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C3F Announces the Graduation of Three Board of Trustees Members

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) would like to acknowledge three graduating Board of Trustees members for their six years of dedication and service. This year, John Dorskoch, Don Jess, and Fred Malpass will retire their seats, allowing new representation for the regions they represented. Each completed their service on the Board and helped to consistently strengthen and improve C3F.



Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) would like to acknowledge three graduating Board of Trustees members for their six years of dedication and service. Pictured left to right are: John Dorskoch, Monica Peck, Fred Malpass, Sara Ward & Don Jess

Each served during a time of change – both at our Community Foundation and in the world. They provided leadership during the unprecedented experience of the COVID 19 pandemic, which required continuous shifting and learning. They oversaw a transition in leadership when long-time President, Chip Hansen, retired after 13 years. They supported new President, Sara Ward, as she set a new vision for the future of C3F.

During their tenure, they approved more than \$13.7 million in grants and scholarships and served with others on the Board, on behalf of and for the benefit of the entire community. C3F is a nonprofit organization whose operations are overseen by a 15-member Board of Trustees, who offer governance, guidance, expertise, financial accountability, and transparency. Trustees volunteer their time and receive no finan-

cial compensation for their service. Members represent all the geographic regions of Charlevoix County, including Beaver Island, and can serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. Current Board of Trustees Chair, Monica Peck, remembers their service this way, "Don served on the Distribution Committee, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee, and served as Board Chair in 2021. He brought a commu-

nity-oriented perspective, common sense, a genuine smile, and good questions to every meeting. Fred served on the Distribution Committee, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee, and served as Board Chair in 2022 and as the Chair of the Investment Committee since it was established in 2022. Fred has a generous heart, abundant skills and abilities, and a

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Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers Achieve Outstanding Recognition for Quality, Innovation, and Patient Care

EAST JORDAN – Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers (EJFHC) are celebrating a series of prestigious awards and recognitions, solidifying their position as leaders in delivering exceptional patient care.



These accolades reflect their unwavering commitment to excellence in a healthcare landscape grappling with provider shortages, a challenge EJFHC has tackled head-on through innovative care models. "We are incredibly honored to receive these awards and recognitions," stated Dan McKinnon, CEO at East Jordan Family Health Center. "These accolades are a testament to our team's dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to providing the best possible care for our patients. We are constantly striving to innovate and improve, and these awards motivate us to continue on this journey of excellence."

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Favorite Memories of Christmas

BY GRACE BARAGREY

The Christmas season is seen as a time of stress for some. Joy for others. A time to reunite with your loved ones. Christmas is a tradition that is spread over the entire world, but up north we have truly been blessed with living in that magical hallmark atmosphere. From Charlevoix to Alpena, there are so many special places and events that take place during the Christmas season.

Youth Pastor at Gaylord E-Free church, Dave Baragrey 2 reminisced on his "Favorite Christmas Memory," combining all his Christmas's spent skiing the slopes of our very own ski resorts. He remembered "skiing all day long and coming home to a nice big dinner. Being able to live somewhere capable of creating those memories makes me feel so grateful," he said. Christmas is a time to share special moments with your loved ones and make memories that will last a lifetime.

When Johannesburg resident, Kim Gascho, was asked "What was your favorite gift you have ever received?" Her response was heartwarming. She replied with saying, "When I was 6 years old, I asked for a Teddy Ruxpin talking doll. I was an only child, and so I had friends, but I was around adults most of the time. I absolutely loved it because it read to me, and I followed along in the book. He went everywhere with me, and he meant so much to me because he was my friend."

As late actor Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others."

Johannesburg NHS (National Honor Society) students came together to volunteer at Gaylord Walmart's "Shop with a Cop" on December 2. "Shop with a Cop," is a program where kids are paired with a law enforcement officer to be with for the day. They get to be escorted to Walmart and buy gifts for their family members and themselves. This events focus has been such an amazing way to give back to our community and it was "heartwarming to see what the kids picked out for their parents."

As we all finish out this year heading into 2024, keep the Christmas spirit alive, and continue to care for one another. Happy Holidays!



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THURSDAY



HIGH: 41
LOW: 34

FRIDAY



HIGH: 36
LOW: 30

SATURDAY



HIGH: 34
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SUNDAY



HIGH: 33
LOW: 27

MONDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 30

TUESDAY



HIGH: 36
LOW: 31

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 34
LOW: 29

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Dec 28	27	15	52	1984	-15	2017
Dec 29	27	14	48	2022	-22	1976
Dec 30	27	14	49	2022	-16	1976
Dec 31	27	14	57	1965	-21	2017
Jan 1	27	14	50	1952	-16	1968
Jan 2	26	13	43	1998	-20	2014
Jan 3	26	13	47	2007	-19	1981

OBITUARIES



MaryAnne Modjeska-Hallen, 94

Nov. 14, 1929-Dec. 17, 2023
BOYNE CITY

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

She was born on November 14, 1929, in Detroit, the daughter of Frederick and Anne Marie

(Matthee) Vermeersch.

MaryAnne married Robert Modjeska in 1951 then moved to Traverse City where they raised their family and was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Years later they moved to Bellaire where she also became an active member of St. Luke Catholic Church. Following Robert's passing in 1994, she married Gerald Hallen in 2002 and later they moved to the Boyne area. While in Boyne City, she attended St. Matthew Catholic Church along with her family.

Surviving are a daughter Katherine (Michael) Cain of Boyne City, 2 sisters, Johanne Lassaline of CO, Katherine Vermeersch of Elk Rapids, a brother Frederick (Kay) Vermeersch of Central Lake, 4 grandchildren, Karalyn Cain (Angad Chadha) of Chicago, IL, Allison Cain (Grant Schroll) Washington DC, Madelyn

Cain of Grand Rapids, and Jillian Cain of Boyne City.

Preceding her in death were her first husband Robert Modjeska, second husband Gerald Hallen, sister Margee Ruggles and her parents.

MaryAnne was greatly loved for her positivity and gracious spirit. Her uplifting attitude leaves behind a lasting impression and example for all who knew her.

Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of mass. Fr. Dennis Stilwell will officiate.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727.

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

Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Cheryl Darnell, 76

April 27, 1947-Dec. 15, 2023
CHARLEVOIX

Cheryl Kay Darnell of Charlevoix passed away on December 15, 2023 at her home.

She was born on April 27, 1947, in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Mark and Ruth L. (Graddy) Beckner.

There are no services planned at this time.

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

Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

NEW YEAR FUN FACTS

Caesar set January 1 as date for New Year New Year resolutions date back even further to ancient Babylon

BY MIKE DUNN

The date of January 1 for the New Year goes back to Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor who ruled a generation before Jesus was born. His calendar, authorized in 46 B.C., used the 365-day solar calendar as its basis and became known as the Julian Calendar.

Janus, a mythical king of early Rome, had been used as the image of the New Year more than 100 years before the Julian Calendar came into existence. Janus had two faces and could look back on past events and look forward to the future as well, so his image was associated with new beginnings. The month January is named after Janus for that reason.

At midnight on December 31, Romans pictured Janus looking back at the old year and looking ahead at the new year. The Romans started a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve and they also made resolutions for the year ahead.

The idea of making New Year's resolutions was not original with the Romans, however. In fact, it dates all the way back to the early Babylonians (and they celebrated the New Year in the spring, not on January 1). Their most popular resolution was to return farm equipment.

The Romans, starting around 153 B.C., simply continued the tradition of New Year's resolutions



Janus, the mythical king of early Rome, was used as the symbol for the new year because he had two faces, one looking backward to the old year, and one looking forward to the new year.

that the Babylonians had started.

Around 40 percent of Americans will make New Year resolutions. The most popular resolution that people around the world make in our day, not surprisingly, is to lose weight. Other popular resolutions are to spend more time with the kids, quit smoking and save more money.

Here are the 10 most popular New Year's resolutions:

1. Exercise more
2. Quit smoking
3. Learn a new skill
4. Drink less alcohol
5. Be smarter with money
6. Eat healthier
7. Travel
8. Volunteer
9. Spend less time on social media
10. Improve a relationship

It would seem strange for us to recognize any other date besides Jan. 1 for the New Year. Another tradition Americans have grown up with – especially those of us who live in the Eastern Standard Time zone – is the dropping of the ball in Times Square. That tradition doesn't date back quite as far back as the Babylonians but it is more than 100 years old.

The first time the ball was dropped in Times Square was 1907. Actually, the idea of dropping the ball as a signal of the passing of time was taken from the English Royal Observatory at Greenwich, which started that particular tradition in 1833.

The first ball that was dropped in New York in 1907 was made of iron and

wood and decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs. It was 5 feet in diameter and weighed about 700 pounds. The ball has been replaced seven times through the years. The latest ball weighs nearly 12,000 pounds and is a 12-foot geodesic sphere covered in 2,668 Waterford crystals. The ball has dropped every year since 1907 except for two: 1942 and 1943, during World War II.

More than 150 million Americans will watch the New York City bash on TV or social media. The Ball Drop will also appear on TV sets outside North America, as well.

Broadcasters in Spain, China, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Venezuela and other countries will show the event, according to its website.

Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of "sparkling wine" during the New Year celebration. The bubbly stuff dates back to the 17th century, when the cork was invented.

The song most associated with New Year's is "Auld Lang Syne." It was written by the Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1741 and first published in 1796 after Burns' death.

Burns put words to a melody that was already popular in Scotland and it has become the standard for bringing in the New Year. "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago" or, in modern English, "the good old days."

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YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Unleash Your Potential in the New Year: A Guide to Balanced Goal Setting

Dear Readers, as we stand on the cusp of a new year, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect, to dream and plan. I encourage you to embark on a journey of self-discovery and goal setting across the nine crucial areas of life.

This process is not just about setting goals; it's about creating a harmonious balance that resonates with your deepest aspirations.



Laura Jasurda

Start with Reflection:

Begin by scheduling some uninterrupted time for yourself. In these moments of solitude, rate your satisfaction in each of the following life areas on a scale from one to ten: Career, Personal Development, Spirituality, Finances, Health, Hobbies & Recreation, Love Life, Relationships, and Community Service.

Remember, a low score isn't a reason for self-criticism but a nudge from your inner self, highlighting areas that crave your attention.

Set S.M.A.R.T Goals:

For each area where you desire improvement, set a S.M.A.R.T goal. For example, in the area of Health, a goal might be, "By June 2024, I will achieve a healthy BMI of 22 by exercising 30 minutes daily and eating a balanced diet." The next action step could be, "Sign up for a local gym membership and plan a weekly meal schedule by January 10th."

This approach ensures your goals are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound.

Power of Affirmations:

Accompany each goal with an empowering affirmation. Continuing with our health example,

your affirmation could be, "Every day, I am getting healthier, stronger, and more vibrant."

Affirmations are a potent tool to keep you motivated and focused.

Seek Support:

Identify a coach, mentor, or accountability partner for each area. This person should be someone who can provide guidance, motivation, and support as you work towards your goals.

As you embark on this journey, remember the words of Tony Robbins, "Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible." Let this new year be a canvas where you paint a future brimming with growth, happiness, and fulfillment.

Until next time, wishing you all a transformative and joyous New Year!

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.

COMMUNITY LEADER

SCOTT KOZIOL

HELPING OUR STUDENTS BE READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED

BY JOHN KEYSER

Scott Koziol is Superintendent of Char-Em ISD, which serves the 11 public school districts, two charter academies, and also the parochial schools in Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. He works with teachers, administrators, and ISD staff to meet the needs of each student in this region.

The ISD's mission is to provide leadership and services to local school districts, with a vision of being an indispensable partner to each district.

Scott grew up downstate in Jackson, graduated from Jackson High School, and then attended Michigan State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in education. He also received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from MSU.

Scott is in his 27th year in education, with a background spent mostly in Jackson County, where he served as a local district teacher (4th and 5th grades), principal, curriculum director, ISD consultant, and superintendent.

In 2017, Scott joined Char-Em ISD as the Director of Instructional Services, later being promoted to assistant superintendent. Scott said it was his dream to work for Char-Em ISD,



Scott Koziol

"because of the important and positive impact we have with the schools in our community." In October 2022, the ISD's Board of Education selected him to serve as Char-Em's superintendent after the retirement of the previous superintendent. He could not have been more thrilled, stating, "We have an exceptional team, doing great things for students and families."

Scott's goals as superintendent include increasing visibility of Char-Em ISD and informing community residents about the work

and reach of the ISD into all corners of education, from special education from birth to age 26 to career and technical education, and the many additional supports that help keep schools operation, such as: business and payroll services, technology, communications, data analysis, pupil counts, professional learning coordination for the region's 900 educators, early childhood services, literacy coaching, transportation, support for families in transition/homeless, and more.

"Char-Em ISD has a huge impact on education in northwest Michigan on a daily basis," said Scott. "Our work is about helping create opportunities for all students, with equity across all districts. In every facet of our organization, we are helping kids get ready to learn, and that includes supporting teachers and administrators in their very important roles. We are ready to assist wherever needed to ensure support for all children in our area."

Scott and his wife, Brenda, live in Norwood. They have two adult daughters, Megan and Madeline, who both reside in Michigan.

We are so fortunate to have the dedication of our Char-Em ISD team, their unwavering commitment to our students, and Scott's outstanding leadership!

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.

6th Home in Premier Habitat Subdivision Purchased Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity Celebrates The Milliman Household!

Leanne Milliman purchased her home in The Meadowlands Subdivision on December 18, 2023. Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, is building homes, hope, and community.

The Milliman Household closed on their home on the 18th of December. The home is located in Meadowlands part of the 43 home project: Foundations for our Future.

Foundations for our Future is the largest project Northwest Michigan Habitat or Humanity has tackled and is allowing more local families homeownership and the opportunity to build equity. When a local household purchases a home from Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity they own the land and the house that sits on the land. Our "up north," communities



are being revitalized and homeowners are able to live near where they are employed. "This neighborhood is thriving and as more locals move in, we're noticing just how needed this project was.

We obviously followed the research before starting our builds through Foundations for our Future, but seeing the families bustling

around and the holiday decorations on each house has been the icing on the cake." said Rachel Spino, Director of Operations at Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity. "Each physical house was needed, but now each house represents a family, a family that gets to spend less time worrying about whether their landlord is going to sell

their rental and more time on what color to paint the bathroom."

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project and welcome Leanne Milliman to the Meadowlands Neighborhood. Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Housewarming Party for The Milliman household to follow.

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Two Persons Seriously Injured in Head-On Crash

ANTRIM COUNTY – On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at approximately 2:54 p.m. troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash on US-31 near Old Dixie Highway in Banks Township.

Witnesses reported a 2002 Jeep Liberty was traveling southbound on US-31, drove on to the right shoulder of the roadway and then re-entered the roadway and crossed the centerline striking a 2023 Freightliner head-on.

The driver of the Jeep, a 33-year-old Boyne Falls man, was airlifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City with serious injuries. His current condition is unknown.

The driver of the Freightliner, a 66-year-old man from Roscommon, suffered two broken ribs and was transported by ambulance to McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.



He was later released from the hospital. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

The Antrim County Sheriff's Office, EMS, Otsego County EMS, and Banks Township Fire and Rescue responded to the scene.

The Antrim County Sheriff's Office, EMS, Otsego County EMS, and Banks Township Fire and Rescue responded to the scene.



LEADERSHIP

Earning The Trust Of Our Team Members

BY JOHN KEYSER

The enthusiasm and trust among our team members is essential to the long-term success of a business, non-profit, school, or church, and they are not automatic. We must earn enthusiasm and trust, and we must continue to earn them.

In my book, *When Leadership Improves, Everyone Wins: A Discussion of the Principles of Highly Effective Leadership*, I write about the fundamentals of highly effective leadership. While there are many important principles and practices, from honest and frequent communication, regular two-way conversations, prompt responses, genuine gratitude, timely addressing of problems, acts of kindness, asking questions, listening with an open mind to learn and understand, asking for honest feedback... among others.

In addition, we certainly must do the “little things”, which while seemingly “minor”, make a big difference in how we are received, for example, a warm smile, putting someone at ease, comfortable eye contact, using their name, catching a person doing good work, a handwritten note, always being positive, and a great many other simple acts of appreciation and kindness.

To build and maintain trust among our team members, here are ten (of many) keys:

Have conversations, especially one-on-one conversations.

We must earn and maintain relationships



John Keyser

with our team members. This is done when we take the time to speak with each, to learn about them and their lives, and to let them know we care about their growth, success, and wellbeing. Be open and truthful. Be transparent. When things do go wrong, our team members want to know what happened. Instead of keeping mistakes a secret, be forthcoming and take responsibility for any wrongdoing. Leaders who take responsibility for their actions earn trust. And, of course, give credit to others when we enjoy success.

Listen, then listen, and listen some more.

Ask our team members for their ideas. Then listen attentively to understand and learn, e.g., how we can save time, reduce our costs, advance our skills, improve morale, have more efficient and productive meetings, what should be our priorities going forward, and for sure, how we could improve our own leadership. We will gain a wealth of valuable ideas. Focused listening is essential to earning trust. Address problems and a difficult team member

promptly. We cannot allow inappropriate or unethical behavior to continue. It is our responsibility as a leader to step up, have the conversation(s). Stress does not come from the problem, it comes from continuing to face the problem. I cannot tell you how vitally important this is. When we avoid dealing with the difficult situations, our team members lose their enthusiasm and their respect for us.

Share information.

Again, be transparent. Too often, leaders withhold information. However, in the absence of factual information, rumors begin to circulate, and this is not good. When we regularly share information with our team members, we are received as more reliable and trustworthy. Practice crystal-clear communication, and over-communicate. It is easy for a leader's vision to be misinterpreted through emails, texts, videos and newsletters. It is crucial for those in charge to have regular one-on-one conversations with each of her/his team members. We want to clearly share our goals, expectations, and needs, and for certain, to get their input for every project. And remember, a short conversation is better than no conversation!

Build a culture of frequent feedback, positive and also constructive.

We all can improve, can benefit from the perceptions of those with whom we work. There is an art to this, and we would be very well advised to learn it and then model it to our

team members. How about “Please tell me two things you think I am doing well and two things I could do better, and please, I want you to be honest. I really want to know.”

Catch people doing work.

As mentioned above, thanking people for their contributions is important. It helps build their confidence. And everyone wants to feel appreciated and valued (as well as being heard and feeling that their ideas matter).

The best ideas are bottom up ideas.

Practice leadership by questioning. Want something improved, and everything can be improved, ask the people doing that work. They know. And our team members will be excited to share their ideas. This is way better than a culture of top down directives.

Develop a true team.

A great approach to doing this is to have a round table discussion of what good team work looks like to them. Assure that everyone shares their thoughts and that they come together in agreement on how they wish to communicate, share ideas and help one another going forward.

I hope this is helpful, and I believe a good closing summary is:

- We want to lead with humility and kindness.
- Leadership is one conversation at a time, and know that a short conversation is better than no conversation.
- Clarity and asking for ideas and help are strengths.

C3F FROM PAGE 1A

dedication that has made a difference for the Community Foundation. John served on the Distribution Committee initially, but his membership on the Finance and Investment Committees has been critical for the Community Foundation. His deep knowledge of the complicated stock market space, and his kindness and commitment, have had equally important impacts.”

Established in 1992 by a group of civic leaders, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to improving and enhancing life for all who live in the area.

C3F accepts gifts of all

sizes and for many purposes. Those contributions are professionally managed to generate income that is used to make grants supporting worthwhile programs, projects, and initiatives right here at home. Currently, more than 325 separate funds make up the Community Foundation, each one created by an individual, family, business, or non-profit agency. With current assets of \$55 million, the Community Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$30 million since it began.

More information about the Community Foundation is available by calling (231) 536-2440, or visiting the organization's website, www.c3f.org.

EJFHC FROM PAGE 1A

National Recognition for Clinical Excellence:

• **Health Center Quality Leaders Award:** EJFHC ranks among the top 20% of all health centers nationwide for outstanding clinical quality measure (CQM) performance, reflecting their commitment to evidence-based, effective care.

• **Most Overall Improvement Award, Better Outcomes Quality Improvement Contest from Nextgen Healthcare:** This prestigious award honors EJFHC's remarkable improvement in patient outcomes, achieved through their transition to a team-based model with integrated behavioral health, clinical pharmacy, and care team RNs.

National Recognition for Championing Technology and Social Determinants of Health:

• **Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality Recognition:** EJFHC's dedication to leveraging technology for better care is lauded, promoting telehealth access, patient engagement, and data interoperability, all while pri-

oritizing the collection of social determinants of health data.

• **Addressing Social Risk Factors Recognition:** EJFHC proactively identifies and addresses social factors impacting patient health, connecting individuals with essential enabling services to break down barriers to optimal health outcomes.

Building a Strong Foundation for Future Success: In the face of national provider shortages, EJFHC remains dedicated to serving their communities. Their innovative team-based model fosters collaboration and expertise, ensuring quality, patient-centered care for all.

These awards demonstrate their commitment to continuous improvement and their belief in the power of teamwork to overcome healthcare challenges.

At East Jordan Family Health Center (EJFHC), we believe that quality healthcare can transform lives. As a non-profit organization serving Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, we're dedicated to providing comprehensive, high-quality care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This ongoing commitment means creating a welcoming environment where individuals and families can access the essential medical services they need, from preventive care to chronic disease management, all without financial barriers.

Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race, January 20

CHARLEVOIX – Revolution Bike in Charlevoix is pleased to introduce the 13th Annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race. The Dogman Challenge is a 2 hour winter endurance event held entirely on the multi-use trails around Mt. McSauba Recreation Area and North Point Nature Preserve in Charlevoix.

The course consists of a fast and challenging 2 mile loop along the lake shore and through rolling and wooded terrain. The riders to complete the most laps in 2 hours are the champions and will receive customized one of a kind Dogman metals. Metals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in the Men and Women's Open and Master 45+ divisions and Junior Division (17 and under - 45 minute race).

The 2024 event is slated for January 20th. Online entry is open. The race will be capped at 100 riders, and there will be no day of registration. Be sure to register soon to secure your entry.

Packet pick up is from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the ski lodge at Mt McSauba on race day. Feel free to come early and ride the course.

The Awards Ceremony

will take place at Mt McSauba after the race.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If the event is cancelled, registrants will have the choice of deferring the registration payment to the 2025 event or donating the registration payment to the Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race. If the registrant does not make a choice within two weeks of the cancellation notification, the payment will be considered a donation.

If the registrant cancels, there is no refund. If we need to cut back on registrants due to new state restrictions, we will go with 1st come, 1st served.

There will be no registrations on the day of the race. Participants must register on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Charlevoix/DogmanChallengeFatBikeRace>.

NOTE

No e-bikes. Minimum 3.7 tires. Helmets required. Registrants must sign a waiver to compete.

The Dogman has been sighted in and around the woods of Mt McSauba. Riders beware!

Ferro Erectors request to build in industrial park approved

BY GRACE BARAGREY

EAST JORDAN – On December 19th, 2023, East Jordan City Commission held a meeting. Businessman Neil Salisbury, owner of “Ferro Erectors LLC”, presented the request to the East Jordan City Commission, asking permission to build a building in East Jordan Industrial Park. Neil Salisbury's goal is to put up a permanent building to conduct business in a more organized fashion. Mayor Penzien responded to Salisbury's request to build a business with many positive

remarks, but reminded him that, “If he doesn't break ground in twelve months, he will be required to give the land back to the city.” Salisbury's response to his remark was, “As soon as I purchase that land, I will start cutting down trees.” Although Salisbury will have a permanent location, this will not stop him from “conducting business statewide.” His request to purchase land and build in East Jordan Industrial Park ended in Salisbury's favor with a unanimous vote to accept the purchase agreement.

The meeting continued with several more unanimous decisions including the “2024 Tourist Park Rate,” “The Sportsman Park Universal Access Change #2,” and the “Kayak Launch Change Order.” The “Kayak Launch Change Order,” is ensuring that handicap accessible kayak launches will be built. They went on with their meeting approving the “Jordan River Trail,” the “Rap Grant Engineering Proposal,” which will break ground in late August, the “Resolution 108-2023,” and the “2024 Jordan Valley

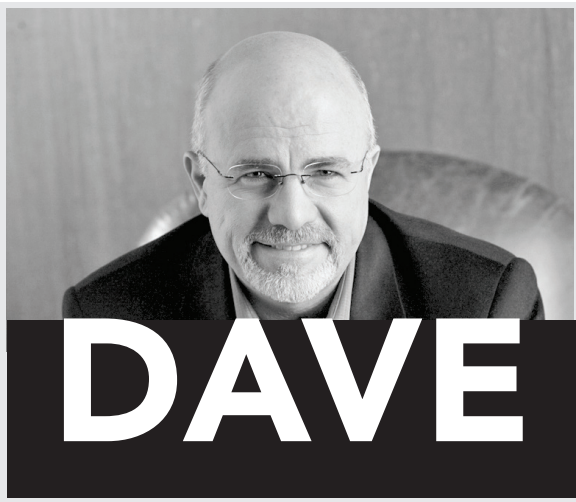
Freedom Festival Proposal,” which approves fireworks at the 2024 festival.

They ended the meeting discussing their gratitude and appreciation for a local “Santa Claus” who donated enough warm winter clothing for 146 kids. Thank you so much for your generosity and humility. As a reminder, City Hall will be closed Friday December 22nd, 2023, Monday December 25th, 2023, Tuesday December 26th, 2023, and January 1-2nd, 2024. East Jordan next City Commission meeting will be held on January 16th, 2024.

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Michigan's Chief Medical Executive To Speak At North Central Michigan College On Friday, January 19, 2024



DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

But Will He Listen?

Dear Dave,

My best friend is having financial problems, and I'm worried about him. He's "between jobs" now and making less than \$600 a month through a part-time job. He says he's holding out for his dream job, which is about ten hours away, but even when he's working full time, he always asks to borrow money or says he's running low. He interviewed for his dream job several months ago, and I haven't got the heart to tell him he was probably passed over for the position. Is there anything I can do to help him?

—Garrett

Dear Garrett,

I assume that since you're good friends, he's willing to listen to what you have to say. There's absolutely nothing wrong with having a dream job. You just have to be practical and realistic at the same time.

This next part is more observation than insult, so I hope you'll understand. Your friend sounds to me like he might be a little impulsive and unrealistic. When it comes right down to it, maybe a touch immature, too. So, I think what we're talking about here is how to give your friend a gentle, well-intentioned nudge in a more realistic direction. He needs to open his eyes to some positive financial realities of life—like living on a written, monthly budget—and not making a habit of chasing rainbows and making excuses.

If he came to me for advice, the first thing I'd

tell him is that the most employable people are ones who aren't broke. When you go into a job interview and you're broke, it's easy to come off as desperate and tense. That doesn't make for a very good interview.

The answer to that, when you're essentially unemployed, is to work any legitimate full-time job. At the very least, two, three or even four part-time jobs. Deliver pizzas, wait tables and mow yards. It's doesn't matter what you're doing, as long as you're generating a livable income for yourself. Smile and be professional at whatever you're doing, too. You never know when you might come face-to-face with your next real employer. But none of this will happen if you're working three or four hours a day, and spending most of your time at home in front of the television.

I hope this helps. I hope your friend will listen to you and understand you have his best interests at heart. But if he doesn't, all you can do is hope for the best and pray for him.

Best of luck, Garrett. You're a good friend.

—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.

Michigan's chief medical executive will be the guest speaker at North Central Michigan College's first Luncheon Lecture of the 2024 winter semester. Natasha Bagdasarian, M.D., will appear at the college on Friday, January 19, to provide an overview of pressing public health issues in Michigan today. Dr. Bagdasarian provides overall medical guidance for the State of Michigan and serves in the governor's cabinet.

Dr. Bagdasarian will provide an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, the opioid crisis, maternal and infant health issues, and vaccines for preventable diseases and sexually transmitted infections.

Prior to her current post Dr. Bagdasarian oversaw the SARS-CoV-2 testing strategy for the State and helped bring rapid testing technologies to vulnerable populations. Since early 2020 she has served as a consultant and technical advisor for the World Health Organization, providing guidance on outbreak preparedness and COVID-19 strategies.

Dr. Bagdasarian's talk will take place at noon in the college's library conference room on Howard



Natasha Bagdasarian, M.D.

Street in Petoskey, and is open to the public. Cost is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m.

To register on line, go to <https://www.ncmlife-longlearning.com/events>. Email dcannon1@ncmich.edu to register for multiple programs or call 231-348-6705.

Dr. Bagdasarian's talk will be the first of seven luncheon lectures taking place on Fridays during the winter semester.

On January 26, North Central's early childhood education program coordinator and members of Leadership Little Traverse will explain a childcare initiative at the college to address the serious undersupply of childcare in Emmet County. They are

working with more than \$600,000 from a federal grant, the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners to bring high-quality, accessible early care and education to area families.

On February 2, Emmet County Clerk Suzanne Kanine and former Emmet County commissioner Charlie MacInnis will provide an overview of the upcoming elections in 2024. This promises to be a very big year with candidates for city, township, county, legislative, university and federal elective offices appearing on long ballots. Many will run unopposed. The speakers will explain how residents can add their names to the ballot – if they act soon.

Probate and Family Court Judge Valerie Snyder will be the speaker on February 23 to explain how her court partners with many community agencies to help youthful offenders avoid future involvement in the justice system. Judge Snyder oversees the court's school program, juvenile drug treatment court, therapy and counseling services, and family engagement, all aimed at helping young people caught in the legal

system achieve positive outcomes.

On March 1, the producer of Interlochen Public Radio's "Points North" program will provide a reporter's view of some of the major environmental issues in the Great Lakes region. Dan Wanschura will look at a number of topics including the effects of lead bullets on bald eagles, bird counting at Whitefish Point and why it's important for anglers to clean their fishing gear.

Emmet County's veterans affairs director, Jeff Urban, will be the speaker on March 22 to explain the many benefits available to veterans in our area and talk about the new VA health center that recently opened in Indian River.

On April 19, Michigan State Police Trooper Corey Hebner will talk about social media addiction and the on-line scams that target seniors. Trooper Hebner is the community services trooper for our region based in Gaylord. He focuses on community outreach and interactions to help strengthen communities by mentoring youth, working with seniors, educating residents on emerging crime trends, and working with other law enforcement agencies to help strengthen policing.

Helping Children Succeed in School

New state law adds dental to hearing and vision screenings for incoming kindergartens, first-graders

Vision and hearing screenings have been part of how families prepare for the big day – their child's first day of kindergarten – for decades. Children enrolling into their first year of school will now receive an oral health screening, too.

"Dental health is often overlooked when we talk about the health and development of our kids," says Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) Health Officer Dan Thorell. "Families need access to care to ensure their children stay healthy and have every advantage education provides."

A primary way access to dental care is being addressed is through a new state law requiring the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a program with local health departments, including HDNW. The program, called Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA), is expected to serve 112,000 students statewide.

For Local Students

In Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego coun-



HDNW is working with Registered Dental Hygienists to train for and schedule school screenings throughout the region's 31 counties. The team consists of (from left) Rene Louchart, Caroline Sarya, Angie Sutton, Dawn Marie Strehl, and Valerie Witt. Missing is Kara McLellan.

ties, the program will be led by HDNW school oral health staff, the same staff who has been doing these screenings in schools for years.

"KOHA expands on what HDNW started in 2011 based on local need," says Dawn Marie Strehl, HDNW Regional Oral Health Coordinator. "The screenings are required; however, parents and guardians may have their regular providers complete a form saying the children have a dental home and have already had the needed exam."

Tooth decay is the most

common chronic childhood disease, five times more common than asthma. In Michigan, almost half of the Head Start children have tooth decay. More than half of the children in Michigan do not see a dentist each year. The goal of this program is to establish a dental home for each child.

HDNW is scheduling screening days during kindergarten round-ups and health fairs in the spring. The dates will be shared by the schools and through HDNW's social media posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The schools will have the forms families need to take to their dental provider to show that the assessment was already done in their office by Registered Dental Hygienist, Dentist, or Dental Therapist. Otherwise, the oral assessment can be done at the school by HDNW's licensed professionals.

KOHA will receive fundings from the State of Michigan and Delta Dental. For more information on how HDNW will support this new law, please email media@nwhealth.org or call 231-547-7653.



Charlevoix Area Humane Society Big Ticket winner

Our lucky Charlevoix Area Humane Society Big Ticket winner, Debbie Wright of Ellsworth/Fenton.

She took the cash option. Here is Debbie being presented with the \$10,000

check from our Director Scott MacKenzie!

Congratulations Debbie! Thank you, and thank you to everyone who took a chance while supporting the mission of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society!

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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 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.

CHARLEVOIX VISION & REFLECTION RETREAT WITH LAURA JASURDA

Jan 6, 9am-4pm. Design your best year. Join Laura Jasurda, a certified John Maxwell Trainer, Coach, and Mentor, for an immersive retreat designed to empower individuals eager for meaningful growth. This unique experience provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, and set the stage for a year of unparalleled achievement. Laura's expertise in leadership and personal development, combined with her passion for helping others realize their full potential, makes this retreat a transformative journey towards setting and accomplishing impactful goals. \$69 includes workshops, lunch, and vision board kit. RSVP to Laura, laurajasurda@laurajasurda.com.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with tons of local news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or

organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other newspapers in the area are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our newsstand prices and advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call 989-732-8160. One of the few Locally Owned and Locally Operated newspapers in the state.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL FALL HOURS

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

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of

the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylor-0tsego.com

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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



Charles Fannin

Grade: 6th

Parent's Name(s): Jeffrey and Danielle Fannin

What do you want to be when you grow up? As an adult, Charles wants to work at Daifuku like his dad. He believes that he will want to follow in his father's footsteps and begin his career as a welder.

Favorite Book:

The Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

Hobbies and Interests: In his free time, Charles enjoys playing video games and riding his bike.

School Activities:

Though he has not yet joined a school sports team, Charles likes gym class and playing dodgeball.

Staff Comments: Charles provides an excellent example of the Logger Agreement to speak up, work as a team, and be safe. Charles is consistently well-mannered, friendly, and respectful. With his extraordinary work ethic, Charles meets expectations in each of his classes with cheerful determination. He is a kind friend to his peers and a good role model for younger students. We are proud of Charles and his great attitude every day!

Submitted by: Marcie McQuillan

WINTER FUN FACTS

COMPILED BY MIKE DUNN

Where is world's snowiest city located? Where was world-record snowman built? If you've ever wondered on what lucky group of people the most snow falls each year, we have the answer and it will probably surprise. No, the city is not in Montana or Colorado or anywhere in the U.S. And it's not in Russia or China either.

The city where the most snow falls each year is actually in ... Japan!

Aamori City in northern Japan receives more snowfall than any major city on the planet. Each year citizens are pummeled with 312 inches, or about 26 feet of snow on average.

Maybe being in northern Michigan in the winter isn't so bad after all!

Here in the U.S., the most snow ever recorded in a 24-hour period was at Silver Lake, Colorado way back in 1921. A whopping 76 inches fell! You might say it was a golden day for skiers in Silver Lake. The second-heaviest snowfall in a 24-hour period was also recorded in Colorado, at Georgetown on Dec. 4, 1913. On that day, 63 inches of the white stuff fell on the city.

A single snow storm can drop up to 39 million tons of snow. I guess if you do any plowing, you're probably not surprised at that total.

The city of Bismarck, North Dakota is well-acquainted with winter snow. On Feb. 17, 2007, the students of Bismarck schools set a record when they joined forces to create 8,962 snow angels at the same time.

Here are some other interesting facts about winter:

□ During winter, the earth in its orbit is actually closer to the sun, not farther away. The seasonal drop in



The winter season has its drawbacks but it is also the time of the year for the most magnificent sunrises and sunsets. (photo by Mike Dunn)

temperatures has nothing to do with the distance of the sun. It is the earth's tilting axis that causes the seasons. That is why the Southern Hemisphere is experiencing three months of summer at the same time we in the Northern Hemisphere are experiencing three months of winter. (Longer, of course, if you're a citizen of northern Michigan!)

□ More than 22 millions tons of salt are used on U.S. roads each winter, amounting to about 137 pounds of salt per person!

□ Did you know there's a difference between freezing rain and sleet? They form in different ways, though both create hazardous road conditions. They both form when precipitation Both types of precipitation occur when rain formed in warm air in the sky passes through a layer of cold air near the ground. Thicker layers of cold air create sleet, a slushy form of water that's semi-frozen by the time it reaches the Earth. Thinner layers don't give rain enough time to freeze until it hits the surface of the ground—it then forms a thin coat of ice wherever it lands.

□ Wet snow is best for building a snowman, but you probably already knew that. Scientists say the best

snow is a snow-to-water ratio of 5-to-1.

□ The Southern Hemisphere typically has milder winters than the Northern Hemisphere. This is because the Southern Hemisphere has less land and a more maritime climate.

□ According to the Guinness World Records, on January 28, 1887, a snowflake 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick fell in Fort Keogh, Montana, making it the largest snowflake ever observed.

□ The largest recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999. The 113-foot, 7-inch snowman broke the previous record held by Yamagata, Japan, at 96 feet and 7 inches.

□ Average snowflake falls at about 3 mph. All snowflakes have six sides.

□ Millions of monarch butterflies fly to Mexico for the winter. They are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away each year. Additionally, they like to hibernate in the same trees every year

□ The coldest winter on Earth occurs at the Polar Plateau in Antarctica. The average mean annual temperature is -72.9° Fahrenheit. That's a lot colder than downtown Gaylord!

□ There is an average of 105 snow-producing storms in the United States in a typical year. An average storm will last 2-5 days and carry snow to several states.

□ Couples are more than twice as likely to think about splitting up between the year-end holidays and Valentine's Day. The two major reasons are that 1) the holidays are stressful and 2) energy levels are lower during cold weather and people tend to be moodier.

□ The word "solstice" means "sun stands still."

□ The most common birthday in the United States is September 16, which means that most babies are conceived during the early winter holiday season. August has the lowest amount of conceptions.

□ The Disney movie Frozen (2013) is the highest-grossing animated musical film of all time and the 9th highest-grossing film of all time with a worldwide box office gross of \$1.097 billion.

□ Sunsets are typically prettier in the winter. Cold, non-humid air is clearer than warm summer air, which allows the colors of the sun to shine through more clearly.



ECS Middle/High School

LANCER OF THE WEEK

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 RUBY PLETCHER



Ruby Pletcher

Ruby Pletcher is an athlete and a scholar! She participates in Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Field and SAFE in Northern Michigan. Her favorite subject is English, she says, "I just like to read and I find stories to be interesting." At school, she knows that she can count on Mr. Favor, "because he is someone you can always talk to and he can explain anything in an understandable way."

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DREAM TEAM

Brady Pretzlaff is Player of the Year Don Jess is Coach of the Year



BRADY PRETZLAFF – PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Photo by In Motion Images

BY BEN MURPHY

The Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News wrap up their fall awards with the 11-player football Dream Team. The coverage area of the two papers was once again jam-packed with some great teams and players and we take one final look at them to celebrate their accomplishments.

Getting the honors as our player of the year is none other than Gaylord senior Brady Pretzlaff. Just how good was Pretzlaff for Gaylord this fall? Well, he got 126 tackles and eight sacks playing as linebacker for the Blue Devils, and signed to play at Michigan State University. He was also the team leader in receptions, getting 23 for 334 yards and two touchdowns. He was a huge piece in Gaylord's historic season that saw them win the Big North Conference and a district championship.

Getting coach of the year honors is Charlevoix head man Don Jess. The Rayders had an impressive 9-2 season, and avenged their only regular season loss in the first round of the playoffs, dismantling Traverse City St. Francis 31-7. The Rayders won the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division record, with a perfect 5-0 record. Other coaches getting honored are Gaylord's DJ Szymoniak and Adam Grybauskas of East Jordan.

Joining Pretzlaff on first

team are three teammates. Ty Bensinger was second on the team in tackles with 70 and he also had 1182 yards and 12 touchdowns rushing. Russell Hush gave Gaylord a nice one-two punch running the ball, as he carried the ball for 877 yards and 11 touchdowns. Russell's brother Riley was also named to our first team. Riley was second on the team with 93 tackles and one interception. In the win over <Marquette, Riley had two blocked punts, one returned for a touchdown and the other a

safety and also had a pick 6 interception. Conner Byram is Gaylord's final first team honoree, after making 10 field goals and also handling the punting duties for the team.

Petoskey displayed some great offensive numbers this season, and had three players get first team honors. Quarterback Joe McCarthy shattered the program's record book, completing 126-of-196 passes for 2112 yards and 21

SEE DREAM TEAM – NEXT PG.



DON JESS - COACH OF THE YEAR

Photo by Scott Richards

FIRST TEAM

BRADY PRETZLAFF (12) GAYLORD – PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ty Bensinger (12) Gaylord
Russell Hush (12) Gaylord
Conner Byram (11) Gaylord
Riley Hush (12) Gaylord
Joe McCarthy (12) Petoskey
Seth Marek (11) Petoskey
Brody Shaw (12) Petoskey
Landon Swanson (12) Charlevoix
Hudson Vollmer (12) Charlevoix
Brayden Greensky (12) Charlevoix
Logan Shooks (11) East Jordan
Braylon Grybauskas (12) East Jordan

Angel Delgado (12) East Jordan
Ryan Spate (11) Boyne City
Joey McHugh (12) Boyne City
Logan Leadman (11) Kalkaska
Jacob Chartrand (12) Johannesburg-Lewiston – Langley Award
Ethan Kucharek (12) Grayling
Jake Huspen (12) Grayling
Trevor Cvitkovich (11) Grayling
Luke Munger (11) Cheboygan
Tavin Morgan (12) Mancelona
Kaleb Donjakowski (12), Alpena

SECOND TEAM:

Gage Smith (12) Gaylord
Carter Sitz (12) Gaylord

Conner Calano (12) Gaylord
Korbin Sulitis (11) Petoskey
Hayden Janes (11) Petoskey
Mitch Eberhart (11) Petoskey
Tyler Ray (12) Petoskey
Easton Srebnik (12) Alpena
Carter Stark (12) Alpena
Owen Waha (11) Charlevoix
Henry Herzog (12) Charlevoix
Trevor Streeter (12) Charlevoix
Nate Claffin (12) Charlevoix
Brenden Aenis (11) East Jordan
Nolan Little (12) Boyne City
Tyler Lockman (12) Boyne City
Dylan Lott (12) Kalkaska
Hunter Wilkinson (10) Kalkaska

Nate Hummel (11) Johannesburg-Lewiston
Fletcher Quinlan (12) Grayling
Corbin Allen (11) Grayling
Daniel Hunter (10) Grayling
Cody Lane (12) Cheboygan
Ryan Naumcheff (10) Mancelona

HONORABLE MENTION

Alpena: Jake Zann, Alex Corwin, John Kurowski, Joe Sheridan
Boyne City: Jaden Alger
Charlevoix: AJ Speigl, Logan Wadkins, Camden Carey, Brady Jess
Cheboygan: Caden Gardner, Blake Blaskowski
East Jordan: Wesley Pennington, Korbyn

Russell, Daniel Ziebarth
Gaylord: Caleb Aungst, Keaton Abraham
Grayling: Kaleb Hall, Logan Malonen
Johannesburg-Lewiston: Aydan Fulton, Tom Fox
Kalkaska: Carson Hillier
Mancelona: Aaron Brown, Jackson Bennett
Petoskey: Logan LaHaie, Luke Matelski, Mitch Eberhart

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11-MAN FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM



Brady Pretzlaff (12) Gaylord



Ethan Kucharek (12) Grayling



Jake Huspen (12) Grayling



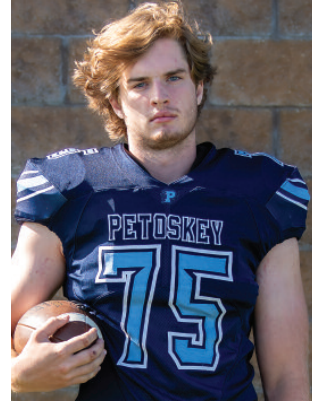
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Brody Shaw (12) Petoskey



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Brayden Greensky (12) Charlevoix



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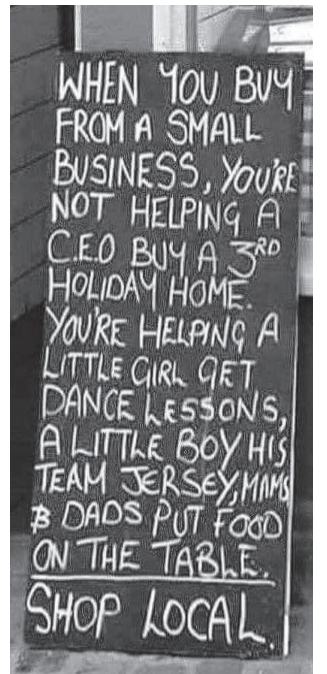


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11-MAN FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM



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DREAM TEAM

CONTINUED

touchdowns and was one of the best offensive players in the area. His favorite target was Seth Marek, who had 45 receptions for 859 yards and 13 touchdowns. They also had lineman Brody Shaw get first team, as he was a key cog on both lines, including 59 tackles.

As for Charlevoix, they had Landon Swanson, Hudson Vollmer and Brayden Greensky get first team nods. Swanson set the school record with 150 tackles on defense while playing linebacker, and he also had success running the ball, getting 11 touchdowns. Vollmer was one of the area's best defensive backs, getting 22 tackles and five interceptions. He wasn't bad at wide receiver either, getting 700 yards of total offense and 10 touchdowns. As for Greensky, the offensive lineman for a team that ran for over 3300 yards was so well respected that he was voted MVP of their conference.

East Jordan had much success this fall as well. They had junior Logan Shooks run the ball 112 times for 954 yards

and 11 touchdowns, and he was also a solid defensive back. He is joined by Braylon Grybauskas and Angel Delgado on the first team. Grybauskas earned all-state as a defensive back and had an impact at wide receiver too, with 39 catches for 649 yards and 11 touchdowns. Their final first team award winner, Delgado, played defensive line and managed to get 64 tackles, eight for a loss and three sacks.

Boyer City's Ryan Spate earned first team honors as well. He ran for 856 yards and nine touchdowns and he also had 41 tackles; all this while missing two games due to injury. Teammate Joey McHugh gets first team honors too, as the linebacker had 75 tackles, 12.5 for a loss and on offense he ran for 549 yards and six touchdowns and he also missed two games to an injury.

Kalkaska had one first team honoree; Logan Leadman missed a game to injury but still ran for 872 yards and five touchdowns.

Johannesburg-Lewiston's Jacob Chartrand had 70 tackles this season, and was also named our Langley Award winner in addition to his first team award. The

Langley Award is given to an athlete that leaves everything on the field.

At Grayling, Ethan Kucharek, Jake Huspen and Trevor Cvitkovich picked up first team spots. Kucharek played quarterback and threw for 1988 yards and 16 touchdowns, and also had four touchdowns on the ground. Huspen had a huge season running the ball, carrying it 180 times for 1394 yards and 21 touchdowns. Cvitkovich played a solid center for the Vikings and had 88 tackles, nine for a loss, while playing linebacker on defense.

Manelona had senior linebacker Tavin Morgan get first team honors, and he was a constant force for opposing offenses to go up against.

Cheboygan junior lineman Luke Munger was skilled on

both sides of the ball, a key blocker on offense and a great run-stuffer on defense.

Taking first team honors for Alpena is Kaleb Donjakowski. He was the Wildcats' steady running back, running for 717 yards and five touchdowns. He also threw for three touchdowns and 211 yards. On de-

fense he had 46 tackles.

Gaylord's Brady Pretzlaff named Player of the Year

Brady Pretzlaff has been

named to best football player in Northern Michigan by the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County news this year.

Brady and his senior teammates led Gaylord to an undefeated season, con-

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East Jordan boys knock off Mancelona, 66-40

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Locking down on defense after the first quarter, the East Jordan boys basketball team pulled away from Mancelona for a 66-40 non-conference win at home last Thursday.

It was the second



Mancelona senior Elijah Wescott (42) and East Jordan senior Angel Delgado (42) go up for the jump ball. Photo by Joanie Moore

straight win for the Red Devils, who had turned back Ellsworth, 68-54. East Jordan went into the Christmas break with a 3-2 record on the season.

"The team communicated really well on both ends, but really talked and communicated on the defensive end," Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik said.

"I thought this took away some of the things that a really good Mancelona team wanted to do. It also allowed us to control the tempo, and made it a little more difficult for them to set their pressure."

Mancelona got the jump on the Red Devils to start the game, taking a 17-10 lead after the first quarter. But East Jordan bounced back and outscored the Ironmen, 14-8 in the second which brought them within one, 25-24 at the half.



Lucas Stone hits a 3 over Mancelona's Aiden Dixon. Photo by In Motion Images.

Putting the defensive screws on Mancelona in the second half, the Red Devils took off offensively and outscored the Ironmen, 42-17.

East Jordan had a 22-10 advantage in the third period and pulled into a 46-34 lead. The Red Devils finished the game with a 20-7 fourth.

The Red Devils were hot from the field, shooting 55 percent on the night and were 64 percent at the free throw line, making 11-of-17.

Korbyn Russell paced the Red Devils with 21 points on 4-of-9 3-point makes and 7-of-13 on 2-pointers. Ryder Malpass contributed 11.

Angel Delgado Jr. pulled down nine rebounds, Russell had six boards while Ryder Malpass and Ellis Malpass grabbed five apiece.

William Webb passed off for four assists and picked off a pair of steals. Trace Wynkoop added two assists and three steals. Ryder Malpass, Wynkoop and Russell each had two assists.



Korbyn Russell at the free throw line. Photo by In Motion Images.



Lucas Stone Setting up for a 3 pointer. Photo by In Motion Images.



Ellis Malpass Narrowly avoids a defender. Photo by In Motion Images.



East Jordan junior Korbyn Russell (54) goes up for two at the end of the 2nd quarter in a varsity game against Mancelona Ironmen on Thursday, December 21. Russell led the Red Devils in scoring with 21, defeating the Ironmen 66-40. Photo by Joanie Moore

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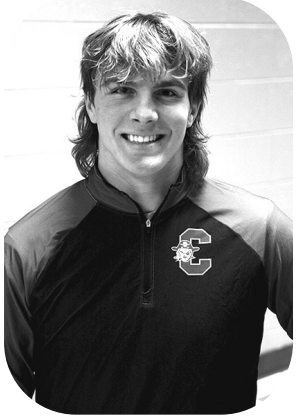
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Charlevoix Rayders rolls over Cheboygan, 62-37 in boys hoops

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix had four players score in double figures and used a good start to trigger a hot offensive night in a 62-37 victory over Cheboygan last Thursday.

Peyton Scott led the way for the Rayders with 15 points, Hudson Vollmer and Vitale Collins scored

11 apiece and Joe Gaffney added 10 points in four assists.

Caden Gardner scored 10 points for the Chiefs. "It's a good way to head into the break," Rayders coach Anthony Troshak said. "We had balanced scoring, and moved the ball well tonight.

"We played as a team on the defensive end, too. We

knew Cheboygan would be a physical, hard-nosed team and we'd have to battle on the glass.

"I'm proud of the progress these guys are making. It's a fun group and a fun way to head into the break."

Vollmer cleared down five rebounds to lead the Rayders while Gaffney had four. Vollmer, Gaffney and Collins had four assists

each. The Rayders forged a 15-7 lead in the first quarter and outscored Cheboygan, 15-11 in the second to take a 30-18 lead into the half-time break.

Charlevoix had a 15-10 advantage in the third quarter to build a 45-28 lead into the fourth period.

Offense still lagging for Boyne Falls boys basketball

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It's been a frustrating season so far for the Boyne Falls boys basketball team, as the Loggers continued their struggles on offense in losing two more games before the holiday break.

Scoring less than 40 points a game has left the Loggers facing an uphill battle each night, and with a porous offense they have not been able to make the climb.

The two latest defeats came 53-21 to Central Lake on Dec. 18 and then 70-34

to Northern Lakes Conference rival Alanson the next night.

Which put the Loggers at 0-5 heading into the break, hoping they can find their offense before the season continues at home Jan. 4 against Alba.

Boyne Falls tumbled into a 10-point hole, 16-6 at the end of the first quarter and then scored just a free throw in the second while the Trojans hit for 19 and trailed, 35-7 at the half.

Central Lake enjoyed a 15-6 edge in the third quarter and carried a 51-16.

The Loggers did outscore the Trojans, 9-2 in the final period.

Keaton Matelski led the Loggers in scoring with 15 points and again was their top rebounder, as he has been all season.

Central Lake was paced by Garrison Barrett with a game-high 23 points while Drayten Evans contributed 18.

The Trojans sank four 3-point shots and had 23 field goals overall, while the Loggers made only seven field goals ... just one of them from 3-point range.

Boyne trailed Alanson, 17-7 after one quarter and was outscored, 19-6 in the second to enter the half with a 36-13. Alanson had a 20-7 advantage in the third, leaving the Loggers in a 56-20 hole. Each team scored 14 points in the fourth period.

Matelski exploded for a game-high 20 points to lead the Loggers, while JT Greenier chipped in with 12.

Donovon Honeysette scored 16 points for Alanson, and Christian Silveus contributed 15.

WRESTLING

Landon Swanson eclipses 100 career wins for Rayders

BY GREG GIELCZYK

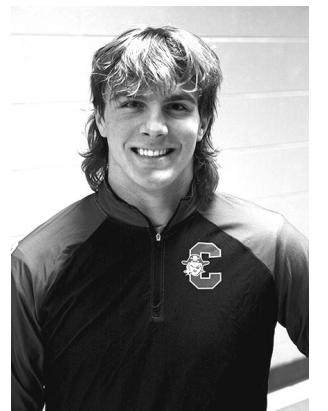
Christmas came early for Charlevoix senior wrestler Landon Swanson, although it didn't come wrapped in a pretty package but one he earned on the mat at 215 pounds.

Everyone expected it happen this year, but nobody could predict when. As it turned out, it came early on in the Manton Invitational just as the season was getting underway.

Swanson would finish the day with a 5-0 slate, improving his record to a perfect 7-0 following wins in his first two matches of the season.

More than that, though, Swanson wrote his name into the Rayder record books by hitting the 100-win milestone for his career with the bulk of the season remaining before the state tournament.

It's been a typically busy final season for Swanson,



Landon Swanson

who eclipsed the single season tackle record at the school during the Rayders historic playoff run, and was named First Team All-State.

He came into this season after a stellar junior season that earned him an All-State selection as well, and there wasn't any doubt he would have another banner season to cap his career.

Although the season is young, Swanson is definitely heading for another state finals appearance.



Brady Snyder scanning for teammates



Chas Stanek hits a 3 over Cheboygan's Gavin Smith

Boyne City Boys Basketball



Chas Stanek with an incredible save



Trenton Mabee lines up a deep shot.

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DREAM TEAM

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leading receiver with 23 receptions with 334 yards and two touchdowns.

Many of the senior class on Gaylord's 2023 football team are 3 year varsity players and set a standard for hard work and the positive results that follow. This was the best season Gaylord football has had since 2002.

Brady has been on Gaylord's varsity football team for four years. In 2020 the team went 1-6 in shortened COVID season. In 2021 the team improved to 3-6. In 2022 the team improved to 6-3 in the regular season and made the playoffs. This year the team went 9-0 in the regular season. Won the district title and went to the state quarter finals with an 11-0 record.

He has had offers from division 1 colleges and recently committed to play football at Michigan State University.

ference title, district title and berth in the state quarterfinals.

Brady led the defense with 8 sacks, 126 tackles and forced fumble. On offense Brady was Gaylord's

Don Jess named Weekly Choice 11 player football coach of the year

BY BEN MURPHY

Under the leadership of veteran coach Don Jess, Charlevoix has consistently churned out some of the best football teams in the area. The 2023 season was no different, as the Rayders won the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division, won a first round playoff game, finishing the year 9-2. With this in mind, Jess has been named the Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice 11-player football coach of the year.

"Something like this for me, it is a reflection of our team success and me being fortunate to be surrounded with a great group of coaches too," he said of the honor. "It is just a great coaching staff to be able to work with and having Landon Swanson and Henry Herzog as team

captains the last two years (is helpful). I'm just fortunate to be around good coaches and players and players that are leaders."

Jess went on to mention assistant coaches Matt Clafin, Jim Alger, Ben Bergmann, Keith Carey, Aaron Blaszczczyk and Casey Meadows.

The season began with a disappointing overtime loss to Traverse City St. Francis, but things only went better from there. They racked up eight consecutive wins to close out the regular season. In the playoffs, they avenged their loss to St. Francis in the first round, before falling to Menominee, a team that lost a close game in the state championship in round two. This was the fifth straight season they've made

the playoffs.

"It starts in the weight room," Jess said of their sustained success. "We had big numbers this year over 30 kids on our varsity team and all of those kids, they lift weights year round. These kids have been at it for years in our program, doing our weight lifting system so the teams before them have had success before them and success breeds success. (We want to have) a great attitude, great effort and be a good person and this group was able to accomplish those things."

Jess particularly liked seeing his team regroup after their season opening loss; and then of course avenging that in the playoffs with a 31-7 win over St. Francis.

"Sometimes you can learn a

lot more from a loss than you can from a win," Jess said. "Losing that first game, as much as it stung at the time, I was a blessing in disguise for us. It helped our kids be motivated throughout the season and we were lucky enough to draw them in the first round. It was a fun win at home for us, that's for sure."

The Rayders do graduate 19 seniors from this team, but if we've learned anything about the Charlevoix football team, is that they'll be just fine next fall.

"We'll certainly return an experienced group of kids," Jess said. "We return a lot of kids, we just don't have the depth. We should be pretty good next year, as long as we can stay healthy."

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ORDINANCE #277

TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION BUREAU AND TO MAKE CERTAIN OFFENSES CIVIL INFRACTIONS

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

AMEND:
CHAPTER 1-GENERAL PROVISIONS
ARTICLE II.-CIVIL INFRACTIONS
Sec. 1-34.-Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Authorized city official means a police officer or other personnel of the city authorized by this Code or any ordinance to issue municipal civil infraction citations or municipal civil infraction violation notices.

Bureau means the **City of East Jordan Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau** as established by this Ordinance.

Municipal civil infraction means an act or omission that is prohibited by any ordinance or code of the city, but which is not a crime under this Code or other ordinance, and for which civil sanctions, including, without limitation, fines, damages, expenses and costs, may be ordered as authorized by state law. Unless a violation of any ordinance or code of the city is specifically designated in the ordinance or code as a municipal civil infraction, the violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor. A municipal civil infraction is not a lesser included offense of an ordinance violation or a code violation that is a criminal offense.

Municipal civil infraction citation or *citation* means a written complaint or notice to appear in court upon which an authorized city official records the occurrence or existence of one or more civil infractions by the person cited.

Municipal civil infraction violation notice or *notice* means a written notice, other than a citation, prepared by an authorized city official, directing a person to appear at the city municipal ordinance violations bureau and to pay the fine and costs, if any, for the violation as prescribed by the schedule of civil fines adopted by the city, as authorized under section 8396 and 8727(6) of the act.

State law means **Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1961, as amended, being the Revised Judicature Act, M.C.L. 600.101 et seq.**

Sec. 1-35.-Municipal civil infraction action; commencement.
A municipal civil infraction action may be commenced upon the issuance by an authorized city official of:

(A) A municipal civil infraction citation directing the alleged violator to appear in court; or

(B) A municipal civil infraction violation notice directing the alleged violator to appear at the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau.

ADD:
CHAPTER 1-GENERAL PROVISIONS
ARTICLE II.-CIVIL INFRACTIONS
Sec. 1-39.-Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau

(a) *Bureau established.* The city hereby establishes a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau ("Bureau") as authorized under M.C.L. 600.8396 to accept admissions of responsibility for municipal civil infractions in response to municipal civil infraction violation notices issued and served by authorized city officials, and to collect and retain civil fines and costs as prescribed by this code or any ordinance.

(b) *Location; supervision; employees; rules and regulations.* The Bureau shall be located at East Jordan City Hall and shall be under the supervision and control of the City Administrator, Zoning Administrator, or either's designee. The City Administrator, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the Bureau and appoint any necessary qualified city employees to administer the Bureau.

(c) *Disposition of violations.* The Bureau may dispose only of municipal civil infraction violations for which a fine has been scheduled and for which a municipal civil infraction violation notice (as compared with a citation) has been issued. The fact that a fine has been scheduled for a particular violation shall not entitle any person to dispose of the violation at the Bureau. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent or restrict the city from issuing a municipal civil infraction citation for any violation or from prosecuting any violation in a court of competent jurisdiction. No person shall be required to dispose of a municipal civil infraction violation at the Bureau and may have the violation processed before a court of competent jurisdiction. The unwillingness of any person to dispose of any violation at the Bureau shall not prejudice the person or in any way diminish the person's rights, privileges and protection accorded by law.

(d) *Bureau limited to accepting admissions of responsibility.* The scope of the Bureau's authority shall be limited to accepting admissions of responsibility for municipal civil infractions and collecting and retaining civil fines and costs as a result of those admissions. The Bureau shall not accept payment of a fine from any person who denies having committed the offense or who admits responsibility only with explanation, and in no event shall the Bureau determine, or attempt to determine, the truth or falsity of any fact or matter relating to an alleged violation.

(e) *Municipal civil infraction violation notices.* Municipal civil infraction violation notices shall be issued and served by authorized city officials under the same circumstances and upon the same persons as provided for citations as provided by state law. In addition to any other information required by this code or other ordinance, the notice of violation shall indicate the time by which the alleged violator must appear at the Bureau, the methods by which an appearance may be made, the address and telephone number of the Bureau, the hours during which the Bureau is open, the amount of the fine scheduled for the alleged violation, and the consequences for failure to appear and pay the required fine within the required time.

(f) *Appearance; payment of fines and costs.* An alleged violator receiving a municipal civil infraction violation notice shall appear at the Bureau and pay the specified fine and costs at or by the time specified for appearance in the municipal civil infraction violation notice. An appearance may be made by mail, in person, or by representation.

(g) *Procedure where admission of responsibility not made or fine not paid.* If an authorized city official issues and serves a municipal ordinance

violation notice, and if an admission of responsibility is not made and the civil fine and costs, if any, prescribed by the schedule of fines for the violation are not paid at the Bureau, a municipal civil infraction action may be commenced pursuant to Sec. 1-35 by filing a citation with the court and a copy of the citation may be served as required by state law. The citation filed with the court does not need to comply in all particulars with the requirements for citations as provided by state law, but shall consist of a sworn complaint containing the allegations stated in the municipal ordinance violation notice and shall fairly inform the alleged violator how to respond to the citation.

AMEND:
CHAPTER 14-ENVIRONMENT
ARTICLE II.-NUISANCES
Sec. 14-20. - Penalty.

Any violation of this article is hereby deemed to be a civil infraction and is sanctioned in accord with **Chapter 1, Article II, Civil Infractions**, of this Code. Additionally, any violation of this article is hereby deemed to be a nuisance, per se. The city administrator may institute a **municipal civil infraction action pursuant to Chapter 1, Article II, Sec. 1-35** or an action in the circuit court to seek such relief as may be permitted in law or equity regarding the abatement of a nuisance per se, or to ensure compliance with this article. Each day this article is violated shall be considered a separate violation.

AMEND:
CHAPTER 14-ENVIRONMENT
ARTICLE II.-NUISANCES
Sec. 14-23. - Notice to abate.

Whenever a nuisance is found to exist within the city by the person duly authorized by the city administrator, the city shall give ten days' written notice to the owner or occupant of the property upon which the nuisance exists or upon the person causing or maintaining the nuisance to **abate said nuisance. If a nuisance is not abated within ten days of receiving written notice to abate under this section, in addition to the city's ability to abate the nuisance pursuant to section 14-26, an authorized city official shall institute a municipal civil infraction action pursuant to Chapter 1, Article II, Sec. 1-35 to recover fines and any other remedy available under state law.**

Sec. 14-24. - Contents of notice.
The notice to abate a nuisance issued under the provisions of this article shall contain:

- (1) An order to abate the nuisance or to request a hearing within ten days;
- (2) The location of the nuisance, if the same is stationary;
- (3) A description of what constitutes the nuisance;
- (4) A statement of acts necessary to abate the nuisance;
- (5) A statement that if the nuisance is not abated as directed and no request for hearing is made within **ten days**, the city will abate such nuisance, assess the cost thereof against such person, **and institute a municipal civil infraction action pursuant to Chapter 1, Article II, Sec. 1-35 to recover fines and any other remedy available under state law.**

Upon receipt of a request for a hearing under subsection (1), an authorized city official shall issue a civil infraction citation directing the alleged violator to appear in court for said hearing.

AMEND:
CHAPTER 14-ENVIRONMENT
ARTICLE III.-WEEDS AND GRASS
Sec. 14-50. - Civil infractions.

In addition to the preceding section, any violation of this article is deemed to be a civil infraction, and is sanctioned in accord with **Chapter 1, Article II, Civil Infractions**, of this Code. Additionally, any violation of this Article is hereby deemed to be a nuisance, per se, the city administrator may institute a **municipal civil infraction action pursuant to Chapter 1, Article II, Sec. 1-35** or an action in circuit court to seek such relief as may be permitted in law or equity regarding the abatement of a nuisance, per se, or to ensure compliance with this article. Each day this article is violated shall be considered a separate violation.

AMEND:
CHAPTER 46-ZONING
ARTICLE II.-ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION 1.-GENERALLY
Sec. 46-39. - Violations.

Any violation of any provision of this chapter, are hereby declared to be a **municipal civil infraction**, a nuisance per se, and subject to the penalties of **this chapter.**

Sec. 46-40. - Penalties.
Any person or the agent in charge of such building or land who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any provision of this chapter or any amendment thereof, shall be **responsible for a municipal civil infraction and fined**; not more than \$500.00, together with the cost of prosecution **as permitted by state law.** Each and every day during which any illegal erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance or use continues shall be deemed a separate offense. **The paying of a fine or sanctions under this Ordinance shall not exempt the offender from meeting the requirements of this ordinance. The city's authorized city officials are hereby authorized to issue municipal civil infraction violation notices or municipal civil infraction citations for violations of this ordinance.** The city commission, or any owner or owners of real estate within the district in which such buildings, structures or land use is situated may institute injunction, mandamus abatement or any other appropriate action, actions, or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any said unlawful erection, construction, maintenance or use of land, buildings or structures. The rights and remedies herein are cumulative, and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN
Date: _____

By: *Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MIPMC*
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City Clerk

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MARION TOWNSHIP Ordinance No. 7 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MARION TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.02.
Section 2.02 of the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical locations, which definitions shall read in their entirety as follows:

Photovoltaic (PV) Systems: A solar energy system that produces electricity by the use of semiconductor devices, called photovoltaic cells that generate electricity whenever light strikes them.

Solar Energy Systems (SES): Any equipment and accessory buildings and structures necessary to the process by which solar radiation is collected, converted into another form of energy, stored, protected from unnecessary dissipation and distributed. Solar energy systems consist primarily of solar thermal, photovoltaic and concentrated solar but may include other various experimental solar technologies.

Commercial SES: Any solar energy system that is accessory to a principal use located on the same lot, and is designed and built primarily to provide electrical energy for off-site use by any person or entity or for the wholesale or retail sale of that electrical energy to the electric utility's power grid.

Commercial Ground-Mounted SES: Any commercial SES that is directly installed in the ground and is not attached or affixed to an existing structure.

Commercial Roof-Mounted SES: Any commercial SES in which solar panels are mounted on the roof of the structure either as a flush-mounted system or as modules fixed to frames which can be tilted toward the sun at an optimal angle.

Commercial Wall-Mounted SES: Any commercial SES in which solar panels are mounted on the wall of a structure either as a flush-mounted system or as modules fixed to frames which can be tilted toward the sun at an optimal angle.

Private SES: Any solar energy system that is accessory to a principal use located on the same lot, and is designed and built primarily to produce electrical energy for on-site use. These systems shall not be utilized for any commercial sale of energy, except for the sale of surplus electrical energy back to the electrical grid.

Private Ground-Mounted SES: Any private SES that is directly installed in the ground and is not attached or affixed to an existing structure.

Private Roof-Mounted SES: Any private SES in which solar panels are mounted on the roof of the structure either as a flush-mounted system or as modules fixed to frames which can be tilted toward the sun at an optimal angle.

Private Wall-Mounted SES: Any private SES in which solar panels are mounted on the wall of a structure either as a flush-mounted system or as modules fixed to frames which can be tilted toward the sun at an optimal angle.

Solar Glare: The effect produced by light reflecting from a solar panel with an intensity sufficient to cause annoyance, discomfort, or loss in vision performance and visibility.

Solar-Thermal Systems: A solar energy system which directly heats water or other liquids using sunlight. The heated liquid is used for such purposes as space heating and cooling, domestic hot water, and heating pool water.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 2.02.
The definition of Essential Services within Section 2.02 of the Marion Township Zoning

Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Essential Services: The phrase "essential services" means the erection, construction, alteration, or maintenance by public utilities or municipal department or commissions of underground, surface, or overhead gas, electrical, steam, or water transmission or distribution systems, collection, communication supply or disposal systems, including mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, wires, cables, fire alarm boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, towers, poles, and other similar equipment, and accessories in connection therewith reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by such public utilities or municipal departments or commissions or for the public health or general welfare, but not including buildings other than such buildings as are primarily enclosures or shelters of the above essential service equipment. Telecommunication towers or facilities, alternative tower structures, wireless communication antenna, wind turbine generators, commercial roof-mounted SES, and commercial wall-mounted SES are not included within this definition.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 3.08.
The second paragraph within Section 3.08 of the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:
Telecommunications towers, alternative tower structures, antennas, wind turbine generators, anemometer towers, commercial roof-mounted SES, and commercial wall-mounted SES shall be regulated and permitted pursuant to this Ordinance and shall not be regulated or permitted as essential services, public utilities or private utilities.

Section 4. Amendment of Article 3.
Article 3 of the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add a new Section 3.26, which shall read in its entirety as follows:
SECTION 3.26 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
1. Intent and Purpose. The intent and purpose of this section is to establish regulations for the placement, development, installation, and construction of private and commercial solar energy systems and for solar-thermal systems. The township recognizes that it is in the public interest to promote solar energy systems as a clean alternative energy source within the township. The township also recognizes the need to protect the scenic beauty of

Marion Township from unnecessary and unreasonable visual interference that solar energy systems may have upon adjoining and neighboring uses. As such, this ordinance seeks to:

- Protect residential areas and uses from potential adverse impacts of solar energy systems; and
- Consider the public health and safety of solar energy systems.

2. Solar Thermal Systems. Solar thermal systems shall be an accessory use to any principal use within any zoning district, shall be subject to plot plan approval by the Zoning Administrator under Section 6.02 of this Ordinance, and shall comply with all of the applicable regulations for a private SES, depending on whether the solar thermal system is ground-mounted, roof-mounted, or wallmounted.

3. Private SES. A private SES shall be an accessory use to any principal use within any zoning district, shall be subject to plot plan approval by the Zoning Administrator under Section 6.02 of this Ordinance, and shall comply with all of the following applicable regulations:

A. A private ground-mounted SES shall comply with all of the following regulations:

- A private ground-mounted SES and all required landscaping shall comply with all applicable setback requirements for the zoning district in which it is located.
- The height of a private ground-mounted SES shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet above the ground when the solar panels are oriented toward the sun at maximum tilt.
- A private ground-mounted SES shall occupy no more than 50% of the total front, rear, or side yard area in which it is located.
- A private ground-mounted SES shall be landscaped with a buffer of Spruce trees and/or earthen berms that effectively screens the view of the photovoltaic solar panels and their supporting structures, buildings, and equipment from adjacent property used for residential purposes and from public and private roads. Except as provided herein, the Spruce trees planted shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet tall at time of planting. The tree height may be reduced by one foot for each one foot in the height of the berm on which it is planted, e.g., the total of the berm and tree height must be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height. All Spruce trees planted shall remain in a living and healthy condition for the life of the private ground-mounted SES. Existing natural land forms on the site which effectively screen the private ground-mounted SES shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. The Planning Commission may reduce or waive any landscaping requirement if it finds that because of the remote location of the site, or other factors, the visual impact of the private ground-mounted SES would be minimal.

5. All power transmission or other lines, wires or conduits from a private ground-mounted SES to any building or other structure shall be located underground. If batteries are used as part of the private ground-mounted SES, those batteries shall be placed in a secure container or enclosure.

6. The private ground-mounted SES shall be sited so that concentrated solar glare from the photovoltaic solar panels shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of day.

B. A private roof-mounted SES shall comply with both of the following regulations:

- The private roof-mounted SES shall not extend beyond any peak of the roof and shall not extend beyond the eaves of the roof.
- The private roof-mounted SES shall be located so that concentrated solar glare from the photovoltaic solar panels shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of day.

C. A private wall-mounted SES shall comply with both of the following regulations:

- The private wall-mounted SES shall not extend beyond or above the wall on which it is mounted.
- The private wall-mounted SES shall be located so that concentrated solar glare from the photovoltaic solar panels shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of day.

4. Commercial SES. A commercial SES shall be an accessory use to any principal use within any zoning district, shall be subject to plot plan approval by the Zoning Administrator under Section 6.02 of this Ordinance, and shall comply with all of the following applicable regulations.

A. Commercial ground-mounted SES are prohibited in all zoning districts.

B. A commercial roof-mounted SES shall comply with both of the following regulations:

- The commercial roof-mounted SES shall not extend beyond any peak of the roof and shall not extend beyond the eaves of the roof.
- The commercial roof-mounted SES shall be located so that concentrated solar glare from the photovoltaic solar panels shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of day.

C. A commercial wall-mounted SES shall comply with both of the following regulations:

- The commercial wall-mounted SES shall not extend beyond or above the wall on which it is mounted.
- The commercial wall-mounted SES shall be located so that concentrated solar glare from the photovoltaic solar panels shall not be directed toward or onto nearby properties or roadways at any time of day.

Section 5. Severability.
If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, phrase, sentence and clause irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences or clauses be declared invalid.

Section 6. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Timothy Matchett
Marion Township Clerk

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2014 Ram 1500 Big Horn. 5.7 L Hemi, quad cab, 4x4, tow pkg, bedliner. Sale Price \$13,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, Double cab, tow pkg, 168 K miles. Sale Price \$16,995. As low as \$319 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2016 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT. Crew cab, 4x4, spray-in bedliner, tow pkg. \$18,995. As low as \$329 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2016 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, double cab, spotlight, tow pkg, bedliner, rear camera. Sale Price \$17,995. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2016 Ford F-150 XL. Double cab, tool box, rear camera, 191 K miles. 2 to choose from. Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2016 Ford F-150. 4x4, rear camera, double cab, tow pkg. 213 K miles. Sale Price \$22,995. As low as \$399 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Chevy Colorado. Crew Cab, topper, rear camera, 133 K miles. Sale Price \$21,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Chevy Silverado. Topper, reg. cab, 200 K miles. Sale Price \$7,995. As low as \$199 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Ford F-150. Reg. cab, tow pkg, bedliner, 130K miles. Sale Price \$21,495. As low as \$399 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Chevy Colorado. 4x4, 120 K miles. Sale Price \$23,995. As low as \$429 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Chevy Colorado. Ext cab, rear camera, high miles, one owner. Sale Price \$9,995. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, crew cab, 122 K miles. Sale Price \$18,995. As low as \$329 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Ford F-150 XLT. 4x4, bedliner, club cab. Sale Price \$26,595. As low as \$479 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Ford F-150. Crew cab, rear camera, soft tonneau cover, tow pkg, bedliner, 217 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$279 a Month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2019 Chevy Colorado. 4x4, crew cab, bedliner, rear camera, 133 K miles. Sale Price \$21,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2020 Ram Laramie 1500. Double cab, 4x4, tow pkg, bedliner, rear camera, premium sound, leather, 5.7L Hemi, 68 K miles. As low as \$649 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2022 Ram 3/4 ton. 4x4, crew cab, long bed, 55 K miles. Sale Price \$32,995. As low as \$499 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. For more information call 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a gorgeous, custom home located on the fabulous Black Bear Golf Course near Vanderbilt.

This three bedroom, two bath home has just under 2,000 square feet of space on the main and finished lower level walkout.

Among the many interior highlights are an open kitchen, dining and living area layout, beautiful Kraft-Maid oak kitchen cabinetry and tile countertops, Pergo flooring and solid oak doors throughout. There is an attached two-car garage

and the lower level walkout includes a wood stove and more.

The walk level opens to a patio and there is a large raised deck above, each offering fantastic views. The yard is nicely landscaped, and in addition to being on the Black Bear Golf Course, the location is close to Gaylord, the Pigeon River State Forest, Boyne Mountain and the North Central Trail (also known as the Iron Belle Trail).

This custom home on the Black Bear Golf Course is located at 1647 Bear Paw Trail near Vanderbilt and it is listed at \$285,000.



For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Es-

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10 benefits of buying at the end of the year

The end of the year is a great time for renters to become homeowners, growing families to move to more accommodating homes, and baby boomers to find houses that fit their evolving lifestyles.

Benefits to buying at the end of the year include:

Tax savings. Closing on your new home by Dec. 31 means you can deduct mortgage interest, property taxes and points on your loan on your income tax return. You can also deduct the interest costs associated with a home equity loan. These deductions are significant, especially in the early years of your loan when you are paying off so much interest.

Sellers might be more motivated. Many sellers will be anxious to sell by the end of the year so that they, too, can enjoy tax savings on the next home they purchase. That means you may have more leverage during negotiations and they may be willing to accept lower than their listing price. However, if you're in a strong seller's market, you'll want to be conservative -- and always heed the advice of your real estate professional.

If you're buying a new house, there's a good chance builders will be offering incentives. Many builders will throw in nice little extras to sell as many houses as they can by the end of the year.

Generally speaking, your housing choices during the fall are still healthy. By December there are traditionally fewer houses on the market. October and November are great months to go house hunting.

It's easier to move. Many moving companies are booked

six or so weeks in advance during the busy summer months. In the fall and winter it's normally easier to secure the services of a moving company or rental equipment on shorter notice.

A new home for the holidays. The holiday season is a great time to celebrate your new home with family and friends.

In addition, you'll enjoy the many benefits that come with homeownership, regardless of what time of year you buy, including: Paying toward something you own. If you're renting, your rent payment goes toward something that will last you a month -- a place to live for 30 or so days. When you buy a house, your monthly mortgage payment goes toward something you own.

Consistent payments. Landlords have the discretion to increase your rent, plus it's exposed to inflation. Once you secure a mortgage, you can rely on consistent payments (if you have a fixed-rate mortgage).

A place to make your own. When you own your house, you can update your kitchen, paint your home's exterior in any color you choose, change your fixtures, and replace your carpeting -- all with the knowledge that the changes you make are your own.

Gaining equity. In the beginning, most of your payment goes toward interest. But gradually more will go toward paying off your principal, meaning you build up equity -- or savings -- in your home. Another factor in equity is appreciation. As home values go up in your area, so too does your rate of equity.

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