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Announcing The C3F Youth Needs Grant Awards

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) is pleased to announce the Youth Needs grant awards for 2023.

At the end of each year, area nonprofits serving Charlevoix County youth are encouraged to apply for funding from C3F's Youth Fund, established 30 years ago with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which awards annual grants each December. All applications submitted are reviewed by the C3F Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) who serve as the decision-making body for these grants. A 2022 youth needs assessment, developed with the help of over 800 Charlevoix County youth from local school districts, guide the YAC in their process and identified their giving priority areas of youth mental health and school atmosphere.

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has been a core part of C3F since 1994. Sixteen youth from across Charlevoix County are selected to be members. Camden Carey, Senior at Charlevoix Middle High School and President of the YAC shared, "This year the committee had to make some very difficult decisions regarding the cycle, and through great discussion, we came to a consensus that left everyone satisfied. All ideas were considered, which is hard for a group of 16. Personally, this is the biggest cycle I have been a part of and I'm excited to see the immense



impact our local nonprofits will make using these dollars."

Eight area programs are addressing youth mental health. The Child Abuse Prevention & Education Council will be able to fund keynote speaker expenses and technology equipment for their annual CAPE Council conference held each spring to provide education on child development. Northern Michigan Equine Therapy received support for the development of a new strategic plan to maximize capacity and better serve youth in the community, while also exploring how they might expand services to meet increased demand. The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's funding will gain support for building renovation expenses to create space for psychosomatic therapies

to enhance mental health services available to youth survivors from Charlevoix County. Child and Family Services of Northwest Michigan gained funding for the opening of Safe Haven North, a supervised visit and safe child exchange program, in Harbor Springs.

Additionally, the Boyne District Library's Youth Services Department will hold a Family Dinner Book Club in March 2024, thanks to their Youth Needs grant. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Michigan's mentoring program will get a boost through funding to help their youth clients by providing them with a caring adult mentor. Char-Em ISD - Behavioral Health Department's new program will receive support for the unique cultural and social emotional needs of English Language Learners (ELL)

and Indigenous youth by providing comfort kits to help students adjust to a new school environment and find universal ways to connect with school staff. The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center plans to address the anxiety and depression concerns of teens through Mental Health and Wellness programs with a cohesive, holistic approach that includes classes, programs, and activities.

Education has also remained a priority this year. Char-Em ISD STEM received funding to bring magnetic levitation train kits to third grade classrooms to support science, technology, education, and math experiences for teachers and students. PoWeR! Book Bags will provide brand new books and materials for playing,

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NLEA Hires Payton Heins as President

BOYNE CITY – The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) today announced the hiring of its new leader. Payton Heins has been named the president of the organization and will begin work on Jan. 8, 2024.

Heins comes to the NLEA from the Michigan Office of Rural Prosperity where she is the Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives focusing on issues of housing, workforce retention and attraction, economic development, and business growth in rural communities. Prior to her work for a state agency, she led the Michigan statewide operations for the Center for Community Progress, a national non-profit organization that focuses on community revitalization

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OBITUARIES

Michael D. Marange, 56
March 18, 1967-Dec. 10, 2023
EAST JORDAN

Michael D. Marange of East Jordan passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023 at home.

The family has chosen to remember him privately.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his guestbook at www.GaylordFuneralHome.com



Emory Clyde Sloan, 85
June 16, 1938-Dec. 11, 2023
CHARLEVOIX

Emory C. Sloan of Charlevoix died Monday, December 11, 2023 at Boulder Park Terrace. He was born June 16, 1938 in Gate City, Virginia and graduated from Yaeger High School in 1956.

Upon graduation, Emory proudly entered the U.S. Army where he served for 4 years and then went on to join the U.S. Coast Guard, eventually retiring with over 20 years of dedicated service. Being in the service allowed Emory to travel the world including places like the Philippines, Vietnam, the Bering Sea, Alaska, California, Duluth, MN and many other wonderful places too. The military service life is a family affair with 4 of his grandsons currently serving and his son Major Douglas Sloan losing his life in Afghanistan while

serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Emory was a history buff with all that traveling that enriched his life. He was also an avid hunter and enjoyed a round of golf in his younger years. He worked for several years at Big Rock Nuclear Plant and was also a counselor at the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was also a member of Greensky Hill Church.

On November 3, 1962 in Ironton, he married the love of his life, Wendy Joan (Knudsen) Sloan who survives. Also surviving are his son James (Renee) Sloan of Dorr, brother James Sloan of WV, grandchildren Dylan, Aiden, Kellan, Kenley, Henry, Austin, Logan (Isabelle), Connor, and Doug, mothers of his son Doug's children Amy Vought and Kerry Turner-Sloan, brother-in-law Peter Knudsen, sisters-in-law Marie (Mike) Yettaw and Glenda (John) Ferguson, several nieces and nephews, and good friends Mark and Wendy Simmons and Ernie and Brenda Brasseur. He was preceded in death by his son Douglas Sloan in 2006, parents, and sister-in-law Betty Jo Sloan.

Funeral services will be held Monday, December 18, at 12 noon at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Interment with military honors will follow at Brookside Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 am. until the time of service. The family will also receive friends on Sunday, December 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be given to the Major Douglas Sloan Scholarship Fund, c/o Charlevoix Public Schools, 5200 Marion Center Rd, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.



Velma "Buddie" Swartz, 100
(April 11, 1923-Dec. 16, 2023)
ALDEN

Velma Louise "Buddie" Swartz, of Alden, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at her home. She was born on April 11, 1923, in Flint, the daughter of Leo and Nora (Steiner) Angell.

Buddie graduated from Ellsworth High School and went on to attend Central Michigan University for a short time before moving to Detroit to work in a factory during a shortage in workers during WWII. She returned to Northern Michigan where she met her husband, Walter Swartz. They moved to Flint to raise their family, and eventually retired to her parents' home in Alden.

Buddie loved to stay busy in and around Alden; she enjoyed playing euchre, painting at the community center, playing BINGO, and much more. She was also an extremely talented seamstress. Buddie was also known to enjoy a glass of Canada House and water in the evenings, sometimes while watching her beloved Detroit Tigers. She was a kindhearted woman whose smile was contagious. She will be remembered for her sweet, kind spirit, and her wonderful sense of humor.

Buddie is survived by her daughter, Patti (Michael) Boyce; her daughter-in-law, Melissa Swartz; and two grandchildren, Mackenzie Swartz and Mitchell Swartz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter Swartz; and her son, Michael Swartz.

Buddie's family has chosen to celebrate her life privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AC PAW, P.O. Box 94, Acme, MI 49610.

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



Mary Anne Modjeska-Hallen, 94
Nov. 14, 1929-Dec. 17, 2023
BOYNE CITY

Mary Anne Modjeska-Hallen of Boyne City, formerly of Bellaire, passed away on December 17, 2023 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral Mass will be on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City with Fr. Dennis Stilwell officiating.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of mass at church.

Graveside services will also be on Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery, Bellaire.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Robert K. Skiendzior, 65
Sept. 14, 1958-Dec. 17, 2023
BOYNE FALLS

Robert K. Skiendzior of Boyne Falls passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023 at home.

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LEADERSHIP

Our Team Members

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

I have had interesting conversations a leader I very much admire. I feel compelled to write about messages I gained that are critically important to our work, as they impact the motivation, engagement, happiness, and loyalty of our people.

The success of a business is largely determined by the spirit of its people.

Let us recognize the great importance of relational skills, such as:

- emotional intelligence (how we are received by others)
- attentive listening
- timeliness and responsiveness
- being a great teammate
- maintaining healthy, collaborative working relationships
- earning trust
- addressing problems and difficult issues promptly
- and other similar skills which affect relationships

Let's avoid an intense focus on numbers and expense control – and not on our people, the people doing the work of our business.

It is not what the owner of our business feels, it is how our people feel. Are they well trained for success, encouraged to always offer their ideas, do they feel empowered?

Fortunately, this is a strong and selfless leader and her business will do well because of her leadership, drive and care for her people. She spends a great deal of time with her team members regardless of their roles. They are all important to her, as are their ideas.

When we take good care of our people, they take good care of our customers.

Being a leader means valuing our people, helping

them develop and succeed, and learning their ideas. We must have conversations with our people, asking them:

- How are you doing?
- What are you learning from our customers?
- What gets in the way of doing your best work?
- How we could save time?
- What advice do you have for me?
- and other purposeful questions

Our people will appreciate our asking – and we will gain a wealth of helpful ideas.

The best ideas are bottom up ideas!

I hope these messages about valuing our team members, each of them, and their ideas, and investing in their growth are helpful.

Our team members are a very significant factor in our success!

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.

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BY JOHN KEYSER



Ashley Cousens

Ashley Cousens heads up community grantmaking for our exceptional Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F), and I do mean exceptional! Their work and support mean so very much to nonprofits and those of us who are members of the community.

As background, Ashley grew up in Southern New Hampshire, then moved to and graduated from Plattsburgh State University in upstate New York, with her bachelor's degree in Spanish. After graduating, she stayed in Plattsburgh, in workforce development, and ran a training program for at-risk youth, helping them to reduce their barriers to employment by providing both hard skills training, e.g., trades careers, and soft skills, which can make all the difference between someone landing the job they want or not.

Ashley then worked for a community college, also in Plattsburgh, continuing her work in community and workforce development. Around that same time, she met Matthew Doyle, her husband-to-be. When they decided to relocate, they knew they wanted to move to somewhere where they could still enjoy the outdoors, water and mountains, and do meaningful work to help better their community and our world.

The couple initially moved to Bellaire before having the good fortune to

find a beautiful stone farmhouse just south of Boyne City, which has been their home now for several years. Matthew works for the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and covers a large territory (the entire tip of the mitt and Upper Peninsula) working to ensure safe working conditions for construction employees.

When Ashley initially moved here, she found a part-time seasonal position with Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, where she got to know East Jordan and the many wonderful organizations that serve this community. Then she became the Executive Director for the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce for a few years. Over time,

Ashley got to do work with Chip Hansen, most notably co-facilitating community conversations in Boyne City around the topic of housing.

As she had experience both with grants and communications from her time in Plattsburgh, and had even created a nonprofit there herself, in time, Chip offered a position with C3F, initially in communications. Ashley began working for C3F in 2019 and quickly also became involved in the foundation's grantmaking processes as another staffer retired that same year. Ashley absolutely loves being with the foundation, developing relationships with nonprofit partners and donors, supporting and cultivating communities across our county with grants that

encourage and aid environmental stewardship, the arts, economic growth, health and wellness, youth advancement, recreation, education, and more. Ashley says C3F is an amazing team, that everyone is fantastic, and that they work together collaboratively every day. This is a model of a true team! They have reimaged grantmaking with the goal of providing more opportunities for organizations to request funds, more opportunities for donors to participate in grantmaking and to be connected to community needs, and they continue to work on listening to and engaging with nonprofits and their review committees to improve the process each year.

Ashley is also a participant in the Leadership Learning Lab this year, which is a leadership skill building program that is sponsored by Rotary Charities, the Frey Foundation, and the local community foundations. The program provides a deep dive into topics such as adaptive leadership, time management, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, conflict resolution, and many other leadership best practices. She is committed to continually learning and growing, in an effort to "do the most good" in her small corner of the world.

Ashley is a natural leader and a wonderful person. We are blessed to have her in our community!

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NCMC 2023 Nursing Graduates Achieve 100% First-Time NCLEX Pass Rate

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College’s Class of 2023 nurses achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN), the test that qualifies graduates to practice as registered nurses.

NCMC Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Brent LaFaive said the accomplishment further establishes North Central as a top-tier nursing program in the state.

“Any patient would be fortunate to have a North Central graduate for a nurse,” LaFaive said. “A perfect pass rate on the NCLEX-RN is not only a testament to our students’ hard work and ability, but also to the quality and dedication of our many talented full-time, adjunct, and clinical nursing instructors.”

This is the second time in four years that a North Central nursing class has achieved a 100% first-time pass rate. The first was in 2020, when nursing graduates overcame challenges



North Central Michigan College’s Class of 2023 nurses recite the International Pledge for Nurses during the college’s pinning ceremony on May 5, 2023. All 25 graduates passed the NCLEX-RN licensure exam on their first attempt, earning a 100% first-time pass rate.

related to COVID-19 to notch a perfect pass rate.

Both nursing classes were assisted by a generous gift from the Borra Family Foundation, which helped launch North Central’s NCLEX Success Program. The program covers the cost of a live NCLEX training session and provides financial support for students to take the exam

and secure their nursing licenses if they follow a prescribed path to complete the NCLEX shortly after graduation.

“We appreciate the support of the Borra Family Foundation in launching and sustaining this important initiative, as well as the many donors whose gifts continue to strengthen our nursing program,”

said Chelsea Platte, vice president for advancement and executive director of the NCMC Foundation. “We can all be proud of our part in helping to send such qualified nurses into the health care field.”

North Central’s nurses consistently outperform other nursing grads from Michigan and nationwide on the NCLEX-RN. The

college’s 2022—2023 annual pass rate was 88.89%, nearly 10% higher than the both the state average (78.87%) and the national average (80.13%).

The college expanded its slate of health care offerings last spring with the addition of a new practical nurse program. The three-semester, cohort-style program launches January 8, 2024. Graduates will gain the knowledge and experience to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN) to become licensed practical nurses, or LPNs, who implement patient care plans in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Cohort space is limited to 40 students, but a few seats are still available. Vice President of Academic Affairs Stephen Strom urged students who want to be part of the PN program to enroll now to complete the three general education courses ahead of formal admission to the program. Visit www.ncmich.edu/nursing for more information.

In addition to its practical and registered nurse programs, North Central offers Fast Track career programs leading to industry-specific certifications in a variety of health care concentrations, including medical assistant, phlebotomist, patient care technician, and a Certified Nurse Aide program.

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 Leader College with a designation of Veteran Friendly Gold by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, North Central is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Learn more at www.ncmich.edu.

CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

Wreaths and stockings have a rich history

Christmas traditions point to the true meaning of the season

Some longstanding Christmas traditions, such as Christmas wreaths and hanging the stockings by the fire, point to the true meaning of the season.

The wreath decoration has been part of Christmas for many centuries and the tradition of hanging the wreath dates back all the way to the Roman Empire, when Romans would hang wreaths on the door as a sign of victory and of their status in society.

When Christianity spread in the Roman world, it was natural to make the transference of the wreath to a Christian symbol of eternal life offered by Jesus.

Christmas wreaths are made by twisting or bending evergreen branches into a large circle, which are then decorated with pine cones and a red bow. The circle shape of the wreath represents Christ’s eternal love, his strength, and the creation of new life.

Evergreens are commonly used in the construction of the wreath due to their heartiness throughout harsh winters and that they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus.

Another great Christmas tradition, the hanging Christmas stockings by the fireplace, actually began with the original Saint Nicholas, a Fourth Century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (present day Turkey). As one would expect, he was a man noted for his charity and good will and he was particularly kind to children, often giving away treats and small gifts.

According to legend, there was a widower in Myra

who had three daughters for whom he could not provide a dowry. The story goes that Saint Nicholas threw three bags of gold into the fireplace chimney and the gold landed into the stockings drying by the fire. This began the tradition of putting Christmas presents into Christmas stockings.

Here are some interesting trivia and fun facts about Christmas compiled from various sources:

□ The first commercial Christmas card sold was designed by London artist John Calcott Horsley in December of 1842. He was hired by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman, to design a card that showed people feeding and clothing the poor with another picture of a Christmas party. The first Christmas card said, “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.” Of the original 1,000 cards he printed for Sir Henry Cole, only one exists today.

□ An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year and see 28 eight cards return in their place.

□ Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing – toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

□ Some famous people who were born on Christmas day: Sir Isaac Newton (1642); Humphrey Bogart (1899); Rod Serling (1924); Little Richard (1932); Ken Stabler (1945); Jimmy Buffet (1946); Larry Csonka (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949); Ricky Henderson (1958). □ Michigan is among the

top Christmas tree producing states in the country, of course. Michigan joins California, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina as the top Christmas tree producing states. Oregon is still the leading producer of Christmas trees, typically between 7 and 8 million each year.

□ During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,500 times every minute in the U.S., and in 2020 that figure has no doubt been driven up by more online purchases during the pandemic.

□ What is the best-selling Christmas tree? If you guessed Scotch pine, you’re right. The best selling trees are Scotch pine, followed by Douglas fir, Noble fir, Fraser fir, Virginia pine, balsam fir and white pine.

□ If you love Dickens’ classic “A Christmas Carol,” you’ll find this interesting. Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character, three other alliterative names were considered by the author: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

□ Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

□ During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made. Candy canes were originally just white, without the red stripe.

□ The tradition of Christmas lights dates back to when Christians were persecute

for saying Mass. A simple candle in the window meant that Mass would be celebrated there that night.

□ The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ; and gold represents light as well as the wealth and royalty of Christ the King. The “two turtledoves” represent the Old and New Testaments.

□ The word Christmas is from Old English, a contraction of Christ’s Mass

□ The first president to have a Christmas tree in the White House was Franklin Pierce.

□ “Rudolph” was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930s for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.

□ “Jingle Bells” was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.

□ According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.

□ Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.

□ Each year there are approximately 20,000 “rent-a-Santas” across the United States. “Rent-a-Santas” usually undergo seasonal training on how to maintain a jolly attitude under pressure from the public. They also receive practical advice, such as not accepting money from parents while children are looking and avoiding garlic, onions, or beans for lunch.

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

The Power of Reflection and Dreaming for the New Year

Dear Readers, as we approach the end of the year, it’s the perfect time to pause and reflect, to dream and envision what lies ahead. This week, I want to guide you through the first crucial step in setting goals for the New Year: giving yourself the gift of time to think and dream.

Consider the habits of some of the world’s most successful individuals. Bill Gates, the renowned tech visionary, dedicates an entire week twice a year solely for deep reflection, away from the hustle of daily life. Warren Buffett, the investment maestro, attributes a staggering 80 percent of his career to reading and thinking. Even leadership expert John Maxwell makes daily time for reading, thinking, and writing. Their routines remind me of Abraham Lincoln’s wise words: “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

The key here is allowing your intuitive mind to engage, where untapped wisdom and creativity reside. In our childhood, we were masters of imagination, but as we grew, societal norms often nudged us away from this innate ability to dream. It’s time to reconnect with that part of ourselves.

As we head into the holidays, I encourage you to carve out your own thinking time. It doesn’t have to be a week – it could be a day or even a few dedicated hours without distractions. Here are some tips to make the most of this reflective period:



Laura Jasurda

- **Create a Quiet Space:** Find a place where you feel at peace, away from daily interruptions. It could be a cozy corner in your home, a serene outdoor setting, or even a quiet café.
- **Unplug:** In our digital age, constant notifications can be a major distraction. Turn off your phone, log out of social media, and give yourself the gift of uninterrupted time.
- **Equip Yourself:** Have a journal, pens, or any other tools that help you jot down thoughts, doodle, or express your creativity.
- **Allow Spontaneity:** Don’t force structure into this time. Let your thoughts flow freely. If you’re drawn to write, write. If you want to simply sit and ponder, do that.
- **Embrace Silence:** In silence, our inner voice becomes clearer. Listen to what it’s saying, what dreams or goals it’s hinting at for the upcoming year.

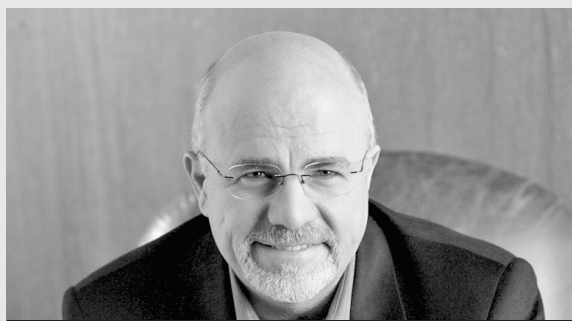
I follow this practice often and dedicate more time to it twice a year, once during the holiday season and again in July. It’s a refreshing way to align my goals and aspirations. So, dear readers, as we bid farewell to this year and welcome the next, take this time to sharpen your axe. Reflect, dream, and prepare yourself for a year of growth and achievement. Until next time, may your days be filled with peaceful reflection and hopeful dreams.

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DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

For Starters, Have A Plan

Dear Dave,

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

—Melissa

Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

Believe it or not, I was once in the exact same spot you are now. When it happened to me, there were three pieces to the puzzle that helped me break the cycle. One was fear. Specifically, I was scared to death that I wouldn't be able to take care of my family, and that I'd retire broke. Now, don't misunderstand me. No one should live their lives in fear. But a healthy, reasonable level of fear can provide needed motivation.

Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

The third piece, and maybe the most important because it's connected to our spiritual walk, was contentment. We live in a society that's constantly having the

idea that we'll be happier, or more successful, or more admired, if we'll only buy this or that product. We're constantly marketed to, and when we have this stuff in our faces day after day, we can become unsatisfied with just about every aspect of our lives. Don't let it drag you down. It's all just an illusion.

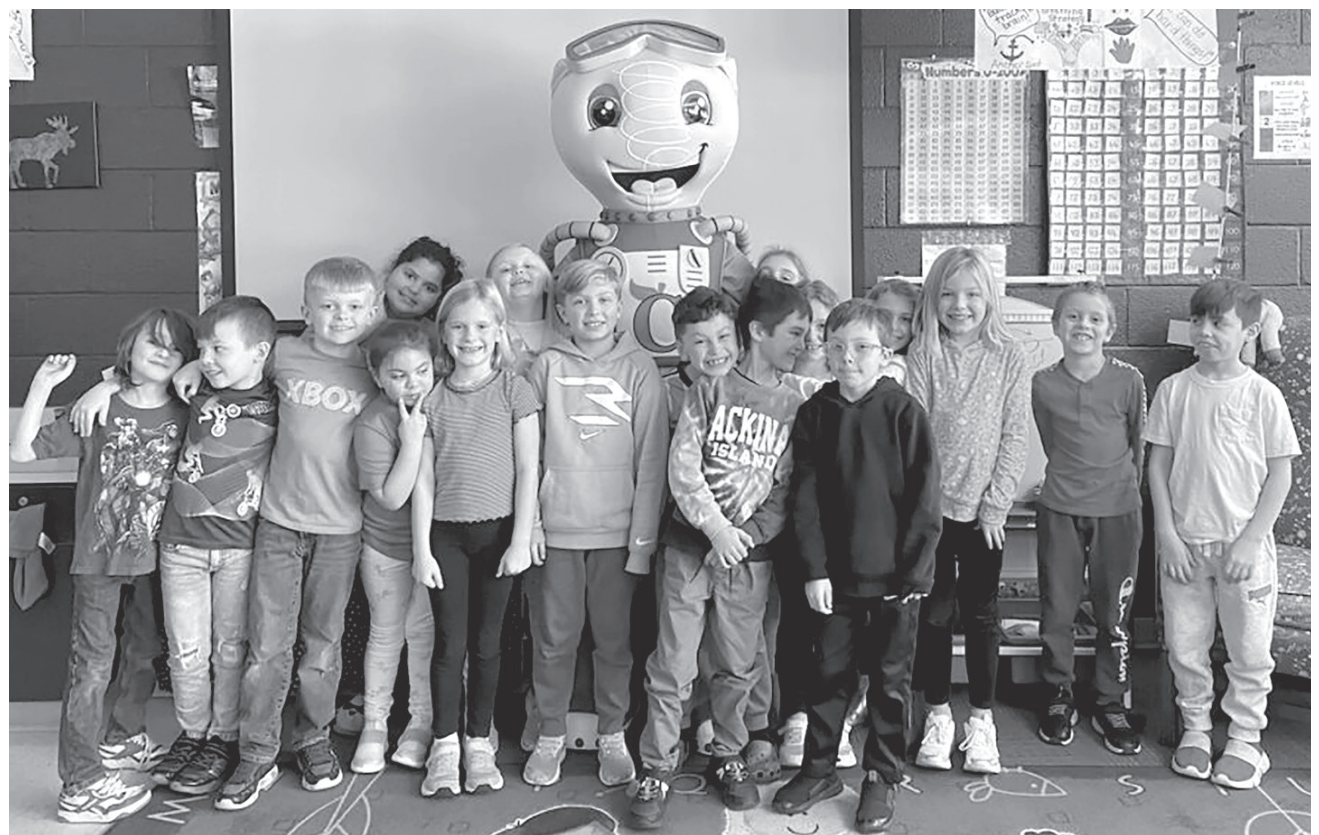
One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I stopped going places where I was tempted to spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you.

—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.



Street STEM mascot Eureka is pictured with 2nd graders at Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey, during a recent class visit.

Char-Em ISD receives grant for Street STEM elementary technology from Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation

More young students in Char-Em ISD schools will have access to the latest technology in science, math, technology and engineering - aka STEM - thanks to a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

The foundation awarded \$7,500 toward the ISD's Street STEM initiative, which will allow for purchase of magnetic levitation kits that are brought into schools, and additional sets for the ISD's media center, from which teachers can check out materials for their

classrooms to use.

"These magnets aren't just really cool - they also align to the third-grade 'forces and interactions' science standards and will be utilized in our 14 Emmet County third-grade classrooms," said Brandon Beltz, Char-Em ISD STEM consultant.

Beltz and the Street STEM trailer travel each school year to K-8 classrooms throughout the ISD's service region, bringing along the latest gadgets and technology for students to use. Many times, the Street STEM mascot,

Eureka, makes a surprise appearance, to the delight of students in all grades.

"Street STEM has been such a hit with students and staff in local districts and in our own Char-Em ISD classrooms," said Jim Rummer, Director of Career and Technical Education for Char-Em. "We are so grateful for the support of organizations like the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. This grant will allow our local students to experience even more of the latest technology and equipment that will help build the

skills they will need to be competitive in the future. Not only that, but they have a lot of fun while working with these special activities in their classrooms."

The grant dollars are derived from several funds held by the foundation, including the Birchwood Outreach Fund, Circuit Controls Corporation Charitable Fund, Ted and Brenda Frey Donor Advised Fund, and the Science for the Future Fund. Learn more about Char-Em Street STEM online: <https://char-emisdcareertech.org/stem/>

C3F CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

writing, and reading, as well as resources on children's growth and development. Planned Parenthood of Michigan will be able to provide in-school sexual health education programs in Charlevoix Middle High School as well as East Jordan Middle and High School. A grant to East Jordan Public Schools will support an end of the school year trip to Gettysburg Military Park for the 30 Shoe Club members to learn about the impact veterans have made by exposing them to various historical programs, exhibits, battle-

fields, and presentations.

Recreation projects will get a boost this year through three program grants. Camp Daggett will be able to facilitate their Positive School Climate Project as a part of their Adventure Education Program. Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities gained support to build and install a new playground at Mt. McSauba in Charlevoix. Finally, a Beaver Island Historical Society grant will fund the Beaver Island Kids Camp, a week of engaging activities for Island youth ages 4-14.

In all, the Youth Needs cycle awarded \$89,760 in grants to 15 organizations serving the youth of

Charlevoix County. These grants are made possible in part by the donors that support the Youth Fund at C3F through their financial contributions. To see the full list of grant awards from the 2023 Youth Needs grant cycle, visit www.c3f.org.

The C3F 2024 Grant Calendar is now available for all upcoming grant cycles. Visit the website at www.c3f.org for complete information. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime, via email, at acousens@c3f.org. To make a financial gift to support any of these grant funds, please reach

out to the Community Foundation at 231-536-2440 or visit the website at www.c3f.org.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grant-making, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.

New effort to find funding for Lofts on the Lake

BOYNE CITY – Michigan Community Capital gave a presentation to the Boyne City Commission at their meeting on Tuesday night, saying they are making a renewed effort to find funding for the Lofts on Lake project that was approved in 2019.

After the pandemic, the estimated cost increased 65% to a total of \$17 million for the project that would include apartments and commercial/retail space. Costs rose dramatically for labor, materials and loan funding.

MCC Vice President of Development Marilyn Chrumka said more funding

sources are now available and she hopes to make the project more competitive by increasing the number of apartments, making the apartments available to a wider range of incomes, and by maximizing funding sources via philanthropy and community investment. She said MCC is also interested in pursuing development of the "red barn property" owned by the Boyne District Library at the corner of Ray and Park Streets.

Chrumka said she expects to start the process by organizing community meetings early in the new year.

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and restoring blighted properties. With a strong background in community and economic development, real estate, policy work, and non-profit management, Heins brings a diverse skill-set to the position.

"We feel like we found an individual who strikes that perfect balance of someone with a strong economic development skillset with experience in running an organization," said Carlin Smith, the NLEA's Chairman of the Board. "Plus she brings with her strong connections around the state as well as a comprehensive understand-

ing of programs that can be better utilized here in northern Michigan," Smith added.

Smith said Heins demonstrated passion and thoroughness during the interview process and brought a great vision for the NLEA. "She really did her homework and conveyed to the search committee a positive message about where she wants to take the organization," he added.

Heins is from the Antrim County community of Alden and is looking forward to serving her home region. Coming from a family of small business owners and having spent her career in community and economic development, Heins is passionate about fostering an

environment for businesses and communities to thrive.

She sees the NLEA as being poised for continued success and evolution.

"I'm excited to join the NLEA's very talented staff and dedicated board to continue to build on the organization's impactful work," Heins said. She says she understands the critical role an economic development organization plays in helping communities and businesses find resources and connect with key partners to resolve complex issues. "I wholeheartedly believe in the importance of this work and the necessity of an organization like the NLEA; I'm really looking forward to getting to work," she added.

The NLEA's previous president is David Emmel and he has continued to support the organization on a part-time basis through this transition period. Emmel plans to retire when the transition is complete.

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, established in 1984, is a public/private non-profit organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties in northern Michigan. The NLEA works directly with local units of government on infrastructure projects, facilitates local company growth and expansion, and assists many local companies on a wide range of issues that help retain existing jobs and create new jobs. For more information, visit www.northernlakes.net.

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

CHARLEVOIX ADVENT EVENTS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

12/24 - Children's Mass at 5pm
12/24 - Vigil Mass at 10pm
12/25 - Christmas Day Mass at 9am

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve morning is 9:00 am and Candlelight service is at 5:30 at East Jordan United Methodist Church.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24, 4pm and 8pm. December 25, 9am. St. Joseph Catholic Church is located at 207 Nicolls St.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COA

Christmas Celebration at the Senior Centers is on Friday, December 22. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED for the Christmas Holiday on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2023. New Year's Count Down to Noon Celebration at the Senior Centers is on Friday, December 29. All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED for the New Years Holiday on Monday and Tuesday, January 1 & 2, 2024.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES

The East Jordan Lions will be selling trees at the Jordan Inn, located at 228 Main St, November 24 - December 23rd. 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.

CHARLEVOIX MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOWROOM CONTEST

Charlevoix Auto is doing a Christmas Decoration competition between the Chevrolet and Chrysler showrooms. We are encouraging people to come in and vote on which showroom they like best and by voting they get entered to win a 65" LG OLED flat screen tv.

IRONTON OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Looking for an old fashioned Christmas Eve service? One with all your favorite carols and cookies? We invite you to our candlelight Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 7pm. Join us in singing traditional hymns and celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. Fellowship follows with coffee and cookies before you head back out into the crisp evening air. We look forward to seeing you. The church is located at 3805 Washington St. in Ironton.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

The East Jordan United Methodist Church is offering a free Community Christmas Dinner Monday, December 25 from 1-3pm. 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.

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.

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 1st. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight.

EAST JORDAN VOLUNTEER AT THE DEPOT TEEN CENTER

We need you to help pour into the lives of our community's Teens with us. Whether you serve a shift a week, a couple of shifts per month, or even volunteer as a meal provider, your service is needed and very much appreciated. For more information or to schedule a time to stop in to experience what it would be like, please contact The Depot's Outreach Director, Scott Gillespie at 989-444-1695.

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 cannot 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 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 Palminter at 231-675-0543 or our Board President Terri Warnos at 231 536-0417.

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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. DepotJTeenCenter@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 information.

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Breanaka Spang

Grade: 11
Parent's Name(s): Dan and Lisa Spang
Future Plans: Breanaka would like to attend Northern Michigan University and then move to Montana.
Favorite Book: Bre loves to read and has too many favorites to choose just one!
Hobbies and Interests: Reading, volleyball, riding horses, and skiing
School Activities: Volleyball, softball, NHS, Student Council
Staff Comments: Breanaka is an admirable student at Boyne Falls with outstanding character and integrity! She challenges herself daily, whether it is maintaining her 4.0 GPA or taking college classes through Ferris State University, where she will earn a certificate in Ski Resort Management upon graduation next year. Breanaka was inducted into NHS this year and is an active member of student council. Bre also works hard on the court in volleyball and on the field in softball. In her downtime from college work, she has been using her creative side to produce some beautiful pieces of pottery. Breanaka is not afraid to try something new and gives everything she does 110%



ECS Middle/High School

LANCER OF THE WEEK



Abigail Mann

Ellsworth Community School strives to instill values that will guide 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 ABIGAIL MANN

As a 6th grade student, Abigail has adapted well to Middle School! She participates in Beginning Band and she enjoys her ELA class.

"I like English because Mrs. Kiteley teaches it and she slays, and English is fun!" As her favorite Middle School Moment, Abby says, "I like having friends around me to support me and Middle School is exciting!"

Her Teacher says: "Abby is always smiling! She is a leader in the classroom and encourages others to do their best."

Outside of school, Abigail enjoys participating in the Central Lake Dance Program where she performs in Character, Jazz, and Lyrical dance. As a hobby, she teaches herself ventriloquism and practices regularly in front of her mirror.

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**WEEKLY CHOICE NAMES
 ALL-AREA 8-MAN FOOTBALL**



*Inland Lake's Aidan Fenstermaker
 is Player of the Year*

Travis Meyer is Coach of the Year

BY BEN MURPHY

The football talent in this area has grown to be so widespread, that for the first time ever, the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News have separated their dream honorees into two separate teams; 8-player and 11-player. This gives us an more opportunity to honor our local athletes and coaches, as we go through some of the best the area has to offer.

Player of the year honors goes to Inland Lakes junior quarterback Aidan Fenstermaker. It should come as no surprise, considering the jaw-dropping numbers he put up for the Division 1 runner-up squad. He threw for 1333 yards and 17 touch-

downs. A key force in the Bulldogs' vaunted running attack as well, he ran for 1786 yards and another 26 yards. He averaged almost 10 yards per rush attempt. He had great numbers as a defensive back too, getting 43 tackles and seven interceptions.

Inland Lakes head coach Travis Meyer gets the nod as our coach of the year. Meyer led the Bulldogs to an impressive 11-2 record, a Ski Valley Conference championship and were on the doorstep of a state championship, before coming up short to Martin in the title game. They survived close playoff wins over Alcona, St. Ignace and Pickford in their memorable run.

Joining Fenstermaker on

first team are teammates Jake Willey and Shane Crawford. Willey was one of the best pass catchers in the area. He had 39 receptions for 644 yards and eight touchdowns in just 10 games. On defense he had 60 tackles and two interceptions.

Crawford was a defensive star this year, getting 71 tackles and six sacks.

Gaylord St. Mary had three first teamers as well. Daniel Jacobson was able to run for 833 yards and 13 touchdowns on just 118 carries on offense and he threw for 833 yards and 11 touchdowns. On defense he was impressive as well, getting 70 tackles and five interceptions.

Brett Koscielniak of St.

Mary gets first team honors too, getting 95 tackles, four sacks, six fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He had 538 yards rushing and five touchdowns and also had 356 receiving yards and four touchdowns.

J.T. Greenier rounds out the St. Mary players on the first team. The Boyne Falls student, who is with the program thanks to the co-op agreement between the districts had 18 receptions for 350 yards and five touchdowns. On defense he had 14 pass break-ups and four interceptions. He typically covered the opposing team's best receiver.

Posen had a trio of players make first team as well; seniors Ethan Romel, Jack Romel and Logan Timm.

J. Romel was the Viking's fantastic dual threat quarterback. He threw for 872 yards and eight touchdowns and he ran for another 1293 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also had 35 tackles and seven interceptions. E. Romel had a stellar season too, as the bruising running back went for 686 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 49 tackles and four sacks. Logan Timm earned all-state honors, as an athlete; given to a well-rounded skill position player.

He had 24 receptions for 494 yards and six touchdowns on offense and he had 123 tackles and two interceptions on defense.

Onaway's Jackson Chaskey ran for 1050 yards and 12 touchdowns and he

threw for another 356 yards and four touchdowns.

Rogers City's talented quarterback Isaac Paull rounds out the first team honorees.

Rounding out the coaching staff is Posen's Greg Pietsch and Onaway's Eddy Szymoniak. Pietsch led the Vikings to an undefeated regular season and North Star League Little Dipper championship; highlighted week a gritty week nine win over AuGres. Szymoniak was hired just days prior to the Cardinals' first game this fall, yet he navigated the program masterfully to a 5-4 record; including a week nine win over Cedarville-De-Tour, which spoiled their playoff hopes.



AIDAN FENSTERMAKER (#1) PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Inland Lakes' Travis Meyer,
 Aidan Fenstermaker win coach,
 player of the year awards**



TRAVIS MEYER
 COACH OF THE YEAR

Flat out, Inland Lakes just had a memorable football season. Winning a Ski Valley Conference championship and marching all the way to the 8-Player Division 1 state championship game will certainly get a lot of attention, and the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News certainly took note. Their head coach Travis Meyer has been named our 8-player coach of the year and their talented junior quarterback Aidan Fenstermaker has been named our player of the year.

"We had great leadership

and a really active summer," Meyer said of the team's success. "The guys really wanted to work hard and knew they could go the distance."

The Bulldogs finished the year 11-2 overall. They won a key week nine game over Gaylord St. Mary to win the Ski Valley Conference championship. In the first round of the playoffs they survived a talented Alcona team on a rainy cold night. In the next round they took down St. Ignace; avenging their lone regular season

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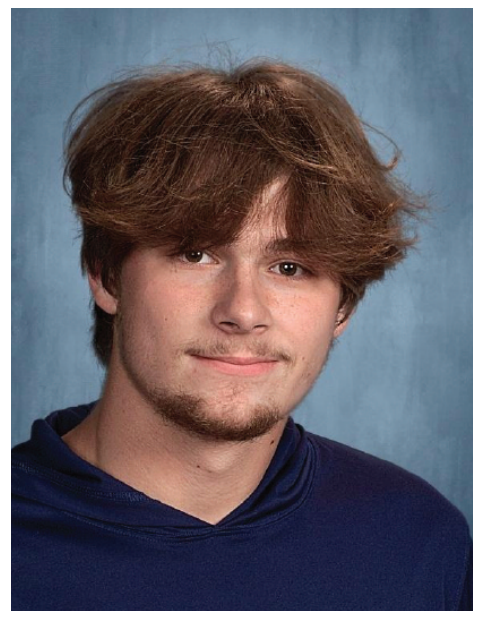
8-MAN FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM



Aidan Fenstermaker(11) - Inland Lakes



Jake Willey (12) Inland Lakes



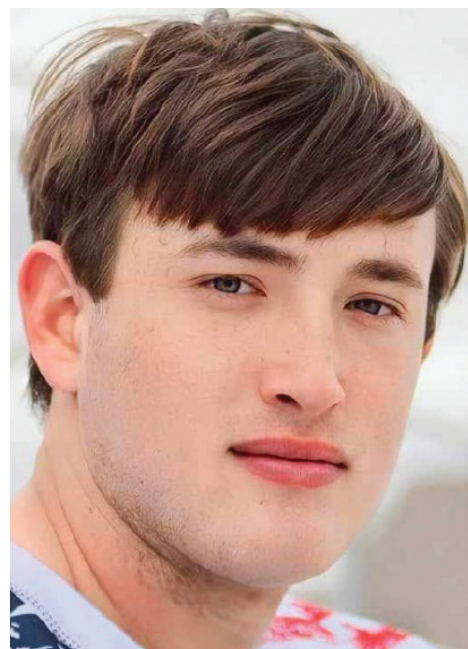
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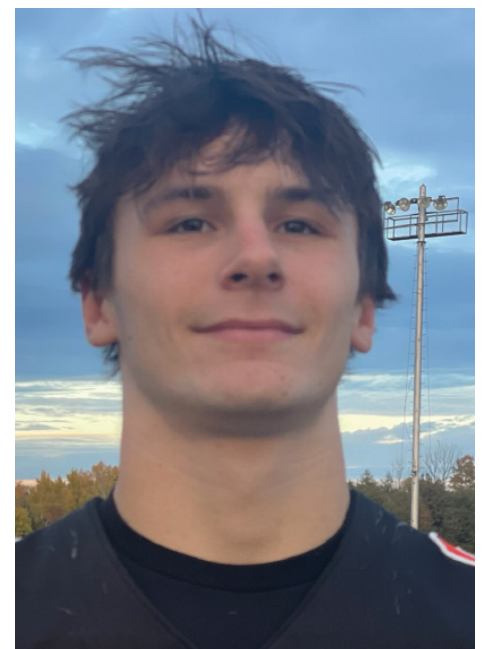
Daniel Jacobson (11) Gaylord St. Mary



Brett Koscielniak (12) Gaylord St. Mary



J.T. Greenier (12) Gaylord St. Mary (Boyne Falls Student)



Isaac Paull (12) Rogers City



Ethan Romel (12) Posen



Jack Romel (12) Posen



Logan Timm (12) Posen



Jackson Chaskey (12) Onaway

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8-MAN FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM



Avery Enos (10) Inland Lakes



DJ Buhr (11) Inland Lakes



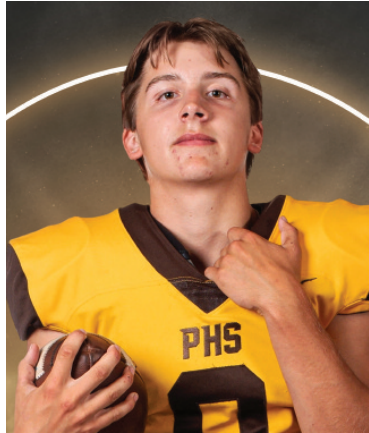
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Dillon Croff (12) Gaylord St. Mary



Lelin Splan (10) Onaway



Brach Taylor (11) Pellston



Ashton Burden (11) Mio



Chance Kamen (12) Mio

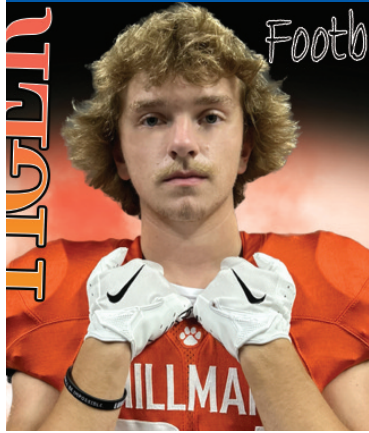


PHOTO UNAVAILABLE

Brett Culham (10) Atlanta



Vaughn Hunt (12) Hillman



Edwin Hardies (12) Hillman



Eli Chojnacki (11) Posen



John Ennest (11) Posen



Landon Drought (12) Central Lake (Ellsworth Student)

DREAM TEAM

CONTINUED

loss. In the semi-finals they had a gritty 12-0 victory up at Pickford.

“To finish our season with the win over St. Mary, and then follow that up with a gauntlet of Alcona, St. Ignace, and Pickford before the finals was something special,” Meyer said. “I don’t think many folks thought we were capable of that, but our guys did. It was such a long season, but every week at that point seemed like a new season and it was easy to enjoy and get excited for the next opportunity.”

The Bulldogs lost a late lead to Martin in the state championship game, though that might only motivate the team coming back to the squad next fall.

“They could start the season today if they had the chance,” Meyer said. “Obviously, it didn’t wrap up exactly how we wanted, but once the sting wore away and they were able to look at the whole picture of the season, they really settled in on what an experience it was. Now that they’ve experienced it, they see the work



Coach of the Year Travis Meyer on the sideline. Courtesy Photo

that goes into a season like that, and want to take the next step and cap it off right.”

Fenstermaker’s junior season certainly planted his name as a superstar. As their quarterback, he threw for 1,333 yards and 17 touchdowns. A key force in the Bulldogs’ vaunted running attack as well, he ran for 1,786 yards and another 26 yards. He averaged almost 10 yards per rush attempt. He had great numbers as a defensive back too, getting 43 tackles and seven interceptions.

“Aidan has always been

an explosive player that was capable of big things on any given play,” Meyer said. “He’s played a lot of football and been ‘the guy’ for a long time. He’s always been able to come up with the big play on either side of the ball, or special teams. Early in high school, he wasn’t quite physically ready for some of that, but still got his chances. Now, he’s grown and improved his speed and it really showed on the field.”

The bad news for Inland Lakes’ opponents is that Fenstermaker will be back next fall for one final season; ready to cause havoc yet

again.

“Aidan is such a special kid that he’ll be able to do just about anything we have to ask of him, and will lead the other kids to do what they need to in order for the season to be a success,” Meyer said. “I think he’s capable of record breaking stats, but also humble enough to worry more about the team. He took such a big step this year in leadership, that if he does that again, he’ll be one of the best on the field that we’ve seen in a really long time

FIRST TEAM

- Aidan Fenstermaker (11) Inland Lakes – Player of the year
- Jake Willey (12) Inland Lakes
- Shane Crawford (12) Inland Lakes
- Daniel Jacobson (11) Gaylord St. Mary
- Brett Koscielniak (12) Gaylord St. Mary
- J.T. Greenier (12) Gaylord St. Mary (Boyer Falls student)
- Ethan Romel (12) Posen
- Jack Romel (12) Posen
- Logan Timm (12) Posen
- Isaac Paull (12) Rogers City
- Jackson Chaskey (12) Onaway

SECOND TEAM:

- Avery Enos (10) Inland Lakes
- DJ Buhr (11) Inland Lakes
- Andre Bradford (10) Inland Lakes
- Dillon Croff (12) Gaylord St. Mary
- Lelin Splan (10) Onaway
- Justin Kramer-St. Germain (12) Onaway
- Brach Taylor (11) Pellston
- Ashton Burden (11) Mio
- Chance Kamen (12) Mio
- Brett Culham (10) Atlanta
- Vaughn Hunt (12) Hillman
- Edwin Hardies (12) Hillman
- Eli Chojnacki (11) Posen
- John Ennest (11) Posen
- Landon Drought (12) Central Lake (Ellsworth student)

HONORABLE MENTION

- Atlanta: Landon Galea, Jace Cheedie
- Hillman: Evan Crane
- Inland Lakes: Grant Blumke, Mitchell Crawford
- Gaylord St. Mary: Jake Butler
- Mio: Pacey Kamen, Gavin Knepp
- Onaway: Brendon Brewbaker
- Pellston: Connor Keller, Austin Downey
- Posen: Tristan Hepburn
- Rogers City: Josh Altman

COACHING STAFF

- Travis Meyer – Inland Lakes – Coach of the Year
- Eddy Szymoniak – Onaway
- Greg Pietsch – Posen

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athletes of the week



Jaden Alger
 Boyne City Ramblers
 Boys Basketball
 Jaden Alger was dominant on the boards in a hard fought loss to Harbor Springs last week. Alger had a double double with 19 points and 19 rebounds to lead the Ramblers.

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East Jordan Red Devils Girls Basketball

The East Jordan girls basketball team is starting the season off right. They have only played 3 games so far this year but have won all of them against Johannesburg-Lewiston, Cheboygan and Pickford.

BOYS BASKETBALL

East Jordan downs Ellsworth, 68-54

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Good teamwork combined with hot shooting, particularly from beyond the 3-point arc helped the East Jordan boys basketball team surge to a big 68-54 win over Ellsworth on Monday night in a non-conference game at home.

So far the season has followed an up and down pattern for the Red Devils, lose one, win one. The Red Devils were hoping to break that pattern Thursday night hosting Mancelona.

“We shot really well (48 percent from the field) because we passed the ball well and found guys that were open in their good

shooting spots,” Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik said. “That’s evident in the number of assists (19) we had on 26 made shots.

“Korbyn (Russell) was a monster on the night, and just kept attacking on both ends of the floor. Ryder (Malpass) moved the ball well, Lucas (Stone) did a great job of playing despite being doubled and jammed off all cuts.

“Lucas worked really hard to get open, which opened up a lot of other guys.”

The Red Devils made 15 shots from beyond the arc, while the Lancers managed only three from that range. East Jordan went to the free

throw line three times and made one, with the Lancers knocking down 7-of-14 on the night.

East Jordan struck early and finished the first quarter with a 19-5 lead and never had to be concerned the rest of the game. The Red Devils outscored the Lancers, 18-15 in the second and rolled into the half with a 37-30 lead.

Ellsworth made things a little more difficult for the Red Devils in the second half, outscoring them 16-13 in the third period but East Jordan still had a big 50-36 lead entering the fourth. Each team scored 18 points in the final stanza.

Stone led the Red Devils

in scoring with 12 points, with Ellis Malpass tossing in seven. William Webb, R. Malpass, Trace Wynkop and Austin Sneed contributed six each.

Ryder Malpass, Ellis Malpass and Angel Delgado Jr. grabbed six rebounds apiece and Webb snared four. Ryder Malpass and Stone wheeled and dealt for six assists apiece.

Patrick Puroll fired in a game-high 18 points for the Lancers, while Evinco Puroll added 13 and Cameron Snyder scored 11.

Puroll ripped down 14 rebounds for the Lancers and he also had five assists and five steals.

Boyne Falls boys drop games to Ellsworth, Harbor Light

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Boyne Falls is very much a work in progress this season, and the building continued on Dec. 15 when the Loggers hosted Ellsworth in a Northern Lakes Conference boys basketball game.

The Loggers were down by a 21-7 margin after the first quarter, and pretty much knew then that their fate was sealed.

Boyne Falls did manage to get more offensive production in the next two quarters, but couldn’t gain any ground on Ellsworth. Ellsworth outscored the Loggers, 15-14 in the second and held a 36-21 halftime lead.

The Loggers (0-3, 0-3 conference) outscored the Lancers, 13-11 in the third but still found themselves trailing by a substantial 47-35 margin and then were outscored, 20-5 in the fourth.

“We need to play four quarters,” said Boyne Falls coach Ted Beyer. “We need to continue to work on our shooting and rebounding. But we noted some improvement.”

Patrick Puroll had a big game for the Lancers with a game-high 24 points and Billy Hopp added 10.

Boyne Falls was led in scoring by JT Greenier with 21 points, and Keaton Ma-

telski topped the Loggers on the boards.

Ellsworth finished the game with 27 field goal makes, including five 3-point baskets, and was 8-of-12 at the free throw line.

The Loggers made 14 shots from the floor, with two from 3-point range, and was 9-of-17 from the line.

HARBOR LIGHT

The Loggers traveled to Harbor Light for a conference game Tuesday, Dec. 12 and came away with a 66-28 loss.

Boyne Falls struggled offensively right from the start, being outscored 15-3. Harbor Light had a 17-2 advantage in the second and Boyne Falls trailed, 32-5 at the half.

Harbor Light continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring the Loggers, 17-10 in the third and 15-11 in the fourth.

“We need to learn how to play as a team, and limit the opposition to one shot per possession,” Beyer said.

Matelski led the Loggers with 17 points and was their top rebounder as well.

Boyne Falls had just 10 field goal makes, none from beyond the arc, while Harbor Light hit for 29, with five coming from the 3-point arc.

WRESTLING

Charlevoix wrestlers compete at Marquette, split tri-meet with Ogemaw and Petoskey

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Brady Jess, a junior, went 4-0 and finished in first place at 175 pounds for the Charlevoix wrestling team in last weekend’s Marquette Challenge.

The event featured the best wrestlers from 27 teams located throughout Michigan and Wisconsin, making Jess’s achievement particularly impressive.

Landon Swanson, who recently hit the 100-career win plateau, was also a tournament champion, going 3-0 for first place at 215 pounds.

Trevor Streeter (senior) at 190 pounds and Sawyer

Blasczyck (sophomore) at height-weight both finished 2-2 on the day and were awarded fourth places.

Although he was 4-1 on the day, senior Jamie Parrish finished in fifth place at 150 pounds. Logan Wilks, a junior, was 2-2 at 157 pounds and took sixth place. Sophomore Jackson Fry went 2-2.

OGEMAW TRI-MEET

The Rayders traveled to Ogemaw for a tri-meet with Ogemaw and Petoskey last Wednesday and split, defeating Petoskey 52-21 and losing to Ogemaw 47-30.

Charlevoix sophomore



Brady Jess



Landon Swanson

Max Reynolds (126), Jess (175), Streeter (190), Swanson (215) and Blasczyck (heavyweight) each went 2-0.

James Kewagshken (junior, 106), Fry (sophomore,

113), Anthony Wise (senior), Logan Wilks (junior, 157) and Justin Whisler (senior, 165) were all 1-1.

Parrish (senior, 150) and freshman Landon Whisler finished 0-2.

All Conference Soccer

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

1ST TEAM

Ben Carlson, Traverse City West; Jackson Cote, Traverse City West; Tommy Farley, Petoskey; Noah Fitzgerald, Gaylord; Jimmy Marshall, Petoskey; Brady Odenbach, Petoskey; Aiden Orth, Traverse City West; Asher Paul, Traverse City Central; Kallen Ray, Traverse City West; Geordie Richmond, Traverse City West; Dougie Rice, Traverse City West

2ND TEAM

Michael Hermmann, Alpena; Reed King, Cadillac; Leland Lyon, Traverse City West; Dylan Odenbach, Petoskey; Anthony Ribel, Traverse City Central; Alec Roeters, Traverse City Central; Keegan Smith, Traverse City West; Layne Snyder, Gaylord; Julian Stevens, Alpena; Myles Williams, Alpena; Finn Yurek, Petoskey

HONORABLE MENTION

Chase Allen, Gaylord; Aiden Blehm, Gaylord; Ben Burley, Traverse City Central; Caleb Byland, Traverse City Central; Ethan Ford, Gaylord; Alex Gebhard, Cadillac; Gabe Glawe, Alpena; Garrett Hamp, Alpena; Ryan Lincoln, Cadillac; Adam Lipchick, Petoskey; Admasu Mitchell, Cadillac; Ethan Romey, Cadillac; Jack Suprian, Alpena

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

1ST TEAM

Charlie Baker, Harbor Springs; Amayo Mardeguez-Barrera, Boyne City; Scott Bush, Charlevoix; Carter Denoyer, Elk Rapids; Kayden Dueueke-Gozales, Kalkaska; Grant Dunham, Grayling; Mitchel Harrington, Grayling; Noah Hilley, Elk Rapids; Jayden Hresko, Elk Rapids; Henry Juneau, Harbor Springs; Cooper Moore, Elk Rapids; Ryan Novak, Harbor Springs; Ryan Perry, Kalkaska; Nash Van Sloten, Harbor Springs; Tripp Wagner, Kalkaska; Koa West, Elk Rapids

HONORABLE MENTION

Alex Barber, Elk Rapids; Jake Garrow, Elk Rapids; Sam Miller, Harbor Springs; Alex Moore, Grayling; Jordan Peters, Grayling; Cade Ponstein, Kalkaska; Greyson Rife, Harbor Springs; Peyton Scott, Charlevoix; Alex Smith, Elk Rapids; Jack Snyder, Boyne City; Dalton Timmer, Elk Rapids; Joe Warren, Harbor Springs; Adam Williams, Kalkaska

GIRLS BASKETBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| Big North Conference | | | Straits Area Conference | | | North Star League | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) | Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) | Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) |
| Cadillac | 0-0 | 2-0 | Newberry | 1-0 | 3-0 | Alcona | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| Petoskey | 0-0 | 3-1 | Sault Ste Marie | 1-0 | 3-1 | Mio | 0-0 | 4-0 |
| Gaylord | 0-0 | 3-2 | St Ignace | 1-1 | 4-1 | Rogers City | 0-0 | 3-0 |
| Alpena | 0-0 | 2-2 | Cheboygan | 0-1 | 0-4 | Oscoda | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Traverse City Central | 0-0 | 1-2 | Rudyard | 0-2 | 0-4 | St Helen Charlton | | |
| Traverse City West | 0-0 | 1-4 | | | | Heston Academy | 0-0 | 0-4 |
| | | | | | | Whittemore-Prescott | 0-1 | 0-4 |
| Lake Michigan Conference | | | Northern Lakes Conference | | | North Star League Little Dipper | | |
| Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) | Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) | Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) |
| Elk Rapids | 1-0 | 5-0 | Mackinaw City | 2-0 | 3-0 | Atlanta | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Harbor Springs | 1-0 | 3-1 | Alanson | 2-0 | 2-1 | Au Gres-Sims | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Charlevoix | 2-0 | 3-2 | Burt Lake Northern | | | Fairview | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| East Jordan | 0-0 | 3-0 | Michigan Christian | 1-0 | 2-1 | Hale | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Boyne City | 0-1 | 2-2 | Ellsworth | 2-1 | 2-2 | Posen | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| Grayling | 0-1 | 1-4 | Harbor Springs | | | Hillman | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| Kalkaska | 0-0 | 0-1 | Harbor Light Christian | 1-2 | 3-2 | | | |
| Traverse City St Francis | 0-2 | 0-4 | Alba | 0-1 | 0-1 | | | |
| | | | Boyne Falls | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | |
| | | | Vanderbilt | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | |
| | | | Wolverine | 0-4 | 0-4 | | | |
| Ski Valley Conference | | | | | | | | |
| Team | W-L (Conference) | W-L (Overall) | | | | | | |
| Onaway | 2-0 | 2-0 | | | | | | |
| Indian River Inland Lakes | 2-0 | 2-1 | | | | | | |
| Gaylord St Mary | 2-0 | 2-2 | | | | | | |
| Mancelona | 2-0 | 2-2 | | | | | | |
| Bellaire | 0-1 | 2-1 | | | | | | |
| Central Lake | 0-1 | 0-3 | | | | | | |
| Fife Lake Forest Area | 0-2 | 0-4 | | | | | | |
| Johannesburg-Lewiston | 0-2 | 0-4 | | | | | | |
| Pellston | 0-2 | 0-2 | | | | | | |



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8-PLAYER FOOTBALL ALL STATE

The 2023 Michigan Associated Press 8-player All-State football team, which is selected by a statewide panel of eight sports writers:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sam Lutz, Adrian Lenawee Christian

QUARTERBACKS

Sam Lutz, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Aiden Fenstermaker, Inland Lakes

RUNNING BACKS

Matthew Rahilly, Newberry
Dylan Ball, Deckerville

RECEIVERS

Mekhi Wingfield, Concord
Jacob Willey, Inland Lakes

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Tyler Salenbien, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Josh Walman, Climax-Scotts
Max Nason, Powers North Central

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Easton Boggs, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Alex Pranger, Grand Rapids NorthPointe
Grant Vedrode, Merrill

LINEBACKERS

Paul Towler, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Nolan Staniszewski, Bridgman

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Ian Popp, Norway
Cole Pendred, Au Gres

ATHLETES

Tommy Storey, Pickford
Eli DeYoung, Gobles

KICKER

Tyler Groothuis, Portland St. Patrick

PUNTER

Vergel Heath, Wyoming Tri-Unity

COACH

Chad Grundy, Marion

SECOND TEAM

QUARTERBACKS

Gavin Riske, Concord
Charlie Pagel, Bridgman

RUNNING BACKS

Lane Gorzinski, Powers North Central
Joel Fisher, Morrice

RECEIVERS

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Myles Spencer, Kingston
Nick Halberg, St. Ignace

LINEBACKERS

Haylen Buell, Martin
Luke Lawrence, Climax-Scotts

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Gavin Prielipp, Marion
Danny Marcotte, Lake Linden-Hubbell

ATHLETES

Owen Corliss, Kingston
Wade Haskins, Bridgman
Gavin Meyers, Martin

PUNTER/KICKER

Eli Brainard, Adrian Lenawee Christian

COACH

Bill Wilhams, Adrian Lenawee Christian

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RUNNING BACKS

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Nicholas Martin, Maple Valley;
Cole Meyer, Marion; Xavier Wilkes, Gobles

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Landon Simpson, Portland St. Patrick

COACHES

Brad Blauvelt, Martin; Brett Gervais, Lake Linden-Hubbell

BOYS BASKETBALL

Harbor Springs tops Ramblers, 65-62

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Boyne City battled early foul trouble, but hung with Harbor Springs throughout the game before dropping a 65-62 decision at the end.

It was a back-and-forth game, although Harbor Springs would lead at every quarter stop in the Lake Michigan Conference contest played on the Rams' home court Dec. 15.

The Rams would follow



Jaden Alger

while the Ramblers tumbled fell to 1-3.

Despite their foul troubles, the Ramblers were able to keep pace with the

it up with a 76-66 loss to St. Ignace which would even their record to 3-3 on the season,

Rams through the first quarter and finished it trailing by just one, 15-14.

A high scoring second quarter was also won by the Rams, 22-18 and the Ramblers entered the half with their deficit now grown to five, 37-32.

Boyne stayed right on the Rams' heels in the second half, but could not gain any ground. The Rams enjoyed a 15-13 edge in the third quarter and carried a

52-45 lead into the fourth.

"I'm proud of the guys for not giving up, and for some younger guys that stepped up big time," said Ramblers' coach Rob Jensen. "Jaden Alger was dominant on the boards."

Alger had a double double with 19 points and 19 rebounds to lead the Ramblers. Ryan Spate scored 14 points while Drew Neer and Camron Rajkovich each contributed 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Charlevoix boys beat Kingsley, but lose Lake Michigan Conference matchup to Grayling

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix struggled to get out of the gates offensively, which was enough to lead to a close 54-52 Lake Michigan Conference boys basketball loss to Grayling last Tuesday in the final game before the holidays.

It was the Rayders first loss of the season after a 5-0 start.

The Rayders managed just seven points in the game's first eight minutes, while the Vikings put in 11. Grayling outscored the Rayders, 17-9 in the second and built a 28-16 lead at the half.

Charlevoix regrouped during the halftime break and came out with a little more offensive aggression in the second, outscoring the Vikings, 14-11 in the third quarter.

But the Rayders still trailed the Vikings, 39-30



Joe Gaffney



Hudson Vollmer

going into the fourth period. Despite a furious 22-15 run in the final eight minutes, the Rayders couldn't get the bucket they needed at the end.

"We came out a little flat, and you can't do that against good teams like Grayling," said Charlevoix coach Anthony Troshak. "We have to do a better job on the glass. "I was proud of the way we battled back. We had our opportunities down the stretch, (but) it just did not go our way. That's the game of basketball."

Joe Gaffney was the Rayders' leading scorers with 19 points, while Hudson Vollmer contributed 17 points and led with nine rebounds.

Grayling was led by Tristin Demlow with a game-high 26 points.

KINGSLEY

The Rayders stepped out of conference Dec. 12 for a game with Kingsley and came away with a hard-fought 46-36 victory over the Stags.

"It wasn't the prettiest game ever, but we found a way," Troshak said. "Credit Kingsley, they are hard-nosed, athletic and make you earn everything."

"We rebounded better in the second half. We knew it would come down to defense and rebounding."

The Rayders opened the game with a 14-11

first-quarter lead, but couldn't shake the Stags and carried a slim 25-22 lead into the locker room at half.

Charlevoix gained some separation from the Stags with a 13-3 third quarter and stretched its lead to 13 points, 38-25 entering the final stanza.

Gaffney scored 13 points to lead Charlevoix, while Troy Nickel and Vollmer added eight apiece. Jackson Crouse finished with six and Brady Collins five.

Vollmer led the Rayders with seven rebounds and Crouse cleared five. Gaffney, Collins and Peyton Scott picked off three steals apiece with Nickel, Vollmer, and Collins had two each

Ryan Pearl and Scott had two assists each.

The Rayders entered the week 5-1, 1-1 Lake Michigan Conference

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth Lancers earn their second win, 67-39

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth Varsity Boys basketball team got back into the win column with a 67-39 victory over Northern Lakes Conference foe Boyne Falls last Friday evening. The win improves the Lancers league mark to 2-1 and they improve to 2-4 overall. The Loggers have played three games this season, all in conference and they fall to 0-3.

Ellsworth had six players score in the first quarter in route to a 21-9 lead after eight minutes of play. Ben Strange scored a team high

seven points in the opening stanza and Patrick Puroll added six points. Boyne Falls was able to get to the line for eight free throws in the first quarter, but they were only able to convert half of them into points. Logger senior JT Greenier had seven points in the frame.

Greenier added four more points in the second stanza, as did Bryce Tonsor and Keaton Matelski for Boyne Falls, as they tried to rally on their home floor, but Puroll countered with eight of his teams 15 points and Ellsworth led 36-21 at the half.

Each team scored 11 points in the third quarter, (Greenier 10 for the Loggers and Puroll six more for the Lancers), as the Ellsworth maintained their comfortable 15-point lead at 47-32 with only a quarter to play. The Loggers exploded with a 20-5 advantage in the final frame to run away with the win

Greenier led Boyne Falls with 21 points and Matelski added nine.

For Ellsworth, Puroll led all scorers with 24 points and he added five steals; Billy Hopp had a nice night with 10 points;

Cam Snyder had nine points, eight boards and a pair of blocks; Strange also had nine points, 8 boards and two blocks; Ezra Wallis had four points; Jurgen Griswold had seven boards, five steals and three points; Jack Puroll and Max Muladore both added three points and Harrison Cooper scored two as nine loggers made the scoring column.

The Lancers were scheduled to play at East Jordan and home to Bellaire this week before entering their Christmas break.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boyne Falls Loggers fall to Central Lake, 53-21

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Boyne Falls hosted Central Lake in a non-conference game on Monday night hoping to be on a level playing field since the Lakers had lost four straight games.

Although the Loggers haven't been able to

produce much offense this season, scoring under 40 points a game, they felt they were ready to pick things up.

It didn't happen.

Central Lake kept the Loggers' offense under wraps all night and ended its losing streak with a convincing 53-21 victory that

sent Boyne Falls spiraling to its fourth straight loss to open the season.

Boyne Falls scored just eight points in the first half, only one in the second quarter, and went into the locker room on the short end of a 35-8 deficit.

The Loggers managed to pick up their scoring

pace only slightly in the second half, and were outscored 18-14.

Keaton Matelski led the Loggers with 15 points and he also was the Loggers' top rebounder.

Garrison Barrett scored 23 points for the Lakers, while Drayten Evans added 18.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on December 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Chamberlain.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-141, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #23-142, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #23-143, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved to establish Bike Trail Steering Committee.

Motion approved to reappoint Sandra Clausen to the Fair Board, Marilyn Cousineau to Land Bank, Nancy Ferguson and Mike Ritter to the Planning Commission, Phil Kessler and John Haggard to the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals, Michael Cunningham to the Transportation Authority, and Mike Castiglione to the Workforce Development Board.

Motion approved Resolution #23-144, Public Hearing Notice.

Motion approved Resolution #23-145, Citizen Participation Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #23-146, Remonumentation Grant Application for 2024.

Motion approved Resolution #23-147, Charlevoix County Transit Title VI Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #23-148, Advisacare Office Building Lease Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #23-149, Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion approved to table Resolutions #23-150 Re-establishing the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Committee, #23-151 Re-establishing the Charlevoix County Parks Committee, and #23-152 Re-establishing the Charlevoix County Transit Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #23-153, Updated Travel Policy. 4.1. Nays – Commissioner Hankins.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:58 a.m.

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The South Arm Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the South Arm Township Hall located at 02811 S. M-66 Highway, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an application from Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc. in behalf of Dawn Lavanway, owner, to rezone the North 470 feet of parcel number 014-026-011-40 from R-2 (greenbelt residential) to Industrial for the purpose of future material storage. If you have any questions, comments or would like additional information about this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, or by phone at 231-459-8141.

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REAL ESTATE FEATURE

OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT SHANTY CREEK RESORT CONDOMINIUM

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is an opportunity for a one-quarter share condominium ownership at Shanty Creek Resort near Bellaire.

The three-bedroom, four-bath luxurious condominium offers approximately 1,650 square feet of beautifully designed and appointed space. Interior highlights abound, including a spacious open living, dining and kitchen layout with vaulted ceiling, tongue and groove wood accents, magnificent fireplace, gorgeous kitchen, large master suite with skylight

style window, sliding door leading to a private deck and sitting area...and much more.

A deck off the main living area also overlooks the superb view, augmented by the third floor corner location of this unit. The one-quarter share ownership offers one week per month, including the unique perk of two consecutive weeks in the summer. This is a must see ideal opportunity for a fantastic vacation get away with the maintenance free condominium lifestyle in a legendary northern Michigan resort setting.



This condominium opportunity is located at 4673 North Crossover Drive in Shanty Creek Resort near Bellaire and it is listed at \$59,900 for a one-quarter share ownership.

For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, in Boyne City, 231-675-0157 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreatlakes.com



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A Short Guide to Real Estate Lingo and Acronyms

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Real estate ads are usually full of acronyms and terms that are unfamiliar to first-time buyers. Here's a cheat sheet to let you in on the lingo.

HDW, HWF, Hdwd – hardwood floors
 hi ceils – high ceilings
 in-law potential – potential for a separate apartment, subject to local zoning restrictions
 large E-2 plan – this is one of several floor plans available in a specific building listing – an agreement between a real estate broker and a home owner that allows the broker to market and arrange for the sale of the owner's home.
 The word "listing" is also used to refer to the for-sale home itself. A home being sold by the owner without a real estate agent isn't a "listing."

lo dues – low homeowner's association dues. But find out how "low" the dues are compared to other dues in the area.
 lock box – locked key-hold device affixed to a for-sale home so real estate professionals can gain entry into the home after obtaining permission from the listing agent
 lsd pkg. – leased parking

area. May come with additional cost.
 MLS – Multiple Listing Service. An MLS is an organization that collects, compiles and distributes information about homes listed for sale by its members, who are real estate brokers. Membership isn't open to the general public, although selected MLS data may be sold to real estate listings Web sites. MLSs are local or regional. There is no MLS covering the whole country.
 nr bst schls – near the best schools
 pot'l – potential
 pvt – private
 pwdr rm – half bathroom or powder room
 REALTOR® – a real estate broker or sales associate who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS®. Not all real estate agents are REALTORS®.
 title insurance – an insurance policy that protects a lender's or owner's interest in real property from assorted types of unexpected or fraudulent claims of ownership. It's customary for the buyer to pay for the lender's title insurance policy.
 upr – upper floor
 vw, vu, vws, vus – view(s)

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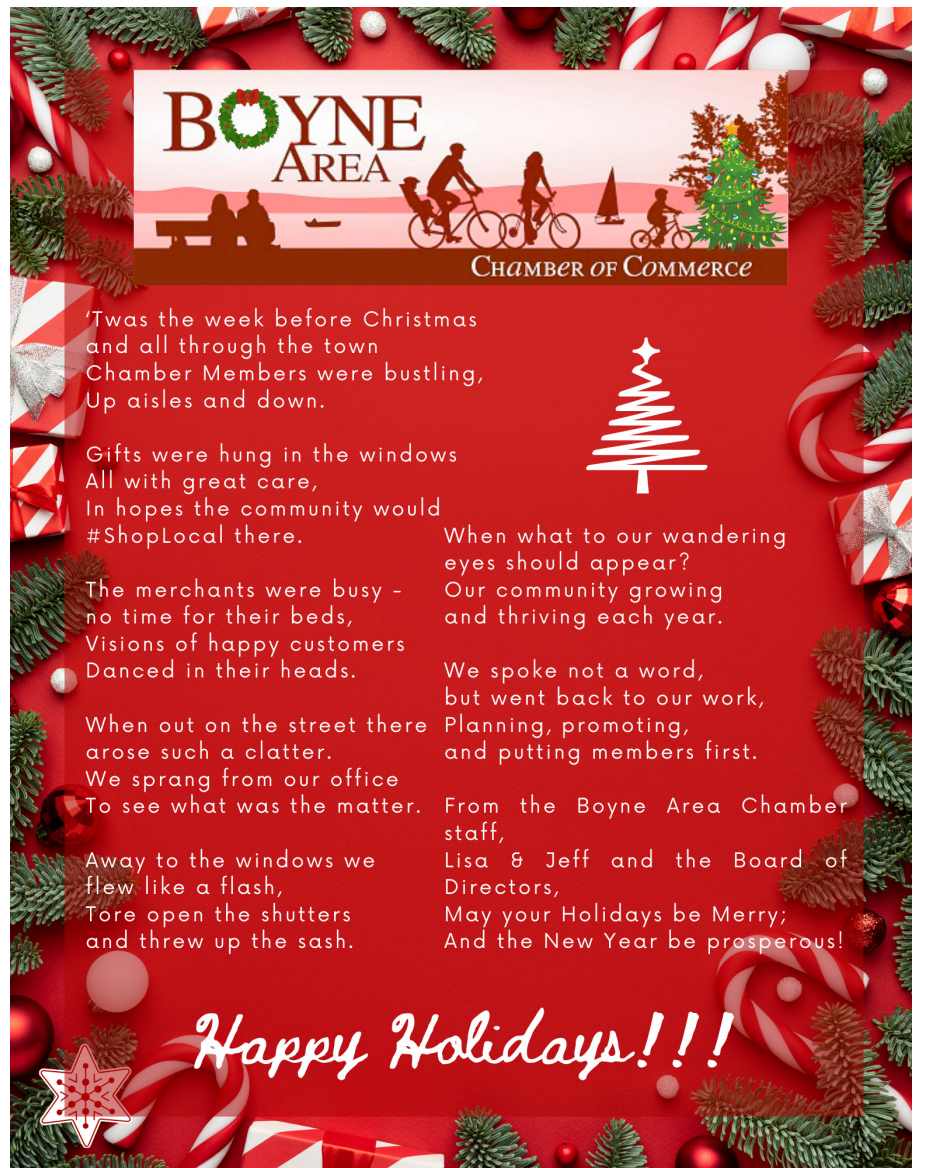
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When out on the street there arose such a clatter. We sprang from our office To see what was the matter.

Away to the windows we flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to our wandering eyes should appear? Our community growing and thriving each year.

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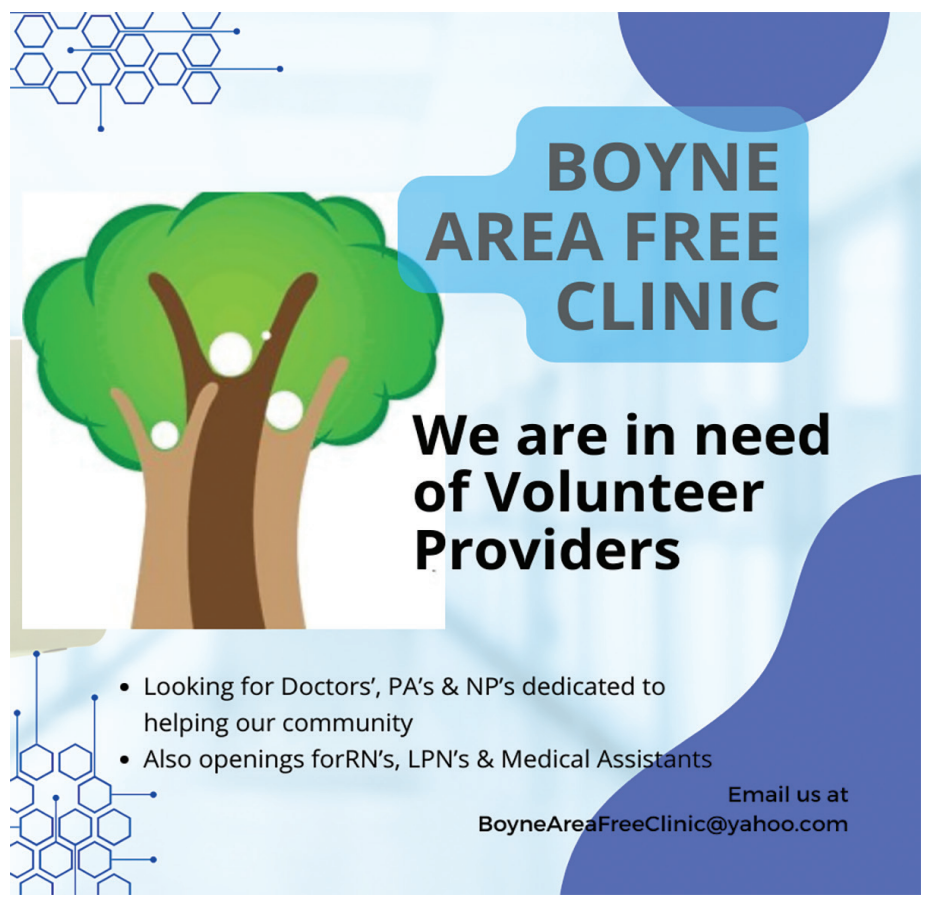
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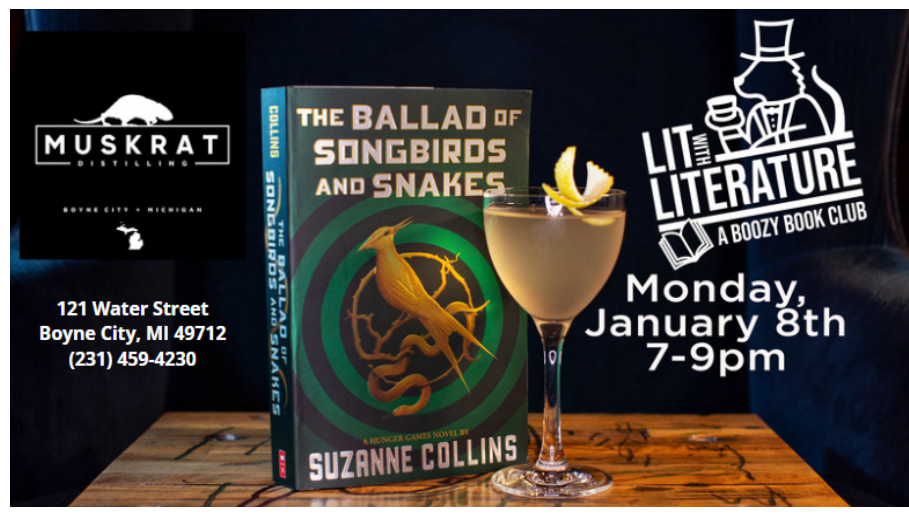


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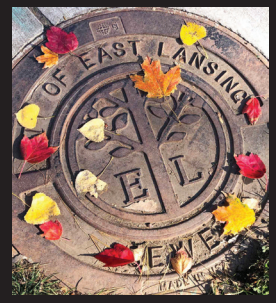
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