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Charlevoix, Michigan Student Awarded Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship

187 Scholarships Help Coast Guard Children Pursue Their Higher Education

STONINGTON, CONN. — The Coast Guard Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to strengthening the Coast Guard community and service by supporting members and families, announced today that it has awarded 187 new scholarships in 2023, totaling \$650,000 in support for the 2023-2024 academic year. Since the program's inception in 1990, the Foundation has awarded more than \$6.9 million in scholarships, ensuring Coast



Aiden Boop

Guard children can build strong futures through a college education or technical school training.

Aiden Boop from Charlevoix, child of retired Coast Guard veteran Scott Boop, was awarded a Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship and attends Michigan

Technological University. Coast Guard Foundation scholarships benefit the children of people who are serving or have served in the U.S. Coast Guard, whether active duty, reserve, retired or deceased.

"We are, as always, absolutely committed to ensuring that Coast Guard service members and their families have everything they need to be successful," said Susan Ludwig, president of the Coast Guard Foundation. "This includes, on an essential level, supporting their children's goals in education. These are talented, high-achieving students who are already serving their

communities the way their family members do. Our scholarships are made possible by generous donations from individuals, families, corporations and foundations across the country."

For more on the Coast Guard Foundation's scholarship program and the support given to Coast Guard members and their families, please view this video: <https://youtu.be/i5HMWzyO6s>.

To learn more about the Coast Guard Foundation, or to help support its work, please visit www.coastguardfoundation.org or call (860) 535-0786.

Joppa House Ministries Honored as Operator of the Month by the Michigan Association of Recovery Residences, Inc.

CHARLEVOIX — Joppa House Ministries, a Level 3 Female Specialty Housing provider in Charlevoix, Michigan, is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious title of "Operator of the Month" by the Michigan Association of Residences, Inc. (MARR) for the month of October.

MARR is a distinguished organization committed to recognizing excellence within the recovery residence community. The "Operator of the Month" distinction is a prestigious acknowledgment, highlighting recovery programs that consistently demonstrate the highest standards in operating a recovery home.

Joppa House Ministries has shone brightly with its exceptional site review,

unwavering commitment to the NARR Standards, cleanliness, and minimal corrections required following site inspections. This recognition underscores the organization's extraordinary efforts and accomplishments in providing a safe, supportive, and rehabilitative environment for women on their path to recovery.

Ginger Stevens, the dedicated contact person for Joppa House Ministries, expressed her gratitude for the award, saying, "This recognition is a true testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our team in empowering women throughout their recovery journey."

Joppa House Ministries, a Christian recovery home situated in Charlevoix, is a

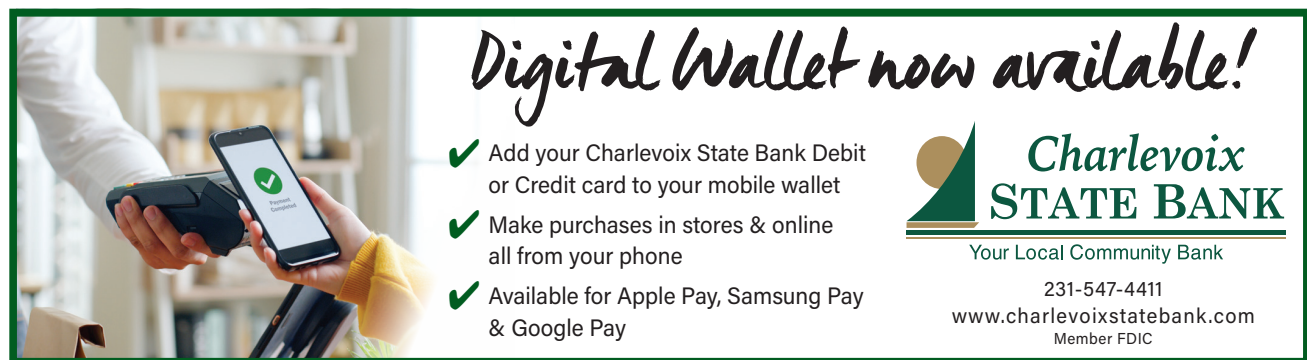
mere four blocks away from downtown businesses and recovery meetings at the Alano Club. The organization's mission is to empower women to maintain a substance-free life by offering a safe, sober, and rehabilitative environment.

Alongside this well-deserved recognition as Operator of the Month, Joppa House Ministries is also excited to invite the community to the annual Joppa House Ministries Fall Benefit Gala, taking place at Castle Farms on November 16, 2023, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The event is set to be a remarkable evening as three residents will be graduating during the Gala. Guests can enjoy a buffet dinner, and the cost is \$25 per person. For those who wish to fur-

ther support this important cause, table sponsorships are also available.

This gala offers an exceptional opportunity for community members to come together and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Joppa House Ministries' residents. In addition to recognizing the Operator of the Month award, the event will feature inspirational stories and highlight the positive impact Joppa House Ministries has on the lives of the women it serves.

For more details on the Joppa House Ministries Fall Benefit Gala, please contact Ginger Stevens at 231-330-2643 or via email at joppahouseministries@gmail.com.



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City of Charlevoix

Citizens Initiated Ordinance Proposal 2023-08-03
For Use of 229 Stover Road For Housing The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to use City owned vacant property at 229 Stover Road for the purpose of providing year-round housing within the City.

Citizen Initiated Ordinance Proposal 2023-08-05
For Use of 229 Stover Road As A Park The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to designate City owned vacant property at 229 Stover Road as part of Ferry Beach Park and make the property subject to the requirements of the City Charter for parkland.

Charlevoix School District

Charlevoix Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal
This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Ellsworth School District

Ellsworth Community School Sinking Fund Millage Proposal 1.5 Mills for 5 Years

Petoskey School District

Public Schools of Petoskey General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Building and Site Purposes in the amount of Not to Exceed \$18,160,000

Norwood Township Road Millage Proposal

This will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance.

City of Boyne City City Commissioner

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 David Grayson
 Skyler MacNaughton
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City of East Jordan City Commissioner

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SATURDAY




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SUNDAY




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MONDAY




HIGH: 44
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TUESDAY



HIGH: 47
LOW: 33

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 40
LOW: 32

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	Year	Record LOW	Year
Nov 2	47	31	69	2022	16	1951
Nov 3	47	31	73	1978	9	1951
Nov 4	46	31	73	2015	3	1991
Nov 5	46	30	75	1978	7	1951
Nov 6	45	30	71	2020	-5	1951
Nov 7	45	30	71	2020	4	1991
Nov 8	44	29	71	2020	2	2019

Sandra L. Himebauch, 65
(Aug. 17, 1958-Oct. 31, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Sandra L. Himebauch of East Jordan passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at home.

The family has chosen to remember her privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on her guestbook at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/sandra-himebauch

Lillian Belle (Bricker) Gee, 101
(Sept. 23, 1922-Oct. 28, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Lillian B. Gee, age 101, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023, at her home in East Jordan. She was born on September 23, 1922, in East Jordan, the daughter of Zell and Jessie (Manke) Bricker. Lillian grew up in the East Jordan and Ellsworth area. On September 28, 1940, in East Jordan, she married Glen R. Gee. He passed away on July 10, 2020.

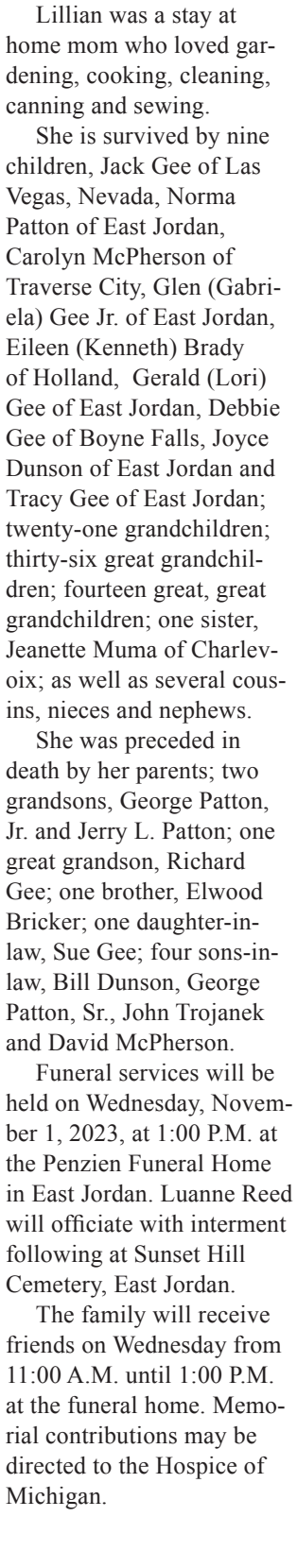
Lillian was a stay at home mom who loved gardening, cooking, cleaning, canning and sewing.

She is survived by nine children, Jack Gee of Las Vegas, Nevada, Norma Patton of East Jordan, Carolyn McPherson of Traverse City, Glen (Gabriela) Gee Jr. of East Jordan, Eileen (Kenneth) Brady of Holland, Gerald (Lori) Gee of East Jordan, Debbie Gee of Boyne Falls, Joyce Dunson of East Jordan and Tracy Gee of East Jordan; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-six great grandchildren; fourteen great, great grandchildren; one sister, Jeanette Muma of Charlevoix; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, George Patton, Jr. and Jerry L. Patton; one great grandson, Richard Gee; one brother, Elwood Bricker; one daughter-in-law, Sue Gee; four sons-in-law, Bill Dunson, George Patton, Sr., John Trojaneck and David McPherson.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Luanne Reed will officiate with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hospice of Michigan.



Marsha Ruth (Baker) Gee, 72
(Sept. 29, 1951-Oct. 24, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Marsha Ruth Gee of East Jordan died on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in Petoskey. She was born on September 29, 1951, in Cheboygan, Michigan, the daughter of Edward and Naomi (Vallad) Baker. She grew up in East Jordan and was Homecoming Queen in 1968. Marsha graduated from East Jordan High School in 1969.

Marsha had worked as a bookkeeper for many years. This includes her time at Kmart in Charlevoix and Wes Corp in East Jordan. She did many family tax returns as well, as she enjoyed working with numbers.

She loved bowling, camping, and reading. Marsha was also a great fan of NASCAR and Michigan State University. But above all, she loved her friends and family more than anything in the world.

Marsha is survived by four children, Dennis (Nikki) Skrocki, Jr., Jennifer Skrocki, Tiffany (Nick) Bourdo and Bryton Burns, all of East Jordan; eleven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; four siblings, Sandy (Jerry) Garland, Brenda (Brett) Bingham, Ed (Linda) Baker and Fred (Charlotte) Simpson, all of East Jordan. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Bob Wilson; grandchild, Brooke Skrocki; and two nephews, Jeremy and Nick Bingham.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams officiated with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. Arrangements in the care of Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan.

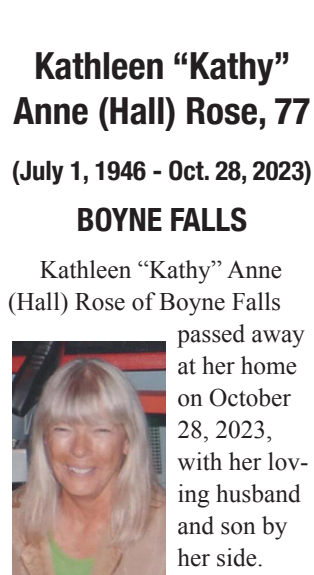


Kathleen "Kathy" Anne (Hall) Rose, 77
(July 1, 1946 - Oct. 28, 2023)
BOYNE FALLS

Kathleen "Kathy" Anne (Hall) Rose of Boyne Falls passed away at her home on October 28, 2023, with her loving husband and son by her side.

Daughter of Howard and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Hall, Kathy was born on July 1, 1946, in Royal Oak, MI. She grew up in Port Huron, MI and attended Port Huron Junior College, where she met her husband, Dennis Rose.

Kathy and Dennis married on September 6, 1968, in Harrison Township, Michigan. Kathy worked for years at



St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Clemens, MI. Later in life she worked as a secretary for the City of Petoskey, MI, from where she retired in 2008. Upon retirement she and Dennis sailed their boat from Michigan's Lake Charlevoix to the Bahamas where they spent their next ten winters enjoying the beauty of the islands.

She had a love for sailing and spent many years racing sailboats with her husband and family. Kathy enjoyed gardening, and fashion, and loved to dance.

Kathy is survived by her husband Dennis Rose, her son Christopher Rose, her sister Kristen (Hall) Blood, brother-in-law Mark Blood, her brother David Hall, and many more friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Howard and Elizabeth Hall.

A memorial service for Kathy will be at Stone Funeral Home on Friday November 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM.

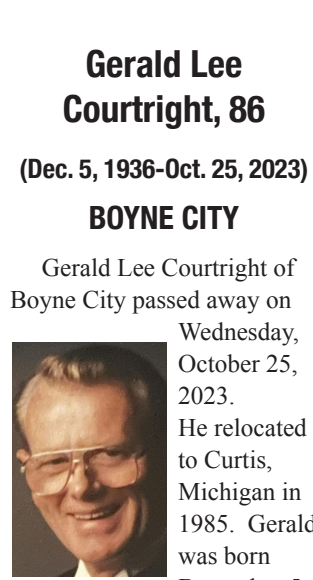
Gerald Lee Courtright, 86
(Dec. 5, 1936-Oct. 25, 2023)
BOYNE CITY

Gerald Lee Courtright of Boyne City passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. He relocated to Curtis, Michigan in 1985. Gerald was born December 5, 1936, in Wayne, Michigan, the son of John Franklin and Dorothy May (Burton) Courtright. He grew up in Wayne and attended Wayne High School. Gerald had a love for Boyne City and moved there in the mid 60's.

Gerald, fondly known as Jerry, was born to John Franklin and Dorothy May (Burton) Courtright, on December 5, 1936, in Wayne Michigan. In his younger years he became a talented tool and die maker eventually becoming the owner of the business. After retiring in his early 50's, he enjoyed spending time at his home on the lake in the upper peninsula with his many fur babies.

Jerry is survived by three of his five children, Geri (John) Danules, Kimberly Wright, and Bob Courtright. He is also survived by his grandchildren Bobby, Charlie, Blake Courtright, Trevor Kingsbury, Brennen (Jessica) Wright, Drue (Kelsie) Wright, Amber Danules, Shannon Courtright along with three great grandchildren Lydia, Tillie, and Winston Wright. Jerry was predeceased by his sons, Ronald, and Donald Courtright along with his wife Alta Courtright.

Jerry's family hosted a funeral service on Monday, October 30. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Charlevoix Humane Society in Boyne City in Jerry's name.



Reverend Karen Harriman from East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated the service and burial at the Brown Cemetery in East Jordan.

Martha Sulfridge, 71
(Oct. 12, 1952-Oct. 21, 2023)
BOYNE CITY

Even at an early age Martha Sulfridge was an independent thinker. When her father told his children they would have to earn money if they wanted another ski vacation in Canada, seven-year-old Martha saddled up a family horse and sold rides for 25 cents in the front pasture. She was born to Peggy and Hugh Sulfridge on October 12, 1952, in Saginaw, Michigan. She was born with self-knowledge and distinctive artistic talent. She emerged with fearless athleticism whether on water skis, snow skis or horseback.

Martha learned to ski on those family trips to Quebec from a WW II winter warfare instructor. His style suited her, and she sported it well on the runs at Boyne Mountain. As the youngest of the Sulfridge four siblings, Martha enjoyed freedom to explore and expand a curiosity gifted adolescents require. Summer vacations in Horton Bay and Boyne City allowed Martha to make a Red Fox Inn circle of friends who remain lifelong companions. One of them, Tony Williams, became her husband.

The couple bought a '67 Donzi and made the boat fly through Lake Charlevoix water. They skied before work and after work, each becoming champion water-skiers. Martha completed a full slalom course despite women being required to ski only a half course. And, she won.

In 1978, their son was born. They named him Homer Charles Williams after his paternal great-grandfather. Lake Charlevoix had become the canvas on which she would watercolor with her skis. But, motherhood brought a more focused attention on capturing the expressions of people, animals, landscapes and bringing them to life on paper, glass, clay. Young Homer holding a cat and dog became the model for Charlevoix County Humane Society's logo while she was part owner of Finelines, Inc. a marketing and advertising partnership in Boyne City.

When Martha relocated to Colorado, she became an active member of the Art Students League. On the encouragement of a friend and potter, Martha began sculpting. In the West, she rediscovered the thrill of horse riding and participated in Team Roping competitions



on her beloved Roan horse, Mordikai. She rendered horses in clay that were later bronzed. Sport and Art were the complements that she crafted to perfection.

In 2009, Martha returned to Boyne City where she became an activist for the arts. She was a member of the Main Street Committee and organized downtown sculpture installations. Her most generous gift to the community was her own sculpture of "Seamus" a lumberman who balances atop a floating log while he guides the white pine down the Boyne River. This life-sized sculpture was engineered by Andre Poineau and Wally Barkley and is placed in the Boyne River next to Old City Park. It is testament to the forebearers of the city Martha loved. Martha's work in process is an 18 inch model of young Ernest Hemingway pulling a fish out of the Horton Creek. This boy of clay wears the expression of unadulterated joy that she realized in her own youth. Martha selected a sculptor to finish a larger version of her creation that, once bronzed, is destined for placement in Horton Bay. Yet, her greatest work of art is the son she shaped to be both fearless and generous. Homer remembers his mother not long before her death on October 21, 2023 driving the red Donzi and plying the waters of Lake Charlevoix full speed ahead.

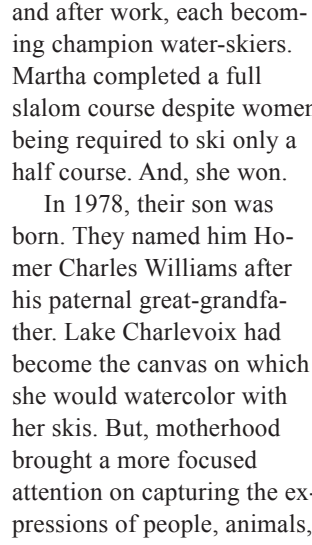
Martha is survived by her son Homer (Erin) Williams, Boyne City; sisters: Becky Wynn, Colorado, Mary Phillips, Boyne City; brother, Peter Sulfridge, Freeland; granddaughters: Lexi and Sadie Knox, Arkansas, and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Martha Allen Volante, 67
(May 31, 1956-Oct. 23, 2023)
ELLSWORTH

Martha Allen Volante of Ellsworth passed away October 23, 2023. She was born on May 31, 1956 in LaGrange, Kentucky, the daughter of James Allen Brown and

Martha. She married her husband John Volante in Bellaire, Michigan on January 18, 1990. Martha had a love for flower gardening, feeding animals, and watching "Sci-Fi" television. She loved animals (especially dogs), and even more, loved to make people smile!

Martha is survived by her Husband, John Volante of Ellsworth, Michigan, son, Mike Downey of Ellsworth, daughter, Marcy (Andy) Parker of The Villages, Florida, daughter, Lynda (Dennis) Lavanway of Central



Lake, brother, Fred Black of Kentucky, her grandchildren, Josh, Amelia, Emily, Sarah, Caitlyn, Christopher, Scrunch, Dalton, and Cameron and great grandchildren Emerson, Ryker and Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Brown and Martha.

There are no services planned at this time. Donations may be made to the family.

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

Marcia Mae Passinault, 72
(May 11, 1951-Oct. 25, 2023)
EAST JORDAN

Marcia Mae Passinault of East Jordan and formerly Lynwood, passed away suddenly, Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, November 4th at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas in Elmira with Fr. Matthew Wigton officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

A full obituary will appear soon.

Anthony Caposieno, 87
(June 17, 1936-Oct. 25, 2023)
INVERNESS, FL, FORMERLY OF CHARLEVOIX

Anthony James Caposieno of Inverness, FL, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away on October 25, 2023 at his home. He was born on June 17, 1936, in Chicago, IL, the son of Vito and Antoinette (DiBenedetto) Caposieno. He will be laid to rest in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix. A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

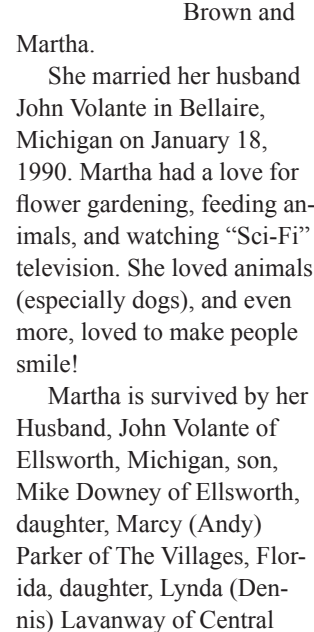
Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

George "Satch" Wierenga, 86
(April 16, 1937- Oct. 23, 2023)
BEAVER ISLAND

George C. Wierenga of Beaver Island passed away peacefully on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.

He was born on April 16, 1937, in Grand Rapids, MI, the son of George and Thelma (Warners) Wierenga.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.



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LEADERSHIP

Simple, Practical, Effective Leadership

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

I had the good fortune to attend a talk by Drew Dudley at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts sponsored by Petoskey's Chamber of Commerce. Drew has one of the most watched TED talks and he is the author of the book, *This is Day One: A Practice Guide to Leadership that Matters*, which I just ordered.

The reasoning behind the title is that Drew believes on our first day of work with a business, really any organization, we arrive early, ask questions, pay close attention and try to perform at our very best. And this is how we should try to be, at our very best, every day.

Drew discussed the value of our identifying the values that would help us be highly effective in our leadership, just some for example:

- Helping another learn and grow
- Having the courage to step up and take risk
- Empowering someone(s)
- Elevating oneself, not escalating; striving to improve each day
- Recognizing another's leadership
- Being good to oneself, e.g., positive thinking

Leaders ask great questions, and realize that the best questions are very often followed by silence.

Leaders have courage, and confidence is not a prerequisite of courage.

Many, really most, leaders do not have a title. We all can influence another to do good work, to do the right things, to make good decisions.

A fundamental goal for us should be to help others realize they matter! Asking purposeful questions can be an effective way to achieve that success.

Drew believes asking ourselves key questions about who we want to be in our leadership, i.e., our values, each morning, even if simply one question for the day, and then answering that question that evening, how did I do today?

What do I wish to be my legacy? This is a great question. Likely it is not what I myself have accomplished; it is more likely how I have helped others with their values, leading good lives, their

well-being and success.

Drew emphasizes that leadership begins with the little things, e.g., a smile, warm eye contact and greeting, using their name, being kind. This is so true. (note: one great read for us all was written in 1936, Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*)

As a side note, when I was leaving the auditorium, I walked past Drew and said I enjoyed his presentation, and he immediately stepped forward with a warm smile, asked my name and thanked me. I was very appreciative of his genuine humility and enthusiasm.

Drew told a wonderful story about someone who was approached by homeless person at a traffic light in Chicago and as he handed him some money out his car window he smiled and asked his name, which happened to be Larry. And every day that he saw this man again on his way into the office, he would speak to him by name. In time, Larry let him know that it meant a great deal to him, that he mattered!

Yes, ordinary things can matter greatly!

Let us identify our values and be the values we wish to stand for. I recommend watching Drew Dudley's TED talk, which contains a lot of good reminders for us all.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

ZACHARY SOMPELS

I JUST WANT TO HELP PEOPLE

BY JOHN KEYSER



Zach Sompels is our Housing Ready Program Coordinator with Housing North, which surely is a very important role for Charlevoix County with our scarcity of accessible and affordable housing. Zach began this position this past April.

As background, Zach grew up downstate, in Richmond, attended schools there, then on to Grand Valley State University for his degree in Natural Resource Management, and subsequently on to Michigan State for a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning.

Following grad school, Zach moved to Flint as a Planner with Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, and fortunately at a farmers' market met his wife-to-be, Allison. A few years later, they moved to Manistee, so he could join the Manistee County Planning Department with several different roles, e.g., involving planning, zoning, and others. This was a wonderful experience.

In 2022, an opportunity to become the City Planner

for Petoskey became available and Zach and Allison came Up North Michigan.

This role also was a great experience, preparing Zach for the opportunity to join Housing North for his new responsibilities and the affordable and accessible housing challenges we face (and have for many years).

Zach is quick to describe the complexity of our housing problems and that there is no single solution, that multiple approaches are needed for success, of course finding the land is one, and certainly a huge issue is the rising cost of

construction, that potential developers must make the numbers work to achieve accessibility and affordability. And bear in mind, that the larger the project, likely to greater amount of time it will take.

The housing problem is huge. There is a diversity of housing needed, across the board, from affordable houses to affordable apartments for sale or for rent, for the various income levels. Zach knows continue it is a slow game, that we must continue to chip away at it. There are so many entities which are

often involved, for instance, townships, cities, state and federal government, and citizen groups and interests, amongst others, and certainly including sewer, water and electrical availability.

Every day presents new challenges, and fortunately for us, Zach motivation is that he simply wants to help people.

An important wish for Zach is that the availability of state funding becomes easier. It can be complex and difficult, and requires extensive time.

Our housing problems are massive and we are fortunate to have Zach as a key member of our team in Charlevoix County!

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Gerald "Jerry" Ernest Evans



Gerald "Jerry" Ernest Evans

The Veteran of the Month of November 2023 is Gerald "Jerry" Ernest Evans. Born July 27, 1934, in Detroit Michigan to Helen Francko, and given the name of Gerald Eugene Frencko. At the age of 2 years, Jerry was adopted by Ernest and Alice Evans, and given the name of Gerald Ernest Evans.

After the retirement of his father as Chief of the Detroit Fire Department in 1942, the family moved to East Jordan Michigan. Jerry would attend East Jordan Public Schools graduating in the class of 1953.

On November 17, 1953 he would enlist into the United States Army during the Korean War. After basic and advance infantry training he would be assigned to Hq. Co. 7th Infantry Division and sent to the Republic of South Korea, with duties as a Construction Foreman. After 1 year, 4 months and 16 days of overseas duty, he returned to the States, and on May

11, 1954 in Essexville Michigan would marry the love of his life Sally Ann Bragalla.

On November 5, 1954 at Ft. Sheridan Ill. he was given an honorable discharge from Military Service with the rank of Corporal and awarded these decorations: United Nation Service Medal; Korean Service Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal.

Returning back to Michigan, he began working at Michigan Bell Telephone

Company out of Detroit. Then, moving north he would work for REA Cooperative in Boyne City Michigan, now known as Great Lakes Energy. Later he would be employed by Daverman Associates inspecting power lines. Side jobs would include painting homes, trimming trees, and fixing tube television sets.

When his son entered scouting, Jerry would become Cub Scout Master, changing leadership rolls until his son became an

Eagle Scout, then retiring from Scouting.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Boyne City, serving as Worshipful Master, and assisting other lodges in the area, the Shriners Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was a dedicated member of the American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City serving the Post as Commander. Jerry started the Veteran of the Month program in 1999, recognizing his father. He also organized the Veteran Appreciation Day for area school children. He was a board member of the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs, the American Legion Department of Michigan membership committee & Sergeant at Arms. Jerry was a member of Flotilla-26 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Charlevoix Michigan, and received a 50 year award for dedicated volunteer service. He enjoyed Model Railroad HO scale, deer hunting, CB Radio, vacationing with his family and playing pool.

Jerry was a very patriotic Veteran hoping to leave a better world for his children and grandchildren. On September 25, 2023, Gerald "Jerry" Ernest Evans, answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter Ann, Son Ernie, and family.



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EJ Lion's Lighted Christmas Village

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 24th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. The Tourist Park is open every

day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cost to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please contact Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application



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Harvest Food and Supply Drive donations provide a feeling of home

Harvest Food and Supply Drive donations help nourish, comfort, and provide a feeling of home for women and their family members who have come to the Safe Home seeking refuge from domestic abuse and sexual assault. It is one of the most important ways community members can support survivors in northern Michigan.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) operates the Safe Home 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. It is a place where families in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties can find a secure, supportive, and caring place to stay as they regain control of their lives.

Last year, the Safe Home provided more than 2,170 nights of shelter and 6,500 meals at no cost to the individuals and families utilizing this vital service.

How to Contribute

Gift Cards:

Donations of gift cards can be delivered or mailed to WRCNM at 423 Porter St, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Financial Contributions:

Make online donations at wrcnm.org/give, by calling WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067, or by sending a donation by mail.

Nonperishable Donations:

Drop off nonperishable items at the main office located at 423 Porter Street or at the agency's two Gold Mine Resale Shops in Petoskey. A Safe Home needs list is available online at wrcnm.org.

"During the Harvest Food and Supply Drive, we are asking the community for gift card donations, financial contributions, and nonperishable items to support individuals and families as they navigate



Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is hosting the Harvest Food and Supply Drive to support families utilizing Safe Home services. Safe Home Coordinator Penny Hills is pictured restocking supplies in the shelter's kitchen.

toward a more hopeful future," said Safe Home Coordinator Penny Hills. According to Hills, gift card donations and financial contributions are the most helpful because they provide Safe Home staff the

flexibility to buy exactly what families need as the need arises.

To learn more, or to arrange for a pick-up of items, call Safe Home Coordinator Penny Hills at (231) 347-0082.

ASK LAURA

Your Dose of Positivity and Inspiration

Gift of Forgiveness & Letting Go

Hello, dear readers. Today, I want to delve into two transformative gifts—forgiveness and letting go. These are personal journeys for me, filled with valuable lessons I would like to share with you.

Forgiveness, I realized, is a gift we give to ourselves. It was a lesson I learned during a dark period in my life when I survived a violent crime. My world was shattered, and fear and anger filled my heart. I was overwhelmed by the traumatic experience until my therapist shared something profound with me about forgiveness. She told me, "Forgiveness is a gift you give yourself." It was a powerful moment of clarity. I understood that forgiveness didn't mean condoning what had happened, nor did it absolve the wrongdoer. Instead, it freed me from the heavy burden I had been carrying. By forgiving, I released myself from the shackles of fear and anger. It was, indeed, a gift—a gift of liberation. Forgiving wasn't for my assailant's benefit; it was for my own.

With forgiveness came an unexpected lightness, a sense of liberation, and newfound strength. I felt free, as if I had unburdened myself from the weight of fear and anger that had weighed me down. In this way, forgiveness is not about the other person; it's about finding your peace and moving forward.

Letting go is another essential gift I learned. It came at a time when I was desperately trying to protect my then 19-year-old daughter, from what I saw as a disastrous choice in a relationship. She was dating and moving in with a man much older, with a complicated past, and four children from a previous marriage. I couldn't understand her choice, and I tried to control the situation, fearing for her safety and happiness.

However, my attempts to control the uncontrollable led to disastrous consequences. I became so stressed that I ended up in the hospital. Not much later, I had a life-altering phone conversation with a stranger I met on social media. We became instant friends and spoke for hours each time we spoke. I shared my daughter's story, and she shared words that would forever change my



Laura Jasurda

perspective. Her one-year-old daughter had accidentally been dropped by the child's father, resulting in a fractured femur and a week in traction at the hospital. What struck me was her mother - the child's maternal grandmother's response. She calmly said, "Well, it must be her time to learn and grow."

What some might consider as an insensitive response, I was instantly amazed at how she could maintain such peace in the face of such tragedy. I wanted to experience that level of trust and peace. I realized I needed to let go. I needed to trust that my daughter was on her unique journey, making her own choices. Perhaps her dream of becoming a foster parent was unfolding in her own way, as she bravely navigated life. In that instant, much like the maternal grandmother in my friend's story, I knew it was time to release my grip on control and embrace the beauty of trust.

And now, I'd like to share a heartwarming update with you. My daughter chose to marry the older man, and over time, we came to love and support their relationship. They are now expecting their first child in November, filling our lives with great joy and love.

Until next time, dear reader, I hope my personal stories of forgiveness and letting go resonate with you in your own life, offering the strength and wisdom to embrace these gifts—forgiving to grant yourself the freedom it brings and letting go to experience the liberating power of trust.

Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she's also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community bonds. Laura's mission is to empower you to unlock your full potential and lead your best life, both individually and as an integral part of your community. Laura lives in Charlevoix with her husband, Don.

Dorothy Gerber Strings Program Presents: Beethoven And A Concert Of Firsts

BAY HARBOR – On Monday, November 6, at 7PM, the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra (DGYO), part of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts' Dorothy Gerber Strings Program (DGSP), will present its first-ever full concert featuring Beethoven's First Symphony, including overture, concerto, and symphony, led by Dr. David Reimer, director of the DGSP and conductor of the DGYO.

"This concert is a monumental achievement for the Dorothy Gerber Youth Orchestra," shares Dr. David Reimer. "The sheer length and scope of the program is a challenge for the student's mental and physical endurance while the sophistication of the Beethoven Symphony tests the student's mastery of every musical detail."

The 2023/24 Dorothy Gerber Strings Program classes resumed earlier this fall, and this November performance is the DGYO's first concert of the year.

Joining the DGSP and DGYO is featured guest artist, Charlevoix High School alum, and former young artist winner with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, flute soloist Helen Hanchin, who is currently studying



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music at Michigan State University.

The music on the program includes the Prelude to the 49th Parallel by Ralph Vaughan-Williams and Chaminade's Concertino for Flute and Orchestra. The latter offers different challenges for the Youth Orchestra, requiring flexibility and attentiveness to follow and support the expressive playing of the soloist.

"Each year, the students of the DGYO reach for standards beyond what they have achieved in the past, and this concert is no exception," continues Reimer. "Three years ago

they started moving beyond arrangements for student orchestras, two years ago they performed their first complete multi-movement composition and last year they welcomed woodwinds, brass and percussion to become a full symphony. Some students have been in the orchestra for six years, while others have more recently auditioned into the group, including five string players who are new this year. These students attend schools from Harbor Springs to Gaylord to Ellsworth and they are all committed to their own development through private lessons."

Join Great Lakes Center for the Arts for this exciting evening performance featuring some of Northern Michigan's brightest young talents as they present Beethoven's First Symphony in its entirety. This concert is free to attend.

Upcoming DGYO events include holiday performances at area retirement communities on Monday, December 18, and a "return from tour" concert on Monday, April 1, after the orchestra concludes its tour to Ann Arbor and Cleveland.

This concert is FREE and open to the public.

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY - NOVEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Preventing Fraud with Reine Patterson

Thursday, November 2 • 1:00-3:00 pm Community Room
Registration Required: Register online or call (231) 237-7340

Online scammers use texting and email to try to trick you into giving away personal information. In this class, we will learn how to recognize and prevent fraud such as phishing, grandparent, and tech support scams.

Gales of November Series - Tattletale Sounds: The Legend of the Edmund Fitzgerald with Ric Mixter

Tuesday, November 7 • 6:00 pm Community Room

The mighty Fitz is the Great Lakes largest shipwreck, resting in two major pieces on the bottom of Lake Superior just over the Canadian border. It was lost in a killer storm in 1975, and its entire crew of 29 simply vanished into the waves around seven that evening. Shipwreck historian, Ric

Mixter, is one of only a handful of people who have visited the wreck personally, diving 550 feet down in a tiny submarine to explore the site for over an hour. This was actually the beginning of over 20 years of research for Mixter, who has collected one of the largest film archives of Fitzgerald related material, and recently authored a book. Exclusive underwater footage, exclusive interviews, and his first-hand observations made at the wreck site make this a presentation you shouldn't miss!

Arts & Crafts in the Foyer Make and Take: Flower Bookmarks

Thursday, November 9 • 2:00-4:00 pm while supplies last
Materials and instructions will be provided. No registration required

Gales of November Series – The Perfect Storm at Charlevoix Cinema III

Tuesday, November 14 • 6:00 pm
Charlevoix Cinema III at 107 Antrim Street

In partnership with Charlevoix Cinema III, we will be screening *The Perfect Storm* at the theater! *The Perfect Storm* tells the story of six members of a fishing boat headed out to sea for their last trip of the season. A shockingly brutal storm is slowly gaining steam. Before the National Weather Bureau has a chance to inform the crew of the impending danger, it's too late. Based on the true-life best-selling novel by Sebastian Junger. The movie is free, and concessions will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30pm.

BookTalkers: The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton

Monday, November 20 • 6:00 pm
Armstrong Conference Room
Registration Required: Register online or call (231)237-7340 for this Book Discussion

Florida is slipping away. As devastating weather patterns and rising sea levels wreak havoc on the state's infrastructure, powerful hurricane Wanda approaches a small town on the southeastern coast. In

its grip two brothers go missing, a mother dies, and a child, named for the hurricane, is born.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, with the generous support of Lynne and Mason Rosenthal present: Final Fall 2023 Lifelong Learning Program

Register online or call 231-237-7340
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 may impact us all. Register online or by calling 231-237-7340

Class #8: Great Decisions – Climate Migration

William Wadland, MD, Facilitator
Wednesday, November 1
1:00 pm – Community Room or Zoom

As climate change accelerates and drought and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions must uproot them-

selves and seek safety elsewhere. Who are these affected individuals, and how might the United States aid them, and be affected by the migration?

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

November Crafternoon

Monday, November 6 • 4:00-5:00 pm - Ages 6+ Youth Activity Center
Who doesn't love the seasonal colors of fall? Join us in the Youth Activity Center to create fun art made from fallen leaves - craft your favorite animal or create a colorful collage! Drop by between 4-5:00pm. No registration required. Recommended for ages 6 and up. While supplies last.

Drop-in Lego Brick Club

Tuesdays: November 7, November 21 • 3:30-5:00 pm
Ages 6 and up
Youth Activity Center
Calling all Lego lovers - if you can dream it, you can build it! Join us in the Youth Activity Center and make new friends while you get creative with Legos and Duplos. This

is a drop-in activity; no registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

GLCO: Little Waves

Saturday, November 11
1:00 pm - Ages 4 - 10
Youth Activity Center

Little Waves is a musical children's program that provides a variety of opportunities for children to discover their own unique gifts and interests through interactive activities with Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra musicians. Recommended for ages 4-10 years. No registration required.

For more information about Youth Programs, contact us at 231-237-7340 or email us at youth@charlevoixlibrary.org.

For more information about any of these programs, please feel free to contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 231-237-7340 or email us at reference@charlevoixlibrary.org and visit our website at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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Weekly Choice has expanded circulation to include Alpena

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Beginning with the November 2 issue of the Weekly Choice we have expanded our coverage area to include Alpena, Rogers City, Hillman, Atlanta, Posen, Millersburg, Ossineke, Lachine, Heron and Hawks.

This new distribution area combined with our longtime distribution area including Gaylord, Cheboygan, Petoskey, Indian River, Grayling, Mancelona, Kalkaska, Mio, Lewiston, Mackinaw City, Onaway and everywhere in between provides advertisers with a coast to coast distribution in Northern Michigan.

For the past 20 years, readers have enjoyed reading about all the sports and positive news around Northern Michigan.

The Weekly Choice is published every Thursday and distributed throughout all of Otsego, Cheboygan, Emmet, Crawford, Presque Isle, Oscoda and portions of Antrim and Kalkaska counties. Then beginning next week the Weekly Choice is expanding circulation into Alpena, Rogers City, Hillman, Atlanta and nearby areas.

The weekly newspaper is distributed free on almost 700 newsstands and mailed to subscribers.

Filled with local positive news and local sports the Weekly Choice has become the favorite newspaper of readers all over Northern Michigan.

NEWS

We focus on "Positive News" in our communities... and lots of it. We publish local positive news. We have expanded our news and readers love it.

We distribute the paper to such a large area we can't possibly cover all the news. A long time ago we made the decision to focus on positive news. What a great decision that turned out to be. While most media is focused on so many negative things we have focused on the positive things in Northern Michigan. Our readers find that is a refreshing change from all the negative content all around them.

We hear from readers every week how much they enjoy reading the Weekly Choice.

We are one of the few locally owned and operated newspapers left in the area. Based in Gaylord, Michigan we understand the importance of locally owned businesses to the communities we serve.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Many newspapers in Northern Michigan have for the most part discontinued classified ads in their newspapers. They are charging way too much and the result is they run 2 - 4 classified ads in an issue.

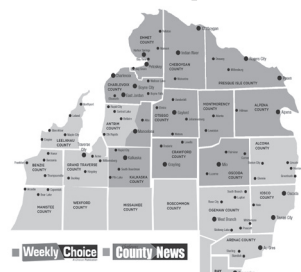
The Weekly Choice runs 150 - 175 classified ads in every issue. Our cost is low and readers enjoy scouring the classified ads for items for sale.

LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLIC NOTICES

The Weekly Choice meets all requirements for publishing legal notices in Otsego, Cheboygan, Emmet, Crawford, Oscoda, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Kalkaska & Antrim Counties.

SPORTS

Our sports coverage is incredible! During each season it is normal for the Weekly Choice to have 10 pages or more of local sports. We have 6 sports writers and



another 6 photographers covering local sports. We publish more local sports than almost any newspaper in the country. The Weekly Choice is recognized throughout the area as the top newspaper to read in Northern Michigan for local sports. We hear all the time how much readers enjoy reading about teams from local and neighboring communities.

Our sports writers are experienced sports writers that are recognized as some of the best in the state.

Mike Dunn has been writing sports for 40 years. His entertaining style of writing captures the essence of the teams he writes about. He often gives the athletes nicknames that stick with them for life.

Andy Sneddon has been writing sports for over 25 years. Andy has covered sports in Cheboygan and was the longtime sports editor for a newspaper in Petoskey. He has been recognized throughout the state winning multiple awards.

Ben Murphy covers sports all around our area. He loves traveling all around northern Michigan to interview coaches and athletes and get the flavor of the game to reflect that in his sports stories. He is a respected sports writer and photographer throughout the state.

Todd VanSickle is a great sports writer and photographer that connects well with the athletes. He has worked at various newspapers throughout his career including the Virgin Islands and has settled back in Northern Michigan to cover sports for us.

Jim Rutkowski covers sports in Gaylord. He has built great relationships with coaches, athletes and athletic directors throughout the area to make sure he gets all the details of each game.

Bob Delong gets all the details from both teams of each game he covers and writes about the games so the readers feel like they are right there. Bob loves sports and has coached for a number of years and is now the athletic director at Gaylord St. Mary Cathedral High School.

Greg Gielczyk is an award winning sports writer and was named to the Hall of Honor Media Person of the Year by the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association in 2023.

Our sports photographers provide our readers with some fantastic shots. Most of our photographers have a full or part time photography business and enjoy high school sports and send us tons of photos each week.

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Exciting Changes Announced at East Jordan State of Community

BY ANGELA GONZALEZ

On October 24, 2023, members of the East Jordan community, including the graduating class of 2024, attended the State of the Community at the high school auditorium and plans for the city's development were unveiled.

Kieran Fleming, Executive Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy, reported on the Don and Eileen Klein Nature Trail. Fleming reported on the trail during last year's State of the Community and was excited to report on the trail's progress. The initiative began when Don Klein would walk with his wife, Eileen, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. One day, they stumbled upon the Little Traverse Conservancy and decided to sign up for a 3\$ membership. Upon Eileen's passing, Don Klein decided to donate 1 million dollars to create a trail for the citizens of East Jordan to enjoy in honor of Eileen.

The community then rallied together to raise 750,000 dollars for the project with 166 individual gifts earmarked for construction and design of the trail. Community members including the Friends of Jordan River, the city, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Foundation, the Malpass Family Foundation, the Frey Foundation worked together to bring the project to life. An additional endowment will allow the trail to be cared for forever.

When addressing the community, Fleming said, "This is a project that began in your community with grassroots efforts. People got together and said this is something that we would value, this is something that would be great for this community. This is something that would capitalize on the beautiful natural resources that we have right here in our own backyard."

Currently, a contracting crew has been hired to kick things off. The trail was designed with a switchback so



that the trail will not be too steep and will be universally accessible. Wickcraft Boardwalks of Wisconsin is preparing the materials to create a boardwalk on the swamp to be completed in the spring.

The trail will connect the Friends of the Jordan Watershed Center to the Jordan River Sedge Marsh and the Dressel and Rodgers Homestead Preserves, as well as the existing Rodgers Family Trail. There will also be an educational component to the trail hosted by the Conservancy.

Josh Chamberlain, Charlevoix County Commissioner of District 4 stated that United Way picked up a \$550,000 grant supporting local farmers bringing healthy foods to the school district. Chamberlain stated that nearly a million dollars will be invested in local farming.

City Manager Tom Cannon and Downtown Development Authority Chair Jennifer Aenis discussed an additional development in downtown East Jordan. A grant by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and a Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) grant totaling \$300,000 with funds matched by the DDA will allow for a pavilion, replacing memorial benches in the area, and a boardwalk. The area will be a center for the community to enjoy.

Cannon said, "We're not even using tax money for these projects... It's a nice thing to say that we're doing this with state money... When you have the vision

and you have the plans waiting, why not go for it?"

Cannon spoke of an additional \$300,000 grant awarded in 2022 from the Department of Natural Resources to replace floating docks at the Harbor and stated that the projects will be occurring simultaneously.

Cannon also touched on East Jordan's housing and stated that "Thankfully, East Jordan is a community that has room to grow. Aside from private property, there is public property out there that is not parks and can be used." Cannon named Mount Bliss as an area available for possible development with smaller homes and large and small lot housing with a focus on long term housing.

"The boat launch was moved... Now you have this green space. The next step is to send an RFP to a developer for a very similar type of project as a civic center where we would like commercial and potentially housing. It's a smaller footprint at one acre, so it's not a huge development, but it's something that will help to repurpose vacant land into a need that we have in our community. Everyone wins on this. You have less expense on the city, you have taxable value so now we're creating revenue to help our city services, you have jobs, you have housing, you have experiences. Nobody loses on this," Cannon said.

East Jordan Public Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson named Principal Matt Hudson as a new addition to East Jordan

Schools. He spoke of a new free program for preschoolers starting at ages 3, 4, and 5 offered five days a week. He spoke about new safety measures to protect students, securing \$800,000 in grant money and nearly half a million dollars from the Department of Justice and Michigan State Police for \$120,000 to invest in the district and safety.

Superintendent Stevenson also said the number of students being served free meals has doubled. The superintendent addressed diverse needs in the community being addressed by the schools and the issue of attendance among students post-COVID, teaching students that attendance is a priority. The district invested in a new website to provide continued communication to parents. Student artwork will also be featured this year in the Smithsonian.

Not to be outdone, the Shoe Club for 7th and 8th graders led by teacher Matt Hamilton presented the EJ Honor and Service Project. The Shoe Club has interviewed 90 veterans in East Jordan for a book called Stories of Service and are working toward a rededication of Gar Veteran Park to debut on Memorial Day of 2024. On Veteran's Day, there are plans for an assembly to honor veterans. The experience will culminate with a class trip to Gettysburg to tour battlefields. High school seniors provide mentorship to students in the club.

The future of East Jordan shines brightly.

Discovery Center Highlights the Pigeon River Country

The Discovery Center's mission is to increase visitor awareness and appreciation for the land, wildlife, and history of the Pigeon River Country. The goal is to foster a new generation of stewards and protectors of the "big wild" found there in a forest that is natural, scenic, remote, and rugged. This year, between May 1st and October 31st, the Discovery Center hosted over 1800 visitors.

In 2023, the Discovery Center general programs included Michigan Raptors, Fire and Forests, Birding in the Pigeon Forest, Hemmingway's Last Good Country, Climate Change in the Forest, New Discoveries of the James Webb Telescope, Mushroom Mania, Elk in the Forest, and Capture Nature with Your Camera.

Additionally, education programs were brought to area classrooms and held on site for scouting groups, homeschoolers, and conservation-minded groups. Several students from Gaylord St. Mary's and Vanderbilt schools explored the unique exhibits housed in the historical Discovery Center.



The exhibits highlight the forest's history, the people who loved it, and have fought to protect it. Led by natural resource professionals, the Discovery Center offerings illuminate the interconnectedness of the natural world and this unique tate forest and make it available and accessible for people of all ages. In 2024, the Discovery Center will be the site for the Master Naturalist Course through Michigan State University Extension as well as many other programs.

The Discovery Center is staffed and completely maintained by volunteers. In late fall, the Center runs a fundraising campaign to keep the building open and



to offer visitors educational programming at no cost while enjoying the beauty of the forest and its inhabitants in their natural setting.

Classes change annually, so look for updates in February of 2024 and learn more at www.pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The 2023/24 Senior Residential Snow Removal Program applications are now available. Contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging to sign up. Call 231-237-0103.

GAYLORD VETERANS BENEFIT FAIR

Northern Michigan Benefits Fair is Nov. 2, 10am - 2pm at the E-Free Church, 1649 M-32 East. Find out about benefits for Veterans including resources for housing, quality of life, health care, employment and education. Representatives from the VA, veteran service offices and more will be there to share benefit information.

CHARLEVOIX PREVENTING FRAUD

With Reine Patterson, Thursday, November 2, 1 - 3pm at the Charlevoix Library Community Room. Registration Required: Register online or call 231-237-7340.

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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

BOYNE CITY WEEKEND VOTING

If you'd like to turn in an absentee ballot or it's not convenient for you to vote in person on City Commission Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 7th, Boyne City Hall will be open to accept ballots Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day. If you don't have an absentee ballot, you can get one during these hours (or any time before the election), fill out the application and ballot and then turn it in. The polls will be open for the City Council Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 7th.

BOYNE CITY WREATH & GARLAND SALE

Look for the order form in this paper. Boyne Valley Garden club annual wreath and garland sale funds the Beautiful Boyne initiative. Proceeds from the sale of these garlands and wreaths will be used to buy flowers for the over 11 beautiful gardens planted and maintained by the Boyne Valley Garden Club. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3. Wreaths are \$30. 10 foot garland is \$18 each. Make checks payable to: Boyne Valley Garden Club Mail to: P.O. Box 387, Boyne City, MI 49712. Pick up wreath orders at the Eagles Hall on Thursday, November 16, between 9 and 11 AM. Business deliveries will be made on Wednesday, November 15 after 1PM.

EAST JORDAN GOSPEL MUSIC

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November 18 - The Walkers
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BOYNE CITY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Nov. 4, 4-7pm at the Venue. Register online at www.waterfrontfieldofdreams.com play at the door.

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Music from Vienna's Golden Concert Hall. Mozart | Schubert | Haydn. November 4th, 7pm at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Presented by Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Tickets online at <https://glcorchestra.org/tickets>

BOYNE CITY \$250K ROAD FUNDING

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday announced that Boyne City was among 47 villages and cities across the state with populations less than 10,000 that will receive road funding grants totaling \$8 million. The City of Boyne City will receive \$250,000 to improve portions of five streets: Vogel Street, Water Street, Main Street, Front Street, and Pleasant Street. City officials say they will seek bids on the projects over the winter with paving and repairs expected in the spring and summer of 2024

EAST JORDAN SIGHT IN DAYS

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9am - 4pm sponsored by Jordan River Sportsmen's Club. Suggested donation of \$5 per gun, per shooter or \$7 for 2 guns. Held at Jordan River Sportsmen's Club Rifle Range, 1510 Advance Rd. Range officers will be on hand to assist. Targets and spotting scopes provided. 10 covered shooting benches. To celebrate Veteran's Day, veterans shoot free all day.

BOYNE CITY LEAF PICK UP

City residents can have their bagged leaves picked up on Mondays and Fridays from now through November 13. Please set bagged leaves curbside in biodegradable paper yard waste bags available locally at Boyne City Hardware, Boyne Co-op and other sources. Please put only leaves in bags as the bags are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting.

BOYNE CITY SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The Boyne City Commission approved a cap of 130 short-term rental units at its Tuesday meeting. Planning Director Scott McPherson reported that STRs in the Traditional Residential Neighborhood had increased by 26 from May 1 to October 18 for a total of 111, and he recommended setting a cap of 120 units. Mayor Hugh Conklin and Commissioner Tom Neidhamer supported a motion to set the cap at 120, but that motion failed. Mayor Pro Tem Tim Nemecek then made a motion to set the cap at 130 units, and that passed on a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Marty Moody and George Lasater in support.

BOYNE CITY LET'S TALK TURKEY

With Good Neighbors Food Pantry. Let's round up those turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne area. A \$20 donation will provide a family with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Drop off your check at Pat O'Brien Real Estate or mail to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712. You may also donate online at www.goodneighborsboyne.org.

MANCELONA BUCK POLE

69th annual Mancelona Buck Pole, November 15-16.

BOYNE CITY EARLIER THAN THE BIRD

Jump out of bed and get the earliest bird start on holiday shopping with special deals from downtown merchants. Saturday, November 18, 7-11am. Special gift for shoppers in their pajamas.

PETOSKEY & CHARLEVOIX OLESON'S DOLLAR DRIVE FOR SAFE HOME

Oleson's Food Stores in Petoskey and Charlevoix are hosting a Dollar Drive fundraiser to support Safe Home services November 12 through Thanksgiving. Shoppers can choose to donate a dollar at checkout to support families seeking refuge from domestic abuse at Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Safe Home. Dollars raised help shelter staff purchase fresh food items and fulfill current Safe Home needs. The Oleson Foundation will match the first \$1,000 raised. The Safe Home is staffed and operated 24/7 and provides support, shelter, meals, and daily necessities to survivors in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties at no cost. Oleson's is at 2000 US-31 North in Petoskey, and 112 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. To make a financial contribution to support families at the Safe Home, <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/wrconm>

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

All are welcome. Meal provided for no charge. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, Noon - 3pm at Community Reformed Church. 109 Elm St. Eat in, Take out, Delivery to shut ins. Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Assoc. and area community members. For more info or to volunteer contact Shelley, 989-640-5260 or Shelley@AirAdvantage.net.

BOYNE CITY LIVE NATIVITY

Friday, Nov. 24, 5-8pm at Coldwell Banker Parking lot, 231 Water St. Complimentary Chili, soups, hot dogs and cookies donated by Family Fare. Hot cocoa and coffee. Live camels, donkey, goats, baby cows and sheep along with food for the kids to feed the animals. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors and Family Fare of Boyne City.

EAST JORDAN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 24th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cost to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please contact Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information or an application

MICHIGAN COAT DRIVE

The Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is collecting new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, hats and mittens for adults and children. All donations will remain local. Now thru Dec. 15 at MSP posts and Weigh Station facilities.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The market now meets at the Veterans Park Pavilion every Saturday, 9am - 12:30pm. Fresh produce, local artists and live music

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL FALL HOURS

Raven Hill Discovery Center is currently open noon to 4pm Saturdays; 2pm to 4pm Sundays and other times, including holidays, by appointment. Give a call if you are interested in visiting. 231-536-3369.

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

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



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Selah Bennett

Grade: 10th Grade

Parent's Name(s): Sarah Cook and Chris Cook

Future Plans: Selah would like to earn a master's degree in the field of psychology and eventually start her own family.

Favorite Book: *The Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer

Hobbies and Interests: Selah likes to read, write, hang out with friends, and explore YouTube.

School Activities: Yearbook, assistant editor

Staff Comments:
Selah upholds our Logger Agreement by working with a team, uploading and managing digital pictures for the yearbook. She is insightful, hardworking, and creative.

Selah is currently developing an impressive portfolio, writing wonderful poetry and compelling personal reflections. She is a star of my speech class, and we all love her trademark Butterfinger fudge!

Submitted by: Mr. Garver

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. DepotJVTenCenter@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 Rayders Cross Country Team

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Boyne Falls Loggers Volleyball

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VOLLEYBALL

Boyne Falls begins district action with sweep of Wolverine

BY BEN MURPHY

Fresh off their Northern Lakes Conference championship, the Boyne Falls volleyball team kept the good times going on Monday. The Lady Loggers won their Division 4 district opener over Wolverine, 25-17, 25-22 and 25-13 in a contest held at Inland Lakes.

Maddison Loper had 11 kills, three blocks and 14 digs, Lilli Fenske had five kills and 14 digs, Mackenzie Smith added three kills and 20 digs and Elleanna Loper was able to get 15 assists. Fenske, Smith, Olivia Pineda-Anderson and Breanaka Spang all served at 100-percent.

On Saturday, Boyne Falls took part in the Northern Lakes Conference tournament at Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian. The

Loggers were able to win the tourney, giving them their first league championship in program history.

In pool play, B-F split with Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian 25-19 and 19-25, took down Harbor Light 25-17 and 25-21 and defeated Alba 25-14 and 25-11

In bracket action, they took down Alba 25-13 and 25-17 and Harbor Light 25-16 and 25-21. In the championship they defeated Mackinaw City 25-21 and 25-16.

M. Loper led the attack with 32 kills, Smith had 19 and Fenske was able to get 12. M. Loper also led the way in digs with 49, Fenske had 45 and Smith was able to get 36. E. Loper had 56 aces. M. Loper also had 12 blocks and 23 aces and Fenske had 10 ace and served 100-percent.

On Monday, Oct. 23 Boyne Falls won a game at Petoskey St. Michael, 25-11, 25-23 and 25-22.

M. Loper was able to get 13 kills, 11 digs and four aces. Smith had nine kills and served at 100-percent, Pineda-Anderson had five kills and served at 100-percent, Fenske served at 100-percent and added seven aces, Brianka Spang was good for six aces and E. Loper was able to get 21 assists. Smith also had 10 digs and Pineda-Anderson tracked down eight digs.

Boyne Falls took on St. Michael in the district semi-finals on Wednesday, with Inland Lakes and Burt Lake NMC playing in the other semi-final. The championship is set for Friday, with the winner moving on to the regional semi-finals on Tuesday in Onaway.



Boyne Falls Volleyball

FOOTBALL

Charlevoix gets revenge, takes down St. Francis to begin post-season

BY BEN MURPHY

That's more like it. Way back in week one of the season, Charlevoix felt they let one get away from them in a wild overtime loss to Traverse City St. Francis. On Friday, The seventh ranked Rayders officially proved they were the better team, outplaying the Gladiators to the tune of a 31-7 victory on a cold, rainy and lightning-delay filled night.

"Our kids played with passion the entire game," head coach Don Jess said of the team's first win over St. Francis since 2001. "It was a great team victory. They were focused all week in practice and that preparation showed on Friday night."

After a quick defensive stop, Charlevoix was able to score in its first possession. Logan Wadkins ran in for a

62-yard score, with Henry Herzog adding the two-point-er for a quick 8-0 lead.

Late in the half, Charlevoix was driving into St. Francis territory, however lightning strikes delayed the game for about an hour.

Two plays back to the action Brady Jess ran in a six-yard touchdown, with Ryan Pearl sending in the extra point for a 15-0 lead. Charlevoix added one more score before the half getting Jess to toss a 54-yard touchdown to Owen Waha, for a 22-0 advantage.

Wadkins added his second touchdown of the night early in the third, this time cashing in from 44-yards out for a commanding 28-0 lead.

In the fourth, a 24-yard field-goal by Pearl gave the Rayders their final points and a 31-0 lead. The Glads finally scored with about two

minutes left to play.

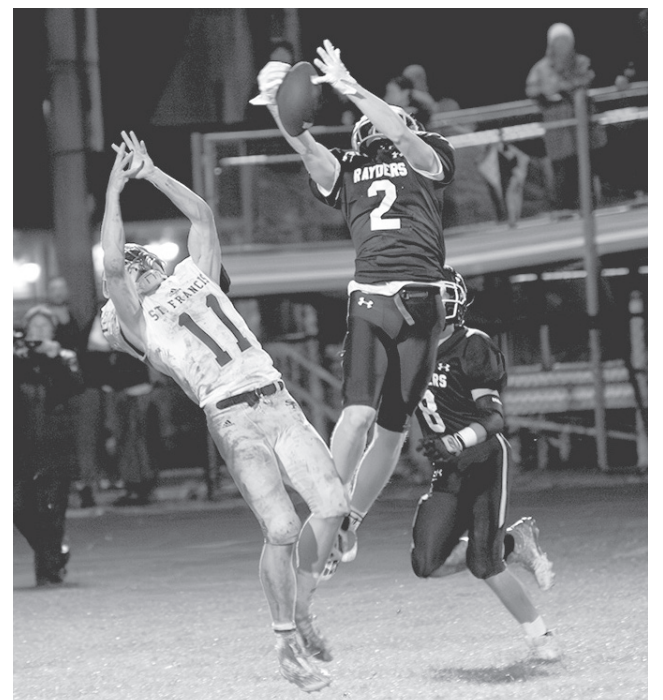
Wadkins finished with 117 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries, Hudson Vollmer ran four times for 81 yards and he also had an interception on defense. Landon Swanson ran nine times for 78 yards and Herzog carried it 12 times for 51 yards. Jess completed three passes for a total of 62 yards, completing two to Waha for 58 yards and one touchdown.

Charlevoix (9-1 overall) heads to Menominee (8-2) on Saturday for the district championship. The Maroons topped Benzie Central 50-14 in their playoff opener.

"Menominee will be a tough test for us on Saturday," Jess said. "We expect a very physical game. This is a great opportunity for our program to take the next step."



Above: Logan Wadkins runs through a big hole created by the offensive line. Below: A host of CHX defense runs down TCSF running back.



This pass from TCSF was intended for #11 but was nearly intercepted by Hudson Vollmer.

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Timberwolves Volleyball Qualifies for NJCAA Region XII Tournament

PETOSKEY – In the first year of being eligible for post-season play the Timberwolves Volleyball program has qualified for the NJCAA Region XII Great Lakes District A Tournament. North Central (10-18, 5-7) finished 4th in the MCCA Northern Conference and secured the #3 seed in the Region XII Tournament.

The NJCAA Region XII Great Lakes District A Tournament is hosted by St. Clair County Community College (SC4) in Port Huron, Michigan and is set to begin on Thursday, November 2nd. SC4 is also hosting the Great Lakes District B Tournament at the same time as both brackets narrow down the competition to see which two teams will represent our region at the NJCAA National Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Timberwolves will compete in the 7-team double elimination bracket for the first time in school history as they face off against the #2 seed from the MCCA Eastern Conference on Thursday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Pending the result of that match the team will compete again either later that evening or in the morning of November 3rd.

St. Clair County Community College (17-9, 9-2) secured the #2 seed from the East and will be the Timberwolves first opponent for the tournament. NCMC faced SC4 earlier this season during the Skipper's Quad dropping the match 0-3.

NOTES

■ **Familiar Faces:** Of the other 13 teams who have qualified for the tournament NCMC has faced 8 of them this season.

■ Two Region XII opponents are currently ranked in the NJCAA DII Top 20, Grand Rapids Community College #7 and Lansing Community College #19.

■ The NCMC Timberwolves are currently ranked 3rd in the Region (19th in the Nation) for Service Aces.

■ North Central is ranked 5th in the Region for total blocks.

■ Leading the attack for the Timberwolves are freshman outsider hitters, Ava Wendel (T.C. Christian) and Grace Baragrey (Johannesburg-Lewiston) with 178 & 171 kills respectively.

■ Court captain, Analiese Fredin (McBain) is ranked 7th in the Region with 638 assists and is 3rd in the Region (24th in the Nation) with 63 service aces.

■ Middle Blocker, Camille Wardin (Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central) is averaging 0.92 blocks per set which is top 4 of all Region participants.

■ Libero, McKenzie Castle (Grayling) leads the team defensively with 234 digs.

TOURNAMENT INFO

To see the full schedule and bracket visit the Region XII Tournament website at <http://www.njcaaregion12.org/tournaments/wvbal-1A/2023-24/index>.

Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at <https://sc4skippers.com/fanzone/hometown-ticketing> for \$10 plus service fee. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.

Livestream will be available for purchase at <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/stclaircountycc/>

Award winning sports writer joining the staff at Charlevoix County News

Greg Gielczyk will begin covering winter sports in Charlevoix County

Hello everyone,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Greg Gielczyk and I live in Manistee. My journalism career began in December of 1970, when I was hired as the sports editor at the Manistee News Advocate.

Now, 53 years later I am still covering and writing about high school sports, although I left the News Advocate in 2006 and did some freelance work for the Traverse City Record-Eagle as well as a weekly out of Kalkaska.

Also included among my sports writing stops have been stints with the former Grand Traverse Insider of Traverse City. I currently am a freelance sports writer for the Ludington Daily News, covering Manistee Public and Manistee Catholic athletics.

During that span I have received numbers sports writing awards from the United Press International and the Michigan Press Association, including first place for column writing.

Manistee Catholic, from where I graduated in 1970, inducted me into its Hall of Fame in 2017, and was selected to the Manistee Saints Hall of Fame in 2002.

The Saints are a semi-pro, or amateur baseball



Greg Gielczyk

team which played its first season in 1934. My father, Gordon, was a third baseman for them while his brother, my uncle Richard was a catcher.

But the most prestigious award and honor was bestowed upon me this year when the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) inducted me into its Hall of Honor. Sadly, my father had passed away in 2021 and was not able to share my election with me.

I hope to continue providing articles on the teams in your area that not only are interesting reading, but touch on the personal flavor of the teams with coaches' valuable insights, sharing with me -- and you -- aspects of the game that aren't available in the cold, hard statistics.

Let's get it started.

Snowbirds fall in District Tourney

BY BOB DELONG

The young but talented Gaylord St. Mary varsity volleyball team fought valiantly, but in the end, a more experienced Ellsworth team won in three sets over the Snowbirds 18-25, 23-25, 18-25 at the D4 #105 districts in Bellaire Monday night.

The Snowbirds were three-time defending district champions, however, although vastly improved from the start of the season, they did not have enough experience to overcome a senior laden Lancer squad. The 2023 St. Mary's team consists of one senior, 4 sophomores, a freshman and 3 eighth graders. The future looks very bright over the next 3 to 4 years for the Snowbirds in varsity volleyball.

All three sets were very tight, especially through the



Ellsworth senior Madelynn Zipp (23) goes up to block from Gaylord St. Mary's freshman Lily Keister (13) in a Districts game at Bellaire on Monday, October 30. The Lady Lancers won the game in three. Photography by Joanie Moore

mid-point of each contest. In the opening set St. Mary jumped out to an 8-3 lead and still led 16-15 before falling late 25-18. The second set was even tighter in a game the Snowbirds could have won, before falling in 25-23. Ellsworth led 15-12 before St. Mary won 9 of the next 14 points to take a 21-20 advantage, however, the Lancers won 5 of the next 7 points as they

secured the win. The biggest factor in the second set was the fact that Ellsworth made only 1 service error to the Snowbirds 4 miscues. In the final set sophomore Payton Glasby had a season high 5 kills in the game and a season high 9 for the night for St. Mary, but Ellsworth won the set 25-18 and the match to win and advance to the semi-finals this Wednesday night vs.

Bellaire.

Sophomore Kaylee Jeffers served well and was all over the court for St. Mary, including a pair of aces. Eighth graders Sahara Wells and Savannah Collazo both also served well, freshman Lily Keister also played well at the net, Emory Blust made some great digs and both senior Norah Sanz and sophomore Cheyenne Thompson both played some very valuable minutes for the Snowbirds.

The season did not end the way this young team had hoped, but this squad is certainly one to look out for in the future. For most of these young ladies the down time will be short as almost the entire team also makes up the varsity basketball team for St. Mary, and practice starts in 1 1/2 weeks.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

11-Player Pairings

DIVISION 3

REGION 1
DISTRICT 1
11/3- 7pm

Petoskey (6-4) at Gaylord (10-0)

DIVISION 7

REGION 1
DISTRICT 1
11/3- 7pm

Charlevoix (9-1) at Menominee (7-2)

8-Player Pairings

DIVISION 1

REGION 2
11/3- 7pm

Indian River Inland Lakes (9-1) at St. Ignace (9-1)

VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DIVISION 1

District 1 at Petoskey
10/30
6pm - TC West vs. Alpena – TC West won – 3-0
6pm - Petoskey vs. Gaylord – Petoskey won – 3-0
11/1
6pm - TC Central vs winner TC West
6pm - Marquette vs. Petoskey
11/2
6pm - District final at Petoskey

Division 2
District 34 at Kalkaska
10/30
6pm - Grayling vs. Kingsley – Kingsley won – 3-1
11/1
5:30pm - Cheboygan vs. Kingsley
7pm - Boyne City vs. Kalkaska
11/2
7pm - District final at Kalkaska

Division 3
District 67 at Charlevoix
10/30
6pm - Charlevoix vs. Harbor Springs – Charlevoix won – 3-0
11/1
5:30pm - Mancelona vs. Joburg-Lewiston
7pm - East Jordan vs. Charlevoix

11/2
6pm - District final at Charlevoix

Division 4
District 102 at Mackinaw City
10/30
5:30pm - Mack Island vs. St. Ignace – St. Ignace won – 3-0
7pm - Harbor Light vs. Cedarville – Harbor Light won – 3-1
11/1
5:30pm - Mack City vs. winner St. Ignace
11/3
6pm - District Final

District 103 at Indian River Inland Lakes
10/30
5:30pm - Boyne Falls vs. Wolverine – Boyne Falls won – 3-0
7pm - Burt Lake NMC vs. Alanson – Burt Lake won – 3-0
11/1
5:30pm - Pet. St. Michael vs Boyne Falls

7pm - Inland Lakes vs. Burt Lake
11/3
7pm - District Final

District 104 at Hillman
10/30

6pm - Atlanta vs. Hillman – Atlanta won – 3-0
11/1

6pm - Rogers City vs. Posen
7:30pm - Onaway vs. Atlanta
11/2
6pm - District Final

District 105 at Bellaire
10/30
5:30pm - Gaylord St. Mary vs. Ellsworth – Ellsworth won – 3-0
7pm - Central Lake vs. Alba – Central Lake won – 3-2
11/1
5:30pm - Vanderbilt vs Central Lake
7pm - Bellaire vs Ellsworth
11/2
6pm - District Final

District 108 at Coleman
10/30
5:30pm - AuGres vs Hale – Hale won 3-0
7pm - Fairview vs. Mio – Mio won – 3-0
11/1
5:30pm - Midland Calvary Baptist vs Hale

7pm - Coleman vs. Mio
11/3
6pm - District Final

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DISTRICT 3 - Kalkaska Gavin Guggemos runs in the Cross Country District 3 Regionals held Saturday, October 28 in East Jordan. He finished fourth with a time of 16.08.23, qualifying him for the November 4 State Finals.



DISTRICT 4 - Runners in the Boys District 4 Cross Country Regionals prepare for the start Saturday, October 28.

CROSS COUNTRY

MHSAA LP Region 28-4 at East Jordan

BOYS					
Place	Grade	Name	Time	School	Qualified for State
1.	12	Malaki Gascho	16:25.30	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
2.	10	Cody Bradley	16:28.09	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
3.	12	Blake Fox	16:46.29	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
4.	11	Jeremiah Witt	16:46.37	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
5.	10	Lynus Cadarette	16:55.09	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
6.	11	Russell Vandermus	17:09.00	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
7.	10	Nicholas Trader	17:10.20	Fairview	Q
9.	12	Trevor Clarke	17:23.03	Harbor Springs	Q
10.	12	Logan Kihnke	17:24.97	Harbor Springs	Q
11.	11	Austin Sneed	17:26.32	East Jordan	Q
12.	10	Cole Brege	17:27.83	Rogers City	Q
13.	8	Atticus Cadarette	17:31.62	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
15.	10	Henry Kruzel	17:35.13	Harbor Springs	Q
16.	11	Jacob Chamberlain	17:38.42	East Jordan	Q
17.	11	Teddy Krieger	17:42.54	Harbor Springs	Q
18.	10	Adam Ferguson	17:42.93	Harbor Springs	Q
19.	10	Max Vroman	17:44.60	Harbor Springs	Q
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61.	10	Nathan Jackson	24:16.08	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
62.	9	Landen Cutler	24:46.96	Boyer Falls	Q
63.	9	Casey Kindt	25:18.13	Onaway	Q
64.	8	Brennan Gould	25:29.43	Boyer Falls	Q
66.	10	Andrew Michanowicz	25:52.74	Ellsworth	Q
67.	9	Max Muladore	26:51.16	Ellsworth	Q
68.	11	Remington Bolinger	27:18.61	Indian River Inland Lakes	Q

GIRLS					
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1.	11	Allie Nowak	18:47.99	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
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3.	9	Avery Langlois	19:18.92	Rogers City	Q
4.	9	Stefi Reskevics	19:21.65	Harbor Springs	Q
5.	12	Miriam Murrell	19:25.32	Gaylord St. Mary	Q
6.	9	Harlie Fox	19:26.68	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
7.	11	Juniper Rodham	19:28.51	Harbor Springs	Q
8.	12	Madalyn Agren	19:34.99	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
9.	9	Elizabeth Furman	20:26.74	Indian River Inland Lakes	Q
10.	10	Yolanda Gascho	20:36.32	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
11.	9	Ruby Pletcher	20:41.15	Ellsworth	Q
12.	10	Fran Warren	20:43.35	Harbor Springs	Q
13.	9	Veronica Paga	20:44.44	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
14.	9	Danielle Agren	20:58.18	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
15.	9	Julia Clarke	21:06.60	Harbor Springs	Q
16.	11	Elke Knauf	21:09.98	East Jordan	Q
17.	9	Genevieve Rodham	21:26.06	Harbor Springs	Q
18.	11	McKenzie Bowman	21:37.32	Harbor Springs	Q
19.	12	Rosalinda Gascho	22:01.42	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
20.	12	Cora Mullins	22:01.68	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Q
21.	11	Grace Hayhurst	22:10.47	Harbor Springs	Q
23.	10	Bailey Thompson	22:23.63	Gaylord St. Mary	Q
24.	9	Avary Bearden	22:32.48	East Jordan	Q
25.	12	Jessie Ross	23:04.89	Fairview	Q
26.	9	Maya Dodd	23:06.28	Gaylord St. Mary	Q
27.	11	Ellie Crull	23:15.94	Onaway	Q
29.	9	Ella Mae Sponable	23:45.15	Ellsworth	Q
30.	9	Kate Schlueter	24:11.51	Petoskey St. Michael	Q
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57.	9	Riley Roberts	29:30.21	East Jordan	Q



DISTRICT 4 - Johannesburg-Lewiston's Malaki Gascho is cheered as he finishes first in the Boys Cross Country District 3rd Regionals Saturday in East Jordan. He finished with a time of 16.25.30, just three seconds ahead of Petoskey St. Michael's Cody Bradley.



Above, left: DISTRICT 4 - Johannesburg-Lewiston junior Allie Nowak places first in District 4 Cross Country regionals at East Jordan on Saturday, October 28, with a time of 18.47.11. Above, right: DISTRICT 3 - Boyne City sophomore Delaney Little qualified for the State Finals after running in the Regionals held Saturday, October 28 in East Jordan.



Left: DISTRICT 3 Mancelona senior Emily Anger pushes for the Cross Country D3 Regional finish line Saturday, October 28 in East Jordan. Anger finished 13th overall with a time of 20.06.37 to qualify for the November 4 State Finals.

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MHSAA LP Region 19-3 at East Jordan

BOYS						GIRLS					
Place	Grade	Name	Time	School	Qualified for State	Place	Grade	Name	Time	School	Qualified for State
4.	12	Gavin Guggemos	16:08.23	Kalkaska	Q	13.	12	Emily Anger	20:06.37	Mancelona	Q
5.	12	Drew Moore	16:14.46	Grayling	Q	14.	12	Katie Rohrer	20:07.20	Charlevoix	Q
12.	9	Hunter Eaton	16:34.08	Charlevoix	Q	16.	9	Nico Triebold	20:24.00	Grayling	Q
14.	11	Tristan Demlow	16:53.95	Grayling	Q	19.	10	Delaney Little	20:33.62	Boyer City	Q
15.	12	Camden Moore	16:59.19	Kalkaska	Q	21.	10	Tierney Hartman	20:40.83	Grayling	Q
17.	12	Adam Williams	17:03.45	Kalkaska	Q	24.	10	Myah Little	20:57.56	Kalkaska	Q
18.	9	Ryder Hopkins	17:08.78	Charlevoix	Q	26.	10	Cambrynne Giem	21:24.52	Boyer City	Q
19.	10	Matthew Solomon	17:09.03	Charlevoix	Q	28.	11	Maya Rohrer	21:35.50	Charlevoix	Q
20.	9	Isaac Dionne	17:11.84	Boyer City	Q	29.	12	Jocelyn Millikin	21:41.22	Grayling	Q
23.	10	Jacob Veurink	17:21.02	Charlevoix	Q	33.	10	Bridget McHugh	21:54.09	Boyer City	Q
24.	11	David Dhaseleer	17:28.29	Charlevoix	Q	34.	11	Jacky Dunlap	21:54.89	Boyer City	Q
29.	12	Jaymes Wildfong	17:54.49	Mancelona	Q	39.	10	Hannah Miller	22:20.25	Charlevoix	Q
30.	10	Jackson Shetler	17:56.61	Kalkaska	Q	40.	9	Addy Wiers	22:21.01	Charlevoix	Q
31.	10	Coltrane Paryani	17:57.50	Kalkaska	Q	43.	11	Adele Crook	22:35.87	Charlevoix	Q
36.	12	Peyton Scott	18:27.62	Charlevoix	Q	46.	9	Courtney Borden	22:55.35	Kalkaska	Q
38.	11	Brady Bearss	18:29.45	Boyer City	Q	47.	11	Adrianna Soria	22:56.72	Grayling	Q
40.	12	Tripp Wagner	18:46.06	Kalkaska	Q	48.	11	Erin Robarge	23:09.20	Charlevoix	Q
42.	12	Charlie Pope	18:49.93	Boyer City	Q	50.	10	Rachel Dhaseleer	23:14.01	Charlevoix	Q
43.	9	Finn Parish	18:50.26	Boyer City	Q	52.	10	Chelsey Hertel	23:16.90	Boyer City	Q
45.	10	Ayden Cady	18:53.52	Boyer City	Q	53.	10	Anna Martin	23:18.79	Kalkaska	Q
46.	12	Riley Bigger	18:54.23	Mancelona	Q	54.	11	Kara Olds	23:25.07	Kalkaska	Q
56.	9	Leo Nothstine	19:11.76	Grayling	Q	56.	12	Julia Kirby	23:35.52	Mancelona	Q
55.	9	Ephraim Conway	19:17.87	Kalkaska	Q	57.	12	Keira Curneal	23:37.87	Kalkaska	Q
57.	12	Corbin Smith	19:20.15	Boyer City	Q	58.	12	Ava Ivkovich	24:06.89	Kalkaska	Q
58.	12	Kale Black	19:29.03	Grayling	Q	62.	11	Bailey Ray	24:42.74	Mancelona	Q
66.	11	Carson Olds	20:04.77	Mancelona	Q	63.	10	Abigail Minion	24:47.46	Kalkaska	Q
70.	10	Deegan Anthony	20:43.59	Boyer City	Q	64.	11	Ashley Bennett	24:47.52	Grayling	Q
71.	9	Quinn Cassada	20:45.91	Charlevoix	Q	65.	11	Ruby Richards	24:50.31	Boyer City	Q
81.	10	David Longstaff	23:07.92	Grayling	Q	68.	12	Annabelle Peters	26:25.33	Boyer City	Q
84.	10	Matt Waggoner	23:24.52	Mancelona	Q	69.	11	Aubey Rhodes	26:42.14	Mancelona	Q
86.	9	Mike Southwell	23:40.83	Mancelona	Q	73.	11	Jalyn Morris	27:10.80	Mancelona	Q
96.	9	Darren Micheals	54:14.56	Mancelona	Q	74.	10	Leigh Brown	27:20.75	Mancelona	Q

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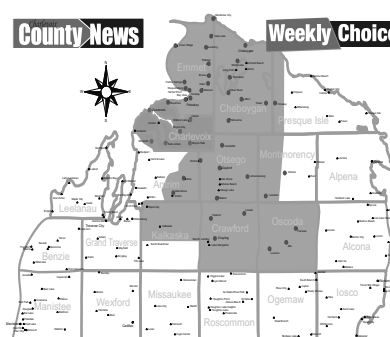
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VOLLEYBALL

Charlevoix sweeps Harbor Springs to open districts

BY BEN MURPHY

That's what you call a good start to the post-season. The Charlevoix volleyball team, hosting Harbor Springs in a Division 3 district opener on Monday, were able to sweep the Lady Rams, 25-12, 25-19 and 25-21.

"The girls came out on fire in the first set and it was exciting to see the energy and play on the court," head coach Audra Randall said. "Kylee Rice and Addison Boop started the fire with very few errors really setting the pace for our team. I also thought our serve receive for the most part was very good with a few tight balls here and there. We have worked very hard on receptions and tough serving. Harbor Springs was fighting every point and kept pushing in set two and three, we stayed resilient after errors and kept working as a team."

Boop was able to get 11 kills, one ace, served at 100-percent and had seven digs, Rice finished with eight kills, 15 assists, served five-of-five and served at 100-percent. Aeryn Larson added eight kills and two blocks, Ava Boss had 17 assists, was 12-of-13 on serve receive and had 12 digs and Karlee Eaton was nine-of-11 on serve receive with 10 digs and one ace.



Kylee Rice



Addison Boop

On Thursday, Charlevoix played in a tri-match at Inland Lakes. They opened with a 26-24 and 25-13 win over Inland Lakes, and then took down Cheboygan 25-15 and 25-12.

"This was our last regular season match for our team, and the last for our nine seniors, and they didn't disappoint with a great night of volleyball," Randall said. "They really stepped up, playing really well together as a team."

Against I-L, things stayed pretty tight in the opening frame.

"The first set we both exchanged the ball back and forth in points but once tied 9-9 we jumped ahead with good serving by Abbey Wright with seven serves, pushing us ahead 15-10, we then pushed ahead to 22-14 with great serving by Boop. But Inland Lakes wasn't ready to give in and errors by our offense put

us at 22-22, then 24-24, we nudged out a win 26-24. The second set the net play improved immensely with few errors on swings getting great result with the 25-13 win."

Things were a bit easier against the Lady Chiefs.

"Cheboygan match opened with a very long rally and good rallies, at some point we broke away and kept the lead for a 25-15 win, and the second set finished 25-12," Randall said. "The girls were taking care of their side of the net with solid serve receive, scrappy defense and big play at the net. Addison was doing fantastic and really had great placement finding the open court and playing aggressive at the net with blocking and swings, finishing with 13 kills, 4 blocks for the Cheboygan match. Larson was also hot at the net with blocking and smart and creative attacks."

Boop finished the night with 19 kills, four blocks, there aces and 14 digs, Rice was able to get 11 kills, 21 assists and 13 digs, Wright added 11 kills and 13 digs, Larson tallied 10 kills and five blocks, Boss had 24 assists, four kills and two blocks, Eaton added 11 digs and five aces, Ayla Kemp had 12 digs, Anna Kemp had nine digs and Sara Wyglendowski had four kills. Dana Brown also had seven digs and Adeline Horrigan had two digs.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25 Charlevoix hosted a tri-meet with Leland and Traverse City Christian. The Lady Rayders topped T-C Christian 25-17 and 25-22 but fell to Leland 25-15 and 25-15.

On the night Wright had eight kills and seven digs, Boop finished with six kills, Larson had three kills, Rice had five kills, seven digs and three aces, Brown had two aces, Anna Kemp had two aces and Horrigan had one kill and two aces.

Charlevoix played East Jordan in the district semi-finals on Wednesday. Mancelona and Johannesburg-Lewiston played in the other semi-final, with the championship set for today (Thursday). The district winner plays in a regional semi-final contest on Tuesday in Johannesburg-Lewiston.

VOLLEYBALL

Boyne City takes runner-up in home tourney

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City volleyball team hosted their annual home tournament on Saturday, dubbed the Carrie Bricker-Hauger Invite. The Lady Ramblers had a good showing too, making a run to the championship game, before settling for second place.

"This tournament is always a big one for us," head coach Tyla Coates said. "We are honoring the remembrance of Carrie and it being our last varsity home tournament of the season. We ended the tournament with a second place spot and with Ava Tarsi hitting her career number of 3000 assists."

In pool play, Boyne topped East Jordan 25-19 and 25-16, split with Clare 25-22 and 21-25 and also split with Lake Leelanau St. Mary 16-25 and 25-20. In the semi-finals they defeated Forest Area 25-14 and 25-18. In the championship they came up short against Clare, 28-26, 22-25 and 15-9.

"We played a great tournament," Coates said. "There were some things we needed to work on and some things we did very well with. I felt all the girls contributed and gave their best efforts. We were so close to winning we could feel it but our serve receive was off for those final few points and we couldn't keep our errors to a minimum. But overall, we adjusted and played some very fun volleyball."

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—Coach Tyla Coates

Leading the team on the day was Elly Wilcox with 44 kills, 33 digs and four aces, Josie Wilson had 24 kills and seven digs, Amelia Dunstan was able to get 13 kills, nine aces and nine digs, Sawyer Cadarette was good for seven kills, Eliana Michael was able to get two kills, 22 digs and five aces, Aubrey Burns had 77 digs and four aces, Brianna Ager had two aces and 33 digs and Katelyn Dittmar had one kill and 11 digs.

As for Tarsi, she ended her historic day with 93 assists, seven kills, 38 digs and two aces. "Tarsi has been a tremendous leader and player for our volleyball team," Coates said. "Being on the varsity team as a starting freshman setter she was expected for lots and bound for success. She has been working so hard and well to achieve this goal and deserves it so much. She is the second player in Boyne City history to accomplish this goal."

On Thursday, the team played in a tri-meet at Cedarville-DeTour. They

topped Pickford 25-4 and 25-17 and took down Cedarville-DeTour 25-10 and 25-7.

"We traveled to the U.P and made the trip worth it, we weren't easy on them," Coates said. "This was just a fun night to up our stats and score some points. Being this is our third time in a week traveling over two hours we didn't look tired or ready to let up. Game one against Pickford, Addie Pattons' serves started us off strong with a 12-0 lead. The girls were being loud, cheering and having fun like always and for their last away game of the season I would say it was a good one."

In these games Wilcox had 16 kills, four digs and three aces, Tarsi had 25 assists, four kills, two aces, three digs and served at 100-percent, Dunstan was able to get six kills, three digs and three aces, Wilson had 10 kills and Cadarette had one kill and one block. Dittmar had a pair of kills, Burns added 13 digs and five aces, Ager had eight assists and one kill and Patton had four aces, served at 100-percent and two digs.

Boyne plays in a Division 2 district this week in Kalkaska. They opened against Kalkaska on Wednesday, with the finals set for today (Thursday). Kingsley and Cheboygan played in the other semi-final. The district winner plays Tuesday in a regional semi-final in Gaylord.

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FOOTBALL

Offense stalls as Boyne City drops playoff game at Gladstone

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City football team was finally healthy entering the Division 6 post-season. That unfortunately wasn't enough for the Ramblers though, as they lost their playoff opener on Friday, 28-7 at Gladstone.

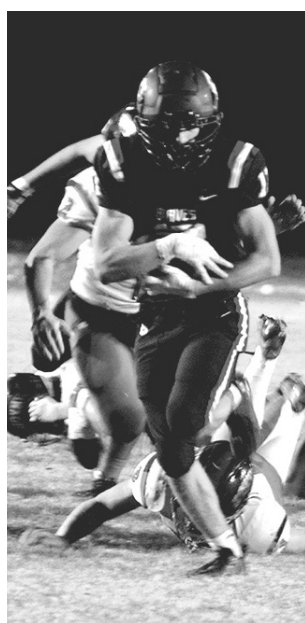
"It was a tough game our kids battled hard we made a couple mistakes that you can't make in playoff games, but overall I was pleased with the effort from the kids in the second half," head coach Dave Suttle said.

The Braves scored one touchdown in the first quarter on a nine yard touchdown run. In the second they scored on 24-yard touchdown run and a 33-yard pass, giving them a 21-0 lead at the half.

Gladstone's final score came in the third, as they got a short one-yard scoring run.

Boyne scored its only touchdown in the fourth quarter. Ryan Spate was able to take a handoff 23-yards for a touchdown.

Spate did have a good game running the ball. He carried it 14 times for 150 yards and the touchdown.



Neer added 38 yards on five rushing attempts. The Rambler passing game was not effective, as they were unable to complete a pass and threw two interceptions.

The Rambler defense had Joey McHugh get 15 tackles, Tristan Ager had 10, Tyler Lockman was able to get eight and Spate had seven.

Boyne finishes the season 5-5 overall and made the playoffs for the fourth straight season.

"It was a season with a lot of highs and a lot of lows there were with the kids battle through some



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adversity and learned a lot about themselves," Suttle said. "I'm hoping that the underclassmen have learned to keep persevering through the hard times and no one is ever going to give you anything. We didn't have a lot of seniors this year but I know they had a lot of impact on the guys. The future looks bright but seasons are one in the offseason August is too late to start."



FOOTBALL

East Jordan taken down by Ishpeming in playoff opener

BY BEN MURPHY

Their offense went silent. As a result, the East Jordan football team lost their Division 8 playoff opener on Saturday, as visiting Ishpeming had enough to hand the Red Devils a 20-6 season ending loss.

"This was a hard fought game where yards were hard to come by," head coach Adam Grybauskas said. "Ishpeming is a good team that does a good job doing what they do. Our injuries caught up with us at the end with multiple key pieces out and us having to shuffle people around the field to fill our holes."

Ishpeming scored the only touchdown of the first half on a six yard touchdown run in the second quarter for a 6-0 lead at the break.

E-J, who was playing without six players in the game, including Logan



Shooks, the team's leading rusher and tackler during the regular season, was finally able to crack the endzone early in the fourth quarter, getting Braylon Grybauskas to score from a yard out, tying it up at 6-6.

Ishpeming scored the game-winner in the fourth quarter on a 22-yard touchdown run though, and they added a 44-yard pick-six to ice the game in the late stages.

The Red Devils had Korbyn Russell throw for 80



yards, Grybauskas ran for 35 yards and a touchdown and Freddie Thompson added 19 yards.

The defense had Angel Delgado get 14 tackles, Grybauskas was able to get 11 tackles and an interception, Owen Chappiues and Sam Wilson each had seven. Ryder Malpass was also able to get an interception.

The Red Devils finish the season 8-2 overall and won the Northern Michigan Football Conference Legacy Division championship.

"I am extremely proud of this team," Grybauskas said. "They improved a tremendous amount and we have come a long way in a couple years. This senior group never won a JV game and in the past two years did a good amount of winning. Their hard work and dedication showed on the field. This group overall was a very fun group to be around. They are a light hearted bunch that could flip the switch when necessary to practice and play the right way. The coaches will definitely miss this group."

This also marked the fourth straight year that



the team competed in the post-season, and that is something the coach hopes continues as well. "I think the future is bright," Grybauskas said. "This team left a legacy of how to do it. Our young players can look to them and see the hard work, dedication, and mindset that it takes to be successful on the field. We will miss our seniors for sure but we have a lot returning and good players coming."

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 25, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on October 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-126, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved the appointment of Seth Thorson to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #23-127, Transit Fuel Canopy Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #23-128, Friend of the Court Referee Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #23-129, FY 2023 Section 5311 Capital Formula Grants for Rural Area Programs.

Motion approved Resolution #23-130, Rural Transit Assistance Program Third Party Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #23-131, Beaver Island Meal Program.

Motion approved Resolution #23-132, Professional Services Additional Expenses. Nays: Commissioner Hankins.

Motion approved Resolution #23-133, Maintenance Services Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #23-134, Division Street Property Demolition. Nays: Commissioner Harmon.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:39 p.m.

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The Marion Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Marion Township Hall located at 3735 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an Application from Jordan Baginski for a Special Use Permit on their property on Marion Center and Black Roads (Parcel No. 009-027-004-15) which would allow them to construct a four (4) unit tent campground on this property in accordance with the Ordinance requirements stated in Section 5.07.3. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or by phone at 231-459-8141.

HIGH TRANSPORT CORRIDOR ORDINANCE CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Commissioner Nemecek, seconded by Commissioner Lasater moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO 2023-07-110

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54-STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE IV UTILITY LINES OR INSTALLATIONS, DIVISION 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM CLEARANCE ABOVE CERTAIN ROAD SURFACES IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY ORDAINS:

That Chapter 54-Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article IV-Utility Lines or Installations, Division 1 shall be amended to add the following section:

Sec. 54-82.-High Transport Corridor

(1) *Designation of the high transport corridor.*

The designated high transport corridor is described as follows:

- Commencing at the intersection of M-75/Boyne Avenue and East Division Street; thence west along East Division Street through the intersection with South Lake Street and continuing onto West Division Street to Pleasant Avenue; thence north on Pleasant Avenue to Front Street; thence northeast on Front Street, ending at the easternmost entrance of the Harborage Marina parking lot.
- The City Clerk shall maintain an accurate and current map of the corridor route as adopted by this ordinance.

(2) *Height clearance directed.*

All public utility providers and all other entities, including individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, companies, corporations, public or private, who own, lease, operate, construct and/or maintain overhead lines and wires, poles and/or related overhead facilities or equipment located along, across, over and/or adjacent to the designated high transport corridor are hereby directed to maintain each and every such lines or facility with no less than 35 feet of clearance above the road surface.

(3) *Sanctions and penalties*

Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day of a continuing violation may be charged and punished as a separate and distinct violation.

(4) *Severability*

Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions hereof.

(5) *Effective date.*

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication, but not less than 15 days following enactment.

YEAS: Commissioner(s) Conklin, Neidhamer, Lasater, Moody, Nemecek
NAYS: Commissioner(s) None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s) None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s) None
APPROVED: July 11, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessica Puroll, City Clerk/Treasurer of Boyne City, certify that this is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Commission of Boyne City at a regular meeting held on July 11, 2023.

Hugh Conklin, Mayor
Jessica Puroll, Clerk/Treasurer

Introduced: May 9, 2023
Adopted: July 11, 2023
Published: November 2, 2023
Effective: November 2, 2023

BOYNE CITY BUBBLER ORDINANCE

CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Commissioner Nemecek, seconded by Commissioner Moody moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO 2023-10-165

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74-WATERWAYS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ENACT ARTICLE III TO REGULATE THE USE OF BUBBLERS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF LAKE CHARLEVOIX AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY ORDAINS:

That Chapter 74-Waterways shall be amended to enact Article III and adopt the following sections:

Sec. 74-43-Legislative Findings/Purpose

The City Commission finds that bubblers can cause dangerous conditions for people who are present on the ice of Lake Charlevoix and that bubblers can interfere with the safe, convenient, and reasonable navigability of Lake Charlevoix for activities such as ice-skating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ATV use, ice fishing, and walking. Bubblers may have negative impacts upon the ecology and environment of Lake Charlevoix. The City Commission finds that the use of bubblers on Lake Charlevoix can be a dangerous use and activity given the reduced visibility during the winter—making open water or weakened ice difficult to detect at night—and the susceptibility of children and pets to the dangers of weak ice and open water.

The City Commission finds that it is necessary to adopt this ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of City residents, landowners, and visitors on Lake Charlevoix; to prevent or avoid impairment of important irreplaceable natural resources; to avoid or prevent impairment of property values of lands; to provide regulations which are designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the users of Lake Charlevoix and winter navigability of Lake Charlevoix; and to minimize or reduce the dangers from the use of bubblers to persons using Lake Charlevoix and riparian property owners.

Sec. 74-44-Definitions

Bubbler or bubbler system means any machinery, motor, engine, item, equipment, mechanism, pump, compressor or compression system or any structural, mechanical or other system whether automatically or manually operated and which is designed, intended or functions to interrupt, stop or slow down the natural freezing of waterways or to break up any ice surrounding or adjacent to any boat, vessel, pier, dock or seawall as a means of a wet storage system for such boat or vessel, or protection for any dock, structure, pier or seawall, during the winter months. This definition also includes any system or apparatus that uses aerators, forced air, props, a pump, agitation, or other motion to weaken or prevent ice within a lake.

Disrupted means the lack of ice formation in an area that ice would form under normal conditions.

Eligible Property means a property on the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix within the City which has a permanent pier and not one that is removed seasonally.

Marina means a facility that is licensed as a "marina" by Michigan statute and is owned or operated by a person, extends into or over an inland lake or stream, and offers service to the public or members of the marina for docking, loading, or other servicing of recreational watercraft.

Sec. 74-45-Use of Bubblers Prohibited Without Permit

Bubblers are not permitted on Lake Charlevoix unless the owner of an eligible property annually obtains a Bubbler Permit from the City, pays the permit fee, and maintains the bubbler in compliance with the permit and any regulations set forth by the City and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy ("EGLE"), or its successor agency. The use of bubblers at a marina as defined by this ordinance is allowed without a permit.

Sec. 74-46-Bubbler Permit and Regulations

Permit applications and attachments shall be provided to the City Planning and Zoning Department for review and approval. If approved, the Planning and Zoning Department shall issue a Bubbler Permit which shall be valid from December 1 through May 1 of the following year.

- Application requirements: An owner or occupant of an eligible property must annually apply for Bubbler Permit from the City on a form approved by the City that must include all of the following:
 - A copy of the permanent pier permit issued by EGLE or its successor agency;
 - A copy of a current bubbler permit issued by EGLE or its successor agency, if required;
 - A photograph of the eligible property as viewed from the road;
 - A photograph of the pier showing its location relative to the eligible property;
 - An engineering report describing the bubbler system and its location relative to the pier and the property and location of signage warning about presence of the bubbler;
 - A nonrefundable application fee for such permit in an amount to be set by resolution of the City Commission.
- Owners or occupants of an eligible property for which a bubbler permit has been granted shall adhere to the following regulations:
 - Bubblers shall only be placed in the approved location and manner;
 - Only one permit is required per eligible property, irrespective of the number of bubblers being used on the eligible property;
 - No bubbler shall be placed such that more than 5 lineal feet (60 inches) of water/ice away from the permanent pier, boat or other structure protected by the bubbler is disrupted;
 - No bubbler located at an eligible property shall be allowed to operate without a permit;
 - The owner or occupant of an eligible property upon which a permitted bubbler system is operated shall provide all of the following within 100 feet of such bubbler in a manner marked and visible to the public prior to turning on a permitted bubbler system for the season:
 - A lightweight ladder at least 10 feet in length attached to the pier;
 - A 20-foot-long light-aluminum or other lightweight metal pole with loop suitable for cold water rescue purposes;
 - A buoyant life preservation ring with at least 50 feet of attached rope suitable for cold weather use.
 - The owner or occupant of an eligible property upon which a permitted bubbler system is operated shall place and maintain on either side of and on the end furthest from the shore or pier being protected by the bubbler system signs of at least 9 square feet in area with the following warning: "Danger, open water or thin ice". Such signs shall be maintained through the season whenever the bubbler is operated.

Sec. 74-47-Severability

If any sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance is determined to be unconstitutional or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed from the remainder of the Ordinance and such determination shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall remain valid and in effect.

Sec. 74-48-Penalties and Enforcement

A. A violation of this Ordinance constitutes a municipal civil infraction. Any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or any amendment thereof, or any person who knowingly or intentionally aids or abets another person in violation of this Ordinance, shall be in violation of this Ordinance and shall be responsible for a civil infraction. The civil fine for a municipal civil infraction shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the court, in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses and remedies provided by law. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance committed by the same person within twelve (12) months of a previous violation of the same provision of this Ordinance or similar provision of this Ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudged to be responsible. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

B. Anyone who fails to conform to the bubbler specification and placement as applied for under their bubbler permit in violation of this Ordinance, shall also be deemed to be in violation of this Ordinance.

C. In addition to the above-mentioned remedies, the City is also authorized (at its option and discretion) to pursue a civil lawsuit to enforce and/or ensure compliance with the Ordinance in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

D. This Ordinance may be enforced by the City Planning Department, an officer of the Boyne City Police Department, a Deputy Charlevoix County Sheriff, and such other officials or agents as the City Commission may designate from time-to-time by resolution.

E. A violation of this Ordinance is also hereby declared to be nuisance per se (which should be abated) and is also declared to be offensive to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Sec. 74-49-Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication, but not less than 15 days following enactment.

YEAS: Commissioner(s) Conklin, Neidhamer, Lasater, Moody, Nemecek

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s) None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s) None

APPROVED: October 24, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessica Puroll, City Clerk/Treasurer of Boyne City, certify that this is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Commission of Boyne City at a regular meeting held on October 24, 2023.

Hugh Conklin, Mayor

Jessica Puroll, Clerk/Treasurer

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Adopted: October 24, 2023
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With four bedrooms, three baths and over 2,900 square feet of space on the main floor and lower level, there is plenty of room to spread out and enjoy living in style. Interior highlights include an open kitchen, dining and living room layout, a kitchen with lots of cabinet storage, counter-top work space and a large center island complete with a handy snack bar.

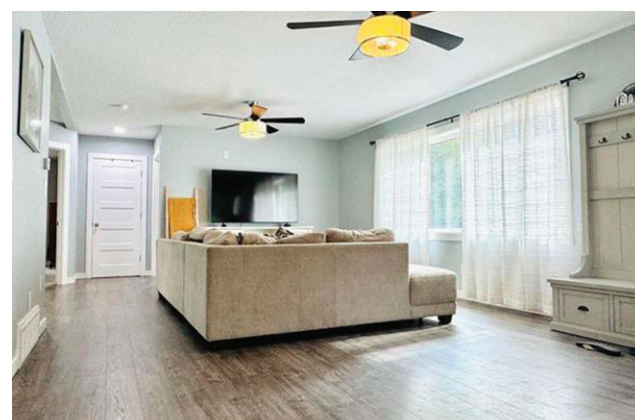
The interior spaces feature lots of natural light on both the main and lower levels. There is a detached two car garage to keep vehicles out of the weather and provide extra storage.

The inviting back yard includes a privacy fence, and there is plenty of room for games, a firepit, play structure and more. Downtown East Jordan is nearby, offering easy access to shopping, dining, parks, the lakefront and schools. What a great spot to call home!

This beautiful, spacious home is located at 316 Bowen Street in East



Jordan and it is listed at \$314,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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Top 6 Reasons Mortgage Applications are Rejected

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Half of refinance applications are abandoned or rejected, as are 30 percent of purchase mortgage applications, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. All told, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) says that well over 2 million mortgage applications were rejected last year.

Want to avoid falling into that number? It's tough — especially in light of the fact that mortgage lenders have become increasingly restrictive in terms of their lending guidelines since the housing market crash.

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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