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A large group of people attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new park.

Ribbon cutting for Boyne City Open Space

BY DAVE BARAGREY

After years of planning and plenty of work by city staff and local contractors, the Boyne City Open Space is open to the public offering a great view of Lake Charlevoix.

Boyne City Commissioners and staff have been focused on making this a great area for people to enjoy a public area on the lake with a great view. Prior to the ribbon cutting on Friday, November 3, City Manager of Boyne City Michael Cain made some comments

"This property has seen a lot of changes since the



first settlers came to the Boyne area.

For most of its recorded history this property has served an industrial use.

For much of that time facilities related to the lumber industry were located here. After that era had passed the property passed into the hands of the City.



In the 1950's the City sold it for a new era of industrial use.

Boyne Products built a plant here working on wiring components for the auto industry. They were

then purchased and became Essex Wire who was then purchased by and became a part of United Technologies until the plant that was right here closed. The plant was purchased by an

individual and demolished in the hopes of developing a condo complex and marina here which never material-

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Boyne City's Classic Instruments earns "Best Engineered New Product 2024"

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Locally, they are recognized as a postive leading employer in Charlevoix County and a great neighbor in the Boyne City community.

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The Company motto is below.



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William "Bill" Christensen, 85 (July 17, 1938-Nov. 5, 2023) **BOYNE CITY**

Bill Christensen, died peacefully at his home in Boyne City with his wife by his side on November 5, 2023.

Born in Boyne City on July 17, 1938 to Henry & Dorothy (Vought) Christensen, he was one of 7 siblings.

On December 31, 1970, he married Lynda (Yell) Christensen, and they would have celebrated 53 years of marriage in December.

Bill graduated from Boyne City High School in 1956.

He served in the United States Army and upon completion of his military duties he went to work for the East Jordan Iron Works where he spent his next 40 years. He retired in 1998 as Vice President of Human Resources.

Bill helped Lynda at her Real Estate office during his retirement.

Bill is a retired Boyne City Fireman, and the last one of the original founders. He coached Little League while Chris was young. He is a member of the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus and volunteered in the music ministry at St. Matthew's Catholic Church where he has been a member for the last 53 years. Bill also played in a band at local events for several years. He loved to hunt, fish, bowl and play golf. He was a Rambler through & through. He enjoyed watching the Tigers & the Lions but only when they won!

Bill is survived by his wife Lynda, his son Chris (Sara) Christensen of Boyne City, and his daughter Kristie (Mike) Daniels of Gaylord. A stepdaughter Gail Bellmore

(Mark) and one Grandson, Will (his namesake) that he loved from the bottom of his heart. Bill & Will spent many cherished hours together and for the most part no one knew who was watching who! He is also survived by a step-granddaughter Lauren Richards of Charlevoix. He is survived by two brothers, Tom of East Jordan & Mark (Linda) of Groton Connecticut. He is also survived by two sistersin-law Kathy Christensen of Rockford & Betty Christensen of Boyne City. And two brothers-in-law, John Yell of Charlevoix and Jim (Teresa) Yell of Petoskey. Several nieces & nephews also survive.

Bill was pre-deceased by his brother Ted & wife Delores Christensen, his sister Louise Giem and husband Cecil, his brother Bob Christensen, his sister-in-law Carolyn Christensen, brother Denny Christensen.

Bill's services will be Thursday evening from 6 - 8 pm for visitation and a Rosary by the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's church. Visitation on Friday between 10:00 & 11:00 am, with the funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. The burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations in Bill's memory be made to the Waterfront Field of Dreams @5112 James Dilworth Way, Boyne City, MI 49712, Envelopes will be available at the funeral



Lynn Andrea (Hofley) Maxwell, 69 (March 11, 1954-Oct. 29, 2023) **BOYNE CITY**

Lynn Andrea (Hofley) Maxwell of Boyne City passed away on October 29, 2023 at her home.

Full obituary to come. Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

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OBITUARIES

LOW:



Mary Belle Smith, 92 (May 15, 1931-Nov. 7, 2023) **EAST JORDAN**

Mary Belle Smith, a radiant soul whose light shone brightly, was born on May 15, 1931 to the late Fred and Sarah Belle Sutton in East Jordan MI

Mary passed away November 7, 2023 at the age of 92, surrounded by loved ones at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mary's early years she attended a country school called the Rockery School House, and later she attended the East Jordan High School to get her diploma. She worked for a short time at the Ellsworth Canning factory with her mother to help take care of the family.

She met the love of her life, Duane Smith in 1957 through a mail correspondence. They made their home in the rural part of East Jordan where they raised 5 children.

Mary loved gardening, canning vegetables, riding bikes, bird watching, and doing word search puzzles. She also liked to watch the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune and Let's Make a Deal on TV. She enjoyed cooking and visiting family over the holidays.

Mary is survived by two Randall Smith of Kalkaska and Jimmy Smith of Ellsworth, Sherry Kelsey of Cadillac and Sally (Keith) Ruehle of East Jordan. She dearly loves her grandchildren Allison and John Smith, Dylan and Matthew Ruehle and Rosie Worley and Jimmy Jacobs. She was preceded in death by her husband Duane Smith in May of 2013, son Kenneth Smith in December of 2022, and siblings Alice (Palmer) Wilber, Glenn Sutton, and Stanley (Betty) Sutton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 9 at 2 p.m. at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church with Pastor Chris Wallace officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will take place in Ellsworth Cemetery.

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





Gloria "Joni" **Olach**, 90 (Oct. 27, 1933-Nov. 5, 2023) **CHARLEVOIX**

In Loving Memory of Gloria Jon "Joni" Olach.

Gloria Jon "Joni" Olach, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and proud Navy veteran, passed away peacefully at the age of 90. She leaves behind a legacy of love, family, and a well-lived life.

Joni was born on October 27, 1933, and her journey through life was marked by a deep love for her country. She proudly served in the United States Navy for four years, where her commitment to duty and honor was evident to all who knew her. Her military service was just one aspect of her life's tapestry.

Joni was a dedicated mother to her three children, David (Trisha) Olach, Dori Olach, and Darren (Laura) Olach, who were the center of her world. Her devotion extended to her eight adoring grandchildren; Nicole Erber, Courtney (Vern) Grams, Stephanie (Grant) Oliver, Madison Olach, Emily Olach, Sara Olach, Elizabeth Olach and Gabriella Olach, and four cherished great-grandchildren; Natalie Erber, Nora Erber, Eli Oliver, and Dallas Rogers, all of whom were blessed to have her as a matriarch in their lives. She was a source of wisdom, guidance, and unconditional love for generations of her family.

Joni's life took her on a remarkable journey as an Army wife for 28 years with Vince Olach. During her husband's service, they had the opportunity to live in Germany, an experience that broadened her horizons and allowed her to embrace diverse cultures and traditions. Her adaptability and strength were evident as she supported her husband and family through the challenges and adventures of military life.

Joni received her associate in criminal justice degree from NCMC and worked for the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department. She was a member of the Sheriff's Posse for many years in the 1980's and loved being part of that organization. Before that, he had worked for Boggs Pastry Shop and taught Ballroom dancing. Later, she dedicated her time to the Commission on Aging as an Advisory Board member and on the Board of Northwest Academy.

Throughout her life, Joni had a deep passion for music, especially the Charlevoix City Band, where she found joy and camaraderie in her community. She enjoyed playing the Baritone with the

city band. She spent many years helping the Charlevoix High School drama club with costumes and make-up and enjoyed helping with the high school band. Joni loved being part of the community and helping others.

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Gloria Jon "Joni" Olach was a woman of integrity, grace, and kindness, and her memory will forever be cherished by her family and friends. She touched the lives of many with her warmth and love, leaving behind a legacy of patriotism, family, and a lifelong dedication to the things she held dear. Her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Joni's life will be held at Noon on Friday, November 10, 2023, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Charlevoix City Band, an organization that was close to Joni's heart.

Joni is proceeded in death by her father Dallas Henry, her mother Dorothy Henry, and her sister Donna Lord.

Joni, your legacy lives on in the hearts of those you leave behind, and your spirit will forever be our guiding light. You will be deeply missed, but your memory will be cherished for generations to come. Rest in peace, dear Joni.

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



Kenneth Biddick, 68 (March 29, 1955-Oct. 31, 2023) **CHARLEVOIX**

Kenneth Lloyd Biddick of Charlevoix, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He was born on March 29, 1955, in Detroit, MI, the son of Clifford R. and Mary (Rowland) Biddick.

Ken graduated from Lindbergh High School in St. Louis, MO. He began an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker near St. Louis, but at the age of 24 he moved to Northern Michigan to work as a shipwright for Irish Boat Shop in Harbor Springs. He quickly found a niche working on custom rebuilds which required meticulous attention to detail. Later on Ken also became the general manager of Irish in Harbor Springs for several years, but it didn't take long until he needed the day to day interaction with fellow skilled boat workers. In the early 2000's Ken worked for 4 years at Van Dam Custom

Boats which enhanced his skills. He didn't sit around well, and always had to have a project in the works. He and his wife, Julie, and later his kids, built or renovated 9 homes over the years. His friends knew he was only a call away if they needed a hand with a job of any size or variety. He was "the go to guy" for advice as well. Ken was a scuba diver, hockey player and referee. He was a coach/mentor for Charlevoix Robotics Team youth hockey coach. He was the fun dad who loved to entertain a horde of kids. He loved to have friends and family over for game night, gazebo gatherings and telling nonstop jokes. Recently Ken and Julie started playing golf.

On June 6, 1981, at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey, Ken married Julie (Fairbairn) Biddick, who survives. He is also survived by his two children, Ben (Lindsay) Biddick of Brookfield, WI, and Javen (Alan) Head of Camden, NC; his brother, John (Joanne) Biddick of Harbor Springs; two sisters, Carol Hellstrom of Boyne City and Anne (Charles) Berdanier of Dayton, OH; his sisterin-law, Michelle Biddick of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Linken, Wren, Isla, and Wyatt; and his beloved dog and work partner, Bella.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, November 4, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, the 100 Men Campaign through the Women's Resource Center, or the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

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Gerald "Jerry" Sladek, 62

(March 25, 1961-Nov. 4, 2023)

CHARLEVOIX

Gerald Paul Sladek of Charlevoix passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023 doing what he loved. He was born on March 25, 1961, in Charlevoix, the son of John and Beverly (Cunningham) Sladek

A full obituary with service information 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



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News

LEADERSHIP

A Leader Who Understands The Importance Of Attentive Listening

BY JOHN KEYSER

A friend and owner of a successful business was



being recognized for her leadership. Her team members each wrote personal

notes to her. John Keyser She was very touched by their warmth and gratitude.

Being so eager to learn as much as I could about her leadership, I asked if she would allow me to read those personal notes. She did, not that she wanted notoriety, simply as a favor as she knew I was especially interested as a student of leadership.

I will cite just a few examples of which there were more with exactly the same sentiments.

- You listened to everyone's suggestions, ideas and goals. You made us into a real team.
- Your faith in us lifted the spirits of everyone here.
- Your calm leadership and belief in each person's importance and potential empowered us all.
- You gave each one of us increased dignity by listening and by caring.
- You lifted and inspired us, demonstrated what it means to have grace in leadership.

I was thankful for the opportunity to read these notes and then reflect on my friend's leadership style.

When I asked to discuss these sentiments, I nearly had to force her to have the conversation, as she is quite humble. This said, she did want me to know that she spends nearly as much time listening to their customers and others connected with their business, e.g., bankers, attorneys and other advi-

Quality time is critically important and to her, this means asking questions and listening attentively, letting people know she is truly interested and genuinely

Leadership is about inspiring people to do great work and succeed, and my friend taking the time to listen, to listen with care, sure energizes her team and business.

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

BRYAN LINDFORS

GET INVOLVED, VOLUNTEER, ESPECIALLY HELPING YOUTHS

BY JOHN KEYSER

I first met Bryan Lindfors when he was President of Rotary Charlevoix, which is quite an active club, a group of fine women and men serving our community, i.e., Charlevoix and our surrounding

Bryan grew up in Mt. Pleasant, went to schools there, on to Michigan Tech to major in Civil Engineering, and then Washington State for his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on Structural Engineering.

While in college, Bryan met his wife-to-be, Jennifer, and they moved to Kalamazoo where he worked with a company whose niche was parking structures.

In time, Jennifer and Bryan had their two sons, Jonathan and Nathan, and they moved Up North, to Charlevoix, and Bryan joined Performance Engineers here as, at the time, one of their two structural engineers.



About 14 years later, Bryan accepted an opportunity with a retaining wall company, one of the Manthei businesses, then on to Edgewater Design Group, and subsequently back to Performance Engineers as their senior structural engineer.

During this time, Bryan was very involved giving back to our community. While his boys were scouts, Bryan was a scout master, in fact Scout Master of the Year. He served on the Board of our Rod and Gun Club, and has served on the Board of 4 Front Credit

Union for a number of years now.

Being a Rotary member, I can attest to our club thriving under Bryan's presidency. He is a low key and highly effective leader, which is so very admirable!

Bryan continues to be active with the American Society of Civil Engineers and also is always available to help Charlevoix County Building Code Board of Appeals.

As I mentioned above, Bryan is low key in his leadership. He has humility, has high standards, is encouraging, has no personal ego, does not need or want credit, and people like and respect him.

These surely are qualities of a very effective leader, a leader people want to work with and follow.

Bryan only agreed for me to write about him so he could encourage everyone in our community to get involved, to volunteer, and definitely help our youth be on a path to a good life and success.

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Women's Coffee Group donates over \$1,000 to Elementary School CHARLEVOIX - The

Women's Coffee Group of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party donated more than \$1,000 in cash and food to a Charlevoix Elementary School project that helps ensure no child goes hungry without school breakfasts or hot lunches over the Christmas

Charlevoix Elementary 5th grade teacher Sara Muladore has been packing bags to send home with kids over school vacations for seven years. She started the project after hearing her own students worry



Members of the Women's Coffee Group gathering up food in Boyne City.

about not having enough food without school breakfast and hot lunches. (Kids

231-547-0742

in her class help pack up the bags so it's a good lesson in pitching in, too.)

"I just want them to know how loved they are," said Muladore said.

This year, she expects to pack 150 bags with granola bars, mac & cheese cups, applesauce, hot chocolate ramen, cheese & crackers and nutritious items that don't require a lot of cooking. She also coordinates bags for Spring Break.

The Women's Coffee Group was formed in August so women could connect with others who share their liberal values. The group, with nearly 40 members from all across Charlevoix County, meets weekly.

If you are interested in joining, please visit https://



Sarah Muldore (L) with Sue Ward, Charlevoix, who headed up the food project for the Women's Coffee Group.

charlevoixdems.wordpress. com or visit the Charlevoix Dems Facebook page.

"I'm so proud of our group and their incredible generosity,"said Women's Coffee Group member Susan Stockman. "This was a project that was close to our hearts."

If you want to help provide food for children during school breaks, checks can be sent to Charlevoix Elementary School, 108 E. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Please put Sara Muladore name on the memo line.



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Ellsworth Elementary Celebrates Positive Behaviors!

School is thrilled to announce the fifth anniversary of its Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

Over the past five years, PBIS has transformed Ellsworth Elementary into a positive and nurturing learning environment, promoting good behavior and empowering students to succeed.

PBIS focuses on teaching students positive behavior skills, creating a school atmosphere where everyone feels safe, respected, and ready to learn.

This program has not only enhanced the school's culture but has also gained statewide recognition for its effectiveness in promoting positive behavior among students.

"We are proud to celebrate five years of PBIS success at Ellsworth Elementary School. Our dedicated teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a positive and supportive environment for our students," said Naomi Sponable, PK-12 Principal at Ellsworth Elementary School. "PBIS has made a significant difference in shaping the behavior and attitudes of our students, setting a strong foundation for their future success."

The success of PBIS at Ellsworth Elementary is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the entire school community. Teachers, staff, students, and parents have actively participated in the program,



fostering a sense of unity and shared responsibility for maintaining a positive school culture.

As Ellsworth Elementary School enters another year with PBIS, the school remains committed to providing a supportive and respectful learning environment, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to excel academically and

For more information about the PBIS program at Ellsworth Elementary School, please contact nsponable@ellsworth. k12.mi.us or visit www. ellsworth.k12.mi.us.

Ellsworth Elementary School is dedicated to creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for all students. With a focus on promoting good behavior and positive social interactions, the school empowers students to achieve academic excellence and become responsible members of the community.









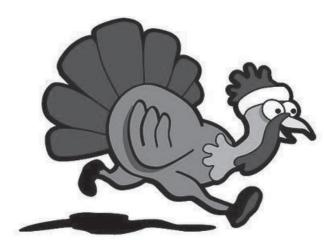


ECS Elementary students earn Lancer Value tickets as part of the PBIS acknowledgement system and they can redeem tickets for rewards.

Holiday Fun Is On The Run In Boyne City!

The 13th annual Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot 5k/1 mile Fun Run will be held Thanksgiving morning, November 23 at 9:00am. The event will begin and end at the pavilion at Boyne City Veteran's Park. Registration will open at 8:00am, and chip timing will be provided by 3 Disciplines. Awards will be given for the top 3 finishers in 10 year age groups.

Prior to the event, individuals can register for \$30 each which includes a long sleeve T-shirt if registered before November 15. The day of the event, registration fees will be \$35 per person. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$20 each. Packet pick-up will be available day before event from 4-6pm at Stiggs



Brewery, 112 S Park St. Printable forms are available on the Boyne City Chamber website (www.

boynechamber.com). Online registration is available through Chronotrack at https://register.chronotrack.com/r/76665. This is the recommended

method, but paper registration forms can be picked up at the following locations in Boyne City: Boyne City Chamber, Boyne City Police Department, Lynda's Real Estate and Home

Again for those who prefer. Sponsorships are also available at a variety of

levels, as are volunteer opportunities.

For more information, ou may e-mail: boynecitytrot@gmail.com or call Scott Southwell at 360.241.0491.

All proceeds from the event will go to Kiwanis Club of Boyne City. Kiwanis Clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child, and one

community at a time. Monies raised from this event will support children

in the Boyne City Area! We would also encourage everyone to bring a canned good or non-perishable item to the event. These donations will then be delivered to our local food pantry which is always in need.

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

The Gift of Self-Forgiveness

Hello, dear readers. Last week, we took a deep dive into forgiveness and the art of letting go. Today, let's keep exploring forgiveness, but this time, let's delve into the profound concept of self-forgiveness.

We often hold ourselves to incredibly high standards, feeling as though we must be perfect and that any mistakes we make are colossal failures. This self-imposed pressure can lead to inner turmoil and self-blame, trapping us in a cycle of self-criticism. We chastise ourselves for our shortcomings, mistakes, and failures, and these emotional burdens can become like heavy baggage that we lug around with us. It's as if we're trudging through life with this weight holding us back, like we're stuck in the mud, unable to make progress. In some cases, it can even feel like quicksand, where the more we struggle, the deeper we sink.

I've certainly had my fair share of stumbles, embarrassing moments, and poor decisions. Just last week, I teased my grown son about a family heirloom he sold, thinking I had mentioned wanting to keep it. Our discussion escalated into an argument, and he eventually hung up on me. In that moment, I realized I had made him feel as though he had let me down, all over a piece of furniture. I quickly reached out, apologized, and asked for his forgiveness. However, what's equally important is that I quickly forgave myself.

I frequently remind myself that I am far from



Laura Jasurda

perfect. Clinging to regret won't turn back time and erase my mistakes. Instead, it burdens me with their weight, making it challenging to move forward and embrace my full potential. So, I choose to let go of regret, bitterness, shame, fear, and anger, not only forgiving others but forgiving myself. This act of self-forgiveness allows me to take steps in a new, lighter, and brighter direction, with a heart full of love and peace.

So, dear reader, until next time, may you continue to explore the transformative power of self-forgiveness and release the heavy burdens of regret, making room for a journey filled with love and peace.

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.

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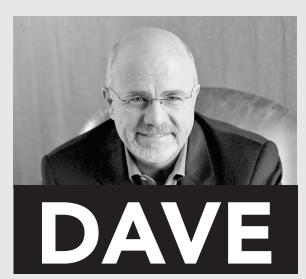
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Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Risk is Real

Dear Dave,

My husband and I want to do a live-in and flip real estate purchase. The idea is to buy a fixer-upper and rent out the basement to help with the mortgage payments. How do you feel about ideas like this?

Dear Erin,

In a situation like this you need to do a basic business analysis. You've got to have a plan in place, and you've got to figure out the worst-case scenario. Part of this is determining whether you can survive if things fall apart. In this case, the worst case is that you can't get a renter, and the house doesn't sell. It puts your family in jeopardy, so to me it's not an option.

Want my honest opinion? I think you've both got a case of house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still wound up in a big mess. I love real estate. I mean I really love real estate. And I've flipped more than a few houses in my

day. But the particulars of this deal make me a little nervous. If you and your husband are willing to accept the possibility of things not working out like you plannedand the fact you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown length of time just to make ends meet—then it might be a play. But for me? Nope. I don't like putting myself into these kinds of situations.

When I was much younger, I was willing to do all kinds of dangerous stuff and ignore the risk. But going broke decades ago knocked that kind of thinking out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it, Erin.

-Dave

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

What was here for several years was a pile of debris and a fence to block the view to the water.

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At that point interested citizens like Kirk Jabara, Bob Grove and Mike Dow stepped forward and rolled up their sleeves to make something happen. Something that would benefit the entire Boyne City community and region. After much time and work Bob and Mike were able to work out a deal with the previous owner and put their own money on the table and purchased the property.

Bob and Mike then looked for a partner who could help them fulfill their long term vision of making this an Open Space free of buildings and view blockers that the public could enjoy either driving by, walking thru, or swimming from. Fortunately, they ended up choosing the City of Boyne City as that partner.

They let the City open up and use this site as a park while the City looked for funds to buy it from them for what they paid for it. At that moment this Open Space was born.

It took some time but the City was able to get a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for over two million dollars that was combined with slightly over one million of City dollars, along with a donation from Bob Grove and Mike Dow brought together the over \$3,250,000 for the City to purchase this property.

That purchase includes a covenant that this will



An overview of the Boyne City Open Space



City Manager of Boyne City Michael Cain made some comments before the ribbon cutting.

always remain public property and an open space.

It was on November 9, 2018, almost exactly five years ago, that the City bought this property and we then gathered here to celebrate that purchase and unveil that sign.

So here we are to celebrate again the next major step of turning this from a diamond in the rough to a shining community asset. With the help of another Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant of \$300,000 and about another \$250,000 of local City tax dollars work on this first phase of improvements is wrapping up and will be fully ready for the public to enjoy in the spring. The site has been fully cleaned, its shoreline stabilized, then replanted with a new sidewalk and walking trail



Mayor Hugh Conklin praised the vision of Kirk Jabara, **Bob Grove and Mike Dow** working with the city.

added, which was beginning to be used by the public almost as soon as the concrete was dry.

It took a lot of people make this phase happen. Tim Knutsen of Beckett & Raeder who took the Bob, Mike, Kirk's and the community's vision and developed actionable plans to help secure the grants and build from, City Hall Staff that locked in the grants, the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Commission that kept moving the project forward, the City's Department of Public Works and Water and Wastewater Departments who prepared and facilitated the sites construction, and the primary contractor, Manthei Construction and all their quality subcontractors who turned the vision and plans into the reality we



Bob Grove and his partners bought the property with a vision of making this an Open Space free of buildings and view blockers that the public could enjoy.

are here to celebrate today.

While there is more work in future phased to do, today, in so many ways, like the ribbon of concrete that we are standing on and that runs around it, this site really has come full circle. And like that circle the future of this park, and the benefits that it will bring to the Boyne community will be endless."

Additional comments were made by Bob Grove, Mayor Hugh Conklin, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson Mike Sheean, Tim Knutsen, Beckett & Raeder, Doug Varney, DPW and Utilities Director and Vince Carpenter, Manthei Construction.

The Open Space is located across from Family Fare at 451 North Lake Street.

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Oleson's Dollar Drive supports Safe Home needs

Oleson's Food Stores in Petoskey and Charlevoix are hosting a 'Dollar Drive' fundraiser for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) Safe Home from November 12 through Thanksgiving.

During the drive, shoppers can donate a dollar or more at checkout to support Safe Home needs.

The Oleson Foundation, an organization dedicated to doing good in northern Lower Michigan, will match the first \$1,000 in donations.

The Safe Home provides a secure and caring place to stay when an abusive domestic partner makes you feel unsafe in your own home. For some families and individuals, staying at the Safe Home is the first time they have felt safe in years.

The Safe Home provides 24/7 shelter, meals, and support services at no cost to women and their family members in Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Otsego, and Antrim counties who are impacted by domestic abuse.

Oleson's Food Stores have supported Safe Home needs through this annual benefit for more than 13 years. The dollars raised help the shelter staff buy items used daily by families staying at the Safe Home.

The Dollar Drive fundraiser takes place at Oleson's Food Stores located at 2000 US-31 North in Petoskey and 112 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

For more information about Safe Home services and current needs, call (231) 347-0082 or visit wrcnm.org.

WASHINGTON cracies and create a starting point on funding levels that

Today, Rep. Jack Bergman voted in favor of H.R. 4821, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2024. This is the 7th individual appropriations bill passed by the House this year.

Rep. Jack Bergman issued the following state-

"While not perfect, this legislation secured major wins for Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula and I was proud to vote in favor of this bill. Through our collaborative effort, we secured major funding for critical projects from Standish to Escanaba, and I urge the Senate to immediately begin their work to move this bill forward.

"Our Nation is facing major economic hardships - it's imperative we seek fiscally sound policies when it comes to properly funding our government. This legislation will help rightsize bloated government bureauwe can afford as a Nation."

Bergman Scores Major Wins for First District in Appropriations Bill

This legislation now will head to the Senate for consideration.

Bergman's legislative priorities included:

- \$1.75 million for Mackinac Island, MI, for the Drinking Water Asset Management Plan project.
- \$1.75 million for Mackinac Island, MI, for the Sewer Asset Management Plan project.
- \$1 million for Indian River, MI, for the Sewer Expansion and Modernization project.
- \$1 million for Traverse City, MI, for the Sewer Force Main Replacement and Improvement project.
- \$1 million for Roscommon, MI, for the Sewer System Project.
- \$1 million for Standish, MI, for the

Water Area System Improvements project.

\$1.75 million for Escanaba, MI, for the Water Service Reconstruction project.

\$368 million for the Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) program.

- Requires the Department of the Interior to reissue the 2020 rule delisting the gray wolf.
- Prohibits the up-listing of the northern longeared bat.
- Prohibits funds to ban lead ammunition and fishing tackle on Federal lands or waters made available for hunting or fishing activities unless certain conditions are
- Blocks restrictions on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on Federal land
- \$1 million for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sea Lamprey

Control program. \$183.23 million for the Bureau of Indian Education post-secondary programs, including \$87.93 million for Tribal colleges and universities.

\$48.5 million for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.

\$125.43 million in mandatory funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for National Park Service land acquisition.

\$305.54 million in mandatory funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the National Park Service State Assistance programs.

\$40.16 million in mandatory funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Endangered Species Fund.

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Charlevoix State of the Community Addressed Development

BY ANGELA GONZALEZ

Several community leaders gathered at Castle Farms on Friday, November 3rd to discuss development in Charlevoix.

Henry Wolf, Director of the North Michigan Chamber Alliance, spoke of an office of rural development which applies for grants for the area that opened in 2022. Wolf stated that 600,000\$ was invested in rural housing. Wolf stated there was an upcoming goal of 100% clean energy by 2040 which it to be approved by the Senate.

Wolf said that 15 million dollars was approved for a Freshwater Research Innovation Center to make Northern Michigan a hub. Fifty-four million dollars was invested in the Going Pro Michigan Talent Fund for training. 3.4 million dollars was approved for employee childcare to assist working parents.

According to Wolf, 125 million dollars was made available for rural school transportation.

There was a 1.5-billion-dollar investment in broadband expansion in the state. Also, 10.2 million dollars was invested in adult learners through Michigan Reconnect, which allows learners 21 and up to go back to school tuition



Charlevoix's community panel discussed infrastructure.

free. Wolf invited attendees to attend the January 19th Northern Michigan Policy Conference at Grand Traverse Resort featuring a keynote to be announced.

Superintendent Scott
Koziol of Charlevoix-Emmet School District reported on the 8,000 students within the district. He mentioned the success of the K-12 Step Up to Success Program which provides career training to students throughout their school career.

1500 students participated in the Career and Tech Education program available through the school.

More information about the program and videos are available on the school website. Superintendent Koziol praised the millage, which allows for counselors in all the schools that guide students towards coops. The regional enhancement millage passed six years ago for ten years providing one mill to go back towards a general fund which provides funding for media services, choir, band, and other school programs. A special education millage allows for a Daily Boost Coffee cart, which provides students with hands-on

work experiences.

Frank Hahnenberg of DTE Energy reported on Charlevoix infrastructure. In 2024, the network will expand and add pipes to the ground adding gas to 300 homes. DTE is looking at a solar park in Rogers City and has windfarms.

Jason Bordeaux Director of Sales for Peninsula Fiber Network reported on state funding received to upgrade broadband communications receiving the Middle Mile grant for Michigan, improving internet communications between homes and businesses.

Grant funds totaled 61.2 million dollars. Nearly

36,000 underserved internet users will experience better coverage. Peninsula Fiber Network hopes to move to 5g wireless and provide hotspots to connect rural users within the next year. Funding has been allocated state by state and Michigan received 1.5 billion dollars in federal funds, the one of highest in the U.S. for improvement.

Becca Nelson, Associate Director of Top of Michigan Trails Network talked about Michigan's trails. Charlevoix is a hub for the trails. Charlevoix and Boyne City will be bid on this upcoming week. Charlevoix is a certified Trail Town. There will be opportunities for eight projects through the Network connecting communities.

Dave Thorell Health Officer for the Department of Health of Northern Michigan addressed the quality of life in Charlevoix. The Department ensures clean water, prevention of disease, and safe restaurants. The Department provides nine dental clinics for over 30,000 underserved members of the public.

Barriers faced in Northern Michigan in terms of access to services include access to safe housing, access to mental health and substance abuse services, prevention of chronic disease, and access to health

The Community Connections Program connects rural individuals to these resources. The program has led to three million dollars in savings to Medicaid.

According to Thorell, public health management has increased life expectancy by 30 years since the 1900s. The department oversees food trucks, food facilities, septic permits, well permits, existing site evaluations, licensed pools, and campgrounds. The department offered flu vaccines to the community and provides nursing and drug education in schools. Services in the department have steadily increased since COVID. The Department was also awarded the National Breastfeeding Award by U.S.D.A.

The event concluded with remarks from the General Manager of Castle Farms, Dale Henning. The Farm has 170 weddings on the books and has hosted 10,691 guests for tours. The ground's mansion is currently available for rehearsal dinners. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Farm's annual Twinkle Light Dinner and Santa Storytime.

Thus concluded the State of the Community for 2023.



CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Charlevoix Chamber is gearing up for the holiday season! With that being said, here is some information on our upcoming holiday events- make sure to mark your calendars!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

3-5pm- Pictures with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank3-5pm- Pick up a Make-and-Take Holiday Craft at Charlevoix Circle of Arts

5:30pm -Holiday Parade

6pm- Santa Lights the Tree

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 Holiday Merchant Open House & Hot Cocoa Trail

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All Day- Merchant Open House

12pm-4pm- Hot Cocoa Trail

1pm- Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank-Bring 1 non-perishable item for admission

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Holiday Business After Hours
5-7pm at the Charlevoix Yacht Club
Wear your best ugly sweater- winner gets a prize

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NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 24 Gift Local Shopping Contest

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Doe in Ogemaw County positive for CWD First deer detected in Ogemaw with disease

OGEMAW COUN-TY – A 4-year-old doe that was reported to be in poor condition – skinny, drooling and showing no fear of people - in Klacking Township, Ogemaw County, recently tested positive for chronic wasting disease. It is the first CWD-positive wild deer from that county, a finding confirmed by the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Madison, which works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to identify CWD in Michigan's wild herd.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, elk and moose. To date, the disease also has been detected in the following Michigan counties: Clinton, Dickinson, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Midland and Montcalm.

"When we find chronic wasting disease in a brandnew location, where previous intensive surveillance
has not yet been done, it becomes extremely important
for wildlife disease managers to understand where
additional cases might be
within that county," said
DNR deer and elk specialist
Chad Stewart. "In light of
this new detection, we are
offering additional opportunities for those interested in

getting their deer tested for CWD in Ogemaw County."

A drop box for CWD testing will be available at the Rifle River Recreation Area headquarters, located at 2550 Rose City Road in Lupton, starting Friday, Nov. 3. The check station typically operated at the DNR field office located at 410 Fairview Road in West Branch will be open Nov. 15-30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The field office will be closed Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Self-service test kits, typically available in other locations where CWD has been identified, will not be available in Ogemaw County due to concerns of bovine tuberculosis disease

transmission in the county.

Stewart said that CWD is not common among deer in Michigan, and the hunting community can continue to play a key role in assisting the department in disease testing efforts.

in disease-testing efforts.

"The DNR sets surveillance goals – basically, a number of deer tested in a particular area – to understand the scale of infection in the local deer herd," he said. "The closer we come to meeting these goals, the more data we have to identify where and to what extent chronic wasting disease exists in Michigan. Strong hunter participation in testing is critical to that

learning, especially in areas where we haven't yet met surveillance goals."

Testing background, strategy

In addition to testing around areas of known CWD positives, the DNR in 2021 began a rotational approach to testing around the state. A group of counties is selected each year, with the eventual aim of testing enough deer in every Michigan county.

The goal of this approach is early disease detection, as management has the potential to be most effective when the disease is caught early. Most of these areas have not had a CWD detection or have not previously been part of intensive testing efforts, so little is known about disease status or pathways in these locations. In 2021 and 2022, the rotational approach focused testing in areas of both the southwestern and southeastern Lower Peninsula.

This year, testing will focus on the northwestern Lower Peninsula and a few counties in other areas where additional herd information is still needed. The focal counties for 2023 CWD testing include Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manist-

ee, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford. These counties will have CWD testing drop boxes, staffed submission sites, and partner processors and taxidermists to assist with collection efforts.

In the rest of the state, testing is available through direct submission by hunters to a cooperating U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved diagnostic laboratory for a fee or through free self-sample shipping kits in counties where CWD has previously been detected.

Since CWD was first detected in 2015, over 103,000 deer have been tested for CWD in Michigan. There have been over 137,000 wild deer tested in total. The Ogemaw County deer is the Department's 251st positive animal.

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that infected animals not be consumed as food by either humans or domestic animals.

Hunters also are reminded to use caution when field-dressing or processing a deer. This includes practices such as wearing rubber gloves, minimizing contact with the deer's brain and spinal tissue, and washing your hands with soap and warm water after handling any parts of the carcass.

Proper disposal of a deer carcass is critical to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease.

Deer carcasses should go directly to a landfill or be disposed of through your regular trash pickup to be taken to a landfill. Deer harvested from known CWD areas should never be disposed of on the landscape in non-CWD areas.

For more information on chronic wasting disease, visit Michigan.gov/CWD.





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GREAT LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS:

Celebrating Holiday Traditions at the Center for the Arts

BAY HARBOR, MI – Throughout the month of December, Great Lakes Center for the Arts will host a series of performances and events celebrating cherished holiday traditions.

The lineup will include performances presented and produced by the Center, The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, and the Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet.

"There are many beloved holiday traditions in the arts, but none more iconic than 'A Christmas Carol,' 'The Nutcracker,' and 'Messiah.' This year, we are thrilled to offer all three right here in Northern Michigan," shares Matthew Kacergis, GLCFA Executive Director.

"In addition to featuring the work of our wonderful partners, we're proud to offer our very own production of 'A Christmas Carol.' This 'Carol' is a one-man tour-de-force starring Broadway veteran Allen Fitzpatrick, enhanced by scenic projections and theatrical effects you won't want to miss."

The Center's holiday lineup features a wide range of live performances and opportunities to gather with loved ones and our Northern Michigan community:

Saturday, December 2, at 2PM & 7PM: "A Christmas Carol"

A solo adaptation of Dickens' celebrated tale by renowned stage actor Allen Fitzpatrick, this one-man re-enactment of "A Christmas Carol" allows audiences to engage with their imaginations as Fitzpatrick creates 26 different characters to shape the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his enlightening Christmas Eve experience.

A tale of greed and generosity, Dickens' work also highlights significant traditions of the season: family gatherings, seasonal food and drink, dancing, games, and honoring the holiday's meaning.



The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents their annual production of Handel's "Messiah" on December 7 & 8.

Spotlight Sponsor:
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We hope you join us as our community celebrates traditions at the Center this holiday season!

The 2023 Holiday Season is made possible in part by a grant from
The Kroeger-Mainland Family Fund of the
Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation,
with special thanks to Mackenzie, Corbin, Kurtis, Megan and Ken Mainland.

Thursday & Friday, December 7 & 8, at 7PM: Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Presents Handel's "Messiah"

A celebrated annual tradition in the community, Handel's "Messiah" will be performed twice by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Choir. Believed to have been performed every year since its creation in 1741, Handel's masterpiece continues to captivate audiences year after year with its beauty and timeless qualities. Accompanying "Messiah," the Choir will also perform Gerald Finzi's "In Terra Pax," creating a spiritually uplifting and artistically enriching experience.

Saturday, December 16, at 3PM & 7PM, and Sunday, December 17, at 3PM: Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet Presents: "The Nutcracker"

Attending a performance of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" has become a tradition of families worldwide. This beautiful tale of holiday magic and delightful wonder is a time-honored Crooked

Tree Arts Center School of Ballet tradition.

"This is the School of Ballet's 14th consecutive year sharing 'The Nutcracker' with our special community," shares Heather Raue, CTAC School of Ballet Artistic Director. "Each year, we delight in making changes to our choreography, costumes, and sets for our dancers and community members to experience this holiday tradition a little differently each season. This year is a prime example! We have reimagined this year's Nutcracker in exciting ways, including many new costumes and choreography and incorporating seven choreographers. An exciting addition to this year's choreographic lineup includes guest choreographer and celebrated U of M dance professor emeritus Peter Sparling's world premiere of Waltz of the Flowers."

"Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of Ballet is a cherished holiday tradition. It is often the first and only ballet our patrons may ever see and provides an opportunity for them to engage with the artform while



Broadway veteran Allen
Fitzpatrick kicks off the
holiday season on
December 2 with two
performances of his oneman adaptation of Charles
Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

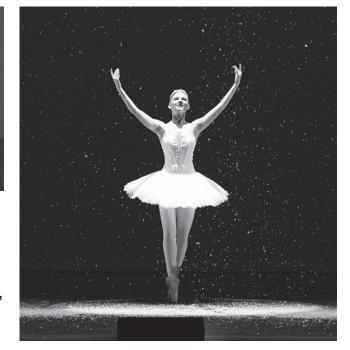
ringing in the season," says Megan DeWindt, CTAC President.

"The Nutcracker' is also the entry point for many of our youngest dancers who not only delight in the beautiful tutus and choreography but aspire to become the strong, graceful dancers they see on stage."

This production of "The Nutcracker" is made possible by a generous donation made in loving memory of Lawrence F. Kaine and the Otto Putzer Family.

Saturday, December 23, at 2PM & 7PM: Home for the Holidays Double-Feature

To celebrate the beginning of winter break, the Center is screening two holiday favorites on its 45-foot cinema screen – "The Grinch" at 2PM and "Home Alone" at 7PM



Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet performs their annual rendition of "The Nutcracker" with two matinees and one evening show between December 16 & 17.

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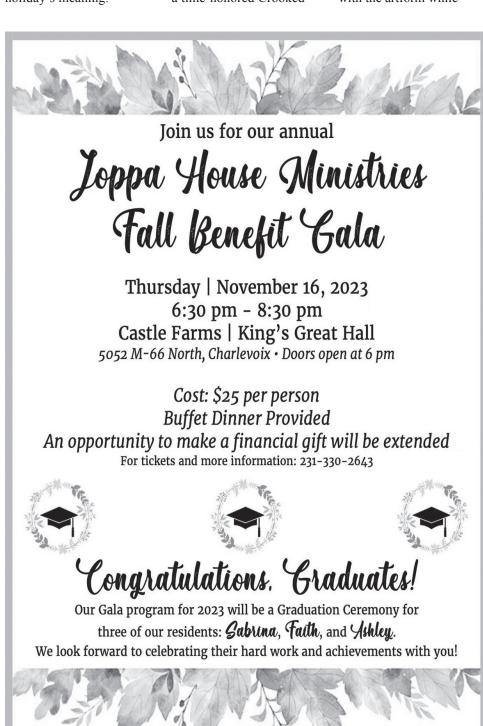
- and hosting a craft and selfie station for kids and families. Holiday attire, including ugly sweaters, pajamas, and Grinch merch, is highly encouraged! Get into the holiday spirit with fun films, snacks, and good old-fashioned family time.

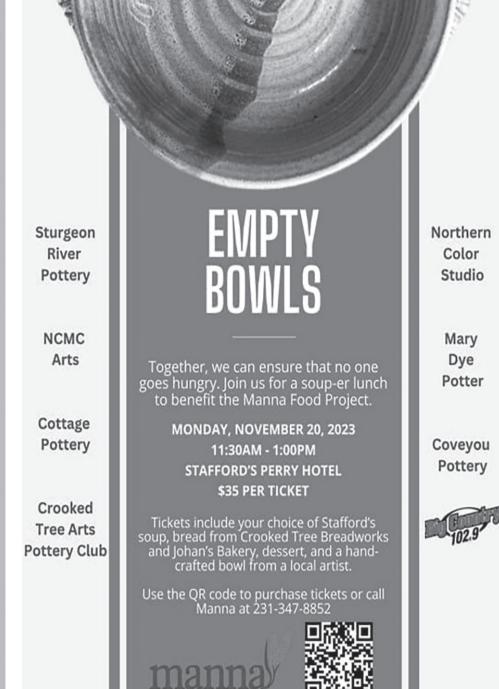
Friday, December 29, at 7:30PM: Michigan Rattlers

Michigan Rattlers, a Northern Michigan fourpiece folk-rock favorite whose performances are becoming an end-of-theyear tradition at the Center, are ready to send off 2023 with old favorites and maybe a few new numbers. With a strong following within their hometown of Petoskey, the Rattlers' show is already sold out, but you can add your name to the waitlist online!

The Center's mission is to inspire, entertain, educate, and serve all in Northern Michigan year-round by presenting exceptional experiences across the full spectrum of the performing arts and offering impactful educational opportunities like Next Gen and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program.

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EAST JORDAN

VIETNAM VETERAN **WELCOME HOME AND PINNING CEREMONY**

The American Legion Post Auxiliary Unit 227 from East Jordan will hold a Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home and Pinning Ceremony for any Vietnam Era Veteran that have not received a pin. The ceremony will be held Thursday, November 9 at 5 PM at the Rebec-Hosler Sweet Post, 303 Main Street, with refreshments to follow.

ELLSWORTH

HARVEST SALE & **AUCTION**

Ebenezer Christian School's Harvest Sale and Auction will be held Friday, November 10th, at the Banks Township Hall. Doors will open at 6pm. This auction only happens once a year and you don't want to miss it. Come enjoy an evening of bidding on items donated by local businesses and neighboring communities. If you have something you'd like to contribute, donations of baked goods, handmade items, gift certificates, produce, and other miscellaneous items are welcomed. Please call 231-588-2111 with any

EAST JORDAN

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

East Jordan Elementary School invites all relatives and friends of our school community who have served, or are serving, to join us for our Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony on November 10th. The ceremony will be held at 8:20 am at the Flag Pole by the main entrance (Door #1 on Garfield Street). Families who would like to attend this outside event are also welcome to join.

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

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HOURS Nov. 14, 5-7pm at the Village Pub. Food, drinks, networking and Cash Machine. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and the Villager Pub.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

JOPPA HOUSE FALL BENEFIT GALA

Join us Nov. 16, 6:30 - 8:30pm at Castle Farms for our annual Fall Gala where we will celebrate 3 of our residents as they graduate from the Joppa House program. \$25 person, buffet dinner. Tickets can be purchased by calling the number on the ticket or by heading to our website: https://joppahouseministries.org/gala

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Deadline for classified and display advertising and news releases for the Thanksgiving edition of the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News and the November 26 edition of the Michigan MoneySaver is Friday, November 17. The papers are going to press early for the Thanksgiving holiday. Call 989-732-8160 or email Office@ WeeklyChoice.com or Office@ CharlevoixCountyNews.com to submit ad copy or articles.by Friday to be included in these issues of the

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.

EAST JORDAN

GOSPEL MUSIC

November 18 - The Walkers At the Open Door - A Christian Coffee House, Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road. Entry by donations - Everyone Welcome. Refreshments are available: free coffee & snacks. Pizza & Water available for a small charge

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/

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

TURKEY TROT

The 13th annual Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot 5k/1 mile Fun Run will be held Thanksgiving morning, November 23 at 9:00am. The event will begin and end at the pavilion at Boyne City Veteran's Park. Registration will open at 8am, and chip timing will be provided by 3 Disciplines. Awards will be given for the top 3 finishers in 10 year age groups. Prior to the event, individuals can register for \$30 each which includes a long sleeve Tech shirt if registered before November 15. The day of the event, registration fees will be \$35 per person.

EAST JORDAN

HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING

Please join your friends and neighbors on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 for a community Thanksgiving feast at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 1pm. Games, snacks at 1pm. Dinner at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

COMMUNITY BAND

Come join in the fun Thursday nights 6:30-8:30. The Jordan Valley Community Band welcomes everyone in the community to join us. We meet at the East Jordan High School Band room with the door being open at 6:15 p.m. for set up and warm up. We understand many musicians will have to drive straight from work or catch a quick dinner after work. If you can not make it exactly at 6:30 we understand. Come for the part of rehearsal that fits into your schedule. Musicians in our band are mainly adult and high school band members. However we have had some outstanding 7th and 8th grade musicians play with us. If you are in 7th or 8h grade, our director would like to meet with you to hear you play, to see if you would be able to play our level of music. If you are not quite ready, but would love to be involved with our community band, we have many different hats that need to be worn and your help with any of these areas would be greatly appreciated. Contact our director Becky Palmiter at 231-675-0543 or our Board President Terri Warnos at 231 536-0417.

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

EAST JORDAN SWIM-A-THON

East Jordan community pool endowment fundraiser December 9, 10am - Noon. Help support our community pool. Interested in participating or making a pledge? Email Ivy at IWells@ejps.org.

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

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. DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, **LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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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announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with tons of local news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other newspapers in the area are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our newsstand prices and advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@ CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call 989-732-8160. One of the few Locally Owned and Locally Operated newspapers in the state.



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Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Paisleigh Wiggins

Grade: 6th Grade

Parent's Name(s): Amanda Wiggins & Victor Hart

Future Plans: *Undecided*

Favorite Book: The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han Hobbies and Interests: Going on walks and writing

School Activities: Volleyball and Basketball

Staff Comments: I have had the pleasure of having Paisleigh in my classroom this year. Paisleigh is a hard worker and completes all of her work. She is always striving for perfection, staying focused and completing the task at hand. She is always willing to help other students and contribute to classroom discussions. Whenever I ask for volunteers for projects or reading in the class, she is the first to offer. She is a great supporter of Boyne Falls athletics, and consistently shows up for athletic events to cheer on the Loggers. I look forward to watching her represent the Loggers in athletic events this year.

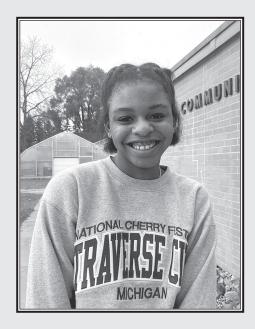
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ECS Middle/High School

LANCER OF THE WEEK

Ellsworth Community School strives to instill values that will quide students through their academic and personal learning experiences. At the Middle/High School, Lancers are Engaged, Accountable, and Dependable (LEAD) in a great way! This week's LEAD Exemplar is...



Pascal Wallis

Pascal is a pleasant and personable Freshman at Ellsworth High School. She enjoys playing volleyball, track, and SAFE in Northern Michigan. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family and playing sports. Her favorite is History because "It teaches you about things in the past and it's fun." She diligently completes her work and strives to set an example for others. She says that she is inspired by her mom, "she always tells us to chase our dreams and to never give up!" After High School, Pascal plans to become an Esthetician.

athlete of week



Landon Swanson Charlevoix Rayders

In the district final the Rayders fell to a very good team from Menominee after a very long bus ride of 250 miles last Saturday to the Wisconsin border. A bright spot for the Rayder football team was Landon Swanson who led the defense with 21 tackles.

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Elly Wilcox

Boyne City Ramblers Volleyball

The Ramblers won the district championship last week by beating Kalkaska them Kingsley. In the championship game against Kingsley, the Ramblers Elly Wilcox had 17 kills, two blocks, 27 digs, and served 16-of-16

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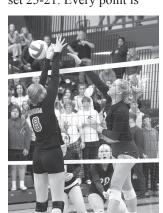
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>

Charlevoix volleyball spikes Joburg in four sets to win district title

BY BEN MURPHY

Charlevoix took on a talented Johannesburg-Lewiston volleyball team in a Division 3 district championship game on Thursday. The host Lady Rayders were able to get the job done though, taming the Lady Cardinals in four, 25-21, 20-25, 25-22 and 25-14 and give themselves the championship trophy.

"Joburg is a tough competitor and played swing for swing and dig for dig," head coach Audra Randall said. "In the first set I felt we had the jitters and made a few errors early but we settled down being down 11-15 and tying it back up at 17-17 with Aeryn Larson and Addison Boop at the net ultimately finishing the set 25-21. Every point is



Addison Boop hits a kill shot over Joburg freshman Maddie Peppin in the District Final.

a big deal in these type of high intensity matches and can carry a lot of emotion with the upswings and downswings of a set and the match."

The Rayders fell behind 7-1 in the second set, and while they battled to take a 16-12 lead, they eventually fell 25-20.

"The third set was hit for hit exchanging, but we came from a few points down to tie it at 19-19," Randall said. "Tied at 22-22 we pulled away with aggressive net play by Addison Boop to close the third set. The fourth set I felt the girls' energy was in control and a bit more poised that it had been the first three sets finishing with a 25-14 (win).

Addison Boop had a huge performance, getting 20 kills, three blocks and served 18-of-19

served 18-of-19. Abbey Wright was able to get 16 kills, one ace and seven digs, Aeryn Larson had eight kills and two blocks, Kylie Rice had five kills, 26 assists, two aces and 17 digs, Ava Boss added six kills, 12 assists, 19 digs and one block, Ava Hoeksema had two blocks, Anna Kemp was 17-of-17 serving with 18 digs, Ayla Kemp was 17-of-18 serving with 16 digs and one ace, Karle Eaton was 10-of-10



Addison Boop and Abi Wright go for a dig.



Rayder Volleyball players show off their first place District medals.

serving with 13 digs and two aces.

"I'm so proud of the girls and what they have accomplished this season," Randall said. "This is a 4-peat for our Rayder volleyball Program and that was a big goal for the girls to show their consistency from year to year as a team. They are really peaking at the right time and we look forward to moving onto regionals but will enjoy this win and get back on the court for preparation (for regionals). The girls really rose to the occasion with the privilege of hosting districts this year. It has been awhile for us hosting and it felt good taking home the trophy."

On Wednesday, Charlevoix was able to defeat East Jordan in the semi-finals, 25-22, 25-17 and 25-17.

"(It) was exciting and at times a real nailbiter, but we were able to pull off a win," Randall said.

Boop was able to lead the Rayders with 18 kills, Wright had 13 and Larson was able to get 11.

Anna Kemp served 20-of-20 and also had 11

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digs, Eaton had two aces and 13 digs and Ayla Kemp had seven digs. Boop and Larson also had two blocks apiece, Boss had 20 assists and eight digs and Rice added 19 assists and 10 digs. Wright also had 10

For East Jordan head coach Laura Snyder, it just felt like it wasn't their night.

"One of our main hitters was very limited in her ability to play due to a back injury, which definitely hurt our number of kills," she said. "I was really proud of how the team came together and played every point without letting mistakes get them down. They all stepped up their play and played a very solid three sets of volleyball. They stepped up their defense which I was impressed with. Charlevoix didn't get nearly as many by us in this match as they did in the regular season game."

The Red Devils were led by Lily Snyder with seven kills, four blocks and three



The girls celebrate their fourth straight District Championship.

digs, Lindsey Jibson had five kills, three blocks and three digs, June Kirkpatrick had five kills and two blocks, Sydney Guerriero had five ace and 11 digs, Meryn Vrondran had three aces and 22 digs and Lillian Stone added 17 assists, six digs and one kill. "It is always tough to end the season, but this was a fun group of young ladies to coach this season,"

Snyder said. "I am proud

of their improvements and hard work."

Charlevoix took on Roscommon on Tuesday in a regional semi-final game at Johannesburg-Lewiston, with Calumet and Manistique playing in the other semi-final. The regional championship is today (Thursday) in Manistique. The regional champion will play on Tuesday in a quarterfinal game at Sault Ste. Marie.

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Three NCMC cross country runners qualify for national championship

Descamps, Duncan, Maendel are headed for NJCAA Division II Cross Country Championship in Huntsville, Ala.

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College will send three cross country runners to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II championship in Huntsville, Ala., on November 11. Sophomore Emma Duncan and freshmen Rachel Descamps and Zach Maendel all secured a spot at the national tournament.

Descamps, from Charlevoix, qualifies for nationals after finishing 18th in the Region XII Championship event hosted by Grand Rapids Community College on October 27, where the women's team finished in 9th place overall.

Duncan, from Indian River, had a career day at regionals, posting a new personal record with a time of 20:20 in the 5K race. She earned a 7th place finish in both the Michigan Community College Athletic



NCMC's Rachel Descamps, left, and Emma Duncan are headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II championships in Huntsville, Ala., on November 11.

Association (MCCAA) & Region XII event and is the first Timberwolf cross country runner to earn postseason awards, as she was honored with both All-MCCAA & All-Region accolades. Duncan's new personal record is the third time this season she has improved upon the NCMC record.

Petoskey's Maendel, who has led the men's team



all season, was the top NCMC finisher at regionals with a time of 28:42. The NCMC men placed 7th overall.

The NJCAA National Championship will be held at Huntsville's John Hunt Park, with the men's



NCMC's Zach Maendel (No. 2827) will represent the Timberwolves at the NJCAA Division II championship race in Huntsville, Ala., on November 11.

Division II race set for 2:30 p.m. and the women's race set for 3:30 p.m.

For the latest NCMC Athletics news covering all sports and athletes, visit www.ncmctimberwolves.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey with additional locations offering classes and services in Cheboygan and Gaylord. North Central's mission is to provide exceptional, accessible, relevant higher education of and for the community. An Achieving the Dream

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CROSS COUNTRY MHSAA Division 3 Finals

Official Team Scores - Boys

1. Traverse City St. Francis 2. St. Louis	113 175
3. GR Covenant Christian	209
4. Reed City	217
5. Stanton Central Montcalm	242
6. Clare	251
7. Pewamo-Westphalia	253
8.Jonesville	264
9. Hanover-Horton	278
10. Hart	287
11. Ithaca	290
12. Jackson Lumen Christi	336
13. Flat Rock	349
14. Bath	359
15. Charlevoix	388

Individual Results - Boys

26.	12	Gavin Guggemos	10:20.0	Kaikaska
42.	9	Hunter Eaton	16:45.3	Charlevoix
75.	12	Drew Moore	17:09.5	Grayling
83.	12	Camden Moore	17:13.2	Kalkaska
117.	9	Ryder Hopkins	17:31.7	Charlevoix
124.	10	Matthew Solomon	17:35.1	Charlevoix
127.	10	Jacob Veurink	17:36.9	Charlevoix
146.	9	Isaac Dionne	17:50.2	Boyne City
153.	11	Tristan Demlow	17:55.4	Grayling
171.	11	David Dhaseleer	18:11.7	Charlevoix
211.	12	Adam Williams	18:48.5	Kalkaska
229.	12	Peyton Scott	19:33.6	Charlevoix
249.	12	Trevor Bonar	20:30.3	Charlevoix

Individual Results - Girls

99. 10	Delaney Little	20:52.1	Boyne City
106. 9	Nico Triebold	21:02.8	Grayling
164. 12	Katie Rohrer	21:53.1	Charlevoix

CROSS COUNTRY MHSAA Division 2 Finals

Official Team Scores - Boys

I. Ada Forest Hills Eastern	134
2. Pinckney	156
3. East Grand Rapids	175
4. Allendale	176
5. Gladwin	211
14. Petoskey	352

Individual Results - Boys

4/.	12	Snane izzard	16:15.2	Petoskey
62.	12	Tommy Farley	16:25.3	Petoskey
121.	12	Brady Odenbach	16:58.3	Petoskey
128.	12	Jack Lindwall	17:04.4	Petoskey
139.	10	Zahar Rush	17:13.4	Petoskey
171.	11	Parker Fettig	17:34.7	Petoskey
190.	12	Dylan Odenbach	17:49.6	Petoskey
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Individual Results - Girls

16.	12	Nora O'Leary	18:28.7	Petoskey
66.	10	Ava Pawlick	19:30.8	Petoskey
73.	10	Katie Berkshire	19:35.7	Gaylord
148.	12	CamBrie Corey	20:38.6	Petoskey
216.	12	Sydney Hoffman	22:09.3	Petoskey
228.	12	Lauren Cole	22:27.3	Petoskey
231.	9	Greta Meisel	22:34.5	Petoskey
240.	10	Madeline Pacola	23:11.8	Petoskey

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1. GR Christian	112
2. Otsego	131
3. Goodrich	139
4. Spring Lake	202
5. Zeeland East	222
19. Petoskey	464
26 Cadillac	644

CROSS COUNTRY

MHSAA Division 4 Finals

Official Team Scores - Boys

1. Thinsuale Meduciny	127	
2. Holland Calvary Christian	199	
3. Kalamazoo Hackett	200	
4. Petoskey St. Michael	210	
5. Three Oaks River Valley	220	
6. Muskegon Western Mich. Christian	221	
7. Johannesburg-Lewiston	230	
8. Mason County Eastern	239	
9. Harbor Springs	256	

Lynus Cadarette

Cody Bradley

Jeremiah Witt

Austin Sneed

Russell Vandermus

Blake Fox

Individual Results - Boys Malaki Gascho 16:28.1 Johannesburg-Lewiston

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63.	10	Adam Ferguson	17:37.0	Harbor Springs
65.	12	Trevor Clarke	17:37.2	Harbor Springs
70.	11	Teddy Krieger	17:39.6	Harbor Springs
73.	8	Atticus Cadarette	17:42.0	Petoskey St. Michael
82.	10	Max Vroman	17:49.1	Harbor Springs
85.	10	Nicholas Trader	17:51.3	Fairview
89.	12	Logan Kihnke	17:55.0	Harbor Springs
94.	10	Henry Kruzel	17:57.8	Harbor Springs
101.	12	Tyler DeYoung	18:00.7	Ellsworth
108.	10	Cole Brege	18:09.3	Rogers City
127.	11	Jacob Chamberlain	18:20.3	East Jordan
138.	12	Dusty Layman	18:27.9	Johannesburg-Lewiston
139.	11	Drake Fulton	18:30.1	Johannesburg-Lewiston
142.	12	David Chamberlin	18:34.5	Petoskey St. Michael
235.	12	Everett Baetens	21:15.1	Harbor Springs
236.	10	Ronan Weed	21:16.5	Petoskey St. Michael
246.	10	Nathan Jackson	23:01.4	Johannesburg-Lewiston
249.	9	Elijah Pulver	24:28.3	Petoskey St. Michael

27:16.8

Individual Results - Girls

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3. Muskegon W MI Christian	124
4. Hillsdale Academy	146
5. Harbor Springs	212
26. Petoskev St. Michael	580

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FOOTBALL

Charlevoix dominated by Menominee in district championship game

BY BEN MURPHY

A slow start doomed any chance Charlevoix had in its Division 7 district championship football game at Menominee on Saturday. The Maroons jolted to a 38-0 halftime lead and never looked back, handing the Rayders a 50-14 season ending setback.

"They got off to an early lead and we struggled from there," head coach Don Jess said. "I was proud of the way our kids came out in the second half and scored on our first two drives. It showed a lot of character and a lot of poise. We just couldn't overcome that early deficit. Give Menominee a lot of credit, they are a heck of a football team."

The Maroons opened the scoring with a long scoring drive, capping it off with a two-yard rushing touchdown by Eli Beal, for an 8-0 advantage. Menom-



Menominee's Trevor Theuerkauf is brought down by Charlevoix's Landon Swanson during the second quarter of Saturday's MHSAA Division 7 District 49 championship game at Walton Blesch Stadium in Menominee.

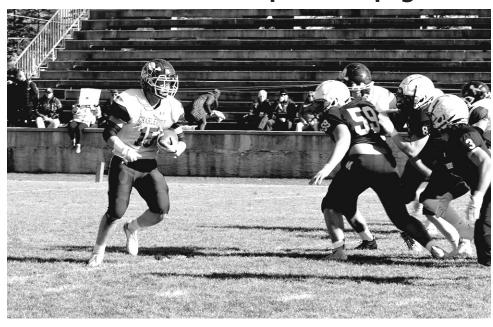
inee made it 14-0 on a 36-yard touchdown pass from Trevor Theuerkauf to Nathan Kamp, and Theuerkauf followed that with a long 67-yard scoring run to set things to 22-0. It would be 30-0 after a three-yard touchdown run by Theuerkauf and Theuerkauf tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to make it 38-0 at the half.

"I think they have a balanced offense, they were able to run and pass on us and we struggled with stopping the passing game," Jess said. "Offensively for us, we couldn't get the ground game going early, we had a couple turnovers and next thing you know we are down quite a bit at halftime."

The Rayders scored on their first play of the second half, as Hudson Vollmer was able to race in from 54 yards out. Brady Jess also threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Vollmer to account for the Rayders other touchdown.

Jess finished 10-of-20 passing for 125 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions and he also ran five times for 40 yards. Vollmer ran the ball twice for 55 yards and a touchdown and Brady Warchol had a 30-yard run. Logan Wadkins had two receptions for 28 yards, Vollmer had one reception for a 42-yard touchdown and Owen Waha had four receptions for 36 yards.

Landon Swanson led the



Charlevoix's Henry Herzog looks for running room during the first quarter of Saturday's MHSAA Division 7 District 49 championship game at Walton Blesch Stadium in Menominee.

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defense with 21 tackles, AJ Speigl had eight and Vollmer added an interception.

The Rayders finish the season 9-2 overall and graduate 19 seniors.

"We are going to miss this group of seniors, they really worked hard over the years and have just have bene a pleasure to coach, just a great group of kids," Jess said.

Charlevoix won the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division championship and a playoff game as well. This was the fourth straight season they've won at least eight games.

"It is a big deal for us to win a league championship, this group has a lot to be proud of," Jess said. "This group of seniors has the most career wins (for one class) in the history of the high school. Quite a few of those seniors got playing



Charlevoix's Brady Jess drops back to pass during the second quarter of Saturday's MHSAA Division 7 District 49 championship game at Walton Blesch Stadium in Menominee.

time as sophomores, so they've been there through it all and have really set the standard for our program with their work ethic and how they conduct themselves on and off the field and have bene a great example for our younger players to look up to."

VOLLEYBALL

Boyne City outlasts Kingsley in five set thriller to win district title

BY BEN MURPHY

Boyne City needed every kill, every ace, every dig it could get Thursday. The Lady Ramblers were taking on Kingsley in a Division 2 district championship game and won in five intense sets, 25-21, 25-16, 24-26, 22-25 and 16-14 in a contest held at Kalkaska.

"I couldn't be any more proud of these girls," head coach Tyla Coates said. "This is what we set our goal too and we did it. The first two sets I was blown away. These girls came out ready to fight. I think Kingsley adjusted well to us the third match. They did well pulling out that win in the third set not wanting to lose but we didn't want to lose either."

In the end, Coates felt the team's experience helped put the team over the top. "My seniors did amazing on the court and off they wanted this so bad," she said. "It was either their last game playing volleyball in high school ever or it's we win this district title for their last time in high school. They fought to win. We played our best volleyball ever. It was a great game to watch."

Charlevoix's Logan Wadkins hauls in a pass from Brady

Jess while being covered by Menominee's Tanner

Theuerkauf (9) and Torin Davis during the third quarter

of Saturday's MHSAA Division 7 District 49 championship

game at Walton Blesch Stadium in Menominee.

The Ramblers had Elly Wilcox get 17 kills, two blocks, 27 digs, and serve 16-of-16, Josie Wilson had 16 kills and 10 digs, Amelia Dunstan added 15 kills, two blocks, two aces and five digs, Ava Tarsi finished with 47 assists, five kills, 21 digs and three aces, Sawyer Cadarette had two kills, three blocks and three digs, Aubrey Burns had 50 digs and one ace, Brianna Ager chipped in with 22 digs and one ace, Katelyn Dittmar tallied eight digs and Eliana

"My seniors did amazing Michael was able to get 24 the court and off they digs and two aces.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1 Boyne City swept Kalkaska in a district semi-final game, on scores of 25-16, 25-5 and 25-7.

"These girls played some of their best volley-ball," Coates said. "I felt Aubrey Burns did amazing at getting a touch on every ball that was hit at her. Ava Tarsi played as a very smart setter with knowing who to set too and if she should kill it herself. I was also impressed with Josie Wilson and Elly Wilcox being able to put the ball in any spot on Kalkaska's side that was open."

Wilcox led things with 12 kills, 10 digs and two aces. Wilson had 10 kills, Tarsi had a well-rounded night with 24 assists, five kills, eight digs, three aces and served at 100-percent, Dunstan chipped I with four

kills, one ace and served at 100-percent, Burns had 13 digs, one ace and served at 100-percent, Michael added 13 digs, two aces, 100-percent serving and Cadarette was able to get four kills.

"Only two serves were missed throughout the night," Coates said. "Ameilia Dunstan said "just because we can see the finish line, does not mean we walk." That's exactly the mindset we need... Just flooring it. All the girls want this win so bad and they will fight hard to get it."

Boyne City (32-9-2 overall) after district final took on Kingsford on Tuesday in a regional semi-final contest in Sault Ste. Marie. The winner of that game plays today (Thursday) in Gaylord against the winner of Gladwin and Ludington. The regional champion moves on to quarterfinal action on Tuesday in Fremont.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

11-Player Pairings

DIVISION 3

REGION 1 DISTRICT 1 11/3

Petoskey 14 at Gaylord 23

Regional Finals Nov. 10 & 11

REGION 1

Nov. 10, 7:00pm Gaylord (11-0) vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (10-1)

REGION 2

Nov. 11, 1:00pm Zeeland West vs. Parma Western

REGION 3

Nov. 10, 7:00pm Mason vs. Walled Lake Western

REGION 4

Nov. 10, 7:00pm Detroit Martin Luther King vs. River Rouge

> Semi-Final - Nov. 18 Final - Nov. 26 at Ford Field

8-Player Pairings

DIVISION 1

REGION 2 11/3

Indian River Inland Lakes 40 at St. Ignace 36

SEMI FINAL Nov. 11, 1:00pm Pickford (10-1) vs.

Pickford (10-1) vs. Indian River Inland Lakes (10-1)

> Nov. 11, 1:00pm KIngston vs. Martin

11AM at NMU Superior Dome, Marquette

FINAL

VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DIVISION 2Region 9 hosted by

Gaylord
11/7
6pm – Kingsford (20-1)
vs. Boyne City (33-9-2) at
Sault Ste. Marie

11/7 6pm – Ludington (17-3) vs. Gladwin (28-8-2)

11/9
Regional Final
6pm - Regional final at
Gaylord

DIVISION 3 Regional 17 hosted by Manistique

11/7 6pm - Calumet (17-2) vs. Manistique (33-3-1) at Marquette

11/7 6pm Charlevoix (14-9-2) vs. Roscommon (25-12-3) at Johannesburg-Lewiston

11/9 6pm - Regional final at Manistique

DIVISION 4 Volleyball Regional 27 Hosted By Buckley

11/7

6pm McBain Northern Michigan Christian (19-15-4) vs. Mio (29-6-8) at Buckley 7pm Leland (37-16-2) vs.

11/9 7pm - Regional final at Buckley

Bellaire (4-11) at Buckley

DIVISION 4 Volleyball Regional 26 Hosted By Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

6pm Newberry (13-3) vs. St Ignace (8-8-2) at Brimley 6pm Indian River Inland Lakes (14-9-2 vs. Onaway (9-10-1) at Onaway 11/9

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Top 6 Reasons Mortgage **Applications are Rejected**

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

Here, as a cautionary tale and primer on what to expect, are the reasons 4-6 mortgage lenders reject applications.

4. Property didn't appraise. Since the whole industry had its hand (among other things) smacked for allowing home values to skyrocket in a very short time, appraisal guidelines have tightened up — some would say, even more than overall mortgage guidelines. So, it is increasingly common to have the property appraise for a price lower than the sale price negotiated between the buyer and seller.

This is especially common in the refinance realm, as well over a quarter of U.S. homes are now upside-down, meaning the mortgage balance owed is greater than the value of the home. (If you're trying to refinance an upside-down mortgage, consider the FHA Short Refi program — contact your lender or get referrals to any mortgage broker who makes FHA details to apply.)

5. Condition problems. With all the distressed properties on the

market, and with most non-distressed sellers barely breaking even, more home-sale transactions than ever are falling apart due to condition problems with the property. Many lenders will not extend financing on homes where the appraiser points out problems like cracked or broken windows, missing kitchen appliances, electri-

cal problems, or wood rot. And in the world of condos and other units that belong to a homeowners association, if more than 25 percent of units are rented (rather than owner-occupied) or more than 15 percent are delinquent on their HOA dues, new applications for refinance or purchase mortgages on units in the development are likely to be rejected.

6. Technical difficulties with application. The days when lenders just took your word for it are long, long gone. Applications with incomplete or unverifiable information are doomed.

If any of these mortgage loan application glitches arise in your home-buying or refinancing process, it's critical that you connect with your mortgage professional, be it your banker or mortgage broker, to determine what course of action to take

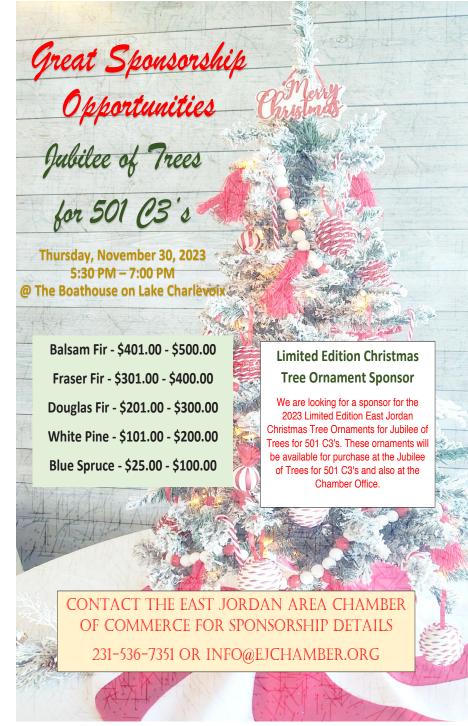
In some cases, it might be as simple as buying a stove you find at Craigslist and installing it before escrow closes; but with income issues your mortgage pro will need to help you determine whether it makes sense to pay some bills down, get a co-signer, or even wait six months so your income documentation will qualify.





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