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Taking stock of Michigan's latest deer harvest

DNR and hunters look to address harvest decline in Upper Peninsula

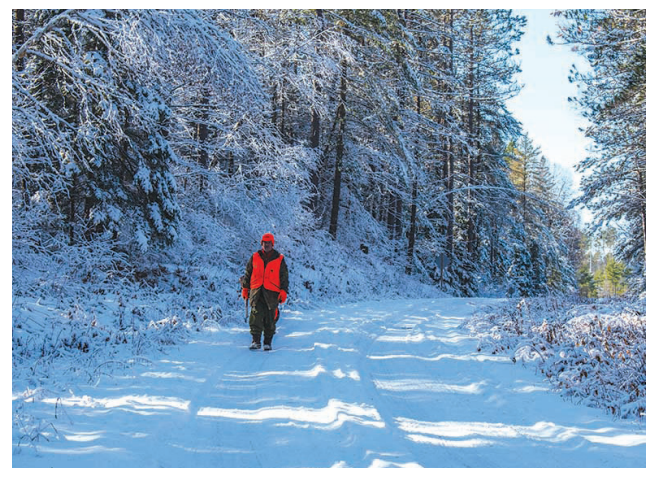
BY JOHN PEPIN
DEPUTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The 2023 firearm deer season is officially complete. Although there are still deer hunting opportunities happening in December, we know most of our 2023 hunter effort is officially in the books. The license sales and harvest data are mixed throughout the state.

Harvest figures
The reported deer harvest for the entire state is down compared to last year by a total of 11% or almost 30,000 deer. This is certainly significant in the eyes of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and something that is being closely watched. There are many factors that can contribute to the reduction of harvest. Reported deer harvest in Michigan as of Dec. 5, 2023 (all deer seasons) decreased compared to the autumn of 2022 by 26% in the Upper Peninsula, 16% in the northern Lower Peninsula and 7% in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Taking a look at where the highest harvest totals are within Michigan's 83 counties, it is no surprise that they come in the southern portion of the state. Significantly milder winters and abundance of food from agriculture continue to support high deer density where these conditions exist.

Harvest reporting update
This is just the second year of a required harvest report.



The historical method of estimating the deer season harvest would have relied on a random sample of hunters, who were mailed a paper survey, at the end of the deer season.

Although that method will be continued to be able to further our understanding of the relationship between the old survey and the new harvest reporting data, the required harvest provides a real-time evaluation between years that has previously not been available.

It is too early to tell whether harvest reporting has improved this year compared to last. One of the major changes to the system includes a removal of the required pin drop for harvest location and instead asking hunters to select a township, range, and section from a map grid. The average time to complete a harvest report dropped from 3.7 minutes in 2022 to just 2.9 minutes in 2023.

The rate of hunters not reporting their harvest is currently unknown and could add a significant margin of

error to the harvest decline.

More harvest data
All 15 U.P. counties have recorded individual drops (all deer seasons) below 2022. Those declines range from 10.9% in Mackinac County to more than 40% in Gogebic (40.6%), Marquette (40.1%) and Ontonagon (42.2%) counties. Six counties in the U.P. reported declines greater than 35%.

The reported Michigan statewide harvest during the firearm deer season statewide decreased by 11.9%. Other Great Lakes states, including Wisconsin (-17.6%) and Minnesota (-7.4%) have also recorded harvest percentage declines during their gun deer seasons.

When reviewing the preliminary data available through Dec. 5 from the Midwest, the northern states appear to have very similar reductions in harvest.

Reaction
Hunters in the U.P. have expressed a great deal of anger, frustration and concern with the low reported deer harvest this year.

The Michigan Department

of Natural Resources hears, appreciates and empathizes with those reactions, as DNR wildlife managers are also concerned with the reported harvest numbers.

In October, the DNR issued a U.P. season preview that stated:

Deer numbers remain low in many locations, especially along the Lake Superior shoreline and in the western counties and even some locations in the eastern U.P., which will again temper expectations of overall harvest in the U.P. The southern portions of the U.P., including parts of Menominee, Delta and even Dickinson counties, seem to have consistent deer numbers, and another good year is anticipated for those areas. But to be clear, there will be places in the U.P. where deer densities remain low, and hunting efforts in some of these locations will prove extremely challenging.

Even in those three counties predicted to have good harvest numbers, Menominee, Delta and Dickinson counties posted declines of 18.2%, 20.7% and 26% respectively.

To effect positive change, hunters, wildlife managers, landowners, foresters and others need to work together cooperatively, each doing what they can to help, given their own limitations. We've been here before. In 2015, the buck harvest in the U.P. bottomed out at an estimated 17,000. Two years later in 2017, buck harvest in

SEE HARVEST, PAGE 5

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Candlelight Hikes at Mt. McSauba run every Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM through February 23rd.

Every Friday the Recreation Department will be setting up a different route through the trails and along the beach that captures the beauty of winter in Charlevoix.

And every Friday, hundreds of people will be coming out to hike the trails. The truth is, that without the help of volunteers, we can't offer this great experience.

We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, and tear down.

Setting up the trail is a blast. You help determine the route for the night and get a chance to see the trail before it gets dark. We will be setting out over 150 lanterns along the one-mile trail route.

Our greeters have so much fun welcoming hikers and visitors to Mt. McSauba. Greeters are stationed at the fire ring and help direct hikers, share hot chocolate and answer any questions. It's always fun to meet visitors from around the state, the country and the world.

Teardown may be the most fun as you are the last people to walk the trail. As all lanterns are picked up and loaded into the sled, you get to experience the solitude and beauty of tonight's hike, one last time.

Got a group of co-workers, club members, or friends and you want to adopt a night? Just let us know and you can be the event "sponsor" volunteers for the evening! Group volunteers will get extra recognition through social media post and signage at the event.

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weather forecast

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HIGH: 28 LOW: 26	HIGH: 33 LOW: 28	HIGH: 35 LOW: 29	HIGH: 35 LOW: 30	HIGH: 36 LOW: 31	HIGH: 36 LOW: 28	HIGH: 31 LOW: 24

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Jan 4	26	13	46	2007	-30	1981
Jan 5	26	13	45	2007	-14	2018
Jan 6	26	13	44	2008	-26	2018
Jan 7	25	12	48	2008	-15	1973
Jan 8	25	12	47	2008	-20	1981
Jan 9	25	12	44	1965	-24	1977
Jan 10	25	12	43	2018	-32	1982

OBITUARIES

Brian Joseph Anthony, 65

Jan. 12, 1958-Dec. 23, 2023

BOYNE CITY

Brian J. Anthony of Boyne City passed away on December 23, 2023 at his home.



He was born on January 12, 1958, in South Haven, MI, the son of Donald and Alvina (Cornstalk) Anthony.

Brian was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and served in the U.S. Army for 20 years.

He loved music, especially country and the Beatles. He played guitar in a band with family members as well. An avid outdoorsman, he hunted and fished and owned a commercial fishing business for several years.

On May 28, 1985, in Charlevoix, he married Diane M. Reibel who survives.

Also surviving are his mother Alvina Napont of East Jordan, 3 children, Brian J. Jr Anthony of Boyne City, Ian James Anthony of Boyne City, Alyssa (Mick) Dole of East Jordan, 3 step children, Christopher Adams of Morgan City, LA, Mark Adams of Boyne City, Hope (Mike) Vincent of East Jordan, 2 sisters, Theresa Marie (Fabian "Sonny") Wabanimkee of South Haven, MI, Danneen Ann Anthony of Petoskey as well as many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Brian was preceded in death by his father Donald A. Anthony Sr., 2 brothers, Donald A. Anthony Jr., and Daryl James Anthony, sister Donzell S. Rasch Anthony and infant daughter Danielle Anthony.

Services will be on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123.

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Nicole "Nicki" Lynn Matelski, 46

June 16, 1977-Dec. 24, 2023

BOYNE FALLS

Nicole Lynn Matelski "Nicki" of Boyne Falls passed away on Sunday, December 24th, 2023, at the Hiland Cottage Hospice Home in Petoskey. She was in the presence of her loving family.



Nicki was diagnosed with brain cancer in November of 2023. Facing her foe with grace, courage, and dignity. She forsook the traditional chemotherapy and chose to spend her remaining days with family. The bravery Nicki displayed during her last month battling this disease was humbling to all that were with her. Our family wishes to thank the entire team at the Hiland Cottage. Their professionalism allowed our family to focus on Nicki and her needs during this difficult time.

Nicki was born in Petoskey, Michigan on June 16th, 1977, and grew up in the Boyne Falls, Boyne City area. She was the daughter of Bill Matelski and Kathleen Mullins, sister of Nathan Matelski, granddaughter to Veronica Matelski, and girlfriend to Michael Fortune. Nicki graduated from Boyne City High School in 1995 and remained in the area caring for her grandparents. Nicki enjoyed working at IMI in Boyne City where she had many friends. Nicki lived a life of sobriety with her 13th anniversary happening this month.

She loved her dogs Hank and Cubby with all her heart and provided them with unconditional love. She cared for her grandmother for the better part of a decade, showing how selfless and caring she was. Nicki was one of a kind, the best of all of us...She will be missed forever! We love you Nicki, until we meet again, rest easy.

Our family would like to extend a special thank you to IMI and UPS of Boyne City.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and helped directly with Nicki's care. You are wonderful people, thank you so much!

Your loving family.

Ruby Jane (Leist) DeNise, 97

July 20, 1926 - Dec. 25, 2023

BOYNE CITY

Ruby Jane (Leist) DeNise of Boyne City passed away on December 25, 2023 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Ruby was born July 20, 1926 to John and Hazel (Shaw) Leist at home

in Horton Bay. She graduated in 1944 from Boyne City High School and later married Phillip DeNise of Boyne Falls in Petoskey, Michigan. After fifty-six years together, Phillip passed away in 2002. Ruby enjoyed genealogy, knitting and crocheting.

Ruby is survived by three daughters Linda (Tony) Pickarski, Lois (Art) Gibbs and Carol (Craig) Oakley. Six grandchildren John Pickarski, James Crandell, Steven (Regina) Crandell, Amy (Wade) Belford, Daniel (Charlotte DeKoning) Washburn and Jesse Washburn; great grandchildren Wesley Crandell, Kelsey Crandell-Marfuta, Julia Crandell, Cora Belford, Oskar Washburn and Zuzu Washburn and many nieces



and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Hazel; husband Phillip DeNise; brothers Charles (Gertrude) Leist, Ralph (Jenny) Leist and Albert (Wilma) Leist; sisters Myra (William) Kurtz and Laura (Russell) Eggers; and granddaughter Kristin Pickarski.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with Pastor David Behling officiating. Visitation will be held 10:00 am until the time of service at Stackus Funeral Home.

Ruby requested that memorial donations in her name be directed to Hospice or a local food pantry.

The family would like to personally thank the staff and caregivers at Grandvue Medical Care Facility for their kindness and loving care shown to their mother.

Edward Andrew Bobola, Jr., 78

May 19, 1945-Dec. 30, 2023

BOYNE CITY

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Edward A.

Bobola Jr. He passed away on December 30, after receiving excellent care at the Hiland Cottage Hospice House, at the age of 78.

Ed was born on May 19, 1945 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Edward Andrew Bobola Sr. and Wanda Mary Gargula Bobola from Utica. Ed was raised in Utica and started at a very young age working at his father's meat packing company until graduating from Utica High School. He then began working at the Utica Ford Trim Plant at \$2.81 an hour. Two years later he moved to the Ford Research and Engineering Facility in Dearborn, Michigan where he retired after a 30-year career at the age of 48. He moved with his wife Bonnie L. Bobola (Sump) to Boyne City in 1992.

While at Ford Ed enjoyed organizing golf trips, bowling outings and retirement parties for his friends and coworkers.

Ed and Bonnie were blessed with two wonderful children: Edward A. Bobola III (Kim) and Michele D. Burkmyre (Brian) all from Wixom Michigan.

Ed's greatest pleasure was watching his five granddaughters grow into beautiful young ladies: Rachel, Alexis, Holly Bobola and Sophia, Lanie Burkmyre. He also held a special place in his heart for his nieces Jacqui Roberts Galati (God daughter), Erin Bobola Lewis, Jill Bobola Frazier and Nephew Adam Bobola.

He is survived by his brother Bernard Bobola (Cindy) from Pinckney, MI, Sister Beverly Bobola Adrian Dominican, Bunny Bobola Mondoux (Gil) from Macomb Township, MI. He was preceded in death by his sister Bernadine Bobola Roberts from Utica.

A very special thank you to his care giver of six years, Lucy, whom he truly adored and Kelli that filled in and was always willing to support him, the Boyne



City Knights of Columbus that were there to help numerous times and the Boyne Fire Department that came to our aid so many times in the last eight years. May God Bless all of you for your kindness.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Boyne City Waterfront Field of Dreams, Boyne City Volunteer Fire Fighters, or the Knights of Columbus Boyne Valley Council #6314.

A funeral mass for Edward will be officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell at St. Matthew Catholic Church on January 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Rosary will begin at 9:00 AM and visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home, Inc. of Petoskey, Michigan.

Casper F. Endlein, 87

March 26, 1936-Dec. 27, 2023

EAST JORDAN

Casper F. Endlein of East Jordan died Wednesday, December 27, 2023,

at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. He was born on March 26, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Casper R and Ruth Anne (Cummings) Endlein.

Cas, as he was known, graduated from Visitation High School in 1954, in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Wayne State University in Detroit. After many years of employment, Cas retired from Ford Motor Company in 1996.

Cas had a variety of interests throughout his life including photography, sports, bird watching, wine, reading, music, lake life and pizza Fridays.

He was overjoyed to see his favorite ball team, the Chicago Cubs, win the World Series in 2016. His dedication to the team was proudly displayed via his car's "4UCubs" license plate.

Later in life, Cas developed a passion for woodworking and voraciously consumed books, magazines and videos on the subject. His application of his knowledge led to unique results but brought him great pleasure.

Cas was known for his mischievous ways and, over time, he shared stories of his hijinks. He most recently shared a story of his mastery of making and selling fake IDs for his fellow Marquette University students; he will be remembered for his entrepreneurial spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Endlein; daughters, Kristen Anne Locklear and Kathleen Frances Liu (Stanley Liu); son, Kurt Joseph Endlein (Rae Ann Kolankowski-Endlein); granddaughters, Emily Katherine Locklear (Luke Sturgill) and Madeline Marie Endlein; grandsons, James Loyd Locklear and Devin Blaine Kurzhals-Hawley (Abigail Rae Hawley); great granddaughter, Cora Jean Marie Hawley; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Cas deeply loved his nieces and nephews and was honored to be regarded as a father and grandfather figure by many of them. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced shortly.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Robert L. Sharrow, 82

Oct. 12, 1941-Dec. 28, 2023

CHARLEVOIX

Robert "Bob" Sharrow of Charlevoix passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on December 28, 2023. Bob was born on October 12, 1941, in Charlevoix, to George and Mary

Sharrow. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1960. He served in the United States Army, stationed in Germany, where he met his wife Babs, of 58 years.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent the last 20 plus years as a snowbird in Florida, spending lots of time fishing on the Gulf of Mexico. Bob also loved sport shooting and competed in many competitions. Rock hunting was another past time of his. He would spend hours at the lake searching for Petoskey Stones, creating beautiful art with them.

Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved nothing more than being surrounded by family.

Bob is survived by his wife, Babs; sons, Wayne Sharrow and Robert (Didi) Sharrow all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Nicole Sharrow of Boyne City, Casey Sharrow of Seattle, WA, and Jake (Grace) Sharrow of Charlevoix; great-granddaughter, Nora Sharrow of Boyne City.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Sharrow; sisters, Donna Stoneham and Barb Kane.

At Bob's request, the family will remember him privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his guestbook at www.GaylordFuneralHome.com

James (Butch) Frye, 83

June 25, 1940-Dec. 29, 2023

EAST JORDAN

James (Butch) Eugene Frye of East Jordan passed away peacefully at McLaren Northern Hospital in Petoskey on Friday, December 29, 2023. James is survived by his wife, Patricia (German) Frye of East Jordan; sister, Linda (Frye) Potter of East Jordan; stepchildren, Debbie (Steve) Leaman of East Jordan, Linda Reynolds and Scott of Central Lake and Martin (Kay) Kirk of East Jordan; and grandson, Jerad of East Jordan.

A funeral service will be held at the Free Methodist Church, 3055 W. Old State Rd. East Jordan, Michigan on January 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

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LEADERSHIP

OUR LEADERSHIP IS A GIFT – TO BE SHARED

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

I am reminded that our life is a gift...and that life is short. So how do we live meaningful lives, and as the person we are meant to be?

We are here to love, to care about, and to serve others! (Way more important than success in business, a fancy car, making a lot of money, etc.)

Just as our life is a gift, so too is our leadership. Everyone can be a leader, regardless of our position. Leadership is how we help people feel about themselves. Leadership is about instilling confidence in our team members and helping them to work as a cohesive and engaged team.

We cannot take our effectiveness for granted as leadership must continually be developed and cultivated. We, as well as our team members, must strive for continuous improvement.

It is important for us to assess how we are being received by others. Asking for honest feedback is very important. Share with others that we know we must have areas in which we can improve our leadership, and that we ask for their help by sharing their honest thoughts about areas of leadership we are doing well and areas of potential improvement.

Leadership is our ability to have positive influence and includes encouraging, mentoring and coaching our people. It's about asking for our team member's ideas,

and letting them know they are important, that we care about their success and wellbeing.

Let's strive to make our gift of leadership truly meaningful for our team members, each of them, by helping them learn, grow, and succeed.

Remember, we can all, each and every one of us, be leaders from whatever our role. Again, leadership is about our ability to influence others.

Here's to our striving to continue to grow in our effectiveness as leaders, making a huge difference for the people of our business/organization and those we serve.

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.

BY JOHN KEYSER

Meagan Krzywosinski lives in Petoskey. While outside of Charlevoix County, since I met her, I have wanted to write about her. I have enormous admiration for all she does, how she leads her life, and helps others with our inner-growth. I believe her messages are helpful for all of us.

- Remain hungry for self-discovery and self-growth
- Define your values
- Live simple & sustainable
- Pause, Breathe

Meagan's first "professional" job (note: while in high school she was a co-op student, at First Community Bank) was with the Inn at Bay Harbor, as an event coordinator; progressing to Director of Event Management. The Inn is part of the Marriott Hotel group. Key to her personal development was attending the Marriott Hotel School, which was enlightening, and the foundation of which she has continued to build her career. One nugget of wisdom shared by J.W. Marriott, validated her hunger for walking alongside humans. While she can't recall exactly his words, her take away was profound...and she shared it with me; "if you aren't taking care of the guest, you better be taking care of the people who are taking care of the guests."

With her innate love of people and the vision to inspire inner growth, she

COMMUNITY LEADER

MEAGAN KRZYWOSINSKI PAUSE LONG ENOUGH TO HEAR



Meagan Krzywosinski

fell in love with human resources. Sixteen years later, she continues to practice HR by day and has integrated depth into practice by melting her love for living into a yoga lifestyle.

She says, "HR by day, Yogi by life." And she lives into it... although she reminds me, "it has been a journey to get here"; but that's another article.

So, why am I writing about Meagan? Why did I think it was important to share a nugget of her story?

Meagan is driven to live her values. I was captivated by her ability to 'keep going,' to 'inspire' by just being her. I just kept thinking, she must be really organized; I was curious to learn, to understand; how she does what she does. Meagan continued to remind me "when we live into our values, decisions are 'easy.' Yes is

a strong 'yes' and 'no' is a strong 'no thanks.'

My next question was, 'how do we get there; to the understanding of when to say yes or no?' Meagan answered with 'define our values, our values are our super power.'

Meagan's focus is on inspiring and walking alongside us to identify our own values, e.g., who we are and who we want to be. May sound easy; it is not. Very few people have the courage to step back, take the time to truly identify self-values and if they are who they really wish to be.

Meagan said, "If we can understand and live our purpose, we will be happy. It's pretty much that simple. It's just tough navigating the path to that understanding". That's where having someone like Meagan helps!

Much of her own navigating this path unfolded on her yoga mat; through

deep breathing, meditation and movement. She giggled when she said, "many tears have fallen on my mat, layers shed and regeneration like no other." To that she shared her mission and vision for founding Inspiring Inner Growth LLC. A cozy studio, in downtown Petoskey, for inspiring inner growth, in her little corner of the world so others can to engage their brave; on and off the mat. Her message is rooted in being 'braVe,' can you take a guess at what that big V stands for; values.

A few more things I wanted to share about Meagan and how she values her time; she schedules healthy meal menus, time for yoga, sleep, even just quiet time. She uses a paper planner and loves to make lists.

Her favorite topics to study, outside of Yoga and Human Resources are the "Blue Zones." Her idea of living a Yoga Lifestyle is rooted in the essentials founded throughout the "blue zones;" places around the world where the most people live to be 100 and in good health.

And literally just a few days ago, Meagan has been promoted to First Community Bank's Chief Human Resource Officer.

I am thrilled that I have gotten to know Meagan. Truly, knowing her is a gift, and I encourage readers to learn more, and to visit Inspiring Inner Growth. You'll very likely enjoy learning more about Meagan and be inspired.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

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Monday, January 8 - 6:00 pm
At Charlevoix Cinema III
CuCo and Charlevoix Cinema III will be screening The Wizard of Oz (1939) at the theater!

Doors open at 5:30pm and the movies will start at 6:00pm. The movie is free! Concessions will be available for purchase.

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Thursday, January 11
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- Materials and instructions provided
- No registration required
- Recommended for adults; children 8+ must be accompanied by an adult

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You may be sending out Valentine's Day cards this year, but are you sending cards with your pet's photo on them? Now you can! Photographer Nate Abramowski of "Howliday Pet Photo" fame is back to capture the cuteness of your pet!

Each registration is for a 10-minute photo session. Please only register well-mannered or semi well-mannered pets. On the day of this event, enter through our Community Room doors. Pets need to be brought in on leashes or in crates.

BOOKTALKERS: REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES BY SHELBY VAN PELT

Monday, January 15 - 6:00 pm
Armstrong Conference Room
Registration Required:
Register online or call (231)237-7340 for this Book Discussion

Recently widowed Tova loves her night job cleaning at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, especially because of her fondness for Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Working there makes her feel closer to her son, who disappeared at sea when he was 18. After suffering an injury at work, Tova becomes friends with her replacement, Cameron, a failed rock musician in town to track down a father he never knew. Shelby Van Pelt's novel is a heartwarming and unconventional tale of friendship between a widow, a young man, and an octopus.

UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) WITH ZACH LEDY

Tuesday, January 16 - 6:00 pm
In our Community Room
Zach Ledy, network engineer for Centaris, will be discussing what AI is, how it works, and how it will shape our future.

He will also be exploring some of the myths surrounding AI to uncover the truth behind this incredible technology. Zach is passionate about AI, cloud computing, and making technology easier to use for everyone.

He has two years of experience in the IT industry, and holds certifications with CompTIA, Cisco, and Microsoft.

CHASING MONEY WITH AUTHOR MICHAEL BALTER

Tuesday, January 23 - 6:00 pm
In our Community Room

Join award-winning local author Michael Balter as he discusses his debut novel, Chasing Money, a fast-paced crime thriller that pits two partners in a struggling start-up venture against an angry Russian killer seeking \$10 million and a missing painting.

Michael is an accomplished storyteller, whose book was inspired by his own experiences as an entrepreneur. He extensively researched the real masterpiece at the heart of his story, which was looted by Nazis in World War II and has never been found. Chasing Money won the 2023 Best Indie Book Award for Crime Thrillers.

WINTER BLUES CONCERT SERIES: DWAIN MARTIN A.

Monday, January 29 - 6:30 pm
In our Community Room

Dwain has been a part of the Northern Michigan music scene for 2 decades, most notably as the former Folk Music Coordinator at the Charlevoix Public Library.

He can be found playing music at Farm Markets, small concert venues in the local area, and playing in the streets where he sometimes shares the stage with Robin Luce in a duo known as 2-4-Peace.

His CDs, Road to Wonderland, Just Now, and Water So Blue, can be heard wherever you stream music.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

LEGO BRICK CLUB

Tuesdays:
January 9, January 23
3:30-5:00 pm
Ages 6 and up
Youth Activity Center

Calling all Lego lovers! Join us in the Youth Activity Center and make new friends while you get creative with Legos and Duplos.

Enjoy free-play and imaginative building or follow fun prompts to create something new. This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required.

GLCO: LITTLE WAVES

Saturday, January 13 - 1:00 pm
Ages 4 - 10
Youth Activity Center

Dive into the enchanting world of music with 'Little Waves,' a children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this innovative initiative invites young explorers to discover the wonders of music and instruments in a relaxed and informal setting. No registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS FOR KIDS

Monday, January 15
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Ages 6+

Youth Activity Center
Stop by the Youth Activity Center any time between 4pm and 5pm to create a unique and fun piece of art to take home. While supplies last. No registration required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

STORY TIME

Thursdays at 10:30
Beginning January 18
Birth - 5 years
Youth Activity Center

Join us on Thursdays in the Youth Activity Center for Story Time! Gather with new friends as we read stories, shake our sillies out, sing, learn fingerplays, and have tons of fun! Enjoy playtime and connect with other families afterwards. No registration required.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Monday, January 22
5:30 pm • All Ages
Registration required for each family member

Families are invited to the Library for Family Literacy Night! We will be joined by local book enthusiast and former elementary education teacher, Bethany Cooper, as she shares her favorites tips and tricks to inspire kids to get reading. Pizza will be served! This is a family event, all ages are welcome - children must be accompanied by their adult. Registration is required - please register each family member in attendance.

LIBRARY PLAYGROUP

Wednesday, January 31
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Birth - 5 years
Youth Activity Center

Parents and caregivers and their children are invited to gather in the Youth Activity Center for casual, free-form play for kids ages birth to five years old. Books, toys, music, sensory activities, and crafts will be available for families to explore while they connect with each other. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

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

ASK LAURA

Trusting the Whisper Within



Laura Jasurda

Dear Readers, Happy New Year! As we embrace the new beginnings that 2024 brings, I'm looking forward to sharing a series of 'aha' moments with you in the weeks to come. These are the pivotal experiences that have profoundly shaped my life, and I hope they will offer you inspiration and reflection in your own journey.

I grew up in the early 1960s, a time when children played freely on the streets and the term 'stranger danger' wasn't a shadow over our innocence. Yet, one of my earliest and most profound 'aha moments' came from a lesson in trust and the awakening of my intuition.

I was a young girl of six or seven, walking home from a friend's house just a few doors down. That short walk became the setting for a moment that would forever change my understanding of inner guidance.

A woman in a car pulled up alongside me, claiming to be a friend of my mother's and offering me a ride home. In that instant, a clear and firm internal voice instructed me, not with the echoes of my mother's warnings, but with an

intrinsic, intuitive authority: "Go to a neighbor's door and knock."

I didn't hesitate. I ran to the nearest house and pounded on the door, driven by an instinctive urge to protect myself. The woman had no connection to my mother at all. This encounter wasn't merely about heeding safety advice; it was my first conscious recognition of the power of intuition—a guiding force that we all possess but often fail to acknowledge.

That day, my journey of learning to trust the spiritual side of myself began, a journey that I continue to navigate. It's about more than just listening; it's about trusting that quiet, yet powerful voice within, es-

pecially when it contradicts what we see or what others say.

This moment of intuition was the first of many 'aha moments' that would shape my life, teaching me the empowering practice of trusting my inner guidance.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I invite you to reflect on your own 'aha moments.' Have you experienced moments when your intuition whispered a truth you couldn't ignore? How can we encourage each other to trust this inner voice, to recognize it as one of our most valuable guides? Here's to a year of tuning in to the whisper within and letting our intuition lead the way to greater wisdom and joy.

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.

New Laws Taking Effect in Michigan in 2024

There are a handful of new laws going into effect in the new year. Some, like the new minimum wage, will become effective on January 1.

At the front of the pack is a new minimum wage which will raise our state's minimum hourly pay rate by almost a quarter. That, by the way, is the only law that goes into effect on January 1. The others will take effect 90 days after the legislature ends on February 13, 2024.

Michigan's Minimum Wage is Going Up

The state's minimum wage will increase from \$10.10 per hour to \$10.33. The hourly rate for tipped workers will increase from \$3.84 to \$3.93.

Michigan's Prevailing Wage Act

Michigan's Prevailing Wage Act (repealed in 2018) will be restored, meaning that contractors hired by the state of Michigan will be required to pay their employees union wages.

Michigan Will No Longer be a 'Right to Work' State

Michigan became a

'Right to Work' state in 2012, and after more than a decade, that legislation is being repealed.

This means that workers in unionized workplaces will no longer be able to opt out of paying union dues. Experts believe that this move will strengthen unions in Michigan, therefore protecting more workers' rights and giving unionized workers more job security.

Three Michigan Gun Laws

Gun owners will be required to lock their weapons up under Michigan's new Safe Storage Law. Anyone purchasing a firearm at a gun show or through a private sale will need to pass a background check.

Michigan's Red Flag law is intended to disarm those with a propensity for violence who may have mental health problems or a history of threatening others.

Elliot-Larsen Act Expansion

The expansion of the Elliot-Larsen Act will provide protection for members of the LGBTQ+ community from discrimination

based on sexual orientation or identity. This act will provide protection when it comes to employment, housing, education, and access to accommodation.

Michigan Teen Pre-Registration

This new law will allow 16-year-old students to pre-register to vote to be ready to cast their ballots once they turn 18.

Third-Grade Reading Law Repealed

Under Michigan's 2016 Third-Grade Reading Law, schools were required to hold students back if they were deemed more than one year behind in reading and writing development.

Under the new law, schools will not be required to hold students back but will provide parents with intervention options.

Bold Energy Plan

In 2024, the Michigan Public Service Commission will begin planning large-scale solar power projects in an effort to meet the 2040 deadline for our state to produce all of its energy from clean sources.

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the U.P. eclipsed 30,000. The deer herd will come back. The DNR has maintained many conservative deer management recommendations since 2015. There is no reason to think that the herd won't bounce back in a few years, barring unforeseen severe winter weather.

Limiting factors

In Michigan, there are numerous factors that may act singularly or in combination to influence deer abundance, and they can vary over space and time.

Some of these factors have a greater impact on deer populations and thus are more important than others. In addition, some of these limiting factors can be managed by state wildlife agencies, while others cannot.

Predators (including wolves), winter weather, habitat quality, changes to deer harvest regulations, declining hunter numbers and changes in timber harvest all play a combined role in changes to the deer population in the Upper Peninsula.

Numerous factors can also affect deer harvest. For example, given that 50% of the deer harvests in rifle season occur within the first three to four days, unusual weather at the beginning of the season can decrease harvest, like the warm, windy days we had this season. Even what day of the week the opener falls on can change harvest.

Predators

Wolves, more so than other predators, are often blamed for a lack of deer in the U.P. From 2009 through 2022, the buck harvest throughout all hunting seasons has fluctuated up and down in association with severe winter occurrences.

Meanwhile, wolf population estimates have remained relatively stable, indicating something besides wolves is affecting the deer numbers – that something is severe winters, deer wintering habitat and even summer food availability.

When deer numbers decline, it is not because wolf numbers have increased, and when deer numbers increase, it is not because wolf numbers have declined.

Deer co-evolved with predators and, as such, have developed predator avoidance behaviors (selecting habitat outside of wolf core areas) and physical characteristics that increase survival (fast speed, wide field of view).

Some hunters and others question the results of DNR surveys, which calculate minimum population estimates for wolves in the U.P. (643 average since 2010), with some suggesting the true population is more likely in the range 2,000-3,000 animals.

The DNR acknowledges the number is an estimated minimum calculated during winter surveys when wolf numbers are at their lowest, prior to the birth of pups, which have a relatively high mortality rate.

The DNR has set out hundreds of trail cameras across the region to help assess wolf numbers. This is part of a new survey approach, which is expected to work in concert with the traditional aerial wolf surveys which occur every other winter.

Given the amount of land in the Upper Peninsula providing suitable habitat for wolves (roughly 10,600 square miles), an average pack size of 4.8 wolves and a median wolf territory size of 82 square miles, the number of wolves resulting given these limiting factors would be similar to minimum estimates the DNR is finding in its surveys.

The complete report shows that predation from wolves has a relatively small impact on the deer population.

This is because wolves are not the main predator on fawns, and fawn survival is what drives the deer population changes in most years. Other fawn predators include coyotes, bears and bobcats.

In studies elsewhere in the U.S., including some with no wolves present and one with no predators at all, fawn survival rate was measured at 45%.

During the U.P. Predator-Prey study, which took place over nine years (2009-2019) within three varying snow depth zones, indicated the U.P. fawn survival rate was 47%.

While wolves do prey on adult deer, adult deer survival is quite high. Predation from wolves is simply one portion of what impacts our deer herd in the U.P.

Winter conditions

Since 1996, the Upper Peninsula experienced more than three times as many severe winters than between 1980 and 1996, along with three instances of back-to-back and two instances of three consecutive severe winters.

Severe winters are those with more than 90 days with snow depth of a foot or more. Some factors affecting winter snow depth would include climate change and Lake Superior not freezing over, which provides more moisture to generate lake effect snowfall.

Buck harvest was at an all-time high from the late 1980s to the mid-1990s, and winters were noticeably milder during this time.

The consecutive severe winters beginning in 1996 and 1997 have resulted in periodic declines in buck harvest since then. Since 2013, eight of the 11 winters (73%) have been severe, impacting buck harvest, further restricting the growth of the U.P.'s deer herd.

When the duration of snow cover exceeds 90 days, winter is likely to impact deer populations to some degree. The graph also shows the linkage between buck harvest declines and severe winters, while the wolf population estimates remain steady.

Hunter demographics

Reviewing license sales numbers through the end of November 2023, overall, for the state, about 590,000 people obtained a deer tag, which is 1% more compared to last year at this time.

The total number of deer tags sold was 1.3 million which is 2% more than last year. Nonresident hunters continued the decade-long upward trend totaling about 25,000 which is up 3% over last year.

Since 1995, the DNR has sold hunting licenses using an electronic license sales system (i.e., retail sales system). This system has allowed the DNR to maintain a central database containing sales information on every license sold.

This information is used to track changes in the number of deer hunting license buyers.

Among the key findings:

- In 1995, deer hunting licenses were sold to 872,000 people, while in 2019, licenses were sold to 582,000 people. This represents a 33% decline or an average decline of 1.7% per year.
- Participation has declined with each generation.
- The pace of decline has increased in recent years.
- The current level of youth recruitment is the lowest we have recorded since 1995.
- The DNR predicts that 434,000 people will purchase a deer hunting license in 2030. This represents a 25% decline from the number of license buyers in 2019.

These declines are part of a national trend, with very few exceptions, especially when looking at states that have experienced little to no population growth in decades, like Michigan.

Hunters are getting older on average and recruiting at lower rates.

Over the years, there have been fewer license buyers for all age classes in the middle of the age curve (i.e., between approximately 12 and 55 years of age).

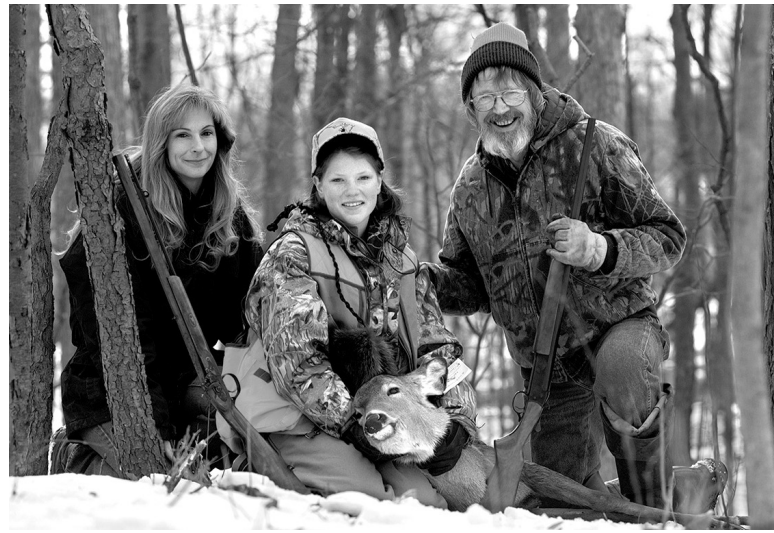
However, there were increased hunter numbers among the youngest and oldest age classes. The increased hunter numbers in the oldest age classes likely represented the rising share of older people in the population as the baby boom generation aged.

In addition, the legalization of crossbow use during the archery season probably increased participation among hunters in the oldest age classes.

The increased participation among the youngest hunters likely reflected the lowering of the minimum age requirements. In 2012, the minimum age requirement to hunt deer with a firearm was eliminated (mentors are required), while hunters had to be at least 10 years old to participate in 2008.

Rates of participation for deer hunting generally increased among generations until peaking among people born during 1944-1960 (baby boomers) but has declined among more recent generations.

The decline in hunter numbers has been widespread across the state. Since 2000, the greatest rates of decline have been in metro De-



troit and in portions of the U.P.

The declines in Detroit are particularly troubling because the highest densities of license buyers reside in this area.

The total youth population in Michigan has declined 0.7% per year during the last six years, while the number of youth hunters has declined 7.1% per year. If this annual rate of decline continues, we could expect the number of youth hunters will be cut in half in less than 10 years.

While some limited increases in hunting license sales have occurred, including during the coronavirus pandemic, the overall trend of hunting license purchases is downward.

Things the DNR doesn't currently control

The DNR manages resources on behalf of all the residents of the state of Michigan but can only do so within its authority. There are legal limits to what the department can do.

Just as we can't magically turn a dial and reduce deer numbers in southern Michigan right now, we can't magically turn a dial and increase deer in the U.P.

We cannot control the weather, the amount of snowfall given areas will receive throughout the course of a given winter, nor the relative severity of winter.

Additional things beyond DNR control:

- Gray wolves remain a protected species given federal court rulings in lawsuits that have kept wolves on the List of Endangered and Threatened Species. This status prohibits a wolf hunt, no matter its provisions.
- The Michigan DNR supports removing wolves from the endangered species list, citing among its reasons the recovery of wolves in the state after meeting, exceeding and maintaining population levels far beyond original recovery goals.
- Even if wolves were delisted, the DNR does not have the authority to authorize a harvest season. This authority lies with the Natural Resources Commission or through legislative action.
- The number of deer hunters has steadily declined overall since the mid-1990s.
- The amount of hunter time and effort spent afield, hunter support for DNR initiatives, hunter activism and hunter efforts to recruit, retain and reactivate the sport's dwindling participation at all levels.

Actions taken by the DNR to address low deer numbers in the U.P.

The DNR has taken numerous actions, often in concert with partnering groups, agencies or individuals, to improve deer habitat and low deer numbers.

Deer habitat management is ongoing, including efforts to identify and map over 50 deer wintering complexes and manage food and winter deer shelters on state-managed lands, according to regional state forest plans.

Biologists have been working to conserve winter shelter for deer, while also enhancing available food resources by planting oak trees and seeding forest openings.

Funding is available for deer habitat management. To have the greatest impact, deer habitat management needs to occur on multiple ownerships, not just state forest lands, with 80% of deer wintering complex habitat located on private or federal lands.

The U.P. Habitat Workgroup has worked for several years to improve habitat for deer in areas where they spend the critical winter months in need of shelter and food.

The charge of the group states: "Deer winter habitat is a critical component of a healthy sustainable deer herd in the Upper Peninsula. In most cases, deer yard complexes span across multiple land ownerships. More than 80% of the existing

complexes occur on private and federal land. For this reason, accurate mapping of complex boundaries, the development of cooperative management strategies that span ownerships and communications to the landowners involved are key."

The workgroup membership is composed of DNR wildlife and forestry employees, federal forest managers, members of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and wildlife and forestry interests.

The workgroup effort has focused on identifying important deer wintering complexes, their boundaries and land ownership makeups. It has also involved cooperative conservation and timber harvest strategies that optimize benefits for wildlife and timber production on private lands within complex boundaries.

Through grants and other funding, the workgroup has affected deer improvement on thousands of acres of deer habitat across the U.P., with hundreds of private landowners contacted.

The Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative, now in its 15th year, is supported by the state's Deer Range Improvement Program, which is funded by a portion of deer hunting license revenue.

More than 114 initiative projects in nearly all U.P. counties have improved thousands of acres of deer habitat. In 2023, the program crossed the \$1 million threshold in hunter license dollars invested on U.P. deer habitat enhancements.

The DNR's Wildlife Habitat grant program provides funding to enhance and improve the quality and quantity of game species habitat in support of specific goals from the DNR Wildlife Division's strategic plan, guiding principles and strategies.

Things hunters and the DNR can work on together

Despite the things we cannot control, the DNR and hunters can work on several things together and separately to try to improve the U.P. deer herd and hunter success. We can support continued initiatives like the U.P. Habitat Workgroup, helping to improve deer wintering habitat on private lands not administered by the DNR.

The DNR and hunters can continue to talk together about issues, problems and solutions to deer management concerns. To help facilitate this type of discussion, hunters could attend and participate in Upper Peninsula Citizens' Advisory Council monthly meetings where agenda topics are set by the eastern and western U.P. councils' members.

The councils develop resolutions on various actions, which are provided to the DNR for implementation consideration.

Hunters and the DNR can also continue a dialogue through various forums like the "Ask the DNR" live television broadcasts where DNR staffers answer questions from the public.

Any questions not addressed on the air are responded to in the days following the broadcasts if the caller leaves a phone number or email address.

Hunters can also offer comments at Michigan Natural Resources Commission meetings, as well as comment when various state and federal agencies seek public opinion on a variety of issues, like wolf delisting and deer management. Hunters could work within and among sportsmen's groups to find consensus on deer management concerns. The DNR can continue to attend the meetings of these groups and offer support for their efforts.

Hunters could advocate for eliminating supplemental feeding of deer. Though legal, feeding deer spreads diseases, causes social strife, kills deer through corn and toxic reactions to high carbohydrates

and likely increases deer mortality by drawing deer away from deer wintering complexes and into poor winter habitat.

Hunters and the DNR can think of new ways to work together to confront old problems that are producing limiting effects on the U.P. deer herd.

Hunters and the DNR can continue to respect the others' viewpoints and work to find additional ways to work together cooperatively.

A new Deer Management Initiative will be starting up early next year.

We need to reevaluate our current management paradigm and develop a set of recommendations in both peninsulas to shift how management occurs, including short-term, actionable items and long-term approaches that take time.

These efforts must be collaborative and use best available science.

The DNR will develop U.P.- and L.P.-specific workgroups representing a diverse set of opinions and values. The groups won't be formed until January 2024, but will include traditional groups we have historically worked with and unaffiliated hunters and non-hunters who can provide unique perspectives.

The goal of the initiative is to position our deer management to meet future challenges. The workgroups will help develop a broad survey about deer trends to be distributed to hunters and non-hunters. The workgroup participants will attend a multi-day, facilitated meeting to look at data, identify problems and develop recommendations for DNR and NRC action.

Things hunters can do

Report deer harvest to the DNR to help ensure the most accurate harvest reports possible. The more data we are able to collect on deer harvest, the more accurate the results will be when calculating harvest and trends.

Keep abreast of activities of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (Michigan.gov/NRC).

Copies of presentations, contact and background information on commissioners and the commission is available at the webpage. A schedule of upcoming meetings and agendas is also there.

Read significant DNR publications like the Michigan Wolf Management Plan, which is a valuable guide to learning what the DNR will, can and cannot do to manage wolves in Michigan. Find additional DNR wildlife publications online: Michigan.gov/WildlifePublications.

Hunters can help police misinformation on social media platforms by posting positive and factual information and refuting false claims.

Work to introduce new hunters to the sport, including friends, family members and others who have not experienced the outdoors. Support efforts to encourage hunting by youth, veterans and others. Take somebody hunting. Seek out mentorship opportunities sporting groups provide that offer "learn to hunt" types of programs.

Volunteer to work on habitat improvement projects or help others by lending expertise to hunting groups and others seeking grants.

Talk to others about the benefits of hunting and outdoor activity, including promoting hunting to those interested in organic food and homesteading lifestyles.

Hunting groups could find more opportunities to work together for the overall good of deer hunting, habitat improvement and other important concerns.

Make purchases supporting Pittman-Robertson funding for wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, habitat improvement, research and education.

Meeting the challenges to improving deer hunting in some parts of Michigan will take a concerted effort over time to achieve. These challenges are affected by multiple factors.

While hunters may perceive that there are too few deer in some regions of the state, others, like southern Michigan, are confronting too many deer on the landscape creating other complex problems affected also by multiple factors.

Wherever we might call home, we should all ask ourselves what we can contribute positively to the problems we are all working to address, inside and outside the DNR.

We are all in this together.

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI)

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

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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



Middle & High School Inland Lakes

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



McKenna Elliott

Being a rockstar in math

Grade: 8

Nominated by: Mrs. Rinvelt



Hayden Wagar

*Hard working, Fun, Good attitude,
Good partnering skills
Working hard and having a
good attitude in biology*

Grade: 9

Nominated by:

Mrs. Furman & Mrs. Rinvelt

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HENRY VARICE BOURDO

The Veteran of the month for January 2024 is Henry Varice Bourdo.

Born in Muskegon Michigan January 10, 1898 to parents Henry and Lucille Bourdo. He grew up there and attended Muskegon Catholic School through the 8th grade. Henry worked at several factories in the Muskegon area before moving to East Jordan Michigan where he was a laborer and farmer.

He was a Veteran of WW1 serving in France, assigned to Co. G, 6th Infantry, departing the United States on April 9, 1918, returning back on July 13, 1919. After moving to East Jordan, he received notice to register for the WW2 draft in Charlevoix County. Doing so led him to be recalled into the United States Army, where he enlisted on August 1, 1942 at Camp



Henry Varice Bourdo

Custer, Kalamazoo Michigan. He then was assigned to the Medical Unit of the

1604th Service Unit and stationed at Fort Brady, Sault Ste. Marie Michigan,

now known as Lake Superior State University.

Upon request from his previous employer E. H. Sheldon & Company of Muskegon, asking that he be released for work in a war production shop and finding his age at 44 years, he was given an Honorable Discharge on March 6th, 1943, signed by Lt. Col. W. C. Bechtold and returned for a short time to Muskegon.

After moving back to East Jordan, on April 1, 1944 he married Grace McWatters. Henry continued farming and laborer work for several years before his health got too bad to continue.

On February 7, 1965, Henry Varice Bourdo answered the final call and is being honored by his son Charlie, Daughter Frances, Son Varice, and family.



PET OF THE WEEK

Finley

Meet Finley! Finley was surrendered to us due to no fault of his own and is such a sweet and spunky guy. Finley arrived with his sister Kismet and he is the more social of the two but still a little cautious of new people. While Finley is a husky, he is very small for his breed weighting only about 35 pounds. Finley seems to like most other dogs and seems to ignore cats.



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RD Sports Photo Top Ten Photos of 2023

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Rob DeForge is one of the most talented sports photographers in the state.

He has been taking local sports action photos over 20 years around Northern Michigan. He is an award winning

photographer has been recognized in national and state competition. More importantly, Rob is a good friend and a great guy.

Each year Rob takes thousands of photos of local athletes and sporting events around Northern Michigan.

You will see him at high school games frequently but he also enjoys taking action photos of younger athletes in middle school, little league, youth soccer and hockey and even at Bear Basketball. A few years ago Rob began selecting his top ten photos of the year and

each year his photos have a story behind them.

Rob commented, "Through the 2023 season, I collected 83 photos when editing my games into a "Best" folder for consideration of the Top Ten of 2023. Over the last couple of weeks paried that down

to 20, then to 10. It is not an easy task. These photos I pick because I liked them, or they told a story from that game I was at. They may not be a perfect photo, but that is what is great about photos, we all see them different."



1) This is Bellaire girls senior varsity basketball players Karsyen Fischer and Jacey Somers walking off the court together in what would be their last high school game in a district loss to Gaylord St Mary back in March.



2) A team effort by the Gaylord St Mary Snowbird defense on a 4th down play vs Inland Lakes in the last game of the season.



3) Carter Sitz of the Gaylord Blue Devils setting the tone for what would be one of the most successful seasons in Blue Devil history, just before kickoff of the opening game vs TC West.



4) Brady Pretzloff of the Gaylord Blue Devils in his last varsity basketball game as a junior, provided a highlight moment with this thunderous dunk.



5) A captured reaction to a teammate's goal in a youth soccer match at Boyne Mountain.



6) Jared Hattis of the Gaylord Blue Devil soccer team suffered a knee injury in a scrimmage before the season started which would cause him to miss his senior year of soccer. On senior night, he took the field for the opening kick to this game, and came off the field the last time as a Blue Devil.



7) A little celebration at the plate after a home run in Bellaire's Minor A Championship game vs Kalkaska.



8) Maddie Gohl of the Gaylord Blue Devils after scoring a goal on senior night, turns to the bench and flashes the Love sign to her teammates.



9) This photo of a Johanneburg-Lewiston track athlete just captured my interest right away when editing this event. The sunlight hit this athlete perfectly making the colors just pop.



10) A sprawling save in-between the pipes by this Alpena 10U player in a game at the Sportsplex in Gaylord.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Thank you for following this Top Ten of 2023, and thank you for your continued support that keeps me taking photos. I shall see you around the rinks, courts, fields and other places in 2024!

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

ALL AREA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



GIRLS BASKETBALL
LINDSEY CROSS
EAST JORDAN



BOYS BASKETBALL
ALEX CALCATERRA
BOYNE CITY



SOFTBALL
LUCY UY
BOYNE CITY



GIRLS SOCCER
KENZIE BURT
CHEBOYGAN



BASEBALL
AJ SPIEGL
CHARLEVOIX



BOYS SOCCER
MITCH HARRINGTON
GRAYLING



VOLLEYBALL
ADDISON BOOP
CHARLEVOIX



8-MAN FOOTBALL
AIDEN FENSTERMAKER
INLAND LAKES



11-MAN FOOTBALL
BRADY PRETZLAFF
GAYLORD

2023 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 12, 2023

ELLY WILCOX
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Boyne City fell to a very good Gaylord Blue Devils last week but Elly Wilcox had one of the best games of her career. Elly led the scoring for the Ramblers with 17 points scoring 5 3-pointers in the game. Three of those 3-pointers came in the fourth quarter.

JANUARY 12, 2023

MASON WILCOX
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS BOYS BASKETBALL



The Ramblers traveled to take on Kalkaska on Friday, January 6. The Ramblers controlled the game throughout and helped move their record to 7-1 on the season. The Ramblers were led by Mason Wilcox with 12 points.

JANUARY 19, 2023

JUNE KIRKPATRICK
RED DEVILS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Nice game over Kalkaska from June Kirkpatrick, she was all over the floor and played with great energy and confidence. Kirkpatrick finished her big night with 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and six steals

JANUARY 19, 2023

BRADY JESS
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS WRESTLING



Brady Jess (175), went 5-0 in a team tournament in Meridian last week. Then in a tri-meet against Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling Brady won both matches going 2-0

JANUARY 26, 2023

AVA MAGINITY
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



In just the second win of the season Ava Maginity had 10 first half points against Kalkaska. Later last week in a very close loss to Charlevoix, the Ramblers were led by Maginity with 15 points.

JANUARY 26, 2023

KORBYN RUSSELL
RED DEVILS BOYS BASKETBALL



Korbyn Russell had a great game and kept a lot of rebounds alive that his teammates collected and did a great job of finding the open guys in open spaces against their zone in the win over Battle Creek St. Philip. Russell finished with 13 points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals. In a close loss to Grayling last week Korbyn had a big game with 23 points and 12 rebounds.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

ABBEY WRIGHT
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



The Rayders Abbey Wright finish with 14 points and 14 rebounds in a 55-25 win over conference rival Kalkaska last week

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

LUCAS STONE
RED DEVILS BOYS BASKETBALL



In a huge conference win over in county rival Charlevoix, the East Jordan Red Devils came back from a 13-point deficit at the end of the third quarter win by a score of 62-55. The Red Devils were led by Lucas Stone with 20 points.

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

LINDSEY CROSS
RED DEVILS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Lindsey Cross led the Red Devils to a win over Pickford last week. The third quarter saw Lindsey Cross break free for 13 points, including a clutch and-one play. She added 4 more points in the 4th quarter. Later in the week EJ lost to Boyne City. Lindsey led the Red Devils in scoring that game also with 11 points.

FEBRUARY 9, 2023



CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS WRESTLING TEAM
The Charlevoix wrestling team can now officially call themselves Lake Michigan Conference champions. On Friday in Boyne City, the Rayders were able to win the league individual tournament, and when added to their undefeated dual meet season, gave the Ramblers their first league crown in at least 20 years.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

MORGAN DEMING
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



In an unexpected upset win over state ranked Harbor Springs Rams the Boyne City Ramblers handed the Rams their 3rd loss of the season in a 43-40 win. The team was led by Morgan Deming with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

ALEX CALCATERRA
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS BOYS BASKETBALL



The Rambler boys are back on a winning streak again knocking off conference rivals Grayling and Harbor Springs last week. The team is performing well. In the win over Grayling, Alex Calcaterra contributed 16 points. Against Harbor Springs, Alex led all scorers with 24 points.

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

LINDSEY CROSS
RED DEVILS GIRLS BASKETBALL



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FEBRUARY 23, 2023

JACOB JENUWINE
ELLSWORTH LANCERS BOYS BASKETBALL



Jacob Jenuwine hit a school record 11 three-point shots in a 101-42 victory over Alanson last week on the home floor of the Vikings. According to the MHSAA record book, the 11 three-point shots made by Jenuwine are tied with 17 other players for 11th all time for the most made three pointers in a single game. Jenuwine had a career high 39 points in the game.

MARCH 2, 2023

ABBEY WRIGHT
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



In a win over East Jordan last week Abbey had five points, six rebounds and two steals. In the win over Grayling she finished with 18 points and six rebounds.

MARCH 2, 2023

KELAN PLETCHER
ELLSWORTH LANCERS BOYS BASKETBALL



Kelan Pletcher had a rare "triple double" with 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and he added five steals. Pletcher scored 18 of his 24 points in the first half and Jacob Jenuwine scored 15 of his 23 points in the second half in the win over Burt Lake NMC. Later in the week Pletcher had a 30-point game for Ellsworth and he added 10 boards and five assists to lead the Lancers to a win over Wolverine.

MARCH 9, 2023

BRADY JESS
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS WRESTLING



Sophomore Brady Jess went 4-1 in the tournament in the 175 weight class, taking third place.

MARCH 9, 2023

LONDON SWANSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS WRESTLING



Junior Landon Swanson went 4-2 in the tournament, taking fifth place in the 190 weight class.

MARCH 9, 2023

MASON CUNNINGHAM
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS WRESTLING



MARCH 16, 2023

ALEX CALCATERRA
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS BOYS BASKETBALL



In the district final win over Grayling, Alex Calcaterra finished with 19 points and eight assists to lead Boyne. In the Regional tournament loss to Kingsford, Calcaterra had a team high 30 points and 8 rebounds.

MARCH 30, 2023

ALEX CALCATERRA
RAMBLERS BOYS BASKETBALL



Boyne City's Alex Calcaterra has accepted a scholarship offer and will be continuing his athletic and academic career at Michigan Tech in Houghton, Michigan.

APRIL 20, 2023

RILEY ZBACNIK
LOGGERS SOFTBALL



In the first game against Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Riley had one hit and two RBIs. She was the winning pitcher going 5 innings giving up 3 hits, 2 walks and 2 strikeouts. In the 2nd game of the double header Riley had 4 hits and was the winning pitcher in game 2 going 6 innings giving up 5 hits walking 3 batters and striking out 8 batters. Monday night against Alanson Riley was the winning pitcher who went 5 innings giving up 1 hit 0 walks and 6 strikeouts. In the 2nd game the Loggers won 20-0 and once again Riley Zbacnik was the winning pitcher throwing a no hitter with 1 walk and 2 strikeouts in 3 innings.

APRIL 20, 2023

BRENDEN AENIS
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS BASEBALL



In a double header sweep of a good Hillman team, Brenden Aenis had a double in game one and bombed a two-run home run in game two. The Red Devils are 6-0 to begin the season.

APRIL 27, 2023

ELLY DAY
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS SOCCER



Elly Day had a big time showing in the Boyne City girls' soccer team's home contest with Ogemaw Heights on Monday. Day scored three goals and helped the Lady Ramblers to a 5-0 victory.

APRIL 27, 2023

OWEN WAHA
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS BASEBALL



In the 14-1 win over Hastings Owen Waha and Hunter Lemerand combined to throw a five inning no-hitter. Waha struck out four and Lemerand struck out three. On offense, Waha had a triple, a single and two RBI.

MAY 4, 2023

BRAYDIN NOBLE
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS SOCCER



In an 8-0 win over conference rival Grayling Vikings Braydin Noble had three goals and two assists.

MAY 4, 2023

BRENDEN AENIS
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS BASEBALL



E-J had didn't get many hits in the 1-0 shutout win over Petoskey last week, however one of those was a solo home run by Brenden Aenis. Aenis finished with two hits in the game.

MAY 11, 2023

MIKAYLA SHARROW
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS SOCCER



Mikayla had quite a week. She scored twice and had an assist in a 3-2 win over Suttons Bay. She had a hat trick (3 goals) in a 5-1 victory over Grayling.

MAY 11, 2023

AVERY STRANGE
ELLSWORTH LANCERS SOFTBALL



Against Wolverine Avery threw a no hitter allowing only one unearned run as she struck out seven. Against Mackinaw City Avery struck out a season and career high 17 batters and allowed only one hit and five unearned runs. Strange also went four for four at the plate including a homerun, triple and five RBI.

MAY 11, 2023

ETHAN THOMAS
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS BASEBALL



Ethan Thomas is red hot at the plate right now. In a double header win over Grayling. In game one, Thomas get a double and a single. In the late game Ethan finished with a double, a single and two RBI.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MAY 18, 2023

AVERY STRANGE
ELLSWORTH LANCERS
SOFTBALL



In a double header sweep of Alanson the Ellsworth Lancers remain undefeated in conference play. In the 24-1 first game victory Avery Strange got the win in game one as she struck out seven Vikings and allowed only one hit. Strange also led the offense by going four for four with a home run, double and two singles.

MAY 18, 2023

JACOB JENUWINE
ELLSWORTH LANCERS
BASEBALL



Ellsworth swept Alanson by 8-0 and 17-1 scores last week to keep on pace for a conference title. In game one Jacob Jenuwine threw a five-inning perfect game striking out the 14 of the 15 batters he faced for the victory.

MAY 25, 2023

AVA MAGINITY
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
TRACK



Boyne City senior Ava Maginity captured the D3 Region 21 title in both the 800-meter run (2:24.82) and the 1600-meter run (5:07.79) on Friday, May 19, at Clare, qualifying for the D3 state meet in both events. Ava also broke her own school record in the 1600 run.

MAY 25, 2023

BEN REID
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
BASEBALL



The number one state ranked Red Devils notched two more wins last week at Turtle Creek Stadium in Traverse City, defeating Roscommon 8-7 and Mancelona 9-4. Ben Reid was the winning pitcher in relief in a close win over a good Roscommon team. Against Mancelona Ben had a double, two singles and three RBI's.

JUNE 1, 2023

SAVANNAH KROONDYK
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
SOFTBALL



In the first game of a double header over Mancelona, Savannah had a triple and two singles. In the second game of the double header she had two triples and one double.

JUNE 1, 2023

OWEN WAHA
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
BASEBALL



In a close 2-1 conference win over East Jordan Waha earned the win in game two, going six innings and giving up one run on three hits and 11 strikeouts. In the game one win over E.J. Waha had one hit, one run, one RBI and reached base twice on walks.

JUNE 8, 2023

SYDNEY GUERRIERO
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
SOFTBALL



In the District final against Central Lake the offense had a big spark in Sydney Guerriero, as she bombed a grand slam home run and she also had a single. In the semi-final game of the district tournament against Ellsworth Sydney had two singles.

JUNE 8, 2023

AJ SPEIGL
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
BASEBALL



In the district final the offense saw AJ Speigl get four hits and deliver three RBI. The sophomore Speigl reached 43 hits on the season, breaking the record previously held by his father, Steve Speigl.

JUNE 15, 2023

CAITLYN BURKS
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
SOFTBALL



The East Jordan Red Devil softball team advanced through district play in to the Regional tournament. In the regional semifinal East Jordan lost to Onekama. However, not without some fireworks from freshmen Caitlyn Burks. Caitlyn hit a grand slam in the fourth inning and she also had a single.

JUNE 15, 2023

SAM PLETCHER
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
GOLF



The Charlevoix Rayder golf team placed 4th in division 4 of the state finals in the MHSAA Golf tournament. The Rayders were led by Sam Pletcher, as the senior took sixth place with scores of 76 and 77.

AUGUST 31, 2023

AVA TARSI
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
VOLLEYBALL



The Rambler volleyball team is starting the season strong. At the Lake City tourney, Ava Tarsi had 11 kills, 54 assists, 10 aces and 14 digs. At the Boyne City tourney Tarsi had a solid all-around game, getting 13 kills, five aces and 28 assists.

AUGUST 31, 2023

LANDON SWANSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
FOOTBALL



In the 40-41 overtime loss to TC St. Francis, Charlevoix's Landon Swanson played well on both sides of the ball. Swanson finished with 15 tackles and one interception on defense. On offense Swanson carried it nine times for 48 yards and two touchdowns.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

ALYSSA SHERMAN
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
VOLLEYBALL



In a five set win over Mancelona, East Jordan's Alyssa Sherman had 12 kills and 15 digs. Coach Snyder said, "Alyssa contributed a lot this match, she had 29 attacks total with 12 kills and only two errors, leaving her with a .345 hitting percentage."

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

KORBYN RUSSELL
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
FOOTBALL



In the 52-0 win over Joburg, East Jordan's Korbyn Russell had an effective game throwing the ball, going seven-of-13 for 154 yards and four touchdowns.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

ELLY WILCOX
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
VOLLEYBALL



In a three set win over Cheboygan Elly Wilcox had 10 kills, four aces and 10 digs. In a four set win over Kalkaska she had 12 kills, one ace and five digs. Boyne City now boasts a 15-1 record on the season.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

LANDON SWANSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
FOOTBALL



In the 26-13 win over in county rival Boyne City Landon was effective on both sides of the ball. On offense he had one rushing touchdown. On defense, Swanson had 13 tackles.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

AMELIA DUNSTAN
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
VOLLEYBALL



In a five set win over Charlevoix last week, Amelia Dunstan, who came up big with 18 kills, 14 digs and four aces.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

LOGAN WADKINS
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
FOOTBALL



In the 50-6 win over East Jordan, Rayder's Logan Wadkins led the ground game with 131 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries. The two touchdowns were on runs of 34 yards and 45 yards.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

JUNE KIRKPATRICK
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
VOLLEYBALL



In a four set win over Harbor Springs last week, June Kirkpatrick had a big game at middle hitter, getting 17 kills, three aces and five digs.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

ANGEL DELGADO
EAST JORDAN RED DEVIL
FOOTBALL



In the 26-3 win over Glen Lake, Red Devil Angel Delgado had 10 tackles, two for a loss and one sack.

OCTOBER 5, 2023

KYLEE RICE
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
VOLLEYBALL



Charlevoix won a Onaway Invitational tournament last weekend notching 7 wins. Kylee Rice had 30 kills, 67 assists and four aces.

OCTOBER 5, 2023

LOGAN SHOOKS
EAST JORDAN RED DEVIL
FOOTBALL



In a 54-20 win over Mancelona, Logan ran 14 times for 145 yards and three touchdowns and he also had two receptions for 76 yards.

OCTOBER 12, 2023

AVA TARSI
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
VOLLEYBALL



The Ramblers won the Mancelona invitational tournament last weekend. Ava Tarsi and her setting up every hitter then when needing too making a quick dump.

OCTOBER 12, 2023

RYAN SPATE
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
FOOTBALL



In a 21-7 win over Cheboygan, Ryan Spate finished with 221 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. He also kicked 3 extra points.

OCTOBER 19, 2023

AERYN LARSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
VOLLEYBALL



In the 3 set win over Grayling Vikings, the Rayder's offense was led by Aeryn Larson with 11 kills and three blocks. Coach Randall said, "She had a great game and you could see the energy build with each attack at the net."

OCTOBER 19, 2023

DANNY ZIEBARTH
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
FOOTBALL



Danny Ziebarth had a great game with some big catches and big returns in special teams. His return on the last kick set the Red Devils up to have a chance to win it with just 30 seconds left on the clock. Along with his last minute kickoff return, he had two receptions for 79 yards and a touchdown.

OCTOBER 26, 2023

JUNE KIRKPATRICK
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS
VOLLEYBALL



In a win over Kalkaska last week, June Kirkpatrick had a big-time presence, getting 16 kills and four digs. On Thursday, the Red Devils beat Central Lake. Kirkpatrick had five kills, five aces and three blocks.

OCTOBER 26, 2023

JOEY MCHUGH
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
FOOTBALL



Joey McHugh had one run for a 46-yard touchdown. He had a big game on defense, getting 10 tackles. The win put the Ramblers into the District football playoffs.

NOVEMBER 2, 2023



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

NOVEMBER 2, 2023



CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
The Charlevoix High School Cross country team qualified for the state finals by winning the MHSAA LP Region 19-3 at East Jordan last weekend.

NOVEMBER 9, 2023



BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS VOLLEYBALL

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

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

LANDON SWANSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
FOOTBALL



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

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

ADDISON BOOP
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
VOLLEYBALL



In the regional final loss to Roscommon, the Rayders had Addison Boop finish with a career high 23 kills and she also had three aces and seven digs.

DECEMBER 14, 2023

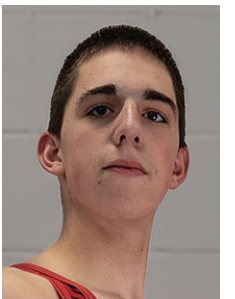
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CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
GIRLS BASKETBALL



Abbey Wright helped the Charlevoix girls basketball team kick off its four-game road tour Monday night, firing in 19 points and gathering six rebounds to lead the Rayders in their impressive 46-24 non-conference victory at Cheboygan. In an overtime win over TC St. Francis, Abbey Wright stepped up big for the Rayders with 26 points and 13 rebounds.

DECEMBER 14, 2023

JACK HORNING
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
WRESTLING



Jack Horning had a big day for the Boyne City wrestling team when the Ramblers competed in their first individual tournament of the season Saturday. Horning was the highlight of the day for the Ramblers, finishing 3-1 on the day ... the first three wins of his career.

DECEMBER 21, 2023



EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

DECEMBER 21, 2023

JADEN ALGER
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS
BOYS BASKETBALL



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

DECEMBER 28, 2023

LANDON SWANSON
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS
WRESTLING



After making all state and first team all area dream team in our newspapers in football, Landon Swanson wrote his name into the Rayder Wrestling record books by hitting the 100-win milestone for his career with the bulk of the season remaining before the state tournament.

Sports

A change of scenery like going home for Petoskey's Nate Eberly-Rodriguez

BY ANDY SNEDDON

PETOSKEY – Moving up or moving down, depending on how one looks at it.

Either way, Nate Eberly-Rodriguez is moving on, though he remains grounded in his roots.

Eberly-Rodriguez, a former Petoskey High School football standout, is transferring from Wayne State to Chattanooga, moving from Michigan to Tennessee, from NCAA Division II to Football Championship Subdivision.

“It was a football decision,” said Eberly-Rodriguez, who will have two years of eligibility with the Mocs. “I felt that I’d grown a lot at Wayne, grown through a lot of situations. I had four position coaches, two head coaches, two different athletic directors, the guys that I came in with had left.

“I had played at every level I could on my team from being a bench guy on scout team to a starter so it was time to move on, I felt like, and find a new place that I can call home.”

Eberly-Rodriguez, a tight end, went to Wayne after graduating in 2020 from Petoskey, where he earned a combined seven varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He garnered All-Big North Conference honors both on the gridiron and the baseball diamond as a first baseman/pitcher.

The 2020 season at Wayne was cancelled because of COVID, and Eberly-Rodriguez developed into a solid contributor in his three years on the field. The Warriors underwent a coaching change after the 2022 season, when longtime mentor Paul Winters left and state high school and University of Michigan legend Tyrone Wheatley took over.

Eberly-Rodriguez, who is listed at 6-foot-5, 240 pounds, took advantage – as so many college players do nowadays – of the transfer portal. Chattanooga reached out, and Eberly-Rodriguez decided that a move south was right for him.

“It was the coaching staff and the visit,” he said. “Anywhere can just send you a piece of paper and give you an offer, but being able to go there and have the things that are available to you that stick out outside of football is what really set it apart. I pictured it as, if I could never play football again where would I be happy as a person?”

Valid considerations, certainly. But first, there’s football, and Eberly-Ro-



Petoskey's Nate Eberly-Rodriguez is transferring from Wayne State to Chattanooga to play football. Photo by Austin Massey.

driguez has plenty left to in him. He appeared in 16 games, starting six of them, at Wayne State. He said he has prepared himself as he steps into a highly competitive situation for playing time at Chattanooga, which listed six tight ends on its 2023 roster.

“There’s definitely competition in the (tight ends) room,” he said. “There’s a seventh-year senior I know who’s coming back, a talented player who had his season cut short by injury last year. I met him on my visit, got along great with him, but they have a need for that second spot, somebody who can come in and give depth to the room.

“The way that it’s been described to me is (I’m there) to make an impact. One of the things the coaches said that drew them to (me) over others is that I have played. They want to see you in game action; what are you on the field?”

Located along the Tennessee River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Chattanooga appealed to Eberly-Rodriguez, who moved to Petoskey from Bay City at age 7.

“It just feels like it’s my home,” he said. “It feels good to go back to a place where there’s rolling hills and leaves on the trees. ... In a weird way it’s like going back home to a rural area.”

He joins a program on the upswing under sixth-year coach Rusty Wright. The Mocs, who play in the Southern Conference, finished 8-5 last season, their highest win total since 2016. They also made their first FCS playoff appearance since ’16, reaching the second round.

Chattanooga opens the 2024 season at Tennessee, where Eberly-Rodriguez and his teammates will take to the Neyland Stadium field in front of some 100,000 fans.



Nate with his parents Teresa and Zeke Eberly. Photo by Austin Massey.

“I was joking with my parents (Teresa and Zeke) that it’ll be quite the jump going from my last game at Ferris State to now the first game next year at Tennessee,” Eberly-Rodriguez said.

A global supply chain management major, Eberly-Rodriguez is a year shy of his bachelor’s degree. Once that’s out of the way next spring, he plans to enroll in graduate school.

Spending most of his formative years in a close-knit community such as Petoskey was beneficial, Eberly-Rodriguez said, particularly from an athletic standpoint. He took full advantage of every opportunity he had, just as he is today with the move to Chattanooga.

“I would never change it for the world,” he said. “If I had been able to play more sports I would have. I wish I could have done something to work on this or something to work on that or I could have gotten into soccer and (developed) amazing stamina. The skills you learn from every sport are amazing, particularly in my position.”

Whether it’s the Midwest, the South, or wherever, Eberly-Rodriguez remains grounded. He

appears, on the surface, an anomaly among football players: No tattoos, no facial hair and a tight haircut that is more military than metal.

“I had the hair phase, a little shaggy phase,” he said, laughing, “thought I had that surfer bod going. The tattoos, honestly that just comes down to the financial standpoint. I’ve got t-shirts from high school that I’m still wearing.

“There’s not a whole lot of flash here. The humble Petoskey home. The mullet and the neck tattoos are probably not going to be coming around too soon.”

His game, he said, reflects that.

“I model myself after somebody who has absolute pride in putting their hand in the dirt and moving somebody where they don’t want to go,” he said. “Besides that, I take absolute pride in being sure that when the ball comes my way, I make the most of my opportunity. I don’t drop balls.

“I would like to say that my game is just pride. I spend a lot of time making sure that what I’m going to put on the field is my best product. Nobody’s going to stop me from providing that.”

Boys Basketball Conference Standings

Big North Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cadillac	3-0	6-0
Traverse City West	2-1	7-2
Gaylord	2-1	4-3
Traverse City Central	1-2	1-6
Petoskey	0-2	4-5
Alpena	0-2	2-7

Lake Michigan Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City St Francis	2-0	3-2
Charlevoix	1-1	7-1
Boyer City	1-1	5-3
Harbor Springs	1-1	4-3
Elk Rapids	1-1	2-6
Grayling	1-2	4-3
East Jordan	0-1	3-2
Kalkaska	0-1	1-6

Ski Valley Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Onaway	4-0	5-0
Bellaire	3-0	4-1
Mancelona	3-0	5-2
Indian River Inland Lakes	4-1	4-3
Gaylord St Mary	2-2	4-2
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-3	2-5
Johannesburg-Lewiston	1-4	1-7
Central Lake	0-3	2-4
Pellston	0-4	1-6

Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cheboygan	1-0	6-2
St Ignace	2-0	5-2
Rudyard	2-1	4-1
Newberry	2-2	2-4
Sault Ste Marie	0-1	1-5

Northern Lakes Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Alanson	3-0	6-1
Harbor Springs Harbor	4-1	6-2
Light Christian	2-1	4-2
Mackinaw City	2-1	2-6
Ellsworth	0-1	0-1
Alba	0-4	0-5
Boyer Falls	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-0
Wolverine	0-3	0-4

North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Mio	1-0	3-4
Oscoda	1-1	6-2
St Helen Charlton	0-0	5-1
Heston Academy	0-0	6-3
Alcona	0-1	1-5
Rogers City	0-1	1-5
Whittemore-Prescott	0-2	1-5

North Star League-Little Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Hillman	0-0	5-2
Posen	0-0	2-4
Hale	0-0	2-5
Au Gres-Sims	0-1	1-5
Fairview	0-0	1-5
Atlanta	0-0	0-2

Girls Basketball Conference Standings

Big North Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cadillac	1-0	4-0
Traverse City Central	1-0	2-3
Gaylord	1-1	3-3
Alpena	1-1	3-4
Petoskey	0-1	5-2
Traverse City West	0-1	2-5

Lake Michigan Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Elk Rapids	1-0	5-1
Harbor Springs	1-0	3-1
Charlevoix	2-0	3-3
East Jordan	0-0	3-0
Grayling	0-1	3-4
Boyer City	0-1	2-3
Kalkaska	0-0	0-2
Traverse City St Francis	0-2	0-5

Ski Valley Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Onaway	2-0	4-0
Indian River Inland Lakes	3-0	3-2
Mancelona	2-0	3-2
Gaylord St Mary	2-1	2-3
Bellaire	1-1	4-2
Pellston	0-2	1-3
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-2	1-4
Central Lake	0-1	0-3
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-3	0-5

Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Sault Ste Marie	1-0	3-2
St Ignace	1-1	6-1
Newberry	1-1	3-1
Cheboygan	0-1	2-5
Rudyard	0-3	0-4

Northern Lakes Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Mackinaw City	2-0	5-0
Burt Lake Northern	1-0	2-1
Michigan Christian	2-0	2-2
Alanson	2-0	2-2
Ellsworth	3-1	3-2
Harbor Springs Harbor	1-3	3-3
Light Christian	0-2	0-2
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-0
Wolverine	0-4	0-4

North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Alcona	1-0	4-0
Oscoda	1-0	4-1
Mio	0-0	6-0
Rogers City	0-0	3-1
St Helen Charlton	0-0	0-4
Heston Academy	0-1	0-4

North Star League-Little Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Atlanta	0-0	1-0
Fairview	0-0	2-1
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	3-2
Hale	0-0	2-3
Posen	0-1	1-3
Hillman	0-0	1-5

HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Big North Conference		
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Alpena	4-1-0	7-6-0
Traverse City Central	4-1-0	6-7-0
Traverse City West	3-2-0	5-5-0
Petoskey	2-2-0	6-4-1
Cadillac	1-4-0	4-7-0
Gaylord	0-4-0	3-8-0

Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Sault Ste Marie	0-0-0	8-4-0
Cheboygan	0-0-0	3-9-1

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The 2023 Michigan Associated Press Division 1-2 All-State football team

SELECTED BY A PANEL OF 15 SPORTS WRITERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Isaiah Marshall, Southfield A&T

COACH OF THE YEAR:
Shane Fairfield, Muskegon

ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM
QUARTERBACKS
Isaiah Marshall, Southfield A&T, Sr.
Bryce Underwood, Belleville, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS
Jayden Terry, Grandville, Soph.
Brock Townsend, Caledonia, Sr.
Billy Roberson II, Lake Orion, Sr.
Jace Clarizio, East Lansing, Jr.
Izaiah Wright, Gibraltar Carlson, Soph.

RECEIVERS
Braylon Isom, Saginaw Heritage, Sr.
Tashi Braceful, Southfield A&T, Sr.
DeShaun Lanier, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Jr.
Brady Prieskorn, Rochester Adams, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Khalief Canty, Detroit Cass Tech, Jr.
Gregory Patrick, Portage Northern, Soph.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Avery Gach, Birmingham Groves, Jr.
Alex McPhee, Rockford, Sr.

KICKER
Braeden Chiles, Brighton, Sr.
Defensive Linemen
Brandon Davis-Swain, West Bloomfield, Sr.
Noah Bishop, Detroit Cass Tech, Sr.
Stanley Cunningham, Muskegon, Sr.

Isaiah Harris, Saline, Soph.
LINEBACKERS
Jeremiah Beasley, Belleville, Sr.
Desman Stephens II, Clarkston, Sr.
Carter Herriman, Davison, Sr.
Stellan Bowman, East Kentwood, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Jamir Benjamin, West Bloomfield, Sr.
M'Khi Guy, Muskegon, Sr.
Kandakai Sherman Jr., Warren De La Salle, Sr.
Cullen Murphy, Northville, Sr.

PUNTER
Avery Kucharski, Portage Northern, Sr.

SPECIALIST
Isaac Poot, Rockford, Jr.
Adrian Walker, Belleville, Jr.
Jadyn Walker, Portage Northern, Sr.

SECOND TEAM QUARTERBACKS
CJ Carr, Saline, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Kayden Forbes, Holland West Ottawa, Jr.
Jakob Price, Muskegon, Sr.
AJ Hill, Davison, Jr.

RECEIVERS
Kevin Simes, Belleville, Sr.
Cam Kruisenga, Rockford, Sr.
Caid Fox, Saline, Sr.
Brody Kosin, Clarkston, Sr.
Elisha Durham, West Bloomfield, Jr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Kyler Brunan, Traverse City West, Sr.
Ethan Kraatz, Saginaw Heritage, Jr.

Ryan Ross, Warren De La Salle, Sr.
Miguel Botello, Muskegon, Sr.
Benny Eziuka, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Soph.

KICKER
Joseph Celaj, Romeo, Soph.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Javon Thomas, East Lansing, Sr.
Stone Chaney, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Sr.
Ty Robertson, Saginaw Heritage, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Michael Bolan, Waterford Mott, Sr.
Derek Pennington, Caledonia, Jr.
Carson Schnurstein, Portage Central, Sr.
Cody Raymond, Utica Eisenhower, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Drew Esper, Traverse City West, Soph.
Donovan Isaac, Waterford Mott, Sr.
Ayden Bowe, Waterford Mott, Sr.
Andrew Parker, Lake Orion, Sr.
Davis Barr, Battle Creek Lakeview, Sr.

SPECIALIST
Destin Piggee, Muskegon, Sr.

COACH
Justin Thelen, Saginaw Heritage

Mike Medawis, Grandville, Jr.
Carter Scholten, Holland West Ottawa, Sr.
Jake Longman, Portage Central, Sr.
N'Kye Wynn, Muskegon, Jr.
Luke Emmons, Muskegon Mona Shores, Sr.

Jacob Kropchak, Stoney Creek, Sr.
Ben Nichols, Davison, Soph.

KICKER
Will Hoffman, Lake Orion, Jr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Graham Gilmartin, Northville, Sr.
Rashad Jones, Belleville, Jr.
Jackson Altwies, Portage Northern, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Kaydon Degraffenreid, Lake Orion, Sr.
Damon Powers, Westland John Glenn, Sr.
Ryan Ahern, Rockford, Sr.
Brayden McCoon, Traverse City Central, Sr.
Dimari Malone, Macomb Dakota, Jr.
Andrew Baker, Muskegon Mona Shores, Sr.
Caiden Bolduc, Reeths-Puffer, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Connor O'Rourke, Mattawan, Jr.
Bryce Rowe, West Bloomfield, Sr.
Andre Thomas, Belleville, Jr.

PUNTER
Mason Stislicki, Milford, Sr.
Bebbe Rahbi, Warren De La Salle, Sr.

SPECIALIST
Corey Sadler, Detroit Cass Tech, Soph.

HONORABLE MENTION QUARTERBACKS
Andrew Schuster, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Sr.
Kalieb Osborne, Waterford Mott, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Ronald Jackson, Belleville, Sr.
Joel Perez, Byron Center, Sr.

The 2023 Michigan Associated Press 8-Player All-State football team

SELECTED BY A PANEL OF 8 SPORTS WRITERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Sam Lutz, Adrian Lenawee Christian

FIRST TEAM
QUARTERBACKS
Sam Lutz, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Aiden Fenstermaker, Inland Lakes

RUNNING BACKS
Matthew Rahilly, Newberry
Dylan Ball, Deckerville

RECEIVERS
Mekhi Wingfield, Concord
Jacob Willey, Inland Lakes

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

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Easton Boggs, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Alex Pranger, Grand Rapids North-Pointe
Grant Vedrode, Merrill

LINEBACKERS
Paul Towler, Adrian Lenawee Christian
Nolan Staniszewski, Bridgman

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Ian Popp, Norway
Cole Pendred, Au Gres

ATHLETES
Tommy Storey, Pickford
Eli DeYoung, Gobles

KICKER
Tyler Groothuis, Portland St. Patrick

PUNTER
Vergel Heath, Wyoming Tri-Unity

COACH
Chad Grundy, Marion

Kevin Guilliani, Forest Park
Gabe Popko, Lake Linden-Hubbell

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Preston Holman, Deckerville
Myles Spencer, Kingston
Nick Halberg, St. Ignace

LINEBACKERS
Haylen Buell, Martin
Luke Lawrence, Climax-Scotts

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Gavin Prielipp, Marion
Danny Marcotte, Lake Linden-Hubbell

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

PUNTER/KICKER
Eli Brainard, Adrian Lenawee Christian

COACH
Bill Wilharms, Adrian Lenawee Christian

HONORABLE MENTION QUARTERBACKS
Cole Baij, Norway; Hunter Garza, Deckerville

RUNNING BACKS
Luke Lawrence, Climax-Scotts; Dawsen Lehew, Marcellus; Mason Mansfield, Gobles

RECEIVERS
Taegen Harris, Martin; Jesse Miller, Adrian Lenawee Christian

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Carter Bell, Gobles; Myles Spencer, Kingston

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Ethan Halfman, Carson City-Crystal; Gabe Luck, Newberry; Travis Smith, Morrice; James Williams, Marion

LINEBACKERS
Hayden Amundson, Norway; Ryan Binkley-Potts, Brown City; Nicholas Martin, Maple Valley; Cole Meyer, Marion; Xavier Wilkes, Gobles

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Landon Simpson, Portland St. Patrick

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

The 2023 Michigan Associated Press Division 3-4 All-State football team

SELECTED BY A PANEL OF 15 SPORTS WRITERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Ty Hudkins, Ada Forest Hills Central, Sr.

FIRST TEAM
QUARTERBACKS
Carson Vis, Grand Rapids South Christian, Jr.
Cason Marswell, Mason, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS
Tyson Hill, Chelsea, Sr.
Nakai Amachree, Haslett, Sr.
JT Hartman, Ada Forest Hills Central, Sr.
Gavin Noonan, Walled Lake Western, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Ty Hudkins, Ada Forest Hills Central, Sr.
Jake Vermaas, Grand Rapids South Christian, Sr.
Donovan Guerrant, Harper Woods, Fr.
Nick Marsh, River Rouge, Sr.
Ethan Abberger, Holland Christian, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Gabe VanSickle, Coopersville, Sr.
Andrew Dennis, Mount Pleasant, Sr.
Darrin Strey, Paw Paw, Sr.
Joey Wing, Forest Hills Central, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Dasan Smith, Marquette, Sr.
Kaleb Parrish, Mason, Sr.
Cam VanSolkema, Grand Rapids South Christian, Sr.
Garrie Mann, Richland Gull Lake, Sr.

Brady Pretzlaff, Gaylord, Sr.
Willie Powell, Harper Woods, Sr.
Landon Heavy, Parma Western, Sr.
Kaden McCullough, Allendale, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Jacob Oden, Harper Woods, Sr.
Trey Sloothaak, Zeeland West, Jr.
Connor Kazamer, Portland, Sr.
Marcello Vitti, Dearborn Divine Child, Soph.

SPECIALIST
Ty Fournier, Freeland, Sr.

KICKER
Collin Winters, Mason, Jr.

PUNTER
Connor Byram, Gaylord, Jr.

COACH
Rod Oden, Harper Woods

SECOND TEAM QUARTERBACKS
Gavin Espinoza, Crosswell-Lexington, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Eli Boyce, Holland Christian, Sr.
Logan Borodychuk, Mount Pleasant, Sr.
Kyle Strattan, Whitehall, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
AJ Bryan, Tecumseh
AJ Martel, Mason, Sr.
Caden Thelen, Portland, Sr.
Ben Boehm, Hamilton, Sr.

Bronson Carpenter, Battle Creek Harper Creek, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Drew Hickmott, Ortonville-Brandon, Sr.
Trannon Aylor, Whitehall, Sr.
Tony Simmons, Holly, Sr.
Seth Marek, Petoskey, Jr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Ricky Johnson, Battle Creek Harper Creek, Jr.
Rusty Klaer, St. Joseph, Jr.
Zach DeLeeuw, Freeland, Jr.
Liam Vaughan, Walled Lake Western, Jr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Justice Dungey, Lansing Waverly, Sr.
Callen Campbell, Sault Ste. Marie, Sr.
Kadin Waller, Whitehall, Sr.
Sam Talaga, Freeland, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Jack Mills, Carleton-Airport, Sr.
Marvell Eggleston, Detroit King, Sr.
Ryder Gravenhof, Holland Christian, Sr.
Easton Phipps, Goodrich, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Haden Jones, Petoskey, Jr.
Dominic Hernandez, Paw Paw, Sr.
Troy Temple, Walled Lake Western, Jr.
Ja'Hion Bond, Fenton, Sr.

SPECIALIST
Daniel Rucker, River Rouge, Sr.

KICKER
Nolan Zajac, Carleton-Airport, Sr.

COACH
Scot Shaw, Niles

HONORABLE MENTION QUARTERBACK
Darryl Flemister, Detroit King

RUNNING BACKS
Paul Hess, Niles, Jr.
Gabriel Groppi, Crosswell-Lexington Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Joey Ramsey, Crosswell-Lexington, Sr.
James Messer, Parma Western, Sr.
Joey Pietrosante, Birmingham Brother Rice, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Ben Sennabaum, Goodrich, Jr.

LINEBACKERS
Sam Rucker, Niles, Jr.
Derek Badgley, Mason, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Tyler Baker, Mason, Sr.
Gage Jones, Ludington, Sr.

SPECIALISTS
Jahi Wood, Lansing Waverly, Sr.
Isaiah Adams, Battle Creek Pennfield, Sr.

COACHES
Tim Rogers, Ada Forest Hills Central
Gary Houghton, Mason
D.J. Szymoniak, Gaylord
Wendell Jefferson, Pontiac

The 2023 Michigan Associated Press Division 5-6 All-State football team

SELECTED BY A PANEL OF 15 SPORTS WRITERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Wyatt Bower, Corunna

FIRST TEAM
QUARTERBACKS
Wyatt Bower, Corunna, Sr.
Connor Wolf, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Kellen Russell-Dixon, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.
Charlie DeBruyn, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.
Eli Graves, Kingsley, Sr.
Keith Cohens, Detroit Southeastern, Sr.
Brayden Florian, Chesaning, Jr.

RECEIVERS
Tarick Bower, Corunna, Sr.
Amire Harris, Detroit Denby, Sr.
Max Fellows, Essexville-Garber, Sr.
Jordan Anderson, Detroit Edison, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Derrick Simmons, Frankenmuth, Jr.
Brendan Naperalski, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.
Maddox Gonzalez, Standish-Sterling, Sr.
Matthew Misch, Richmond, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Colin Main, Frankenmuth, Sr.
Drew Heimbuch, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Jr.

Bennett Vandenburg, Constantine, Sr.
Logan Klein, Gladwin, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Bo Schwartz, Midland Bullock Creek, Sr.
Jaden Edington, Corunna, Sr.
Karter Schmitt, West Branch Ogemaw Heights, Sr.
Ryer Snow, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.
Maximus Goethals, Kingsley, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Luke Winkler, Almont, Jr.
Brian Booms, Flat Rock, Sr.
Nolan Rinehart, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.
Dreshaun Johnson, Detroit Denby, Jr.

SPECIALIST
Graham Junge, Flat Rock, Jr.

KICKER
Tony Ochoa, Clawson, Sr.

PUNTER
Noah Duncel, Williamston, Sr.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Garrett Wenzelburger, Macomb Lutheran North

SECOND TEAM QUARTERBACKS
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RUNNING BACKS
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Jake Huspen, Grayling, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Braden Rabideau, Lansing Catholic Central, Jr.
Max McCune, Williamston, Sr.
Drew Robinson, Stockbridge, Sr.

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Carlos DuBose, Detroit Southeastern, Sr.
Canon Manley, Constantine, Jr.
Ivan Lara, Hart, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN
Caius Johns, Manistee, Sr.
Ethan Stoner, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.
Noah Johnson, Kingsford, Sr.

LINEBACKER
Elijah Hill, Warren Michigan Collegiate, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACK
Riley Hubbard, Frankenmuth, Sr.

SPECIALISTS
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Tomas O'Meara, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard

KICKER
Brayden Andrejack, Corunna, Sr.

COACHES
Tim Wooer, Kingsley

Steve Herrick, Corunna

HONORABLE MENTION QUARTERBACKS
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Eddie Cesar, Macomb Lutheran North, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Trevor Jones, Oakdridge, Sr.
Joseluis Andaverde, Hart, Sr.
Zach Mylenek, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Braiden Whitaker, Dundee, Sr.
Quinn Hiram, Onsted, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
Wyatt Spalo, Reed City, Jr.
Isaac Casey, Belding, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Jake Punches, Clare, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
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Alan Bjorn, Calumet, Sr.
Javen Belili, Ovid-Elsie, Jr.
Francis Morgan, Flint Hamady, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Ashton Luckhardt, Shepherd
Wyatt Epple, Watervliet
Jack Deitsch, Reed City

KICKER
Kolton Bartels, Richmond, Jr.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Kadale Williams, Jackson Lumen Christi

FIRST TEAM
QUARTERBACKS
James Young, North Muskegon, Jr.
Jack Kulhanek, New Lothrop, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Kadale Williams, Jackson Lumen Christi, Jr.
Canden Peruski, Ubly, Sr.
Nik Shadley, Clinton, Sr.
Blake Sloan, Manchester, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Kolby Masserant, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Sr.
Landon Zastrow, Hemlock, Jr.
Landon Christensen, North Muskegon, Sr.
Jaxon Childers, Benzie Central, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Aiden Pastoriza, Jackson Lumen Christi, Sr.
Mitchell Foote, Ubly, Sr.
Nolan Collins, Lawton, Sr.
Evan Curtiss, Fowler, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
Mason Mayne, Lawton, Jr.
Brevin Hendricks, Millington, Jr.
Colton Symons, New Lothrop, Sr.
Julius Brown, Blissfield, Sr.

Jake Iott, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Sr.
Seth Miller, White Pigeon, Sr.
Chuck Meyers, North Muskegon, Jr.
Landon Swanson, Charlevoix, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
Calondrey Hardy, Detroit Central, Jr.
Ryin Ruddy, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Sr.
Cayden Smith, Beal City, Sr.
Bryan Convertini, Muskegon Catholic Central, Jr.

SPECIALIST
DeCarlos White, Detroit Central, Sr.

KICKER
Brett Mueller, Ubly, Sr.

PUNTER
Warren Asher, Traverse City St. Francis, Jr.

CO-COACH OF THE YEAR
Joshua Lindeman, Addison; Eric Sweeney, Ubly

SECOND TEAM QUARTERBACKS
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Preston Wallace, Ewart, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS
Landon Bardowski, Menominee
Seth Maurer, Ubly, Sr.
Will Doucette, Saugatuck, Sr.

Isaac Noora, Schoolcraft, Sr.

RECEIVERS
Emmerson Farmer, Frankfort-Elberta, Sr.
Dakobe White, Ewart, Sr.
TJ Byard, North Muskegon, Jr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
DaMontez May, Detroit Central
Brayden Greensky, Charlevoix, Sr.
Nicholas Lee, Sandusky, Sr.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
KeSean McGaffie, Detroit Central, Jr.
Slade Raleigh, New Lothrop, Sr.
Caden Hughes, Union City, Jr.
Trysten Gruber, Cass City, Sr.
Andrew Nasr, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Sr.

LINEBACKERS
Noah Risner, Ithaca, Sr.
Easton Cook, Muskegon Catholic Central, Sr.
Cass Stanberry, Saugatuck, Jr.
Dallas Walsh, Millington, Jr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
AJ Larkin, North Muskegon, Sr.
Trevor Theuerkauf, Menominee, Sr.

SPECIALISTS
Carson Koehler, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Sr.
Alex Newville, North Muskegon, Sr.

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RUNNING BACKS
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Kyler Maiorana, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Sr.
Jamison Latham, Beal City, Sr.
Spencer Brown, Addison, Sr.

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Colin Kasben, Maple City Glen Lake
Dallas Smith, Napoleon

LINEBACKERS
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Owen Jackson, Union City, Sr.
Fletcher Anderson, Frankfort-Elberta, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
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Preston Otter, Saginaw Nouvel, Sr.

SPECIALIST
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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in Section 9.3 of the Boyne City Sign Ordinance, a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Commission on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI, to review and consider the following:

A public hearing to consider the interior illumination of the proposed sign at J & H Oil. The Planning Commission will consider the interior illumination of letters, logos or lettering on a sign. The request is for parcel 051-341-134-20 owned by Blue Harvest Energy LLC located at 201 Lake St. S., Boyne City MI, 49712.

More details on the hearing are available at the Boyne City Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in discussion. Any written input in regard to the hearing may be submitted to the City Planner's office until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231) 582-0343. Questions and comments may also be e-mailed to smcpherson@boynecity.com.

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REAL ESTATE FEATURE

COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE HEART OF ELMIRA

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a commercial building, which was formerly a convenience store, in a prime spot in the charming village of Elmira.

This commercial building was a former convenience store location with a variety of items, a deli and a pizzeria. It was a "must-stop" destination for many years for local shoppers as well as out of town visitors.

It features approximately 3,124 square feet of space with parking in front and on the side of the building.

This is an excellent opportunity for creating a new business or for those looking to expand. With this heart of downtown Elmira location, the business opportunities for the property are virtually endless.

This commercial



building is located at 8869 West M-32 in Elmira and it is listed at just \$99,900.

For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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Which Home Improvements Add Value?

While some home improvements can add significant dollars to the resale value of a residence, others are barely worth the investment. So how can homeowners decide which improvements will add significant value and which won't?

Here's a few tips on cost-effective improvement; upgrades that can make the difference in the sale price and add value to your property.

As a rule, kitchens and baths are the two areas that most often make the difference in a sale. They make the most impact on buyers, and definitely impact what buyers perceive the property is worth. But, kitchens and baths are not inexpensive to upgrade.

The national average for remodeling an entire kitchen is more than \$20,000 with some running upwards of \$30,000. Complete remodeling can include cabinets, floors, counters, sinks, appliances, lighting fixtures and new windows.

But, there's a way to put a new look on this important area without spending significant moneys. For a relatively low cost, homeowners can make spot improvements. For example, for as low as \$1,000 the existing countertop can be replaced with a Formica top. For \$2,500 to \$3,000, the existing cabinet faces can be replaced with solid oak faces.

Homeowners can buy a new sink at a home furnishing store and have a contractor install it for approximately \$300 - \$400.

The end result is improved appearance and usually a higher selling price for relatively minimal expenditure.

Other areas that influence price: Central air conditioning is an important feature for which buyers will usually pay extra. Room additions, on the other hand, may add value, but may not end up paying for themselves. Upgraded carpeting, top-of-the-line windows and vaulted ceilings can command higher resale prices, but it is unlikely that the seller will be able to recoup their original investment.

Existing features that have diminished with age can usually be repaired without a lot of added expense. Hardwood floors, for instance, cost \$1.50 - \$2.00 per square foot to refinish, but it is a good investment because buyers are willing to pay more for the refinished appearance.

For older homes, people are more energy conscious, so improvements in the insulation of windows, doors and storm doors are smart investments.

In general, neutral, light and bright are the best rules to follow-a neutral decor, freshly painted walls and clean carpeting also help to sell a home faster.



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 - ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS | February 23
 - BUSINESS EXPO | March 13
 - EASTER EGG HUNT | March 30
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | April 17
 - REGIONAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | May 22
 - GOLF OUTING | June 6
 - SUMMER OPEN HOUSE | June 13
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | June 19
 - SUMMER ART SHOW | June 29 & 30
 - ART & CRAFT SHOW | July 13 & 14
 - SIDEWALK SALES | August 15-17
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | September 18
 - APPLE FEST | October 11-13
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | October 16
 - STATE OF THE COMMUNITY | November 1
 - BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | November 13
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