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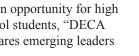
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Boyne City High School Students Team Advance to State DECA Competition

BOYNE CITY - Following wins at the District DECA competition in December, the Boyne City High School (BCHS) team is off to the state competition in Detroit, Thursday - Saturday, March 14 - 16, 2024.

At the December conference, held at Grand Valley State University, the team competed against eight high school districts, covering the westside of Michigan.

An opportunity for high school students, "DECA prepares emerging leaders



Slush Cup





Boyne City High School DECA Team at the District Competition



US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge overnight closures scheduled for March 25-28

CHARLEVOIX - As part of a \$6.3 million Michigan Department of

• Currently, MDOT expects the US-31 Charlevoix

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Schuss Mountain

PHOTOS BY JOANIE MOORE

An uncooperative Mother Nature prompted an early end to the ski season at Shanty Creek Resort's Schuss Village in Mance-

Iona Saturday, but not before the annual Slush Cup event could take place. Eighty participants skied down the slope in an attempt to cross the pond of icy cold water at the bottom, without falling in. Spectators lined the slope cheering on the narticinants, many of whom were dressed in costume

Casey Cohen, 21, of Linden, Michigan, attempts to cross the pond of ice cold water at Schuss Village Saturday in Mancelona, during Shanty **Creek Resort's annual Slush** Cup competition. "This was my first year doing the Slush Cup, but it won't be the last," he said. "I loved seeing all the different costumes everyone came up with." Cohen said although the ski season didn't go as planned, the Slush Cup was "an absolute blast and a perfect way to cap off the season."

Transportation (MDOT) project to replace the US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge's tread and track components, which are critical to the bridge's operation, the bridge will be closed to US-31 traffic overnight (7 p.m. - 7 a.m.) the nights of March 25-28. These 12-hour periods will allow crews to get all work completed as safely as possible. During the closures, which are dependent on weather and work progress, traffic will be detoured on US-31, M-66, M-32, and US-131.

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• During those closures, traffic will be detoured on US-31, M-66, M-32 & US-131

For safety, pedestrians and bicyclists will not be allowed to cross the bridge during the overnight closures due to the fact that the bridge deck will be an active work zone, with

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take place at 1:00 p.m. on

Saturday, March 16, 2024,

at the Charlevoix Chapel of

Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Arrangements are in

the care of the Charlevoix

Homes. Please sign her

online guestbook at www.

Chapel of Mortensen Funeral

mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Neil Jones, 86

Feb. 19, 1938-March 10, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Neil Harmon Jones of

peacefully on Sunday, March

10, 2024 with his family at

February 19, 1938, in South

Lyon, MI, the son of Ford

and Katherine (Shuman)

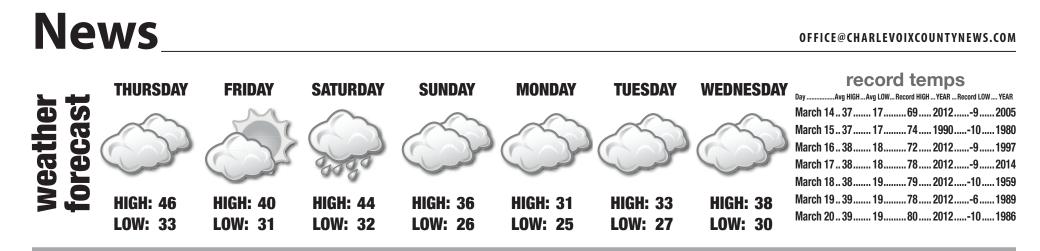
Jones.

his side. He was born on

Charlevoix passed away

in the near future.

A full obituary will be posted



Dr. William "Bill" Harvey Millar, 87 (April 21, 1936 - March 4, 2024) PETOSKEY

Bill Millar (formally known as William Harvey Millar) passed away at home on Monday, March 4, 2024 at the age of 87. The son of the late William Harvey Millar and Edith Elma Ellis, he was born on Tuesday, April 21, 1936 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Bill always enjoyed referencing the fact that he shared a birthday with Queen Elizabeth II.

Bill graduated from Mt. Clemens High School in June 1954 and from The University of Michigan in August 1958 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and again in August 1962 with a Master of Science Degree in Dentistry. In June 1963 he entered the U.S. Army as a captain with the responsibility "of fighting tooth decay," as Bill would say. He was a lifetime member of The University of Michigan Alumni Association

Upon completion of his time of service in the U.S. Army, Bill returned to Mt. Clemens, where he joined his father's dental practice for three years. He then returned to The University of Michigan, where he received his Master of Science Degree in Orthodontics. In 1972, Bill moved to Petoskey, Michigan where he set up his practice in Orthodontics until his retirement in 2014. It gave Bill great satisfaction to know that he played a role in improving his patients' quality of life. He was a lifetime member of the American Association of Orthodontics and the American Dental Association. Bill had several hobbies and interests. He thoroughly enjoyed building and flying remote control airplanes, and he had his pilot's license. He even dabbled in driving remote control cars and boats. Being a potter gave him hours and hours of satisfaction; it also gave family and friends many pieces of pottery. He found pleasure in going to concerts and listening to jazz music, particularly musicians such as Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, Charlie Parker and Art Blakey. He was particularly fond of Ella Fitzgerald's voice. He even gave acting a shot by appearing in two Bay View productions: On Golden Pond and Blithe Spirit. Perhaps Bill's greatest pleasure came from his involvement with Crooked Tree Arts Center (CTAC). Not only was he a past Chairman of the Board of Directors, he served on numerous committees, such as Performing Arts and Visual Arts. What he enjoyed most of all was actively participating in hanging the art work for all of the shows. With his hammer, nails and measuring tools, he was in "hog heaven." In 2016, Bill and his wife Jane received the Arts & Cultural Leadership eddi Award from CTAC.

Above all, Bill loved his family. Even though he would not admit it, one of his favorite times was when all of the children and grandchildren would get together. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his son James Harvey Millar. Surviving Bill are his wife Dr. Jane Millar; two daughters Karen Marie Kendall married to Dr. Rich Kendall, Kathryn (Kathy) Ann Millar and son David Russell Millar; two blended family sons Mitchell (Mitch) Byron Franseth, Gregory (Greg) Scott Franseth and one blended family daughter Mistelle (Misty) Langen; six grandchildren Garrett Wesley Langen-Muir, Roya Irene Franseth, Karina Jane Langen, Anthony Rostam Franseth, Cosmo Franseth, Ezra Michel Franseth; and Bill's brother James Millar and his wife Beth.

"A Tribute to Bill Millar" followed by a reception will be held at 5:00pm on Friday, May 31, 2024 at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Please, give consideration to making a donation in memory of Bill either to Crooked Tree Arts Center, Northern Community Mediation or The University of Michigan Dental School.



Dennis "Denny" Jason, 83

Oct. 10, 1940–March 4, 2024

OBITUARIES

Denny was the current Charlevoix Drain Commissioner, a member of the Michigan National Guard, a substitute teacher, a referee for high school basketball and football and an elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. Denny enjoyed gardening and was awarded "Gardener of the Year" in East Jordan. With friends, Denny built the stone wall along Division Hill, which still stands today.

Denny dedicated his spare time to numerous causes that strengthened life and nature in The North. He was involved with the Charlevoix County and East Jordan Planning Commissions as well as the Interim City Administrator for East Jordan. In addition, he served on the Charlevoix County Parks Commission and the Boyne City Housing Commission. Denny retired in 2006, as the Director of the Boyne City Department of Public Works after many years. He was a past member of the East Jordan Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Denny was an integral part and strong advocate for the Boyne to Charlevoix Bike Path. He loved the Jordan Valley and, in 2017, at the camp "The Big Woods", he got his 12 point trophy buck. Denny and Mary were able to take their entire family on a trip to England, France, Ireland and Italy in 2018. One always to do his homework, Denny's love of history made the experience the trip of a lifetime, complete with a personal tour of the Vatican. Most recently, he was known to drive his yellow Volkswagen Bug around town with his pals, Charley and Teddy, for a treat from McDonalds. A sight we will all remember fondly. Denny was generous to a fault with his time and energy and a calming presence to those who knew and loved him. Most of all, he was a dedicated family man and husband. He was loving, compassionate, kind, comforting and always willing to help his family whenever needed. Throughout their 57 years, it wasn't unusual to see Denny and Mary, his best friend and partner, holding hands while spending time together. He would gift Mary flowers anytime, just to let her know how much she was loved, something both Mary and his family treasured. He was one of a kind and he will be missed greatly. He is survived by his wife, Mary Porter Jason of Boyne City; four children, Nate (Deb) Jason of Boyne City, Amy (David) Boal of Charlevoix, John (Fran) Jason of Traverse City and Michael Jason of Boyne City; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and one sister, Kathleen (Larry) Rittenberg of Wisconsin.

Presbyterian Church or the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Arrangements by Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.



Reginald "Reggie" Charles Sapp, 66

Jan. 19, 1958–March 2, 2024

PETOSKEY

Reginald "Reggie" C. Sapp of Petoskey, died on Saturday, March 2, 2024, in Charlevoix.

He was born on January 19, 1958, in Durrand, Wisconsin. He moved to Michigan when he was very young. His family made their home in West Branch, Michigan. He graduated from Ogemaw Height High School.

He is survived by his wife, Jill, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Reggie was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Marie Sapp and three siblings, Larry, Richard and Patrisha.

He worked as a dairy farmer, truck driver and in the logging industry.

He enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with family and friends.

A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Jordan.



Thomas Lee (Tracey) Anderson of Onaway.

Funeral services was held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Memorials may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.



Gerald "Jerry" Schmidt, 85

Jan. 22, 1939–March 5, 2024

Gerald "Jerry" Norbert Schmidt passed away on March 5, 2024, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born on January 22, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan.

Jerry proudly served in the Navy from 1958 to 1962, stationed on the USS Tutulia based in Norfolk, VA. He dedicated 33 years of his life to Cadillac as a designer, playing a significant role in the design of the 1978 El Dorado.

In his free time, Jerry enjoyed his hobbies including; his passion for cars, owning a 1978 El Dorado and a 1928 Ford Model A, as well as his interest in tractors, bowling, golf, snowmobiling, and collecting stray dogs over the years. He loved to tinker. He may have singed off his eyebrows a few times and experienced other various tinkering injuries. They all made for good stories.

Jerry is survived by his beloved spouse of 64 years Arlene; his children Mike Schmidt, Nancy Chatfield (Bill), Linda Mosser, Bob Schmidt (Robin), and Chris Schmidt (Danielle), along with 11 grandchildren, Sara (James), Rachel, Abby, Jordan, Taylor, Brooke, Anna, Matthew, Avery, Kate, Nate and 2 great-granddaughters, Claire and Jacquelyn. He was preceded in death by his sonin-law, Sean Mosser. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date to honor and remember Jerry's remarkable life.

A full obituary with service details will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in

the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www. mortensenfuneralhomes.com



Sandra Ann Hartnett-Allard, 82

April 7, 1941-March 9, 2024 **CHARLEVOIX** Nine children and many years later, Sandra Timm, known to all of you as Sandy, joined her husband, Daniel Hartnett, in the hands of our Lord. Sandy came a long way from Herbert Hoover Jr. High and Elementary in Lincoln Park, Michigan. Wanting to pursue a career as an airline stewardess, Sandy's small but determined stature led her instead to banking. Little did Sandy know that she would spend the rest of her life in beautiful Northern Michigan. After graduating from Farmington High School and working in downtown Detroit, Sandy came to Charlevoix in 1978 and began her banking career at Charlevoix County State Bank in 1977. After the death of her husband, Daniel and her remarriage to Fritz Allard, Sandy spent a good part of her career as Branch Officer and Manager at the M-66 Office of CB North. Although we may no longer physically see Sandy, we believe she has left an indelible mark on all of us lucky enough to have known her. As a mother and grandmother, not only did she provide for her own family but she also cared for those who had no one else to turn to. Sandy would want us to remember her with a smile

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BOYNE CITY FORMERLY OF EAST JORDAN

Dennis "Denny" Jason died Monday, March 4, 2024, at his home in Boyne City.

He was born on October 10, 1940, in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Herman M. "Monk" and Olga (Engdal) Jason.

After graduating High School in Okemos, Denny traveled to Wrangle, Alaska to work with his Uncle Ben in the fishing industry. Upon his return to Michigan, he attended Michigan State University where he met Mary Elizabeth Porter, received his bachelor's degree and became an avid life-long MSU fan. He continued his education by pursuing his MBA from Lake Superior State University.

On July 9, 1966, Denny and Mary Porter were married and moved together to East Jordan, where they soon welcomed Nate, Amy, John and Michael. A move in 1996 to a cabin near the Ironton Ferry became a labor of love and a testament to Denny's perseverance and his ability to stay the course. He was quiet and unassuming, yet always observant. Once engaged in a cause or project, Denny was fully invested in all his endeavors. And, did he ever invest in his community and his county.

A memorial service will be held on March 12, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First

Dennis Anderson, 66

July 17, 1957–March 6, 2024 EAST JORDAN

Dennis Joseph Anderson of East Jordan died Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan. He was born on July 17, 1957, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Robert Eugene and Mary Katherine (Peterson) Anderson.

He graduated in Shelby Township from Eisenhower High School in 1975. Dennis received his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1980. Dennis married Barbara Lux on October 3, 1981, in Utica, Michigan.

He worked as a retail manager for Kmart for many years until 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Anderson of East Jordan; three children, Martha Anderson of East Jordan, Michael Anderson of Traverse City and Katherine Anderson of Traverse City; two brothers, Robert Ray "Bob" (Lorie) Anderson of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ALS - Rocky Mountain Chapter at www.alsrockymountain.org



Barbara Pluister, 62

Aug. 21, 1961–March 11, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Barbara Jean Pluister of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Bay Bluffs in Harbor Springs. She was born on August 21, 1961, in Petoskey, the daughter of Lavern and Beverly Erickson. A funeral service will

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Ellsworth Elementary Students Raise Over \$3,770 For Kids Heart Challenge!

In a remarkable display of community spirit and commitment to a healthier future, Ellsworth Elementary students have successfully raised an impressive \$3,770 during the month of February as part of the Kids Heart Challenge.

The Kids Heart Challenge is an initiative that not only promotes physical activity and heart-healthy habits but also encourages students to engage in charitable activities for a worthy cause. Ellsworth Elementary's students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, showcasing their dedication to both personal well-being and supporting those in need.

"We are immensely proud of our students for their incredible dedication to the Kids Heart Challenge and we are thankful for Mr. Nagel who coordinates with KHC in an impressive way. He encourages every student to be active and he facilitates such an engaging fundraising event that allows everyone involved to feel important," said Naomi Sponable, principal at Ellsworth Elementary. The success of this initiative wouldn't have been possible without the support of parents, teachers, and the ECS community. Ellsworth Elementary extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this impactful fundraising effort. Such efforts contribute



Top Fundraisers: Koltyn, Braxten, Jeremiah, and Max!



COMMUNITY LEADER JO ANNE BEEMON MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

BY JOHN KEYSER

Jo Anne Beemon describes herself as a lifelong activist, and she surely is! All for important and worthy causes, causes that will help make our world better!

Jo Anne was appreciative that Melissa Agawa recommended that we meet. She thinks very highly of Melissa and though they have not done a ton of community work together, when Jo Anne is standing on the southeast corner of Bridge and Clinton with signs and eager to speak with folks about key issues, especially we need to stop wars, we need peace and justice. Melissa will stop by to at least express her appreciation, which says a lot about each of them. In fact, I now think about how often I walk by that corner without even a friendly hello. Shame on me!

For over 20 years, Jo Anne and peace friends, have been vigiling for peace every Friday. At times, standing on that corner can be very cold. It is then JoAnne remembers the innocent victims of war who cannot feed or keep their babies warm. Jo Anne remembers, the combat of the war itself, the loss of lives, the wounds suffered, as well as the bitter cold. So, to Jo Anne and the Peace Women, they must handle cold.

Born in Ada, Michigan, Jo Anne attended schools there and attended a liberal church, which influenced her at an early age, as the church taught and encouraged "Look at all sides."

There were numerous field trips and Jo Anne got to meet known leaders, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Attorney General Bobby Kennedy, Ralph Nader, and others. Kennedy influenced her (to this day) when he said "You can make our world better! We must work together." That is a message our country certainly needs today! Jo Anne graduated Grand Valley State University, focused on Philosophy and Social Sciences. She worked with thalidomide children at Mary Free Bed. On Saturdays, Jo Anne joined other students in visiting Gerry Ford's office in Grand



Jo Anne Beemon

Rapids to lobby and picket against the Vietnam War. She attended peace marches in Washington DC with Quakers and stood at the wall as Veterans with haunted eyes threw their metals over the White House fence. She joined her Mother in marches for the Equal **Rights Amendment and** many years later against the war in Iraq with her daughter and joined in the Climate March in New York.

In 1974, Jo Anne moved to Charlevoix and worked at East Jordan Developmental Needs. She also campaigned to limit the environmental dangers of the Big Rock Nuclear Plant and to protect wetlands.

In its early years, Jo Anne worked for the Women's Resource Center. For over 25 years, she visited and mentored women in jail, most of whom are poor. She wants to assure them that Creator loves and cares for them. For over 15 vears Jo Anne chaired the Charlevoix Lake to Lake Trail, bringing the Cement Plant, Community, GTB, snowmobile club and City and Township together to build the trail. Jo Anne is married, has five daughters and a son. She was active with Girl Scouts, children's choirs, and First Congregational Church. With local conservancies, JoAnne helped make SCL-SML Natural Area, a 25 year ongoing project, near Ellsworth a reality. By knocking on doors, bringing doughnuts and coffee to landowners, and even taking potential

supporters out in her rowboat so they could experience the beauty, peace, and silence of the river. When the Brazilian cement plan worked to take Bells Bay Road and Campground for mining, Joanne organized area resistance and with wide community support, Votorantim withdrew its campaign, saving the Northern 240 acres of land for the public.

Jo Anne is a Grandmother Water Protector and is very thankful for spiritual teachings of Anishinaabe friends and the 12 Step Spiritual Program, which helped her gain peace in her own life.

Key issues which Jo Anne focuses on now are:

□ End War. Build Peace. \Box End waste to slow climate change.

 \Box Stop women's abuse. \Box Work on equality and justice.

Messages which Jo Anne

significantly to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Congratulations

to the Ellsworth Elementary students for their hard work and generosity!

ST. MARY PARISH St. Patrick's Day

Dinner

Sunday, March 17, 2024 . 11am - 2pm

ST. MARY PARISH

1003 Bridge Street - Charlevoix

Enjoy Corned Beef, Cabbage, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Various Salads and Dessert

\$17 Adults, \$8 Children, \$50 Family of 4-5, \$70 Family of 6-10



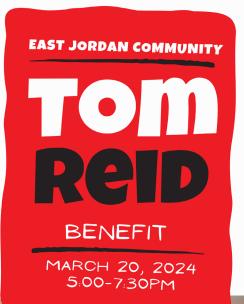
Food items include hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, homemade coleslaw, and pasta salad



shared:

 \Box Be prepared, do your homework. □ Credibility and knowledge are vital. \Box Get involved. \Box Count on regular people in our community for their time and support. \Box Like the great White Pine, do not let the sadness of the world discourage you. Plant your feet, raise your arms to the sky and ask what does my creator want me to do?

It is definitely a privilege for me to now know Jo Anne.



East Jordan Public Schools and the City of East Jordan are hosting a benefit dinner to raise funds for the travel and medical expenses for Tom Reid and his family (IIII)

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DINNER 5:00-7:30

SILENT AUCTION 5:00-7:15 Donations Welcome

BAKE SALE Donations Welcome

50/50 CARD SALE

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Michigan Works! announces free CDL-A training

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium announced they're offering free Truck Driving School to help individuals obtain their CDL-A and start a career as a commercial driver in Northeast Michigan.

Those looking to get into a truck driving career, as well as those looking to enhance their skillset in their current job, are encouraged to apply. Truck driving school short-term training programs usually run three to four weeks.

CDL drivers are in high-demand in our region.



You can obtain your credential within a few weeks, leading you to a great new career with lots of growth potential. The average hourly wage in the Northeast region for a CDL driver is \$39/hr.

Upon completion of the program, Michigan Works! will connect graduates with employers in the area.

Michigan Works! is offering free Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

training with any approved Truck Driving School. You must start your classes by June 30, 2024.

To be eligible for this unique training opportunity, individuals must:

- Be 18 years or older • Have earned a High
- School Diploma or GED • Have a Social Security card
- Have a driver's license or State ID

To learn more about the program, including how to register, contact Michigan

Works! Northeast Consortium at www.miworksne. org, or general@nemcworks.org, or by stopping into one of their service centers in Alpena, Cheboygan, Gaylord, Grayling, Lincoln, Mio, or Onaway.

If you're ready to kickstart a new career on the road, don't wait! This free CDL-A program with Michigan Works! will fill up fast.

*While funding lasts. Applicants must meet eligibility and suitability requirements. Training course must start by June 30, 2024.

DECA FROM PAGE 1

and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe," according to deca.org/mission.

"I'm very proud of our students. They do an awesome job representing BCH and it is great to see them compete," shares Myra Bryant, Boyne City High School Teacher and DECA Coach. "A special thank you goes out to the local business professionals who have helped train the kids in live scenario practice and have given advice to help prepare them for their competitions. In addition, we have also had some key chaperones and judges who have worked hard to make sure our kids have a great experience. It is so great to see our community support our DECA program," Bryant adds.

Prior to the district and state conferences, students are required to take an on-line test that measures knowledge of business and leadership. The district and state conferences provide an opportunity for students



Boyne City High School Juniors Norah Frasz and Jacky Dunlap show off their medals at the DECA **District Competition.**



DECA Coach and Boyne City High School Teacher Myra Bryant with Ava Tarsi and Maureen Hautz at the DECA District awards ceremony.

and presentation events. These two areas are then combined in a final score to

next level of competition. "Out of Boyne City High School's 16 students who

for the Boyne City High School Chapter this DECA season," Bryant explains. "We also had a great group of students competing in their first District Conference role-play events."

 \Box Competing in their first roleplay were: Claire Jones, Mallory Morgan, Katie Hunt, Jaelynn Elzinga, Sarah Eaton, Kacey Gray and Peter Mastin.

□ Earning a qualifying position, in an individual event, at the State conference in Detroit are: Sarah Eaton, Brianna Ager, Adonae Patton, Norah Frasz, Jacquelyn Dunlap, Jaelynn Elzinga, Grabrielle Dunlap and Katie Hunt.

□ Earning a qualifying position, in a team event, for the State conference in Detroit are: Malorie Carter and Chelsey Hertel, Kacey Gray and Peter Mastin, Ava Tarsi and Maureen Hautz.

A team send-off will be held at Boyne City High School on Thursday, March 14 at 8:30 am, prior to departure.

If you see these students be sure to congratu-

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION **Discover How Visualizing** Success Led Me to Real Mountains

Dear Readers, last week, we delved into my journey from doubt to the tippy-top and the pivotal moment my coach noticed my dwindling sense of worthiness. I shared how visualization and affirmations like "I'm going to the tippy top" reshaped my mindset. But there's more to this story that's even more inspiring.

After committing to this internal work, I found myself atop some of the world's grandest mountains within a year – the Blue Mountains in Australia, the Haleakala Mountain in Maui, Canadian Rockies in Banff, and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. It wasn't just a metaphorical rise; I was literally standing on these magnificent peaks. The experience was beyond inspiring.

This journey taught me a profound lesson about the power of our mind, echoing James Allen's words in "As a Man Thinketh": "A man is literally what he thinks." The visualization that started as a tool for personal growth transcended into a physical reality, showing me the immense potential of our thoughts.

So, dear readers, if you're looking to make a change in your life, consider starting with your



Laura Jasurda

thoughts. Just as I found myself on those mountains, you too might discover your thoughts manifesting in ways you never imagined. Remember, what you think, you become.

Until next time, believe in the power of your thoughts and let them guide you to your own mountaintops.

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.

COURT NEWS

Domestic Violence Jury Conviction

to show their problem-solving skills through role-play

see if the students competing will move onto the

competed at Districts, we had 10 who earned medals late them on their accomplishments!

oix County jury found Evan Duane Chappuies of East



and the Chappuies potential

punishment is enhanced due to a prior conviction he has which is also for Domestic Violence.

The victim of his assault deserves praise and our

about the abuse. City of Charlevoix Po-

lice Officer Barbara Orban also deserves recognition for the genuine compassion and excellent police work that she put into the case.

It is my hope that the victim's decision to speak up will allow her to recognize her strength despite what was done to her, empower others to do the same, and that the accountability will put Chappuies on a better path.

BRIDGE FROM PAGE 1

equipment and contractors in action

At most times, the bridge will be open to two-way traffic. Work will require unscheduled intermittent closures to vehicle traffic of less than 10 minutes, a shorter duration than typical openings of the bridge for marine traffic. Until April 1, the bridge

will be closed to marine traffic in the channel that would require the bridge to open.

From April 1 until the project is completed in late May, the channel will reopen to marine traffic while remaining work is finished.

The bridge will return to normal operation for vehicle and marine traffic.

The project, which began in late October, also includes work on the bridge railings, electrical components, joints, curbs, and gutters, all with a goal of extending the 74-year-old bridge's service life and maintain its reliability.

Based on economic modeling, this investment is expected to directly and indirectly support 89 jobs. For Charlevoix bascule bridge updates on construction and anticipated closures, sign up for e-mail notifications.

PET OF THE WEEK RUSTY 4



Hi there! The names Rusty but all my friends here at the shelter call me "Wiggle Butt". I'm a happy go lucky guy with lots of love to share. I am pretty new here so we're still figuring out what my likes and dislikes are but so far I don't seem to mind the other dogs or cats. I also think my leash manners are pretty good! Won't you come say hi to me? I love making new friends!



www.charlevoixhumane.org 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 Phone (231) 582-6774 • Fax (231) 582-6776 Pets@charlevoixhumane.org

Child Sexually Abusive Activity

Jeffrey Skeel was arrested on May 16, 2023 after he arranged to pay for oral



Skeel

pled guilty to Child Sexual-

ly Abusive Activity and was

sentenced by Judge Charles

Hamlyn. On March 4th,

2024 Skeel was sentenced

sex from a person who he believed to be a 15 year old child. Af-

to dismiss

the case he

to 6 months in jail and will be on probation following that. He will be required to register as a sexual offender for 25 years.

Prosecutor Christopher "Kit" Tholen applauded the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for their proactive efforts in preventing the victimization of children. "The people of our community should know that child sexual abuse does happen, and it is happening here, but we are doing everything we can to prevent it."

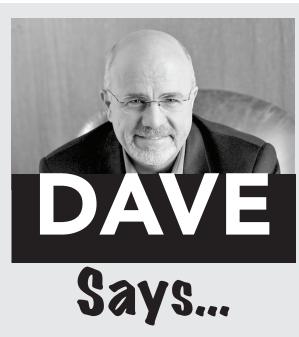
Call the Human Trafficking Hotline

We have seen a lot of stories in the news recently about human trafficking in Michigan.

If you see or hear something that should be reported please call the hotline.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline number is





By Dave Ramsey

Well-meaning, but Misguided

Dear Dave,

Our son will be graduating from high school in May, and then heading off to college in August. He will also be working during the summer to save up money for school. When classes begin, do you think he should continue working a part-time job, or would it be better for him to focus solely on his studies? – Brenda

Dear Brenda,

There's really nothing wrong with either approach, especially during a kid's first semester in college. As a parent, though, I'd urge you not to fall into the trap of thinking his grades will go down if he holds a job while in school. Research actually shows that, on average, kids who work while in college carry higher grade point averages than those who don't. The reasons for this differ, depending on who you ask, but I think a lot of it has to do with them having to learn to manage their time—and their lives-more effectively. Lots of kids could pay their way through school, and not have to worry about student loans, if they just used some of the time they spend watching television and on social

activities at a job. We never required

our kids to work during the school year, but they were self-starters. And when they came home for the summer, there was no such thing as just lying around the house all day. They had jobs, and they made money. Of course, some of it went toward having a little fun during their time off. But we made sure they set some aside for the next school year, too.

Long story short, the philosophy of not wanting kids at college to work so they can spend all their time studying is well-meaning, but misguided. For the most part, kids who work while they're in school will make better grades and develop into more mature and well-rounded individuals.

I hope this helps, Brenda!

Dave

Kiwanis Club of Boyne City Announces the 2024 Boyne City National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt Registration is now open for the Boyne City National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt, set to take place Saturday, May 18th

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City (Kiwanis Club) is excited to announce the commencement of registration for the Boyne City National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt, scheduled during the Boyne City Morel Mushroom Festival on Saturday, May 18th.

Participating mushroom hunters will embark on a journey into the scenic northern Michigan wilderness, transported via school bus for a timed morel mushroom hunt lasting 90 minutes. Amidst the beautiful surroundings, participants will immerse themselves in the sights and scents of spring, listening to wildlife as they keep a keen eye out for the elusive morel mushrooms. Following the hunt, the Kiwanis Club will tally the treasures collected by hunters before their return. The winner of the hunt will not only earn bragging rights but also receive a cash prize and a trophy!

"The Morel Mushroom Festival committee is very thankful to Kiwanis for continuing this long-standing tradition which guests look forward to participating in every year. This will be the 64th year of the



Competitive Hunt!" said Jessica White.

The registration fee includes transportation to and from the hunting location, and the hunt is scheduled to proceed rain or shine. While participants are not guaranteed to find morels, the event does not offer refunds.

To register for the hunt, visit https://bit.ly/NationalCompetitiveMorelMushroomHunt. Onsite registration may be available on the morning of the event at a rate of \$40. Those interested in registering on the day of the event should aim to arrive at the Boyne City High School parking lot by 7:30 am for the best chance of securing a space. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, as space availability is not guaranteed on the morning of the hunt.

"It's all about making memories! The bus ride, time in the Northern Michigan woods, and the friends made on the adventure make it worth it by itself, but if you actually find morels while knowing you are supporting children in our community and kids around the world through Kiwanis programs, well... that makes it even more special!" said Scott MacKenzie, chair of the hunt.

About the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City

Established in 1999, the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is celebrating its 25th-anniversary milestone. Renowned for events such as the annual Turkey Trot, Labor Day Weekend Car Show, National Morel Mushroom Hunt, Eddie Essay Contest, Heidi Ho nut sales, mountain bike raffle, and more, the Kiwanis Club is dedicated to providing enjoyable, community-enhancing activities and events while raising funds to support local children and communities. As part of Kiwanis International, the club contributes to both local and global challenges, addressing issues like disease and poverty. Members are generous with their time, creative with their ideas, and passionate

about making a positive impact while having fun along the way. Join the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City every Thursday morning at 7 AM at the Boyne River Grill for breakfast, community, and civic engagement. Together, the club is making a significant difference in the Boyne Area!

In fiscal year 2023, Boyne City Kiwanis Club provided \$26,695 in financial support to over 30 organizations benefiting the Boyne area community. Join them and start making an impact today!

About the 64th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival

Celebrating morels for 64 years! Each spring hundreds of morel mushroom lovers from around the state, country and globe travel to small-town Boyne City, Michigan seeking and celebrating the marvelous morel at the 64th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival. Found in the woods of beautiful northern Michigan, the elusive morel mushroom is savored by those lucky enough to find this delectable treat. The Festival is held the weekend after Mother's Day, and features morel tastings, national competitive hunt, seminar, arts & crafts show, concert, paint & sip, carnival, and MORE! Festival proceeds go to area high school students for college scholarships entering the fields of Biology, Natural Science, Hospitality, or Culinary Arts. More information on the festival can be found at bcmorelfestival.com

OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

rather than tears. She would want us to find comfort in knowing that she is home with her Heavenly Father and her family and friends gone before. We will miss her sense of humor, her contagious smile and her love of life. the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www. mortensenfuneralhomes.com

as at Rite Aid. Misty was a fun-loving person, with a quick-witted sense of humor that many will remember her for. She enjoyed rock collecting and had a very artistic side as well. She was always lived throughout Michigan. In their retirement years, she and dad had fun with buying and selling antiques.

Mom's biggest joys in life were her three daughters, Wendy, Suzette, and Mi-

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

People Fund Grant Applicant Letters of Interest Due April 1

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting letters of interest and grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its service area for the spring grant cycle. Letters of interest are due by April 1. If the letter of interest is approved, the applicant can then submit a grant application by April 15. All letters and applications are accepted through an online grant application portal that can be found at gtlakes. com/people-fund.

Great Lakes Energy members support the People Fund by agreeing to have their bill rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount. That extra change is then pooled with contributions from other People Fund participants and returned to the community through grants to non-profit, charitable organizations that provide humanitarian, educational, or community development services within the cooperative's 26-county service area. Since 1999,



the People Fund Program has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants to charitable and community organizations to help them better the lives of residents in local communities. The People Fund awarded more than \$253,000 in grants in 2023.

Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

More information about the People Fund program, including organization and grant eligibility criteria, and lists of recent grant recipients, is available online at www.gtlakes.com/people-fund.

Letters of interest are due by April 1, with applications due by April 15. Another grant opportunity will be available in October 2024. Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, Merle and Rosemary Timm and her brother, David. Sandy is survived by her nine children, thirteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one brother. She is also survived by many special nephews, nieces, cousins and cherished friends.

A funeral mass will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services at 11:30. Sandra will be laid to rest in Ellsworth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix Historical Society and/or St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary of the Assumption.

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

Matthew Foster, 50 April 25, 1973–March 8, 2024 CHARLEVOIX

Matthew Joseph Foster of Portage and Charlevoix, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024 in Charlevoix. He was born on April 25, 1973, in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of Robert and Mary (Mandigo) Foster. Arrangements are in

Gerald "Bud" Johnson, 81

Feb. 13, 1943–March 5, 2024 CHARLEVOIX

Gerald Lynn "Bud" Johnson of Charlevoix passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He was born on February 13, 1943, in East Lansing, the son of Gerald N. and Edith (Beebe) Johnson.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Gerald "Bud" Johnson



Misty Falting, 42 Sept. 28, 198–March 2, 2024 CHARLEVOIX

Misty Rene Falting of Charlevoix passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024. She was born on September 28, 1981, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Michael and Judy (Somerville) Przybylski.

Misty graduated from Charlevoix High School and has called Charlevoix her home basically ever since. She worked for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging as a home healthcare nurse for many years as well up for an adventure.

Misty is survived by her children, Bailey Falting of Charlevoix, and Justin Falting of Charlevoix; her sister, Kelly (Edward) Pitcher of Charlevoix; three granddaughters, Lilah, Serenity, and Ava; and nieces & nephews, Lauren Pitcher, Logan Pitcher, Jacob Zeeryp, and Morgan (Willie) Jacobus.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Misty's family will celebrate her life in the summer of 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to her family, C/O Mortensen Funeral Homes, 209 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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



Donna Lorraine Villermain, 93

Jan. 10, 1931–March 2, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Donna Lorraine Villerman of Charlevoix passed away on March 2, 2024, at Boulder Park Terrace, surrounded by love.

She was a home birth on January 10, 1931, in Bay City, MI, the daughter of Morris and Alma (Trepanier) Rushlow.

Mom worked many professions throughout her life as she and her husband, Ty, chelle. She stayed active in everything they did, and she was always proud of their achievements.

As our families grew, the grandchildren took center stage, which made for many lasting memories along the way. From making Valerie's first girls Christmas shopping day so special, to finding Ken's lost hamster and not fainting. And looking for rocks and worms, taking picnics at beaches, and being the room grandma in the classroom for Keith, Bryce, and John. She and grandpa would attend all concerts and sporting events for all.

Mom was rich with lifelong friendships. Wherever she was or went, mom had chats, garage coffee chats and the "Subway" Club Knit/Coffee group. All these friendships were very dear to her.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Suzette (Dennis) Daly of Charlevoix and Michelle (Jerry) Shea of Charlevoix. Grandchildren Valerie (Doug) Oliver of Chicago, IL, Ken (Katie) Slade of Huntsville, AL, Keith (Lyndsay) Daly of Grand Rapids, MI, Bryce (Courtney) Daly of Jenison, MI, John Shea of Grand Rapids, MI.

Preceding her in death was her husband Kenneth (Ty) Villermain and daughter Wendy Slade.

The family plans a celebration of life for Ken & Donna at a later date.

Donations in honor of Donna can be made to Charlevoix Public Library.

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NCMC Offers Full-Tuition Scholarship For Graduating Home School Senior

The Presidential Scholarship covers tuition and fees for four consecutive semester

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College will again provide a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship to one graduating senior from a home school within its service area.

Presidential Scholarships are offered for full tuition (up to 20 contact hours per semester) and mandatory fees for four consecutive semesters (fall and winter only). Field study fees are not included. Scholarship recipients must register for the fall semester immediately following their spring high school graduation. To be considered for this competitive scholarship, a student must:

- Complete an online Application for Admission to North Central by April 1 of the anticipated graduation year
- Have a minimum 3.5 overall high school GPA (include a high school transcript complete through the applicant's seventh



semester) Submit a recommendation letter that addresses the applicant's

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- academic potential and leadership qualities Submit a personal statement that addresses academic and career goals and how North Central will help meet those goals
- Submit ACT/SAT scores: ACT score of 18 or higher in English and a Reading score of 21 or higher; SAT two-digit score of 25 or higher in both English and Reading; SAT three-digit score of 500 or higher in English/ Reading/Writing (ERW)

Documentation must be received by April 5, 2024.

Applicants will be notified of the selection decision by May 1. For more information, visit www.ncmich. edu/scholarships, or contact Renee DeYoung, vice president of Student Affairs, at rdeyoung@ncmich.edu or 231-348-6618.

In addition to awarding the scholarship to one home school graduate, North Central also awards the Presidential Scholarship to a graduating senior from each the 22 high schools in its service area. The scholarship is valued at \$10,535 for Emmet County students and \$16,295 for out-ofdistrict students. In 2023, the college awarded 27 Presidential Scholarships totaling \$151,762.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey with additional offerings in Cheboygan, Gaylord, and online. North Central's mission is to provide exceptional, accessible, relevant higher education of and for the community. An Achieving the Dream Leader College with a designation of Veteran Friendly Gold by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, North Central is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Learn more at www.ncmich.edu.

For more information: Megan Van Horn Communications and Public Relations Manager 231-439-6399



Boyne Falls Public School STUDENTOF THEWEEK



Emery Smith

Grade: 4

Parent's Name(s): Kirk and Shelby Smith What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a volleyball player and a babysitter. Favorite Book: Rainbow Magic series Favorite Subject: Writing Hobbies and Interests:

Emery loves playing outside on her trampoline, activities with Girl Scouts like selling cookies, downhill skiing, and drawing.

When Trauma Comes Home, Part 1 of 3

BY ALISON NEIHARDT LPC

Kids bring home many things in their lives. Some things are good like friends, good grades, some things are not so much, like germs. Some things are downright awful!

One of those awful things is trauma. Trauma can walk into anyone's home, sometimes without even knowing. It can come in for many reasons at any time. Keep in mind that it may not even be your kids, it could be a friend of your child. Kids don't walk around wearing shirts that say, "I have experienced trauma." Open your doors to these children. They need a safe place in their storm. You may be the only safe place they have. What kind of trauma could be in your home? You name it! It could be abuse, divorce, death, bullies, and so much more. Dealing with trauma can be an overwhelming task. It can take years to deal with. It may be ongoing. No matter what it is, trauma can be devastating to a family. It could even be living in your house. It could be happening right in your own home. Things like divorce or abuse could be happening. This is one of the hardest things to deal with. Home is supposed to be a safe place. What do you do when trauma is happening within the walls of your home? Get help! Get out if you need!



to help cope or deal with what they are facing. When children experience trauma, it is not something that is their fault. There is a reason your child is acting the way they are. Even when teens use drugs or alcohol. They are trying to cope with life. They don't know how because they are children. They need to be taught. The other thing to remember about families going through trauma and crisis is to not judge. You are not in their shoes. You don't know the full story. There are things that are not within the control of a family who is dealing with trauma. Some families it seems to be a never-end-

Alison Neihardt

So, what is a family to do when trauma comes home? First it so acknowledge there is a problem. Talk about the problem Don't hide it and pretend it doesn't exist. That just makes the situation worse.

Depending on what is happening, counseling for family members and or the family as a whole could be needed. It is helpful to have a professional therapist help your family through this time in your lives. Trauma is not something to just ignore. If it is ignored, then it will just get worse. Don't suffer and hope it goes away. Because it won't. Trust me!

There are lots of resources for families in need. All you have to do is look and ask. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Talk to teachers, friends, pastors, and other helpers. They will at least be able to give you a starting point.

Parents worry if their child will recover from trauma. They can if they have supportive adults in their lives. They also need caring adults and helpers Help your child learn to identify and talk about their feelings in a healthy way. This will help you and them be able to figure out what is happening and what needs to be done to get the help they need.

The other thing that will happen is you will see your child have behaviors that are just not who they are normally. They could be having more meltdowns, temper tantrums, and other reactions to what is happening. This is normal given what is happening in your home. You as a parent or adult in the house could also be very well going through your own issues. So, this makes it even harder to deal with. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Then there are families who take on trauma and hurt children because these children need a safe home. These families foster children who have gone through awful things in their young lives. They take in children that are so hurt and damaged that they can't even function normally day to day. These families take in the trauma, chaos, and drama willingly! ing issue. They seem to be a target for trauma and chaos.

When you help a family who is experiencing trauma, be helpful, not harmful. Ask how you can help. Bring over a meal. Offer to help with kids. Just sit and listen without judgement. Also, don't gossip whatever you do! You wouldn't like it done to you, so don't do it to someone else. Trauma can happen to you just as easily as anyone else.

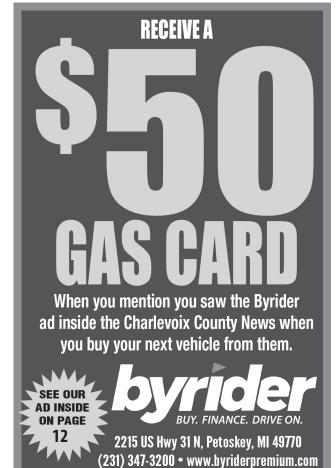
Home should be a safe place for everyone, adults, and children alike. Home is a place to escape from the hard things in life. Sometimes the world invades, and home may not seem so safe. Hopefully this is a short-term problem and can be resolved with some patience, love, and time.

Alison Neihardt is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Northern Michigan. She has a private practice where she has counseled for over 15 years. She has written several books including her newest, "Little Kids, Big Trauma." Her books can be found on Amazon for purchase. If you would like to contact Alison please email her at hkupnorth@ gmail.com

Staff Comments:

Emery is super patient, always organized, and goes above and beyond to help her friends, classmates and teachers. She follows the Logger Agreement, looks out for others, and is helpful without being asked. Emery is dedicated and diligent with her studies, and loves to learn. Keep up the great work! Submitted By: Mrs. Wind









LEADERSHIP

Be Prompt and Responsive, Always!

BY JOHN KEYSER

By and large, most with leadership responsibilities up here in Northern Michigan are good at getting right back to someone, e.g., someone who has sent a message, or for any reason we should respond to or answer.

I say most – except those who do not respond promptly.

It is disappointing when someone is not timely. Makes people wonder if she or he is self-absorbed, focused on herself.

One person here with leadership responsibilities is pretty good at responding on a timely basis to text messages but he is not to emails.

This simply is not right, we should be timely in responding to all messages, be they texts, voice mails, emails or letters or notes.

Sure, if we a crazy busy, just send a quick message back, e.g. "Sorry. In a meeting or driving my car, will be back first chance or in the morning."

Another person, who in virtually every other way, is wonderful, except she does seem to put a priority on timeliness. After a few days, people wonder, does she even care about me or us?

Most everyone is very busy, yet let's all understand that being prompt and responsive are important leadership principles and practices. Absolutely they are!

Not only for effective leadership, also simply



John Keyser

for our relationships with friends and others.

Being well-organized sure helped me, not only being more productive, also with my leadership responsibilities and relationships.

For those who are especially busy, actually, really each of us, think about becoming better organized.

That will help, I promise. There are lots of resources, books, TED talks and other podcasts, videos, articles and coaches.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's.

John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute.

Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do, We've Got Spirit, How About YOU?

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce officially proclaims the week of March 11th thru March 15th as the 3rd Annual Community Spirit Week!

The Chamber Staff Members Shannon Fender and Mary Faculak launched this event 3 years ago, area schools and businesses have such fun and success with the five days of smiles, cheerful laughs and happiness that they have made it an annual event! We all need a break from the doldrums and this is also a way to get into Spring Break excitement!

Business owners...this is an excellent promotional opportunity and a chance to have fun with your team members and customers.

Be creative!! Everyone is invited to participate throughout the area!

There are no prizes... however if individual businesses want to do their own little competition or awards, go for it! But, what the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce wants you to do is post your photos of your team, class or crew on Facebook or send them to the Chamber. info@ ejchamber.org



FYI...the resale shops are a great place to get your SPIRIT Week looks together!

- Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop – East Jordan
- Good Samaritan Resale Shop – Ellsworth
- Bergmann Center Resale Shop – Charlevoix
- Home Again Upscale Resale – Boyne City



COMMUNITY SPIRIT WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 11 – Sports Day Tuesday, March 12 – Tie Dye Day Wednesday, March 13 – Cowboy/Cowgirl Day Thursday, March 14 – America Day Friday, March 15 – St. Paddy's Day





EJ Shoe Club looking for donations for GAR Park upgrade

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Please consider contributing to

the shared history of our country that

offers wisdom and guidance to future

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BY KAREN WALKER

The East Jordan Middle School club, "The Shoe Club", is a service organization whose focus this year is to honor our local veterans from the community who have served our country.

Their plans have included interviewing these individuals and creating a book that tells their story. Also, they are renovating GAR Park to create a place as a tribute to them and a destination for visitors to East Jordan.





In support of the students' efforts to accomplish this goal for a celebration Memorial Day, we are asking for a donation to help fund the remaining work to be done.

At GAR Park the metal star in place and flags that will fly for each of the military service organizations behind it, represent the pride we have as a community in those individuals



GAR Park (Photo by Karen Walker)

More information can be found at shoeclub.org. We have a GoFundMe website.

Or a check can be sent to EJPS, PO Box 399, East Jordan, MI 49727

46th Annual Northern Michigan
Home & Outdoor Living Show

at North Central Michigan College, Petoskey

March 15 & 16 FRI 11a-5p & SAT 9a-4p

- 70 Booths
- Kids Activities Home Depot kids building project Sat 11-3
- Adults \$5 Age 17 and under free
- · Food at Iron Horse Cafe

Meet with Exhibitors:

- Builders & Designers
- Kitchen & Bath
- Landscaping
- Decks, Patios, Pavers
- Financing & Insurance
- Home Products/Systems
- Water Systems & Utilities



Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan

Show Sponsors: RenewIt Decks, Bulldog Garage Doors/Gutter Pro, Boyd Construction Company, Eikenhout Inc.

Champion Sponsors: McBride Custom Homes, DTE, Builders FirstSource, Barden Lumber, Preston Feather Building Centers & Design Showrooms

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News Briefs

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CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS EXPO & TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO is March 13, 4-7pm at Castle Farms. Networking, local business booths, demos, givea-ways, restaurant booths, cash bar.

EAST JORDAN LENTEN INTER-FAITH PRAYER SERIES

Join fellow Christians of other denominations as we come together to deepen our common faith in Jesus Christ. Each Wednesday session begins at 12:10pm with a prayer reflection conducted by the pastoral leader of the hosting church. This is followed by a soup and salad lunch. March 20 - Evangelical Lutheran Church March 29 - 7PM - Good Friday Ecu-

menical Service - United Methodist Church

PETOSKEY HOME AND OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW

The 47th Northern Michigan Home and Outdoor Living Show to be held March 15 and 16 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. The show is on Friday, March 15 from 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, March 16 from 9 am to 4 pm. In 2023, about 1000 people attended the show to see suppliers of home improvement materials and services and outdoor living specialists that sell decks, firepits, outside furniture and patio materials. Show vendors also included businesses involved in home financing, real estate, and home systems. The show is presented by the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan, a non-profit organization. Key show sponsors are Renewit Deck Supply and Bulldog Garage Doors.

EAST JORDAN CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

Join Kiersten's Ride volunteers for a community discussion to destigmatize mental health needs and create safe responses to those who suffer on Wednesday, March 13 at East Jordan Middle/High School auditorium. 6:30pm - 8pm. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY ST. PATRICK'S BUSINESS AFTER HOURS March 14, 5:30-7pm at Pat O'Brien &

Associates, 128 Water St. EAST JORDAN

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS Thursday, March 14, 5-6:30pm at American Legion Revec-Hosler-Sweet post. Sponsored by American Legion Post 227 & East Jordan Auto Parts. Food, refreshments, networking, prizes. EJ Chamber members free, non-members \$10.

BOYNE CITY FOCUS ON HOUSING

The Boyne City Commission has scheduled a special meeting on housing for 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 15th. They set the rare Friday evening meeting time in order to work around regular meetings set for March 12 and 26 plus two special budget meetings on March 14 and 18. The March 15th meeting will focus on how to make City-owned properties available for development, including properties on Court Street near the Ridge Run Dog Park and in the Business Park.

PETOSKEY CHARTING A PATH FORWARD: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

March 14, 9 to 11am at Odawa Hotel Huron Room, 1444 US-131. Thrive 45 is excited to host its first quarter Cultivate event in partnership with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) and MSU Extension! The event will be led by Sam Bailey who is the NLEA's Strategic Initiatives Manager and an MSU Extension educator. The first part of the program will be an interactive presentation which will provide an overview of economic development, delve into regional economic trends, provide context around the NLEA, and what it takes for communities to be successful. Then attendees will participate in activity that places them in the midst of a development project in a hypothetical community and challenges them to chart the best path for the community. This session is ideal for anyone interested in learning how they can play a role in steering the future of their community. Free admission. Register by March 12. For information about the event, contact Sam Bailey at baile485@msu.edu or 231-582-6482.

CHARLEVOIX ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Dine in or takeout, Sunday, March 17, 11am – 2pm at St Mary Parish, 1003 Bridge St.

EAST JORDAN TWIRL PROM DRESS EVENT

Crossroads Resale Shop is holding a boutique day for area high school students to shop for prom dresses and accessories on Sunday, March 17, 1-4pm. All dresses, gowns, shoes and jewelry will be 50% off for this special event. Only students will be allowed to shop during this exclusive sale. Crossroads Resale Shop is located at 6710 M-32.

PETOSKEY FOOD TRUCK WAR

Boyne City High School and Petoskey High School culinary arts students will come together on March 20 at Noon in one kitchen and prepare their food truck style cuisine for guests. You will be invited to help judge the winner of the culinary cookoff !

EMMET & CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES SUMMER 2024 GO GRANTS FOR GIRLS

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a Petoskey Chamber group, announces the launch of its Summer 2024 GO Grants for Girls. Go Grants provide small grants up to \$600 to girls in grades 5 to 10 in Emmet and Charlevoix counties that allow the applicant to pursue a special interest, to gain or improve a skill, to participate in an outdoor experience and more. We encourage applications that will be challenging to the applicant. Get full details and applications at www.petoskeychamber. com/connecting-women-in-business. The deadline for application is March 22. You may call the Petoskey Chamber at 231-347-4150 with any questions.

GAYLORD GAYLORD GUN & KNIFE SHOW

March 23, 24 at the Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr. at I-75 Exit 279. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 9am-3pm. Admission \$8.00

BOYNE CITY SAFE DRINKING WATER

EAST JORDAN

EASTER FUN AND GAMES East Jordan Lions Club will host Eas-

ter Fun and Games on March 30th at the EJ Elementary School gymnasium at 304 Fourth St., from 10-11:30 am. They will give away 2 bikes and 2 fishing poles/tackle and many more prizes. Only school children ages 5-12 can receive prizes. Those children under 5 can still participate in games and receive candy. The Easter Bunny will be there too!

WORLDWIDE EASTER

Celebrate the risen Savior. Easter is Sunday, March 31.

CHARLEVOIX & EMMET COUNTIES

MI CAREER QUEST

October 4, MiCareerQuest Char-Em ISD is a career and college readiness event giving 9th and 10th graders the opportunity to interact with dozens of employers representing numerous occupations. MiCareer-Quest Char-Em ISD will expose students to exciting careers and endless possibilities! Students will have the chance to talk one-on-one with experts from the region's high-demand industries. They will walk away with in-depth and practical knowledge of today's workplaces. Any businesses interested in participating and showcasing their careers to area students can contact Char-Em ISD.

EAST JORDAN DONATE TO THE SHOE CLUB East Jordan Middle School "The Shoe

Club", is a service organization whose focus this year is to honor our local veterans from the community who have served our country. Their plans have included interviewing these individuals and creating a book that tells their story. Also, they are renovating GAR Park to create a place as a tribute to them and a destination for visitors to East Jordan. In support of the students' efforts to accomplish this goal for a celebration Memorial Day, we are asking for a donation to help fund the remaining work to be done. At GAR Park the metal star in place and flags that will fly for each of the military service organizations behind it, represent the pride we have as a community in those individuals that served our country and helped preserve democracy. Please consider contributing to the shared history of our country that offers wisdom and guidance to future generations. More

ELLSWORTH CALL FOR MUSICIANS

The Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority is looking for a musician/musical group that would like to perform on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, in the Ellsworth Community Square (outdoor venue). Concert will start at 7:00 PM and run until 8:30 PM. If you/your group might be interested, please indicate what type of music you perform, what facility requirements you require and what you charge. Please e-mail that information (and/or questions) to lynnspearing@gmail.com

ELLSWORTH KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

It's time to sign up for kindergarten. April 9, 8:30am - 4pm at Ellsworth School. Schedule a time to meet the teacher, tour the classroom and learn more about kindergarten at Ellsworth. Call 231-588-2544 or email JBell@Ellsworth.k12.mi.us

KALKASKA

GUN & KNIFE SHOW April 13, 14 at the Kalkaska Kaliseum, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd (M-72 West). Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 9am-3pm. Admission \$8.00

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS EXPO AND

TASTE OF BOYNE One of the largest business

networking events in Northern Michigan is organized by the Boyne Area Chamber and is back by popular demand. April 17 is the 12th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne and will include about 75 exhibitor booths from area businesses and organizations. This exciting event includes great food, networking, music, business exhibits and more, from 3 to 7pm at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. The public and Chamber members are welcome to attend. Admission is \$10 and includes all Taste of Boyne booths. Boyne Mountain will be providing a shuttle bus to and from all parking lots. Registration is now open for booth space (only available to chamber members in good standing)

EAST JORDAN

April 17, 12:30 - 1:30pm at East Jordan High School, 101 Maple St.

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BOYNE CITY NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

The National Morel Mushroom Festival is thrilled to announce the dates of the 64th Annual Festival: May 16-19 in beautiful Boyne City. Confirmed events include a Craft Show, Food Trucks, Carnival, Wine & Dine, Competitive Hunt, Taste of Morels, Morel Seminar, Paint & Sip, Great Morel Giveaway and a Concert featuring the return of The Family Tradition Band, Detroit's award-winning country rock band! It's gonna be one heck of a festival, so put it in your calendar now! More events and details to be announced as confirmed. Check their website for details www.bcmorelfestival. com. Festival proceeds go to eligible Charlevoix County graduates. www.bcmorelfestival.com/ uploads/3/1/3/9/31393017/2024_ scholorship_app.pdf The festival is non-profit and relies entirely on volunteers and sponsors. If you want to see it continue, we need your help! Please contact Jessica White at jessicaboyneace@ gmail.com.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL WINTER HOURS

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

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

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

CHARLEVOIX ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY TICKETS

Please join us for the 16th Annual Rotary Club of Charlevoix St Patrick's Party on Saturday March 16th in the East Garden room at Castle Farms. Ticket are \$75 each (reserved tables for 10 people are also available) and include an open bar, dinner by Grey Gables, and music and dancing from Starfarm (80s tribute band out of East Lansing). Tickets are available from any Charlevoix Rotarian and are for sale at Lakeshore Chiropractic (1302 Bridge Street - 231-237-0665).

ANTRIM & CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES FROSTBITE TRAIL

The Frostbite Trail is back for 2024. No, that's not just what we're calling a walk in the woods without proper boots—the Frostbite Trail is a winter tasting and food experience hosted by 12 businesses in Antrim and Charlevoix counties. There are 3 more Saturday dates scheduled for 2024: March 23, and April 20. Visit between 12pm and 6pm to sample a small bite food tasting with a pour of wine, beer, or cider. Cost is \$12 per person at each stop. This weekend's theme is "handhelds," with menus available on the participating location's websites: Townline Ciderworks, BOS Wine, Short's Pull Barn, WaterFire Vineyards, Torch Lake Cellars, Cellar 1914/Shooks Farms, Bier's Inwood Brewery, Folklor Wine and Cider, Lost Cellars, BluDot Farm and Vineyard, Spare Key Winery, and Ethanology Distilling.

BOYNE CITY GUYS & DOLLS

BCHS Drama Presents Guys & Dolls March 15 & 16 at 7 pm. Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now by visiting www.boynehs.tix.com. All seats are reserved. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this show.

GAYLORD ZERO TO MASERATI

Free Success Class Saturday, March 16, 10am at Otsego County Library, 700 S. Otsego. Self Improvement and Advanced Personal & Professional Development. This class is for those who think about goals, but are not writing them down. For those who have an idea or a dream, but aren't sure on how to implement it. For those who want to do more in their lives, but lack the self-confidence to try something new. For those who are tired of being on sidelines, but are little afraid of jumping in the mix. For those who have a desire to change, but are looking for help. For those who want to make more money or be rich, but don't think they are able. This class is about the power of your mind, and how to train and control it. And most importantly, this class will be fun and informative. Special guest interview with Dave Baragrey, Publisher of the Weekly Choice & Charlevoix County News. Register free of charge at www. zerotomaserati.com.

EAST JORDAN CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Craft & vendor show at the Harvest Barn Church Saturday, March 16th, 10 am to 2 pm. Over 40 vendors. Lots to see. Entry fee by donation with the proceeds going to East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry. There will be a 50/50 and a door prize drawing. The water pipes of some city water users will be inspected this summer as part of a statewide Drinking Water Asset Management grant program to help communities locate and identify lead/galvanized drinking water service lines. The city sent letters to 20% of water users via a random number generating process, in order to obtain statistically significant data that can be used for possible replacement of lead pipes. As noted in the letter, anyone with questions may call the city at 231-582-6597.

CHARLEVOIX FREE MOVIE

See the Passion of the Christ movie at Charlevoix Cinema III, downtown. Tuesday, March 26, 6pm. Sponsored by St. Mary Parish.

ELLSWORTH COME TO THE GARDEN ON MAUNDY THURSDAY The Ellsworth Wesleyan Church

is sponsoring an interactive, self-directed event intended to allow individuals to meet God in a way that meets their individual spiritual needs and preferences. "We have spent some time creating a sacred space here in Ellsworth, and it's waiting for you to experience," said Tina McDuffie, one of the creators of the event. A "garden" has been created at the Banks Township Hall and will be open for all to explore on Thursday, March 28 between 5:30-8:00 p.m. "In the Bible, Gethsemane was a sacred space of refuge, refreshment, healing, intimacy, and fellowship for Jesus. It was the place where Jesus went when He most desperately needed His will aligned with His Father's," said McDuffie. 'Come To The Garden: A Maundy Thursday Experience' is open to everyone. As the Easter holiday approaches, we invite everyone to prepare by exploring the many stations waiting in the "garden."

info can be found at shoeclub.org. We have a GoFundMe website or a check can be sent to EJPS, PO Box 399, East Jordan, MI 49727

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TREE SALE

The 2024 Tree Sale Catalog is here. The deadline to submit tree orders this year is April 1st. Pick up weekend is Saturday only, April 27th, from 9am-2pm. (9am is the busiest, arrive later to avoid long wait periods). Orders are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Order early to get the items and guantities you want while supplies last. Additional tree sale information is included in our 2024 Spring Tree Sale catalog. Call our office for questions or technical assistance from staff, 231-582-6193, M-F 8am-4:30pm. We are located at 303 North St., Boyne City. Please call ahead. More information on our Spring Tree Sale, and links to the catalog and order form, can be found on our website at: www.charlevoixcounty.org/conservation_district/ tree_sale/index.php

CHARLEVOIX 2024 CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are live for the 2024 Chamber Scholarship, a program we're proud to host where we can grant one or more area students financial assistance as they pursue their post-secondary education or training.

Any graduating student who works for, or is the child of a parent who works for, a Charlevoix Chamber member business is eligible to apply. The scholarship amount varies based on the total scholarship fund raised each year, and the number of awards given out, typically ranging from \$500 to \$1500.

Scholarships applications are being accepted until April 8th; applications are available online.

SPONSORSHIPS: help grow this program through sponsoring the scholarship fund! Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1000. Contact the Chamber today! Local employers will have booths for summer employment or career opportunities for high school age students. Businesses can sign up for a booth with Sierra Dunlop at sdunlop@elps.org.

BOYNE CITY BUFF UP BOYNE

Come join the fun and help clean, rake, and sweep the town as we prepare for the beautiful spring and summer seasons. Refreshments for all volunteers. Bring your brooms, rakes, shovels, and gloves. Meet at the pavilion in Veterans Park on Saturday April 27th from 9am until 12 noon to Buff up Boyne. For more information call the Main Street Office 231-582-9009 or visit boynecitymainstreet.com

BOYNE CITY to BOYNE FALLS BOYNE VALLEY TRAIL IS OPEN

The Boyne Valley Trail is fully open for bicycles, runners and walkers now that spring is here (we think!). The trailhead at the city airport terminal (east end of Main Street) is open for parking and includes restrooms and a water bottle filling station. The paved trail runs about six miles past Boyne Falls School and Boyne Mountain Resort to the Village of Boyne Falls.

BOYNE CITY FACADE GRANT PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

The Boyne City Main Street Façade Grant program for 2024 is now open. This program provides a reimbursement based, matching grant for façade improvements for building and business owners within the Main Street District. Recommendations for funding grant applications will be made by the Main Street Design Committee to the Main Street Board which will make all final decisions in June, 2024. Applications are due May 1. Please email bcmainstreet@gmail.com for application and guidelines.

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

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX 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. There is no charge to attend. 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.

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Bayani Collins

Charlevoix Rayders Girls Basketball

In the district semifinals against Johannesburg-Lewiston, the Rayders survived the scare with a 29-27 win. With seconds to go in the game the Rayders were behind 27-26. The big shot of the game was Bayani Collins hitting a three at the end of the game to put the Rayders up by 2. Collins scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Rayders.



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<u>GIRLS BASKETBALL</u>

4 Game win streak comes an end in district final

BY GREG GIELCZYK

A bad first quarter but the Charlevoix girls basketball team in a 12-point hole, and it never got any better as Elk Rapids just ran way from the Rayders.

Charlevoix was on a hot streak, having won four straight games coming into the district final against Elk Rapids but sputtered on offense in the first half, some of that due to the Elks defense, and could not recover.

The Elks threw water on the fire, snuffing it out entirely with a 68-28 victory that sent the Elks on to the regional tournament while ending the Ravders season at 14-10. Elk Rapids tied Harbor Springs for the Lake Michigan Conference title with a 13-1 mark, while they bumped their record up to 22-2 with their 10th straight victory. A slow start proved devastating for the Rayders. Elk Rapids held their offense down in the first quarter and built a 16-4 lead. Charlevoix rebounded in the second, but were outscored 19-12 and ended the first half with a substantial, and as it turned out insurmountable 35-16 deficit after starting out slow and then picking up a little steam. Elk Rapids outscored the Rayders 18-12 in the third quarter and started the fourh period with a 53-24 lead and finished the game with a 15-4 run. Abbey Wright scored nine points and took down seven rebounds to lead the Rayders. Bayani Collins contributed six points, and Anna Kemp added six points and three steals.



Abbey Wright gets the ball in the paint. In Motion Images

of the first quarter, but recovered to outscore the



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Charlevoix 37, Mancelona 36

The Rayders pulled out a thrilling 37-36 win over Mancelona in the first round of the districts.

Charlevoix found itself trailing 12-5 at the end

Ironmen 15-7 in the second to gain a 20-19 edge at the half.

An 11-8 edge in the third period sent the Rayders into the fourth quarter holding a 31-26 edge and they finished the game with an 11-9 edge.

Wright recorded a double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Rayders. Collins added nine points and five rebounds while Ava Boss chipped in with seven points and four assists.

Charlevoix 29, Joburg 27

Flirting with disaster again in the district semifinals against Johannesburg-Lewiston, the Rayders survived the scare with a 29-27 win.

The score was tied 8-8 after one and 19-19 at the half.

Collins scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Rayders. Boss followed with six points and four rebounds and Wright added four points and 10 boards. The big shot of the game was Bayani Collins hitting a three at the end of the game to put the Rayders up by 2.

"I was very proud of this team this year," Rayders coach Reece Koepke said. "We made a great run in



Anna Kemp takes a jump shot. In Motion Images

the playoffs. I'm so happy for the seniors who had the opportunity to play for a district title.

"They deserved to be in that game.

"They've put the time in this year. Finishing 14-10 is a big improvement from last year. I know some seniors will be getting some end of season awards for their hard work.

"I'm excited for the future. We will have a great off-season getting back in the gym and working with our indvidual skills, and team chemistry."



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Elly Wilcox jump shot in the first quarter.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Boyne City District Semi-Final loss to Petoskey, 48-24

PHOTOS BY SCOTT RICHARDS



Braydin Noble draws a crowd in the 3rd quarter

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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DISTRICT & REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

BY DAVE BARAGREY

The High School Girls Basketball District Tournament began on Monday, March 4 in Michigan.

All area MHSAA high school varsity teams participate in the district tournament.

Winner of each district advance to regional rounds the following week and on to the quarter, semi and finals.

Following is a list of games with results so far.

DIVISION 1 District 1

3/4 Marquette 44, TC West 47 3/6 TC West 34, TC Central 58 Gaylord 31, Alpena 46 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – TC Central 56, Alpena 46

Girls Basketball Regional 1 Hosted By Cadillac

3/11 TC Central 42, Midland Dow 60

DIVISION 2

District 34 at Petoskey 3/4 Boyne City 49, Grayling 34 Kalkaska 30, Cheboygan 38 3/6 Petoskey 48, Boyne City 24 Kingsley 54, Cheboygan 26 3/8

Petoskey 31, Kingsley 27

Girls Basketball Regional 9 Hosted By Petoskey 3/11 Negaunee 43, Petoskey 29

DIVISION 3 District 66 3/4

Menominee 50, Manistique 29 3/6

Menominee 56, Harbor Springs 66 Gladstone 46, Bark River Harris 56

Girls Basketball Regional 17 Hosted By St Ignace

3/11 West Iron County 52, Harbor Springs 47 Elk Rapids 57, Roscommon 19 3/13 REGIONAL FINAL – Elk Rapids vs. West Iron County -7PM at St. Ignace

DIVISION 4

District 103 3/4 Pellston 24, Harbor Light 43 Mackinac Island 40, Petoskey St. Michael 36 3/6 Harbor Light 17, Mackinaw City 51 Mackinac Island 16, St. Ignace 67 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – St. Ignace 74, Mackinaw City 33

District 104 at Onaway

3/4 Alanson 9, Onaway 51 Wolverine 4, Burt Lake NM Christian 60 3/6 Rogers City 31, Onaway 33 Inland Lakes 36, Burt Lake 33 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – Inland Lakes 46, Onaway 38

Girls Basketball Regional 26

Hosted By Pellston 3/11 Munising 47, Brimley 30 St. Ignace 59, Mackinaw City 35 3/13 REGIONAL FINAL – Munising vs. St. Ignace – 7PM at Pellston

District 105 at Hillman

3/4 Alcona 51, Fairview 15 Posen 54, Atlanta 27 3/6 Hillman 34, Alcona 39 Mio 63, Posen 42 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – Mio 70, Alcona 49

District 106 at Gaylord St. Mary 3/4

Central Lake 39, Ellsworth 31 3/6 Central Lake 24, Gaylord St. Mary 52 Bellaire 69, Alba 10 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – Gaylord St. Mary 41, Bellaire 25



Left: BC #15 Braydin Noble drives for the basket and loses the ball between 2 Petoskey defenders

Right: Boyne City fights for a lose ball in the first half



3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – Harbor Springs 47, Bark River Harris 39

District 67 at Johannesburg/ Lewiston

3/4 Charlevoix 37, Mancelona 36 TC St. Francis 19, East Jordan 40 3/6 Johannesburg/Lewiston 27, Charlevoix 29 Elk Rapids 46, East Jordan 34 3/8 DISTRICT FINAL – Elk Rapids 68, Charlevoix 28

Girls Basketball Regional 27 Hosted By Kalkaska 3/11 Frankfort 45, Maple City Glen Lake 42 Gaylord St. Mary 61, Mio 54 3/13 REGIONAL FINAL –

Gaylord St. Mary vs. Frankfort -7PM at Kalkaska

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Red Devils end season in Districts

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Slow starts have been an issue for the East Jordan girls basketball team at times this season, and the Red Devils stumbled out of the blocks again in a district semifinal against Elk Rapids last Wednesday and the Elks made them pay with a 46-34 win.

The Elks jumped on the struggling Red Devils in the first quarter, opening up a 15-5 lead. East Jordan continued to be offensively challenged in the second quarter and was outscored, 13-7 to trail 28-12 at the half. East Jordan did play better in the second half, as Smith said, and was outscored only 10-8 in the third period. But the Red Devils still were looking at a 38-20. The Red Devils finished with a 14-8 run in the final quarter.

The Elks went on to defeat Charlevoix, 68-28 in the district finals to improve their record to 22-2 and played Roscommon in a regional semifinal Monday night in Mancelona.

East Jordan finished with a 12-12 mark for the season.

Kendell Standfest and Morgan Bergquist led the Elks with 16 points apiece. June Kirkpatrick notched 16 for the Rayders.

"Elk Rapids is just too good of a team to get off to a slow start and expect to come back," said East Jordan coach Tim Smith. "We did play much better in the second half, and I credit the girls for not quitting.

"Lillian Stone did set the school single season 3-point record with her 57th." Six seniors graduate off this year's team for the Red Devils – Alley Whiteford, Alyssa Sherman, Izzy Boyer, Grace Nemecek, Lizzy Pop and Stone.

"They'll be missed," Smith said. "They handled their business with tremendous pride and dedication. The community should be very proud of them, as the coaches are."



Izzy Boyer shoots a free throw.

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Right: Coach Tim Smith addressing team during a





JoJo Kirkpatrick drives by an Elk Rapids defender.



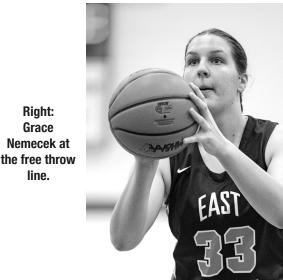


GIRLS BASKETBALL

East Jordan vs TC St. Francis



Lillian Stone takes a shot from outside the arc.





Left: Madison Bearden passes to an open teammate. PHOTOS BY IN MOTION IMAGES



June Kirkpatrick makes an easy lay-up.



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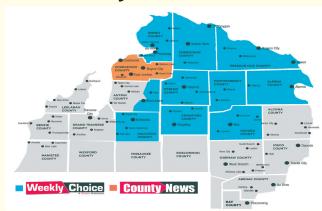
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ORDINANCE #278 CITY OF EAST JORDAN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 PROPOSED BUDGET CITY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 7, 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY AND SETTING FORTH THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED TO DEFRAY THE EXPENDITURES AND SETTING FORTH A STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES BY SOURCE IN EACH FUND; TO ADOPT THE CITY'S BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; TO ADOPT THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC RECORDS AND SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; AND TO ADOPT WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

The City of East Jordan Hereby Ordains:

Section 1: Adoption of Budget

The Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual (August 2001) Section 16 Budget (General Appropriations Act) states a line item budget is not required therefore this budget is adopted as presented by the activity. The revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 are hereby appropriated on a major organizational unit basis summarized as follows:

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

ANTICIPATED REVENUE - GENERAL FUND

| ANTICIPATED REVENUE - GENERAL FUND | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------|---|
| Property Tax Misc. Tax Income | | | \$ \$ | 1,140,000.00 21,350.00 |
| Tax Collections Fees. State Revenue. | | | \$ \$ | 10,000.00 312,416.00 |
| State Liquor Control State Others | | | \$ \$ | 3,100.00 85,700.00 |
| Perpetual Care Fund School Election | | | \$ \$ | 9,000.00 1,300.00 |
| Grants - Federal Grants - Private Source | | | \$ \$ | 72,820.00 31,000.00 |
| Contributions/Donations Cable Franchise Fee | | | \$ \$ | 10,000.00 29,000.00 |
| Permits Township Contracts | | | \$ \$ | 4,000.00 220,000.00 |
| Cemetery Fees Interest. | | | \$ \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Rentals Rebates | | | \$ \$ | 9,000.00 5,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Short Term Rental Fee | | | \$ \$ | 10,700.00 4,500.00 |
| Boat Launch Fee Sale of Fixed Asset | | | \$ \$ | 6,800.00 |
| Housing Commission East Jordan Public Schools | | | \$ \$ | 1,000.00 18,205.00 |
| Sand Salt Reimbursement Bonds/Loans | | | \$ \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Sub Total General Fund Revenue Use of Funds on Hand (General Fund) | | | \$ \$ | 2,024,891.00 |
| Total General Fund Revenue PLANNED EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND | | | \$ | 2,024,891.00 |
| Governing Body/Commission | | | \$ | 31,150.00 |
| Administrator Elections | | | \$ \$ | 79,771.00 11,650.00 |
| Assessor Attorney/Counsel | | | \$ \$ | 34,800.00 20,000.00 |
| Clerk Board of Review | | | \$ \$ | 102,092.00 1,980.00 |
| Treasurer Data Processing/Computer Dept | | | \$ \$ | 71,083.00 14,900.00 |
| Building and Grounds | | | \$ \$ | 97,705.00 51,549.00 |
| Police Department Police Department - SOR | | | \$ \$ | 581,067.00 97,093.00 |
| Fire Department Zoning Board/Commission | | | \$ \$ | 252,235.00 32,343.00 |
| Department of Public Works | | | \$ \$ | 79,100.00 17,162.00 |
| Street Lighting Recreation/Parks Department | | | \$ \$ | 40,000.00 212,005.00 |
| Community & Skate Parks Department Elm Pointe Recreation Facility | | | \$ \$ | 71,063.00 124,443.00 |
| Civic Center Recreational Facility Sidewalks | | | \$ \$ | 1,700.00 |
| Transfer Out Control Total General Fund Expenditures | | | \$ \$ | 2,024,891.00 |
| ANTICIPATED REVENUE - MAJOR STREET FUND | | | | |
| Major Streets Fund | | | \$ | 681,000.00 |
| Ajor Streets Fund Balance Total Major Street Fund Revenue | | | \$ _ | 526,771.00 |
| PLANNED EXPENDITURES - MAJOR STREET FUND | | | Ť | .,_0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Major Streets Total Major Street Fund Expenditures | | | \$_ \$ | 868,192.00 868,192.00 |
| TIFA FUND | | REVENUE | | EXPENSE |
| Tifa Fund | \$ | 530,500.00 | \$ | 447,876.00 |
| Tifa Fund Balance | | | \$ | 616,680.00 |
| MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS | | REVENUE | | EXPENSE |
| Harbor Fund Harbor Fund Balance | \$ | 474,950.00 | \$ \$ | 473,332.00 808,953.00 |
| Tourist Park Fund Tourist Park Fund Balance | \$ | 321,150.00 | \$ \$ | 236,435.00 (23,141.00) |
| Sewer Fund Sewer Fund Balance | \$ | 555,000.00 | \$ \$ | 927,581.00 5,456,005.00 |
| Water Fund. Water Fund Balance | \$ | 925,000.00 | \$ \$ | 1,155,535.00 5,598,051.00 |
| INTERNAL SERVICE FUND | | REVENUE | | EXPENSE |
| Equipment Fund | \$ | 516,200.00 | \$ | 654,554.00 |
| Equipment Fund Balance | | | \$ | 129,239.00 |
| NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENT FUNDS | | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE FUNDS 2007B GO Capital Improvement Bond Debt Fund | \$ | REVENUE - | \$ | EXPENSE - |
| 2007B GO Capital Improvement Bond Debt Fund Balance | 2 | | \$ | |
| CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS | ¢ | REVENUE | ¢ | EXPENSE |
| Bandshell Construction Fund Bandshell Construction Fund Balance | \$ | 18,000.00 | \$ | 27,690.00 16,342.00 |
| Street Improvement Tax Fund Street Improvement Tax Fund Balance | \$ | 60,000.00 | \$ | 190,000.00 59,587.00 |
| Industrial Complex Construction Fund Industrial Complex Construction Fund Balance | \$ | - | \$ \$ | - 10,958.00 |
| FIDUCIARY FUND | | <u>REVENUE</u> | | <u>EXPENSE</u> |
| Perpetual Care Fund | \$ | 2,000.00 | \$ \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Perpetual Care Fund Balance | | | φ | |
| SPECIAL REVENUE FUND | ¢ | <u>REVENUE</u> | ¢ | <u>EXPENSE</u> 384 778 00 |
| Local Streets Fund Balance | \$ ¢ | 343,454.00 | \$ | 384,778.00 - 500.000.00 |
| Fire Equipment Fund Fire Equipment Fund Balance | \$ ¢ | 326,000.00 | \$ | 500,000.00 - |
| Rehab I & II. Rehab I & II Fund Balance | \$ ¢ | - | \$ \$ ¢ | - 28,350.00 |
| D.A.R.E. Fund. D.A.R.E. Fund Balance Drug Law Enforcement Fund. | \$ \$ | - | \$ \$ \$ | - |
| Drug Law Enforcement Fund Drug Law Enforcement Fund Balance | \$ | - | \$ \$ | - |
| Section 2: Millage Levy to Support Budget | | | | |
| The Property Tax Millage Rate to support the 2024/2025 t | oudget | will be 17.7401 | nills | s or less, |
| subject to Michigan State Tax Statutes and will be levied a | | | | |
| General Operations: | 17.7 | 401 mills (less) | | |
| | | | | |
| Section 3: User Fee Increases Over Prior Year to Support noted otherwise) | Budge | et (effective 07/0 | 1/20 |)23 unless |
| , | | | | |
| Cemetery | | | | 425.00 |
| <u>Cemetery</u> Re-interment | \$ | 400.00 | \$ | 425.00 |
| | \$ | 400.00 | \$ | 425.00 |
| Re-interment | \$ | 400.00 5.00 | | - |
| Re-interment Police Department Fees | | | | - Proposed |
| Re-interment <u>Police Department Fees</u> Notary for Gun Permit <u>Miscellaneous Fees</u> Notary Fee - Non-Residents | | 5.00 | | - |
| Re-interment Police Department Fees Notary for Gun Permit Miscellaneous Fees Notary Fee - Non-Residents Water and Sewer Rates Water: Minimum Flat Rate | \$ | 5.00 <u>Current</u> - 12.24 | \$ \$ \$ | - <u>Proposed</u> 10.00 12.36 |
| Re-interment Police Department Fees Notary for Gun Permit Miscellaneous Fees Notary Fee - Non-Residents Water and Sewer Rates Water: Minimum Flat Rate Per Additional Unit + Water OM&R | \$ \$ \$ \$ | 5.00 <u>Current</u> - 12.24 6.12/100 c.f. 3.99/100 c.f. | \$ \$ \$ | - <u>Proposed</u> 10.00 12.36 6.18/100 c.f. 4.03/100 c.f. |
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| Re-interment Police Department Fees Notary for Gun Permit Miscellaneous Fees Notary Fee - Non-Residents Water and Sewer Rates Water: Minimum Flat Rate Per Additional Unit + Water OM&R Water Debt Sewer: Minimum Flat Rate Per Additional Unit + Sewer OM&R | * * **** | 5.00 <u>Current</u> - 12.24 6.12/100 c.f. 3.99/100 c.f. 1.91/100 c.f. 14.89 4.26/100 c.f. 5.93/100 c.f. | * * ***** | Proposed 10.00 12.36 6.18/100 c.f. 4.03/100 c.f. 1.93/100 c.f. 5.04 4.31/100 c.f. 5.99/100 c.f. |
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All other current rates are to remain the same.

A Public Hearing was held on the above tentative 2024/2025 fiscal year budget Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:20 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI.

"THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING ."

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PART 1

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Here is how to prep a house and turn it into an irresistible and marketable home.

Here's How:

1. Disassociate Yourself With Your Home.

Say to yourself, "This is not my home; it is a house – a product to be sold much like a box of cereal on the grocery store shelf.

Make the mental decision to "let go" of your emotions and focus on the fact that soon this house will no longer be yours. Picture yourself handing over the keys and envelopes containing appliance warranties to the new owners! Say goodbye to every room. Don't look backwards – look toward the future.

2. De-Personalize.

Pack up those personal photographs and family

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You want buyers to imagine their own photos on the walls, and they can't do that if yours are there!

You don't want to make any buyer ask, "I wonder what kind of people live in this home?" You want buyers to say, "I can see myself living here."

3. De-Clutter.

People collect an amazing quantity of junk. Consider this: if you haven't used it in over a year, you probably don't need it.

If you don't need it, why not donate it or throw it away?

- Remove all books from bookcases.
- Pack up those knickknacks.
- Clean off everything on kitchen counters.
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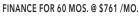
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