37-26 in this 63 game Antrim County rivalry. Central Lake won last years game 46-14 and Bellaire won the 2020 game 32-30 the year before.

9/30 @ Suttons Bay 1:00 pm – (The Norsemen had a record of 3-5 last season) The all-time series is tied at 6-6. The Trojans won the game last season 52-34 and Suttons Bay won in 2021 by a 56-6 count

10/6 @ Onaway 7:00 pm – (The Cardinals had a record of 1-8 last season) The Trojans lead the all-time series 16-9. Central Lake-

Ellsworth won last years game 58-16 and Onaway last won a game in this series 24-6 in 2020.

10/13 HOME Cedarville 7:00 pm – (The Cedarville Trojans had a record of 5-4 last season) These teams have met twice before, both games were in the playoffs. Cedarville won 25-7 in 2010 and Central Lake-Ellsworth squeaked out a 21-20 victory in 2007

10/20 @ Forest Area, CANCELLED SEASON, (The Warriors had a record of 1-7 last season) Forest Area will not have a varsity team this year. Its too bad because the Trojans lead the all-time series with an incredible 17-0 mark! The Trojans will take the forfeit unless they can schedual another opponent later this year.

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East Jordan football hoping for fast start



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BY BEN MURPHY

The East Jordan football team stumbled a bit out of the gates last fall, dropping their first two contests. Adam Grybauskas, now in his second year as head coach of the Red Devils, was able to get the team to figure things out in the final weeks of the season though, even winning a playoff game over Frankfort.

“We started out slow (but) we came on as the year went on,” Grybauskas said. “It was a season of a lot of change and growth.”

Five starting players graduated from that team that finished 6-5, but they’ll return a good group to the mix as they look to have another playoff-caliber season.

Those returning will be Angel Delgado (offensive

line, defensive line), Wesley Pennington (offensive line, defensive line), Braylon Grybauskas (wide receiver, defensive back), Logan Shooks (running back, linebacker), Korbyn Russell (quarterback, linebacker), Brendan Aenis (offensive line, defensive line), Ryer Malpass (wide receiver, safety), Sam Wilson (offensive line, defensive line) and Daniel Ziebarth (wide receiver, linebacker).

New to the team will be juniors Owen Chappiues (offensive line, defensive line), Ty Burks (offensive line, defensive line), Freddie Thompson (running back, linebacker) and freshman William Webb (wide receiver, defensive back).

“They are a fun group to be around,” Grybauskas said. “They are hard workers who are focused on improving on their game. (We

want to) build every day and every week so we are playing our best ball at the end of the year.”

East Jordan will be in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Legacy Division this season. They’ll go up against league foes Johannesburg-Lewiston, Glen Lake, Mancelona, Harbor Springs and Frankfort.

“I think it could be a pretty balanced league,” Grybauskas said.

The Red Devils open the season on Friday, at Manistique. The Emeralds went 2-7 last year.

“(We want) to play solid clean football and to start finding our identify for the season,” Grybauskas said. “We need to stay healthy and focused every week and we also need some leaders to step up.”

Charlevoix football ready to open season with test against St. Francis

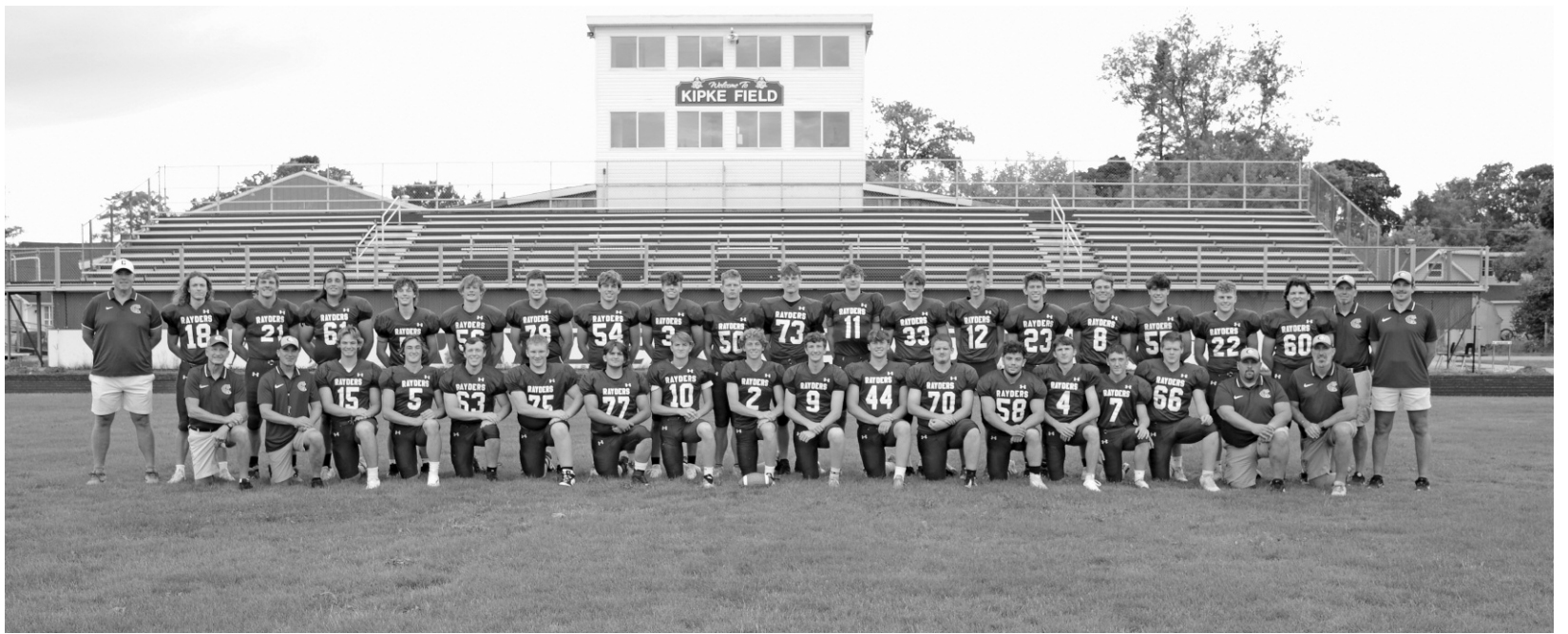
BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix football team expects to be pretty good this season. They have a perfect measuring stick in week one, as they host area powerhouse Traverse City St. Francis on Friday. The Gladiators went 13-1 last year, with their lone loss coming in a close contest against Jackson Lumen Christi in the Division 7 state championship game. St. Francis has reportedly graduated many players from that team, but they annually put out teams that make deep post-season runs.

“They have got a heck of a program,” veteran head coach Don Jess said. “We are just looking for a good challenge early in the season and it should be a heck of a game on Friday.”

When playing a team like the Gladiators in week one, there isn’t really much of a chance to get things ironed out.

“When going into a game like this, it is crucial that everybody does their job and the moment doesn’t get the best of them and they don’t try to do things they aren’t assigned to do,” Jess



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said. “Really, keeping a level head and not getting too high and not getting too low and focusing on your assignments (are keys).”

If anyone is up to the challenge of the Gladiators, the Rayders just might be the team to do it. They went 8-2 last year and return a whopping 23 players from that team.

“The kids had a really good off-season in the weight room, they put in a lot of work, so we feel good about that,” Jess said.

On this year’s team will be seniors Hudson Vollmer (wide receiver, defensive back), Bryce Johnson (running back, quarterback, defensive back), Dylan Clapp (wide receiver, linebacker),

Troy Nickel (wide receiver, defensive back), Henry Herzog (running back, linebacker), Harrison Winnell (wide receiver, defensive back), Landon Swanson (running back, linebacker), Micah Richards (wide receiver, defensive back), Joshua Schultz (running back, linebacker), Ben Matter (offensive line, defensive end), Brendan Anderson (offensive line, linebacker), Nate Clafin (offensive line, linebacker), Preston Worden (offensive line, defensive line), George Sheets (offensive line, linebacker), Justin Whisler (offensive line, defensive line), Brayden Greensky (offensive line, defensive tackle), Trevor Streeter (offensive line, defensive line), Adam Streeter (offensive line, defensive line), Seth Bentz (offensive line, defensive line), Camden Carey (offensive line, defensive line), juniors

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“We’ve got a lot of returning starters and a lot of guys that this is their third year starting on varsity,” Jess said. “The three things we always focus on in the core principal of our program is have a great attitude, great effort and be a

good person. I think if they can play with great effort and manage their attitude, those are really the keys. I believe it is that simple. I’m really happy with all of our assistant coaches, they put in a lot of time in the off-season and we are really fortunate to have such a great staff.”

This year in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division is Oscoda, Boyne City, Benzie Central, Elk Rapids and Tawas Area.

“Benzie knocked us out of the playoffs last year and they return a lot from the team last year, so they will be tough,” Jess said. “The conference as a whole, you have Boyne that is always tough and we really don’t look too far down the road. We open with St. Francis Friday night and we are just focused on that right now.”

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VOLLEYBALL

Boyne City volleyball dominates way to championship at Pellston Invite



The Boyne City volleyball team poses with the championship trophy after winning the Pellston Invitational on Saturday. Courtesy Photo.

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City volleyball team was hoping to make a statement at the Pellston Invitational on Saturday. They did just that, winning all six of their games in straight sets to pick up some early season championship hardware.

“We came into the tournament expecting a big end result and wanted to be the loudest in the gym,” head coach Tyla Coates said. “From winning the tournament last year we were going into (this tournament) wanting that same outcome. The girls started slow but we found our kinks and worked them out on the court. Each girl knew how to adjust their serve, hit, tip, and defense position to present them with points.”

After a long day of volleyball action, Boyne City was

able to defeat Onaway in the semi-finals, 25-10 and 25-11. In the championship against Cheboygan, the Lady Ramblers claimed a victory of 25-22 and 25-21.

“Our captains Ava Tarsi, Brianna Ager and Aubrey Burns stepped up to the leadership role as soon as they stepped on the court,” Coates said. “Tarsi and Amelia Dustan have been working together since the season started and it has shown. Ager served 100-percent throughout all 12 sets played.”

Elly Wilcox finished with 32 kills, Josie Wilson had 30 kills and Amelia Dunstan hit down 26 kills.

Boyne City hosted a quad meet on Tuesday, heads to Lake City today (Thursday) for another quad meet and returns home Thursday, Aug. 24 for yet another quad meet.

Charlevoix served up new season at Kingsley tourney

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix volleyball team said hello to the new season on Saturday. The Lady Rayders were taking part in the Kingsley Invitational, where they were able to advance to the semi-final contest.

“We headed to Kingsley for our first outing of the season, playing a great day of volleyball,” head coach Audra Randall said.

In pool play they topped Manistee 25-13 and 25-19 and they split with Beaverton, 19-25 and 25-21. They also lost to Lake City 25-19 and 25-16.

“(Against Beaverton) errors plagued us early but the girls were focused and mentally tough to complete a good match,” Randall said. “(Lake City had) two players that were 6’6” and 6’3”, which created a challenge which the girls took on with grit, we did a good job at holding their bigs to low kill stats at the net.”

In the first round of bracket play, they topped Mason County Central 25-16 and 25-12. Their day ended in the semi-finals to eventual tourney champion Lake City, 25-11 and 25-13.

“They are a great team and dominated the field, but that didn’t take away from the Rayder girls working hard for every point while playing them,” Randall said of Lake City. “The second go around Lake City was clicking well on their way to the final, we kept good attitudes and challenged ourselves. I thought the competition was great and really helped our team identify our strengths and let us understand at high level competition what we need to work on.”

Leading the way for the Rayders was Addison Boop who had 33 kills, six aces and served at 40-of-45. Ava Boss had 45 assists, six aces and 19 digs, Aeryn Larson had 22 kills and three blocks. Kylee Rice had 38 assists and four aces, Abbey Wright had 18 kills and seven digs, Ayla Kemp had 22 digs and also served 15-of-19. Karlee Eaton served 20-of-25 and had nine digs and Anna Kemp had 25 digs, four aces and served 29-of-33.

Charlevoix returned to Kingsley for a quad match on Wednesday, plays at Inland Lakes on Friday and heads to Onaway on Tuesday.

EJ volleyball returns five players from 2022

BY BEN MURPHY

With this being the last year for the East Jordan volleyball team playing in the Lake Michigan Conference, they hope to go out with some big time moments.

“I would like to finish our run in this conference with the best record we’ve ever had to close out this chapter for East Jordan volleyball,” fourth year head coach Laura Snyder said. “After this season, I very much look forward to entering the Ski Valley Conference and starting a new chapter.”

The Lady Red Devils went 9-13 overall last year and return five players to the mix. Those returning are seniors Izzy Boyer (left side hitter), Alyssa Sherman (left side hitter), Lillian Stone (setter), Meryn Vrondran (libero, utility) and junior June Kirkpatrick (middle hitter).

Joining varsity this year are juniors Lindsey Jibson (right side hitter), Kierra McDuffe (defensive specialist), Kendel Saganek (defensive specialist), Rachelle Villarreal (defensive specialist) and sophomores Caitlyn Burks (defensive



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specialist), Sydney Guerriero (setter, right side hitter) and Lily Snyder (middle hitter).

“This team has several new/younger players but has some balance with the five returning veteran varsity players,” Snyder said. “They have put in a lot of work this summer and have the potential to be a strong, competitive team. Some things we are focusing on early in the season are communication, serve receive and building a championship culture. We are

committed to developing and becoming leaders on the floor and off.”

East Jordan was at the Pellston Invitational on Saturday, competed in a quad match at Houghton Lake on Wednesday and hosts Mancelona on Tuesday.

“Some team goals include match serving percentage at least 90-percent, increasing our attack percentage higher than freeballs sent, achieving an overall record of 14-7 or better for regular season matches,” Snyder said. “If

our team culture becomes what I’d like it to be, this team will do very well. They have the ability to be successful, which really shows when they play with mentally toughness, communication, focus and pull together when challenged. When they play well, they play really well. My hope is that our team starts out hungry for wins and is willing to do what it takes to do it. I would like to see them come out confident, disciplined and focused right from the get-go.”

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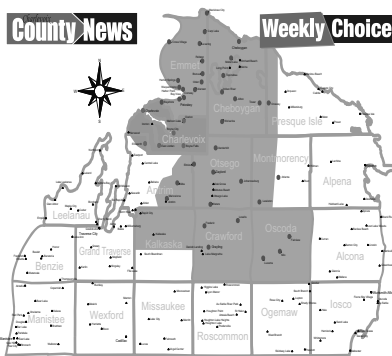
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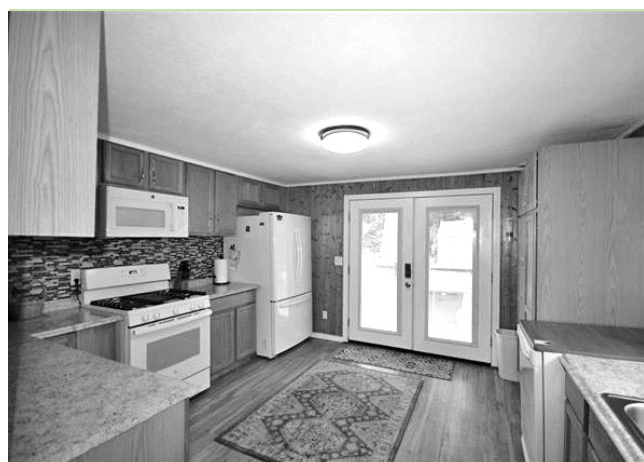
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Here, as a cautionary tale and primer on what to expect, are the top three reasons mortgage lenders reject applications.

1. Income issues. Most failed applications falling into this category have income too low for the mortgage amount they are seeking; often, a spouse's credit issues can create this problem, too, as the income the spouse plans to actually chip in toward the mortgage cannot be considered by a lender.

But increasingly, the recent vagaries of the job market are also causing this issue, as people who have changed their line of work or have changed from salaried employee

to freelancer over the last couple of years can also have their home loan applications rejected based on income.

2. Muddled money matters. If the mortgage for which you're applying plus your monthly payments on credit card, car and student loan debts will comprise more than 45 percent of your total income, you could have problems qualifying for a home loan. You might also run into problems if you rely too heavily on bonuses, overtime, cash wages or rental income — all of these can be difficult or impossible to get a mortgage bank to consider, and if they do, they might not take all of it into account.

3. Credit issues. Today, the mortgage-qualifying FICO score cutoff falls somewhere between 620 and 660, depending on which lender and which loan type you seek. More than one-third of Americans, by some numbers, have credit scores too low to qualify for a home loan. Even if your credit score is high enough to qualify, if you have any late mortgage payments, a short sale, a foreclosure or a bankruptcy in the last two years, loan qualifying could be difficult to impossible.

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