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DREAM TEAM
Graying's Mitch Harrington is the player of the year
Andy Moore is Coach of the Year
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Mitch Harrington

Ellsworth Annual Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa Event

ELLSWORTH - The day after Thanksgiving hailed the lighting of the Christmas tree that sits in the Community Square in downtown Ellsworth.
Banks Township Citizen of the Year, Tina Sundelius, and the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club past president Donna Heeres did the honor while amid the planning of this year's Breakfast with Santa event.



Members of the Upper Chain of Lakes women's club pose for a photo after the 2022 Breakfast with Santa event.

The women's club has been hosting the pancake, egg, and sausage feast for over twenty years, first as the Ellsworth Lioness Club and, when that organization dissolved at the international level, they reorganized to include those communities along the upper chain of lakes. Hosting this annual sit-down-with-Santa is one event the club looks forward to each year.

"The Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club continues the traditions of the Ellsworth Lioness Club to provide FREE breakfast with Santa for the community. Along with breakfast, children are given a stuffed toy and a chance to sit on Santa's lap for a photo. We all look forward to the smiles of happy children telling their secret wishes to Santa!" said Heeres.

Breakfast with Santa
Breakfast with Santa is just that, the big man and his wife will be indulging Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at the Banks Township Hall, 6520 Center Street in Ellsworth. Breakfast is free and every child walks



out with a gift from the Women's Club.

Charlevoix State Bank partners with the club and provides the photos at no charge to the children. A photographer will be capturing the moment and photos will be mailed.

Food donations to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry are appreciated but not necessary.



Banks Township Citizen of the Year Tina Sundelius & Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club Past President Donna Heeres light the Ellsworth Village Christmas tree in Community Square on Friday.



Wreaths Across America

December 16, 2023 - Noon

Once again, Eveline Township Cemetery will be adorned with wreaths honoring our deceased veterans.

Chief Shawano Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, took on this project several years ago, and Eveline Township residents jumped right in.

We have had wonderful support and participation for this event for all those years, and look forward to seeing many familiar faces and maybe some new ones.

We have 57 veterans to honor. We have the wreaths, enough for every veteran, but sometimes not enough for everyone in attendance to have the chance to lay one. In any case, we encourage all participants to walk around the cemetery and appreciate the sacrifice those veterans were willing to make and thank them for doing so.

Everyone should feel proud and humbled at the same time when thinking of their commitment to our Country. Please come and help us honor them. We start with an introduction, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a short message from the chapter chaplain. We hope to have some veterans in attendance.

We also put special wreaths with flags for each branch of service on the fence for all to see during the winter.

After all wreaths are placed, enjoy some comradery and cookies with your neighbors, and be proud of your participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brown, 231-582-9337 or 231-383-3449 or cm-jbrown@live.com

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weather forecast

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HIGH: 41
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FRIDAY




HIGH: 48
LOW: 39

SATURDAY




HIGH: 41
LOW: 34

SUNDAY




HIGH: 37
LOW: 28

MONDAY




HIGH: 32
LOW: 29

TUESDAY



HIGH: 32
LOW: 28

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 27

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Dec 7	33	21	53	1951	-12	1954
Dec 8	32	20	49	1966	-6	1983
Dec 9	32	20	52	1990	-3	1962
Dec 10	32	20	53	2015	-10	1958
Dec 11	31	19	47	2021	-13	1977
Dec 12	31	19	48	1990	-13	1988
Dec 13	31	19	56	2015	-15	1960

David Allen Kenney, 56

(Jan. 30, 1967-Nov. 24, 2023)

HARBOR SPRINGS

David Allen Kenney of Harbor Springs died unexpectedly on Friday, November 24, 2023, while logging in Chestonia Township, Antrim County.

He was born on January 30, 1967, in Gaylord, the son of Clifford “Dave” and Carol (Berger) Kenney.

He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1985.

On October 18, 1986, in Petoskey, he married Melissa Lynn Fuller.

David loved working in the woods and has logged all of his life. We enjoyed to go to the casino.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa L. Kenney of Harbor Springs; a son, Nicolas A (fiancée Alexis Michael) Kenney of East Jordan; a granddaughter, Nikki Isabella Kenney of Burton; a grandson, Matthew Kenney of East Jordan; his mother, Carol Kenney of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by a son, David Lee Kenney on November 3, 2021, his father, Clifford “Dave” Kenney; and grandparents, Cash and Eunice Kenney.

A memorial will be announced.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Janice (Howell) Kotowich, 96

(Aug. 25, 1927-Nov. 26, 2023)

EAST JORDAN

Janice Kotowich of East Jordan died Sunday, November 26, 2023, in Charlevoix.

No services are scheduled at this time.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Patricia Jo (DuBreuil) Milstein, 87

(July 28, 1936-Nov. 30, 2023)



Patricia Jo Milstein passed away on November 30, 2023 of cancer. She was also diagnosed with dementia and had resided at the Ridge of Lansing, Michigan since April of 2022.

She was born on July 28th 1936, the last of seven children to Celestine Pearson DuBreuil and Edna Mae DuBreuil.

She was a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School and worked as a secretary with the state of Michigan.

In the early 1980s, along with her husband, Sam, she retired and moved to Petoskey to open up “Made In Michigan Gift Shop”. She was preceded in death by Sam, her husband of more than 40 years; brothers, Linford and his wife Betty, Art and his wife Florence, Charles and his wife Alice, sisters Eloise and her husband Howard, and Barb.

Patty Jo is survived by her son, David and his wife Rene, daughter, Jo and her husband Gary, daughter, Karen and son, James; stepchildren, Randy, Sheila, Curt, Russ and Sarah; brother, Carlyle and Marilyn; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Her wishes were for immediate cremation and no service or memorial. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Dementia or cancer research.

Carol “Irene” Cellner, 97

(Oct. 7, 1926 - Dec. 1, 2023)

CHARLEVOIX



Carol “Irene” Cellner of Charlevoix passed away December 1, 2023 after 97 wonderful years of life. She was born October 7, 1926 in Wolverine the daughter of James and Veda (Wesson) Sutliff.

Irene was a proud graduate of Boyne City High School but spent most of her life on the family farm on Ferry Road in Charlevoix. She enjoyed gardening, flowers (especially roses), being a farm wife, and bowling.

Left to cherish her memory are her family members that she loved dearly; children Judy (William) Goldsmith of Petoskey, Sandy (David) Jeltema of Rockford, Laurie Cellner of Ann Arbor, brother Robert Sutliff of East Jordan, grandchildren Matthew, Adam, David, Brett, Erin, and 8 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Franklin, brothers James, Mervin, Jack, and sister Betty Massey.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Enos Bacon officiating at Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions can be given to the Care Team Hospice or the Hospice of the family’s choice.

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

Alexis Antinossi-Beard, 69

(Nov. 13, 1954-Nov. 29, 2023)

CHARLEVOIX



Alexis Antinossi-Beard of Charlevoix passed away November 29th, 2023 at home. She was born November 13th, 1954 in Detroit, the daughter of Armando and Anna (Lund) Antinossi.

Alexis was an extremely creative and talented artist. She made jewelry, painted with acrylics, watercolors, and was constantly experimenting with other mediums. She loved photography; specifically taking pictures of lighthouses, and she would chase storms to get that perfect shot.

Alexis’ favorite title was Nana. Her grandchildren were her truest pride and joy. Taking special care of each of them earned her the title of “Chaos Coordinator”.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Joseph Beard and their sweet dog Snow.

She has left behind a beautiful legacy of children & grandchildren. Sarah (Mike Michanowicz) Antinossi, Margaret, Liam, Mikey; Melissa (Bo Guntermann) Sayers, Sage, Camden, Carter, Alexis; Rebecca Hosler, Isabella; Ariane Polena, Alex, Parker, Sophia, Grace; Kersten Polena, Enzo, Grayson; Caitlin Donnelly, Zaryah, Scarlet (Buggy); Kaleigh (Zach) Shepard, Amelia; She is also survived by her brother Nik Antinossi; sisters Kristen (Chris) Sassak; Rene (Henry) Ziaja; Dominique Antinossi; and many deeply loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Andre Antinossi.

Alexis’ family has chosen to celebrate her life privately.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Please sign her online guestbook & share your memories of Alexis with the family. www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Ronald J. Grunch, 81

(April 25, 1942-Dec. 4, 2023)

BOYNE CITY



Ronald J. Grunch of Boyne City passed away at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix on December 4, 2023.

A memorial mass officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell will be at 11:00 AM on December 13, 2023 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Full obituary to come. Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

Daniel J. Simon Sr., 96

(April 23, 1927-Dec. 2, 2023)

BAY SHORE



Daniel Joseph Simon of Bay Shore passed away peacefully on December 2 after a short illness, holding on long enough for his beloved granddaughter Gretchen to arrive from California. He lived a good life.

Dan was born on April 23, 1927 in Ionia, Michigan, the middle child of seven of Alfred and Cunigunda (Daniels) Simon. From an early age Dan always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face that lasted through his entire life. Dan loved his siblings and was the last of his generation. His family moved to the Petoskey area and Dan grew up on the family farm, plowing fields with the horse team. He was a proud alumni of the Wah-Me-me one-room schoolhouse and St. Francis school. Dan was known as a hard and responsible worker his entire life. On February 14, 1953, Dan married the first love of his life, Mary Spiegl and made their home in Bay Shore. Dan and Mary raised eight children: Christine (John) Knight, Leo (Jill) Simon, Daniel Jr (Beth) Simon, Gary Simon, Janet (Jim Harrison) Simon, Robert (Kathy) Simon, Kevin (Jo) Simon and Carole (Doug) Melvin. Dan and Mary

enjoyed 33 years together until Mary’s death in 1986. On July 25, 1992 Dan married the second love of his life Evelyn Angevine and continued to make his home in Bay Shore. Dan should receive some medals for two marriages over thirty years.

Dan was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving mostly in West Germany from 1950-1952, protecting the borders during the cold war. Dan was a loyal and devout member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic church in Petoskey and St. Francis Solanus church in Bay Shore. He also was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the VFW, the gang that solved the world’s problems at KMart then Burger King, and a lifetime member of the great story-tellers group. Dan also served as the neighborhood veterinarian, optometrist, urgent care technician, barber and mechanic. Dan loved tending his garden that helped feed his eight kids plus various nieces, nephews and neighbors that called his house their home.

Dan was preceded by his first wife Mary, his son Bob, daughter-in-law Jill and grandson Simon Ernst. Dan loved his grandchildren Gretchen (Dave) Baisa, Anne (Jeff Hughes) Knight, Carolyn Knight, Lindsey (Chester) Simon, Kalie Simon, Alison (Linda Gossett) Simon, Evan (Lauren) Simon, Tara Simon, Blake (Melissa) Embody, Simon Ernst, Billy (Maddy) Harrison, Jason Simon, Ashley (Thomas) Simon, Matthew Simon, Jessica Simon, Hannah Simon, Rebekah Simon, Lauren (Chris) Ritter, Kristen Murdock, Aaron Murdock, Justin Murdock, Trenton Murdock and Wyatt Melvin. Dan was also blessed with twelve great grandchildren and was Uncle Dan to more than we can count. The family is thankful for the support of so many friends and family, but wishes to give a special thanks to Barb Simon for her tireless support especially over these last few years, and a special thanks to Hospice of Michigan for Dan’s end of life care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the VFW Emmet County Post 2051.

The family will be celebrating Dan’s life with a funeral mass on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:30 AM at St. Francis Church in Petoskey. Visitation will be one hour prior at 9:30 AM Tuesday. The Rev. Greg McCallum of St. Francis Xavier church will officiate. A celebratory lunch in Dan’s honor will be held after funeral services at the Knights of Columbus. Burial arrangements with full military honors will be scheduled in the spring.

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LEADERSHIP

Being Organized Helps Our Leadership

BY JOHN KEYSER

The team members of a fine leader, shared with me that she has a wonderful attitude, always wants to be helpful, yet at times is not as quick in responding and taking action as we would like. She has so much on her mind, and if she were more organized her readiness to help and her responses would very likely be more timely.

Her team members believe that being better organized would enable her attention to focus on what is truly important.

Being organized sends a positive image, which is so important, as leaders are signal senders. We want to send an image that we have it all together, that we can and will focus on what is most important, not things that keep us busy and may not have the most beneficial impact.

Fact is, being organized enables us to be more productive, set an example for our team members and to efficiently manage our time.

This will take work, and is well worth it. There are resources to help us,

e.g., useful articles, books, podcasts and videos, as well as coaches.

While still on the subject of timeliness, we should all realize the incredible value of being early. Being the first to a meeting demonstrates our desire. It worked for me many times when clients and prospective clients told me that my arriving early impressed them and they sensed my strong desire to serve them well.

There is a principle which I borrowed from a great leader years ago and wrote on a card which I keep in my wallet, "The key to my success is that I always try to be 15 minutes early."

These are goals which will help us be a highly effective and admired leader, to be:

- Timely in responding to texts, emails, phone messages and all other requests
- Well organized so we are giving our attention to what is truly important
- 15 minutes early, always

I hope this short essay and its messages are helpful. Let's remember, When leadership improves, everyone wins

COMMUNITY LEADER

LAURA JASURDA

LET'S HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS

BY JOHN KEYSER

Laura Jasurda is an active community leader, and I mean really active.

Here is Laura's background. She grew up in Metro Detroit, went to Fitzgerald High School, married young, then on to business school, had children, worked as an HR administrative assistant, recruiter, insurance agent, and a sales executive. She relished the learning opportunities across these fields.

Dedicated to continuous learning and problem-solving, Laura pursued further education at Oakland University while raising her family and working full-time. She studied English, a testament to her love for literature and writing. As editor of the campus literary journal at OU, she had her work published, which was a source of great joy for her.

Next, Laura was with an engineering software company as a global business development executive, working extensively with automotive OEMs, was recruited to join a second engineering software company, which she was enjoying, when a new owner closed her entire division. And this led her to become an entrepreneur to be in control of her own destiny.

Remarried to Don, who shares her values and problem-solving passion, they faced challenges together. During the 2007 economic downturn, both lost their jobs, creating financial strain. In this tough time, a coach advised Laura to help someone less fortunate. Soon after, Laura felt called to assist a victim of a violent crime through a fundraising event, a decision that proved meaningful for both. Embracing entrepreneurship wasn't easy, but Laura's courage and self-belief paid off. She has thrived, making significant community contributions, and finding personal fulfillment and happiness. While going out as an entrepreneur can be scary,



Laura Jasurda

for sure, Laura has courage and believes in herself, and this turned out to be a perfect initiative. She has strived, is contributing greatly to our community, is fulfilled, and very happy.

Laura and Don love boating and had been up here in the summers for years, living on their boat. About three years ago, they had an opportunity to purchase a home and now they are year-round.


Laura excels as an entrepreneur with Rodan + Fields and is deeply involved in the community. She's coordinated in the past for Kidsave International Adoption, hosted foreign exchange students, serves as a Chamber of Commerce ambassador, advocates for Habitat for Humanity, is a strategic

committee member for Joppa House, and is poised to join the Rotary Club. Supporting Don as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, she is also active in St. Mary's Catholic Church and leads global study groups.

When I say excelled, I mean just that. Laura is a thinker, a doer, and ready to act. She is dedicated to self-improvement and personal development, is a coach, mentor, and motivational speaker, and loves to help others discover their true identity and purpose.

She is a certified Leadership Trainer and Coach, having been trained and certified by the John Maxwell Program. Laura has a regular column in our Charlevoix County News "Ask Laura." She focuses on positivity and inspiration, messages that are motivating and helpful for us all. I love her messages. She starts her days with gratitude, seeking divine guidance, which she credits for her joyous approach to life. She invites readers to submit questions and topics for her column, ready to share her perspective and help where possible. Laura is also playfully considering the idea of popping into local coffee shops to set up "Ask Laura" shop to casually meet new friends, chat and lend a hand where she can. We are blessed to have Laura here in our Charlevoix County Community!

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2023	Amount	
12/4/23	8.1	Alpena
12/4/23	1.3	Atlanta
12/4/23	10.5	Boyer Falls
12/4/23	7	Charlevoix
12/4/23	5	Cheboygan
12/4/23	13.7	East Jordan
12/4/23	23.7	Gaylord
12/4/23	20.8	Kalkaska
12/4/23	4.8	Mio
12/4/23	1	Onaway
12/4/23	15.6	Petoskey

2022	Amount	
12/5/22	14.1	Alpena
12/5/22	5	Atlanta
12/5/22	16.9	Boyer Falls
12/5/22	20	Charlevoix
12/5/22	24	Cheboygan
12/5/22	40.1	East Jordan
12/5/22	38.1	Gaylord
12/5/22	18.5	Kalkaska
12/5/22	11.7	Mio
12/5/22	16.2	Onaway
12/5/22	22.4	Petoskey

Advent Events

12/2
5pm Soup Dinner
6pm Evening with the Heart of Jesus

12/7
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7pm Vigil Mass

12/8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:30am & 5:30pm Daily Mass

12/9
5pm Christmas in Bavaria Dinner

12/10
11am Gingerbread House Making

12/12
6pm Penance Service

12/14
6pm St. Mary School Christmas Program

12/16 & 12/17
Cookie Walk after Masses

12/17
6:30pm Lessons & Carols

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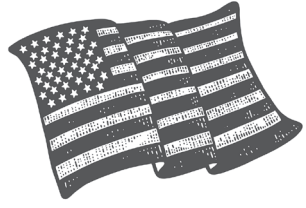
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VETERAN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2023 DAVID LLOYD ARNOLD



The Veteran of the Month for December 2023 is David Lloyd Arnold.

Born in Charlevoix Michigan September 28, 1939, to parents Lloyd and Aletha Arnold. Dave grew up in Charlevoix and was proud to be a fourth-generation local boy. He attended Charlevoix Schools graduating in the class of 1957.

On January 28, 1959, he enlisted into the United States Navy at Detroit Michigan. After basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Chicago, Illinois, Dave was sent to numerous Specialty Schools for welding, becoming a Submarine Pressure Hull Welding Technician Class "A". He then was assigned to the Submarine Repair Ship USS Nereus (AS-17), with home port in San Diego California.

On January 25, 1963, after 3 years, 11 months,



and 28 days of service Dave was given a Honorable Discharge and transferred to the Naval Reserves with the rank of

Petty Officer 2nd Class.

On April 18, 1964, in San Diego he married the former Lillian (Linny) Nodacker. In 1966 they

moved to Charlevoix Michigan making this place their permanent home.

Retaining his welding skills Dave was self-employed and created many projects in the area.

These included the building of the water tank for the petunia truck, and the adjustable stairway for the Beaver Island Boat Co.

He also did fabrication and repair work for the US Coast Guard; Michigan DNR; City of Charlevoix; the local airport; boat companies; Charlevoix Hospital; cement plant; local farmers; and private homes.

For many years Dave served on the local Boy Scout Council. He enjoyed camping, canoe trips with his boys and helping them with their projects to achieve their Eagle Scout status. He also enjoyed reading, ballroom dancing, and road trips.

On November 4, 2019, David Lloyd Arnold answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Linny, Daughter Karen, and Son Gary.

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

The Transformative Power of Affirmations: A Personal Journey

Dear Readers, today, I want to delve into something profoundly impactful: the power of affirmations. Our words and thoughts can shape our realities, both for ourselves and for those around us.

Let me share a story about my son, Donny. Ever since he was young, I've spoken affirmations over him: "You're a leader and a peacemaker."

These words became a part of his identity. In high school, he embraced this, leading a group to Africa to help build a school. When crafting his college essay, he concluded with, "Maybe I really am a leader and a peacemaker." That moment was a testament to the power of affirming words.

This brings me back to a childhood memory of a church song, "Oh be careful little ears what you hear, oh be careful little mouth what you say..." It taught me early on that we indeed become what we think and believe. If we aim to grow, to change, our thoughts and words should align with that direction.

One of my go-to affirmations is, "Today, the perfect people, situations, and opportunities will present themselves - and I am aware and open to receiving them."

This simple sentence has opened doors to countless possibilities.



Laura Jasurda

Now, I'm curious about you. What are the words and thoughts you speak over your life? Remember, the affirmations we choose can be the compass guiding us towards the life we aspire to have.

Let's harness this power together and turn our thoughts into reality. I'd love to hear about your affirmations and how they've influenced your path.

Until next time, keep speaking positivity into your life and watch the magic unfold.

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.

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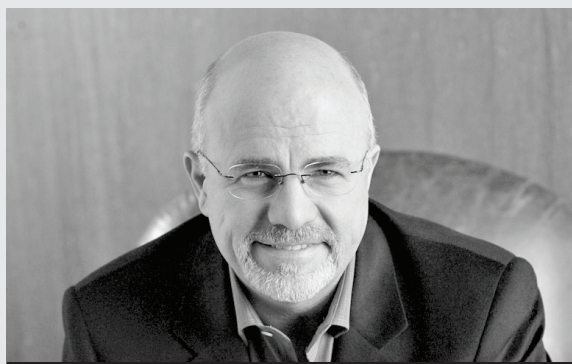
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DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

It's a Credit Card Addiction

Dear Dave,

I think my mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, chalks up more and more debt, acquires more credit cards, and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her ex-husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to help anymore. My wife and I, and my wife's sister, want to address this issue, but we're all worried about her reaction, and we don't know where to start. Do you have any advice?

—Randall

Dear Randall,

First, everyone involved should understand they're likely to receive an angry response from this lady if she's confronted over her actions. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife and her sister to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. Really, what we're talking about here is an intervention.

Also, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle. Support your wife and her sister through it all, but if you're in there asking questions and probing around, you're liable

to come off as the evil son-in-law. And you folks don't need to add any more problems to the mix.

They need to sit down with her in a quiet setting, one where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. That's very important in a situation like this. But they also have to walk through what's really going on, and let her know they're tired of watching her destroy herself, and her finances, with her irresponsible behavior.

If she had a drinking problem, you'd want to try to make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. In this case, she basically has a credit card addiction. And it's wreaking havoc on her financial well-being and people who care about her.

So, show as much love and understanding as possible. But someone needs to say something soon.

—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 Solutions.



The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation awarded North Central Michigan College's Child Care Initiative a two-year, \$100,000 grant in support of Phase II initiatives, including establishing the NCMC Child Care and Preschool Program. Representatives from both organizations attended a recent NCMC playgroup session for children and their caregivers. Holding the check are, from left, Chelsea Platte, vice president of advancement and NCMC Foundation executive director, Jennifer Wixson, NCMC early childhood education program coordinator, Sarah Ford, community foundation director of community philanthropy, and David (DJ) Jones, community foundation executive director.

NCMC receives more than \$600K in federal, local grants to establish college-led child care and preschool program

Phase II of NCMC's Child Care Initiative launches with support from the U.S. Department of Education, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College's Child Care Initiative (CCI), which is leading the development of a sustainable, community-centered child care system in Emmet County, will enter its second phase with more than a half-million dollars in funding thanks to a federal grant and local support from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners.

A \$490,569 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Child Care Access Means Parents in School program (CCAMPIS) will expand child care access to NCMC's student parents with infants and toddlers, addressing a key barrier standing in the way of parents' ability to graduate.

NCMC was one of just 34 CCAMPIS awardees nationwide and the only awardee in Michigan. The grant is renewable for up to four years, and funds can be used in the near term to subsidize student parents' child care costs.

"Attending college while raising young children is no easy feat," said Jennifer Wixson, NCMC early childhood education program coordinator and head of the CCI. "Parents face a unique set of circumstances that affect their academic persistence and completion. Our first step will be identifying who our student parents are so that we can connect them with resources to support them on their path toward graduation."

The CCAMPIS grant will finance 55% of CCI's Phase II total costs for 2023-24, with the remaining 45%, or \$394,268, to be funded by non-federal governmental sources and fundraising.

Another key funding partner, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, has awarded the college a two-year, \$100,000 grant in support of Phase II initiatives, including establishing the NCMC Child Care and Preschool Program, a four-classroom proof-of-concept prototype built on a true-cost business model.

CCI's Phase I research revealed that many family child care owners do not pay themselves a set salary based on their true business costs. Rather, their rates reflect the "going rate" in the community, which is informally regarded as what families can afford to pay. The result is a business model that drastically undervalues home-based providers and their employees. The NCMC Child Care and Preschool Program will demonstrate the feasibility and viability of a true cost fiscal model, Wixson explained.

"We know that ensuring living wages, benefits, and a predictable salary scale is critical to sustaining and growing our local child care system," Wixson said. "By developing, prototyping, and piloting these concepts, we will ensure their success in Emmet County, and ultimately, across our Northern Michigan region."

The Community Foundation was a key partner when North Central launched the CCI in 2022, awarding the college \$50,000 to fund Phase I research. Community Foundation Executive Director David (DJ) Jones said the initiative was — and continues to be — well aligned with the Community Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for all people in Emmet County.

"Child care is a critical need in our community," Jones shared. "We are pleased to continue our support of North Central's dedicated initiative to find solutions that are sustainable."

Emmet County has emerged as another local partner, with the board of commissioners unanimously approving a \$50,000 funding request on November 16. Those funds will be used to support the engagement of employer partners in the college-led child care and preschool program.

In addition to providing proof of concept, Wixson noted four objectives and outcomes resulting from the program:

- Enabling student parents to pursue their educational goals assured that their children are in a safe, educational, caring environment nearby, which will lead to an increase in their attendance rates and achievement.
- The on-campus program will utilize a sliding fee scale and priority enrollment while mod-

eling the use of various funding streams, allowing low-income student parents expanded access to high-quality child care services.

- Providing tangible evidence of North Central's commitment to students' welfare, leading to increased retention and completion rates, as well as participation in a parent advisory group and other parent engagement experiences on campus.
- Promoting cognitive, emotional, and social development as a foundation for future academic achievements and increasing the capacity of community child care opportunities and preschool programming.

For the latest updates and activities related to NCMC's Child Care Initiative, visit www.ncmich.edu/cci.

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12/7 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 7pm
12/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Daily Mass at 8:30am and 5:30pm
12/9 - Christmas in Bavaria Dinner at 5pm
12/10 - Gingerbread House Making at 11am
12/12 - Penance Service at 6pm
12/14 - St. Mary School Christmas Program at 6pm
12/16 - Cookie Walk after Masses
12/17 - Cookie Walk after Masses
12/17 - Lessons and Carols at 6:30pm
12/24 - Children's Mass at 5pm
12/24 - Vigil Mass at 10pm
12/25 - Christmas Day Mass at 9am

EAST JORDAN SWIM-A-THON

East Jordan community pool endowment fundraiser December 9, 10:00 AM - Noon. Help support our community pool. Interested in participating or making a pledge? Email lvy at lWells@ejps.org.

ELLSWORTH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 9:00-11:00 AM at Banks Township Hall. Bring your family and enjoy a free breakfast including gifts for the children. Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves will be present. There will be a photographer and photos with Santa, too. Food donations for the Good Samaritan Pantry will be collected. Sponsored by the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, December 13, 5-7pm at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Wear your best ugly sweater- winner gets a prize.

BOYNE CITY BC PIZZA SUPPORTS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Support the Boyne Area Community Christmas at BC Pizza. All proceeds will be donated to the Community Christmas on December 13 from 4pm - 9pm. BC Pizza is located at 1191 M-75 South.

EAST JORDAN JOIN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Bring new hats, mittens and socks to East Jordan's 4Front Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank or Huntington Bank by December 13 and hang them on the Christmas tree. Care & Share will distribute them along with their local holiday gifting project. An EJ Garden Club project.

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 December 15 at MSP posts and Weigh Station facilities.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS NEEDS

Boyne Area Community Christmas is asking for donations & volunteers. Donations can be left at the Early Learners Building at 321 S Park St, Monday through Thursday from 10AM to 2PM. Donations can also be left anywhere there is a Toys For Tots bin. Packing volunteers do not need to sign up, simply show up at the Early Learners Building on December 14th at 10AM to help. Volunteers looking to drive and deliver boxes please call 231-459-5588 to sign up.

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CHARLEVOIX PETOSKEY MADRIGAL SINGERS

Tuesday, December 19 at Charlevoix Public Library. Join us for a special holiday concert with the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers. This highly sought after group will be singing holiday crowd favorites in costume. The Madrigals have been making music together for over 50 years. The director, Julie Saunders, is a former Madrigal and is in her 30th year of teaching at Petoskey High School.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES

The East Jordan Lions will be selling trees at the Jordan Inn, located at 228 Main Street, November 24 - December 23. Due to lack of space, they have changed their location for this. We thank Gilroy's and the Miller family from True Value for allowing us to sell Christmas trees there for many years.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

The East Jordan United Methodist Church is offering a free Community Christmas Dinner Monday, December 25 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The dinner will be served buffet style and features traditional holiday food, complete with ham and turkey, and all the fixings. Please join us for food and fellowship on Christmas Day at the United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. Take out will be available. Please call 536-2161 for more information.

EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

Come join in the fun Thursday nights 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. 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 PM 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 cannot make it exactly at 6:30 PM 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 8th 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 hosting the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight.

BOYNE CITY LAFRANCE ORNAMENT

The Heritage Center Open House will also feature their First Annual Limited Edition Christmas Ornament. Designed by ChemArt, the same company that designs the White House Annual Christmas ornaments, the 3-D design features an exact replica of Boyne City's 1917 American LaFrance Fire Engine. More than 100 of the 250 limited edition ornaments have already been sold, so we suggest that those interested act fast and get theirs reserved. You can purchase them at the Open House or on the Heritage Center website.

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EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10:00 AM the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church.



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Ava Olmstead

Grade: 2nd
Parent's Name(s): Nick Olmstead & Shannon Sorenson, Brittany Olmstead
Future Plans: Ava would like to be a teacher or be a person who takes care of unicorns
Favorite Book: My Little Pony
Hobbies and Interests: Ava likes to go swimming, play with her younger brother Silas, do arts and crafts, and eat cookies.
School Activities: At school Ava loves recess, math, and writing.
Staff Comments: Ava has made so much growth this year. She consistently puts forth her best effort. Ava is working really hard on her academics, especially reading, writing, and math and continues to show nice improvements. She comes to school each day ready to learn, and have fun with her friends. I am so proud of all her hard work and I'm excited to watch her reach her goals throughout the remainder of this school year.
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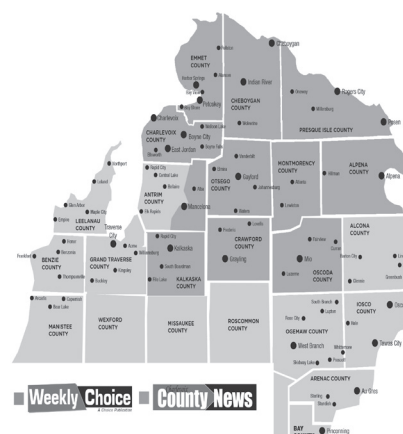
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Grayling's Mitch Harrington is the player of the year

Andy Moore is Coach of the Year

BY BEN MURPHY

It is officially awards season at the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News. The Choice Publications' highly anticipated Dream Teams begin with

soccer. In following weeks volleyball, 8-player football and 11-player football will have their awards announced as well.

We'll start things off with our player of the year. That honor goes to Grayling senior Mitch Harrington. He

had an incredible final season for the Vikings, scoring a school record for goals in a season with 48 goals. He also had 16 assists. This unsurprisingly earned him all-state honors as well.

Speaking of the Vikings, the coach of the year award

goes to their head man, Andy Moore. The Vikings had one of their best seasons in many years this fall, going 17-6-1 and were able to get five wins in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Aside from Harrington, Grayling was able to get two others named to the first team list. Junior Drake Dunham had a great offensive season for the team. He was able to score 10 goals and get 13 assists. Joining them is sophomore teammate Jordan Peters, who had a stellar season in goal, getting credit with 16 wins and seven shutouts.

Kalkaska had a great season as well. They were able to get two first team honorees. Sophomore Jose Saez led the team in goals with 13 and Kayden Dueweke-Gonzalez was a steady presence in goal all season, getting four shutouts and 165 saves.

Over at Cheboygan, Jaxon Dann gets first team honors. The senior had a knack for finding the back of the net, putting the ball in for 18 goals.

Petoskey was competitive once again in the Big North Conference. The Northmen had seven of their 10 wins occur in league play. They had seniors Brady Odenbach, Tommy Farley and Jimmy Marshall all make first team honors.

Boyer City, Charlevoix and Boyne City had one player each on first team as well. Boyne City had Amaya Bardquez-Barrera, Charlevoix had Scott Bush and Gaylord had Noah Fitzgerald named to the

team.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Mitchel Harrington

BY TODD VANSICKLE

Grayling senior Mitchel Harrington has been selected as the Weekly Choice Charlevoix County News Soccer Dream Team Player of the Year.

Harrington scored 48 goals this season and had 12 assists for Grayling High School. He broke the school record for goals in a season.

"It's always fun to have a player with that ability," Grayling soccer coach Andy Moore said. "Not only was he amazing on the field, he's real good at practice. He has a good sense of the game and worked hard every day. He's one of those kids you don't have to get on, he just excels."

Moore has coached Harrington since youth soccer when he was in second grade.

"I have known him for a long time," the coach said. "He was a big part of our success. Our offense went through Mitch for the most part, and when things got tough, we moved him

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MITCHEL HARRINGTON (#4) - PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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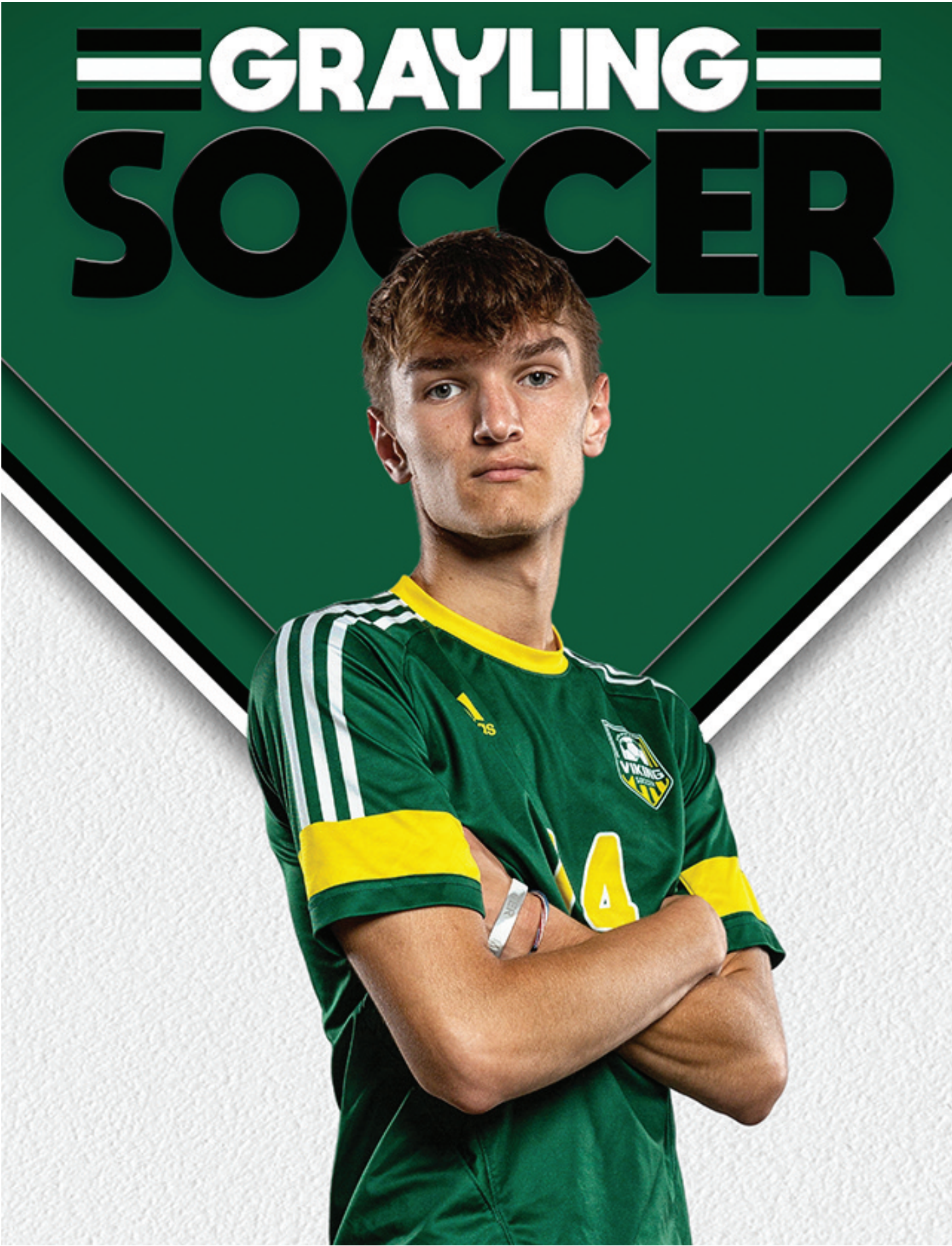
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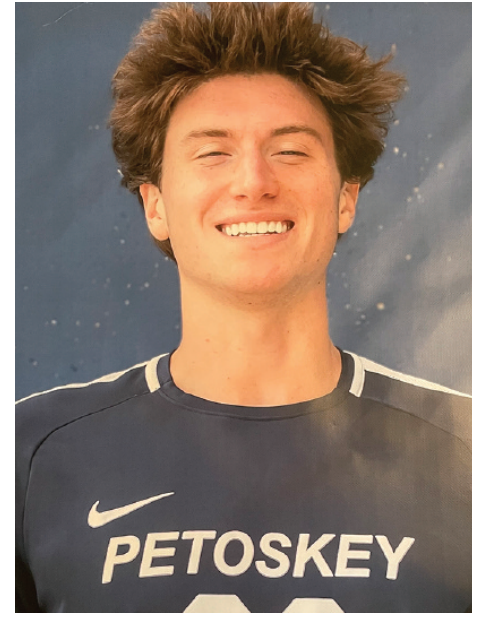
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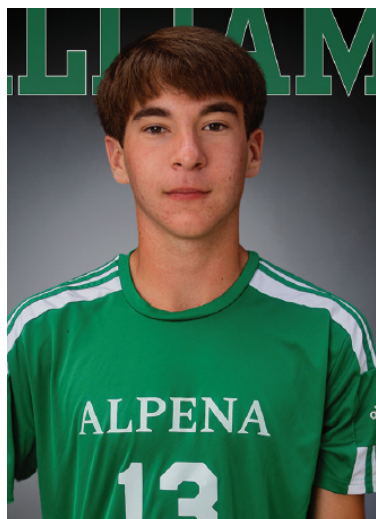
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DREAM TEAM

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around a little bit. Every team knew who he was, so they double or triple teamed him. This opened up the scoring for some other guys. This is the reason why he got 16 assists this year.

The senior helped his team advance to a district final against Kingsford, of the Upper Peninsula, where they lost, 1-5, at home.

Grayling's season record was 17-6-1.

"Our season started off really good," Harrington said. "We won a lot of games, but the first few games I didn't really score."

It wasn't until about five games into the season when Harrington opened up his record-breaking scoring season with 10 goals in a home tournament.

"That is when we really dialed in and started to go for it," Harrington added.

The player of the year started his high school soccer career as a striker, but almost didn't continue playing.

"We really needed a strong defender with some speed," Harrington said. "So I slid in the back to play defense."

During his sophomore year he played football instead of soccer, but really didn't like it and returned

to soccer the next year, he said.

"My junior year I scored a few goals, but I wasn't the star player," he said. "And then my senior year I played striker. My teammates really did a lot for me."

The Grayling soccer player said he really wanted a district title to cap off his high soccer career but the team fell short in the finals.

"It was still a great experience with my team," Harrington said.

Of all the goals that he scored this season, one stands out in his memory.

"We were playing in an Alpena tournament and I really wanted to get like a crazy bicycle goal — it's a back flip and you kick the ball over your head," Harrington said. "I had an awesome cross from the right wing that actually hit the bicycle and went in. We ended up winning that game. It was a really special moment."

Harrington will now focus on bowling and long jump in the spring where he is an all-state jumper in the event. He is uncertain if he will attend college in the fall.

"I don't really know if I'm going to college or not," Harrington said. "I really haven't got a full plan yet."

Harrington's coach said he was not surprised that he was named as player of the year.

"I think he's the best player up here on the offensive side," Moore said. "He works hard every day on and off the field. It is well deserved."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Andy Moore

BY TODD VANSICKLE

Grayling varsity soccer coach Andy Moore has been selected as this year's coach of the year by the Weekly Choice.

Moore took his team to the district finals this season, where they lost to Kingsford 1-5.

In the four years that Moore has coached the varsity soccer team his record has improved, with this season being his best year on record. Grayling finished with a 17-6-1 and was 5-4-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"I am very passionate about it," Moore said. "I would like to think I am teaching both soccer and life lessons. I like to win. I like to teach to win. And I like hard work."

Moore credits this year's success to the time he has put in during his 20 years of coaching soccer.

"A lot of the success is

working with all these kids in the youth program," Moore said. "This group of kids, that are now juniors and sophomores, I coached them for like 10 years."

Despite not winning a district title, Moore said he accomplished several of his goals as a coach.

"Our number one goal was to have more wins than we had last year," the coach said. "We wanted to contend for the conference. I thought we did that. The conference was very tightly contested. But for me, one goal that that I talked to the kids about, wasn't so much a team goal. It was my goal. My goal was for the kids to play together and play as one unit on the field. I think we attained that goal."

Although the season has come to an end, Moore will not be taking a break from coaching, he will now shift his focus to wrestling where he is the varsity coach for Grayling.

He said being named coach of the year is a real honor.

"At times being a coach is a thankless job," Moore said. "So, it's nice for someone to think enough of me. I love teaching these kids. At the end of the season, they feel like they're my own sons or daughters."

FIRST TEAM

- Mitch Harrington (12) Grayling – *Player of the Year*
- Drake Dunham (11) Grayling
- Jordan Peters (10) Grayling
- Brady Odenbach (12) Petoskey
- Tommy Farley (12) Petoskey
- Jimmy Marshall (12) Petoskey
- Amayo Bardeguéz-Barrera (12) Boyne City
- Noah Fitzgerald (12) Gaylord
- Scott Bush (12) Charlevoix
- Jose Saez (10) Kalkaska
- Kayden Dueweke-Gonzalez (12) Kalkaska
- Jaxon Dann (12) Cheboygan

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- Grant Dunham (11) Grayling
- Finn Yurek (11) Petoskey
- Layne Snyder (12) Gaylord
- Ethan Ford (12) Gaylord
- Julian Stevens (12) Alpena
- Myles Williams (12) Alpena
- Logan Whiteford (12) Kalkaska
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- Killian Miller (9) Cheboygan

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East Jordan Boys Varsity Basketball 2023

Red Devils should be much improved this year

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Although their record may not have shown it, East Jordan head coach Nate Dzwik felt the Red Devils boys' basketball team consistently improved through the season with a young roster full of underclassmen playing significant minutes.

Dzwik said that improvement carried over into the off-season with better turnouts for summer activities than the Red Devils had seen in the past.

The Red Devils return four players who saw heavy minutes last year, including their two leading scorers in senior guard Lucas Stone and junior Korbyn Russell.

"We have spent a ton of time changing and refining some of our defensive focus, and cleaning up some of the little things that hurt us last year," Dzwik said.

"Our kids have been working hard, and take pride in bringing a great energy into the gym. They are working hard to continue the four-year streak of being Academic All-State."

"That energy and effort they put on the floor carries

over into the work in the classroom, and in the community."

East Jordan competes in the tough Lake Michigan Conference, which has been dominated by Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids, who won the title last year and brings back two starters.

Another team which figures to be in the top three all year is Harbor Springs, and Charlevoix is hoping to contend as well with six seniors coming back.

"I think with our youth and inexperience, we will still have some ups and downs," said Dzwik. "But, our core returners have enjoyed success in other sports and I think our year will be successful."

"We will see a lot of development, I think, and put ourselves in situations where we can win a lot of games."

Stone is a good shooter, and finished last year with 53 makes from 3-point range. He's a match-up issue because of his size and strength, and is a great rebounder.

Angel Delgado, a

senior, pound for pound is the strongest and most hard-working player in the program according to Dzwik, who adds that Delgado takes pride in doing the little things. He's a scoring threat inside.

Ryder Malpass is a senior returning starter who has worked really hard on the floor and in the weight room, and is a student of the game and was voted by his teams as a captain along with Stone and Russell.

Dzwik said Malpass will be the Red Devils' primary ball handler who can get in the paint and use his size and strength to finish.

First-year junior Jack Gryzbeck is long and lanky, with a quick shot. He is working hard on both ends of the floor to improve and push for quality minutes.

Sophomore Ellis Malpass has the height and jumping ability to be a force under the basket, and according to Dzwik shows no fear when he's on the floor.

Although only a freshman, William Webb has already made an impact on the team with his energy.

Charlevoix Rayders boys off to 2-0 start on season

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Glen Lake

CHARLEVOIX – Displaying excellent energy on defense from the opening tip, the Charlevoix boys basketball team turned back Maple City-Glen Lake, 52-45 on Friday, Dec. 1 at home.

It was the second straight home game for the Red Rayders, and their second consecutive win boosting their early season record to 2-0. Both were non-conference matchups.

"We knew Glen Lake was a solid team, (Jacob) Plamondon is tough inside," said Rayders head coach Anthony Troshak. "We knew they would make a run, but we responded well and closed it out."

"Peyton Scott and Logan Wadkins did a great job pressuring the ball, even though Plamondon put up 28, Ryan Pearl battled him inside."

After falling behind the Lakers, 15-13 at the end of the first quarter, the Rayders locked down on defense in the second period and Joe Gaffney got them going at the offensive end.

Charlevoix outscored the Lakers, 16-4 in the second quarter and moved into the half with a 10-point cushion, 29-19. The score was tied, 35-35 after three but the Rayders prevailed, 23-10 over the final eight minutes.

Gaffney scored 18 points to lead the Rayders, while Vitale Collins added five.



Rayder Vitale Collins drives on Glen Lake player



Rayder Peyton Scott dishes pass to Hudson Vollmer in the 1st quarter



Rayder Logan Watkins runs into a double team in the 4th quarter

Ellsworth

Three players scored in double figures, led by Scott with 18, as the Rayders tipped off the season Monday, Nov. 27, with a convincing 65-41 non-conference win over Ellsworth.

Collins finished with 11 and Ryan Pearl added 10, while Hudson Vollmer and Troy Nickel chipped in with nine apiece. Watkins, Jackson Crouse and Preston Parish added two each.

"It was a decent first game for us," Troshak said. "We learned a lot,

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and we will have to play a lot better these next few weeks. When we move the ball on offense, and play disciplined defense, we're solid."

Charlevoix led all the way, starting with a 15-10 advantage in the first eight minutes and then 32-20 at the half. The Rayders had a 13-9 edge in the third period and led, 45-29.

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Five starters are back for Rayder girls hoops

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Six seniors, five of whom were starters a year ago, return for the Charlevoix Red Rayders girls basketball team and head coach Reece Koepke expects some big things this year.

Key returner for the Rayders is point guard Anna Kemp, with Karlee Eaton coming back at the shooting guard spot commonly referred to as the two.

Out on the wings will be small forward Ava Boss and Bayani Collins at power forward. Abbey Wright handles the duties in the post.

Wright will be the player the Rayders look to get the ball as often as possible. She was an All-Lake Michigan Conference, All-Area and All-State Honorable Mention a year ago.

“She’s going to bring the most productivity for us in scoring, rebounding plus her leadership,” Koepke said.

Koepke expects Collins and Kemp to have breakout

season. Both were All-Conference last year.

But he thinks they can bring a lot more to the table this year.

“(Collins) can really stretch the floor, knock down 3-pointers and also play on the inside in the middle of the paint for us,” offered Koepke.

“Anna is my coach on the court. She can handle the ball real well, and is an Eneizer Bunny ... she can go all day, every day. She brings a spark.”

Two juniors, Sarah Wyglendowski at power forward Emma Meadows who plays a shooting guard/small forward will be the first two players off the bench.

Wyglendowski has the size and strength to be a strong rebounder, while Meadows will give the Rayders good energy off the bench, is solid defensively and can knock down some shots.

Charlevoix also has a Swedish foreign exchange student on the roster in senior Agnes Edgren, who played some basketball overseas last year.



Charlevoix Rayders Varsity Girls Basketball Team 2023-2024

“Having her the last couple of weeks at practice, I really believe she can come off the bench and help us,” Koepke said. “She can play the point guard (and) shooting guard role.”

“She needs to get adjusted to American basketball,

but she’s got some good skills. She can knock down some shots, and take care of the basketball.”

The Rayders hope to run the ball, scoring on transition baskets on the fastbreak and use a little full-court pressure on de-

fense to create turnovers.

When the Rayders do slow the game down, they’ll run a motion offense to let the players have some freedom rather than run set plays.

Charlevoix finished fourth in the conference a

year ago, and will be hard pressed to climb up the ladder with Traverse City St. Francis, defending champion Elk Rapids and Harbor Springs.

“I think we can definitely be a tough out,” says Koepke.

East Jordan Red Devils boys drop opener to Cheboygan, 51-47

BY GREG GIELCZYK

After a quick start, the East Jordan boys basketball team showed its youth as Cheboygan applied more pressure and eventually lost its season opener, 51-47 on Friday, Dec. 1.

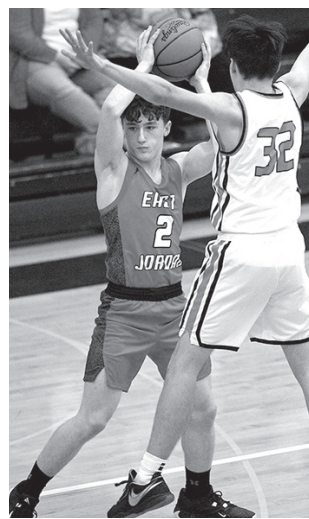
The Red Devils came out with a lot of energy, hit some early shots and forced Cheboygan to play their game which is always a receipt for success.

It was a combination that led to the Red Devils taking a 10-point lead, 20-10 at the end of the first quarter. But, then the bottom fell out.

Staggering under the defensive heat applied by Cheboygan, the Red Devils hot shooting went south and they were outscored, 21-2 in the second and limped into the half trailing, 31-22.

East Jordan regrouped during the break, though, and found its shooting eye again in the third quarter and shaved the deficit down to one point, 37-36.

Cheboygan came right back, outscoring the Red Devils, 14-11 in the third



Trace Wynkoop is guarded by Gavin Smith.



William Webb goes up for a shot while Caden Gardner and Luke Munger defend.



East Jordan's Korbyn Russell and Trace Wynkoop battle in the paint with Cheboygan's Luke Munger for a rebound.

quarter to come away with a hard-earned victory.

“It was a great effort, and learning experience for a group of kids who don’t have a ton of varsity experience,” said East Jordan head coach Nate Dzwik.

Lucas Stone paced the Red Devils with a game-high 17 points and Korbyn Russell contributed 10. Angel Delgado finished with eight, while Ryder Malpass added four, Ellis Malpass and Austin Sneed had three apiece and William Webb chipped in with two.

Delgado hauled in 12

rebounds to lead the Red Devils, Ryder Malpass had six and Ellis Malpass five. Ryder Malpass dished out four assists, Webb three and Stone two. Stone also had two steals.

Jordan Johnson scored 15 points to lead Cheboygan, with Brennen Thater adding 14.

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BY JIM AKANS

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The amazing setting feels park-like, with mature trees, a fenced yard and a private raised deck overlooking the grounds. Downtown East Jordan, with lots of shopping, dining, the lakefront, schools, parks and more are all nearby.

This wonderful home in a great setting is located at 510 State Street in East Jordan and it is listed at \$285,000.

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Choosing a Foreclosed Home to Buy

Foreclosed homes represent some of the finest buying opportunities in many years. If one understands how to choose the right property, they can be pleased with the purchase.

Just because it is a foreclosed property, does not automatically guarantee that it will be a good buy. There are several factors to consider before choosing a property and making an offer. This will help ensure that a choice will be the right one.

Purpose
 Is one an investor or looking for a home to live in? Depending on the intended use for the property, the buying criteria may be somewhat different. Investors usually are planning to either rent the property or resell it. The primary consideration is positive cash flow, or the ability to profit from a resale.

Owner-occupant buyers who intend to buy a foreclosed home to live in are not concerned about rental cash flow. Their priorities are correlated to the size of the home and the location. They too should be very mindful of other criteria that will have a big impact on the purchase after it is completed.

Location
 If an investor, the most common mistake is location. The property choice should be influenced by an investment plan. If intending to rent the property, choose a home that does not have too much competition in the immediate area.

One of the things that led to a high foreclosure rate among investors during the last years of the housing boom was investors who bought properties for rental, in areas where there were already many vacant rent-

als on the market. It will force rent rates down, or vacancy rate will be higher. If planning to resell, the same rule applies. A property may look very cheap, but if there is too much competition for rental or resale, it is going to reduce cash flow or force to lower the selling price.

Owner-occupants need to choose locations occupied by more owner-occupants than there are tenants. Buying a home to live in, in an area with lots of rental properties, will likely cause the home value to remain lower. Preferably, stay in an area that is made up of a high majority of owner-occupants. This will help ensure that the property value will remain stable or go up, not down.

Afford
 Investors want positive cash flow. Owner-occupants need affordable payments. Investors should know before buying, what the rental rate or resale value would be. Then determine an offer price that insures costs will not exceed the likely cash flow or resale value.

Owner-occupants should qualify themselves based on their take-home pay not gross income. For a mortgage that is comfortable and affordable, try not to exceed 36% of take home pay for a monthly payment. One may qualify for more, but this could lead to financial problems down the road. Have a monthly payment firmly in mind when shopping and making offers. Do not let agents or lenders tempt to borrow more than you can afford. Buying a foreclosed home in a good location, with a monthly payment that is affordable will result in less stress and more happiness in a new home.



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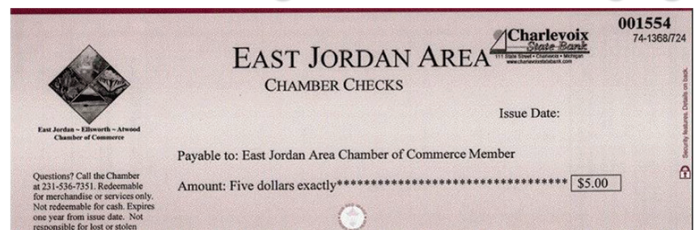
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